# Quantum MC Calculations of Beta Decays in Light Nuclei

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Open Questions in Fundamental Symmetries and Neutrino Physics Majorana Neutrinos, Neutrinos Mass Hierarchy, CP-Violation in Neutrino Sector, Dark Matter

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### Towards a coherent and unified picture of neutrino-nucleus interactions

\* An accurate understanding of nuclear structure and dynamics is required to disentangle new physics from nuclear effects \*



\*  $\omega \sim$  few MeV,  $q \sim 0$ :  $\beta$ -decay,  $\beta\beta$ -decays \*  $\omega \sim$  few MeV,  $q \sim 10^2$  MeV: Neutrinoless  $\beta\beta$ -decays \*  $\omega \lesssim$  tens MeV: Nuclear Rates for Astrophysics \*  $\omega \sim 10^2$  MeV: Accelerator neutrinos, *v*-nucleus scattering



#### Nuclear Interactions

The nucleus is made of A non-relativistic interacting nucleons and its energy is

$$H = T + V = \sum_{i=1}^{A} t_i + \sum_{i < j} v_{ij} + \sum_{i < j < k} V_{ijk} + \dots$$

where  $v_{ij}$  and  $V_{ijk}$  are two- and three-nucleon operators based on EXPT data fitting and fitted parameters subsume underlying QCD



#### Quantum Monte Carlo Methods

Minimize expectation value of  $H = T + V_{ij} + V_{ijk}$ 

$$E_V = rac{\langle \Psi_V | H | \Psi_V 
angle}{\langle \Psi_V | \Psi_V 
angle} \geq E_0$$

using trial function

$$|\Psi_V\rangle = \left[\mathscr{S}\prod_{i < j} (1 + U_{ij} + \sum_{k \neq i, j} U_{ijk})\right] \left[\prod_{i < j} f_c(r_{ij})\right] |\Phi_A(JMTT_3)\rangle$$

 $\Psi_V$  is further improved it by "filtering" out the remaining excited state contamination

$$\Psi(\tau) = \exp[-(H - E_0)\tau]\Psi_V = \sum_n \exp[-(E_n - E_0)\tau]a_n\psi_n$$
$$\Psi(\tau \to \infty) = a_0\psi_0$$

\* QMC: AV18+UIX / AV18+IL7; Wiringa+Schiavilla+Pieper et al.

\* QMC: NN(N2LO)+3N(N2LO) ( $\pi$ &N); Gerzelis+Tews+Epelbaum+Gandolfi+Lynn et al.

\* QMC: NN(N3LO)+3N(N2LO) ( $\pi$ &N& $\Delta$ ); Piarulli *et al.* 

Lomnitz-Adler et al. NPA361(1981)399 - Wiringa PRC43(1991)1585 - Pudliner et al. PRC56(1997)1720 - Wiringa et al. PRC62(2000)014001

Pieper et al. PRC70(2004)054325 - Carlson et al. RevModPhys87(2014)1067

# Energy Spectrum and Shape of Nuclei



Lovato *et al.* PRL111(2013)092501



# Nuclear Currents



\* Nuclear currents given by the sum of *p*'s and *n*'s currents, one-body currents (1b)



\* Two-body currents (2b) essential to satisfy current conservation \* We use Meson-Exchange Currents (MEC) or  $\chi$ EFT Currents



Electromagnetic Currents from Chiral Effective Field Theory



\* 3 unknown Low Energy Constants: fixed so as to reproduce d, <sup>3</sup>H, and <sup>3</sup>He magnetic moments

\*\* also obtainable from LQCD calculations \*\*

Pastore et al. PRC78(2008)064002 & PRC80(2009)034004 & PRC84(2011)024001 Piarulli et al. PRCC87(2013)014006

derived by Park+Min+Rho NPA596(1996)515 in CPT and by Kölling+Epelbaum+Krebs+Meissner PRC80(2009)045502 & PRC84(2011)054008 with UT

# Magnetic Moments of Nuclei



chiral truncation error based on EE et al. error algorithm, Epelbaum, Krebs, and Meissner EPJA51(2015)53

Pastore et al. PRC87(2013)035503

# One-body magnetic densities



\* one-body (IA) magnetic moment operator

$$\mu(IA) = \mu_N \sum_{i} [(L_i + g_p S_i)(1 + \tau_{i,z})/2 + g_n S_i(1 - \tau_{i,z})/2]$$

# Electromagnetic Decays and *e*-scattering off nuclei



Electromagnetic Transverse Responses

GFMC O., ----- GFMC O<sub>11+12</sub> - PWIA

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Saclay data

Pastore et al. PRC87(2013)035503 & PRC90(2014)024321

Lovato & Gandolfi et al. PRC91(2015)062501 & arXiv:1605.00248

25.0

Electromagnetic data are explained when two-body correlations and currents are accounted for!

