WEINBERG POWER COUNTING AND BEYOND-THE-STANDARD-MODEL PHYSICS

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The impact of power counting on particle physics





Background and motivation

- Particle physics stands somewhat at a crossroads
- Large Hadron Collider will (very likely) not produce new particles on-shell
- Proposed future colliders typically pitched as 'Higgs factories' or 'precision machines'
- Exception perhaps ~100 TeV pp colliders (FCC-pp or CEPC) but longer time-scale
- Problems of the Standard Model remain as persistent as ever

Problems where we are kinda clueless



- Despite decades of model building and soul searching there are no answers
- Note: not all problems are 'problems' per se
- Important: none of these problems (apart from hierarchy perhaps) point to beyond-the-Standard-Model physics at the TeV scale

Reach of precision experiments



- Low-energy precision experiments (proton decay, 0vbb, EDMs, Lepton-flavor violation, Flavor Physics, beta decays) indirectly reach very high energy scales
- Many experiments involve nucleons and nuclei —> require nuclear physics
- Interpretation of experiments requires precise or semi-precise theory predictions

Chiral EFT can help —> but need to understand power counting

Classes of experiments

Two types of precision tests of Standard Model physics



Background Free'

Electric dipole moments (practically) Proton decay Neutron-antineutron oscillations Neutrinoless double beta decay Lepton flavor violation (practically) DM direct detection

`SM Background'

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Beta decay Flavor physics (most observables) Muon and electron g-2 Atomic parity violation

Theoretical accuracy arguably more important in right column But not unimportant on the left: 'can we reach inverted hierarchy Majorana masses in next-gen experiments ?'' What models of baryogenesis work ?'

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We have to predict something



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- Contributions from virtual hard neutrinos $\mathbf{q} \sim \Lambda_{\chi} \sim 1 \, \mathrm{GeV}$
- Naive-dimensional analysis tells us this is NNLO

$$V_{\nu}^{short} \sim \frac{m_{\beta\beta}}{\Lambda_{\chi}^2}$$

Leading-order transition currents



- Leading-order 0vbb current is very simple
- No unknown hadronic input ! Only unknown is m_{etaeta}
- Many-body methods disagree significantly
- Are we sure that the input is correct?

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From: Menendez et al review '22

It doesn't work





$$\sim (1+2g_A^2) \left(\frac{m_N C_0}{4\pi}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \log \frac{\mu^2}{p^2}\right)$$

New divergences

- Logarithmic regulator dependence
- Divergence indicates sensitivity to short-distance physics (hard-neutrino exchange)
- Suggests need a counter term: a short-range nn → pp + ee operator



A new leading-order contribution



'Long-range' neutrino-exchange

'Short-distance' neutrino exchange required by renormalization of amplitude

• Short-distance piece depends on QCD matrix element $g_{ u}$

• This was initially unknown but now been determined with some confidence (see next talks)

Cirigliano, Dekens, JdV, Hoferichter, Mereghetti PRC '19 PRL '21 JHEP '21 Davoudi, Kadam PRL '21 Briceno et al '19 '20 Van Groffier '24 Richardson, Schindler, Pastore, Springer '21 Tuo et al. '19; Detmold, Murphy '20 '22 Yang, Zhao '23 '24

A connection to electromagnetism

• A neutrino-exchange process looks like a photon-exchange process



Cirigliano et al '19

Walzl, Meißner, Epelbaum '01

- Chiral connection between double-weak and double-EM NN interactions
- Isospin-breaking nucleon-nucleon scattering data determines C1+C2
- Electromagnetism conserves parity coupling and g_ν~C_I only
- Large-Nc arguments indicates $C_1 + C_2 \gg C_1 C_2$ Richardson, Schindler, Pastore, Springer PRC'21
- This seems to work surprisingly well

