# BEYOND-THE-STANDARD-MODEL PHYSICS WITH HADRONS AND NUCLEI

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#### The search for something non-Standard...



**13.6 billion years** 









**Theoretical puzzles** 

$$\frac{m_{\rm Higgs}}{m_{\rm Planck}} \sim 10^{-16}$$

$$\frac{m_e}{m_t} \sim 10^{-6}$$

 $\bar{\theta}_{CP} < 10^{-10}$ 

### The search for something non-Standard...

#### Energy



Reach ~ Collider Energy LHC, FCC, CEPC, ....

#### Probe indirect BSM effects with known (sometimes no) SM background



Examples: Flavor, g-2, EDMs,  $0v\beta\beta$ , proton decay Also: colliders if BSM scale too high!

**Reach ~ experimental and theoretical accuracy** 

#### **Case in Point**



From resonaances.blogspot.com

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- Dark Matter direct detection
- Axion searches
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2 examples with a lot of overlap

#### A general Standard-Model-EFT framework





Effects of heavy BSM fields capture by local effective operators

Most relevant SMEFT operators at dimension five (n=1) and six (n=2)

### **Two low-energy searches for BSM physics**

I) Neutrinoless double beta decay

Dim-5



**II) Electric dipole moments** 

Dim-6



## Neutrino masses in SM-EFT

- Neutrinos are formally massless in the SM  $\rightarrow$  but neutrino oscillations ....
- Easy fix: Insert gauge-singlet right-handed neutrino  $v_{\rm R}$

$$\mathscr{L} = -y_{\nu} \, \bar{L} \tilde{H} \nu_R - M_R \, \nu_R^T C \nu_R$$

• Integrate out heavy right-handed neutrinos



• Obtain the single dimension-5 SMEFT operator

Neutrino Majorana mass

$$\mathscr{L}_{5} = \frac{c_{5}}{\Lambda} \left( L^{T} C \tilde{H} \right) (\tilde{H}^{T} L)$$
  $\mathscr{L}_{5} = c_{5} \frac{\nu^{2}}{\Lambda} \nu^{T} C \nu$  Weinberg '79

- Violates an accidental SM symmetry: Lepton Number
- Implies neutrino are Majorana states → connection to leptogenesis

## Low-energy probes of LNV

- How to determine that neutrinos are Majorana states ? • Most promising way: look at `neutrinoless' processes  $K^- \rightarrow \pi^+ + e^- + e^- \quad pp \rightarrow e^+ + e^+ + \text{jets}$   $X(Z, N) \rightarrow Y(Z + 2, N - 2) + e^- + e^-$ 
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- Exchange of light Majorana Neutrinos:  $\Gamma \sim 1/\tau \sim |M_{0\nu}|^2 m_{\beta\beta}^2$





'Band' due to hadronic/nuclear uncertainties

Next-generation discovery possible if inverted hierarchy or m<sub>lightest</sub> >0.05 eV

Or if there is a different LNV mechanism !

#### **Towards reliable theoretical predictions**

• Assuming 'standard' mechanism: uncertainties from hadronic & nuclear theory



- Goals: reduce uncertainty using chiral EFT + lattice + ab initio calculations
- I. Chiral EFT: strong nuclear force and electroweak currents
- 2. Lattice: Compute low-energy constants (hadronic matrix elements)
- 3. Ab initio: Nuclear structure and nuclear transition amplitudes

- Neutrinos are still degrees of freedom in low-energy chiral EFT
- Leads to 'long-range' nn → pp + ee



 $\nu_L \leftarrow$ 

 $\mathcal{V}_{I}$ 

$$V_{\nu} = (2G_F^2 m_{\beta\beta})\tau_1^+ \tau_2^+ \frac{1}{\mathbf{q}^2} \left[ (1 + 2g_A^2) + \frac{g_A^2 m_\pi^4}{(\mathbf{q}^2 + m_\pi^2)} \right] \otimes \bar{e}_L e_L^c$$

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- Story changes once we consider initial- and final-state interactions
- Nucleon-nucleon scattering states generated from leading-order potential

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 $V_{\text{strong}} = C_0 - \frac{g_A^2}{4f_\pi^2} \frac{m_\pi^2}{\mathbf{q}^2 + m_\pi^2}$ 

$$\sim (1+2g_A^2) \left(\frac{m_N C_0}{4\pi}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log \frac{\mu^2}{p^2}\right)$$

**New divergences** 

Cirigliano, Dekens, JdV, Graesser, Mereghetti, Pastore, van Kolck PRL '18

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- Logarithmic regulator dependence !
- Requires a counter term: a short-range nn → pp + ee operator

### A new leading-order contribution



'Long-range' neutrino-exchange included in all calculations 'Short-distance' neutrino exchange required by renormalization of amplitude

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- Crucial input for nuclear calculations of neutrinoless double beta decay
- How to determine the value of this matrix element ?