#### Neutrinos and Nuclei: Challenges and Opportunities

Beta Decay Rate

Neutrino-Nucleus Scattering



CCQE on 12C

1.8

# Standard Beta Decay





\* Matrix Element  $\langle \Psi_f | \text{GT} | \Psi_i \rangle \propto g_A$  and Decay Rates  $\propto g_A^2$  \*

 $(Z,N) \rightarrow (Z+1,N-1) + e + \bar{v}_e$ 



Nuclear Interactions and Axial Currents

$$H = T + V = \sum_{i=1}^{A} t_i + \sum_{i < j} v_{ij} + \sum_{i < j < k} V_{ijk} + \dots$$

so far results are available with AV18+IL7 ( $A \le 10$ ) and SNPA or chiral currents (*a.k.a.* hybrid calculations)



A. Baroni *et al.* PRC93(2016)015501
H. Krebs *et al.* Ann.Phy.378(2017)

- \* c<sub>3</sub> and c<sub>4</sub> are taken them from Entem and Machleidt PRC68(2003)041001 & Phys.Rep.503(2011)1
- \* *c<sub>D</sub>* fitted to GT m.e. of tritium Baroni *et al.* PRC94(2016)024003
- \* cutoffs  $\Lambda = 500$  and 600 MeV
- include also N4LO 3b currents (tiny)

 \* derived by Park et al. in the '90 used at tree-level in many calculations (Song-Ho, Kubodera, Gazit, Marcucci, Lazauskas, Navratil ...)
 \* pion-pole at tree-level derived by Klos, Hoferichter et al. PLB(2015)B746

### Single Beta Decay Matrix Elements in A = 6-10



gfmc (1b) and gfmc (1b+2b); shell model (1b)

Pastore et al. PRC97(2018)022501

A. Baroni et al. PRC93(2016)015501 & PRC94(2016)024003

Based on  $g_A \sim 1.27$  no quenching factor GT in <sup>3</sup>H is fitted to expt - 2b give a 2% additive contribution to 1b prediction \* similar results were obtained with MEC currents \* data from TUNL, Suzuki *et al.* PRC67(2003)044302, Chou *et al.* PRC47(1993)163



\* In <sup>10</sup>B,  $\Delta E$  with same quantum numbers  $\sim 1.5$  MeV \* In A = 7,  $\Delta E$  with same quantum numbers  $\gtrsim 10$  MeV

### Chiral calculations of beta decay m.e.'s: Nuclear Interaction



#### Chiral calculations of beta decay m.e.'s: Nuclear Currents

<sup>k</sup> Chiral interactions and axial currents



we now use

1. chiral 2– and 3–body interactions with  $\pi N$  and  $\Delta$ 's developed by Piarulli *et al.* and 2. axial currents with  $\Delta$ 's up to N3LO (tree-level) A. Baroni *et al.* arXiv:1806.10245 (2018)



- \* *c*<sub>3</sub> and *c*<sub>4</sub> are taken them from Krebs *et al.* Eur.Phys.J.(2007)A32
- *c<sub>D</sub>* and *c<sub>E</sub>* fitted to trinucleon B.E. and GT m.e. of tritium
   Baroni *et al.* arXiv:1806.10245 (2018)
- \* based on NV2+3\* chiral interactions

### Single Beta Decay Matrix Elements in A = 6-7 in chiEFT



gfmc (1b) and gfmc (1b+2b); shell model (1b)

vmc-chiral-NV2+3\* (1b) and vmc-chiral-NV2+3\* (1b+2b)

in collaboration with Piarulli et al.

based on chiral axial currents from A. Baroni et al. PRC93(2016)015501 & arXiv:1806.10245 (2018)

\* qualitative agreement with hybrid calculations\* many-body currents as manifestation of many-body correlations



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\* improvement w.r.t. hybrid calculations \* agreement at 3%

