Relativistic coupled-cluster calculations of nuclear spin-dependent parity non-conservation in Cs, Ba$^+$ and Ra$^+$

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We have developed a relativistic coupled-cluster theory to incorporate nuclear spin-dependent interaction Hamiltonians perturbatively. This theory is ideal to calculate parity violating nuclear spin-dependent electric dipole transition amplitudes, $E_{1\text{NSD}}^{\text{PNC}}$, of heavy atoms. Experimental observation of which is a clear signature of nuclear anapole moment, the dominant source of nuclear spin-dependent parity violation in atoms and ions. We apply the theory to calculate $E_{1\text{NSD}}^{\text{PNC}}$ of Cs, which to date has provided the best atomic parity violation measurements. We also calculate $E_{1\text{NSD}}^{\text{PNC}}$ of Ba$^+$ and Ra$^+$, candidates of ongoing and proposed experiments.

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as the perturbation. Here, $\mu_W$ is the weak nuclear moment of the nucleus and $\rho_N(r)$ is the nuclear density. The total atomic Hamiltonian is

$$H_A = H^{DC} + \lambda H^{NSD}_{\text{PNC}},$$

where $\lambda$ is the perturbation parameter. Mixed parity hyperfine states $|\tilde{\Psi}_v\rangle$ are then the eigen states of $H_A$. To calculate $|\tilde{\Psi}_v\rangle$ from RCC, we define a new set of cluster operators $T^{(1)}$, which unlike $T^{(0)}$ connects the reference state to opposite parity states. This is the result of incorporating one order of $H^{NSD}_{\text{PNC}}$ and for this reason we refer to $T^{(1)}$ as the perturbed cluster operators. Although hyperfine states are natural to $H^{NSD}_{\text{PNC}}$, cluster operator $T^{(1)}$ is defined to operate only in the electronic space and is a rank one operator. For this define $H^{\text{elec}} = (G_V \mu_W)/(\sqrt{2}) \sum_i \alpha_i \rho_N(r)$, which operates only in the electronic space, so that $H^{NSD}_{\text{PNC}} = H^{\text{elec}} + I$. The closed-shell exponential operator in PRCC is $e^{T^{(0)} + \lambda T^{(1)} I}$ and the atomic state is

$$|\tilde{\Psi}_v\rangle = e^{T^{(0)}} \left[ 1 + \lambda T^{(1)} \cdot I \right] |\Phi_0\rangle.$$  

Similarly, the mixed parity state from one-valence PRCC theory is

$$|\tilde{\Phi}_v\rangle = e^{T^{(0)}} \left[ 1 + \lambda T^{(1)} \cdot I \right] \left[ 1 + S^{(0)} + \lambda S^{(1)} \cdot I \right] |\Phi_v\rangle.$$  

As $T^{(1)}_1$ is one particle and rank one operator, in terms of c-tensors

$$T^{(1)}_1 = \sum_{ap} T^{ap} C_1(\hat{r}),$$

where $C_1$ are c-tensor operators. Similarly, the tensor structure of $T^{(1)}_2$ is

$$T^{(1)}_2 = \sum_{apq} \sum_{l_1 l_2} T^{apq(l_1, l_2)} \{ C_{l_1}(\hat{r}_1) C_{l_2}(\hat{r}_2) \},$$

where $\{\cdots\}$ indicates the two c-tensor operators couple to a rank one tensor operator. Based on the tensor structures, the perturbed cluster operators are diagrammatically represented as shown in Fig. 1. For the doubles $T^{(1)}_2$, to indicate the multipole structure, an additional line is added to the interaction line. The cluster operators are solutions of the equations

$$\langle \tilde{\Phi}_v | (\hat{H}_N S^{(1)} + \hat{H}_N T^{(1)} + \hat{H}_N S^{(1)} S^{(0)}) + H^{NSD}_{\text{PNC}} S^{(0)} | \tilde{\Phi}_v \rangle = \Delta E_v \langle \Phi_{\text{ref}}^{\text{PNC}} S^{(1)} | \Phi_v \rangle,$$

$$\langle \Phi_{\text{ref}}^{\text{PNC}} | (\hat{H}_N S^{(1)} + \hat{H}_N T^{(1)} + \hat{H}_N S^{(1)} S^{(0)}) + H^{NSD}_{\text{PNC}} S^{(0)} | \Phi_v \rangle = \Delta E_v \langle \Phi_{\text{ref}}^{\text{PNC}} S^{(1)} | \Phi_v \rangle,$$

where $E_v^{\text{NSD}}$ is the transition amplitude from $T^{(1)}_2$ and $S^{(1)}$ is to indicate the multipole structure of these operators.

