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Using the atomic nucleus as a probe for BSM physics. **INT Rising Researchers Seminar**

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While being the most successful scientific model ever, the Standard Model has some major shortcomings:

- Fails to explain gravity
- Fails to explain most of the mass and energy of the universe (only predicts \sim 5% of it)
- Fails to explain neutrino mass and oscillation.
- Fails to explain the matter-antimatter asymmetry.

Shortcomings of the Standard Model

How should we search beyond the Standard Model to explain these shortcomings?





1. High-energy route



https://cds.cern.ch/record/628469

Going Beyond



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1. Looking at deviation from Standard Model prediction.

2. Search for phenomena not predicted by the Standard Model.

results:

- Superallowed β decay: Corrections to Standard Model δ_{NS} and δ_{C} .
- $0\nu\beta\beta$: Nuclear matrix elements $M^{0\nu}$.
- Electric Dipole Moment: The nuclear Schiff Moment.
- **Dark Matter Scattering:** WIMP Scattering structure factor S_A .

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- $0\nu\beta$
- Electronic
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The Need for Nuclear Theory

In most cases, the largest source of uncertainty on experimental results/limits is from nuclear theory inputs.

Nuclear Theory Blur

Goal of the talk Show how, by using ab initio methods that rely on systematically improvable expansions rather than nuclear models, a coherent picture can be achieved for BSM observables using $0\nu\beta\beta$ as an example.

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Observed	Yes

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The Majorana neutrino

The Nature of the Neutrino Puzzle

- The neutrinos are the only neutral fermions: only candidates.
- Explains why we only observe left-handed neutrinos and right-handed anti-neutrinos.
- Gives natural explanation to the small neutrino masses via the seesaw mechanism.

Why Majorana Neutrinos?

The Black Box Theorem (Schechter & Valle 1982)

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List of Challenges

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Expansion order by order of the nuclear forces

Reproduces symmetries of low-energy QCD using nucleons as fields and mesons as force carriers.

Valence-Space In Medium Similarity Renormalization Group

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The Ab Initio Revolution

A more complete approach based on EFT allows to find corrections to these operators:

$$[T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = g_A^4 G^{0\nu} |M_{LR}^{0\nu} + M_{SR}^{0\nu} + M_{\text{usoft}}^{0\nu} + M_{\text{loops}}^{0\nu}|^2 \left(\frac{m_{\beta\beta}}{m_e}\right)^2$$

V. Cirigliano et al., Phys. Rev. C 97, 065501 (2018), Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 202001 (2018), Phys. Rev. C 100, 055504 (2019)

EFT Corrections to the Operator

Figure courtesy of L. Jokiniemi

A short-range contact operator previously thought to be at higher order is promoted to first order for renormalization:

The Short-Range Contact Operator

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Unknown coupling constants.

Method by Cirigliano et al. (JHEP05(2021)289) allows to extract this coupling for ab initio method with 30% uncertainty for each nuclear interaction.

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Contact operator regularized with non-local regulator matching the nuclear interaction used:

$$\langle 0_f^+ | \frac{R_{Nucl}}{8\pi^3} \left(\frac{m_N g_A^2}{4f_\pi^2} \right)^2 \exp\left(-\left(\frac{p}{\Lambda_{int}}\right)^{2n_{int}}\right) \exp\left(-\left(\frac{p'}{\Lambda_{int}}\right)^{2n_{int}}\right) |$$







Results in Heavy Nuclei



e_{max}



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Uncertainty quantification



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Propagating the LECs Error

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Propagating the LECs Error





Different values Value of the Any other relevant obtained with nuclear matrix information we have different elements beforehand interactions/ (what we are methods interested in) $prob(y|y_k, I) \propto prob(y_k|y, I) \times prob(y|I)$

Posterior distribution

Probability distribution for the final value given the data and our previous knowledge (what we want to obtain).

For finite samples, we use sampling/importance resampling to obtain the final PDF.

Likelihood

Probability that this sample gives a result that is representative of experimental values.

Chosen to be a multivariate normal centred at the experimental value for few observables we have data on (calibrating observables).

Bayesian Approach

We read $prob(A \mid B)$ as probability of A given B

Prior

Assume a uniform prior for low energy constants of natural size. Then use history matching to remove implausible samples from the set. Assume each of the remaining samples to be as likely as the others.







