

Hadronic parity violation in few-nucleon systems

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Introduction and motivation

Parity-violating NN interactions

Two-nucleon systems

Three-nucleon systems

Few-nucleon systems

Conclusion & Outlook

Hadronic parity violation

- Parity-violating component in hadronic interactions
- Relative strength for NN case: $\sim G_F m_\pi^2 \approx 10^{-7}$
- Origin: weak interaction between quarks
 - W, Z exchange
 - Range ~ 0.002 fm
 - How manifested for quarks confined in nucleon?
- Interplay of weak and nonperturbative strong interactions
 - Sensitive to quark-quark correlations inside nucleon
 - No need for high-energy probe
 - “Inside-out probe”
- Isospin dependence? ($\rightarrow \Delta I = 1/2$ puzzle)

Observables

Isolate PV effects through pseudoscalar observables ($\sigma \cdot p$)

- Longitudinal, angular asymmetries
- γ circular polarization
- Spin rotation

Complex nuclei

- Enhancement up to 10% effect (^{139}La)
- Theoretically difficult

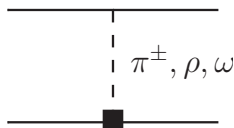
Two- and few-nucleon system

- $\vec{p}p$ scattering
- $np \leftrightarrow d\gamma$
- $\vec{n}\alpha$ spin rotation (NIST)
- $\vec{p}\alpha$ scattering (PSI)
- $^3\text{He}(\vec{n}, p)^3\text{H}$ (SNS)

Meson-exchange model

DDH model

- Single-meson exchange (π^\pm, ρ, ω) with one strong and one weak vertex



- Weak interaction encoded in 7 PV meson-nucleon couplings
- Estimate weak couplings (quark models, symmetries)
⇒ ranges and “best values”
- Combined with variety of PC potentials
- Extensions to include two-pion exchange, Δ, \dots
- Has been standard for analyzing experiments

Experimental prospects

Ongoing and planned experiments

- High-intensity neutron & photon sources
- Very low energies (cold neutrons, ...)
- Few-nucleon systems

Theory wishlist

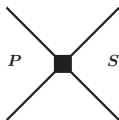
- Suited for low-energy processes
- Model independent
- Consistent treatment of PC + PV interactions + currents

Effective field theory approach

Parity violation in EFT(π)

Structure of interaction

- Only nucleons
- Contact interactions
- Parity determined by orbital angular momentum L : $(-1)^L$
- Simplest parity-violating interaction: $L \rightarrow L \pm 1$
- Leading order: $S - P$ wave transitions



- Spin, isospin: 5 different combinations

Lowest-order parity-violating Lagrangian

Partial wave basis

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{PV} = & - \left[g^{(3S_1-1P_1)} d_t^{i\dagger} \left(N^T \sigma_2 \tau_2 i \overleftrightarrow{D}_i N \right) \right. \\ & + g_{(\Delta I=0)}^{(1S_0-3P_0)} d_s^{A\dagger} \left(N^T \sigma_2 \vec{\sigma} \cdot \tau_2 \tau_A i \overleftrightarrow{D} N \right) \\ & + g_{(\Delta I=1)}^{(1S_0-3P_0)} \epsilon^{3AB} d_s^{A\dagger} \left(N^T \sigma_2 \vec{\sigma} \cdot \tau_2 \tau^B i \overleftrightarrow{D} N \right) \\ & + g_{(\Delta I=2)}^{(1S_0-3P_0)} \mathcal{I}^{AB} d_s^{A\dagger} \left(N^T \sigma_2 \vec{\sigma} \cdot \tau_2 \tau^B i \overleftrightarrow{D} N \right) \\ & \left. + g^{(3S_1-3P_1)} \epsilon^{ijk} d_t^{i\dagger} \left(N^T \sigma_2 \sigma^k \tau_2 \tau_3 i \overleftrightarrow{D}^j N \right) \right] + \text{h.c.}\end{aligned}$$

- Need 5 experimental results to determine LECs

PV nucleon-nucleon scattering

- Polarized beam on unpolarized target

$$\begin{aligned} A_L^{pp/nn} &= \frac{\sigma_+ - \sigma_-}{\sigma_+ + \sigma_-} \\ &= -\sqrt{\frac{32M}{\pi}} p \left(g_{(\Delta I=0)}^{(1S_0-3P_0)} \pm g_{(\Delta I=1)}^{(1S_0-3P_0)} + g_{(\Delta I=2)}^{(1S_0-3P_0)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- Coulomb effects $\sim 3\%$ at 13.6 MeV

