α -decay half-lives for even-even isotopes of W to U

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We investigate α -decay half-lives for 74 $\leq Z \leq$ 92 even-even nuclei within the semiclassical WKB approximation in deformed relativistic Hartree-Bogoliubov theory in continuum (DRHBc). The α -particle preformation factors are estimated from cluster-formation model using both empirical AME2020 binding energies and numerical ones obtained by a deep neural network (DNN) study in which the available DRHBc binding energies are used as training set. We find that our estimated α -decay half-lives are qualitatively in agreement with experimental results. We also compare our results with the empirical formulas, ZZCW and UNIV. Based on these observation, we extend our predictions of α -decay half-lives for the isotopes whose experimental data are not available.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Worldwide, many radioactive ion beam (RIB) facilities have been built or are under construction, and new opportunities for the deep understanding of the nuclear structure are emerging. New RIB facilities include the RIB Factory (RIBF) at RIKEN in Japan [1], the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) in the USA [2], the High Intensity heavy-ion Accelerator Facility (HIAF) in China [3], the Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research (FAIR) in Germany [4], and the Rare isotope Accelerator complex for ON-line experiments (RAON) in Korea [5]. With the help of these new RIB facilities, more exotic nuclei and their structures can be investigated, and the limits of the existence of exotic nuclei can be explored.

Alpha (α) decay has been used as one of the important tools to understand the nuclear structure information. The α decay can be relatively easily studied by calculating the half-lives of nuclei. A method of calculating the α -decay half-lives using the nuclear density distribution constructed is to adopt the semiclassical WKB approximation. In the WKB approximation, the potentials between nucleons are used in the calculation of the half-lives. As an example, cosh nuclear potential [6] and nuclear Wood-Saxon potential [7] are employed to calculate the α -decay half-lives [7–9]. The approaches that directly solve the quasi-bound-state Schrödinger equation such as generalized density-dependent cluster model [10] and the improved density-dependent cluster model [11], provide a better and more microscopic description of α decay. To consider the neutron and proton density distributions, the density-dependent cluster model with two-parameter Fermi distribution has been adopted in various studies [10–17].

In this work, deformed relativistic Hartree-Bogoliubov theory in continuum (DRHBc) is used to calculate the density distributions. The DRHBc was developed to predict the properties of exotic and stable nuclei by self-consistently incorporating the pairing correlation and continuum effects [18–23]. The pairing interaction is essential to describe openshell model. Thus, Hartree-Fock with the pairing interaction, such as BCS, had been employed to understand α decay near shell closures as well as away from shell closure. However, since Hartree-Fock with BCS is not enough to properly handle exotic nuclei near or away from shell closure [24], the relativistic Hartree-Bogoliubov framework has been developed to provide a better description of the exotic nuclei far from β stability [25]. In exotic nuclei, neutron or proton Fermi energy is close to continuum threshold. Continuum effects are also treated in the DRHBc. In order to expand the applicability of the DRHBc, angular momentum projection [26,27], finite amplitude method [28], and two-dimensional collective Hamiltonian [29] have been implemented recently.

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The DRHBc with PK1 [30] or PC-PK1 density functional [31] is widely used to explore various attractive exotic phenomena, such as deformed halo structure [32,33], neutron drip line shift by incorporating axial deformation degrees of freedom [34], bound nuclei beyond two-neutron drip line [35–37], bubble structure [38], and shape coexistence [38,39]. In this study, we employ the DRHBc with PC-PK1 density functional to predict neutron or proton densities.

To calculate the α -decay half-lives, the preformation factor P_{α} , the probability of the α -particle formation in the parent nucleus, should be also considered. Since it is still difficult to calculate microscopically the preformation factor in relativistic density functional theory, the cluster-formation model was suggested to estimate P_{α} [40,41]. In the cluster-formation model, P_{α} is relatively easy to estimate because only the binding energies of parent nucleus and its neighboring nuclei are required. In this model, α -particle formation inside the parent nucleus is considered to be the quantum mechanical cluster formation. The P_{α} of ²¹²Po in the cluster-formation model is estimated to be 0.221 [41]. Considering that the P_{α} of ²¹²Po in the microscopic calculation is 0.3 [42], the preformation factor estimated by this model is acceptable. In the systematic studies using cluster-formation model, the unpaired nucleons in odd-A or odd-odd nuclei are expected to be the origin of the reduction in P_{α} due to the Pauli blocking [43–45]. It is also found that P_{α} in magic number nuclei decreases. We estimate P_{α} using the cluster-formation model [40]. Since the investigation of mass table for the odd-Z nuclei in the DRHBc is still in progress, P_{α} of even-even nuclei cannot be estimated systematically at the moment. To obtain P_{α} of even-even nuclei, we use the binding energies obtained through the results of deep neural network (DNN) study [46].

We calculate the α -decay half-lives for even-even isotopes of W to U using the predicted densities in the DRHBc within the WKB approximation framework. In this study only α -decay half-lives of even-even nuclei are considered, and therefore, the hindrance by the Pauli blocking will not be studied [43–45]. This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, the neutron and proton density distributions by the DRHBc are briefly introduced, and the framework of the WKB approximation for calculating α -decay half-lives is discussed. In Sec. III, we compare the preformation factors obtained using the AME2020 data and deep-learning results, and show the estimated α -decay half-lives. We discuss the relation between including axial deformation degrees of freedom and the difference between neutron Fermi energy and proton Fermi energy. We finally summarize and discuss this work in Sec. IV.

II. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

A. Deformed relativistic Hartree-Bogoliubov theory in continuum

In this section, we briefly introduce how the DRHBc includes deformations and pairing correlation. The α -decay half-lives in the WKB approximation require density distributions for a daughter nucleus and the α particle. We introduce how the density distributions are described in the DRHBc. The relativistic mean-field theory is built from the Lagrangian density [47]. The Lagrangian density for point coupling is described in detail in Ref. [48]. The relativistic Hartree-Bogoliubov equation, which incorporates the mean field and pairing field simultaneously is obtained with the variational method and the Bogoliubov transformation [49],

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_{\rm D} - \lambda_{\tau} & \Delta \\ -\Delta^* & -h_{\rm D}^* + \lambda_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U_k \\ V_k \end{pmatrix} = E_k \begin{pmatrix} U_k \\ V_k \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

where h_D is Dirac Hamiltonian for the nucleons, λ_{τ} represents the Fermi energy of a nucleon, Δ is the pairing field, U_k and V_k correspond to the quasiparticle wave functions, and E_k means the energy of a quasiparticle state k. The pairing potential for particle-particle channel is used

$$\Delta_{kk'}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r'}) = -\sum_{\tilde{k}\tilde{k'}} V^{pp}_{kk',\tilde{k}\tilde{k'}}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r'})\kappa_{\tilde{k}\tilde{k'}}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r'}), \qquad (2)$$

where, k, k', \tilde{k} , and \tilde{k}' denote the quasiparticle states and the pairing tensor is defined by $\kappa = V^*U^T$ [50]. For pairing interaction in the particle-particle channel V^{pp} , in the DRHBc, the density-dependent zero-range pairing interaction is used

$$V^{pp}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{r}') = \frac{V_0}{2}(1-P^{\sigma})\delta(\boldsymbol{r}-\boldsymbol{r}')\left(1-\frac{\rho(\boldsymbol{r})}{\rho_{\text{sat}}}\right),\qquad(3)$$

where ρ_{sat} is the nuclear saturation density. The Dirac Hamiltonian h_{D} for the nucleons is given as [48]

$$h_{\rm D} = \boldsymbol{\alpha} \cdot \boldsymbol{p} + \beta [M + S(\boldsymbol{r})] + V(\boldsymbol{r}), \qquad (4)$$

where $S(\mathbf{r})$ and $V(\mathbf{r})$ are scalar and vector potentials, which are expressed as

$$S(\mathbf{r}) = \alpha_{\rm S}\rho_{\rm S} + \beta_{\rm S}\rho_{\rm S}^{2} + \gamma_{\rm S}\rho_{\rm S}^{3} + \delta_{\rm S}\Delta\rho_{\rm S},$$

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \alpha_{V}\rho_{V} + \gamma_{V}\rho_{V}^{3} + \delta_{V}\Delta\rho_{V} + eA_{0} + \alpha_{\rm TV}\tau_{3}\rho_{\rm TV} + \delta_{\rm TV}\tau_{3}\Delta\rho_{\rm TV}.$$
(5)

The local densities $\rho_{\rm S}(\mathbf{r})$, $\rho_{\rm V}(\mathbf{r})$, and $\rho_{\rm TV}(\mathbf{r})$ are represented as

$$\rho_{\rm S}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \sum_{k>0} \bar{V}_k(\boldsymbol{r}) V_k(\boldsymbol{r}),$$

$$\rho_{\rm V}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \sum_{k>0} V_k^{\dagger}(\boldsymbol{r}) V_k(\boldsymbol{r}),$$

$$\rho_{\rm TV}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \sum_{k>0} V_k^{\dagger}(\boldsymbol{r}) \tau_3 V_k(\boldsymbol{r}),$$
(6)

where the summation for k is performed only in positive energy in Fermi sea with the no-sea approximation. In the DRHBc, spatial reflection symmetry is preserved. Thus, the densities $[\rho_{\rm S}(\mathbf{r}), \rho_{\rm V}(\mathbf{r}), \rho_{\rm TV}(\mathbf{r})]$ are expanded using Legendre polynomials as [51]

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\lambda_{\rm L}} \rho_{\lambda_{\rm L}}(r) P_{\lambda_{\rm L}}(\cos\theta), \ \lambda_{\rm L} = 0, \ 2, \ 4, \ \cdots .$$
 (7)

For the DRHBc, as described in Ref. [38], the pairing strength $V_0 = -325$ MeV fm³ and the angular momentum cutoff for the Dirac Woods-Saxon basis $J_{\text{max}} = 23/2 \hbar$ are taken. Others are described in Ref. [22].



