Study of Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay in Nuclear Shell Model

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Outlines

Neutrinoless double beta decay $(0\nu\beta\beta)$ and its importance in neutrino physics

Interacting Nuclear Shell Model Approach to Study 0νββ Decay

Results for Nuclear Matrix Elements of ⁴⁸Ca, ¹²⁴Sn Using Nuclear Shell Model in Both Closure and Nonclosure Approximations

What we know and do not know about neutrinos (ν)?





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First predicted by Wolfgang Pauli in 1930

What we know?

- Spin ½ neutral fundamental lepton
- They are of three types(?)
- Weakly interacting: 1 out 10¹⁴ only interact.
- They are 2nd most abundant particles in the universe
- In Standard Model they kept massless but in actual they have tiny masses (≤ 1 eV)

What We don't know?

Q1. Are neutrinos their own anti-particle? No: Dirac particle Yes: Majorana particle

Q2. What are the absolute neutrino masses?

Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay ($0\nu\beta\beta$)



Fig1: Feynman diagram for light neutrino exchange $0\nu\beta\beta$



Fig2: Representation of the energies of the A 76 isobars

If this process is observed...

- Neutrinos must be their own antiparticle (Majorana particle), which has important implications in BSM physics theories.
- Put some light on absolute neutrino mass scale.
- Lepton number violation (ΔL = 2) will be observed.

History



1937: **Ettore Majorana** predicted a that neutrino can be its own antiparticle

1939: **Wolfgang Furry** first predicted Neutrinoless double beta decay based on Majorana neutrino

Possible Decaying Isotopes

 $^{48}Ca,\,^{76}Ge,\,^{82}Se,\,^{96}Zr,\,^{100}Mo,\,\,^{116}Cd,\,^{124}Sn$, ^{130}Te , $^{136}Xe,\,^{150}Nd$

Rarity of the process:

Half life can be in the range $> 10^{26}$ Years

But.... $0\nu\beta\beta$ is still unobserved even after 80 years.



Fig 3: Feynman diagram for two-neutrino double beta decay

Decay Rate of Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay 0vββ: light-neutrino exchange

Decay rate of $0\nu\beta\beta$

$$\Gamma^{0\nu} = \frac{1}{T_{\frac{1}{2}}^{0\nu}} = G^{0\nu}(Q, Z) |m_{\beta\beta}|^2 |M^{0\nu}|^2$$

Phase Space Factor($G^{0\nu}$):



Fig 4. Phase space of the nine more favorable double-beta decay isotopes. https://doi.org/10.1155/2012/857016

W_L

 W_L^-

 e_L^-

e_L

Absolute Majorana Neutrino Masses

Decay rate of $0\nu\beta\beta$

Majorana neutrino mass $(m_{\beta\beta})$:





$$\begin{split} \Gamma^{0\nu} &= \frac{1}{T_{\frac{1}{2}}^{0\nu}} = G^{0\nu}(Q,Z) \left| m_{\beta\beta} \right|^2 |M^{0\nu}|^2 \\ & \left(\begin{matrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{matrix} \right) = U \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{matrix} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{matrix} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix} \\ & U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} e^{-i\delta_{13}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13} e^{i\delta_{13}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \\ & \times \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} e^{1/2i\alpha_1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{1/2i\alpha_2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & & \text{Where, } c_{ij} = \cos\theta_{ij}, s_{ij} = \sin\theta_{ij}, \\ & 0 \le \theta_{ij} \le \pi/2, 0 \le \delta_{13} \le 2\pi, \alpha_1 \text{ and } \alpha_2 \text{ are Majorana} \\ & & CP\text{-violating phases.} \end{split}$$

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Upper limit for $m_{\beta\beta}$ of 36-156 meV has been determined from $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay experiment of ¹³⁶Xe at KamLAND-Zen (PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 130, 051801 (2023)) with lower limit of $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} 2.3 \times 10^{26}$ yr using different nuclear matrix elements

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Nuclear Matrix Element(NME) $M^{0\nu}$: our research interest

$$M^{0\nu} = M^{0\nu}_{GT} - \frac{g_V^2}{g_A^2} M^{0\nu}_F + M^{0\nu}_T$$

- F- Fermi
- GT- Gamow-Teller
- T- Tensor
- g_V and g_A are vector and axial vector constant $M^{0\nu}_{\alpha} = \langle f | \tau_{-1} \tau_{-2} O^{\alpha}_{12} | i \rangle$ $\alpha = (F, GT, T)$

