

## Neutron Measurements to Probe the Hadronic Weak Interaction

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#### **NN WEAK INTERACTION**

- Hadronic Weak Interaction (HWI) between nucleons is not well constrained. Low energy, non-perturbative regime makes calculations and experiments difficult.
  - Short range (~0.01 fm << size of nucleon at ~1 fm)</li>
    - First order sensitive to short range quark-quark correlations in hadrons
       ⇒ gives insight into QCD in the non-perturbative strongly interacting
       limit.
  - Dominated by the strong of interaction
    - Use parity violation (PV) to isolate Weak contribution ⇒ PV effects would probe the degree of Weak-Strong interference at short distance scales without exciting the nucleons
- Effective Theories
  - Meson exchange pictures,  $\pi^{EFT}$ ,  $\chi^{EFT}$ , Large- $N_c$
- Lattice QCD

#### **NN WEAK INTERACTION**



- Dominated by low mass mesons, leads to 6 weak meson coupling constants with  $\Delta I = 0, 1, 2$ :  $h_{\pi}^{1}, h_{\omega}^{0,1}, h_{\rho}^{0,1,2}$
- "Modern picture"
  - Effective (EFT) operators with built-in QCD symmetries and weak & strong potentials
  - Pion-less EFT with 5 low energy contact interaction terms:

$$\Lambda_0^{\mathbf{1}_{S_0}-\mathbf{3}_{P_0}}, \Lambda_0^{\mathbf{3}_{S_1}-\mathbf{1}_{P_1}}, \Lambda_1^{\mathbf{1}_{S_0}-\mathbf{3}_{P_0}}, \Lambda_1^{\mathbf{3}_{S_1}-\mathbf{3}_{P_1}}, \Lambda_2^{\mathbf{1}_{S_0}-\mathbf{3}_{P_0}}$$

- Chiral EFT, again with 5 constants + pion and two-pion exchange
- Large- $N_c$  framework, attempt to reduce to two dominant couplings
- Different experiments sensitive to different linear combinations
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#### **DDH MODEL: Observables**

- Large nuclei: Large PV effects but hard to relate to the underlying observables
- Simple NN systems (np, pp, pD, n<sup>3</sup>He, n<sup>4</sup>He, pα): Small PV effects but predictions with minimum theoretical uncertainty
- Generally, observables are expressed in terms of theoretically calculated coefficients and coupling constants,

$$O_{PV} = a_{\pi}^{1} h_{\pi}^{1} + a_{\omega}^{0} h_{\omega}^{0} + a_{\omega}^{1} h_{\omega}^{1} + a_{\rho}^{0} h_{\rho}^{0} + a_{\rho}^{1} h_{\rho}^{1} + a_{\rho}^{2} h_{\rho}^{2}$$

DDH Weak Coupling	$\bigl(A_\gamma\bigr)n+p\to D\gamma$	$(A_{\gamma})$ nd $\rightarrow$ ty	(φ <sub>PV</sub> ) n-p (μrad/m)	(φ <sub>PV</sub> ) n-α (µrad/m)	р-р	p-α	(A <sup>p</sup> <sub>Z</sub> ) n³He →tp
$a_{\pi}^{1}$	-0.107	-0.92	-3.12	-0.97	0	-0.340	-0.189
a <sub>p</sub> <sup>0</sup>	0	-0.50	-0.23	-0.32	0.079	0.140	-0.036
a <sub>p</sub> <sup>1</sup>	-0.001	0.103	0	0.11	0.079	0.047	0.019
$a_{\rho}^{2}$	0	0.053	-0.25	0	0.032	0	0.0006
a_o	0	-0.160	-0.23	-0.22	-0.073	0.059	-0.033
a <sub>o</sub> <sup>1</sup>	0.003	0.002	0	0.22	0.073	0.059	0.041

#### MORE RECENT THEORETICAL DEVELOPMENTS

- EFT approach leads 5 S-P amplitudes (involving five degrees of freedom), it's model independent and has quantifiable errors and a direct connection to QCD
- > Combined EFT/large- $N_c$  leads to lowest-order (LO) 2D characterization of PNC