Procedure for UQ in the Bayesian Approach







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The catch

Need to be able to compute the observables for all the nonimplausible samples.

Due to the large cost of manybody methods, this becomes quickly infeasible as the number of samples grows.







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$$P_{Y^*|Y} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\mu_Y^* + \Sigma_{X^*X} \Sigma_{XX}^{-1} (Y - \mu_Y), \Sigma_{X^*X^*} - \Sigma_{X^*X} \Sigma_{XX}^{-1} \Sigma_{XX^*}\right).$$

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without additional costly computations.

between the fidelity levels.

Using Gaussian Process as an Emulator

• Multi-Tasks Gaussian Process: Leverages multiple correlated outputs from shared inputs by defining a combined kernel. This approach increases data points

• Multi-Fidelity Gaussian Process: Uses limited high-fidelity data and abundant low-fidelity data and model differences with a Gaussian Process. This enables predicting high-fidelity outcomes from low-fidelity inputs, assuming a linear scaling











- •Deep Gaussian Processes [1]: Stack multiple GPs in a neural network-like architecture for improved hierarchical learning.
- •Multi-Fidelity Modelling: Model low-to-high fidelity differences by passing outputs from one fidelity as inputs to the next.
- •MM-DGP Extension: Adapted to handle multiple outputs across fidelity levels, creating the Multi-output Multi-fidelity Deep Gaussian Process (MM-DGP).

[1] Kurt Cutajar, Mark Pullin, Andreas Damianou, Neil Lawrence, Javier González arXiv:1903.07320 (2021).

The MM-DGP Algorithm











250 training points









100 training points





30





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The MM-DGP Algorithm: $0\nu\beta\beta$ NMEs

Root Mean Square Error = 0.13

































Eigenvector continuation





Correlation with Phase Shift

Strong correlation for energies > 50 MeV

 \Rightarrow

The size of matrix elements is mostly constrained by the interaction between the two nucleons that undergo the decay, given they are close enough from each other.

¹³⁶Xe

 $\delta^{1S_0}_{pp}$

 $\delta^{^{1}S_{0}}_{np}$

 $\delta_{nn}^{^1S_0}$

350

Belley, et al., arXiv:2408.02169 (2024)














- •Use 8188 "non-implausible" samples obtain by Jiang, W. G. et al. (Phys. Rev. C 109, 064314).
- •Many-body problem is "solved" with the MM-DGP.
- •Consider all sources of uncertainties by taking:

$$y = y_{MM-DGP} + \epsilon_{emulator}$$

- where the ϵ 's are the errors coming from different sources and are assumed to be normally distributed and independent.
- •Interactions are weighted by the ${}^{1}S_{0}$ neutron-proton phase shifts at 50 MeV and observables for mass A=2-4, 16.

Posterior Distribution of the NMEs

 $+\epsilon_{EFT} + \epsilon_{many-body} + \epsilon_{operator}$









A2-4: E(²H), r_p(²H), Q(²H), E(³H), E(⁴He), r_p(⁴He)

Choosing a Likelood

Likelihood 1: Only contains ${}^{1}S_{0}$ neutron-proton phase shifts at 50 MeV.

Likelihood 2: Contains ${}^{1}S_{0}$ neutron-proton phase shifts at 50 MeV and observables for A=2-4.

Likelihood 3: Contains ${}^{1}S_{0}$ neutron-proton phase shifts at 50 MeV and observables for A=2-4,16.





This error is given directly by the Gaussian Process and depends on the LECs (i.e. each predicted point has its own error).





Error due to the truncation of the nuclear interactions (the samples are truncated at N2LO, including delta excitations).

Use EMN interaction at NLO, N2LO, N3LO and N4LO, without delta excitations, to verify convergence of chiral expansion.

Using the Δ -full interaction of this work, only NLO and N2LO orders are available. Using expansion from BUQEYE collaboration, we get $\epsilon_{EFT} = 0.3$.

EFT Truncation error









Error due to the truncation of the many-body method. This is studied by comparing the results of the IM-GCM and VS-IMSRG using the magic interaction.

This error is surprisingly large as we find $\epsilon_{many-body} = 0.88.$

EFT Truncation error









Error due to the truncation of the operator in chiral expansion + closure energy correction + value of the contact LEC.

