

Nuclear matrix elements of neutrinoless double beta decay in MR-CDFT

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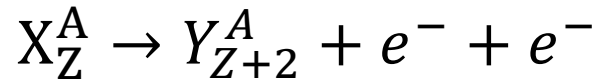
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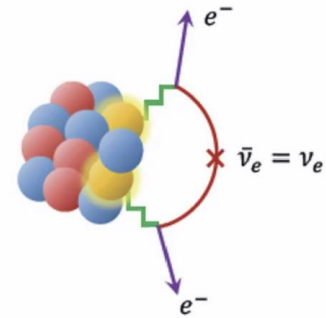
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➤ What is $0\nu\beta\beta$?



- Two neutrons decay into two protons, only two electrons emit
- Lepton number violation ($LNV = 2$) weak-interaction process



➤ Why is $0\nu\beta\beta$?

- Understand the nature of neutrinos

Absolute masses?

Majorana particle?

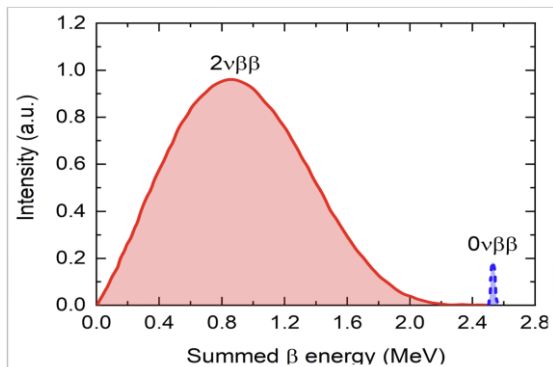
Ordering of masses?

- Discover new physics beyond Standard Model

Ultraviolet resonances?

A complete fundamental particle model?

Experimental researches of $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay



GERDA (^{76}Ge)

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.8 \times 10^{26} \text{ yrs}$$

Phys.Rev.Lett.125(2020)252502

GUORE (^{130}Te)

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.2 \times 10^{25} \text{ yrs}$$

Nature 604(2022)53

CUPID-0 (^{82}Se)

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.4 \times 10^{24} \text{ yrs}$$

Phys.Rev.Lett.120(2018)232502

CUPID (^{100}Mo)

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.5 \times 10^{24} \text{ yrs}$$

Phys.Rev.Lett.126(2021)181802

MAJORANA (^{76}Ge)

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 8.3 \times 10^{25} \text{ yrs}$$

Phys.Rev.Lett.130(2023)062501

EXO-200 (^{136}Xe)

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 3.5 \times 10^{25} \text{ yrs}$$

Phys.Rev.Lett.123(2019)161802

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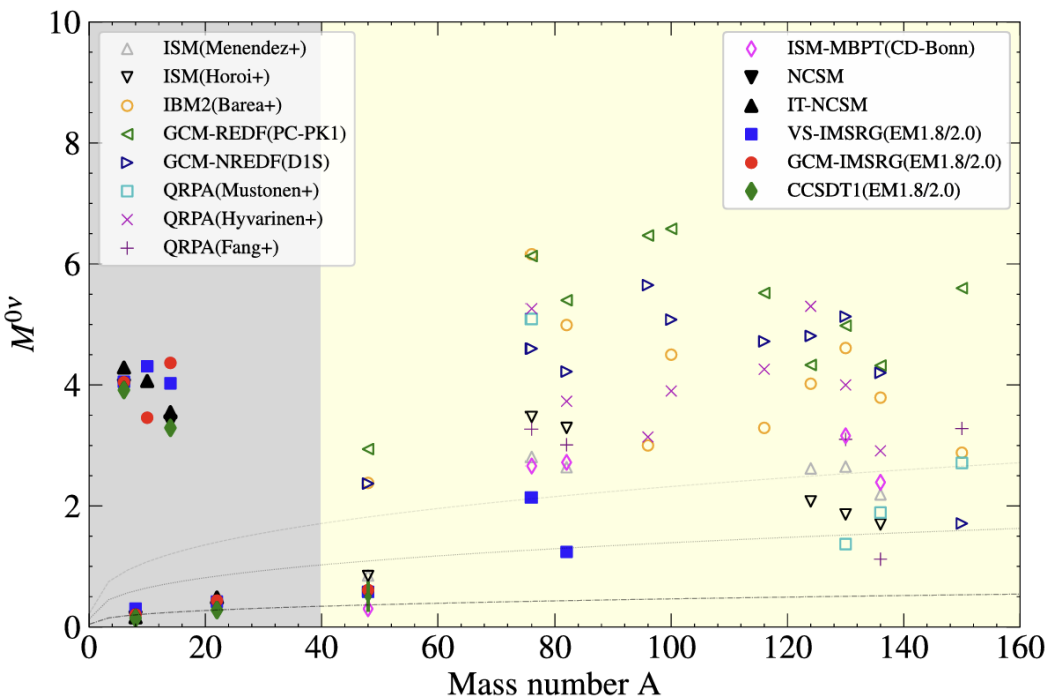
KamLAND-Zen (^{136}Xe)

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

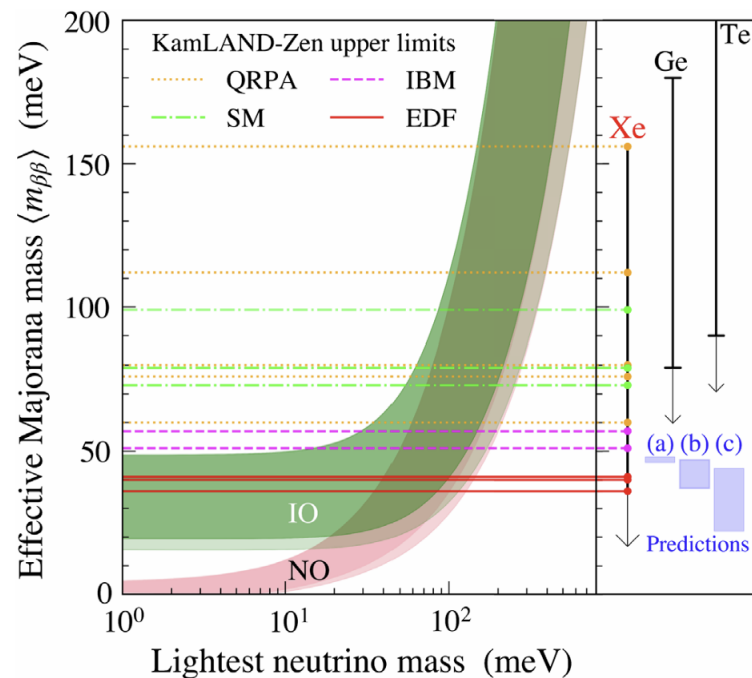
★ Phys.Rev.Lett.130(2023)051801

Effective mass of neutrinos

$$|\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^3 U_{ej}^2 m_j \right| = \left[\frac{m_e^2}{g_A^4 G_{0\nu} T_{1/2}^{0\nu} |M^{0\nu}|^2} \right]^{1/2} \quad M^{0\nu} = \langle \Psi_F | \hat{O}^{0\nu} | \Psi_I \rangle$$



J. M. Yao et al., PPNP 126(2022)103965



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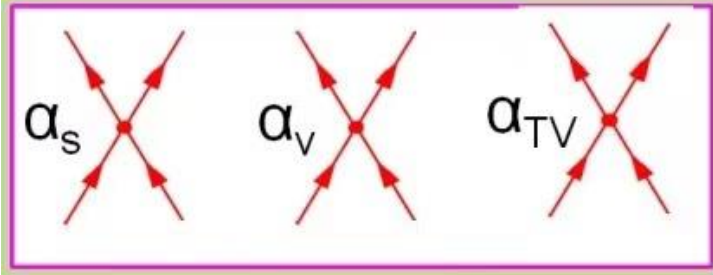
The RMF+BCS theory