FIG. 1. The potentials between ²⁰⁸Pb and α particle as a function of *r*. The angular momentum l = 0 is adopted. The double-folding potential V_N is effective in the range of $r \leq 10$ fm. If a daughter nucleus is axially deformed, the potential between the daughter nucleus and α particle is considered as a function of *r* and the angle from the symmetry axis β .

B. α-decay in WKB approximation

The α -decay process is understood as the formation of α particle inside the parent nucleus and penetrating the potential barrier of the daughter nucleus with a given Q value Q_{α} as in Fig. 1. Therefore, the α -decay half-life can be calculated within the WKB approximation as [52,53]

$$T_{1/2} = \frac{\hbar \ln 2}{\Gamma},\tag{8}$$

$$\Gamma = P_{\alpha} N_{\rm f} \frac{\hbar^2}{4\mu} P_{\rm total}, \qquad (9)$$

where Γ , P_{α} , $N_{\rm f}$, and $P_{\rm total}$ are decay width, preformation factor of α particle, normalization factor for bound-state wave function, and the total penetration probability, respectively. To calculate the decay width Γ , the preformation factor P_{α} must be first calculated. However, the preformation factor P_{α} in Eq. (9) cannot yet be calculated microscopically in the DRHBc framework. Instead we calculate P_{α} as in the clusterformation model [40]. The preformation factor of α particle P_{α} for even-even nuclei is calculated in the cluster-formation model [41,43] as

$$P_{\alpha} = \frac{2S_{\rm p} + 2S_{\rm n} - S_{\alpha}}{S_{\alpha}},\tag{10}$$

where $S_{\rm p}$, $S_{\rm n}$, S_{α} are one-proton, one-neutron, and α -particle separation energies, respectively. Separation energies can be obtained as

$$S_{\rm p}(Z,N) = E_{\rm b}(Z,N) - E_{\rm b}(Z-1,N),$$
 (11)

$$S_{\rm n}(Z,N) = E_{\rm b}(Z,N) - E_{\rm b}(Z,N-1),$$
 (12)

$$S_{\alpha}(Z, N) = E_{\rm b}(Z, N) - E_{\rm b}(Z - 2, N - 2), \qquad (13)$$

where $E_b(Z, N)$ is the binding energy of given proton number Z and neutron number N. We take $E_b(Z, N)$ from both AME2020 and the results of the DNN study [46] since, at the moment, the binding energies for odd-A nuclei are not



FIG. 2. Schematic picture to describe the coordinates used in the double-folding model. The letter β is for the orientation angle between the α particle and the symmetry axis of the daughter nucleus, and $s = r - r_{\rm d} + r_{\alpha}$.

available in the DRHBc framework. The normalization factor and the total penetration probability for axially deformed nuclei in Eq. (9) are given as

$$N_{\rm f} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} N_{\rm f}(\beta) \sin\beta d\beta, \qquad (14)$$

$$P_{\rm total} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi} \exp\left[-2 \int_{r_2(\beta)}^{r_3(\beta)} k(r',\beta) dr'\right] \sin\beta d\beta, \qquad (15)$$

where the normalization factor $N_f(\beta)$ for the orientation angle between the α particle and the symmetry axis of the daughter nucleus β and $k(r, \beta)$ are expressed as

$$N_{\rm f}(\beta) = \left[\int_{r_1(\beta)}^{r_2(\beta)} \frac{dr'}{k(r',\beta)} \cos^2\left(\int_{r_1(\beta)}^{r'} dr'' k(r'',\beta) - \frac{\pi}{4} \right) \right]^{-1} \\ \simeq \left[\int_{r_1(\beta)}^{r_2(\beta)} \frac{dr'}{2k(r',\beta)} \right]^{-1},$$
(16)

$$k(r,\beta) = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^2}Q_{\alpha} - V(r,\beta)},\tag{17}$$

and μ is the reduced mass of the α particle and daughter nucleus, $r_{1,2,3}(\beta)$ are the classical turning points, which are marked in Fig. 1, and β is the azimuthal angle between the symmetry axis of daughter nucleus and the direction of the produced α particle as in Fig. 2. Note that the outer turning point r_3 is determined mostly by the Coulomb potential. We take empirical Q_{α}^{exp} from AME2020 [54].

In the density-dependent cluster model, the potential $V(r, \beta)$ consists of centrifugal potential $V_l(r)$, nucleus-nucleus double-folding potential $V_N(r, \beta)$, and Coulomb potential $V_C(r, \beta)$ [45], as plotted in Fig. 1,

$$V(r, \beta) = V_l(r) + V_N(r, \beta) + V_C(r, \beta).$$
 (18)

The centrifugal potential is expressed using the Langer modified form [55–57]

$$V_l(r) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{(l+1/2)^2}{r^2},$$
(19)

where *l* is the quantum number corresponding to the orbital angular momentum transferred by α particle. As we only consider the α decay of even-even nuclei, we apply l = 0 [58]. The nuclear and Coulomb potentials are built from double-folding model [59–62]:

$$V_{\rm N}(\mathbf{r},\beta) = \lambda \int d\mathbf{r}_{\rm d} d\mathbf{r}_{\alpha} \rho_{\rm d}(\mathbf{r}_{\rm d}) \rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_{\alpha}) v(\mathbf{s}), \qquad (20)$$

$$V_{\rm C}(\mathbf{r},\beta) = \int d\mathbf{r}_{\rm d} d\mathbf{r}_{\alpha} \rho_{\rm d}^{\rm proton}(\mathbf{r}_{\rm d}) \rho_{\alpha}^{\rm proton}(\mathbf{r}_{\alpha}) \frac{e^2}{s}, \quad (21)$$

where we take $e^2 = 1.4399764$ MeV fm and plot $s = r + r_{\alpha} - r_{\rm d}$ in Fig. 2. We set the density distribution of α particle as standard Gaussian form $\rho_{\alpha}(r) = 0.4229 \exp(-0.7024r^2)$ [60]. From Eq. (15), it can be seen that α -decay half-lives depend largely on the wave number $k(r, \beta)$ in the range of $r = r_2 - r_3$. We use the M3Y effective nucleon-nucleon interaction v(s) in MeV unit,

$$v(s) = 7999e^{-4s}/(4s) - 2134e^{-2.5s}/(2.5s) -276(1 - 0.005Q_{\alpha}/A_{\alpha})\delta(s),$$
(22)

for considering the double-folding potential [59,61]. In the above equation, A_{α} is the mass number of α particle and δ is the delta function.

To calculate $V_{\rm C}$ and $V_{\rm N}$, we use $\rho_{\rm d}$ and $\rho_{\rm d}^{\rm proton}$ calculated from the DRHBc;

$$V_{\text{N or C}}(r,\beta) = \sum_{\lambda_{\text{L}}=0,2,4,\dots} V_{\text{N or C},\lambda_{\text{L}}}(r,\beta).$$
(23)

