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UNCOVERING NEW-PHYSICS SIGNALS IN NUCLEONS AND NUCLEI WITH LATTICE QCD

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LATTICE QCD TOUCHES ON ALMOST ALL AREAS OF HEP



GRAND PICTURE OF NEW PHYSICS DISCOVERY IN NUCLEON AND NUCLEI: EXAMPLE OF $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay



Cirigliano, ZD et al (USQCD), Eur. Phys. J. A (2019) 55: 197.

MORE DETAILS ON THE ROADMAP FROM QCD TO NUCLEAR OBSERVABLES FOR HEP



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Example: Axial charge and form factors of the nucleon from lattice QCD





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- Tonne-scale experiment planned in the U.S., design and interpretation of the results requires nuclear matrix elements in various scenarios.
- LNV from dimension-5 operator (light Majorana neutrino exchange)

$$\langle \pi^+ | S_{NL} | \pi^- \rangle, \ \langle p\pi^+ | S_{NL} | n \rangle, \ \langle pp | S_{NL} | nn \rangle$$
$$S_{NL} = \int dx \, dy \, S_0(x-y) \ T \left(J^+_\alpha(x) J^+_\beta(y) \right) \ g^{\alpha\beta}$$

 LNV from dimension-9 operators ("shortdistance" mechanisms). Requires matrix elements of 4-quark charge-changing operators

$$\langle \pi^+ | O_i | \pi^- \rangle, \langle p \pi^+ | O_i | n \rangle, \langle p p | O_i | n n \rangle$$



the $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay of the pion.



Nicholson et al (CalLatt), Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 172501 (2018).



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 Standard Model input is necessary to interpret the results of DM searches and translate these into limits on DM models.



• The low-energy limit of a generic spinindependent interaction is scalar coupling to any quark flavor.

MOTIVATION AND

- Lattice QCD is the key tool to obtain the strange contributions.
- Spin-dependent couplings and other interactions require knowledge of parton structure of nuclei.



SIGMA TERMS IN NUCLEON

$$\left[\sigma_{\pi N} = \frac{1}{2}(m_u + m_d)\langle N|\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d|N\rangle\right]$$



$$\sigma_s = m_s \langle N | \bar{s}s | N \rangle$$





Aoki et al (Flavor Lattice Averaging Group), FLAG Review (2021).





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Reliable matrix elements will help establish pattern of LFV signatures in various decay channels depending on the underlying mechanism.





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- GUT and SUSY-GUT constraints require $p \rightarrow$ meson matrix elements. Some models predict suppression of p decay matrix elements due to nonperturbative dynamics.
- Upcoming DUNE will examine $p \rightarrow K l \nu$ and $p \rightarrow \pi \pi e^+$ decays with better precision, future hyper-K will further improve *p*-decay constraints.

 $\langle \pi^0 | \epsilon_{ijk}(u^{iT} C P_{R,L} d^j) P_L u^k | p \rangle$ $\langle \pi^+ | \epsilon_{ijk}(u^{iT}CP_{R,L}d^j)P_Ld^k | p \rangle$

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Form factors parametrizing the shown normalized matrix elements at given values of momentum transfer:





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- Some models of B-L violation do not allow the proton decay, therefore, neutron-antineutron oscillation bounds can provide powerful constraints.
- Two types of experiments: slow neutron beams and oscillation in nuclear medium with a distinct 5-pion final state.

 Theoretical uncertainties in neutron beam expts easier to control. Bounds could be improved by a factor of 1000 in next experiments.

MOTIVATION AND

TARGET OBSERVABLES

 Lattice QCD evaluates matrix elements of 6-quark operators that convert a neutron to an antineutron.

$$\frac{1}{\tau_{n\bar{n}}} = \delta m = c_{BSM}(\mu_{BSM}, \mu_W) c_{QCD}(\mu_W, \Lambda_{QCD}) \langle \bar{n} | \mathscr{O} | n \rangle$$





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- Permanent EDM of protons, neutrons and nuclei would be the best evidence for CP violation beyond the SM.
- Several neutron EDM experiments are planned (SNS and LANL in the U.S.), improving the limits by 2 orders of magnitude.





- Constraining BSM requires combining different non-zero EDM results and matching between nuclear-level EDM and quark/gluon effective CP violating operators.
- Quark EDM and tensor charges essentially done, more on isoscalar and strange/charm to be done. the rest of EDM contributions yet unconstrained.

$$\mathcal{L}_{6}^{CPV} = -\frac{i}{2} \sum_{f=e,u,d,s} \mathbf{d}_{f} \, \bar{f} \sigma \cdot F \gamma_{5} f - \frac{i}{2} \sum_{q=u,d,s} \tilde{\mathbf{d}}_{q} \, g_{s} \, \bar{q} \sigma \cdot G \gamma_{5} q + \mathbf{d}_{W} \frac{g_{s}}{6} G \tilde{G} G + \sum_{i} C_{i}^{(4f)} O_{i}^{(4f)}$$

See e.g., Bhattacharya et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 115, 212002. Alarcon et al, arXiv:2203.08103 [hep-ph].



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Need more resource assessments and sensitivity analysis using synthetic data for nuclear matrix elements. $\Delta_{\beta\beta} = 10\%, \, \Delta_E = 10\%$ $\Delta_{\beta} = 1\%, \, \Delta_E = \Delta_{\widetilde{E}} = 1\%$ 2.0 Leading-order -150 Leading-order $\widetilde{L}_{1,A} \, [{\rm MeV}]$ $\sum_{\substack{N \in \mathcal{S} \\ i \in \mathcal{S}}} 1.5$ $0\nu\beta\beta$ coupling two-nucleon -400 with light correlated axial -650 Majorana coupling 0.5 neutrinos -900 14 10 12 16 8 8 10 12 14 16 ZD, Kadam, Phys. Rev. D 105 (2022) 9, 094502. *L* [fm] *L* [fm]



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TO SUMMARIZE:

Theorists supporting the research program in searches for new physics in rare processes in nucleon and nuclei include high-energy physicists building the high-scale models, QCD physicists matching high-scale models to hadronic-scale quantities, and nuclear physicists matching the hadronic quantities to nuclear-scale quantities for experiment. The synergy among these communities will be essential.

Lattice field theorists have long identified the impactful calculations in this area and are pushing the frontiers of **exploratory** as well as **mature full-scale computations** of quantities of relevance to this program.

The quantities of interest are a set of local (and bi-local) nucleon and nuclear matrix elements associated with SM or beyond the SM quark- and gluon-level currents. Few percent uncertainties in nucleon matrix elements and <50% uncertainties in few-nucleon matrix elements are achievable goals of this program over the next decade.

To expedite the computations and combat signal-to-noise and sign problems associated with finite-density systems and/or dynamical quantities, lattice field theorists are exploring new computational paradigms such as machine learning and quantum computing.















