

Electroweak Properties of 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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de Vries (Nikhef) & van Kolck (AU+CNRS/IN2P3)

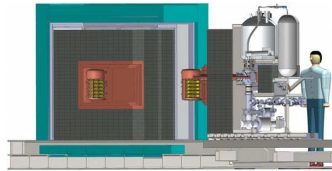
Baroni (USC) & Schiavilla (ODU+JLab) & Gandolfi (LANL) & Piarulli & Pieper & Wiringa (ANL)
Girlanda (Salento U.) & Viviani & Marcucci & Kiewsky (Pisa U.+INFN)

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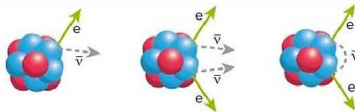
Fundamental Physics Quests: Double Beta Decay

observation of $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay
→
lepton # $L = l - \bar{l}$ not conserved
→
implications in
matter-antimatter imbalance



Majorana Demonstrator

$0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay $\tau_{1/2} \gtrsim 10^{25}$ years (age of the universe 1.4×10^{10} years)
need 1 ton of material to see (if any) ~ 5 decays per year
* Decay Rate $\propto (\text{nuclear matrix elements})^2 \times \langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2$ *

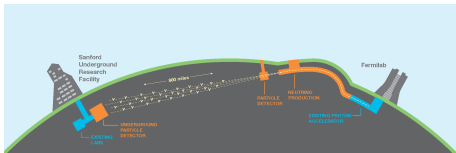


Standard β Decay

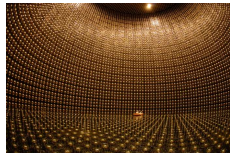
Double β Decay

Neutrinoless Double β Decay

Fundamental Physics Quets: Accelerator Neutrinos



LBNF



T2K

neutrinos oscillate
 \rightarrow
 they have tiny masses

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 BSM physics
 Beyond the Standard Model
 Simplified 2 flavors picture:

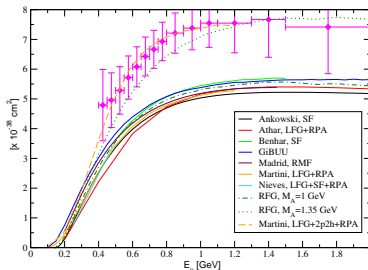
$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E_\nu} \right)$$

* Unknown *

ν -mass hierarchy, CP-violation,
 accurate mixing angles

Neutrino-Nucleus scattering

CCQE on ^{12}C



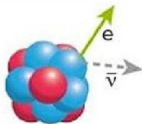
Alvarez-Ruso [arXiv:1012.3871](https://arxiv.org/abs/1012.3871)

DUNE, MiniBoone, T2K, Minerva ... active material * ^{12}C , ^{40}Ar , ^{16}O , ^{56}Fe , ... *

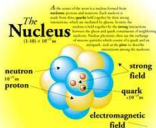
Fundamental Physics Quests rely on Nuclear Physics

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

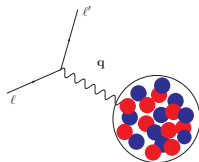
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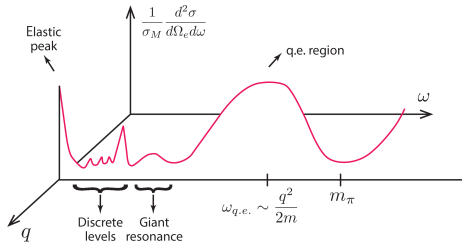
Energies and Structure



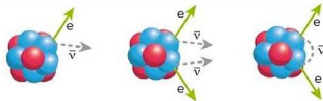
Scattering



Nuclear Structure and Dynamics



- * $\omega \sim \text{few MeV}, q \sim 0$: EM decay, β -decay, $\beta\beta$ -decays
- * $\omega \lesssim \text{tens MeV}$: Nuclear Rates for Astrophysics
- * $\omega \sim 10^2 \text{ MeV}$: Accelerator neutrinos, ν -nucleus scattering

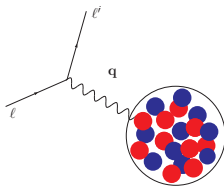


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The Microscopic (or *ab initio*) Description of Nuclei



Develop a **comprehensive theory** that describes **quantitatively** and **predictably** **all** nuclear structure and reactions

- * Accurate understanding of **interactions between nucleons**, p 's and n 's
- * and between e 's, ν 's, **DM**, \dots , with nucleons, nucleons-pairs, \dots

Green's function Monte Carlo Method is a path-integral Monte Carlo Method that solves the many-body problem

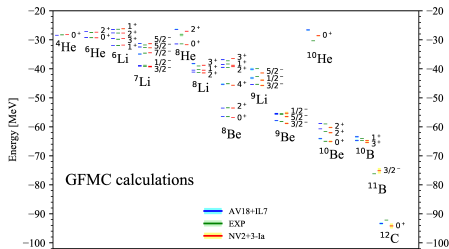
$$H\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_A, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_A, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_A,) = E\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, \dots, \mathbf{r}_A, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_A, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_A,)$$

Nuclear Interactions

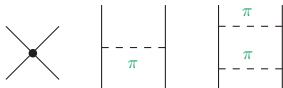
The nucleus is made of A non-relativistic interacting nucleons and its energy is

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

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



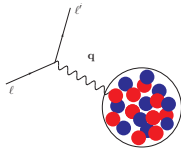
Piarulli *et al.* - PRL120(2018)052503



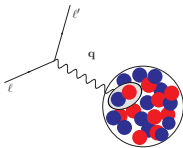
- * QMC: AV18+UIX / AV18+IL7
Wiringa+Schiavilla+Pieper *et al.*
- * QMC: NN(N2LO)+3N(N2LO) (π & N)
Ingo+Lynn *et al.*
- * QMC: NN(N3LO)+3N(N2LO) (π & N & Δ)
Piarulli *et al.*