Danilov parameter	N <sub>c</sub> Trend	Exp't	LO+LQCD	
$\Lambda_0^+ \equiv \frac{3}{4} \Lambda_0^{{}^3S_1 - {}^1P_1} + \frac{1}{4} \Lambda_0^{{}^1S_0 - {}^3P_0}$	$\sim N_c$	~300	301	Girish Muralidhara
$\Lambda_2^{^1S_0-^3P_0}$	$\sim N_c \sin^2 c$	θ <sub>w</sub> ~160	-137	(INT 2022), Phys. Lett. B <b>833</b> , 137372 (2022)
$\Lambda_0^- \equiv rac{1}{4} \Lambda_0^{^3S_1 - ^1P_1} - rac{3}{4} \Lambda_0^{^1S_0 - ^3P_0}$	$\sim 1/N_c$		-46	101012 (2022)
$\Lambda_1^{^1S_0-^3P_0}$	$\sim \sin^2 \theta_w$		4.67	
$\Lambda_1^{^3S_1-^3P_1}$	$\sim \sin^2 \theta_w$	~740	859	

• S. Gardner, W.C. Haxton, B.R. Holstein, Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 67, 69 (2017)

Observable	Experimental status	LO expectation	LO LEC dependence
$A_p(\vec{n} + {}^3\text{He} \rightarrow {}^3\text{H+}p)$	$(1.55 \pm 0.97) \times 10^{-8}$	$-1.8 \times 10^{-8}$	$-\Lambda_0^+ + 0.227 \Lambda_2^{^1S_0 - ^3P_0}$
$A_{\gamma}(\vec{n}+d \rightarrow t+\gamma)$	8 × 10 <sup>-6</sup> (56)	$7.3 \times 10^{-7}$	$\Lambda_0^+ + 0.44 \Lambda_2^{^1S_0 - {^3P_0}}$
$P_{\gamma}(n+p \rightarrow d+\gamma)$	$(1.8 \pm 1.8) \times 10^{-7} (55)$	$1.4 \times 10^{-7}$	$\Lambda_0^+ + 1.27 \Lambda_2^{^1S_0 - ^3P_0}$
$\frac{\mathrm{d}\phi^n}{\mathrm{d}z}\Big _{\mathrm{parahydrogen}}$	None	$9.4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ rad m}^{-1}$	$\Lambda_0^+ + 2.7 \Lambda_2^{^1S_0 - ^3P_0}$
$\frac{\mathrm{d}\phi^n}{\mathrm{d}z}\Big _{^4\mathrm{He}}$	$(1.7 \pm 9.1 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-7}$ (54)	$6.8 \times 10^{-7} \text{ rad m}^{-1}$	$\Lambda_0^+$
$A_{\rm L}(\vec{p}+d)$	$(-3.5\pm8.5)\times10^{-8}$ (41)	$-4.6 \times 10^{-8}$	$-\Lambda_0^+$

### The NPDGamma EXPERIMENT



 $A_{\gamma}$  – P-odd asymmetry in the gammas emitted from polarized slow neutron capture on protons.





- No nuclear structure uncertainty in the interpretation of  $A_{\gamma}^{np}$
- Small contribution from heavy mesons allowing determination of  $h_{\pi}^1 A_{\gamma}^{np} = -0.114h_{\pi}^1 0.001h_{\rho}^1 + 0.002h_w^1$

#### The NPDGamma EXPERIMENT





## The n-<sup>3</sup>He EXPERIMENT

$$A_{meas} = \frac{\sigma_{\uparrow} - \sigma_{\downarrow}}{\sigma_{\uparrow} + \sigma_{\downarrow}} = P\varepsilon \left( A_{PV} \cos(\theta_p) + A_{PC} \sin(\theta_p) \right)$$

 $A_{pv}$  - P-odd up-down asymmetry in the angular distribution of protons with respect to the neutron spin direction.



n-<sup>3</sup>He



 $A_{PV} = -0.185 h_{\pi}^1 - 0.038 h_{\rho}^0 - 0.023 h_{\omega}^0 + 0.023 h_{\rho}^1 + 0.05 h_{\omega}^1 - 0.001 h_{\rho}^2$ 



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#### **The n-4He EXPERIMENT**