- The point-coupling Lagrangian density

$$\mathcal{L}_{point} = \bar{\varphi}(i\gamma_{\mu}\partial^{\mu} - m)\varphi - e\bar{\varphi}\gamma^{\mu}\frac{1 - \tau_3}{2}\varphi A_{\mu} - \frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}$$

• Zero-range point-coupling



$$\begin{aligned} & - \frac{1}{2}\alpha_S(\bar{\varphi}\varphi)(\bar{\varphi}\varphi) - \frac{1}{2}\alpha_V(\bar{\varphi}\gamma_{\mu}\varphi)(\bar{\varphi}\gamma^{\mu}\varphi) \\ & - \frac{1}{2}\alpha_{TV}(\bar{\varphi}\vec{\tau}\gamma_{\mu}\varphi)(\bar{\varphi}\vec{\tau}\gamma^{\mu}\varphi) - \frac{1}{2}\delta_S\partial_{\nu}(\bar{\varphi}\varphi)\partial^{\nu}(\bar{\varphi}\varphi) \\ & - \frac{1}{2}\delta_V\partial_{\nu}(\bar{\varphi}\gamma_{\mu}\varphi)\partial^{\nu}(\bar{\varphi}\gamma^{\mu}\varphi) - \frac{1}{2}\delta_{TV}\partial_{\nu}(\bar{\varphi}\vec{\tau}\gamma_{\mu}\varphi)\partial^{\nu}(\bar{\varphi}\vec{\tau}\gamma^{\mu}\varphi) \\ & - \frac{1}{3}\beta_S(\bar{\varphi}\varphi)^3 - \frac{1}{4}\gamma_S(\bar{\varphi}\varphi)^4 - \frac{1}{4}\gamma_V[(\bar{\varphi}\gamma_{\mu}\varphi)(\bar{\varphi}\gamma^{\mu}\varphi)]^2. \end{aligned}$$

- Relativistic energy density functional

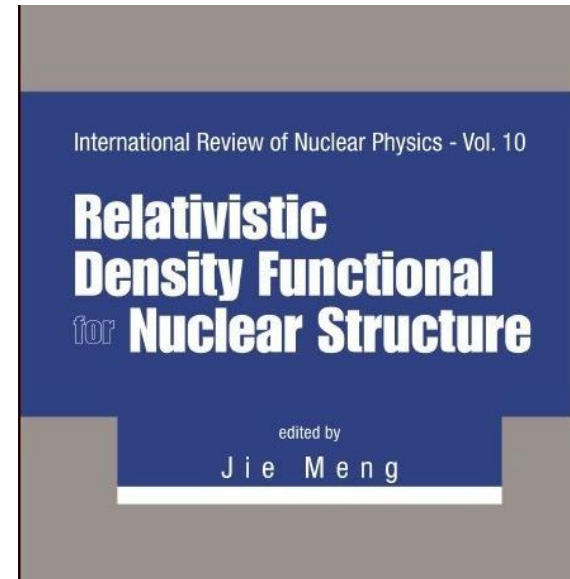
$$E = \langle \Phi_0 | \hat{H}_0 | \Phi_0 \rangle$$

Here $|\Phi_0\rangle = \prod_{i=1}^A \hat{a}_i^{\dagger} |0\rangle$ is Slater determinant

- Single particle Dirac equation

$$[\boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot (\boldsymbol{p} - \boldsymbol{V}) + V^0 + \beta(m + S)]\varphi_k = \epsilon_k \varphi_k$$

Here ϵ_k is single particle energy



- The mean-field wave function $|\Phi(\mathbf{q})\rangle$ are generated from the relativistic mean-field + Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer (RMF+BCS) theory with constraint on the mass quadrupole moment

$$\langle \Phi | \hat{H} | \Phi \rangle = \left\langle \Phi \left| \hat{H}_0 - \sum_{\tau=n,p} \lambda_{\tau} \hat{N} \right| \Phi \right\rangle - \frac{1}{2} \lambda_Q (\langle \Phi | \hat{Q}_{20} | \Phi \rangle - q_{20})^2$$

and $|\Phi\rangle$ is the BCS state $|\Phi\rangle = \prod_{k>0} (u_k + v_k c_k^{\dagger} c_{\bar{k}}^{\dagger}) |0\rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\langle \Phi \left| \hat{H}_0 - \sum_{\tau=n,p} \lambda_{\tau} \hat{N} \right| \Phi \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{k>0} \left[\left(2\epsilon_k - \sum_{\tau=n,p} 2\lambda_{\tau} \right) v_k^2 - \int d\mathbf{r} \sum_{\tau=n,p} V_{\tau} \sum_{k'>0} f_k f_{k'} u_k v_k u_{k'} v_{k'} |\varphi_k(\mathbf{r})|^2 |\varphi_{k'}(\mathbf{r})|^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Here V_{τ} is the pairing strengths. Solving the BCS equation

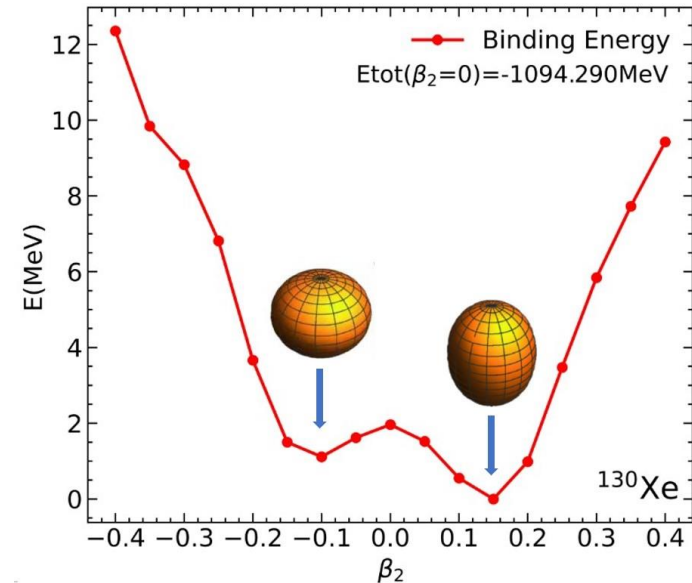
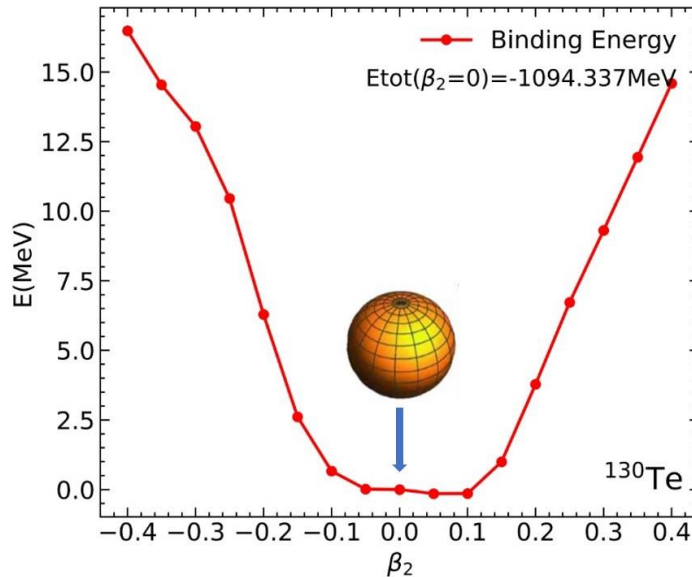
$$2(\epsilon_k - \lambda_{\tau})v_k u_k + (f_k \Delta_k)(v_k^2 - u_k^2) = 0.$$

The BCS wave function is obtained.