Where we have used the relations $\langle \Phi_{\text{ref}}^T T^{(1)} | \Phi_v \rangle = 0$, and $\langle \Phi_{\text{ref}}^{\text{PNC}} T^{(1)} S | \Phi_v \rangle = 0$, as the bra state is valence excited. An approximate form of Eq. (9), but which contains all the important many-body effects, are the linearized cluster equations. This is obtained by considering $H^{\text{elec}} T^{(1)}_2 \approx H^{\text{elec}} T^{(1)}_1$, and $H^{\text{elec}} S^{(1)} \approx H^{\text{elec}} S^{(0)} + H^{\text{elec}} S^{(0)} T^{(1)}$. We refer to this as the linear approximation and use it extensively to check the results.

$E^{\text{NSD}}_{\text{PNC}}$ calculations.—If $|\tilde{\Psi}_v\rangle$ and $|\tilde{\Phi}_v\rangle$ are atomic states of same parity, then the $H^{\text{NSD}}_{\text{PNC}}$ induced electric dipole transition amplitude $E^{\text{NSD}}_{\text{PNC}} = \langle \tilde{\Psi}_v | D | \tilde{\Phi}_v \rangle$, where $D$ is the dipole operator. Similarly, the transition amplitude within the electronic sector is

$$E^{\text{NSD}}_{\text{elec}} = \langle \Phi_{\text{ref}} | D T^{(1)} + S^{(1)} + T^{(1)} S^{(1)} + T^{(1)} T^{(0)} D + T^{(0)} D T^{(1)} \rangle$$

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where $D = e^{T^{(1)} I} D e^{T^{(1)} I}$, is the dressed electric dipole operator. It is evident that $D$ is a non-terminating series of the closed-shell cluster operators. It is non-trivial to incorporate $T$ to all orders in numerical computations. For this reason $D$ approximated as $D \approx D + D T^{(0)} + T^{(0)} D + T^{(0)} D T^{(0)}$. This captures all the important contributions arising from the core-polarization and pair-correlation effects. Terms not included in this approximation are third and higher order in $T^{(0)}$. The expression used in our calculations is then

$$E^{\text{NSD}}_{\text{elec}} \approx \langle \Phi_{\text{ref}} | D T^{(1)} + T^{(0)} T^{(0)} D T^{(1)} + T^{(1)} T^{(0)} D T^{(0)}$$

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From our previous study of properties calculations [21], we conclude that the contributions from the higher order are negligible.

Coupling with nuclear spin.—To couple $E^{\text{NSD}}_{\text{elec}}$ with nuclear spin I and obtain $E^{\text{NSD}}_{\text{PNC}}$, consider the exchange diagram in Fig. 2(a). It arises from the term $T^{(0)} D S^{(1)}$ in the PRCC expression of $E^{\text{NSD}}_{\text{elec}}$.

To demonstrate the non-trivial angular integration, in hyperfine atomic states, the angular momentum diagram

![Diagram](image-url)
of the same diagram is shown in Fig. 2(b). Conventions of phase and angular momentum lines of Lindgren and Morrison [25] are used while drawing the diagram. The portion of the diagram within the rectangle in dashed-line is the angular momentum part of the electronic sector. The evaluation of the angular integral of the electronic sector, following Wigner-Eckert theorem, is equivalent to

\[
\langle j_w m_w | \sum_l \left\{ T_2^{(0)} | D S_1^{(1)} \right\}^l | j_v m_v \rangle = \langle j_w m_w | \sum_l \left\{ j_w m_w \right\}^l | j_v m_v \rangle 
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where \( \langle \ldots \rangle^l \) represents coupling of rank one tensor operators \( D \) and \( S_1^{(1)} \) to an operator of rank \( l \). This coupling is a structure common to any PRCC term of \( E^\text{NSD} \). From the triangular condition, \( l = 0, 1, 2 \) are the allowed values, however, what values of \( l \) contribute depends on \( j_v \) and \( j_w \). For example, \( l = 0 \) contribute in the PNC \( 6^2S_{1/2} \rightarrow 7^2S_{1/2} \) transition of atomic Cs [1], as \( l = 1 \) contribute to the proposed PNC \( 6^2S_{1/2} \rightarrow 5^2D_{3/2} \) transition in Ba [23].

