Neutrinoless double beta decay: what can lattice QCD teach us beyond the Standard Model

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The Standard Model and Beyond



Dark matter





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Matter-antimatter asymmetry

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nEDM at PS

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Takaaki Kajita (Super-K) Arthur B. McDonald (SNO) Nobel Prize, 2015









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Neutrinoless mode can be isolated using spectroscopic methods




Experiment

Majorana ⁷⁶Ge Gerda

76**Ge**

nEXO

136Xe

Sno+ ¹³⁰Te







From NSAC Long Range Plan 2015

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Capozzi, Valentino, Lisi, Marrone, Melchiorri, Palazzo Phys.Rev. D95 (2017) no.9, 096014 missing something important!





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 $\sim e^{-A(M_n-3/2m_\pi)t}$



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OVERLAP PROBLEM

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Kaplan, Endres, Lee, A.N. (2011)



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Prezeau, Ramsey-Musolf, Vogel (2003)





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Unknown from experiment





















































What depends on g_A ?



• Free neutron lifetime



 $\bar{\nu}_e$

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- Nuclear beta decay

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Nucleon Axial Charge in Full Lattice QCD

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R. G. Edwards, G. T. Fleming, Ph. Hägler, J. W. Negele, K. Orginos, A. V. Pochinsky, D. B. Renner, D. G. Richards, and W. Schroers (LHPC Collaboration) Phys. Rev. Lett. **96**, 052001 – Published 7 February 2006

Nuclear



The axial charge is the ideal starting point in the quest for precision lattice calculation of hadron structure for several reasons. It is accurately measured experimentally and the isovector combination $\langle 1 \rangle_{\Delta u} - \langle 1 \rangle_{\Delta d}$ has no contributions from disconnected diagrams, which are much more computationally demanding than the connected diagrams considered in this work. The functional dependence on both m_{π}^2 and volume is known at small masses from chiral perturbation theory (χ PT) [5,6] and renormalization of the lattice axial vector current can be performed accurately nonperturbatively using the five-dimensional conserved current for domain wall fermions. Thus. conceptually, it is a "gold plated" test of our ability to calculate hadron observables from first principles on the lattice. In addition, since it is known to be particularly sensitive to finite lattice volume effects that reduce the contributions of the pion cloud [7,8], it is also a stringent test of our control of finite volume artifacts.



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Can already place stronger constraints on right-handed BSM currents than collider experiments

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Alioli, S., Cirigliano,V., Dekens,W., de Vries, J., and Mereghetti, E. JHEP 05, 086 (2017)











 $\frac{dE}{d\lambda} = \langle \psi | J | \psi \rangle$

calculation - found benefit in using earlier times where signal is more precise





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CalLat, Phys.Rev. D96 (2017) no.5, 054513



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- DWF:
- Chiral symmetry breaking exponentially suppressed
 - g_A/g_V is a quantitative measure of chiral symmetry breaking
 - Discretization effects come in at O(a²)
- Gradient flow method for smearing configs
 - $m_{res} < 0.1 m_{\ell}$ for moderate L_5

Narayanan, Neuberger (2006), Luscher (2010)

improved statistics

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The a12m130 (483 x 64 x 20) with 3 sources cost as much as all other ensembles combined

□ 2.5 weekends on Sierra \rightarrow 16 srcs □ Now, 32 srcs (un-constrained, 3-state fit)

□ We generated a new a15m135XL (48³ x 64) ensemble (old a15m130 is 32³ x 48)

 $\Box M\pi L = 4.93$ (old $M\pi L = 3.2$)

 $\Box L_5 = 24$, N_{src} = 16

$$g_A = 1.2711(125) \rightarrow 1.2641(93) [0.74\%]$$

 \Box We are running $g_A(Q^2)$ on Summit this year (DOE INCITE)

 \Box We anticipate improving g_A to ~0.5%

Slides from A. Walker-Loud, Lattice 2019





Long-range pion calculation

- Easy to compute pion physics on the lattice!
 - Clean signals
 - Single particle
- No 4-quark FH (yet!), so we'll use standard 3-pt



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- Can perform exact momentum projection at source and sink
- $\Delta I = 2$ no disconnected pieces from

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Left-right symmetric models





Prezeau, Ramsey-Musolf, Vogel (2003), Savage (1999)

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Agrees to 2σ with: V. Cirigliano, W. Dekens, M. Graesser, E. Mereghetti Phys.Lett. B769 (2017) 460-464





- Why calculate it?
 - Higher contributions formally NNLO (Weinberg counting)
 - Nuclear matrix elements currently have ~100% uncertainties
- The spin singlet channel is finely-tuned, leading to issues with Weinberg counting
- LO contribution vanishes for some BSM models
- Contact operator for standard double beta decay found to be important at heavy pion mass (NPLQCD '17)



Cirigliano, V., Dekens, W., de Vries, J., Mereghetti, E., Graesser, M., Pastore, S., van Kolck, U arXiv:1802.10097





- Isospin limit: 576 contractions Doi & Endres, Originos et. al., Günther et. al.
- Baryon signal-to-noise problem, small excited state energy splittings,
- Cannot fix all momenta
 - otherwise all-to-all propagators connect to 4-quark operator
 - stochastically project onto zero total momentum
- Need phase shifts to connect to infinite volume

R. Briceño, M. Hansen Phys.Rev. D94 (2016) no.1, 013008









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 - Why? Just as in short-range operator case, EFT may not be reliable
 - Very difficult! both computationally and theoretically





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Lower pion mass? Difficulty lies in spectroscopy

 $\langle \mathcal{O}(t)\mathcal{O}^{\dagger}(0)\rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}(0)e^{-Ht}\mathcal{O}(0)\rangle = \sum |\langle 0|\mathcal{O}|n\rangle|^2 e^{-E_n t}$ n ψ_n d

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Effective mass
plot:
$$M_{\text{eff}} \equiv \ln \frac{C(t)}{C(t+1)}$$

 $\xrightarrow[t \to \infty]{} E_0$



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Inelastic single body $\Delta E \sim m_{\pi}$

Improved NN



Long time behavior of NN correlator dominated by inelastic single nucleon excited state

Need to improve single nucleon interpolating operator for earlier plateaus









- Some new developments:
 - Exponentially improved NN operators will allow us to lower the pion mass
 - HOBET in a periodic box
 - more direct path from finite volume lattice results to nuclear many-body techniques (with W. Haxton and K. McElvain)
- Results to come!



Summary

- LQCD can be used as a step toward connecting experimental signals to BSM models
- Nucleon axial charge
 - LQCD calculations are becoming reliably accurate and precise
 - Can be extended to calculate g_A quenching effects
- $\pi^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{+} 0\nu\beta\beta$ matrix element
 - Complete LQCD calculation at the physical point of leading shortrange contribution
 - To do: Plug the results into your favorite many-body calculation!
- Two-nucleon contact
 - Testing new method for two nucleon operators
 - Machinery in place for calculating 3-point function
 - Advances in calculating light neutrino contributions may lead to calculation of non-perturbative NN ampitudes

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