By using the Fourier transformation, one can derive V_{N,λ_L} and V_{C,λ_L} as

$$V_{\mathrm{N},\lambda_{\mathrm{L}}}(r,\beta) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} dk k^{2} j_{\lambda_{\mathrm{L}}}(kr) \tilde{\rho}_{\alpha}(k) \\ \times \left[\int_{0}^{\infty} dr_{\mathrm{d}} r_{\mathrm{d}}^{2} \rho_{\mathrm{d},\lambda_{\mathrm{L}}}(r_{\mathrm{d}}) j_{\lambda_{\mathrm{L}}}(kr_{\mathrm{d}}) \right] \tilde{v}(k) P_{\lambda_{\mathrm{L}}}(\cos\beta),$$

$$(24)$$

$$V_{\mathrm{C},\lambda_{\mathrm{L}}}(r,\beta) = 8e^{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} dk j_{\lambda_{\mathrm{L}}}(kr) \tilde{\rho}_{\alpha}^{\mathrm{proton}}(k) \\ \times \left[\int_{0}^{\infty} dr_{\mathrm{d}} r_{\mathrm{d}}^{2} \rho_{\mathrm{d},\lambda_{\mathrm{L}}}^{\mathrm{proton}}(r_{\mathrm{d}}) j_{\lambda_{\mathrm{L}}}(kr_{\mathrm{d}}) \right] P_{\lambda_{\mathrm{L}}}(\cos\beta),$$
(25)

where $j_{\lambda_{L}}(kr)$ is the spherical Bessel function. The terms $\tilde{\rho}_{\alpha}(k)$, $\tilde{\rho}_{d,\lambda_{L}}(k)$, and $\tilde{v}(k)$ are Fourier transformation of $\rho_{\alpha}(r)$, $\rho_{d,\lambda_{L}}(r)$, and v(r), respectively. The forms of $\tilde{\rho}_{\alpha}(k)$ and $\tilde{v}(k)$ are written in Appendix A of Ref. [63]. The generalized equation is written in Ref. [64]. The property $\exp(i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\lambda_{L}} i^{\lambda_{L}}(2\lambda_{L}+1)j_{\lambda_{L}}(kr)P_{\lambda_{L}}(\cos\theta)$ is used for applying Fourier transformation. We take $\lambda_{L,\max} = 8$ to be consistent with the current DRHBc results.

In Eq. (20), λ is the normalization factor and related to the strength of nuclear potential. It is determined by the

Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization condition [58]

$$\int_{0}^{\pi} \int_{r_{1}(\beta)}^{r_{2}(\beta)} \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{\hbar^{2}} [Q_{\alpha} - V(r,\beta)]} \sin\beta dr d\beta$$
$$= (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2} = (G-l+1)\frac{\pi}{2},$$
(26)

where $r_1(\beta)$, $r_2(\beta)$ are the set of classical turning points $[Q_{\alpha} = V(r, \beta)]$, and Q_{α} and *G* are the α -decay energy and global quantum number, respectively. Note that there is no additional constraint to fix the global quantum number *G*. We take *G* as follows [6,65]:

$$G = 22 (N_{\text{par}} > 126), \ G = 20 (82 < N_{\text{par}} \le 126),$$

where N_{par} is the neutron number of parent nucleus.

III. RESULTS

A. Preformation factor

In order to obtain the decay width, in Eq. (9), the preformation factor P_{α} has to be provided. As discussed in the previous section, we calculate P_{α} using binding energies by following the cluster-formation model [40] as defined in Eq. (10). Since, at the moment, the binding energies for odd-even and odd-odd nuclei are not available in the DRHBc framework, S_n and S_p cannot be obtained in the DRHBc. Therefore, we use the binding energies obtained from a DNN study [46] in which available results from the DRHBc calculations and the AME2020 data are used as a training set.

When the binding energies are available both in the DRHBc and AME2020, those of AME2020 were used in the training set. To obtain the odd-even and odd-odd binding energies using a deep neural network, the binding energies of even-even and even-odd isotopes from the DRHBc calculations are used as a training set. In addition, to include some information about odd-odd and odd-even isotopes to the deep neural network the authors of Ref. [46] also use the binding energies in AME2020 [54] as a training set. The inputs of the neutral network are the proton number (Z), neutron number (N), nuclear pairing (δ), and shell effect (P), which are defined by

$$\delta = \frac{(-1)^Z + (-1)^N}{2},\tag{27}$$

$$P = \frac{\nu_P \nu_n}{\nu_P + \nu_n},\tag{28}$$

where $v_P(v_N)$ is the difference between the proton (neutron) number of an isotope of interest and the nearest magic numbers.

To validate the performance of the DNN in the present study, the authors in Ref. [46] initially employ the RCHB [66] combined with AME2020 as a training data set. Our expectation is that the machine can acquire knowledge of odd-even and odd-odd information from the AME2020. The training set consists of the nuclear binding energies in AME2020 and RCHB, and to validate the expectation odd-even and odd-odd data in the RCHB mass table are excluded. After training, the predicted data are compared with both AME2020 and AME2020+RCHB data sets, resulting in the

TABLE I. RMS deviations for the case (iii) with different number of inputs. δ_p and δ_n are the modulus of Z/2 and N/2, respectively.

Number of inputs	Hidden layers - Nodes per each layer	RMS deviation from AME2020 (MeV)
$\overline{4(Z,N,\delta,P)}$	2 - 64	0.9454
$5(Z, N, \delta, \nu_p, \nu_n)$	2 - 64	0.5649
$6(Z, N, \delta_p, \dot{\delta}_n, \nu_p, \nu_n)$	2 - 64	2.2158

root-mean-square (RMS) deviations of 1.579 MeV and 1.3915 MeV, respectively. Compared with the original RCHB mass table result of 7.980 MeV deviation, it is a substantial improvement. This successful application is then extended to the DRHBc case.

For DRHBc, three neural network structures are explored: (i) Two-layer, 32 nodes per layer; (ii) three-layer, 48 nodes per layer; and (iii) two-layer, 64 nodes per layer. Also, variations in input data are considered. Basic nuclear information, such as the number of neutrons and protons, is supplemented with nuclear pairing (δ) and shell effect (*P*). It was observed in Ref. [46] that the case (iii) with the five inputs gives the smallest RMS deviation; Table I shows the DNN results of the case (iii) with different number of inputs.

For more details of the neutral network to predict the odd-odd and odd-even masses based on the DRHBc and AME2020, we refer to Ref. [46]. For the comparison, we also use the experimental binding energy and Q_{α}^{exp} from AME2020 [54]. Binding energies used in this work are summarized in Table II.

Figure 3(a) summarizes the binding energy per nucleon for the selected even-even nuclei obtained by the DNN study. For the comparison, experimental binding energies [54] are plotted with black color. In Fig. 3(b), differences in the binding energies between the DNN study and experimental results are given as a function of the parent neutron number. For nuclei with small neutron number ($N_{par} < 126$), the differences between the DNN study and experiment are small compared to nuclei with large neutron number ($N_{par} \ge 126$). This may indicate that DNN study results are more consistent with experiment values for the nuclei with $N_{\text{par}} < 126$. In Fig. 3(c), the differences in the binding energies between the DNN study and experimental results are summarized as a function of quadrupole deformation $\beta_{2,par}$. This figure shows no strong correlation between the binding energy of the DNN study and the deformation. In Fig. 3(d), the differences for even-odd and odd-even nuclei are summarized. Overall, it shows similar behavior as even-even nuclei in Fig. 3(b), but the deviations of the DNN study results from experimental values for even-odd nuclei are relatively larger than those for odd-even nuclei. It may indicate that the DNN study is more sensitive to neutron distributions than proton distributions.

Figure 4 shows the Fermi energy differences and deformation parameters in the DRHBc. The Fermi energy differences are larger than 6 MeV for most of nuclei with $N_{\rm par} < 126$ except for ¹⁸⁰W, ¹⁸⁶Os, ¹⁹⁰Pt, and ²⁰⁸Po as in Fig. 4. The experimental α -decay half-lives of ¹⁸⁰W, ¹⁸⁶Os, and ¹⁹⁰Pt are important because the half-lives of nearby nuclei are dominated by other decay modes, such as β decay. The α -decay half-lives of ¹⁸⁰W, ¹⁸⁶Os, and ¹⁹⁰Pt are longest in this study $(10^{25.7}, 10^{22.8}, \text{ and } 10^{19.183} \text{ s, respectively})$. These nuclei can be used for verifying whether the half-life calculation provides consistent results for long experimental α -decay half-lives. Also, these nuclei can be used to verify whether the half-life for deformed nuclei is accurate since quadrupole deformations of these nuclei are $\beta_{2,\text{par}} = 0.243$ for ¹⁸⁰W, $\beta_{2,\text{par}} =$ 0.209 for ¹⁸⁶Os, and $\beta_{2,\text{par}} = 0.163$ for ¹⁹⁰Pt, respectively [67]. The relation, $\beta_{2,\text{par}}$ for ¹⁸⁰W > $\beta_{2,\text{par}}$ for ¹⁹⁰Pt, can also be confirmed in Fig. 5. In this figure, one can confirm $\beta_{2,\text{par}} = 0.0$ for the nuclei with neutron magic number $N_{\text{par}} = 126$.