Neutron Spin Rotation (NSR)



$$sin(\phi_{PNC}) = \frac{1}{PA} \frac{N^+ - N^-}{N^+ + N^-}$$

Expected Size:  $\frac{d\phi_{PNC}}{dz} \sim 10^{-7} (rad/m)$  Experimental challenges

- Reducing  $\vec{\sigma}_n \cdot \vec{B} \Rightarrow \phi_{PC}$
- Effectively canceling what is left
- Controlling noise
- Controlling other systematics

#### n-4He: NSR II



$$\Delta \varphi_{Bkg} = 2.9 \times 10^{-7} \text{ rad m}^{-1}$$

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Measures the horizontal component of neutron spin for a vertically-polarized beam

#### $\frac{d\phi_{PV}}{dz} = [+2.1 \pm 8.3(\text{stat.})^{+2.9}_{-0.2}(\text{sys.})] \times 10^{-7} \text{rad/m}$ W.M. Snow *et al.*, PRC **83**, 022501(R) (2011) W.M. Snow *et al.*, RSI **86**, 055101 (2015) H. E. Swanson, *et al.*, PRC **100**, 015204 (2019)

#### NN Weak Amplitudes in EFT+ 1/N<sub>c</sub> & NSR

Impact of new/potential experiments on the current status!

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$$\Lambda_0^+ = 717 \times 10^{-7} \rightarrow 264 \times 10^{-7}$$

Michael Gericke (INT 2022)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathrm{d}\phi_{\mathrm{PV}}}{\mathrm{d}z}\Big|_{^{4}\mathrm{He}} &= 6.8 \times 10^{-7} \mathrm{rad/m} \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad \frac{\mathrm{d}\phi_{\mathrm{PV}}}{\mathrm{d}z}\Big|_{^{4}\mathrm{He}} &= 2.5 \times 10^{-7} \mathrm{rad/m} \\ \text{S. Gardner, W. C. Haxton, B. R. Holstein} \\ \text{Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 67, 69 (2017)} \\ \frac{\mathrm{d}\phi_{\mathrm{PV}}}{\mathrm{d}z}\Big|_{^{4}\mathrm{He}} &= 1.2 \times 10^{-6} \mathrm{rad/m} \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad \frac{\mathrm{d}\phi_{\mathrm{PV}}}{\mathrm{d}z}\Big|_{^{4}\mathrm{He}} &= 4.4 \times 10^{-7} \mathrm{rad/m} \\ \text{R. Lazauskas and Y.-H. Song,} \\ Phys. Rev. C 99, 054002 (2019) \end{aligned}$$

A  $\leq$ 10<sup>-7</sup> rad/m precision measurement of n-<sup>4</sup>He spin rotation would provide a useful nonzero result in a field with rich theoretical parameter space and with not many experiments.

Spin

Rotation

Theoretical

Predictions

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## **NIST Center for Neutron Research**

#### NG-C: \*



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#### **NSR-III: Cryogenics & Target Improvements**

#### NSR-II Potential Systematic Effects

H. E. Swanson et al., PRC 100, 015204 (2019)

Source	Uncertainty (rad/m)	Method
Liquid <sup>4</sup> He diamagnetism	$2 \times 10^{-9}$	calc.
Liquid <sup>4</sup> He optical potential	$3 \times 10^{-9}$	calc.
Neutron E spectrum shift	$8 \times 10^{-9}$	calc.
Neutron refraction/reflection	$3 \times 10^{-10}$	calc.
Nonforward scattering	$2 \times 10^{-8}$	calc.
Uncanceled <i>B</i> field	$2.9 \times 10^{-7}$	meas.