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$$\langle \Phi | \hat{H} | \Phi \rangle = \left\langle \Phi \left| \hat{H}_0 - \sum_{\tau=n,p} \lambda_{\tau} \hat{N}_{\tau} \right| \Phi \right\rangle - \frac{1}{2} \lambda_Q (\langle \Phi | \hat{Q}_{20} | \Phi \rangle - q_{20})^2$$

The second term generates mean-field states with different quadrupole deformations q_{20}





- The angular momentum projected and particle number projected basis function is constructed as

$$|JMNZ, \mathbf{q}\rangle = \hat{P}_{M0}^J \hat{P}^N \hat{P}^Z |\Phi(\mathbf{q})\rangle$$

- The collective wave functions of nuclear low-lying states within the generator coordinate method (GCM)

$$|\Psi_{\sigma}^{JMNZ}\rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{q}} f_{\sigma}^J(\mathbf{q}) |JMNZ, \mathbf{q}\rangle$$

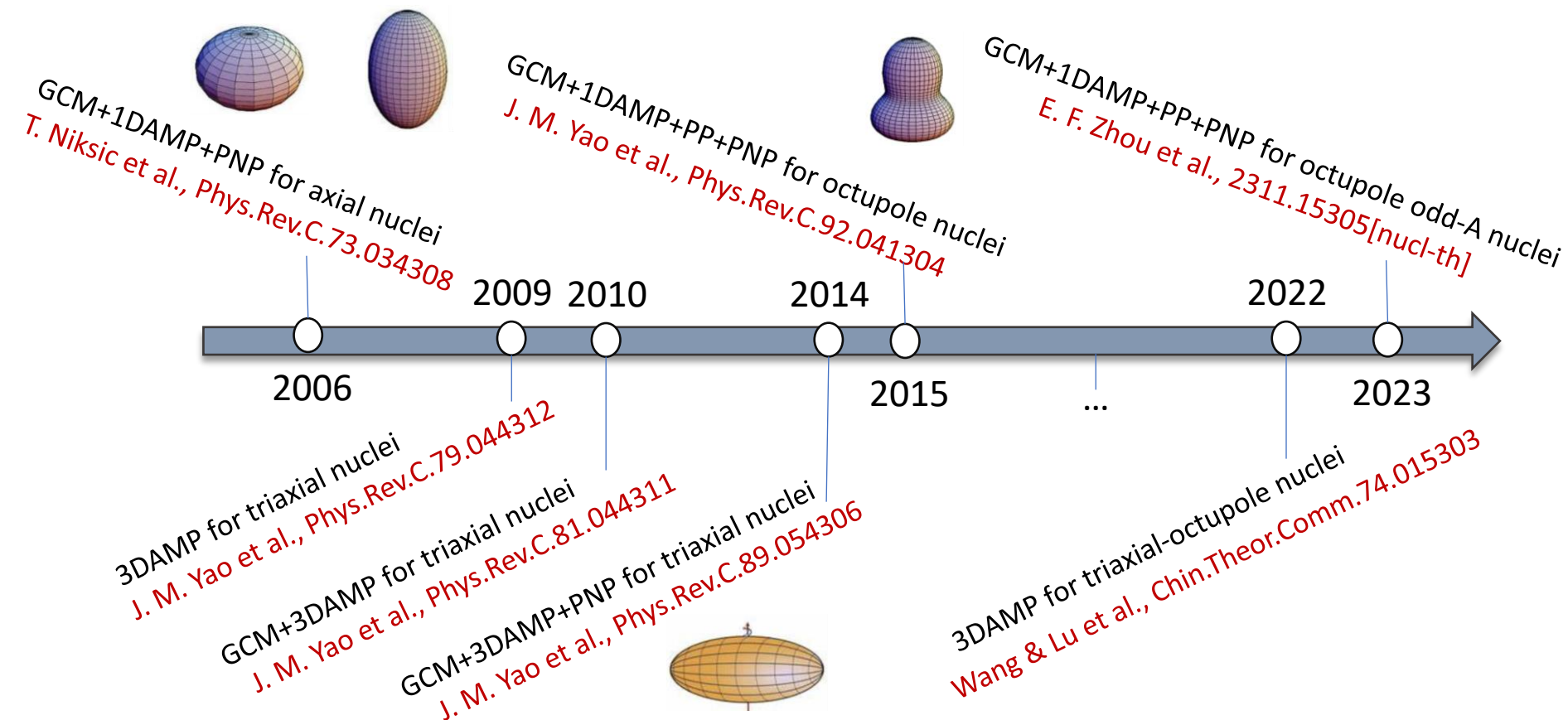
- Through solving the Hill-Wheeler-Griffin (HWG) equation

P. Ring et al., The nuclear many-body problem, 1980.

$$\sum_{\mathbf{q}} [H_{00}^J(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}') - E_{\sigma}^J N_{00}^J(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}')] f_{\sigma}^J(\mathbf{q}') = 0 \begin{cases} H_{00}^J(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}') = \langle \Phi(\mathbf{q}) | \hat{H} \hat{P}_{00}^J \hat{P}^N \hat{P}^Z | \Phi(\mathbf{q}') \rangle \\ N_{00}^J(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{q}') = \langle \Phi(\mathbf{q}) | \hat{P}_{00}^J \hat{P}^N \hat{P}^Z | \Phi(\mathbf{q}') \rangle \end{cases}$$

The weight functions $f_{\sigma}^J(\mathbf{q}')$ and the energies of low-lying states E_{σ}^J are obtained.

Multireference covariant density functional theory



✓ MR-CDFT has been applied to nuclei of all mass regions. The properties of nuclear low-lying states can be described well.

✓ The nuclear collective wave function in MR-CDFT can be applied in the calculations of the NMEs of $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay.

□ The $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay NME for ^{150}Nd of standard mechanism (light neutrino exchange) [L. S. Song et al., Phys.Rev.C.90\(2014\)054309](#)

□ Systematic study of the $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay NME for several candidate nuclei [J. M. Yao et al., Phys.Rev.C.91\(2015\)024316](#)

□ The impact of Octupole correlations on the $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay NME for ^{150}Nd [J. M. Yao et al., Phys.Rev.C.94\(2016\)014306](#)

□ The $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay NME by assuming the mechanism of exchanging heavy neutrinos [L. S. Song et al., Phys.Rev.C.95\(2017\)024305](#)