## A connection to electromagnetism

• A neutrino-exchange process looks like a photon-exchange process



- Isospin-breaking nucleon-nucleon scattering data determines  $C_1+C_2$
- Electromagnetism conserves parity (L + R) coupling and  $g_v \sim C_1$  only
- Large-Nc arguments indicates  $C_1 + C_2 \gg C_1 C_2$

Richardson, Schindler, Pastore, Springer '21

 We assume g<sub>v</sub>~(C<sub>1</sub>+C<sub>2</sub>)/2, what happens to neutrinoless double beta decay ?

### Impact on nuclear matrix elements

Short Range

0.5

Cirigliano, Dekens, JdV, et al PRC '19

• Use chiral potentials to generate wave functions

Long Range

0.7

• Extract  $g_v \sim (C_1 + C_2)/2$  from same potential



- Short-distance effects are sizable and change matrix elements by O(1)
- **Caveat-I** Based on  $g_v \sim (C_1 + C_2)/2$  relation
- Caveat-2 No calculations yet for heavier nuclei

Ab Initio Treatment of Collective Correlations and the Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay of  ${
m ^{48}Ca}$ 

J. M. Yao, B. Bally, J. Engel, R. Wirth, T. R. Rodríguez, and H. Hergert Phys. Rev. Lett. **124**, 232501 – Published 11 June 2020

Nuclear matrix

elements

 $^{12}\text{Be} \rightarrow ^{12}\text{C} + e^- + e^-$ 

Ab Initio Neutrinoless Double-Beta Decay Matrix Elements for  ${
m ^{48}Ca}{
m ^{76}Ge}$ , and  ${
m ^{82}Se}$ 

A. Belley, C. G. Payne, S. R. Stroberg, T. Miyagi, and J. D. Holt Phys. Rev. Lett. **126**, 042502 – Published 29 January 2021

# Can we help with Caveat I ?

• Input for nuclear calculations is the effective neutrino potential



• The value of  $g_v$  can be obtained from the **total nn**  $\rightarrow$  **pp amplitude** 

#### **Ideally lattice QCD**

Tremendous progress for the 'toy-problem'

Formalism for lattice calculations being developed

Tuo et al. '19; Detmold, Murphy '20

$$\pi^- + \pi^- \rightarrow e^- + e^-$$

Davoudi, Kadam PRL '21 Briceno et al '19 '20

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$$A_{\nu} \sim G_{F}^{2} \int \frac{d^{4}k}{(2\pi)^{4}} \frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{k^{2}} \int d^{4}x e^{ik \cdot x} \langle pp | T\{J_{W}^{\mu}(x)J_{W}^{\nu}(0)\} | nn \rangle$$

- At small virtual momentum: NLO chiral EFT
- Intermediate momentum: (model-dependent) resonance contributions to nucleon form factors and to NN scattering
- Large momentum: Perturbative QCD + Operator Product Expansion



Small dependence on local 4-quark matrix elements

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$$A_{\nu}(|\mathbf{p}|, |\mathbf{p}'|)| = -0.019(1) \,\mathrm{MeV^{-2}}$$

 $|\mathbf{p}| = 25 \,\text{MeV}$  $|\mathbf{p}'| = 30 \,\text{MeV}$ 

• Example: in dimensional regularization in MS-bar scheme

$$g_{\nu}(\mu = m_{\pi}) = (1.3 \pm 0.1 \pm 0.2 \pm 0.5)$$

- This matching can be done for **any scheme** suitable for nuclear calculations
- Same strategy was used to 'predict' EM corrections to nucleon-nucleon scattering

$$a_{CIB} = \frac{a_{nn} + a_{pp} - 2a_{np}}{2} = (15 \pm 5) \,\mathrm{fm}$$
  $a_{CIB}^{\text{data}} = (10.4 \pm 0.2) \,\mathrm{fm}$ 

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- To be done: determine impact on heavier nuclei e.g. Wirth, Hergert, Yao
- Ab initio nuclear community is implementing short-distance contribution
- Unclear yet wether it will increase or decrease the total nuclear matrix element !