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| Model | Ref. | R_S (fm) | $C_0^{\mathrm{IT}} \; (\mathrm{fm}^2)$ | $(\mathcal{C}_1 + \mathcal{C}_2)/2 ~(\mathrm{fm}^2)$ | Model | Ref. | Λ (MeV) | $(\mathcal{C}_1+\mathcal{C}_2)/2~(\mathrm{fm}^2)$ | | | |
|---|------|------------|--|--|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---|--|--|--|
| NV-Ia* | [37] | 0.8 | 0.0158 | -1.03 | Entem-Machleidt | [33] | 500 | -0.47 | | | |
| NV-IIa* | [37] | 0.8 | 0.0219 | -1.44 | Entem-Machleidt | [33] | 600 | -0.14 | | | |
| NV-Ic | [37] | 0.6 | 0.0219 | -1.44 | Reinert et al. | [38] | 450 | -0.67 | | | |
| NV-IIc | [37] | 0.6 | 0.0139 | -0.91 | Reinert et al. | [<mark>38</mark>] | 550 | -1.01 | | | |
| | | | | | NNLO _{sat} | [<mark>36</mark>] | 450 | -0.39 | | | |
| TABLE II. Values of $C_1 + C_2$ obtained from the CIB contact interactions in various chiral potentials | | | | | | | | | | | |

Weinberg PC:

$$_2 \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\gamma}^2} \sim 0.04 \, \mathrm{fm}^2$$

• Chiral potentials were never really consistent with this

 $C_{1,}$

Impact on realistic nuclei

TRIUMF The Year We Regained Hope: Coupling Constant Fit

Match nn \rightarrow pp+ee amplitude from approximate QCD methods: estimate contact term to 30%



- Slides from Jason Holt (TRIUMF) at Institute of Nuclear Physics Seattle (2023)
- Contact term increases ab initio NMEs and brings them closer to phenomenological calculations

Ab initio uncertainty quantification of neutrinoless double-beta decay in ⁷⁶Ge

A. Belley,^{1,2} J. M. Yao,³ B. Bally,⁴ J. Pitcher,^{1,2} J. Engel,⁵ H. Hergert,^{6,7} J. D. Holt,^{1,8} T. Miyagi,^{9,10,11} T. R. Rodríguez,^{12,13,14} A. M. Romero,^{15,16} S. R. Stroberg,¹⁷ and X. Zhang³

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Hoogeveen '90, Khriplovich, Zhitnitsky '82, Czarnecki, Krause '97, Uraltsev '13, Seng '14

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If $\theta \sim I$

- SM prediction essentially out of reach
- EDMs can still arise from the QCD theta term

 $\mathscr{L}_{\theta} \sim \bar{\theta} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} G^a_{\mu\nu} G^a_{\alpha\beta}$

- Strong CP problem: θ < 0.0000000001
- Sparked a lot of debate and theorizing

Electric dipole moments 101



Many BSM models: EDMs at zero-, one-, or two-loop

$$d_f \left(\frac{\alpha_{em}}{\pi}\right)^n \frac{m_e}{\Lambda^2} \sin \phi_{CPV}$$

• If phase ~ O(1), then Λ > 40 TeV (n=1), or Λ > 5 TeV (n=2)

- Certain models EDMs are induced without loop suppression !
- For example, in left-right symmetric models:
- CP-odd four-quark operators induce hadronic EDMs





- Leptoquarks can induce CP-odd electron-quark interactions
- Induce atomic/molecular EDMs
- Tree-level CPV leads to $\Lambda > 1000-10000$ TeV if phases are O(1)

EDMs are low-energy experiments



Effects of heavy BSM fields capture by local effective operators

For CP violation relevant operators start at dimension six

Strong CP violation

- Large number of **CP-odd** and **flavor-diagonal** dim-6 operators (unlike Standard Model)
- At energies around a few GeV: handful of operators left



• Induce electric dipole moments of leptons, hadrons, nuclei, atoms, molecules

Example: strong CP problem

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- First calculation Crewther et al '79, essentially leading-order Chiral perturbation theory.

$$\mathscr{L}_{QCD} = \mathscr{L}_{kin} - \bar{m}\bar{q}q - \varepsilon\bar{m}\bar{q}\tau^3q + m_{\star}\bar{\theta}\bar{q}i\gamma^5q$$

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 \bar{g}_0

Nucleon mass splitting (strong part, no EM)

CP-odd pion-nucleon

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Nucleon mass splitting (strong part, no EM)
$$\bar{g}_{1}/\bar{g}_{0} \simeq -0.2 \qquad \bar{g}_{0} = -\frac{\delta m_{N}}{2f_{\pi}}\frac{1 - \varepsilon^{2}}{2\varepsilon} \bar{\theta} = (15.5 \pm 2.5) \cdot 10^{-3}\bar{\theta}$$

 δm_N from lattice-QCD e.g. Borsanyi et al '14 but many more calculations

Relation valid up to N²LO corrections

JdV, Mereghetti, Walker-Loud'15

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• Lattice QCD is needed for a full calculation.

