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Development of a polarized proton target for spin-correlation coefficient measurements

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Three-Nucleon Forces (3NFs)

- Binding energies of light mass nuclei $(A \ge 3)$
- Scattering observables of few-nucleon scattering
- Properties of nuclear matter

(e.g., saturation density, radius or mass of neutron star)









Few-Nucleon Scattering

A good probe to study the dynamical aspects of 3NFs.

✓ Momentum dependence✓ Spin & Iso-spin dependence



- **Theory : Faddeev (-Yakubovsky) eq.**, etc... Rigorous numerical calc. for 3, 4*N* system
 - w/ 2NF, 3NF inputs

Exp. : Precise Data

Cross section, Spin observables (A_i, C_{ij}, K_{ij})

<u>d + p Elastic Scattering at 70–250 MeV/u</u>

- > Differential Cross Section $d\sigma/d\Omega$
 - 3NFs are clearly needed.
- > Spin Observables $(iT_{11}, T_{20}, T_{21}, T_{22}, K_{ij}^{l'})$
 - The data are partially reproduced by including 3NFs.
 - Spin dependent parts of 3NFs are less known.





K. Sekiguchi et al., PRC 65, 034003 (2002).



Chiral EFT based Nuclear Potential

Chiral Effective Field Theory (EFT)

- ✓ Based on chiral symmetry of QCD.
- ✓ Lagrangian is organized by the power of Q/Λ_{χ} .
 - $Q \sim m_{\pi}$ (140 MeV) Λ_{χ} : chiral symmetry breaking scale (~1 GeV)
- Consistent two-, three-, and many nucleon forces are derived on the same footing.
- ✓ 3NFs appear at N²LO.
- ✓ Short range interactions involve Low Energy Constant (LEC).



Our Goal: Determining LECs from the 3N scattering and the 3NFs at N4LO



Determination of LECs

E. EPELBAUM et al.

PHYSICAL REVIEW C 99, 024313 (2019)



Differential cross sections give strong constraints for LEC c_D !

The rich date set of 3N scattering is highly demanded.



New Experiment: Measurement of Spin-Correlation Coefficients

pol. *d*-pol. *p* Elastic Scattering @100 MeV/u





Spin-Correlation Coefficients $C_{i,i}$, $C_{ii,k}$

differential cross section with polarized beam and polarized target (spin $1 + \frac{1}{2}$)

$$\frac{I}{I_0} = 1 + \frac{3}{2} p_y A_y + p_y^T A_y^T + \frac{1}{3} (p_{xx} - p_{zz}) A_{xx} + \frac{1}{3} (p_{yy} - p_{zz}) A_{yy} + \frac{3}{2} p_x p_x^T \underline{C}_{x,x} + \frac{3}{2} p_y p_y^T \underline{C}_{y,y} + \frac{1}{3} (p_{yy} - p_{zz}) p_y^T \underline{C}_{yy,y}$$

Spin axis of beam and target is aligned to the vertical (y) axis.

 p_{ij} : Beam (d) polarization p_k : Target (p) polarization $A_{i,j}, A_k$: Analyzing power $C_{i,j}, C_{ij,k}$: Spin-correlation coefficient



We need to measure scattering asymmetry of L&R, U&D!



Polarized Proton Target ~for measurements of spin-correlation coefficients~



Polarization Method

Triplet DNP (Dynamic Nuclear Polarization)

- ✓ Optical excitation of pentacene and decay to triplet state
 → electron polarization
- \checkmark Polarization transfer to protons by microwave irradiation
- ✓ It is operated at a relatively lower magnetic field and a higher temperature (~100 K).

Target: **pentacene doped naphthalene crystal** (size: φ10, 3 mm^t)







Polarized Proton Target System





Within target range (ϕ 10, 3mm):

- Magnetic fied : ~0.3 T
- Field variation : $\leq 0.1\%$



Polarized Proton Target System





Target Performance

- > We performed a performance test for the newly-developed polarized proton target system.
- > Time evolution of polarization is monitored by NMR.



Polarization signal was confirmed, and spin-relaxation time more than 20 hours was achieved.



Summary and Outlook

Studying 3NFs via few-nucleon scattering at intermediate energies ($E/A \ge 65$ MeV).

• *dp* elastic scattering at RIKEN provided a solid basis for 3NF study.

★ Systematic 2NF&3NF potential → Chiral Effective Field Theory

We plan to the measurement of spin-correlation coefficients (@100 MeV/u) for dp elastic scattering.

♦ Our Goal: determination of LECs in chiral EFT and 3NFs at N⁴LO.

Polarized proton target was developed for the measurement of spin-correlation coefficients.

• The target system has a wide acceptance for horizontal and vertical planes.

N Polarization signal was confirmed, and spin-relaxation time was 24.1 h.

Future Plan

Beam test at CYRIC, Tohoku University

→ Evaluating the absolute polarization via *pp* scattering Estimating the radiation damage due to charged particle beams



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