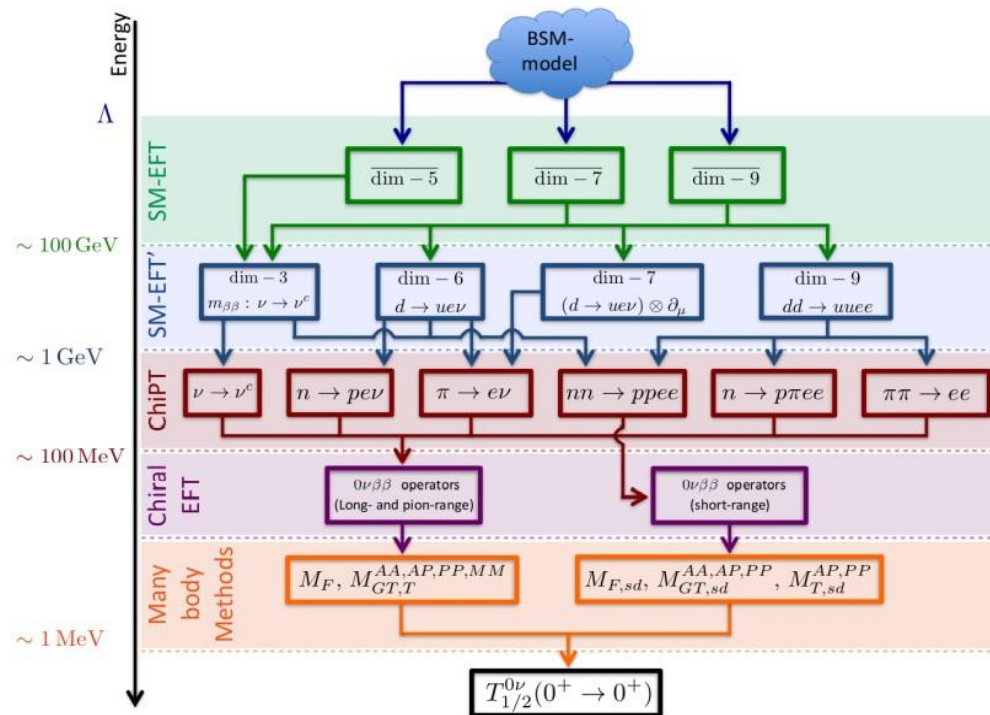
Nonstandard decay mechanisms

Nonstandard mechanisms in EFT framework

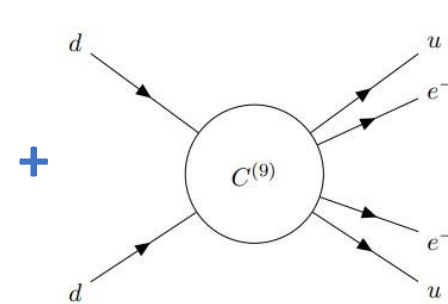
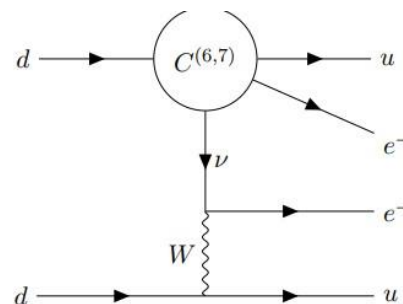
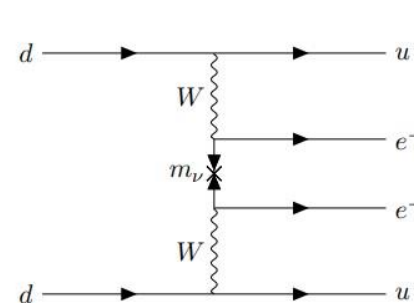
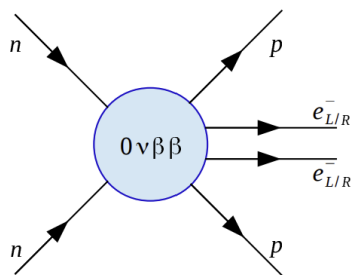
Low-energy EFT (SM-EFT')

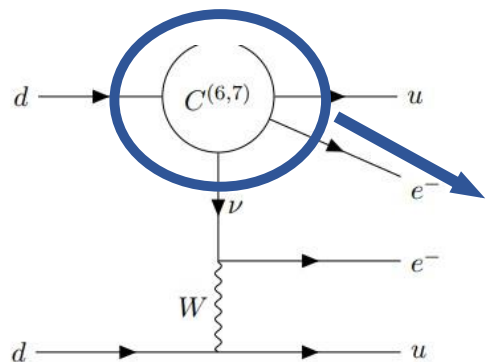
After the electroweak symmetry breaking, match the LNV operators in SMEFT to the low energy scale.

V. Cirigliano et al., JHEP12(2018)097



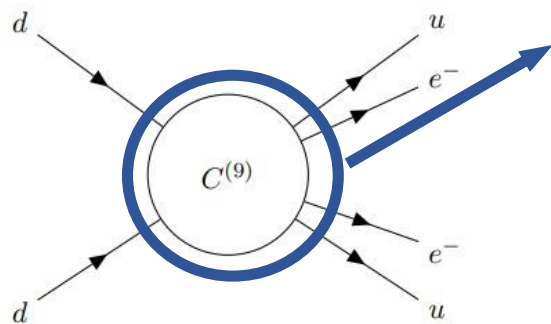
$$\mathcal{L}_{\Delta L=2} = -\frac{1}{2}(m_\nu)_{ij} \nu_{L,i}^T C \nu_{L,j} + \mathcal{L}_{\Delta L=2}^{(6)} + \mathcal{L}_{\Delta L=2}^{(7)} + \mathcal{L}_{\Delta L=2}^{(9)}$$





$$\mathcal{L}_{\Delta L=2}^{(6)} = \frac{2G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left(C_{VL,ij}^{(6)} \bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu d_L \bar{e}_{R,i} \gamma_\mu C \bar{\nu}_{L,j}^T + C_{VR,ij}^{(6)} \bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu d_R \bar{e}_{R,i} \gamma_\mu C \bar{\nu}_{L,j}^T \right) \\ + C_{SR,ij}^{(6)} \bar{u}_L d_R \bar{e}_{L,i} C \bar{\nu}_{L,j}^T + C_{SL,ij}^{(6)} \bar{u}_R d_L \bar{e}_{L,i} C \bar{\nu}_{L,j}^T + C_{T,ij}^{(6)} \bar{u}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} d_R \bar{e}_{L,i} \sigma_{\mu\nu} C \bar{\nu}_{L,j}^T$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Delta L=2}^{(7)} = \frac{2G_F}{\sqrt{2}v} \left(C_{VL,ij}^{(7)} \bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu d_L \bar{e}_{L,i} C i \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu \bar{\nu}_{L,j}^T + C_{VR,ij}^{(7)} \bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu d_R \bar{e}_{L,i} C i \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu \bar{\nu}_{L,j}^T \right)$$



$$\mathcal{L}_{\Delta L=2}^{(9)} = \frac{1}{v^5} \sum_i \left[\left(C_{iR}^{(9)} \bar{e}_R C \bar{e}_R^T + C_{iL}^{(9)} \bar{e}_L C \bar{e}_L^T \right) O_i + C_i^{(9)} \bar{e} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 C \bar{e}^T O_i^\mu \right],$$

$$O_1 = \bar{q}_L^\alpha \gamma_\mu \tau^+ q_L^\alpha \bar{q}_L^\beta \gamma^\mu \tau^+ q_L^\beta, \quad O'_1 = \bar{q}_R^\alpha \gamma_\mu \tau^+ q_R^\alpha \bar{q}_R^\beta \gamma^\mu \tau^+ q_R^\beta,$$

$$O_2 = \bar{q}_R^\alpha \tau^+ q_L^\alpha \bar{q}_R^\beta \tau^+ q_L^\beta, \quad O'_2 = \bar{q}_L^\alpha \tau^+ q_R^\alpha \bar{q}_L^\beta \tau^+ q_R^\beta,$$

$$O_3 = \bar{q}_R^\alpha \tau^+ q_L^\beta \bar{q}_R^\beta \tau^+ q_L^\alpha, \quad O'_3 = \bar{q}_L^\alpha \tau^+ q_R^\beta \bar{q}_L^\beta \tau^+ q_R^\alpha,$$

$$O_4 = \bar{q}_L^\alpha \gamma_\mu \tau^+ q_L^\alpha \bar{q}_R^\beta \gamma^\mu \tau^+ q_R^\beta,$$

$$O_5 = \bar{q}_L^\alpha \gamma_\mu \tau^+ q_L^\beta \bar{q}_R^\beta \gamma^\mu \tau^+ q_R^\alpha,$$

- Dim-3 ($m_{\beta\beta}$)
- Dim-6 ($C_{SL}^{(6)}, C_{SR}^{(6)}, C_{VL}^{(6)}, C_{VR}^{(6)}, C_T^{(6)}$)
- Dim-7 ($C_{VL}^{(7)}, C_{VR}^{(7)}$)
- Dim-9 ($C_{iL}^{(9)}, C_{iR}^{(9)}, C_i^{(9)}$)

Wilson coefficients

LEFT operators

$0\nu\beta\beta$ mechanisms

$$\begin{aligned}
 (T_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{-1} = & g_A^4 \left\{ G_{01} (|\mathcal{A}_\nu|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_R|^2) - 2(G_{01} - G_{04}) \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{A}_\nu^* \mathcal{A}_R + 4G_{02} |\mathcal{A}_E|^2 \right. \\
 & + 2G_{04} \left[|\mathcal{A}_{m_e}|^2 + \operatorname{Re} (\mathcal{A}_{m_e}^* (\mathcal{A}_\nu + \mathcal{A}_R)) \right] - 2G_{03} \operatorname{Re} [(\mathcal{A}_\nu + \mathcal{A}_R) \mathcal{A}_E^* + 2\mathcal{A}_{m_e} \mathcal{A}_E^*] \\
 & \left. + G_{09} |\mathcal{A}_M|^2 + G_{06} \operatorname{Re} [(\mathcal{A}_\nu - \mathcal{A}_R) \mathcal{A}_M^*] \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

V. Cirigliano et al., JHEP12(2018)097

The sub-amplitudes \mathcal{A}_i contain various **WCs**, **low-energy constants(LECs)**, and **nuclear matrix elements(NMEs)**.