In Figs. 6(a) and 6(b), preformation factors obtained with the DNN study [46] and experimental data (AME2020) are summarized. In Fig. 6(a), nuclei with empty marks (¹⁷⁰Hg, ¹⁷⁸Pb, ¹⁸⁶Po, ²⁰⁸Th) correspond to the nuclei for which experimental results are not enough to obtain P_{α} . Note that binding energies for ¹⁶⁹Hg, ¹⁷⁷Pb, ¹⁸⁵Po, and ²⁰⁷Th are missing in AME2020. In Fig. 6(b), P_{α} are relatively small at the magic number $N_{par} = 126$ and increase as neutron number increases to $N_{\text{par}} = 128$, independently of nuclei; i.e., $P_{\alpha, \exp}(N_{\text{p}} =$ 128) > $P_{\alpha, \exp}(N_{\rm p} = 126)$. Results with AME2012 also show the similar behavior [43]. Except Rn, such a trend exists for the result of the DNN study as in Fig. 6(a). The differences between the DNN study and experimental results are summarized in Fig. 6(c). In this figure, below the neutron magic number of parent nuclei $N_{par} = 126$, 202,210 Ra isotopes show the largest P_{α} difference in the isotopes. For the magic number $N_{\text{par}} = 126$, ²¹⁰Po shows smallest preformation factor in the DNN study and experiment. Above the magic number, ^{214,216,218}Po give largest differences in P_{α} . If one compare Fig. 6 with Figs. 4 and 5, there are no direct correlations between P_{α} and the properties of nuclei, such as the Fermi energy difference and the deformation parameter $\beta_{2,par}$.

B. α-decay half-lives

In this section, we present our calculated α -decay half-lives with given preformation factors as discussed in the previous section. In order to assess the quality of our results, we use experimental binding energy and Q_{α}^{exp} from AME2020 [54]. For the comparison with experiment, we take the experimental α -decay half-lives from NUASE2020 [68]. Because several decay modes can exist for each nucleus, we consider only 67 experimental data for which the branching ratio of α decay is greater than 99%. The calculated α -decay half-lives are also summarized in Table II.

In Fig. 7, our calculated α -decay half-lives are compared with experimental values. In order to compare our calculated α -decay half-lives with experimental data, we evaluate the

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		Experimental data			ц,	Preformat	tion factor		$T_{1/2}^{ m cal}$	
Parent nucleus	Q^{exp}_{lpha}	$T_{1/2}^{ m exp}$	$\beta_{2, \text{par}}$ (DRHBc)	AME2020	DNN study	AME2020	DNN study	Our result	ZZCW	UNIV
¹⁵⁸ W	6.612	$(1.43 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-3}$	0.064	1241.090	1241.344	0.243	0.243	1.74×10^{-3}	$2.53 imes 10^{-4}$	1.49×10^{-3}
${}^{180}W$	2.515	$(5.02\pm2) imes 10^{25}$	0.296	1444.580	1444.079	0.162	0.142	6.61×10^{25}	4.80×10^{25}	2.54×10^{25}
¹⁶² Os	6.768	$(2.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3}$	0.109	1262.628	1262.576	0.248	0.272	2.91×10^{-3}	$5.39 imes10^{-4}$	$2.65 imes 10^{-3}$
¹⁸⁶ Os	2.821	$(6.3 \pm 3.5) \times 10^{22}$	0.261	1484.807	1484.272	0.157	0.159	1.15×10^{23}	8.64×10^{22}	4.15×10^{22}
¹⁶⁶ Pt	7.292	$(2.94\pm0.62) imes10^{-4}$	0.000	1283.678	1283.769	0.266	0.259	$3.32 imes 10^{-4}$	6.18×10^{-5}	$3.13 imes 10^{-4}$
168 Pt	6.990	$(2.02 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3}$	0.121	1305.968	1305.688	0.278	0.262	$2.61 imes 10^{-3}$	6.03×10^{-4}	$2.56 imes 10^{-3}$
170 Pt	6.707	$(1.393 \pm 0.016) imes 10^{-2}$	0.135	1327.400	1327.420	0.241	0.260	2.12×10^{-2}	$5.79 imes 10^{-3}$	2.09×10^{-2}
190 Pt	3.269	$(1.52 \pm 0.01) imes 10^{19}$	-0.159	1509.834	1509.868	0.203	0.178	1.38×10^{19}	1.17×10^{19}	$5.60 imes 10^{18}$
170 Hg	7.773	$(3.1\pm 2.5) imes 10^{-4}$	-0.083	1304.070	1304.988		0.257	$6.89 imes 10^{-5}$	1.21×10^{-5}	$6.15 imes 10^{-5}$
¹⁷² Hg	7.524	$(2.31 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-4}$	-0.088	1326.740	1326.931	0.273	0.250	$3.40 imes 10^{-4}$	6.73×10^{-5}	$2.97 imes 10^{-4}$
¹⁷⁴ Hg	7.233	$(2.0\pm0.4) imes10^{-3}$	-0.093	1348.463	1348.616	0.247	0.242	$2.55 imes 10^{-3}$	$5.68 imes 10^{-4}$	$2.12 imes 10^{-3}$
¹⁷⁸ Pb	7.789	$(2.5\pm0.8) imes10^{-4}$	0.000	1368.969	1369.559		0.246	$3.16 imes 10^{-4}$	$5.73 imes 10^{-5}$	$2.25 imes \ 10^{-4}$
^{180}Pb	7.419	$(4.1 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-3}$	0.000	1390.626	1390.864	0.248	0.250	3.98×10^{-3}	8.46×10^{-4}	2.69×10^{-3}
¹⁸² Pb	7.066	$(5.5\pm 0.5) imes 10^{-2}$	0.000	1411.652	1412.208	0.234	0.289	4.68×10^{-2}	1.34×10^{-2}	3.48×10^{-2}
186 Po	8.501	$(3.4 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-5}$	0.327	1431.446	1431.001		0.311	$1.20 imes 10^{-5}$	2.21×10^{-6}	9.89×10^{-6}
188 Po	8.082	$(2.7 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-4}$	0.313	1452.235	1452.182	0.275	0.306	$1.65 imes 10^{-4}$	$3.43 imes 10^{-5}$	$1.21 imes 10^{-4}$
^{190}Po	7.693	$(2.45 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-3}$	-0.212	1472.396	1472.482	0.262	0.251	$1.70 imes 10^{-3}$	$5.34 imes 10^{-4}$	$1.51 imes 10^{-3}$
¹⁹² Po	7.320	$(3.22 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-2}$	-0.204	1492.042	1491.907	0.257	0.244	2.68×10^{-2}	$9.20 imes 10^{-3}$	$2.10 imes 10^{-2}$
194 Po	6.987	$(3.92\pm0.04) imes 10^{-1}$	-0.192	1511.123	1510.906	0.235	0.232	$3.93 imes 10^{-1}$	$1.40 imes 10^{-1}$	$2.62 imes 10^{-1}$
208 Po	5.216	$(9.145 \pm 0.006) \times 10^7$	0.000	1630.586	1631.017	0.135	0.152	7.16×10^{7}	1.76×10^7	1.15×10^7
210 Po	5.408	$(1.19557 \pm 0.00002) \times 10^7$	0.000	1645.213	1644.833	0.105	0.087	$9.59 imes 10^6$	1.30×10^{6}	9.37×10^{5}
212 Po	8.954	$(2.944 \pm 0.008) \times 10^{-7}$	0.000	1655.772	1656.192	0.221	0.167	$2.97 imes 10^{-7}$	4.44×10^{-8}	$2.52 imes 10^{-7}$
214 Po	7.834	$(1.6347 \pm 0.0003) \times 10^{-4}$	0.000	1666.015	1665.734	0.213	0.142	3.59×10^{-4}	7.11×10^{-5}	2.06×10^{-4}
216 Po	6.906	$(1.440 \pm 0.006) \times 10^{-1}$	0.089	1675.905	1675.435	0.205	0.122	$4.89 imes 10^{-1}$	1.19×10^{-1}	1.99×10^{-1}
218 Po	6.115	$(1.858 \pm 0.007) \times 10^2$	0.107	1685.474	1685.046	0.196	0.111	8.26×10^{2}	2.45×10^{2}	2.57×10^{2}
194 Rn	7.862	$(7.8 \pm 1.6) \times 10^{-4}$	0.166	1492.829	1492.661	0.261	0.249	$2.57 imes 10^{-3}$	9.70×10^{-4}	2.34×10^{-3}
196 Rn	7.617	$(4.7 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-3}$	0.155	1512.721	1512.443	0.256	0.236	1.58×10^{-2}	$5.88 imes 10^{-3}$	1.23×10^{-2}
212 Rn	6.385	$(1.43 \pm 0.07) \times 10^3$	0.000	1652.497	1652.796	0.121	0.227	6.13×10^{2}	1.92×10^{2}	1.90×10^{2}
214 Rn	9.208	$(2.59 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-7}$	0.000	1664.300	1665.136	0.228	0.224	2.63×10^{-7}	$5.54 imes10^{-8}$	2.82×10^{-7}
216 Rn	8.198	$(2.9 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-5}$	0.060	1675.870	1675.719	0.237	0.197	$1.25 imes 10^{-4}$	3.48×10^{-5}	9.71×10^{-5}
²¹⁸ Rn	7.262	$(3.375 \pm 0.015) \times 10^{-2}$	0.106	1687.048	1687.230	0.234	0.248	$8.65 imes 10^{-2}$	4.36×10^{-2}	7.01×10^{-2}

TABLE II. The calculated half-lives with our method, ZZCW, and UNIV. The experimental data Q_{α}^{exp} and $T_{1/2}^{exp}$ is taken from AME2020 [54] and NUBASE2020 [68], respectively.

