

Chiral effective field theory, two-body currents, and dark matter

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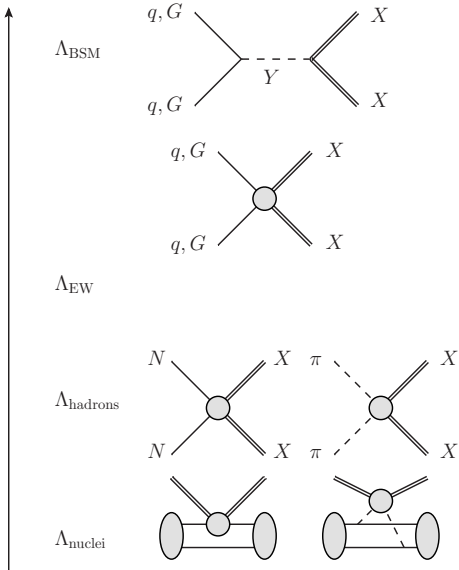
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PLB 746 (2015) 410, PRD 94 (2016) 063505 with P. Klos, J. Menéndez, A. Schwenk

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- 1 Direct detection of dark matter: scales
- 2 Chiral effective field theory
- 3 Corrections beyond standard nuclear response
- 4 Scalar channel
 - Chiral counting
 - Pion–nucleon σ -term
- 5 Spin-2 and coupling to the energy-momentum tensor
- 6 Conclusions

Direct detection of dark matter: scales



1 **BSM scale** $\Lambda_{\text{BSM}}: \mathcal{L}_{\text{BSM}}$

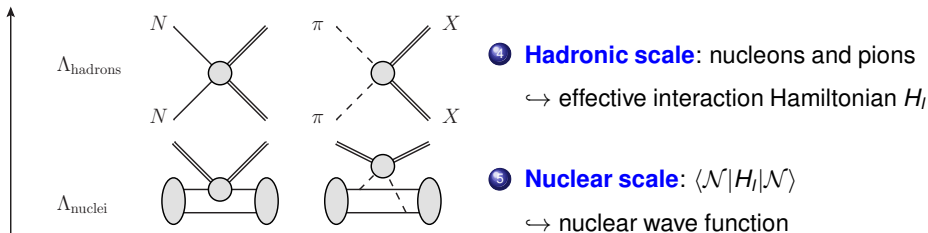
2 **Effective Operators:** $\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{i,k} \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{BSM}}^i} \mathcal{O}_{i,k}$

3 Integrate out **EW physics**

4 **Hadronic scale:** nucleons and pions
 \hookrightarrow effective interaction Hamiltonian H_I

5 **Nuclear scale:** $\langle \mathcal{N} | H_I | \mathcal{N} \rangle$
 \hookrightarrow nuclear wave function

Direct detection of dark matter: scales



- Typical WIMP–nucleon **momentum transfer**

$$|\mathbf{q}_{\text{max}}| = 2\mu_{\mathcal{N}\chi} |\mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}}| \sim 200 \text{ MeV} \quad |\mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}}| \sim 10^{-3} \quad \mu_{\mathcal{N}\chi} \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$$

- QCD constraints: spontaneous breaking of chiral symmetry

\Rightarrow **Chiral effective field theory for WIMP–nucleon scattering**

Prézeau et al. 2003, Cirigliano et al. 2012, 2013, Menéndez et al. 2012, Klos et al. 2013, MH et al. 2015

Chiral EFT: a modern approach to nuclear forces

- Traditionally: meson-exchange potentials
- Chiral effective field theory
 - Based on **chiral symmetry** of QCD
 - **Power counting**
 - **Low-energy constants**
 - Hierarchy of multi-nucleon forces
 - Consistency of NN and $3N$

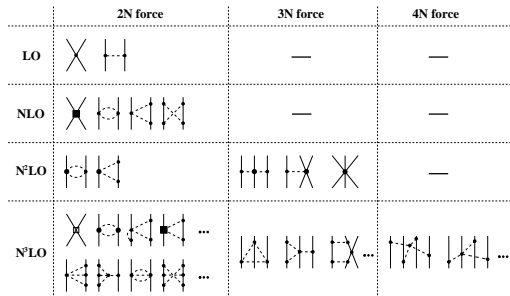
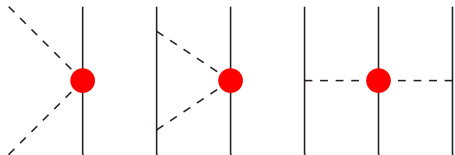