Nuclear Currents

1b



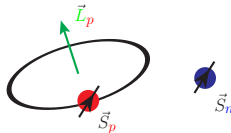
2b



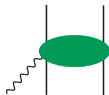
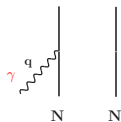
$$\rho = \sum_{i=1}^A \rho_i + \sum_{i<j} \rho_{ij} + \dots,$$

$$\mathbf{j} = \sum_{i=1}^A \mathbf{j}_i + \sum_{i<j} \mathbf{j}_{ij} + \dots$$

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



* plus **two-body currents** (2b) essential to satisfy current conservation



+ ...

$$\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{j} = [H, \rho] = [t_i + v_{ij} + V_{ijk}, \rho]$$

Electromagnetic Currents from Nuclear Interactions (SNPA currents)

$$\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{j} = [H, \rho] = [t_i + v_{ij} + V_{ijk}, \rho]$$

- 1) Longitudinal component fixed by current conservation
- 2) Plus transverse “phenomenological” terms

$$\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{j}^{(1)} + \mathbf{j}^{(2)}(v) + \mathbf{j}^{(3)}(V)$$

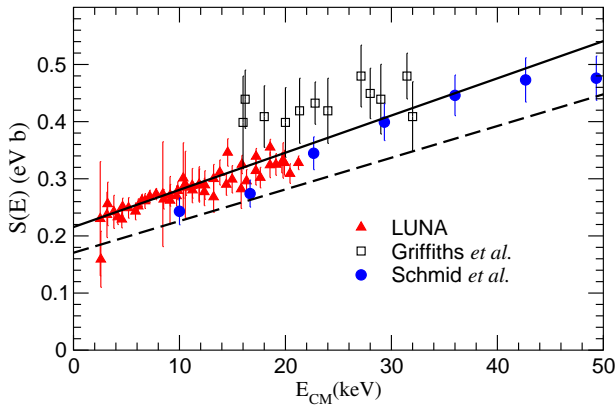
The diagram illustrates the decomposition of the current \mathbf{j} into three parts: $\mathbf{j}^{(1)}$, $\mathbf{j}^{(2)}(v)$, and $\mathbf{j}^{(3)}(V)$. The diagram shows two nucleons (N) interacting via a pion (π) exchange, and a separate interaction involving a pion (π) and a rho meson (ρ) exchange. The transverse component is highlighted.

Villars, Myiazawa (40-ies), Chemtob, Riska, Schiavilla ...
see, e.g., [Marcucci *et al.* PRC72\(2005\)014001](#) and references therein

Currents from nuclear interactions

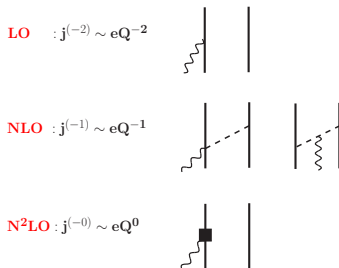
Satisfactory description of a variety of nuclear em properties in $A \leq 12$

${}^2\text{H}(p,\gamma){}^3\text{He}$ capture

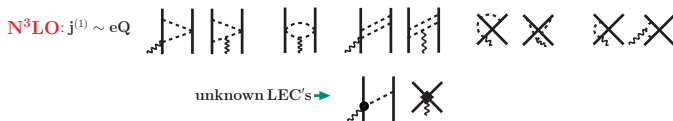


Marcucci *et al.* PRC72, 014001 (2005)

Electromagnetic Currents from Chiral Effective Field Theory

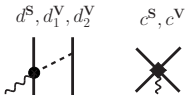


* 3 unknown Low Energy Constants:
fixed so as to reproduce d , 3H , and 3He magnetic moments

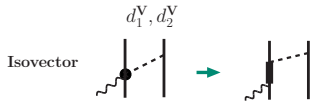


Pastore *et al.* PRC78(2008)064002 & PRC80(2009)034004 & PRC84(2011)024001
* analogue expansion exists for the Axial nuclear current - Baroni *et al.* PRC93 (2016)015501 *

Electromagnetic LECs



d^S , d_1^V , and d_2^V could be determined by $\pi\gamma$ -production data on the nucleon



$d_2^V = 4\mu^* h_A / 9m_N (m_\Delta - m_N)$ and
 $d_1^V = 0.25 \times d_2^V$
 assuming Δ -resonance saturation

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

* Isoscalar sector:

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

* Isovector sector:

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

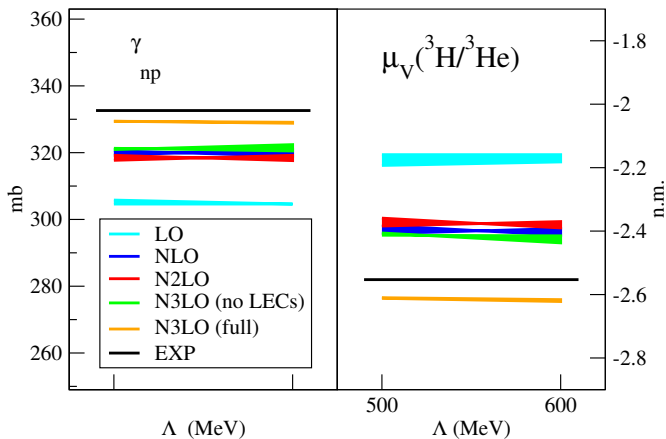
or

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

Convergence and cutoff dependence

np capture x-section/ μ_V of $A = 3$ nuclei

bands represent nuclear model dependence [NN(N3LO)+3N(N2LO) – AV18+UIX]



Piarulli *et al.* PRC(2013)014006

Calculations with EM Currents from χ EFT with π 's and N's

- * Park, Min, and Rho *et al.* (1996)

applications to A=2–4 systems by Song, Lazauskas, Park *et al.* (2009–2011)
within the hybrid approach

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* Based on EM χ EFT currents from [NPA596\(1996\)515](#)

- * Meissner and Walzl (2001);

