πNN system at low energy

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With the advent of chiral perturbation theory, the low-energy effective field theory of QCD, high accuracy calculations for hadronic reactions with a controlled error estimation have become possible. We review the recent developments in the reaction $NN \to NN\pi$ in chiral EFT. We demonstrate that the counting scheme that acknowledges the large momentum transfer between the initial and the final nucleons (see Ref. [1]) allows for a consistent description of s- [2] and p-wave [3] pion production and even charge symmetry breaking effects in $pn \to d\pi^0$ [4]. The status of the theory for pion production allowed us to calculate the related corrections to the pion-deuteron scattering length due to the dispersive and the Delta-isobar contributions [5,6]. Those are necessary for a high accuracy calculation of the pion-deuteron scattering length with the goal to extract the low-energy S-wave πN scattering parameters [7].

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