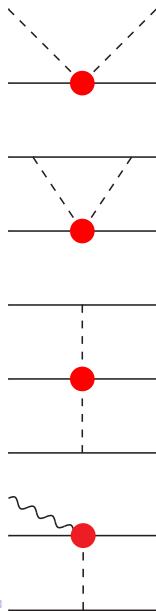
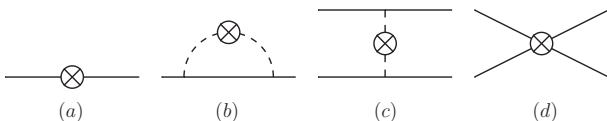
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↔ modern theory of nuclear forces

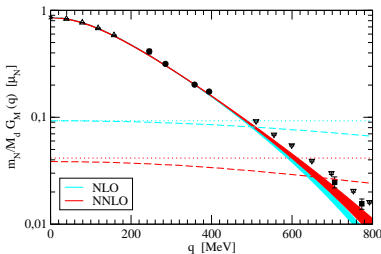
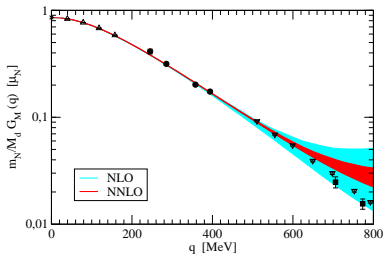
- Long-range part related to **pion–nucleon scattering**
- KITP: tutorial [Epelbaum](#), Nuclear EFTs – the crux of the matter [Birse, Epelbaum](#)



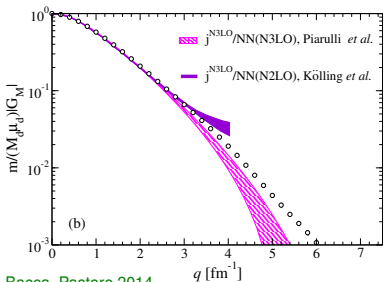
- Coupling to **external sources** $\mathcal{L}(v_\mu, a_\mu, s, p)$
- Same LECs appear in **axial current**
 $\leftrightarrow \beta$ decay, neutrino interactions, dark matter
- Vast literature for v_μ and a_μ , up to one-loop level
 - With unitary transformations: Kölling et al. 2009, 2011, Krebs et al. to appear
 - Without unitary transformations: Pastore et al. 2008, Park et al. 2003, Baroni et al. 2015
- For **dark matter** further currents: s , p , tensor, spin-2, θ_μ^μ



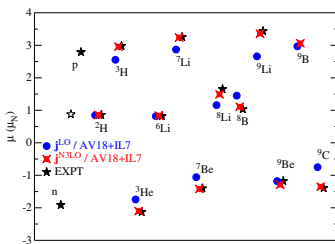
Vector current in chiral EFT: deuteron form factors, magnetic moments



Kölling, Epelbaum, Phillips 2012

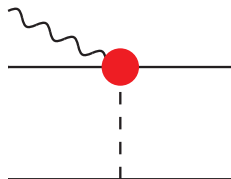
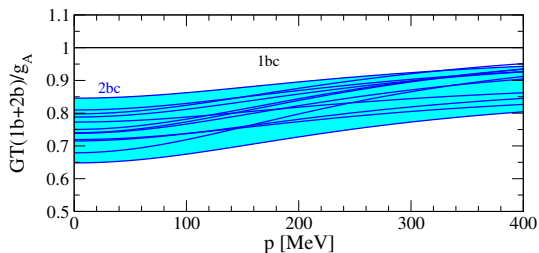


Bacca, Pastore 2014



Pastore et al. 2013

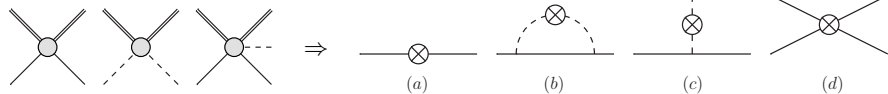
Axial-vector current in chiral EFT: ν -less double β decay



Menéndez, Gazit, Schwenk 2011

- Normal ordering over Fermi sea \Rightarrow effective one-body currents
- **Two-body currents** contribute to **quenching of g_A** in Gamov–Teller operator

$$g_A \sigma \tau^-$$



- Expansion around **chiral limit** of QCD
 - ↔ simultaneous expansion in momenta and quark masses
- Three classes of corrections:
 - **Subleading one-body responses** (a) [Fan et al. 2010](#), [Fitzpatrick et al. 2012](#), [Anand et al. 2013](#)
 - **Radius corrections** (b)
 - **Two-body currents** (c), (d)