# EM and GT transitions in A = 8 nuclei



 $^{*}$  B(M1) in  $^{8}$ Be are calculated at the  $\sim 10\%$  level due to rich spectrum; presence of isospin-mixed states; transitions operators coupling "big" with "small components"

\* 10% - 30% correction from two-body currents in M1 transitions

 $^{*\ 8}\text{Li}$  and  $^8\text{B}$  GT rme with one-body currents alone are  $\sim 30\%$  smaller than expt; we expect large effect from two-body currents

# Two-body M1 transitions densities



$(J_i, T_i) \rightarrow (J_f, T_f)$	IA	NLO-OPE	N2LO-RC	N3LO-TPE	N3LO-CT	N3LO-A	MEC
$(1^+; 1) \rightarrow (2^+_2; 0)$	2.461 (13)	0.457 (3)	-0.058 (1)	0.095 (2)	-0.035 (3)	0.161 (21)	0.620 (5)

Pastore et al. PRC90(2014)024321

#### The Present and Future of Quantum Monte Carlo Calculations



#### figure by Lonardoni

Use of Quantum Computers is being also explored - Roggero, Baroni, Carlson, Perdue et al.







Lonardoni et al. to appear on PRC arXiv:1804.08027

Wiringa et al. PRC89(2014)024305

One-body momentum distributions http://www.phy.anl.gov/theory/research/momenta/ Two-body momentum distributions http://www.phy.anl.gov/theory/research/momenta2/

#### Two-body momentum distributions

# Summary and Outlook

Two-nucleon correlations and two-body electroweak currents

are crucial to explain available experimental data of both static (ground state properties) and dynamical (cross sections and rates) nuclear observables

- \* We validate the computational framework vs electromagnetic data
- \* Two-body electromagnetic currents successfully tested in  $A \le 12$  nuclei
- \*  $\sim 40\%$  two-body contribution found in <sup>9</sup>C's magnetic moments
- \* ~ 10-30% two-body contributions found in M1 transitions in low-lying states of  $A \le 8$  nuclei
- \* Calculations of  $\beta$ -decay matrix elements in  $A \le 10$  nuclei in agreement with the data at 2% 3% level
- \* in  $A \le 10$  two-body currents ( $q \sim 0$ ) are small ( $\sim 2 3\%$ ) while correlations are crucial to improve agreement with expt
- Study beta-decay within chiral framework (in progress)
- Study beta-decay densities (in progress)
- Extend calculations to A ~ 40 in AFDMC (in progress by LANL group)
- Explore different kinematics for neutrino-nucleus interactions (including evaluation of the spectrum)

#### \* We are developing a coherent picture for neutrino-nucleus interactions

#### Bonus Material: Inclusive (e, v) scattering

\* inclusive xsecs \*

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dE'd\Omega_{e'}} = \sigma_M \left[ v_L R_L(q,\omega) + v_T R_T(q,\omega) \right]$$

$$R_{\alpha}(q,\omega) = \sum_{f} \delta\left(\omega + E_0 - E_f\right) \left| \langle f | O_{\alpha}(\mathbf{q}) | 0 \rangle \right|^2$$

Longitudinal response induced by  $O_L = \rho$ Transverse response induced by  $O_T = \mathbf{j}$ ... 5 nuclear responses in v-scattering...

#### \* Sum Rules \*

Exploit integral properties of the response functions + closure to avoid explicit calculation of the final states

$$S(q,\tau) = \int_0^\infty d\omega K(\tau,\omega) R_\alpha(q,\omega)$$

\* Coulomb Sum Rules \*  $S_{\alpha}(q) = \int_{0}^{\infty} d\omega R_{\alpha}(q, \omega) \propto \langle 0|O_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{q})O_{\alpha}(\mathbf{q})|0\rangle$ 



# Sum Rules and Two-Body Physics



Carlson et al. PRC65(2002)024002

$$\begin{split} S_T(q) &\propto & \langle 0 | \mathbf{j}^{\dagger} \, \mathbf{j} | 0 \rangle \\ &\propto & \langle 0 | \mathbf{j}_{1b}^{\dagger} \, \mathbf{j}_{1b} | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | \mathbf{j}_{1b}^{\dagger} \, \mathbf{j}_{2b} | 0 \rangle + \dots \end{split}$$

•  $j = j_{1b} + j_{2b}$ 

 enhancement of the transverse response is due to interference between 1b and 2b currents AND presence of two-nucleon correlations

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{\lambda} \\ \mathbf{\lambda}$$

# Recent Developments on Inclusive *e* and *v* Scattering off ${}^{12}C$



Lovato & Gandolfi et al. PRC91(2015)062501 & arXiv:1605.00248



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/www.prev/

NC Inclusive Xsec



 $\sim 100$  million core hours

# Challenges and Opportunities

#### \*\*\*

1. How to describe electroweak-scattering off A > 12 without losing two-body physics (*i.e.*, two-body correlations and currents)?