 $d_n = -(1.5 \pm 0.8) \cdot 10^{-16} e \text{ cm}$ from Shindler et al '19 $d_n = -(1.4 \pm 0.51) \cdot 10^{-16} e \text{ cm}$ from Liang et al '23

Neither confirmed by recent calculations from LANL lattice group '21

Patterns of EDMs





- They all break CP symmetry.....
- But have different isospin and chiral symmetry properties pattern of EDMs



| | | Theta term | Quark CEDMs | FQLR | Quark EDM and Weinberg | |
|---------------------------------|---|------------|----------------|------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Ratios vary | $\frac{\overline{g}_1}{\overline{g}_0}$ | -0.2 | ≈1 | +50 | Both couplings are suppressed ! | JdV, Mereghetti, van Kolc Timmermans '12 |

The original idea





CP-odd

 $\overline{g}_0 \overline{N}(\vec{\tau}\cdot\vec{\pi})N$



The original idea



- In 'normal' nuclear forces, pions come with a derivative but contacts do not (S to S wave)
- Most CP-odd operators at dim-6 break chiral symmetry and then pion interactions have no derivative but contacts have one (S to P wave)

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• Nice result with perturbative pions (KSW)

$$d_D = (d_n + d_p) + \frac{eg_A \bar{g}_1 m_N}{12\pi m_\pi F_\pi} \frac{1 + \gamma/m_\pi}{(1 + 2\gamma/m_\pi)^2} \simeq d_n + d_p + (0.23 \,\bar{g}_1) \,e \,\mathrm{fm}$$

• Redone with chiral wave functions of various kinds —> stable results

$$d_D \simeq 0.95(d_n + d_p) + (0.18\,\bar{g}_1)\,e\,\mathrm{fm}$$

Computing atomic CP-odd moments

• Similar computation needed for diamagnetic atoms. For instance Hg

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Not a lot of progress in recent years on better calculations —> very important



Talk by Markus Kortelainen at ECT* '24

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Adding CP violation



Then solve in perturbation theory (CP violation is very very very weak)

$$T_{weak} = V_{weak} + V_{weak}G_0T_{strong} + T_{strong}G_0V_{weak} + T_{strong}G_0V_{weak}G_0T_{strong}$$

$$V_{\bar{g}_0} = -\frac{1}{(2\pi)^3}\frac{g_A\bar{g}_0}{2F_{\pi}}\vec{\tau}_1 \cdot \vec{\tau}_2\frac{i(\sigma_1 - \sigma_2) \cdot \mathbf{q}}{\mathbf{q}^2 + m_{\pi}^2},$$

$$T_{weak} = V_{weak} + V_{wea$$

CP-odd phase shifts

• First consider j=0 states

$${}^{1}S_{0} \leftrightarrow {}^{3}P_{0}$$

 CP-odd mixing angle in principle observable in spin rotations of polarized ultra cold neutrons on hydrogen target

$$S_{j=0} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2i\delta_{1S_{0}}} & \epsilon_{SP}^{0}e^{i[\delta_{1S_{0}}+\delta_{3P_{0}}]} \\ -\epsilon_{SP}^{0}e^{i[\delta_{1S_{0}}+\delta_{3P_{0}}]} & e^{2i\delta_{3P_{0}}} \end{pmatrix}$$

• We compute the phase shifts in units of $\,ar{g}_0\,$

• Results are extremely cut-off dependent! Driven by 3P0-3P0 counter term





JdV, Gnech, Shain '20

CP-odd phase shifts

• Now consider j=1 states

$${}^{3}S_{1} \leftrightarrow {}^{3}P_{1} \leftrightarrow {}^{3}D_{1}$$

- Now there are 2 CP-odd mixing angles
- Results quickly converge because the 3PI channel is repulsive (no CT)



• This means that the deuteron EDM is safe since only intermediate 3P1 states

Lessons ?