Dominated by background fields ~100  $\mu$ G

#### 120 NSR-II "Reactor On" days



## **Magnetic Shielding**

Background fields dominate systematic



Rotations: 100  $\mu$ G  $\rightarrow$  10<sup>-3</sup> rad (NSR II) 10  $\mu$ G  $\rightarrow$  10<sup>-4</sup> rad (NSR III)

Initial measurement of 2 outer layers gives 10-100 µG



- 4 concentric cylindrical MuMetal shields (<10 μG)
- End caps for longitudinal field reduction
- Non-magnetic support structure
- Semi-active field control from trim coils around target fine control over longitudinal field magnitude and gradient

#### n-<sup>4</sup>He Spin Rotation Target



 Cryomech pulse-tube reliquefier: tested for 3 months of continuous operation

#### 120 NSR-II "Reactor On" days Apparatus inoperable Analyzed data Refilling LHe, Maintenance X Administration Changing $5x5 \text{ cm}^2 \Rightarrow$ target state $10x10 \text{ cm}^2$ Х Calibration 8 Systematics Discarded – targets measurement improperly filled



- Mechanical drive motor and drain actuation done externally at room temp away from sensitive field region
- Centrifugal pump and drains mounted to 4 helium target chambers at 4K

#### **Other Beam-Line Components**

Procured by NIST



- Matched Pair of SwissNeutronics Polarizing Benders Courtesy of NIST (m=2.5)
- Attenuates and bends beam by ~15 mRad
- Achieves p > 95% polarization



#### Procured by BARC in India



- 10cm×10cm, 1.25m and 2.0m non-magnetic supermirror neutron guides (NiMo-Ti)
- m = 2.0, R>90%, matching NGC phase space
- depolarization probability
   / bounce <1%</li>

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### **Spin Rotation III**

Measures the horizontal component of neutron spin for a vertically-polarized beam



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## **NSR III Status**

- ✓ Supermirror Waveguides (new / BARC) Tested (October 2014 at LENS) ✓ Input/output coils (new / UNAM) New supermirror polarizer and analyzer (new / NIST) Tested at LENS ✓ Pi-coil (new / IU) ✓ Ion chamber (new / IU) Tested and functioning as expected ✓ Data Acquisition – Ready
- Liquid helium target
  - ✓ Cryostat
  - $\checkmark$  Helium re-liquefier commissions with equivalent heat load
  - Target and He pump construction and testing in progress

### **Statistical Projections**

	<u>NSR-II</u>	<u>NSR-III</u>			
Intensity	$4.5 \times 10^8 \mathrm{cm}^{-2} \mathrm{s}^{-1}$	$8 \times 10^9 {\rm cm}^{-2} {\rm s}^{-1}$			
Filtered Effective Capture Flux	$2 \times 10^8 {\rm cm}^{-2} s^{-1}$	$1.7  imes 10^9 { m cm}^{-2} s^{-1}$	8.5x		
Beam Area	$5 \mathrm{cm} \times 5 \mathrm{cm}$	$10 { m cm}  imes 10 { m cm}$	4x		
PA Transmission	0.0665	0.1225	1.8x		
Polarimeter Transmission	0.086	0.16	1.9x		
DAQ Duty Cycle	0.25	0.5 - 0.75	2x		
Polarization Efficiency $60\% \rightarrow 80\%$ 1.3x — Statistical Error Improvement: $\sqrt{465} \approx 22$					
Sensitivity Improvement: 28x 👞					

Projected Sensitivity Improvement: 28x

- $\sim 10^{-7}$  rad/m within  $\sim 1$  week
- ~10<sup>-8</sup> rad/m with 3 reactor cycles

Theoretical predications:

$$\left.\frac{\mathrm{d}\phi_{\mathrm{PV}}}{\mathrm{d}z}\right|_{^{4}\mathrm{He}}=2.5\times10^{-7}\mathrm{rad/m}$$

# **Scheduling Delays**

#### NCNR Status:

- COVID19 shutdown significantly impacted the neutron beam lifetime data collection which is currently occupying the NG-C beam line
- Reactor event has resulted in an unplanned shutdown from early 2021-present
- NSRIII n-4He unlikely to see beam at NCNR until 2024, unclear how scheduled shutdown can be utilized for setup

## Summary

- HWI is still one of the least understood aspects of nuclear physics. Significant recent theoretical work but still lack a sufficient number of precision measurements to constrain the set of couplings.
- NPDGamma and n<sup>3</sup>He are the first two recent statistically significant precision measurements in few nucleon systems.
- NSRIII (n<sup>4</sup>He) provides additional, much needed, significant precision measurement in the NN weak sector.
- NSRIII collaboration has an apparatus nearing readiness for an n<sup>4</sup>He spin rotation measurement at the level ~[±1.0(stat) ± 1.0(sys)]×10<sup>-8</sup> rad/m.
- The critical path items are the LHe pump, LHe target, and radiation shielding
- NIST will announce the details of their restart plan in the next couple of weeks 9/2/22 CIPANP 2022