(Continued.)
TABLE II.

		Experimental data		Π	59	Preformat	tion factor		$T_{1/2}^{ m cal}$	
Parent nucleus	Q^{exp}_{lpha}	$T_{1/2}^{ m exp}$	$\beta_{2, \text{par}}$ (DRHBc)	AME2020	DNN study	AME2020	DNN study	Our result	ZZCW	UNIV
220 Rn	6.405	$(5.56\pm0.01) imes10^1$	0.126	1697.796	1697.858	0.221	0.196	1.50×10^2	1.16×10^{2}	1.12×10^{2}
222 Rn	5.590	$(3.3018 \pm 0.0002) \times 10^5$	0.142	1708.179	1708.144	0.222	0.185	9.37×10^{5}	1.06×10^{6}	6.35×10^{5}
202 Ra	7.880	$(4.1 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-3}$	0.144	1552.485	1551.693	0.248	0.181	$1.89 imes 10^{-2}$	4.61×10^{-3}	$8.64 imes 10^{-3}$
204 Ra	7.637	$(6 \pm 0.9) imes 10^{-2}$	0.131	1571.641	1571.806	0.231	0.256	8.14×10^{-2}	2.86×10^{-2}	$4.65 imes 10^{-2}$
206 Ra	7.415	$(2.4\pm0.2) imes 10^{-1}$	0.115	1590.279	1590.252	0.219	0.207	$5.59 imes 10^{-1}$	$1.62 imes 10^{-1}$	$2.31 imes 10^{-1}$
210 Ra	7.151	$(4.0\pm0.1) imes 10^{0}$	0.049	1625.687	1626.120	0.187	0.255	$3.90 imes 10^{0}$	1.34×10^{0}	$1.63 imes 10^{0}$
214 Ra	7.273	$(2.437 \pm 0.016) \times 10^{0}$	0.000	1658.323	1658.615	0.138	0.204	$1.58 imes 10^{0}$	$3.95 imes 10^{-1}$	$5.08 imes 10^{-1}$
216 Ra	9.526	$(1.72 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-7}$	0.000	1671.267	1671.962	0.239	0.228	2.19×10^{-7}	$4.79 imes 10^{-8}$	$2.27 imes 10^{-7}$
218 Ra	8.540	$(2.591 \pm 0.014) \times 10^{-5}$	0.059	1684.055	1684.379	0.243	0.264	$5.53 imes 10^{-5}$	2.09×10^{-5}	$5.53 imes 10^{-5}$
220 Ra	7.594	$(1.81 \pm 0.12) \times 10^{-2}$	0.093	1696.571	1696.703	0.239	0.210	$4.61 imes 10^{-2}$	2.13×10^{-2}	$3.25 imes 10^{-2}$
222 Ra	6.678	$(3.36 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{1}$	0.122	1708.666	1709.011	0.199	0.209	7.94×10^{1}	6.89×10^{1}	6.14×10^{1}
224 Ra	5.789	$(3.1377 \pm 0.0012) \times 10^{5}$	0.151	1720.303	1720.964	0.184	0.187	8.38×10^{5}	1.04×10^{6}	5.54×10^{5}
226 Ra	4.871	$(5.049\pm0.02) imes10^{10}$	0.187	1731.604	1731.951	0.182	0.158	1.98×10^{11}	3.16×10^{11}	$9.84 imes \ 10^{10}$
$^{208}\mathrm{Th}$	8.202	$(2.4 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-3}$	0.118	1591.735	1591.922		0.251	7.38×10^{-3}	2.39×10^{-3}	4.16×10^{-3}
$^{210}\mathrm{Th}$	8.069	$(1.60 \pm 0.36) \times 10^{-2}$	0.085	1610.506	1610.464	0.234	0.227	$2.04 imes 10^{-2}$	$5.94 imes 10^{-3}$	$9.55 imes 10^{-3}$
212 Th	7.958	$(3.17 \pm 0.13) \times 10^{-2}$	0.040	1628.597	1628.480	0.196	0.227	$4.61 imes 10^{-2}$	1.28×10^{-2}	1.92×10^{-2}
$^{214}\mathrm{Th}$	7.827	$(8.7\pm1) \times 10^{-2}$	0.000	1646.156	1646.998	0.195	0.276	$9.85 imes 10^{-2}$	3.28×10^{-2}	$4.55 imes 10^{-2}$
$^{216}\mathrm{Th}$	8.072	$(2.628 \pm 0.016) \times 10^{-2}$	0.000	1662.695	1662.952	0.159	0.209	$2.00 imes 10^{-2}$	$4.55 imes 10^{-3}$	$7.22 imes 10^{-3}$
$^{218}\mathrm{Th}$	9.849	$(1.22 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-7}$	0.000	1676.769	1677.516	0.251	0.256	$1.63 imes 10^{-7}$	$4.07 imes 10^{-8}$	$1.80 imes 10^{-7}$
$^{220}\mathrm{Th}$	8.973	$(1.02 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-5}$	0.018	1690.589	1690.809	0.243	0.229	2.28×10^{-5}	7.25×10^{-6}	1.92×10^{-5}
222 Th	8.133	$(2.24 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-3}$	0.067	1704.218	1704.640	0.232	0.249	4.50×10^{-3}	2.28×10^{-3}	3.71×10^{-3}
224 Th	7.299	$(1.04 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{0}$	0.081	1717.568	1717.850	0.198	0.204	2.83×10^{0}	1.81×10^{0}	1.81×10^{0}
226 Th	6.453	$(1.842 \pm 0.002) \times 10^3$	0.184	1730.509	1730.909	0.182	0.188	$5.84 imes 10^3$	5.81×10^{3}	3.56×10^{3}
$^{228}\mathrm{Th}$	5.520	$(3.1951\pm 0.002) imes 10^7$	0.227	1743.078	1743.705	0.183	0.213	1.70×10^{8}	3.47×10^{8}	1.24×10^{8}
$^{230}\mathrm{Th}$	4.770	$(2.38 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{12}$	0.243	1755.129	1755.316	0.183	0.176	6.62×10^{12}	2.30×10^{13}	5.31×10^{12}
232 Th	4.082	$(4.40 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{16}$	0.263	1766.688	1766.413	0.160	0.140	1.56×10^{18}	8.25×10^{18}	1.27×10^{18}
216 U	8.531	$(6.9 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-3}$	0.000	1648.362	1649.859	0.206	0.225	4.73×10^{-3}	1.13×10^{-3}	1.83×10^{-3}
218 U	8.775	$(3.54\pm0.91) imes10^{-4}$	0.000	1665.677	1666.961	0.183	0.234	8.62×10^{-4}	1.90×10^{-4}	3.53×10^{-4}
²²² U	9.481	$(4.7 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-6}$	0.000	1695.584	1696.134	0.245	0.238	$5.57 imes 10^{-6}$	1.73×10^{-6}	4.79×10^{-6}
224 U	8.628	$(3.96 \pm 0.17) \times 10^{-4}$	0.000	1710.257	1710.541	0.247	0.210	$1.08 imes 10^{-3}$	4.13×10^{-4}	$6.97 imes 10^{-4}$
226 U	7.701	$(2.69\pm0.06) imes10^{-1}$	0.000	1724.813	1724.947	0.207	0.221	$7.27 imes 10^{-1}$	4.44×10^{-1}	$4.38 imes 10^{-1}$
230 U	5.992	$(1.748 \pm 0.002) \times 10^{6}$	0.246	1752.812	1752.545	0.187	0.184	3.61×10^{6}	9.83×10^{6}	3.63×10^{6}
²³² U	5.414	$(2.17 \pm 0.01) \times 10^9$	0.258	1765.960	1765.870	0.169	0.200	2.37×10^{9}	1.73×10^{10}	4.55×10^{9}
234 U	4.858	$(7.747 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{12}$	0.276	1778.568	1778.714	0.150	0.183	9.06×10^{12}	7.76×10^{13}	1.48×10^{13}
236 U	4.573	$(7.391 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{14}$	0.290	1790.411	1790.047	0.153	0.131	1.34×10^{15}	9.99×10^{15}	1.60×10^{15}
²³⁸ U	4.270	$(1.408 \pm 0.001) \times 10^{17}$	0.288	1801.690	1800.749	0.137	0.104	4.26×10^{17}	3.02×10^{18}	4.04×10^{17}