Kölling, Epelbaum, Krebs, and Meissner (2009–2011)

applications to:

d and ^3He photodisintegration by Rozpedzik *et al.* (2011); e -scattering (2014);

d magnetic f.f. by Kölling, Epelbaum, Phillips (2012);

radiative $N - d$ capture by Skibinski *et al.* (2014)

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* Based on EM χ EFT currents from [PRC80\(2009\)045502](#) &

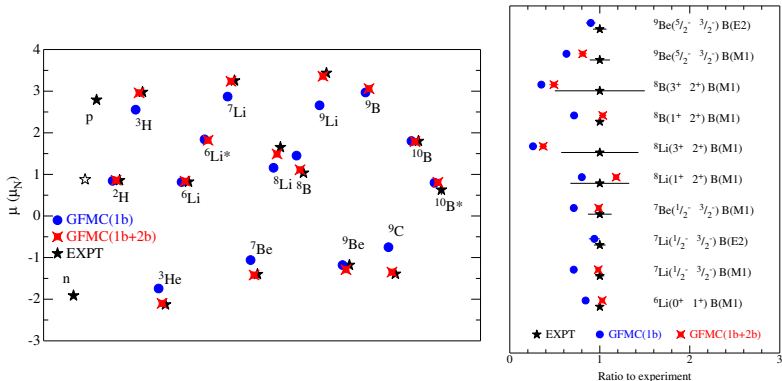
[PRC84\(2011\)054008](#) and consistent χ EFT potentials from UT method

- * Phillips (2003–2007)

applications to deuteron static properties and f.f.'s

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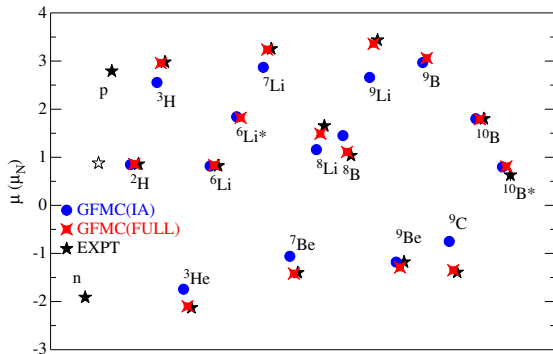
Magnetic Moments and M1 Transitions



- * **2b** electromagnetic currents bring the THEORY in agreement with the EXPT
- * $\sim 40\%$ **2b**-current contribution found in ${}^9\text{C}$ m.m.
- * $\sim 60 - 70\%$ of total **2b**-current contribution is due to one-pion-exchange currents
- * $\sim 20-30\%$ **2b** found in M1 transitions in ${}^8\text{Be}$

Pastore *et al.* PRC87(2013)035503 & PRC90(2014)024321, Datar *et al.* PRL111(2013)062502

Error Estimate



EE *et al.* error algorithm
Epelbaum, Krebs, and
Meissner EPJA51(2015)53

$$\delta^{\text{N3LO}} = \max \left[Q^4 |\mu^{\text{LO}}|, Q^3 |\mu^{\text{LO}} - \mu^{\text{NLO}}|, \right. \\ \left. Q^2 |\mu^{\text{NLO}} - \mu^{\text{N2LO}}|, \right. \\ \left. Q^1 |\mu^{\text{N2LO}} - \mu^{\text{N3LO}}| \right]$$

$$Q = \max \left[\frac{m_\pi}{\Lambda}, \frac{p}{\Lambda} \right]$$

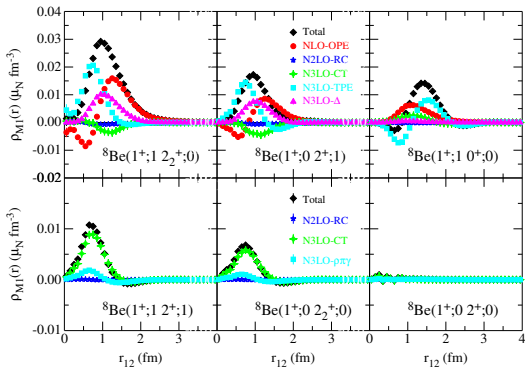
m.m.	THEO	EXP
⁹ C	-1.35(4)(7)	-1.3914(5)
⁹ Li	3.36(4)(8)	3.4391(6)

* 'N3LO-Δ' corrections can be 'large' *

* SNPA and χ EFT currents qualitatively in agreement, χ EFT isoscalar currents provide better description exp data *

Pastore *et al.* PRC87(2013)035503

Two-body M1 transitions densities

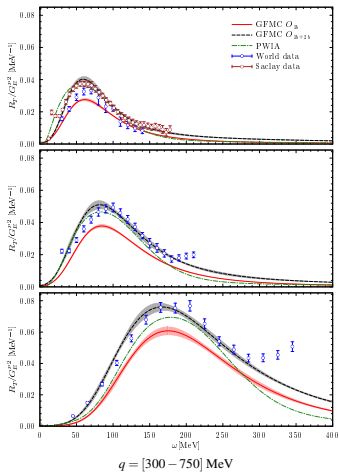


$(J_i, T_i) \rightarrow (J_f, T_f)$	IA	NLO-OPE	N2LO-RC	N3LO-TPE	N3LO-CT	N3LO- Δ	MEC
$(1^+; 1) \rightarrow (2_2^+; 0)$	2.461 (13)	0.457 (3)	-0.058 (1)	0.095 (2)	-0.035 (3)	0.161 (21)	0.620 (5)

Pastore *et al.* PRC90(2014)024321

Electron Scattering off ^{12}C

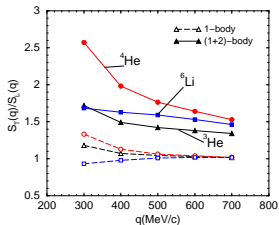
Electromagnetic Transverse Responses



Lovato *et al.* - PRC91(2015)062501 + arXiv:1605.00248

based on SNPA currents (range up to $\sim 1 \text{ GeV}$)