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 $|\mathsf{f}\,\boldsymbol{\theta}\sim|$ 

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- EDMs can still arise from the QCD theta term

 $\mathscr{L}_{\theta} \sim \bar{\theta} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} G^a_{\mu\nu} G^a_{\alpha\beta}$ 

• Strong CP problem:  $\theta$  < 0.0000000001

- Large number of **CP-odd** and **flavor-diagonal** dim-6 operators (unlike Standard Model)
- Many BSM models induce new CP violation



left-right symmetric models



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Induce electric dipole moments of leptons, hadrons, nuclei, atoms, molecules

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Loop suppression: nuclear EDMs dominated by CP-odd nuclear force (exceptions exist)

## **Nuclear CP violation**



- **Problem I:** Calculate nuclear EDMs in terms of CP-odd interactions
- Easiest example: the **deuteron**  $d_D = d_n + d_p + (0.18 \pm 0.02)\bar{g}_1 e \text{ fm}$

JdV et al' PRL '11 Bsaisou et al '14



Farley et al PRL '04

EDMs of light ions measureable in storage-ring experiments

$$\vec{\Omega} = \frac{q}{m} \left[ a\vec{B} + \left(\frac{1}{v^2} - a\right) \vec{v} \times \vec{E} \right] + 2d\left(\vec{E} + v \times \vec{B}\right)$$
Magnetic dipole moment
Electric dipole moment

- Similar expressions for heavier nuclei, but sizeable nuclear uncertainties
- Effort from nuclear structure community to improve this. E.g. Engel et al' PRL 18

#### Example: QCD theta term

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 $SU_A(2)$  rotation

 $\mathscr{L}_{QCD} = \mathscr{L}_{kin} - \bar{m}\bar{q}q - \varepsilon\bar{m}\bar{q}\tau^3q \qquad +$ 

 $+m_{\star}\bar{\theta}\bar{q}i\gamma^{5}q \qquad m_{\star}=\frac{m_{u}m_{d}}{m_{u}+m_{d}}$ 

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#### **CP-odd matrix elements**

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Crewther et al '79



 $\delta m_N$  from lattice-QCD e.g. Borsanyi et al '14

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Pospelov '02

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$$\bar{g}_0 = \frac{\tilde{d}_u + \tilde{d}_d}{2} \left( \sigma_C^3 + \dots \right) \qquad \qquad \sigma_C^3 = \frac{-1}{2m_N} \langle N | \bar{q} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \tau^3 \lambda^a q G^a_{\mu\nu} | N \rangle$$

ldV, Mereghetti, Seng, Walker-Loud '16

- CPV couplings related to corrections to hadronic spectrum
- Relations valid up to next-to-next-to-leading-order chiral corrections
- Original motivation: study modified sigma terms on the lattice

## A connection to spin physics

Editors' Suggestion

Open Access

#### Relating Hadronic CP Violation to Higher-Twist Distributions

Chien-Yeah Seng Phys. Rev. Lett. **122**, 072001 – Published 22 February 2019

Jaffe, Ji PRL '91

• Generalization of connection between nucleon tensor charge and transversity distribution

$$\bar{g}_0 = \frac{\tilde{d}_u + \tilde{d}_d}{2} \left( \sigma_C^3 + \dots \right)$$

• Connection twist-3 distribution functions:

 $\sigma_C^3 = -6m_N^2(e_2^u - e_2^d) + \dots$ 

$$\sigma_C^3 = \frac{-1}{2m_N} \langle N | \bar{q} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \tau^3 \lambda^a q G^a_{\mu\nu} | N \rangle$$

 $e^{q}(x) \sim \int d\lambda e^{i\lambda x} \langle P | \bar{q}(0) [0, \lambda n] q(\lambda n) | P \rangle$ 

Modified sigma term linked to third Mellin moment of eq distribution

- At time of paper, little experimental input on  $e^q(x)$ . SIDIS @ CLAS ( $ep \rightarrow e\pi^+X$ )
- Can this be improved at the EIC ? Could be very beneficial for EDM studies !
- Further developments in Hatta '20, '21 and Weiss '21 for Weinberg operator and nucleon EDMs

# **Concluding remarks**

- Very rich experimental program exploring BSM physics at low energies
- Low-energy searches very complementary and competitive with HEP experiments
- Interpretation of experiments involves hadronic and nuclear physics



 Interplay between EFTs, lattice-QCD, nuclear structure, spin physics