- We probably need short-distance counter terms in certain CP-odd pion-induced transitions
- Let's add the ISO-3PO counter term

$$\mathcal{L}_{NN} = \bar{C}_0 \bigg[\bar{N} \boldsymbol{\sigma} N \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} (\bar{N} N) + \frac{1}{3} \bar{N} \vec{\tau} \boldsymbol{\sigma} N \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla} (\bar{N} \vec{\tau} N) \bigg]$$

• And pretend we have some fake measurement of the mixing angle at some energy



• It works.... But of course the outcome crucially depends on the fitting point (no prediction !)

 $\epsilon_{SP}(5 \text{ MeV}) = 0.01 \,\overline{g}_0$

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- Can counter terms help explain why Schiff moment computations are so hard?
- Can we fix the CP-odd counter term ?



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$$x = u^{\dagger}\chi u^{\dagger} - u\chi^{\dagger}u$$

$$\chi = u^{\dagger}\chi u^{\dagger} - u\chi^{\dagger}u$$

$$\chi = 2B(M_{q} + im_{\star}\bar{\partial})$$
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A quick discussion of Dark Matter detection

- We used to love WIMPs but now we don't anymore (we like axions now)
- Figures from Scott Hertell (UMass)





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• At NLO

 $\mathcal{L} = C_q \, \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_q} \bar{\chi} \chi \, \pi^2$

Prezau et al PRL '03, Cirigliano et al ' 13, Hoferichter, Klos, Schwenk, Menendez ' 15 '16 '18



• The 'one-body' correction can be easily computed and I will not discuss them

- With Andreas Nogga, Chris Korber, and Sachin Shain we investigated scattering off light nuclei
- Used Bochum/Bonn chiral EFT potentials from NLO to N5LO + 4 r-space cut-offs
- Made use of the density formalism from Phillips, McGovern, Nogga, Grießhammer '20
- Main phenomenological findings: NLO scalar currents are only a few percent



• Larger corrections for heavier nuclei (Xenon etc) but requires Shell Model computations

Hoferichter, Klos, Schwenk, Menendez '15'16'18



- Used Bochum/Bonn chiral EFT potentials from NLO to N5LO + 4 r-space cut-offs
- Two-body results are puzzling: small and large cut-off dependence



• Surprising to me that rather simple matrix elements depend so much on the wave function

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- Similar puzzling findings found by Andreoli et al '18 using phenomenological wave functions
- Should we have scalar WIMP-nucleon-nucleon counter term ?
- Very similar to 0vbb but now also in 3S1. Phillips, Valderrama PRL'14



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• If we need more CT's this could affect the quark mass dependence of nuclear forces

Concluding remarks

- Very rich experimental program exploring BSM physics at low energies
- Low-energy searches very complementary and competitive with HEP experiments
- Interpretation of experiments involves hadronic and nuclear physics



• Weinberg PC issues play a remarkably large role !!

The deuteron MQM



• Nuclear CP violation can be larger than nucleon CP violation ! No chiral loop suppression !

• No selection rules for a magnetic quadrupole moment (deuteron has spin I)

$$\mathcal{M}_D = -\frac{eg_A}{4\pi m_\pi F_\pi} \left[\bar{g}_0 \kappa'_0 + \frac{1}{3} \bar{g}_1 \kappa'_1 \right] \frac{1 + \gamma/m_\pi}{(1 + 2\gamma/m_\pi)^2} \simeq (0.15 \bar{g}_0 \kappa'_0 + 0.05 \bar{g}_1 \kappa'_1) e \,\mathrm{fm}^2$$

• With non-perturbative pions we found

$$M_D \simeq \simeq (0.045 \bar{g}_0 \kappa'_0 + 0.035 \bar{g}_1 \kappa'_1) e \,\mathrm{fm}^2$$
 C.P. Liu et al '12

- Agrees pretty well for the gl coefficients but the g0 coefficient is very off
- Similar results for 3He and later in NCSM also 6Li and other light nuclei

Papenbrock et al '