Sum Rules and Two-body Currents



Carlson *et al.* [PRC65\(2002\)024002](#)

$$S_T(q) \propto \langle 0 | \mathbf{j}^\dagger \mathbf{j} | 0 \rangle$$

$$\propto \langle 0 | \mathbf{j}_{1b}^\dagger \mathbf{j}_{1b} | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | \mathbf{j}_{1b}^\dagger \mathbf{j}_{2b} | 0 \rangle + \dots$$

- $\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{j}_{1b} + \mathbf{j}_{2b}$
- enhancement of the transverse response is due to interference between 1b and 2b currents AND presence of two-nucleon correlations •



$$\langle \mathbf{j}_{1b}^\dagger \mathbf{j}_{1b} \rangle > 0$$

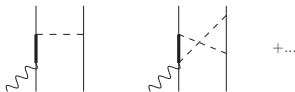
$$\langle \mathbf{j}_{1b}^\dagger \mathbf{j}_{2b} v_\pi \rangle \propto \langle v_\pi^2 \rangle > 0$$

Electron-scattering data are explained when **two-body correlations** and **currents** are accounted for!

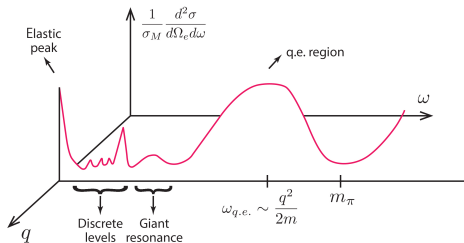
Electromagnetic Reactions

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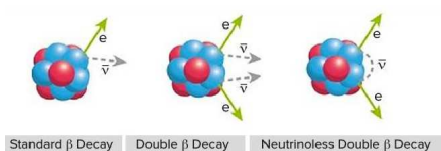
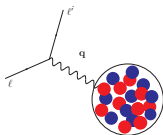
- * QMC calculations based on both chiral interactions and chiral currents
- * Pions and nucleons d.o.f.'s:
electromagnetic currents are fully developed
- * Pions, nucleons, and deltas d.o.f.'s (interaction by [Piarulli et al. PRC91\(2015\)024003-PRC94\(2016\)054007-PRL120\(2018\)052503](#)):
electromagnetic currents up to one loop have been derived in momentum space ([Pastore et al. PRC78\(2008\)064002](#))
 - * tree-level fully developed
 - * loop need to implement them in r -space & in the codes (on going)



Nuclei and Neutrinos

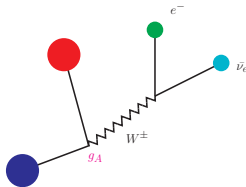


- * $\omega \sim \text{few MeVs}, q \sim 0$: “ g_A -problem” in single beta decays
- * Scarce data at moderate values of momentum transfer
- * $\omega \sim 10^2 \text{ MeV}$: ν -A scattering “Anomalies” the QE region

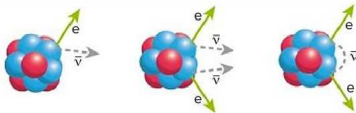


Standard Beta Decay

The “ g_A problem”
and
the role of two-body correlations and two-body currents



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



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Nuclear Interactions and Axial Currents

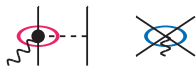
$$H = T + V = \sum_{i=1}^A t_i + \sum_{i<j} v_{ij} + \sum_{i<j<k} V_{ijk} + \dots$$

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



LO

* c_3 and c_4 are taken from Entem and Machleidt [PRC68\(2003\)041001](#) & [Phys.Rep.503\(2011\)1](#)



N3LO

* c_D fitted to GT m.e. of tritium
[Baroni et al. PRC94\(2016\)024003](#)



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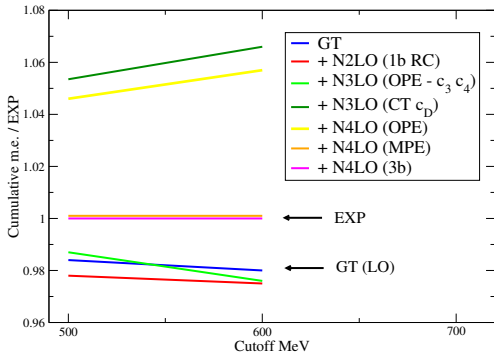
N4LO

* cutoffs $\Lambda = 500$ and 600 MeV
* include also N4LO 3b currents (tiny)

[A. Baroni et al. PRC93\(2016\)015501](#)

[H. Krebs et al. Ann.Phys.378\(2017\)](#)

Tritium β -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.Phys.378\(2017\)](#) leads to a reduced value of c_D

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

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

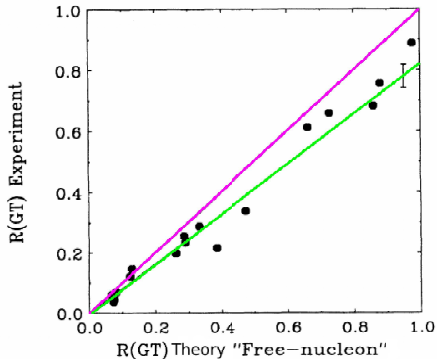
χ EFT currents in $A > 3$ systems

$A = 7$ Captures

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

- * Large cancellations between CT at N3LO (with c_D fitted) and other 2b currents
- * χ^2 3% additive contribution from 2b currents in the $A \leq 10$ systems we considered
- * this is in agreement with results obtained with “conventional” axial currents

Single β -decay: The “ g_A problem”

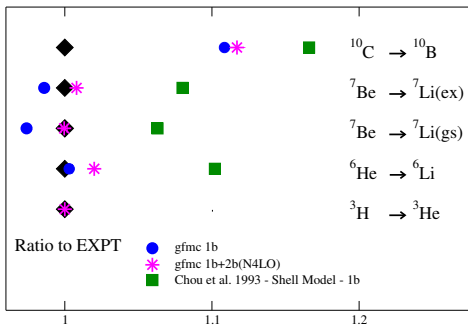


in $3 \leq A \leq 18 \rightarrow g_A^{\text{eff}} \simeq 0.80 g_A$

Chou *et al.* [PRC47\(1993\)163](#)