- Starting point: **effective WIMP Lagrangian** Goodman et al. 2010

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_\chi = & \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \sum_q \left[C_q^{SS} \bar{\chi} \chi m_q \bar{q} q + C_q^{PS} \bar{\chi} i \gamma_5 \chi m_q \bar{q} q + C_q^{SP} \bar{\chi} \chi m_q \bar{q} i \gamma_5 q + C_q^{PP} \bar{\chi} i \gamma_5 \chi m_q \bar{q} i \gamma_5 q \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_q \left[C_q^{VV} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q + C_q^{AV} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q + C_q^{VA} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 q + C_q^{AA} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 q \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{\Lambda^3} \left[C_g^S \bar{\chi} \chi \alpha_s G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- Chiral power counting**

$$\partial = \mathcal{O}(p), \quad m_q = \mathcal{O}(p^2) = \mathcal{O}(M_\pi^2), \quad a_\mu, v_\mu = \mathcal{O}(p), \quad \frac{\partial}{m_N} = \mathcal{O}(p^2)$$

↪ construction of effective Lagrangian for nucleon and pion fields

↪ organize in terms of **chiral order** ν , $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{O}(p^\nu)$

Chiral counting: summary

	Nucleon	V		A	
WIMP		t	\mathbf{x}	t	\mathbf{x}
	1b	0	1 + 2	2	0 + 2
V	2b	4	2 + 2	2	4 + 2
	2b NLO	—	—	5	3 + 2
	1b	0 + 2	1	2 + 2	0
A	2b	4 + 2	2	2 + 2	4
	2b NLO	—	—	5 + 2	3

	Nucleon	S	P
WIMP			
	1b	2	1
S	2b	3	5
	2b NLO	—	4
	1b	2 + 2	1 + 2
P	2b	3 + 2	5 + 2
	2b NLO	—	4 + 2

- +2 from NR expansion of WIMP spinors, terms can be dropped if $m_\chi \gg m_N$
- **Red**: all terms up to $\nu = 3$
- Two-body currents: AA [Menéndez et al. 2012](#), [Klos et al. 2013](#), SS [Prézeau et al. 2003](#), [Cirigliano et al. 2012](#), but **new currents in AV and VA channel** [1503.04811](#)

Matching to nonrelativistic EFT

- Operator basis in NREFT [Fan et al. 2010](#), [Fitzpatrick et al. 2012](#), [Anand et al. 2013](#)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{O}_1 &= \mathbb{1} & \mathcal{O}_2 &= (\mathbf{v}^\perp)^2 & \mathcal{O}_3 &= i\mathbf{S}_N \cdot (\mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{v}^\perp) & \mathcal{O}_4 &= \mathbf{S}_X \cdot \mathbf{S}_N \\ \mathcal{O}_5 &= i\mathbf{S}_X \cdot (\mathbf{q} \times \mathbf{v}^\perp) & \mathcal{O}_6 &= \mathbf{S}_X \cdot \mathbf{q} \mathbf{S}_N \cdot \mathbf{q} & \mathcal{O}_7 &= \mathbf{S}_N \cdot \mathbf{v}^\perp & \mathcal{O}_8 &= \mathbf{S}_X \cdot \mathbf{v}^\perp \\ \mathcal{O}_9 &= i\mathbf{S}_X \cdot (\mathbf{S}_N \times \mathbf{q}) & \mathcal{O}_{10} &= i\mathbf{S}_N \cdot \mathbf{q} & \mathcal{O}_{11} &= i\mathbf{S}_X \cdot \mathbf{q}\end{aligned}$$

- Matching to chiral EFT (f_N, \dots : Wilson coefficients + nucleon form factors)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{M}_{1,\text{NR}}^{SS} &= \mathcal{O}_1 f_N(t) & \mathcal{M}_{1,\text{NR}}^{SP} &= \mathcal{O}_{10} g_5^N(t) & \mathcal{M}_{1,\text{NR}}^{PP} &= \frac{1}{m_X} \mathcal{O}_6 h_5^N(t) \\ \mathcal{M}_{1,\text{NR}}^{VV} &= \mathcal{O}_1 \left(f_1^{V,N}(t) + \frac{t}{4m_N^2} f_2^{V,N}(t) \right) + \frac{1}{m_N} \mathcal{O}_3 f_2^{V,N}(t) + \frac{1}{m_N m_X} (t\mathcal{O}_4 + \mathcal{O}_6) f_2^{V,N}(t) \\ \mathcal{M}_{1,\text{NR}}^{AV} &= 2\mathcal{O}_8 f_1^{V,N}(t) + \frac{2}{m_N} \mathcal{O}_9 \left(f_1^{V,N}(t) + f_2^{V,N}(t) \right) \\ \mathcal{M}_{1,\text{NR}}^{AA} &= -4\mathcal{O}_4 g_A^N(t) + \frac{1}{m_N^2} \mathcal{O}_6 g_P^N(t) & \mathcal{M}_{1,\text{NR}}^{VA} &= \left\{ -2\mathcal{O}_7 + \frac{2}{m_X} \mathcal{O}_9 \right\} h_A^N(t)\end{aligned}$$