$0\nu\beta\beta$ transition operators

- Fermi Type: $O_{12}^F = S_F H_F(r) = H_F(r)$
- Gamow Teller type: $O_{12}^{GT} = S_{GT}H_{GT}(r) = \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 H_{GT}(r)$
- Tensor Type: $O_{12}^{T} = S_{T}H_{T}(r) = [3(\vec{\sigma}_{1}.\hat{r})(\vec{\sigma}_{2}.\hat{r}) - \vec{\sigma}_{1}.\vec{\sigma}_{2}]H_{T}(r)$

Models of Nuclear Matrix Element calculations

- Nuclear Shell Model (NSM) (We use this)
- Quasiparticle Random Phase Approximation (QRPA)
- Projected Hartree Fock Bogliovob Method (PHFB)
- Interacting Boson Model 2 (IBM2)
- Energy Density Functional Theory (EDF)

Shell structure of nucleus



Fig 3: Nuclear shell structure

Approximations of NME calculations: closure vs nonclosure approximation

Nonclosure Approximation

 48 Ca \rightarrow 48 Sc \rightarrow 48 Ti

$$H_{\alpha}(r, E_k^*) = \frac{2R}{\pi} * \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{q + E_0 + E_k^*} j_p(qr) g_{\alpha}(q) q dq \qquad \text{Where, } E_0 = \frac{Q_{\beta\beta}}{2} + \Delta M$$

Closure Approximation

One replaces
$$E_k^* + E_0 = \langle E \rangle$$

$$H_{\alpha}(r) = \frac{2R}{\pi} * \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{q + \langle E \rangle} j_{p}(qr) g_{\alpha}(q) q dq$$

Method: Running nonclosure and closure

Here....Neutrino potential are calculated explicitly in terms of excitation energy of ⁴⁸Sc $H_{\alpha}(r, E_k^*) = \frac{2R}{\pi} * \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{q + E_0 + E_k^*} j_p(qr) g_{\alpha}(q) q dq$ $\langle n'l'|H_{\alpha}(r,E_{k}^{*})|nl\rangle = \int_{\Omega} R_{n'l'}R_{nl}r^{2}dr * H_{\alpha}(r,E_{k}^{*})$ $E_0 + E_k^* = \langle E \rangle$ Closure approximation Nonclosure Closure approximation ⁴⁸Sc $E_0 + E_{\nu}^* \rightarrow 1.9 \text{ MeV} + E_{\nu}^*$ ⁴⁸Ti (Intermediate ⁴⁸Ca State) Final State (Initial State) Several Excitation $(J^{\pi} = 0^+ g.s)$ $(J^{\pi} = 0^+ g.s)$ Explicit Form of NME in running nonclosure method Energy States for Each I^{π} $M^{0\nu}_{\alpha-running nonclosure}(E)$ $J^{\pi} = 0^+ - 7^+$ $= \sum_{k1'k_{2}'k_{4}k_{5}} \sum_{k_{1} \in E_{1} \leq E_{1}} \sqrt{(2J_{k}+1)(2J_{k}+1)(2J+1)}$ Diagram to Calculate OBTD for $0\nu\beta\beta$ of ⁴⁸Ca $k1'k_{2}'k_{1}k_{2}||_{k}E_{k}^{*} \leq E_{c}$ $\times (-1)^{j_{k_1}+j_{k_2}+J} \begin{cases} j_1 & j_2 & J_k \\ j_4 & j_3 & J \end{cases} \times OBTD(k, f, k'_1, k'_2, J_k) \\ \times OBTD(k, i, k_1, k_2, J_k) \langle k'_1 k'_2 : J || \tau_{-1} \tau_{-2} \mathcal{O}_{12}^{0\nu} || k_1 k_2 \rangle$ Fig 20: Schematic diagram to calculate OBTD OBTD(k, f, k'_1, k'_2, J_k) = $\frac{\langle k \left| \left| \left[a_{k_1}^+ \otimes \tilde{a}_{k'_1} \right]_{J_k} \right| \right| f \rangle}{\sqrt{2L + 1}}$

Two Body Matrix Elements of $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay

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$0\nu\beta\beta$ transition operators