Missing Physics: 1. Correlations and/or 2. Two-body currents

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



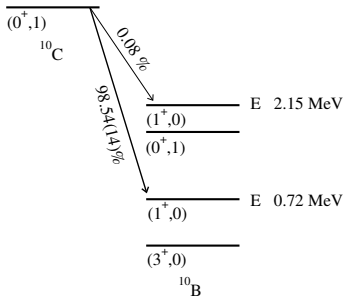
gfm (1b) and gfm (1b+2b); shell model (1b)

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

* data from TUNL, Suzuki *et al.* PRC67(2003)044302, Chou *et al.* PRC47(1993)163

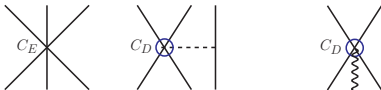
^{10}B 

- * In ^{10}B , ΔE with same quantum numbers ~ 1.5 MeV
- * In $A = 7$, ΔE with same quantum numbers $\gtrsim 10$ MeV

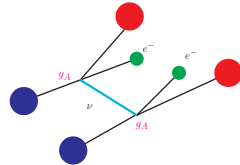
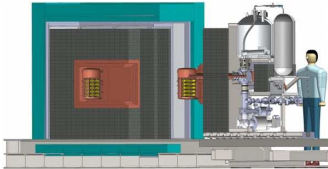
Beta-decay

To do list:

- * QMC calculations based on both chiral interactions and chiral currents
- * In this case c_D enters **both** the 3b interaction and 2b axial current
 - * c_D (and c_E) depend on the fitting strategy, *e.g.*, EXP GT in tritium, EXP B.E. A=3, EXP B.E. A=4, *nd* scattering length, ...
 - * c_D (and c_E) depend on the regulator utilized in the fitting procedure
- * Pions and nucleons d.o.f.'s:
axial currents fully developed
- * Pions, nucleons, and deltas d.o.f.'s (interaction by [Piarulli *et al.*](#) [PRC91\(2015\)024003](#)-[PRC94\(2016\)054007](#)-[PRL120\(2018\)052503](#)):
axial currents at tree-level fully developed (on going)
- * Benchmark with calculations by Gaute, Quaglioni *et al.*



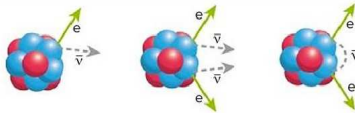
Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay



“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 $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle^2$ *

* Nuclear matrix elements $\propto g_A^2$ and Decay Rates $\propto g_A^4$ *

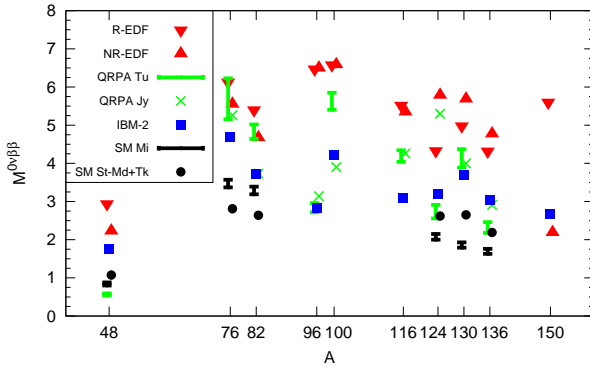


Standard β Decay

Double β Decay

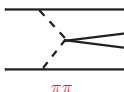
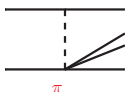
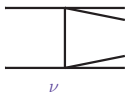
Neutrinoless Double β Decay

Neutrinoless double beta decay: STATUS



Javier Menendez arXiv:1703.08921 (2017)

Double beta-decay Potentials



$$\begin{aligned}
 v_\nu &\sim L_\nu \tau_{1,+} \tau_{2,+} + \frac{\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2}{m_\pi q^2} + \dots + v_\nu^{\text{N2LO-loop}^*} \\
 v_{\pi\pi} &\sim L_{\pi\pi} \tau_{1,+} \tau_{2,+} + \frac{\sigma_1 \cdot \mathbf{q} \sigma_2 \cdot \mathbf{q}}{m_\pi (q^2 + m_\pi^2)^2} \\
 v_\pi &\sim L_\pi \tau_{1,+} \tau_{2,+} + \frac{\sigma_1 \cdot \mathbf{q} \sigma_2 \cdot \mathbf{q}}{m_\pi^3 (q^2 + m_\pi^2)} \\
 v_{NN} &\sim L_{NN} \tau_{1,+} \tau_{2,+} + \frac{\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2}{m_\pi^3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$L_{\pi\pi}$, L_π , L_{NN} encode hadronic and **model dependent** particle physics

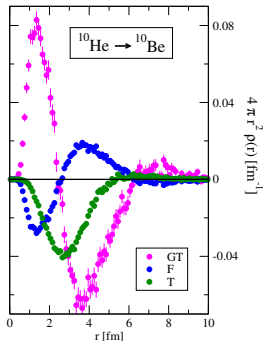
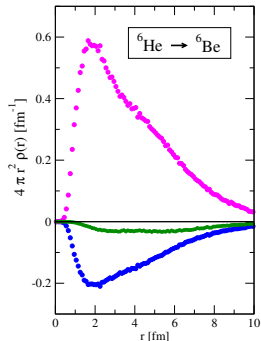
* Cirigliano & Dekens & Mereghetti & Walker-Loud in arXiv:1710.01729

IN COLLABORATION WITH

Emanuele Mereghetti & Wouter Dekens & Cirigliano & Carlson & Wiringa

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F, GT, and T Transition Densities