- Conclusions

- \mathcal{O}_2 , \mathcal{O}_5 , and \mathcal{O}_{11} do not appear at $\nu = 3$, not all \mathcal{O}_i independent
- 2b operators of similar or even greater importance than some of the 1b operators
- Phenomenological implications:** [next talk by J. Menéndez](#)

Chiral counting in scalar channel

- Leading pion–nucleon Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} = \bar{\Psi} \left[i\gamma_{\mu} (\partial^{\mu} - i\mathbf{v}^{\mu}) - m_N + \frac{g_A}{2} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_5 \left(2\mathbf{a}^{\mu} - \frac{\partial^{\mu} \boldsymbol{\pi}}{F_{\pi}} \right) + \dots \right] \Psi$$

↪ **no scalar source!**

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- Scalar coupling

$$f_N = \frac{m_N}{\Lambda^3} \sum_{q=u,d,s} C_q^{SS} f_q^N + \dots \quad \langle N | m_q \bar{q}q | N \rangle = f_q^N m_N$$

↪ for $q = u, d$ related to **pion–nucleon σ -term** $\sigma_{\pi N}$

- Chiral expansion

$$\sigma_{\pi N} = -4c_1 M_\pi^2 - \frac{9g_A^2 M_\pi^3}{64\pi F_\pi^2} + \mathcal{O}(M_\pi^4) \quad \dot{\sigma} = \frac{5g_A^2 M_\pi}{256\pi F_\pi^2} + \mathcal{O}(M_\pi^2)$$

↪ slow convergence

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- Our work: two new sources of information on low-energy πN scattering
 - Precision extraction of **πN scattering lengths** from **hadronic atoms**
 - **Roy-equation constraints**: analyticity, unitarity, crossing symmetry

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σ -term from Roy–Steiner analysis of pion–nucleon scattering

Error analysis

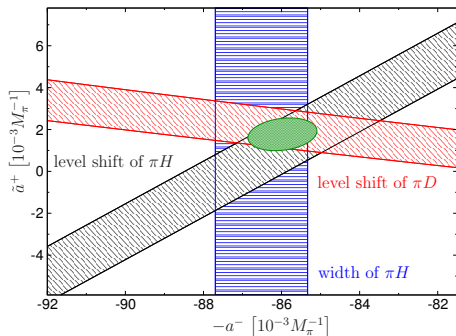
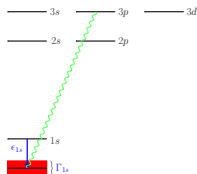
$$\sigma_{\pi N} = 59.1 \pm \underbrace{0.7}_{\text{flat directions}} \pm \underbrace{0.3}_{\text{matching}} \pm \underbrace{0.5}_{\text{systematics}} \pm \underbrace{1.7}_{\text{scattering lengths}} \pm \underbrace{3.0}_{\text{low-energy theorem}} \text{ MeV}$$

$$= 59.1 \pm 3.5 \text{ MeV}$$

- Crucial result: relation between $\sigma_{\pi N}$ and πN scattering lengths

$$\sigma_{\pi N} = 59.1 \text{ MeV} + \sum_{l_s} c_{l_s} \Delta a_{0+}^{l_s}$$

- Pionic atoms:** $\pi^- p/d$ bound states



A new σ -term puzzle

- Recent lattice calculations of $\sigma_{\pi N}$

- BMW 1510.08013:

$$\sigma_{\pi N} = 38(3)(3) \text{ MeV}$$

- χ QCD 1511.09089:

$$\sigma_{\pi N} = 44.4(3.2)(4.5) \text{ MeV}$$

- ETMC 1601.01624:

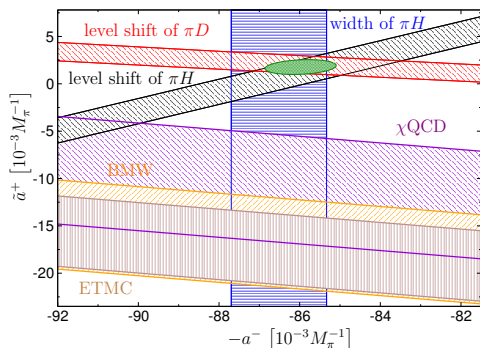
$$\sigma_{\pi N} = 37.22(2.57) \left(\begin{smallmatrix} +0.99 \\ -0.63 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \text{ MeV}$$

