Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay from Lattice QCD





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$M_D \sim 200 GeV \quad m_l \sim 0.05 eV$ $M_R \sim 10^{15} GeV$

If observed, could help explain matter/anti-matter asymmetry in the universe!





Jansen (1996) Bödeker, Moore, Rummukainen (2000) Fodor (2000)

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Second order, allowed



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Sno+ ¹³⁰Te



Gerda

⁷⁶Ge

How can LQCD contribute?

Standard picture: long-range contribution









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Calculate LECs; EFT then determines nn \rightarrow pp transition via pion exchange diagram

| $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay ops. | $\mathcal{O}_{1+}^{\pm\pm}$ | $\mathcal{O}_{2+}^{\pm\pm}$ | $\mathcal{O}_{2-}^{\pm\pm}$ | $\mathcal{O}_{3+}^{\pm\pm}$ | $\mathcal{O}_{3-}^{\pm\pm}$ | $\mathcal{O}_{4+}^{\pm\pm,\mu}$ | $\mathcal{O}_{4-}^{\pm\pm,\mu}$ | $\mathcal{O}^{\pm\pm,\mu}_{5+}$ | $\mathcal{O}_{5-}^{\pm\pm,\mu}$ |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| $\pi\pi ee \text{ LO}$ | ✓ | ✓ | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| $\pi\pi ee$ NNLO | ✓ | ✓ | X | ✓ | X | X | X | X | X |
| $NN\pi ee$ LO | X | X | \checkmark | X | X | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark |
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Left-right symmetric models





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

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HISQ ensembles

| $a[fm]: m_{\pi}[MeV]$ 310 | | 220 | 135 | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 0.15 | $16^3 \times 48, m_{\pi}L \sim 3.78$ | $24^3 \times 48, m_{\pi}L \sim 3.99$ | $32^3 \times 48, m_{\pi}L \sim 3.25$ | | |
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| 0.12 | | $40^3 \times 64, m_{\pi}L \sim 5.36$ | | | |
| 0.09 | $32^3 \times 96, m_{\pi}L \sim 4.50$ | $48^3 \times 96, m_{\pi}L \sim 4.73$ | | | |

- Möbius DWF on HISQ
- Gradient flow method for smearing configs
 - m_{res} < 0.1 $m_{\ell}\,$ for moderate L_5
- Wall + point sources for pions
- ~ 1000 cfgs, 1 source/cfg

MILC Collaboration Phys. Rev. D87 (2013) 054505 Narayanan, Neuberger (2006), Luscher (2010) K. Orginos, C. Monahan (private communication)



















Summary

- $0\nu\beta\beta$: search for Majorana mass signature
 - Lepton number violation could be source of matter/anti-matter asymmetry
 - Huge experimental efforts planned/underway
 - LQCD can make major impact on understanding of short-range operators
- Preliminary results for $\pi^{-} \rightarrow \pi^{+}$ matrix element
 - Multiple pion masses, lattice spacings, volumes
 - Pion mass dependence as expected from chiral EFT counting
- To do:
 - Renormalization Buras, Misiak, Urban (2000), Tiburzi (2012)
 - Extrapolations in pion mass/lattice spacing
 - Other contact operators....







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*Doi & Endres, Originos et. al., Günther et. al.

Contractions

- Isospin limit: 576 contractions
- Extension of unified contraction method*
- Need position space source & sink
 - otherwise all-to-all propagators connect to 4-quark operator
 - stochastically project onto zero total momentum







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Iso-clover cfgs (W. Detmold, R.Edwards, D. Richards, K. Orginos)



Need displaced operators!

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Finite volume formalism for 2 → 2 matrix elements completed:
R. Briceño, M. Hansen Phys.Rev. D94 (2016) no.1,013008
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Ton-scale Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay (Ονββ) - A Notional Timeline

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