Neutron-proton spin rotation

- Perpendicularly polarized beam on unpolarized target
- PV interactions cause spin rotation

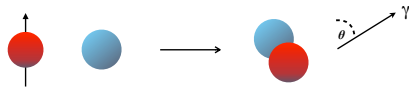
$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\phi_{PV}^{np}}{dL} \Big|_{\text{LO+NLO}} = \left([4.5 \pm 0.5] \left(2g^{(3S_1-3P_1)} + g^{(3S_1-1P_1)} \right) - [18.5 \pm 1.9] \left(g_{(\Delta I=0)}^{(1S_0-3P_0)} - 2g_{(\Delta I=2)}^{(1S_0-3P_0)} \right) \right) \text{rad MeV}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

- Estimate

$$\left| \frac{d\phi_{PV}^{np}}{dL} \right| \approx [10^{-7} \dots 10^{-6}] \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{m}}$$

Polarized capture: $\vec{n}p \rightarrow d\gamma$

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- Quantity of interest

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta} = 1 + A_\gamma \cos\theta$$

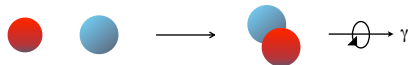
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$$A_\gamma = \frac{4}{3} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{M^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\kappa_1 (1 - \gamma a^1 S_0)} g^{(3S_1 - 3P_1)}$$

- Experiment: Currently consistent with zero
- NPDGamma @ SNS: A_γ to 10^{-8}

Induced circular polarization: $n\vec{p} \rightarrow d\vec{\gamma}$

Circular polarization



- Quantity of interest

$$P_{\gamma} = \frac{\sigma_{+} - \sigma_{-}}{\sigma_{+} + \sigma_{-}}$$

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$$P_{\gamma} \sim c_1 g^{(3S_1-1P_1)} + c_2 \left(g_{(\Delta l=0)}^{(1S_0-3P_0)} - 2g_{(\Delta l=2)}^{(1S_0-3P_0)} \right)$$

- Information **complementary** to $n\vec{p} \rightarrow d\vec{\gamma}$
- Experimental result $P_{\gamma} = (1.8 \pm 1.8) \times 10^{-7}$

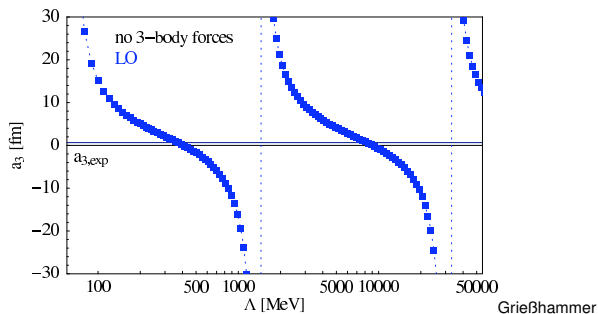
Breakup: $\vec{\gamma}d \rightarrow np$

- For reversed kinematics: $P_\gamma = A_L^\gamma = \frac{\sigma_+ - \sigma_-}{\sigma_+ + \sigma_-}$
- Flagship experiment at possible HI γ S intensity upgrade
- Model calculation:
 - AV18+DDH or CD-Bonn+DDH
 - Two different PV parameter sets
 - At $\omega = 2.2259$ MeV

Bonn+DDH-adj	AV18+DDH-adj	AV18+DDH
9.05×10^{-8}	5.19×10^{-8}	2.38×10^{-8}

Three-nucleon interaction

- EFT estimates relative sizes of $3N$, $4N$, ... interactions
- Dimensional analysis: $|2N| > |3N| > |4N| > \dots$
- nd scattering in ${}^2S_{\frac{1}{2}}$ channel: scattering length a_3 vs cutoff



- Three-body counterterm at **leading** order
- Fixed from data: a_3 , triton binding energy, ...

