

Nuclear structure calculations for neutrinoless double-beta decay: an overlook on present and future

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The detection of the double-beta decay without neutrino emission will represent a major turning point towards our knowledge of the neutrino nature. Moreover, it is going to open new scenarios for the Beyond-Standard-Model physics, because of the violation of the lepton number within such a process. In particular, the measurement of the half-life of such a decay will provide an almost direct evaluation of the neutrino effective mass, through the calculation of the nuclear matrix element of the decay process ($M_{0\nu}$) that connects the wave functions of the initial and final states.

In this presentation, I will overview the recent theoretical developments of the calculations of $M_{0\nu}$, and the future perspectives to obtain a precise and reliable evaluation of this quantity. In particular, I will focus on the results obtained by microscopic nuclear structure calculations, that have recently clarified the historical problem of the quenching of the axial coupling constant g_A .

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