* $\Delta T = 0$

${}^6\text{He}(1) \rightarrow {}^6\text{Be}(1)$

${}^8\text{He}(2) \rightarrow {}^8\text{Be}^*(2)$

${}^{10}\text{Be}(1) \rightarrow {}^{10}\text{C}(1)$

* $\Delta T = 2$

${}^8\text{He}(1) \rightarrow {}^8\text{Be}(0)$

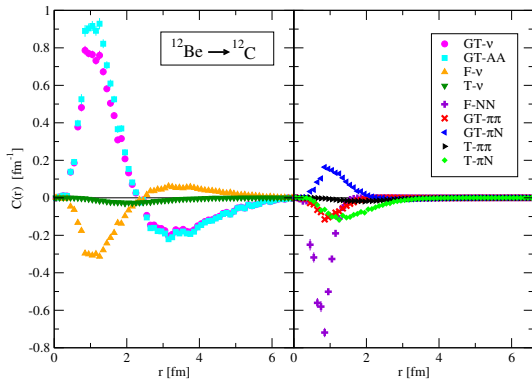
${}^{10}\text{He}(3) \rightarrow {}^{10}\text{Be}(1)$

${}^{12}\text{Be}(2) \rightarrow {}^{12}\text{C}(0)$

$$F = \tau_{1,+} \tau_{2,+} ; \text{GT} = \tau_{1,+} \tau_{2,+} \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2 ; T = \tau_{1,+} \tau_{2,+} S_{12}$$

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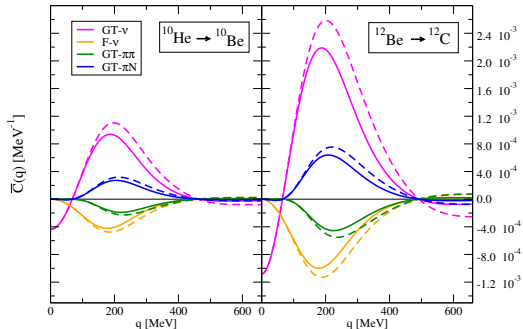
Double beta-decay Matrix Elements



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Momentum Dependence and Sensitivity to N2LO effects

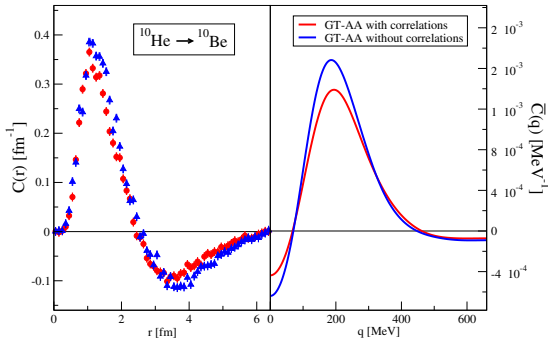
i.e., ‘dipole’ nucleonic form factors and $\nu_v^{\text{N2LO-loop}}$



- * Peaks at ~ 200 MeV
- * Form factors on/off $\rightarrow \sim 10\%$ variation same size as $\nu_v^{\text{N2LO-loop}}$ from Cirigliano *et al.* arXiv:1710.01729
- * $A = 10$ highly suppressed w.r.t. $A = 12$ (clusterization matter?)
- * $A = 12$ ‘most similar’ to experimental cases

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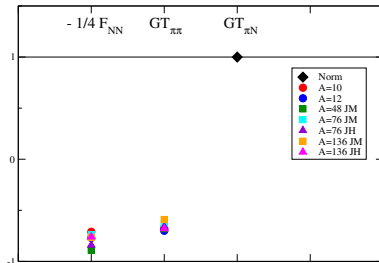
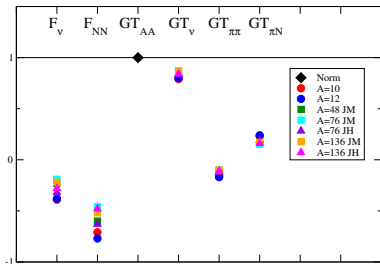
Sensitivity to 'pion-exchange-like' correlations



- * no 'pion-exchange-like' correlation operators U_{ij}
- * yes 'pion-exchange-like' correlation operators U_{ij}
- * $\sim 10\%$ increase in the matrix elements corresponds to a ' g_A -quenching' of ~ 0.95
- * as opposed to ~ 0.83 found in $A = 10$ single beta decay

* Correlations reduce the m.e.'s (also true for μ 's and GT's) *

Comparison with calculations of larger nuclei



JM = Javier Menendez private communication

JH = Hyvärinen *et al.* PRC91(2015)024613

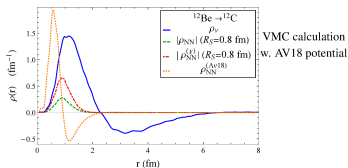
* Relative size of the matrix elements is approximately the same in all nuclei

* Short-range terms approximately the same in all nuclei

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The contact!

Impact on $0\nu\beta\beta$ nuclear matrix elements



- assuming $C_1 = C_2$ & extract from AV18

$$M_{F\nu} = 0.191 \quad M_{GT\nu} = 0.400 \quad M_{F,NN} = 0.460$$

$\mathcal{O}(1)$ correction!

- need consistent treatment of weak and strong interactions

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Courtesy of Emanuele Mereghetti

- * renormalization requires to introduce a counter term at leading order

$$\mathbf{v}_\nu = \mathbf{v}_\nu^{\text{LO}} + \mathbf{v}_{CT}$$

- * \mathbf{v}_{CT} is ‘partially’ determined by the isospin breaking NN potential ($\propto (\tau_{1,z} + \tau_{2,z})$)

Mereghetti & Dekens & Cirigliano & Graesser & de Vries & van Kolck & Pastore

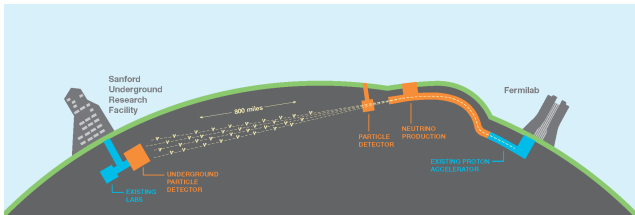
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$e - A$ and $\nu - A$ Scattering

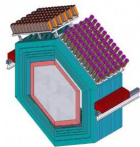
- How do **nuclei** interact with **electrons** and **neutrinos** in the GeV energy regime and how can calculations of these interaction **cross sections** be improved?

i.e.