Unknown, power counting estimates.

Nuclear physics input

9 long-range NMEs: $M_F^{VV}, M_{GT}^{AA}, M_{GT}^{AP}, M_{GT}^{PP}, M_{GT}^{MM}, M_T^{AA}, M_T^{AP}, M_T^{PP}, M_T^{MM}$

6 short-range NMEs: $M_{F,sd}^{VV}, M_{GT,sd}^{AA}, M_{GT,sd}^{AP}, M_{GT,sd}^{PP}, M_{T,sd}^{AA}, M_{T,sd}^{AP}$

In our work, we performed separate calculations of NMEs for the exchange of light Majorana neutrinos and heavy neutrinos based on **MR-CDFT method**.

We decompose them into the 15 components, as the nuclear physics inputs, and conduct analyses on various decay mechanisms using the Master formula.

Results of NMEs and comparisons



The decomposed NMEs calculated by MR-CDFT method

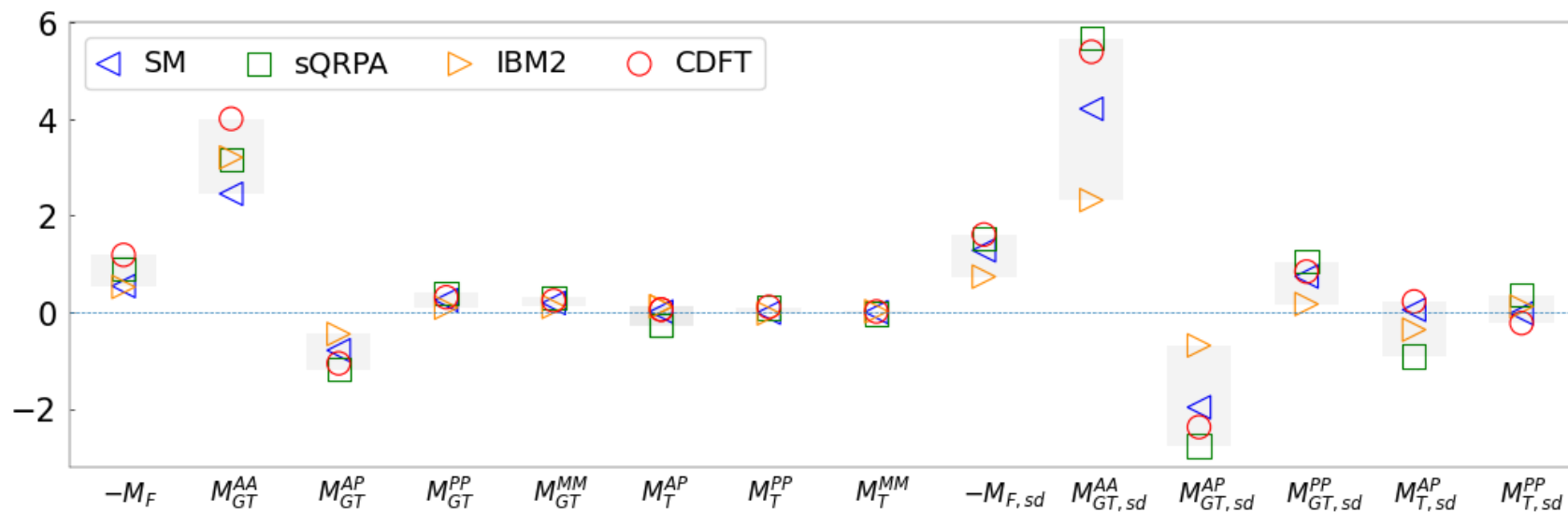
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NME	M_F	M_{GT}^{AA}	M_{GT}^{AP}	M_{GT}^{PP}	M_{GT}^{MM}	M_T^{AA}	M_T^{AP}	M_T^{PP}	M_T^{MM}	$M_{F,sd}$	$M_{GT,sd}^{AA}$	$M_{GT,sd}^{AP}$	$M_{GT,sd}^{PP}$	$M_{T,sd}^{AP}$	$M_{T,sd}^{PP}$
^{76}Ge	-1.924	5.743	-1.462	0.423	0.326	-	0.020	0.174	0.012	-2.226	7.141	-3.120	1.090	0.143	-0.226
^{82}Se	-1.742	5.021	-1.320	0.386	0.298	-	-0.018	0.156	0.005	-2.049	6.549	-2.882	1.011	0.023	-0.196
^{100}Mo	-1.814	6.341	-1.591	0.461	0.359	-	0.039	0.162	0.012	-2.484	7.974	-3.513	1.239	0.084	-0.284
^{130}Te	-1.365	4.565	-1.206	0.352	0.275	-	0.062	0.121	0.017	-1.843	6.160	-2.728	0.966	0.271	-0.270
^{136}Xe	-1.184	4.003	-1.059	0.308	0.240	-	0.053	0.108	0.014	-1.607	5.390	-2.379	0.841	0.221	-0.227

Comparison of the decomposed NMEs in ^{136}Xe that calculated by SM \star , QRPA \dagger ,

IBM2 \ddagger and MR-CDFT. \star J. Menéndez et al., JPG45.014003(2017) \dagger J. Hyvärinen et al., PRC 91.024613(2015)

\ddagger F. F. Deppisch et al., PRD102.095016(2020)