Adding N2LO operators has very small contribution (< 0.2). Biggest contribution comes from determination of contact term.

Total error amounts to $\epsilon_{operator} = 0.47$.





Combining all sources of uncertainty













The Current Picture









Combining Limits of Different Isotopes

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Current

Experimental limits: GERDA (76Ge) Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 252502, CUPID-Mo (100100) Eur. Phys. J. C 82 11, 1033, CUORE(130Te) arXiv:2404.04453, EXO(136Xe) Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 161802 and Kamland Zen (136Xe) arXiv:2406.11438









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Future

Expected limits: LEGEND (⁷⁶Ge) arXiv:2107.11462, CUPID (¹⁰⁰100) arXiv:1907.09376, AMoRE Expected limits: LEGEND (¹³Ge) arXiv.2107.11702, Corner, Corner, 136Xe) JHEP09(2023)190 and (¹⁰⁰100) arXiv:2406.09698, SNO+(¹³⁰Te) arXiv:2104.11687, NEXT (¹³⁶Xe) JHEP09(2023)190 and 82 **nEXO (**¹³⁶**Xe)** J. Phys .G 49 1, 015104.













Going Past the Standard Mechanism











Going Past the Standard Mechanism







Simplest extension is to add heavy sterile neutrinos $\Rightarrow [T_{1/2}^{0\nu}]^{-1} = g_A^4 G^{0\nu} \left| M^{0\nu} \left(\frac{\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle}{m} \right) + M^{0N} \left(\frac{m_p}{m} \right) \right|^2$

Going Past the Standard Mechanism

Mass of heavy neutrino







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$$\left| M^{0N} = M^{0N}_{GT} - \left(\frac{g_V}{g_A}\right)^2 M^{0N}_F + M^{0N}_T \right|$$

Heavy Sterile Neutrino NMEs







Alex Todd

All operators are $M^{0N} = M^{0N}_{GT} - \left(\frac{g_V}{g_A}\right)^2 M^{0N}_F + M^{0N}_T$ short-range contact operators.

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From V. Cirigliano, et al., JHEP12(2018)097, only 15 different nuclear matrix elements can contribute to mechanisms at play.

Heavy Sterile Neutrino NMEs

mechanisms involved in $0\nu\beta\beta$. Observation in many isotopes is required to identify (or at least constrain) the



Global emulation







Current emulators are still pretty limited and costly to train.

 They do not/cannot make use of the fact that results from different interactions correlate strongly in different nuclei \Rightarrow need to retrain the emulator for each nucleus.

Need a global emulator that can leverage this advantage.

Need For Global Emulator









BAyesian Neural Network: an Atomic and Nuclear Emulator













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MM-DGP and EC while emulating over a full isotopic chain.

Emulating Multiple Isotopes

BANNANE achieves state-of-the-art emulation, with smaller errors than both 95











Combining this with previous UQ technique, we can predict observables with associated uncertainties over the full isotopic chains in a few minutes.

Emulating Multiple Isotopes















Heatmap of Extrapolation MAPE (Energy Based) by emax and N



Predicting Unseen Data

Heatmap of Extrapolation RMSE (Radii) by emax and N

















amazing agreement!

Predicting Unseen Data

Removing ²³O from the training data and prediction observables still show











Removing ¹⁵O from the training data, the model struggle to find the nuclear shell...

Predicting Unseen Data









Extrapolation MAPE (E_B)



Including the lowest fidelity greatly improve the predictions of the model!

















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Global sensitivity analysis is consistent with other emulators!







 Projection of the embeddings from the attention mechanism.

Visualizing the Embeddings













 Projection of the embeddings from the attention mechanism.

 Can clearly see that the model is learning nuclear shells!

sd-shell

Visualizing the Embeddings







- Emulators are required to obtain uncertainty quantification of nuclear theory observables required for searches of new physics.
- Emulator further allows the use of other statistical tools like global sensitivity analysis.
- Many-body uncertainty is the main source of uncertainty in current calculations.

- Improving the emulator with other machine learning models. • Reducing the many-body error using methods that probe the IMSRG(3). Doing a similar analysis for other nuclear processes.

- Computing other observables for BSM searches with uncertainties.



Summary ...

... and Outlook

Thank you!







Questions?

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