• Fermi Type:

$$0_{12}^F = S_F H_F(r) = H_F(r)$$

- Gamow Teller type: $O_{12}^{GT} = S_{GT}H_{GT}(r) = \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 H_{GT}(r)$
- Tensor Type:

$$\mathbf{O}_{12}^{\mathrm{T}} = \mathbf{S}_{\mathrm{T}} \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{T}}(\mathbf{r}) = [3(\vec{\sigma}_{1}.\hat{\mathbf{r}})(\vec{\sigma}_{2}.\hat{\mathbf{r}}) - \vec{\sigma}_{1}.\vec{\sigma}_{2}]\mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{T}}(\mathbf{r})$$

Explicit Form of Two Body Matrix Elements

$$\langle n_{p1}l_{p1}j_{p1}, n_{p2}l_{p2}j_{p2}, J_{m}^{m}|\tau_{-1}\tau_{-2}O_{12}^{\alpha}|n_{n1}l_{n1}j_{n1}, n_{n2}l_{n2}j_{n2}J_{m}^{m}\rangle \\ = \sum_{S',\lambda',S,\lambda} \begin{cases} l_{p1} & \frac{1}{2} & j_{p1} \\ l_{p2} & \frac{1}{2} & j_{p2} \\ \lambda' & S' & J_{m} \end{cases} * \times \begin{cases} l_{n2} & \frac{1}{2} & j_{n2} \\ l_{n1} & \frac{1}{2} & j_{n1} \\ \lambda & S & J_{m} \end{cases} \\ \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2S+1}} \langle l_{p1}l_{p2}\lambda'\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}S'; J_{m}|S_{12}^{\alpha}|l_{n2}l_{n1}\lambda\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{2}S; J_{m} \rangle \\ \times \langle n_{p1}l_{p1}n_{p2}l_{p2}|H_{\alpha}(r)|n_{n1}l_{n1}n_{n2}l_{n2} \rangle \\ \times \langle n_{p1}l_{p1}n_{p2}l_{p2}|H_{\alpha}(r)|n_{n1}l_{n1}n_{p2}l_{p2} \rangle \\ = \sum_{n',l',N',L'} \sum_{n,l,N,L} \langle n'l', N'L'|n_{p1}l_{p1}, n_{p2}l_{p2} \rangle_{\lambda'} \\ \times \langle n'l', N'L'|n_{p1}l_{p1}, n_{p2}l_{p2} \rangle_{\lambda'} \times \langle n'l'|H_{\alpha}(r)|n| \rangle \\ \end{bmatrix} \\ Harmonic Oscillator Bracket \\ Relative and COM coordinate \\ \end{cases}$$

Neutrino Potential Integral $\langle n'l' | H_{\alpha}(r) | nl \rangle$

$$< n'l' |H_{Type}(r)|nl > = \int_{0}^{\infty} R_{n'l'} R_{nl} r^2 dr * H_{\alpha}(r)$$

Where,
$$H_{\alpha}(r) = \frac{2R}{\pi} * \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{q + \langle E \rangle} j_{p}(qr) g_{\alpha}(q) q dq$$



Interacting Nuclear Shell Model and Effective Interactions

$^{48}Ca \rightarrow ^{48}Ti+e^- + e^-$

 48 Ca \rightarrow 40 Ca (Core)+8 valence neutron 48 Ti \rightarrow 40 Ca (Core)+6 valence neutron+2 valence proton

2d 6 1g 2p_{1/2} 10 2 $1f_{5/2}$ 6 $|f_{5/2}|$ fp-2D3/2 valence 2p_{3/2} $1f_{7/2}$ space S Valence protons and neutrons occupy the above orbits of fp-model 2 2 space Fig 6: Nuclear Shell structure

For 48Ca, shell model diagonalization is performed with gxpf1a effective interactions to calculate initial, intermediate, and final nucleus

Calculated Wavefunctions are further used to calculate the OBTD for nonclosure approach

Contribution of allowed spin-parity (J_k^{π}) of the intermediate nucleus for nonclosure approach







Observations

- Fermi NMEs are all negative and GT NMEs are all positive
- 1⁺ contributes the most for GT type NME

Dependence of NME on number of states for each spin-parity (J_k^{π}) of the intermediate nucleus for nonclosure approach





Observations

- For ¹²⁴Sn, NMEs are not completely converged with 100 intermediate states for each spin-parity of ¹²⁴Sb, but contributions are mostly small after 100th state
- For ¹³⁶Xe, we could calculate 200 states for each spin-parity of ¹³⁶Cs



• Odd spin-parity contributions are negligible due to pairing effect

Finding Optimal Closure Energy Where NME in closure and nonclosure method overlaps