Danilov (1961); Bedaque, Hammer, van Kolck (2000)

PV three-body operators

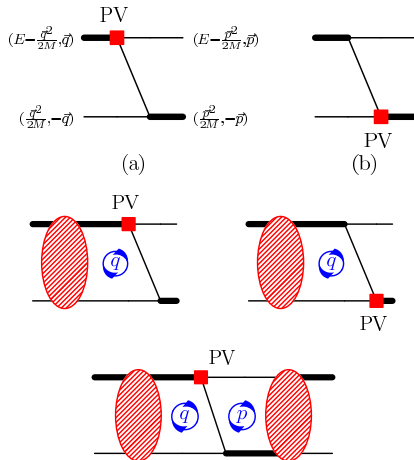
- PV three-body operators required for renormalization?
- Additional experimental input?
- PV Nd scattering
 - No divergence at LO
 - Spin-isospin structure of PV 3N operators at NLO different from possible divergence structure
 - Cancellation from diagrams with PC 3N operators

No PV three-body operator at LO and NLO

- Verified numerically

PV $\vec{n}d$ scattering

- $\vec{n}d$ forward scattering with one PV insertion
- At LO: tree-level, “one-loop,” “two-loop” diagrams:



Neutron-deuteron spin rotation at NLO

- Spin-rotation angle at NLO

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\phi_{PV}^{nd}}{dL} = \left([8.0 \pm 0.8] g^{(3S_1-1P_1)} - [18.3 \pm 1.8] g^{(3S_1-3P_1)} \right. \\ \left. + [2.3 \pm 0.5] \left(3g_{(\Delta I=0)}^{(1S_0-3P_0)} - 2g_{(\Delta I=1)}^{(1S_0-3P_0)} \right) \right) \text{rad MeV}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

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Other three- and few-nucleon observables

Three-nucleon observables

- $\vec{n}d \rightarrow t\gamma$
- $\vec{\gamma}^3\text{He} \rightarrow pd$

Few-nucleon observables

- $^3\text{He}(\vec{n}, p)^3\text{H}$
- \vec{n}_α spin rotation
- \vec{p}_α scattering

Consistent few-body EFT calculations up to $A = 5$ desirable

Conclusion & Outlook

- Interplay of strong and weak interaction
- Unique probe of nonperturbative strong interactions
- High-intensity sources
 - Low energies
 - Few-nucleon systems
- EFT ideally suited
- Consistent calculations in few-nucleon systems required
- Chiral PV EFT: inclusion of pions and PV πN couplings
- Lattice QCD: preliminary result for PV πN coupling h_π

MRS, R. P. Springer, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. **72**, 1 (2013)

Parity violation in pionful EFT

- At higher energies and/or larger A : explicit pion dof needed
- Lowest-order PV πN Lagrangian:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^{\text{PV}} &= \frac{h_\pi F}{2\sqrt{2}} \bar{N} X_-^3 N + \dots \\ &= ih_\pi (\pi^+ \bar{p} n - \pi^- \bar{n} p) + \dots\end{aligned}$$

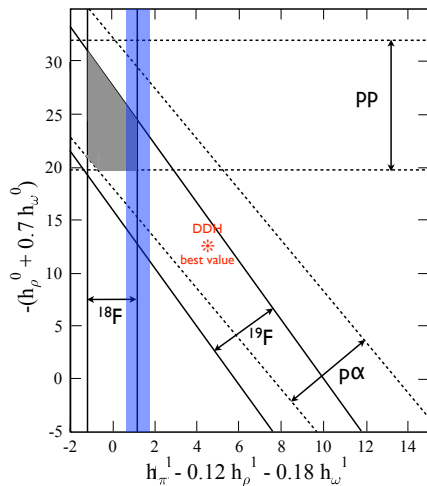
- h_π : PV πN isovector coupling
- PV in Compton scattering and pion production on the nucleon
- Pion-exchange contributions to NN potential

PV NN potential

- $\mathcal{O}(Q^{-1})$:
 - one-pion exchange $\propto h_\pi$
 - LO contribution to $\vec{n}p \rightarrow d\gamma$
- $\mathcal{O}(Q^1)$:
 - Contact terms analogous to EFT($\not\pi$)
 - TPE $\propto h_\pi$
 - New $\gamma\pi NN$ contact interaction
- Employed in
 - $\vec{N}N$, $np \leftrightarrow d\gamma$, anapole moments
 - Beyond two-nucleon sector: hybrid calculation for nd scattering and $\vec{n}d \rightarrow t\gamma$

Savage, Springer (1998); Kaplan et al. (1999); Zhu et al. (2005); Liu (2007); Song et al. (2011), (2012)

Extractions from experiments



Haxton, Holstein (2013)