#### **NSR-III** Collaboration

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# Backup

#### Shielding

100mrem/h backgrounds in vicinity of must be attenuated by factor of 100x IU providing in-hand lead, borated poly, and concrete shielding Radiation shielding in engineering safety phase for internal roof reinforcement



#### **PV NSR in Liquid Parahydrogen**

- Feasible because strong interaction spin-flip scattering off parahydrogen (S = 0 molecules) is forbidden.
- Largest predicted value by EFT/large-Nc calculations but no experiments to date.

$$\left. \frac{\mathrm{d}\phi_{\mathrm{PV}}}{\mathrm{d}z} \right|_{\mathrm{H}_2} = 9.4 \times 10^{-7} \mathrm{rad/m}$$
 LO LEC Dependence:  $\Lambda_0^+ + 2.7 \Lambda_2^{^1S_0 - ^3P_0}$ 

 Access combination of the LO LECs and along with NSR in 4He offers independent measurements of LO LECs with different systematics from previous measurements

#### Experiment

- Use the same beamline components as <sup>4</sup>He with 20 cm target (neutron mean free path in para-hydrogen) – NSR collaboration developed extensive para-hydrogen target experience from npdgamma experiment
  - The target will be operated at 16-17 K where the equilibrium ortho to para hydrogen ratio is 0.03 %. If
    needed, a catalyst of paramagnetic material can be used to convert the ortho-hydrogen to the para
    configuration.
- Preliminary statistical calculations indicate 10-7 rad/m with ~1year of beam
- Higher neutron scattering rate in the hydrogen than liquid helium → extensive simulation studies are
  ongoing to better understand the associated systematics

General Forward Scattering Amplitude:

$$f(0) = A + B[\sigma_n \cdot \mathbf{S}_N] + C[\sigma_n \cdot \mathbf{k}_n] + D[\mathbf{S}_N \cdot \mathbf{k}_n] + E[\sigma_n \cdot (\mathbf{k}_n \times \mathbf{S}_N)]$$

$$P - \text{odd} \qquad P - \text{odd} \qquad P.T - \text{odd}$$

$$P.T - \text{odd}$$

$$Dupolarized Target \implies f(0) = A + C[\sigma_n \cdot \mathbf{k}_n] = f_{PC} + f_{PV}(\sigma_n \cdot \mathbf{k}_n)$$

$$\boxed{\text{Coherent Wave Equation:}}_{\left[\nabla^2 + k_0^2 n^2\right] \langle \psi_c \rangle = 0} \qquad \text{Where} \qquad n = 1 + \frac{2\pi\rho f(0)}{k^2}$$

$$\langle \psi_c \rangle \propto e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}} \rightarrow e^{ink_0 z} = e^{-\text{Im}[n]k_0 z} e^{i\text{Re}[n]k_0 z}$$

$$f_{PV} \propto k \rightarrow \text{Momentum dep. of PV part of (0) gives}_{\text{in absence of resonances}} \qquad \bullet \qquad \theta = \text{Re}[n]k_0 z$$

$$\int_{\sigma_{n-}}^{\sigma_{n+}} \phi_{n+} = kz[1 + \frac{2\pi\rho}{k^2}f_{PC}] + 2\pi\rho z f_{PV}^{i} \qquad f_{PV} = \frac{f_{PV}}{k}$$

$$\int_{\sigma_{n+}}^{\sigma_{n+}} \mathbf{k}_n$$

$$\int_{\sigma_{n+}}^{\sigma_{PV}} \mathbf{k}_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[e^{i\phi_+} |\sigma_{n+}\rangle + e^{i\phi_-} |\sigma_{n-}\rangle] \implies \varphi_{PV} = \phi_+ - \phi_- = 4\pi\rho z f_{PV}^{i} \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \frac{d\phi_{PV}}{dz};$$