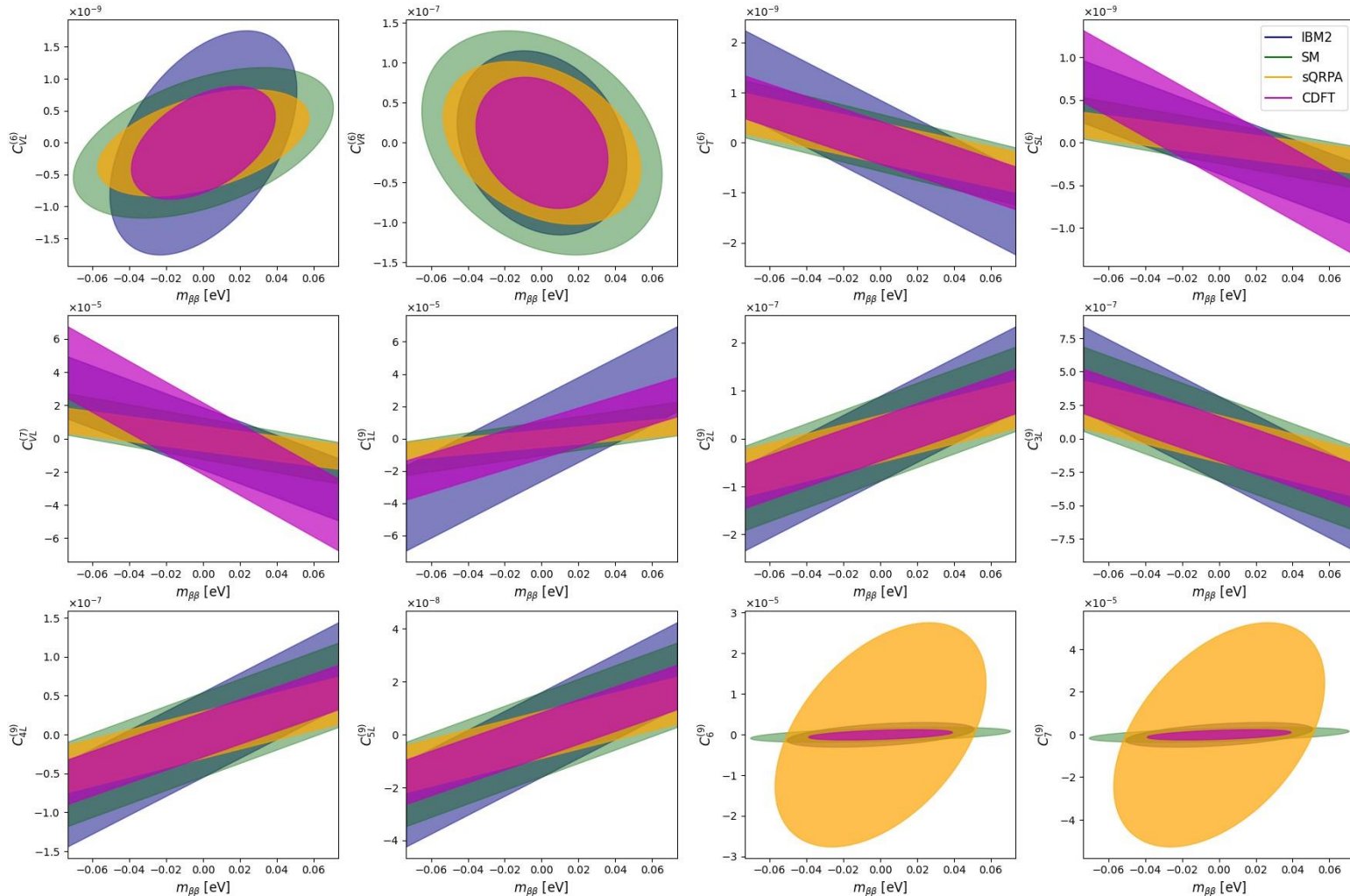


Constraints on Wilson coefficients



- Only consider the standard mechanism and single nonstandard mechanism

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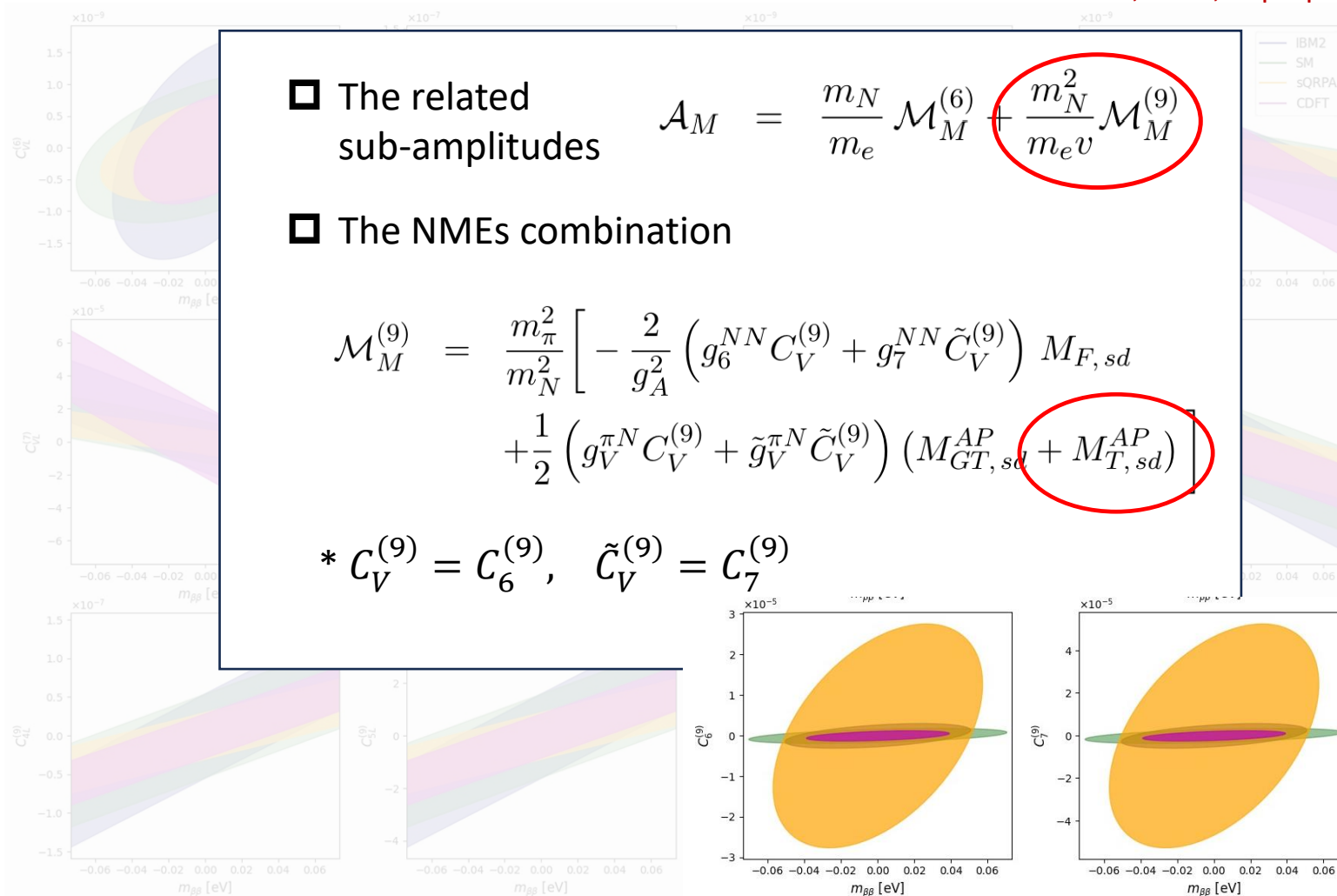
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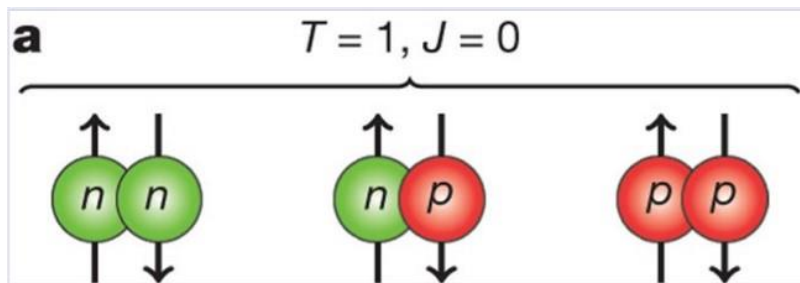


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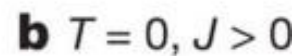
Impact of isovector pairing correlations on NMEs

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Nuclear pairing correlations

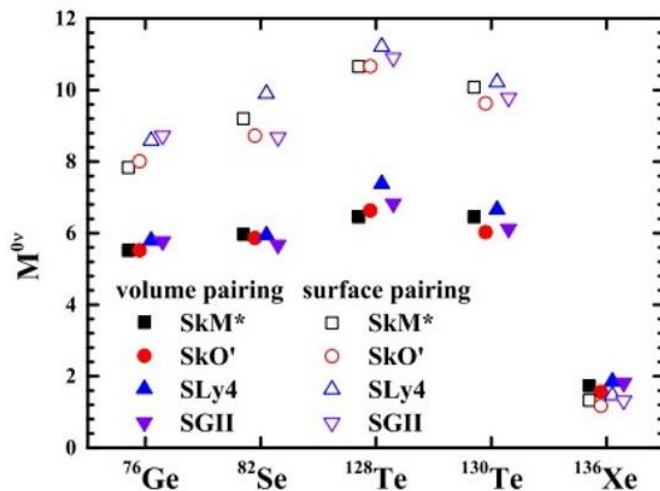


Isovector pairing

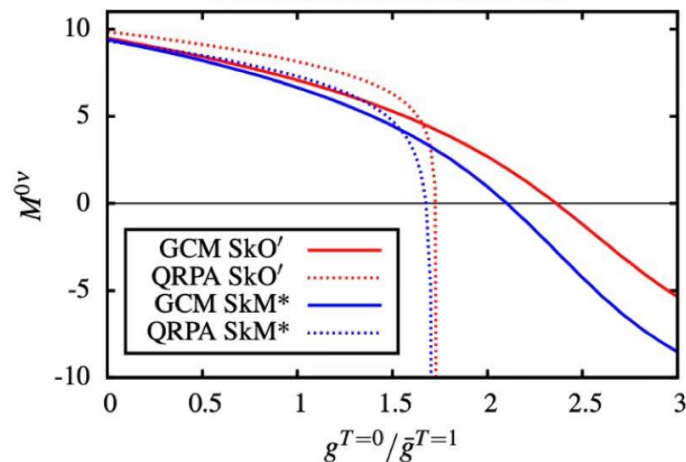


Isoscalar pairing

W.-L. Lv et al., PRC 108.L051304(2023)