FIG. 3. Binding energies for selected nuclei. (a) Comparison of binding energies per nucleon between AME2020 and deep neural network (DNN) study in which the DRHBc results are used as training set as a function of parent neutron number N_{par} for even-even isotopes. (b) Difference in the binding energies between DNN study and AME2020 for even-even nuclei. (c) Difference in the binding energies as a function of the quadrupole deformation $\beta_{2,par}$ of the parent nucleus. (d) Same as (b) for even-odd and odd-even isotopes. Nuclei corresponding to each color in (a)–(c) are summarized in (b). The empty marks in (b) and (c) represent nuclei with Fermi energy difference larger than 6 MeV as shown in Fig. 4. Deformation parameters $\beta_{2,par}$ in the DRHBc are summarized in Fig. 5.

standard deviation σ ,

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left(\log_{10} T_{1/2,i}^{\text{cal}} - \log_{10} T_{1/2,i}^{\text{exp}} \right)^2}, \qquad (29)$$



FIG. 4. Fermi energy difference between protons and neutrons in the DRHBc. Vertical dashed line corresponds to the neutron magic number $N_{par} = 126$. Horizontal dashed line corresponds to $\lambda_p - \lambda_n = 6$ MeV. Empty marks are used for nuclei above the horizontal dashed line.

which are plotted as horizontal shaded regions in Fig. 7. Overall, considering the uncertainties in the binding energy estimations by the DNN study, our calculated α -decay half-lives are consistent with the experimental values within $\pm \sigma$. If we compare Fig. 7 with Fig. 5, the calculated α -decay half-lives are consistent with experimental values independently of deformation parameter $\beta_{2,par}$. Below the neutron magic number $N_{par} = 126$, ¹⁷⁰Hg, ¹⁸⁶Po, ²⁰²Ra, and ²⁰⁸Th lie out of the



FIG. 5. Quadrupole deformation of parent nuclei $\beta_{2,par}$ in the DRHBc.



FIG. 6. Preformation factors as a function of parent neutron number N_{par} . (a) Estimated P_{α} from DNN study. (b) Estimated P_{α} with experimental binding energies (AME2020). In (a) nuclei with empty mark in (¹⁷⁰Hg, ¹⁷⁸Pb, ¹⁸⁶Po, ²⁰⁸Th) correspond to the nuclei for which some of the experimental results are not available to obtain P_{α} . (c) The difference between P_{α} of (a) and (b).

shaded region. The reason for this stems partly from limitation in P_{α} calculations. Note that $P_{\alpha,exp}$ for ¹⁷⁰Hg, ¹⁸⁶Po, and ²⁰⁸Th are not available because binding energies for ¹⁶⁹Hg, ¹⁸⁵Po, and ²⁰⁷Th are not available in AME2020. In the DRHBc, $\lambda_p > 0$ for ¹⁷⁰Hg, ¹⁸⁶Po, and ²⁰⁸Th, it may be more difficult to measure the binding energies of ¹⁶⁹Hg, ¹⁸⁵Po, and ²⁰⁸Th. The predictions from theoretical models such as the DRHBc will be important to study such nuclei. The discrepancy in the

 α -decay half-life of ²⁰²Ra is partly because $P_{\alpha} < P_{\alpha,exp}$. Incorrectly estimated P_{α} is not the only cause of discrepancies in the half-lives. For example, the difference in preformation factor of ²¹⁰Ra is large, but the half-life comparison result is very accurate. Beyond the neutron magic number of 130 $< N_{par}$ for Ra and Th isotopes, the predicted α -decay half-lives exceed experimental values, as shown in Fig. 7(a). This mismatch can be hardly explained by overestimated P_{α} and further study



FIG. 7. Our calculated α -decay half-lives as a function of parent neutron number N_{par} . For the easy comparison, Po and Rn are shown in (b) separately. Note that proton-rich nuclei (empty marks) correspond to $\lambda_p - \lambda_n > 6$ MeV as in Fig. 4 and stable nuclei (filled marks) correspond to $\lambda_p - \lambda_n < 6$ MeV as in Fig. 4. Vertical dashed lines correspond to the neutron magic number $N_{\text{par}} = 126$. The width of the horizontal shaded region represents 2σ where $\sigma = 0.437$ is the standard deviation defined in Eq. (29).



FIG. 8. Comparison of our calculated α -decay half-lives and those with empirical formulas (ZZCW and UNIV) with experimental results. (a) Comparison between the results of the DRHBc combined with preformation factors estimated by the DNN study results and experimental values. (b) Comparison between the results of empirical formulas and experimental results. Horizontal shaded regions are the same as in Fig. 7 with standard deviation $\sigma = 0.437$. As shown in Fig. 7, empty and filled symbols indicate proton-rich and stable nuclei, respectively. The calculated half-lives for ²³²Th show the biggest discrepancies with the experimental data even in calculations using empirical formulas.

needs to be conducted. For $130 < N_{par} < 136$ of Po and Rn isotopes [see Fig. 7(b)], our calculated α -decay half-lives are larger than experimental values. This is partly because our estimated P_{α} is smaller than the experimental value as in Fig. 6.

In Fig. 8, the comparison of our calculated α -decay halflives with the experimental α -decay results (AME2020) is shown as function of the experimental α -decay results. In addition, the comparison of the results with empirical formulas, ZZCW [69] and UNIV [70] with the experimental α -decay results is also presented as function of the experimental α -decay results. The details of the empirical formulas are summarized in the Appendix and results from our study with DNN and empirical formulas are summarized in Table III. In Fig. 8(b) $\sigma_{ZZCW} = 0.671$ and $\sigma_{UNIV} = 0.403$, which are comparable to $\sigma = 0.437$ for our DRHBc+DNN study calculation. If we consider only proton-rich nuclei (empty marks in Fig. 8), $\sigma_{\text{DRHBc+DNNstudy}} = 0.405$ and $\sigma_{\text{UNIV}} = 0.467$. This may indicate that DRHBc+DNN study is reasonably consistent with experimental data, except for the stable Ra and Th isotopes ($N_{par} > 126$). The discrepancies of the stable Ra and Th isotopes tend to increase with longer half-lives of the isotopes, except for 214 Ra and 216 Th ($N_{par} = 126$). Especially, the half-life of ²³²Th, the most stable isotope of Th, shows the largest discrepancy. It cannot be explained by the Fermi energy difference between proton and neutron (shown in Fig. 4), the quadrupole deformation of parent nuclei (shown in Fig. 5), and the preformation factor (shown in Fig. 6). Understanding these discrepancies may require further research beyond the WKB approximation, such as generalized density-dependent cluster model [10] and improved density-dependent cluster model [11]. Based on these observations, we extend our study to the nuclei whose α -decay half-lives are not measured experimentally.

In Fig. 9, we compare our predicted α -decay half-lives with empirical formulas results for the nuclei whose α -decay half-lives are not available in experiments. The differences between our prediction and empirical formulas become

significant as Q_{α} decreases. The difference is significant in the range roughly $110 < N_{\text{par}} < 140$ mainly due to small Q_{α} . Note that our calculations are consistent with empirical formulas results within ± 0.7 for Ra, Th, and U isotopes. For Pb isotopes, the differences between our results and the empirical formulas tends to be more apparent.

IV. SUMMARY

In this work, we calculated α -decay half-lives of $74 \leq Z \leq$ 92 even-even isotopes in the framework of the semiclassical WKB approximation with the DRHBc. In order to calculate the α -decay half-lives, it is first necessary to estimate P_{α} . By adopting the cluster-formation model, we estimated P_{α} using the binding energies of the parent nucleus and its neighboring nuclei. Since the mass table for odd-Z nuclei in the DRHBc is in progress, we used the binding energies obtained by DNN study. In this study, the available DRHBc binding energies for even-Z nuclei, and the AME2020 are used as training set for the missing odd-Z nuclei binding energies. When the binding energies are available both in the DRHBc and AME2020, those of AME2020 were used in the training set. Comparing the binding energies obtained by DNN study with AME2020 binding energies for both even-Z and odd-Z nuclei, we found that the binding energies obtained by DNN study are consistent with the AME2020 data within $\approx 0.1\%$ uncertainty. Using the binding energies from the DNN study, we calculated P_{α} .

We found that our estimated α -decay half-lives are qualitatively in agreement with experimental data (NUBASE2020). In our calculation, since there exist several decay modes for each nucleus, we took only 67 experimental data for which the branching ratios of α -decay modes are greater than 99%. The standard deviation σ between our results and experimental data is 0.437, and those between empirical formulas and experimental data are 0.671 for ZZCW and 0.403 for UNIV. Our calculations are comparable to the α -decay half-lives of neutron-deficient nuclei. As an example, new experimental result [71] suggests that Q_{α} and α -decay half-life are 7080(26) TABLE III. The predicted half-lives with our method, ZZCW, and UNIV. The experimental data Q_{α}^{exp} for the DRHBc, ZZCW, and UNIV is taken from AME2020 [54]. The units of Q_{α}^{exp} and $T_{1/2}^{cal}$ are MeV and s, respectively.