Observations

 For 124Sn, we determined that at optimal closure energy <E>~3.0 MeV, one can reproduce the nonclosure NME using closure approach across all intermediate states and using smaller computational resources



- Most of the contribution come from q below 500 MeV
- For r of about 1fm, NME contributions are largest

Study of λ mechanism of $0\nu\beta\beta$ in Nuclear Shell Model



The Feynman diagrams for λ mechanism

Motivation of Studying λ mechanism

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Shell model study of using an effective field theory for disentangling several contributions to neutrinoless double- β decay

Mihai Horoi* and Andrei Neacsu

(I) Shell Model was used in paper for closure approximation to study λ mechanism of $0\nu\beta\beta$

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Reexamining the light neutrino exchange mechanism of the $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay with left- and right-handed leptonic and hadronic currents

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(II) Exploited the revised formalism for λ mechanism

frontiers in Physics The λ Mechanism of the $0\nu\beta\beta$ -Decay

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(III) QRPA calculations with revised formalism for λ mechanism

Decay rate and NME for λ mechanism

Decay Rate

$$\begin{bmatrix} T_{\frac{1}{2}}^{0\nu} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \eta_{\nu}^{2}C_{mm} + \eta_{\lambda}^{2}C_{\lambda\lambda} + \eta_{\nu}\eta_{\lambda}\cos\psi C_{m\lambda}$$

$$C_{mm} = g_{A}^{4}M_{\nu}^{2}G_{01},$$

$$C_{m\lambda} = -g_{A}^{4}M_{\nu}(M_{2-}G_{03} - M_{1+}G_{04}),$$

$$C_{\lambda\lambda} = g_{A}^{4}(M_{2-}^{2}G_{02} + \frac{1}{9}M_{1+}^{2}G_{011} - \frac{2}{9}M_{1+}M_{2-}G_{010})$$

NMEs

$$\begin{split} M_{\nu} &= M_{GT} - \frac{1}{g_{A}^{2}} M_{F} + M_{T} \\ M_{\nu\omega} &= M_{\omega GT} - \frac{1}{g_{A}^{2}} M_{\omega F} + M_{\omega T} \\ M_{1+} &= M_{qGT} + 3 \frac{1}{g_{A}^{2}} M_{qF} - 6 M_{qT} \\ M_{2-} &= M_{\nu\omega} - \frac{1}{9} M_{1+} \\ M_{\alpha} &= \langle f | \tau_{1-} \tau_{2-} \mathcal{O}_{12}^{\alpha} | i \rangle \end{split}$$

Transition Operator

$$\mathcal{O}_{12}^{GT,\omega GT,qGT} = \tau_{1-}\tau_{2-}(\sigma_{1},\sigma_{2})H_{GT,\omega GT,qGT}(r,E_{k})$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{12}^{F,\omega F,qF} = \tau_{1-}\tau_{2-}H_{F,\omega F,qF}(r,E_{k})$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{12}^{T,\omega T,qT} = \tau_{1-}\tau_{2-}(S_{12})H_{T,\omega T,qT}(r,E_{k})$$

Radial neutrino potentials

$$\begin{split} & \text{Nonclosure approximation} \\ & \text{H}_{\alpha}(r,\text{E}_k) = \frac{2\text{R}}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{f_{\alpha}(q,r)dq}{q + \text{E}_k + (\text{E}_i + \text{E}_f)/2} \\ & \text{Closure approximation} \\ & [\text{E}_k + (\text{E}_i + \text{E}_f)/2] \! \rightarrow \langle \text{E} \rangle \end{split}$$

$$H_{\alpha}(r, E_{k}) = \frac{2R}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{f_{\alpha}(q, r)dq}{q + \langle E \rangle}$$

Revised Approach

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$$f_{qGT}(q, r) = \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{q^2}{\Lambda_A^2}\right)^4} qj_1(qr)$$
(Old)
$$f_{qGT}(q, r) = \left(\frac{g_A^2(q^2)}{g_A^2}q + 3\frac{g_P^2(q^2)}{g_A^2}\frac{q^5}{4m_N^2} \right)$$
(Revised)
$$+ \frac{g_A^2(q^2)g_P^2(q^2)}{g_A^2}\frac{q^3}{m_N}rj_1(qr)$$
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Summary and Outlooks

We calculated NME for $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay based on ISM calculations

Nuclear matrix elements calculation for 0vββ decay of 124Sn using nonclosure approach in nuclear shell model

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