N. Hinohara & J. Engel, PRC90, 031301(R) (2014)



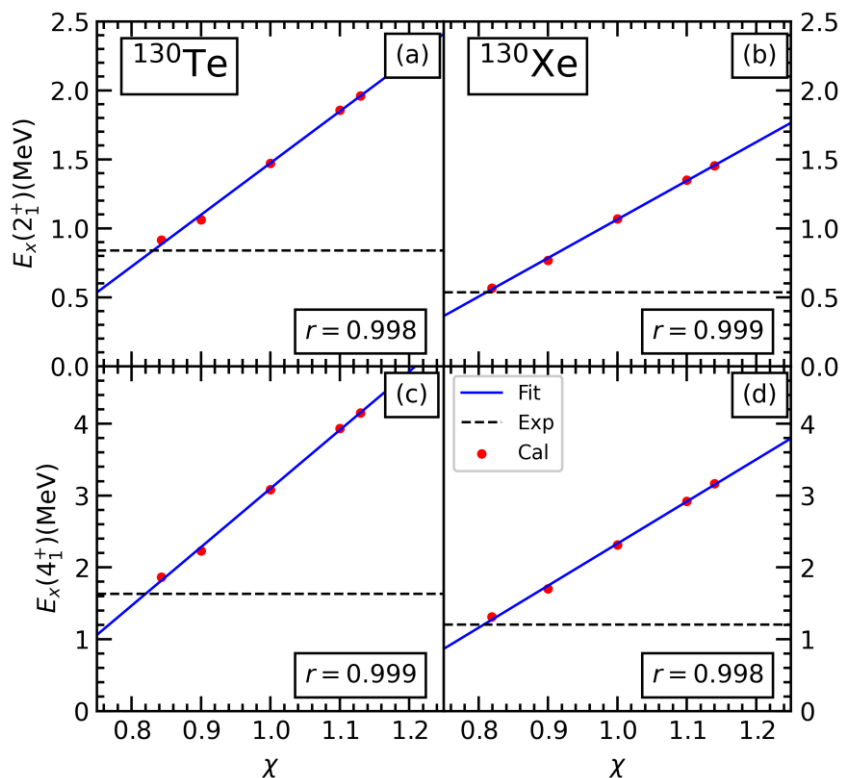
➤ Properly addressing pairing correlation is important in NMEs calculation

Readjust the isovector pairing strengths



- In MR-CDFT calculations, we find a linear correlation between the excitation energies of 2_1^+ and 4_1^+ states and the scaling factor χ , which multiplies the strength of isovector pairing field

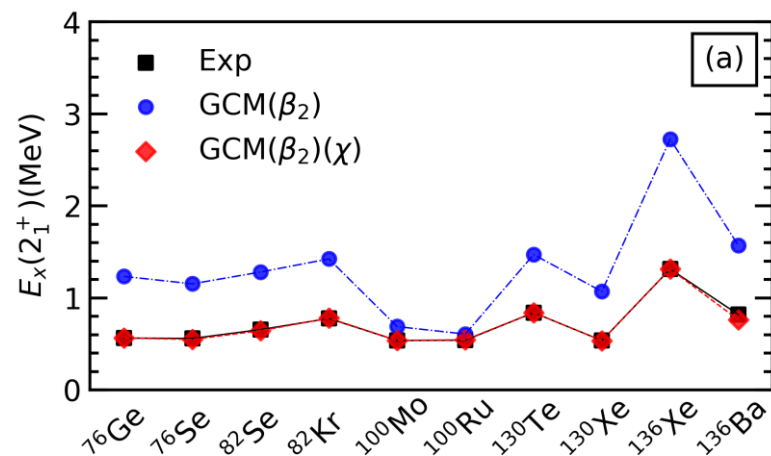
$$V_{\tau}^{pp}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \chi V_{\tau}^{pp} \delta(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)$$



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Using the data of excitation energies, we readjust the isovector pairing strengths

^{76}Ge	^{76}Se	^{82}Se	^{82}Kr	^{100}Mo	^{100}Ru	^{130}Te	^{130}Xe	^{136}Xe	^{136}Ba
0.671	0.852	0.836	0.736	0.950	0.985	0.831	0.811	0.630	0.807



- The mean-field wave function $|\Phi(\mathbf{q})\rangle$ are generated from the relativistic mean-field + Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer (RMF+BCS) theory with constraints on the mass quadrupole moment **and isovector pairing amplitude**

$$\langle \Phi | \hat{H} | \Phi \rangle = \left\langle \Phi \left| \hat{H}_0 - \sum_{\tau=n,p} \lambda_{\tau} \hat{N} \right| \Phi \right\rangle - \frac{1}{2} \lambda_Q (\langle \Phi | \hat{Q}_{20} | \Phi \rangle - q_{20})^2 - \xi_p (\langle \Phi | \hat{P}_{T=1} | \Phi \rangle - P_1)$$

The last constraint term generates mean-field states with different isovector pairing amplitudes by introducing the operator

K. Sieja, et al., Eur.Phys.J.A 20(2004)413

$$\hat{P}_{T=1} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k>0} (c_k^{\dagger} c_{\bar{k}}^{\dagger} + c_k c_{\bar{k}}).$$

With the new constraint, the BCS equation

$$2(\epsilon_k - \lambda_{\tau})v_k u_k + (f_k \Delta_k + \xi_p)(v_k^2 - u_k^2) = 0.$$

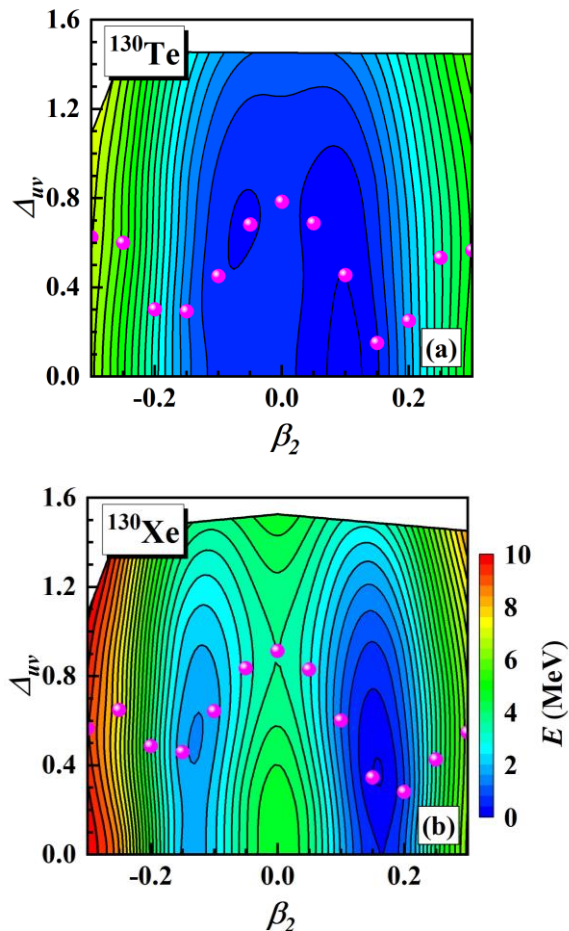
And the pairing gap $f_k \Delta_k$ is replaced by $f_k \Delta_k + \xi_p$. We can vary ξ_p and the pairing gap becomes a new generator coordinate.