		С)ur result	ZZCW	UNIV
Parent nucleus	$Q^{ m exp}_{lpha}$	P_{α}	$T_{1/2}^{ m cal}$	$T_{1/2}^{\mathrm{cal}}$	$T_{1/2}^{ m cal}$
¹⁶⁰ W	6.066	0.273	1.39×10^{-1}	1.02×10^{-1}	1.27×10^{-1}
¹⁶² W	5.678	0.259	4.33×10^{0}	3.19×10^{0}	4.36×10^{0}
¹⁶⁴ W	5.278	0.244	2.59×10^{2}	1.77×10^{2}	2.62×10^{2}
¹⁶⁶ W	4.856	0.255	3.51×10^4	2.27×10^{4}	3.54×10^{4}
¹⁶⁸ W	4.501	0.202	4.90×10^{6}	2.37×10^{6}	3.81×10^{6}
^{170}W	4.143	0.184	1.09×10^{9}	4.86×10^{8}	7.89×10^{8}
^{172}W	3.838	0.186	1.58×10^{11}	8.48×10^{10}	1.36×10^{11}
^{174}W	3.602	0.219	8.00×10^{12}	7.49×10^{12}	1.15×10^{13}
¹⁷⁶ W	3.336	0.171	2.94×10^{15}	2.13×10^{15}	3.07×10^{15}
¹⁷⁸ W	3.013	0.143	1.13×10^{19}	5.71×10^{18}	7.65×10^{18}
¹⁸² W	1.764	0.171	6.30×10^{40}	1.37×10^{40}	1.62×10^{40}
¹⁸⁴ W	1.649	0.157	1.04×10^{44}	2.04×10^{43}	2.09×10^{43}
¹⁸⁰ W	1.116	0.158	5.96×10^{64}	6.08×10^{63}	5.93×10^{63}
¹⁰⁴ Os	6.479	0.266	2.39×10^{-2}	2.08×10^{-2}	2.40×10^{-2}
¹⁶⁶ Os	6.143	0.263	3.79×10^{-1}	3.18×10^{-1}	3.96×10^{-1}
¹⁰⁸ Os	5.816	0.240	$8.18 \times 10^{\circ}$	$5.93 \times 10^{\circ}$	$7.76 \times 10^{\circ}$
¹⁷⁰ Os	5.537	0.238	1.29×10^{2}	9.02×10^{1}	1.21×10^{2}
¹⁷² Os	5.224	0.241	3.66×10^{3}	2.61×10^{3}	3.53×10^{3}
¹⁷⁴ Os	4.871	0.210	1.45×10^{3}	1.85×10^{3}	2.47×10^{3}
¹⁷⁰ Os	4.541	0.197	1.37×10^{7}	1.59×10^{7}	2.04×10^{7}
¹⁷⁸ Os	4.258	0.209	$9.37 \times 10^{\circ}$	1.14×10^{9}	1.38×10^{9}
¹⁸⁰ Os	3.860	0.194	1.05×10^{12}	1.07×10^{12}	1.19×10^{12}
¹⁸² Os	3.373	0.185	3.38×10^{10}	2.49×10^{10}	2.54×10^{10}
¹⁰⁴ Us	2.959	0.165	1.80×10^{21}	9.15×10^{20}	8.35×10^{20}
¹⁰⁰ Os	2.143	0.176	1.25×10^{54}	4.45×10^{55}	3.10×10^{55}
172 D	1.376	0.190	3.74×10^{-5}	7.22×10^{-1}	4.69×10^{-1}
174 P t	6.463	0.235	1.62×10^{-1}	1.31×10^{-1}	1.44×10^{-1}
176 Dt	0.183	0.200	$1.05 \times 10^{\circ}$	$1.41 \times 10^{\circ}$	$1.55 \times 10^{\circ}$
178 Dt	5.005	0.243	1.10×10^{2}	2.24×10^{-10}	2.42×10^{2}
Pt 180 Dt	5.575	0.200	5.18×10^{3}	3.32×10^{4}	$3.34 \times 10^{-1.04}$
Pt 182 Dt	3.270	0.222	8.09×10^{5}	1.40×10^{-10}	1.43×10 7.28 × 10 ⁵
184 D t	4.931	0.201	3.13×10^{7}	1.04×10^8	7.26×10^{7}
186 D t	4.333	0.193	7.90×10^{9}	1.04×10^{9}	5.40×10^9
188 Dt	4.320	0.212	3.97×10^{12}	1.60×10^{12}	5.54×10^{12}
192 D t	4.007	0.195	1.30×10^{30}	1.09×10^{30}	1.03×10^{30}
194 D t	2.424	0.178	4.90×10^{52}	2.34×10^{10} 9.82×10^{51}	1.19×10^{10}
¹⁹⁶ Pt	0.813	0.168	7.85×10^{91}	3.52×10^{90}	1.53×10^{90}
²⁰⁶ Pt	0.865	0.100	7.03×10^{10} 2.07 × 10 ⁸⁷	3.32×10^{86}	4.22×10^{85}
¹⁷⁶ Ho	6 897	0.127	3.25×10^{-2}	2.81×10^{-2}	7.22×10^{-2}
¹⁷⁸ Ho	6 577	0.286	1.35×10^{-1}	3.59×10^{-1}	3.13×10^{-1}
¹⁸⁰ Hg	6.258	0.262	2.19×10^{0}	$5.76 \times 10^{\circ}$	4.84×10^{0}
¹⁸² Hg	5.996	0.236	2.86×10^{1}	6.88×10^{1}	5.43×10^{1}
¹⁸⁴ Hø	5.660	0.234	9.62×10^2	2.19×10^{3}	1.59×10^{3}
¹⁸⁶ Hg	5.204	0.234	2.12×10^5	4.28×10^{5}	2.82×10^5
¹⁸⁸ Hg	4.709	0.222	1.98×10^{8}	3.28×10^{8}	1.92×10^{8}
¹⁹⁰ Hg	4.069	0.176	9.48×10^{12}	1.07×10^{13}	5.51×10^{12}
¹⁹² Hg	3.385	0.179	1.98×10^{19}	1.80×10^{19}	8.03×10^{18}
¹⁹⁴ Hg	2.698	0.178	1.78×10^{28}	6.50×10^{27}	2.49×10^{27}
¹⁹⁶ Hg	2.038	0.175	3.05×10^{40}	7.84×10^{39}	2.57×10^{39}
¹⁹⁸ Hg	1.381	0.175	4.38×10^{60}	6.15×10^{59}	1.78×10^{59}
²⁰⁸ Hg	1.930	0.141	6.74×10^{42}	6.90×10^{42}	5.35×10^{41}
²¹⁰ Hg	1.515	0.132	1.67×10^{55}	1.02×10^{55}	8.59×10^{53}
²¹² Hg	1.095	0.114	3.04×10^{74}	7.97×10^{73}	7.55×10^{72}