The angular momentum diagram in Fig. 2(b), after evaluation, reduces to a \( j \)-symbol and free line part. Algebraically, the matrix element in the hyperfine states is

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it require a systematic series of calculations to examine the nature of the correlation effects from the higher order terms which are subsumed in the PRCC calculations. The results of $^{229}$Ra$^+$ is a cause for concern, there is a large cancellation in the $F_i = 3 \to F_f = 2$ transition amplitude. However, for the other two transitions of the same ion, the transition amplitudes are higher than Ba$^+$. In particular, the $F_i = 2 \to F_f = 2$ transition amplitude of $^{229}$Ra$^+$ is the largest among all the values and this is in agreement with the previous results. For the neutral atom Cs, the PRCC results are larger than MBPT. This indicates, higher order correlation effects enhances $E_1^{\text{NSD}}$. It is opposite in Ba$^+$ and Ra$^+$, the PRCC results are lower than MBPT and indicates higher correlation effects have suppression effect.

To examine the impact of electron correlation in better detail, consider the leading order (LO) and next to leading order (NLO) terms as listed in Table. II. In the PRCC calculations, as given in Eq. (11), for Cs these are $S_1^{(1)} D$ and $DS_1^{(1)}$, respectively. Here, the former represents $H^{\text{NSD}}_{\text{PNC}}$ perturbed $7^2S_{1/2}$ and has larger opposite parity mixing as it is energetically closer to odd parity states like $6^2P_{1/2}$. The same is not true of $6^2S_{1/2}$, which is represented by $DS_1^{(1)}$.

In the case of Ba$^+$ the LO and NLO are $DS_1^{(1)}$ and $S_1^{(1)} D$, respectively. Although, not shown in Table. I, a similar pattern is observed in Ra$^+$. The sequence is opposite to Cs. Reason is, the transitions in these ions are of $n^2S_{1/2} \to n'^2D_{3/2}$ type and matrix elements of $H^{\text{NSD}}_{\text{PNC}}$ involving $n'^2D_{3/2}$ are negligible. Dominant contribution arises from the $sp$ matrix elements, which are large. So, the term $DS_1^{(1)}$, which represents $H^{\text{NSD}}_{\text{PNC}}$ perturbation of $n^2S_{1/2}$ is the LO term of these ions. The contribution from $S_1^{(1)} D$ is, however, non-zero as $n'^2D_{3/2}$ acquires opposite parity mixing through electron correlation effects. It must be mentioned that, the Dirac-Fock contribution is the most dominant, however, in PRCC it is subsumed in the LO and NLO terms. The terms which are second order in cluster operators, in Eq. (11), are non-zero but small. For comparison, the two dominant contributions from the second order term, $S^{(0)} \delta S_1^{(1)}$ and it’s hermitian conjugate, is given in the Table. III.

We have also calculated the $E_1^{\text{NSD}}_{\text{PNC}}$ of the $6^2S_{1/2} \to 5^2D_{5/2}$ and $7^2S_{1/2} \to 6^2D_{5/2}$ transitions in Ba$^+$ and Ra$^+$, respectively, and the results are given in Table. III. The results from the PRCC are much larger than the MBPT results and this shows, without any ambiguity, electron correlation is the key to get meaningful results. This is on account of $d_{5/2}$ in the atomic $n^2D_{5/2}$ states, which are diffused and leads to larger electron correlations.

Conclusions.— The PRCC theory we have developed incorporates electron correlation effects arising from a class of diagrams to all order with a nuclear spin-dependent interaction as a perturbation. It is a suitable theory for precision calculations of atomic PNC arising from $H^{\text{NSD}}_{\text{PNC}}$. With this method, it is possible to incorporate electron correlation effects within the entire configuration space obtained from a set of spin-orbitals.

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