N. L. Vaquero, et al., Phys.Rev.Lett.111(2013)142501

Isovector pairing fluctuation



Potential energy surfaces
(mean-field level)

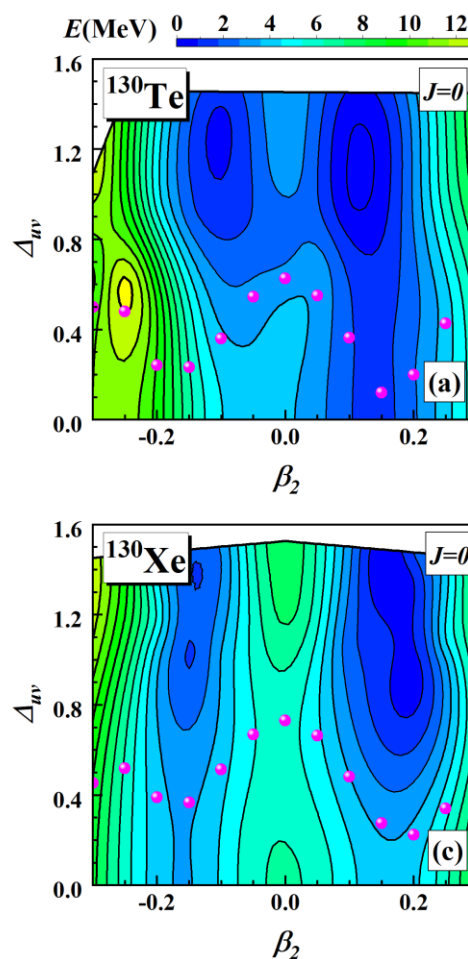


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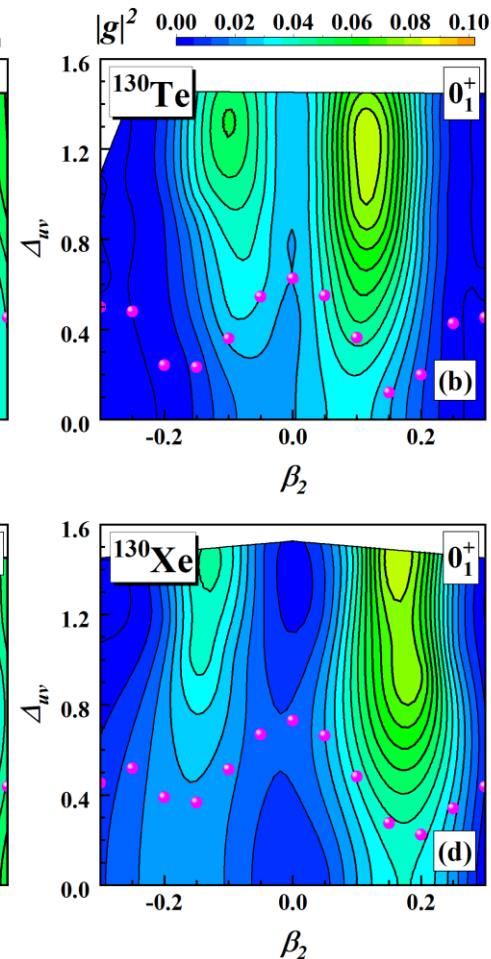


PNP

$J = 0$ potential
energy surfaces



Collective ground
state wave functions



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Comparison of nuclear matrix elements



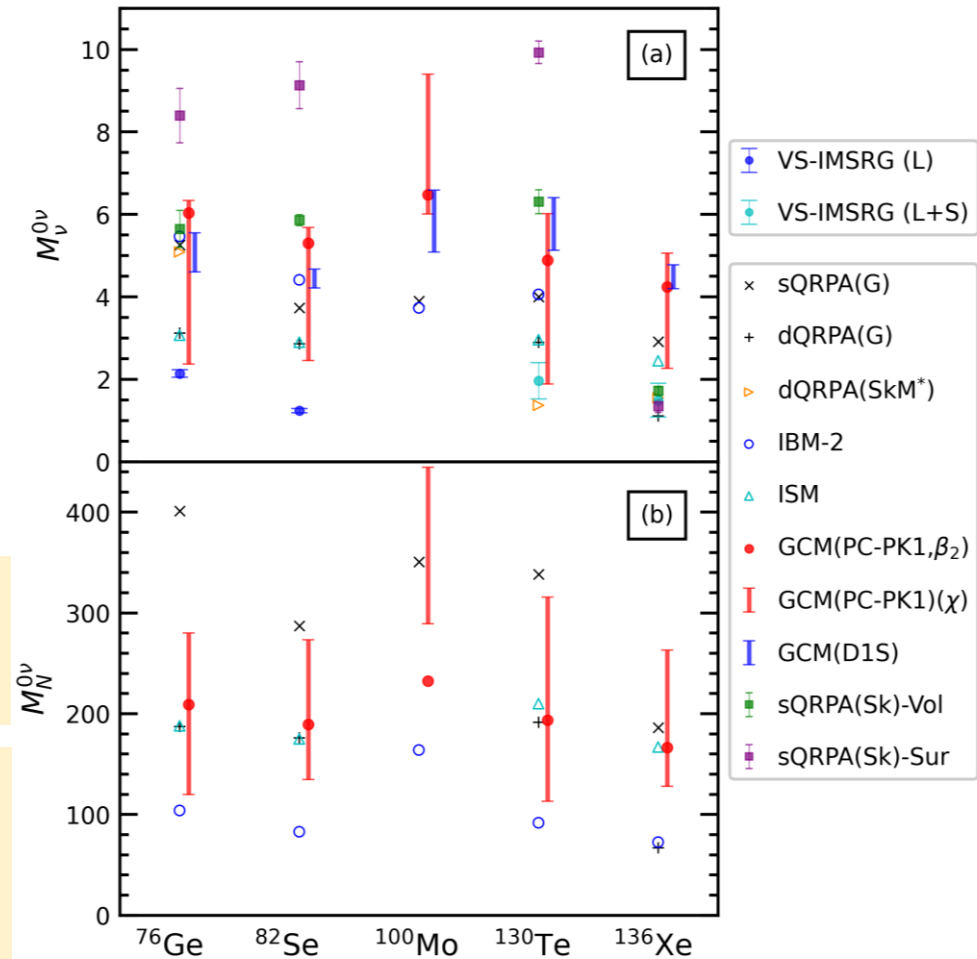
[21] L. S. Song, et al., Phys.Rev.C. 95(2017)024305

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Isotopes	GCM(PC-PK1)(χ)	GCM(PC-PK1, β_2)
	This work	[21]
$M_\nu^{0\nu}$		
^{76}Ge	[2.37,6.34]	6.04
^{82}Se	[2.46,5.68]	5.30
^{100}Mo	[6.01,9.40]	6.48
^{130}Te	[1.89,6.02]	4.89
^{136}Xe	[2.27,5.06]	4.24
$M_N^{0\nu}$		
^{76}Ge	[120.02,280.10]	209.1
^{82}Se	[134.58,273.54]	189.3
^{100}Mo	[289.17,444.59]	232.6
^{130}Te	[113.06,315.79]	193.8
^{136}Xe	[127.95,263.01]	166.3

By readjusting pairing strengths, NMEs are reduced by approximately 12% – 62%.

By adding isovector pairing gap as an additional generator coordinate, NMEs increase by approximately 56% – 218%.



➤ Summary

1. The NMEs from different model calculations vary from each other, which leads to significant differences in the constraints on the Wilson coefficients.
2. In MR-CDFT, readjusting isovector pairing strengths reduces the NMEs by about 12% – 62%.
3. In MR-CDFT, additionally including isovector pairing fluctuations enhances the NMEs by about 56% – 218%.

➤ Outlook

1. Including the cranking states and the isoscalar pairing in MR-CDFT?
2. If the uncertainty in NMEs decreases, one can use the NMEs and experimental half-life results to constrain the Wilson coefficients, thus explore the complete particle model?

Thank you for your attention!