		TABL	E III. (Continued.)		
		(Our result	ZZCW	UNIV
Parent nucleus	$Q^{ m exp}_{lpha}$	P_{lpha}	$T_{1/2}^{\mathrm{cal}}$	$T_{1/2}^{\mathrm{cal}}$	$T_{1/2}^{ m cal}$
¹⁸⁴ Pb	6.774	0.265	1.56×10^{-1}	7.92×10^{-1}	3.35×10^{-1}
¹⁸⁶ Pb	6.471	0.238	2.53×10^{0}	9.16×10^{0}	4.23×10^{0}
¹⁸⁸ Pb	6.109	0.253	7.73×10^{1}	2.43×10^{2}	1.17×10^{2}
¹⁹⁰ Pb	5.698	0.236	6.79×10^{3}	1.61×10^{4}	7.75×10^{3}
¹⁹² Pb	5.222	0.194	2.50×10^{6}	4.19×10^{6}	1.93×10^{6}
¹⁹⁴ Pb	4.738	0.201	4.41×10^{9}	3.05×10^{9}	1.28×10^{9}
¹⁹⁶ Pb	4.238	0.207	1.41×10^{13}	9.51×10^{12}	3.50×10^{12}
¹⁹⁸ Pb	3.692	0.156	8.85×10^{17}	4.25×10^{17}	1.31×10^{17}
²⁰⁰ Pb	3.150	0.146	6.27×10^{23}	2.65×10^{23}	6.59×10^{22}
²⁰² Pb	2.589	0.143	5.40×10^{31}	1.98×10^{31}	3.83×10^{30}
²⁰⁴ Pb	1.969	0.126	1.97×10^{44}	4.92×10^{43}	7.26×10^{42}
²⁰⁶ Pb	1.135	0.118	2.85×10^{75}	2.59×10^{74}	3.16×10^{73}
²¹⁰ Pb	3.792	0.111	6.14×10^{16}	1.30×10^{16}	9.17×10^{15}
²¹² Pb	3.292	0.098	8.14×10^{21}	8.04×10^{20}	8.98×10^{20}
²¹⁴ Pb	2.692	0.115	5.61×10^{29}	3.30×10^{28}	5.48×10^{28}
²¹⁶ Pb	2.065	0.095	4.24×10^{41}	9.76×10^{39}	2.30×10^{40}
²¹⁸ Pb	1.434	0.079	6.26×10^{60}	4.89×10^{58}	1.59×10^{59}
¹⁹⁶ Po	6.658	0.249	6.15×10^{0}	6.05×10^{0}	3.91×10^{0}
¹⁹⁸ Po	6.310	0.180	2.17×10^{2}	1.58×10^{2}	8.87×10^{1}
²⁰⁰ Po	5.982	0.200	5.40×10^{3}	4.71×10^{3}	2.18×10^{3}
²⁰² Po	5.701	0.164	1.41×10^{5}	1.16×10^{5}	4.21×10^{4}
²⁰⁴ Po	5.485	0.184	2.23×10^{6}	1.75×10^{6}	4.76×10^{5}
²⁰⁶ Po	5.327	0.164	1.68×10^{7}	1.56×10^{7}	3.03×10^{6}
²²⁰ Po	5.329	0.178	3.98×10^{6}	7.82×10^{5}	1.63×10^{6}
²²² Po	4.432	0.103	3.60×10^{12}	2.65×10^{11}	6.50×10^{11}
²²⁴ Po	3.355	0.088	2.83×10^{22}	1.04×10^{21}	2.85×10^{21}
¹⁹⁸ Rn	7.349	0.211	1.37×10^{-1}	7.93×10^{-2}	8.37×10^{-2}
²⁰⁰ Rn	7.043	0.242	1.43×10^{0}	9.71×10^{-1}	8.86×10^{-1}
²⁰² Rn	6.774	0.197	1.79×10^{1}	1.08×10^{1}	8.11×10^{0}
²⁰⁴ Rn	6.547	0.191	1.44×10^{2}	9.85×10^{1}	5.80×10^{1}
²⁰⁶ Rn	6.384	0.205	8.14×10^{2}	5.68×10^{2}	2.50×10^{2}
²⁰⁸ Rn	6.261	0.209	2.65×10^{3}	2.45×10^{3}	7.66×10^{2}
²¹⁰ Rn	6.159	0.167	9.16×10^{3}	9.29×10^{3}	1.97×10^{3}
²²⁴ Rn	4.757	0.190	7.89×10^{10}	2.14×10^{10}	4.65×10^{10}
²²⁶ Rn	3.836	0.159	1.80×10^{18}	3.18×10^{17}	7.61×10^{17}
²²⁸ Rn	2.908	0.135	7.96×10^{28}	1.30×10^{28}	3.23×10^{28}
²³⁰ Rn	2.196	0.094	3.66×10^{41}	4.08×10^{40}	9.91×10^{40}
²⁰⁸ Ra	7.273	0.210	1.72×10^{0}	9.22×10^{-1}	6.54×10^{-1}
²¹² Ra	7.032	0.179	1.49×10^{1}	1.19×10^{1}	4.07×10^{0}
²²⁸ Ra	4.070	0.156	2.32×10^{17}	4.90×10^{16}	1.04×10^{17}
²³⁰ Ra	3.344	0.130	5.84×10^{24}	9.80×10^{23}	2.13×10^{24}
²³² Ra	2.829	0.096	4.79×10^{31}	7.56×10^{30}	1.55×10^{31}
²³⁴ Ra	2.336	0.088	2.03×10^{40}	3.59×10^{39}	6.50×10^{39}
²³⁴ Th	3.672	0.135	1.26×10^{22}	6.00×10^{21}	1.04×10^{22}
²³⁶ Th	3.333	0.099	9.51×10^{25}	4.14×10^{25}	6.15×10^{25}
²³⁸ Th	3.169	0.100	1.28×10^{28}	5.70×10^{27}	6.66×10^{27}
²²⁰ U	10.290	0.221	8.95×10^{-8}	2.70×10^{-7}	8.24×10^{-8}
²²⁸ U	6.800	0.219	1.15×10^{3}	6.87×10^{2}	8.81×10^{2}
²⁴⁰ U	4.035	0.107	5.99×10^{19}	4.46×10^{19}	4.43×10^{19}
²⁴² U	3.670	0.080	4.11×10^{23}	2.41×10^{23}	1.76×10^{23}

keV and 201^{+58}_{-37} , respectively, and our calculated α -decay half-life of ¹⁶⁰Os using $Q_{\alpha} = 7.08$ MeV is 306 µs (307 µs in ZZCW and 288 µs in UNIV). The α -decay half-life prediction for ²³²Th, the most stable isotope of Th, shows largest dis-

crepancy both in our approach and in the empirical formulas. We noticed that the differences in α -decay half-lives estimated in our approach and experimental data are not so sensitive to quadrupole deformation of the parent nucleus $\beta_{2, \text{par}}$.



FIG. 9. Comparison of our calculated α -decay half-lives between our approach and the empirical formulas (ZZCW and UNIV) for the nuclei whose α -decay half-lives are not measured experimentally. (a) as a function of Q_{α} and (b) as a function of parent neutron number N_{par} . Empty marks represent proton-rich nuclei. In this plot, all isotopes with $Q_{\alpha} > 0$ between W and U are included.

Based on these observations, we extended our predictions of α -decay half-lives for the isotopes whose experimental data are not available. For these isotopes, we compare our results with those obtained using the empirical formulas ZZCW and UNIV, and found that the standard deviations of half-lives for the isotopes with small Q_{α} increase roughly by a factor of two.

In this study, we focused on α -decay half-lives by using the density distributions calculated from the DRHBc within the WKB approximation. Extension to one-proton emission within the same approximation is in progress.

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APPENDIX: EMPIRICAL FORMULAS FOR α-DECAY HALF-LIVES

In the absence of experimental data to compare, our results must be discussed using alternative calculations. We introduce two recent empirical formulae as tools to simply calculate α -decay half-lives and compare our results.

(1) ZZCW: Sahu *et al.* [72] introduced a semiempirical relationship based on the resonance phenomenon by considering the parent nucleus as a quantum two-body system of the ejected particle and the daughter nucleus. However, their calculated α -decay half-lives are unsatisfactory compared to the experimental results. Based on the Sahu formula [72], by considering a precise radius formula and an analytic expression for preformation factor, Zhang *et al.* [69] proposed an improved semiempirical relationship for α -decay half-lives (denoted as ZZCW). ZZCW is given as

$$\log_{10} \left(T_{1/2}^{\text{ZZCW}}[s] \right) = a Z_{\alpha} Z_{\text{d}} \sqrt{\mu_A / Q_{\alpha}} + b \sqrt{\mu_A Z_{\alpha} Z_{\text{d}}} + c + d, \qquad (A1)$$

where $T_{\text{cal}}[s]$ is the half-life measured in seconds and Z_{α} and Z_{d} denote the proton number of α particle and daughter nucleus, respectively. The reduced mass number μ_A is defined by $\mu_A = A_{\alpha}A_{\text{d}}/A_{\text{par}}$, where A_{α}, A_{d} , and A_{par} are the mass number of the α particle, daughter nucleus, and parent nucleus, respectively. For the detailed description of the parameters *a*, *b*, *c*, and *d* we refer to Zhang *et al.* [69]. They found that ZZCW significantly improved the accuracy of the α -decay half-lives in comparison with experimental results. Based on the success, they predicted α -decay half-lives of the Z = 118-121 isotopes and a magic number effect at $N_{\text{par}} = 184$.

(2) UNIV: Single universal curve for cluster radioactivities and α decay was proposed by Poenaru *et al.* [70] for even-even, even-odd, and odd-even parent nuclei. Due to the lack of successful experiment on cluster radioactivities of odd-odd parent nuclei, parameters for odd-odd parent nuclei were not provided. The proposed formula for even-even isotopes (denoted as UNIV) is given as

$$\log_{10} \left(T_{1/2}^{\text{UNIV}}[s] \right) = -\log_{10} P - \log_{10} S + c_{ee}, \quad (A2)$$

where $-\log_{10} P = 0.22873 \sqrt{\mu_A Z_d Z_\alpha R_b} [\arccos \sqrt{r} - \sqrt{r(1-r)}]$, $\log_{10} S = -0.598(A_\alpha - 1)$, and $c_{ee} = -22.16917$. $r = R_t/R_b$, $R_t = 1.2249(A_d^{1/3} + A_\alpha^{1/3})$, and $R_b = 1.43998Z_d Z_\alpha/Q_\alpha$. This formula was obtained by plotting the sum of the decimal logarithm of the half-life and cluster preformation factor versus the decimal logarithm of the penetrability of external barrier [70]. Akrawy and Poenaru [73] found that UNIV gives quite good results for the α decays of even-even nuclei and suggest that UNIV may be good for the α -decay half-lives of superheavy nuclei.

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