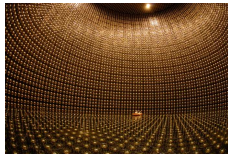
Towards a microscopic description of the ν -A inclusive cross section:
The Short-Time-Approximation



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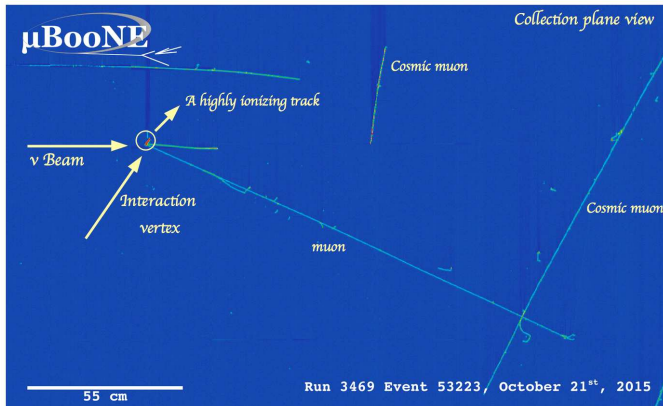
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Electron and Neutrino Scattering off Nuclei in the Short Time Approximation

Towards a microscopic description of the ν -nucleus cross section



μ Boone - ^{40}Ar

Inclusive (e, e') scattering

- * v/e inclusive xsecs are completely specified by the response functions
- * Two (five) response functions for (e, e') (v -A) inclusive xsec

$$R_{\alpha}(q, \omega) = \sum_f \delta(\omega + E_0 - E_f) |\langle f | O_{\alpha}(\mathbf{q}) | 0 \rangle|^2 \quad \alpha = L, T$$

Longitudinal response induced by $O_L = \rho$

Transverse response induced by $O_T = \mathbf{j}$

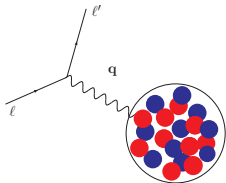
* Sum Rules *

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

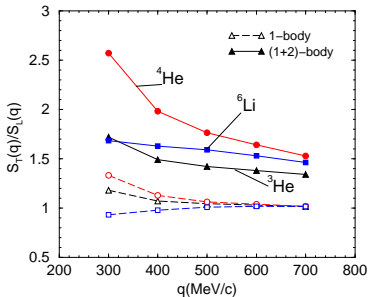
$$S(q, \tau) = \int_0^{\infty} d\omega K(\tau, \omega) R_{\alpha}(q, \omega)$$

* 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 Currents: Excess Transverse Strength

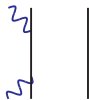


$$S_T(q) \propto \langle 0 | \mathbf{j}^\dagger \mathbf{j} | 0 \rangle$$

$$\propto \langle 0 | \mathbf{j}_{1b}^\dagger \mathbf{j}_{1b} | 0 \rangle + \langle 0 | \mathbf{j}_{1b}^\dagger \mathbf{j}_{2b} | 0 \rangle + \dots$$

- $\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{j}_{1b} + \mathbf{j}_{2b}$
- enhancement of the transverse response is due to interference between **1b** and **2b** currents **AND** presence of **two-nucleon correlations** •

Carlson *et al.* PRC65(2002)024002



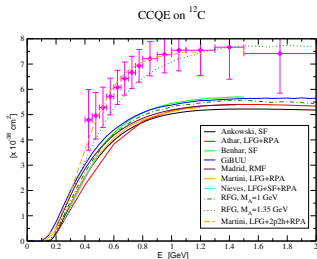
$$\langle \mathbf{j}_{1b}^\dagger \mathbf{j}_{1b} \rangle > 0$$



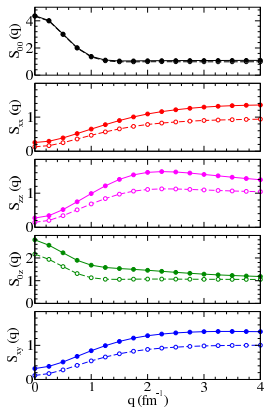
$$\langle \mathbf{j}_{1b}^\dagger \mathbf{j}_{2b} v_\pi \rangle \propto \langle v_\pi^2 \rangle > 0$$

Electron-scattering data are explained when **two-body correlations** and **currents** are accounted for!

Charge-Current Cross Section



Weak Responses

Lovato *et al.* [PRC91\(2015\)062501 + arXiv:1605.00248](https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.00248)

~ 100 million core hours

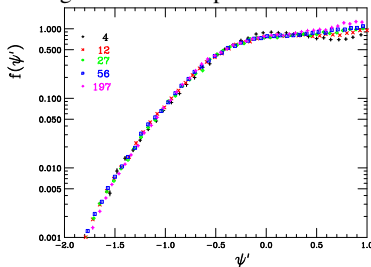
CHALLENGE:

How do we describe electroweak-scattering off $A > 12$ nuclei
without losing two-body physics?