- RQCD 1603.00827:

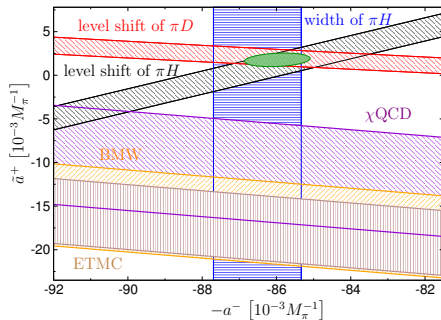
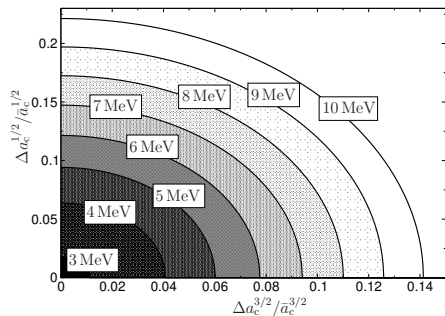
$$\sigma_{\pi N} = 35(6) \text{ MeV}$$

- Similar puzzle in lattice calculation of $K \rightarrow \pi\pi$ RBC/UKQCD 1505.07863, also 3σ level

- Both puzzles with profound implications for BSM searches:
scalar nucleon couplings, CP violation in $K_0-\bar{K}_0$ mixing

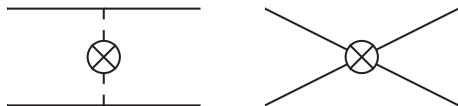


A new σ -term puzzle



- πN : lattice calculation of $a^{1/2}$, $a^{3/2}$
 \hookrightarrow test input for πN scattering lengths
- Preliminary BMW update from lattice 2016: $38(3)(3) \text{ MeV} \rightarrow 48.5(8.0) \text{ MeV}$

- Scalar source also suppressed for $(N^\dagger N)^2$
 - ↔ **long-range contribution dominant** (in Weinberg counting)
- Typical size **(5–10)%**
 - ↔ reflected by results for structure factors *next talk by J. Menéndez*
 - ↔ more important in case of cancellations
- Contact terms ↔ nuclear σ -terms *Beane et al. 2014*



Spin-2 and coupling to the energy-momentum tensor

- Effective Lagrangian truncated at dim-7, but if WIMP heavy $m_\chi/\Lambda = \mathcal{O}(1)$

↪ heavy-WIMP EFT [Hill, Solon 2012, 2014](#)

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^4} \left\{ \sum_q C_q^{(2)} \bar{\chi} \gamma_\mu i \partial_\nu \chi \frac{1}{2} \bar{q} \left(\gamma^{\{\mu} i D_-^{\nu\}} - \frac{m_q}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \right) q + C_g^{(2)} \bar{\chi} \gamma_\mu i \partial_\nu \chi \left(\frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{4} G_{\lambda\sigma}^a G_a^{\lambda\sigma} - G_a^{\mu\lambda} G_{a\lambda}^\nu \right) \right\}$$

↪ leading order: **nucleon pdfs**

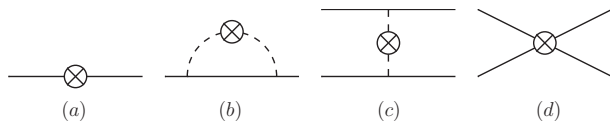
↪ similar two-body current as in scalar case, pion pdfs, EMC effect

- Coupling of trace anomaly θ_μ^μ to $\pi\pi$

$$\theta_\mu^\mu = \sum_q m_q \bar{q} q + \frac{\beta_{\text{QCD}}}{2g_s} G_{\mu\nu}^a G_a^{\mu\nu} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \langle \pi(p') | \theta_{\mu\nu} | \pi(p) \rangle = p_\mu p'_\nu + p'_\mu p_\nu + g_{\mu\nu} (M_\pi^2 - p \cdot p')$$

↪ probes gluon Wilson coefficient C_g^S

Conclusions



- **Chiral EFT** for WIMP–nucleon scattering
- Predicts **hierarchy** for corrections to leading coupling
- Connects nuclear and hadronic scales
- Nuclear matrix elements: tension between lattice and phenomenology for $\sigma_{\pi N}$
- Implementation into **nuclear structure factors** next talk by J. Menéndez