2. How to incorporate (more) exclusive processes?

3. How to incorporate relativistic effects?



#### Factorization: The Short-Time Approximation

$$R(q,\omega) = \sum_{f} \delta\left(\omega + E_0 - E_f\right) \langle 0|O^{\dagger}(\mathbf{q})|f\rangle \langle f|O(\mathbf{q})|0\rangle$$
$$R(q,\omega) = \int dt \langle 0|O^{\dagger}(\mathbf{q}) e^{i(H-\omega)t} O(\mathbf{q})|0\rangle$$

At short time, expand  $P(t) = e^{i(H-\omega)t}$  and keep up to 2b-terms

$$H \sim \sum_{i} t_i + \sum_{i < j} v_{ij}$$





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# Factorization up to two-body operators: The Short-Time Approximation (STA)

Response functions are given by the scattering off pairs of fully interacting nucleons that propagate into a correlated pair of nucleons



$$R(q,\omega) = \sum_{f} \delta\left(\omega + E_0 - E_f\right) \langle 0|O^{\dagger}(\mathbf{q})|f\rangle \langle f|O(\mathbf{q})|0
angle$$

$$O(\mathbf{q}) = O^{(1)}(\mathbf{q}) + O^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{lb} + \mathbf{2b}$$
  
$$|f\rangle \sim |\psi_{p,P,J,M,L,S,T,M_T}(r,R)\rangle = \text{correlated two-nucleon w.f.}$$

### \* We retain two-body physics consistently in the nuclear interactions and electroweak currents

\* STA can describe more two-body physics, e.g., pion-production induced by e and v

$$R(q,\omega) \sim \int \delta(\omega + E_0 - E_f) d\Omega_P d\Omega_P dP dP \left[ p^2 P^2 \langle 0 | O^{\dagger}(\mathbf{q}) | \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{P} \rangle \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{P} | O(\mathbf{q}) | 0 \rangle \right]$$

# The Short-Time Approximation



Transverse "response-density" 1b + 2b for  ${}^{4}He$ 

$$R(q,\omega) \sim \int \delta(\omega + E_0 - E_f) d\Omega_p d\Omega_p dP dp \left[ p^2 P^2 \langle 0|O^{\dagger}(\mathbf{q})|\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{P}\rangle \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{P}|O(\mathbf{q})|0\rangle \right]$$

\* Preliminary results \*

#### STA Transverse Response

 $q = 300 {
m MeV}$ 

#### Plane Wave Propagator vs Correlated Propagator



 $R_{\alpha}(q,\omega) \sim \int \delta(\omega + E_0 - E_f) d\Omega_P d\Omega_P d\Omega_P dP \left[ p^2 P^2 \langle 0 | O_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{q}) | \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{P} \rangle \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{P} | O_{\alpha}(\mathbf{q}) | 0 \rangle \right]$ 

#### \* Preliminary results \*

# STA back to back scattering



\* Preliminary results \*

# The Short-Time Approximation



Longitudinal Response function at q = 500 MeV

\* Preliminary results \*

# Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay



"The average momentum is about 100 MeV, a scale set by the average distance between the two decaying neutrons" cit. Engel&Menéndez

\* Decay rate  $\propto$  (nuclear matrix elements)  $^2 \times \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2$  \*



# Double beta-decay Matrix Elements in A = 12



with Mereghetti & Dekens & Cirigliano & Carlson & Wiringa PRC97(2018)014606

# Sensitivity to 'pion-exchange-like' correlations



- \* no 'pion-exchange-like' correlations
- \* yes 'pion-exchange-like' correlations

#### Pastore, Dekens, Mereghetti et al. PRC97(2018)014606

# Comparison with calculations of larger nuclei



JM = Javier Menendez private communication JH = Hyvärien *et al.* PRC91(2015)024613