Scaling properties of the Response Functions

Inclusive xsec depends on a single (scaling) function of ω and q

Scaling 2nd kind: independence form A



Donnelly and Sick - PRC60(1999)065502

1. Rely on observed scaling properties of inclusive xsecs, universal behavior of nucleon/ A momentum distributions, and exhibited locality of nuclear properties to build approximate response functions for $A > 12$ nuclei
2. From exact *ab initio* calculations we know that **two-body correlations** and **two-body currents** are crucial
3. Build a model that retains **two-body physics**

Factorization: Short-Time Approximation

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

$$R_{\alpha}(q, \omega) = \int dt \langle 0 | O_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{q}) e^{i(H-\omega)t} O_{\alpha}(\mathbf{q}) | 0 \rangle$$

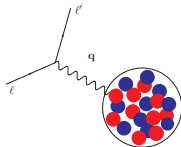
At short time, expand $P(t) = e^{i(H-\omega)t}$ and keep up to 2b-terms

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

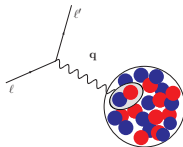
and

$$O_i^{\dagger} P(t) O_i + O_i^{\dagger} P(t) O_j + O_i^{\dagger} P(t) O_{ij} + O_{ij}^{\dagger} P(t) O_{ij}$$

1b



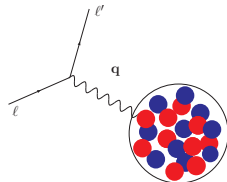
2b



Factorization I: The Plane Wave Impulse Approximation (PWIA)

In PWIA:

Response functions given by incoherent scattering off **single nucleons that propagate freely in the final state** (plane waves)



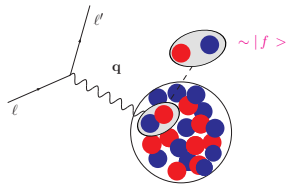
$$R_{\alpha}(q, \omega) = \sum_f \delta(\omega + E_0 - E_f) \langle 0 | O_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{q}) | f \rangle \langle f | O_{\alpha}(\mathbf{q}) | 0 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} O_{\alpha}(\mathbf{q}) &= O_{\alpha}^{(1)}(\mathbf{q}) = 1b \\ |f\rangle &\sim e^{i(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q})\cdot\mathbf{r}} = \text{free single nucleon w.f.} \end{aligned}$$

Factorization II: The Short-Time Approximation (STA)

In STA:

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



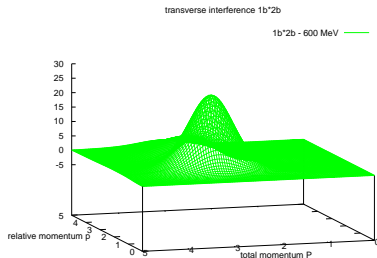
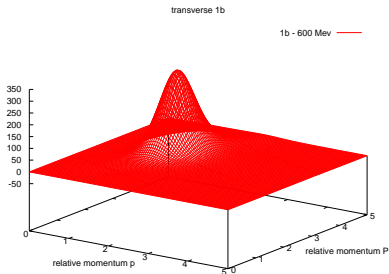
$$R_{\alpha}(q, \omega) = \sum_f \delta(\omega + E_0 - E_f) \langle 0 | O_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{q}) | f \rangle \langle f | O_{\alpha}(\mathbf{q}) | 0 \rangle$$

$$O_{\alpha}(\mathbf{q}) = O_{\alpha}^{(1)}(\mathbf{q}) + O_{\alpha}^{(2)}(\mathbf{q}) = 1\mathbf{b} + 2\mathbf{b}$$

$$|f\rangle \sim |\Psi_{p,p,J,M,L,S,T,M_T}(r, R)\rangle = \text{correlated two-nucleon w.f.}$$

- * We retain **two-body physics** consistently in the nuclear interactions and **electroweak currents**
- * $R_{\alpha}(q, \omega)$ requires only direct calculation of g.s. $|0\rangle$ w.f.'s *
- * STA can be implemented to accommodate for more two-body physics, e.g., pion-production induced by e and ν

The Short-Time Approximation

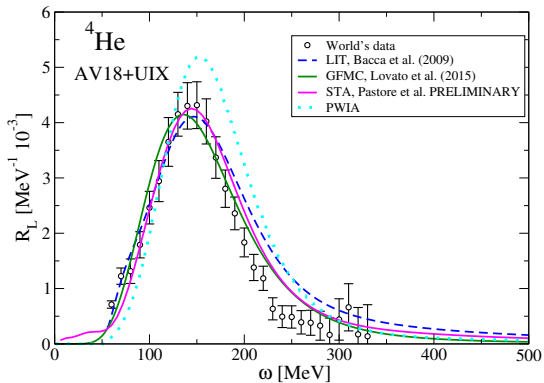


$$R_{\alpha}(q, \omega) \sim \int \delta(\omega + E_0 - E_f) d\Omega_P d\Omega_p dP dp [p^2 P^2 \langle 0 | O_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{q}) | \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{P} \rangle \langle \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{P} | O_{\alpha}(\mathbf{q}) | 0 \rangle]$$

300 core hours with 1b + 2b for ${}^4\text{He}$

Preliminary results

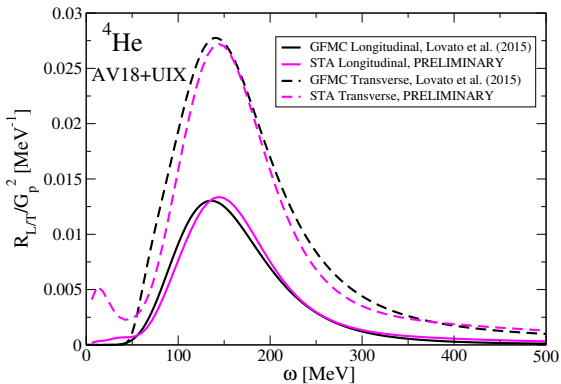
The Short-Time Approximation



Longitudinal Response function at $q = 500 \text{ MeV}$

Preliminary results

The Short-Time Approximation



Longitudinal vs Transverse Response Function at $q = 500$ MeV

Preliminary results

Current Results

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 $A \leq 12$ indicate two-body physics (currents and correlations) is required
- * Short-Time-Approximation to evaluate ν -A scattering in $A > 12$ nuclei is in excellent agreement with exact calculations and data
- * We are developing a coherent picture for neutrino-nucleus interactions *