\* Relative size of the matrix elements is approximately the same in all nuclei \* Short-range terms approximately the same in all nuclei

with Mereghetti & Dekens & Cirigliano & Carlson & Wiringa PRC97(2018)014606

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Two-nucleon correlations and two-body electroweak currents are crucial to explain available experimental data of both static (ground state properties) and dynamical (cross sections and rates) nuclear observables

- \* Two-body currents can give  $\sim 30-40\%$  contributions and improve on theory/EXPT agreement
- \* Calculations of  $\beta$  and  $\beta\beta$  –decay m.e.'s in  $A \le 12$  indicate two-body physics (currents and correlations) is required
- \* Short-Time-Approximation to evaluate v-A scattering in A > 12 nuclei is in excellent agreement with exact calculations and data
- Extend STA to study electroweak scattering in A > 4 nuclei
- Incorporate exclusive processes in the STA
- Study beta-decaay within a chiral framework
- Explore neutrino-nucleus intteraction at moderate value of momentum transfer
  - \* We are developing a coherent picture for neutrino-nucleus interactions \*

# Tritium $\beta$ -decay



\* Results based on AV18+UIX and Chiral Currents are qualitatively in agreement

\* All contributions "quench" but for the N3LO OPE (tiny due to a cancellation) and CT (fitted)

- \* They quench too much, and this is compensated by the fitting of  $c_D$  to EXP GT
- \* Use of N4LO 2b loop currents from H. Krebs et al. Ann.Phy.378(2017) leads to a reduced value of cD

 $* \sim 2\%$  additive contribution from two-body currents \*

A. Baroni et al. PRC93(2016)015501 & PRC94(2016)024003

### $\chi$ EFT currents in A > 3 systems

A = 7 Captures

	gs	ex
LO	2.334	2.150
N2LO	$-3.18 \times 10^{-2}$	$-2.79 \times 10^{-2}$
N3LO(OPE)	$-2.99 \times 10^{-2}$	$-2.44 \times 10^{-2}$
N3LO(CT)	$2.79 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.36 \times 10^{-1}$
N4LO(2b)	$-1.61 \times 10^{-1}$	$-1.33 \times 10^{-1}$
N4LO(3b)	$-6.59 \times 10^{-3}$	$-4.86 \times 10^{-3}$
TOT(2b+3b)	0.050	0.046

\* Large cancellations between CT at N3LO (with c<sub>D</sub> fitted) and other 2b currents

- \*  $\lesssim$  3% additive contribution from 2b currents in the  $A \le 10$  systems we considered
- \* this is in agreement with results obtained with "conventional" axial currents
- \* when using chiral axial currents  $\lesssim 1\%$  error from chiral truncation (in the currents)

# Electromagnetic LECs



 $d^{S}$ ,  $d_{1}^{V}$ , and  $d_{2}^{V}$  could be determined by  $\pi\gamma$ -production data on the nucleon



Left with 3 LECs: Fixed in the A = 2 - 3 nucleons' sector

\* Isoscalar sector:

\*  $d^{S}$  and  $c^{S}$  from EXPT  $\mu_{d}$  and  $\mu_{S}(^{3}\text{H}/^{3}\text{He})$ 

\* Isovector sector:

\*  $c^V$  from EXPT  $npd\gamma$  xsec.

\*  $c^V$  from EXPT  $\mu_V({}^3\text{H}/{}^3\text{He})$  m.m.

\* Regulator  $C(\Lambda) = exp(-(p/\Lambda)^4)$  with  $\Lambda = 500 - 600$  MeV

Λ	NN/NNN	$10 \times d^S$	$c^{S}$
500	AV18/UIX (N3LO/N2LO)	-1.731 (2.190)	2.522 (4.072)
600	AV18/UIX (N3LO/N2LO)	-2.033 (3.231)	5.238 (11.38)

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Λ	NN/NNN	Current	$d_1^V$	$c^V$
600	AV18/UIX	Ι	4.98	-11.57
		п	4.98	-1.025

### Convergence and cutoff dependence

*np* capture x-section/ $\mu_V$  of A = 3 nuclei bands represent nuclear model dependence [NN(N3LO)+3N(N2LO) – AV18+UIX]



Piarulli et al. PRC(2013)014006

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