Nuclear electric dipole moment in the cluster model with a triton: ⁷Li and ¹¹B

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We calculate the electric dipole moment (EDM) of the nuclei ⁷Li and ¹¹B in the cluster model with α (⁴He) and triton (³H) clusters as degrees of freedom. The ⁷Li and ¹¹B nuclei are treated in the two- and three-body problem, respectively, using the Gaussian expansion method, assuming the one-meson exchange P, *CP*-odd nuclear forces. We find that ⁷Li and ¹¹B have larger sensitivity to the *CP* violation than the deuteron. It is also suggested that the EDMs of ⁷Li and ¹¹B, together with those of ⁶Li, ⁹Be and the $1/2_1^+$ excited state of ¹³C, obey an approximate counting rule accounting for the EDM of the cluster and the α -*N* polarization. We show their sensitivity on the hadronic level *CP* violation in terms of the chiral effective-field theory and discuss their role in probing new physics beyond the standard model.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The common understanding of the matter abundance of the current Universe is that it was generated in its very early stage. Theoretically, the excess of matter over antimatter is realized by fulfilling Sakharov's criteria [1]. In the standard model (SM), however, the *CP* violation, which is one of the required conditions, is very insufficient [2–5]. This fact is motivating particle physicists to search for *CP* violation beyond the SM.

One of the most promising experimental observables to search for *CP* violation is the *electric dipole moment* (EDM). It has been extensively studied in the past [6–21]. Notable advantages are its accurate measurability, the negligible SM contribution [22–29] from the *CP* violation of the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix [30], and the versatility of the choice of systems, illustrated by the results obtained for the neutron [31], atoms [32–35], muon [36], and the electron in polar molecules [37–39].

Many new ideas for the measurement of the EDM were also proposed. They include that of the strange and charmed baryons using bent crystals to extract the EDM of strange and charm quarks [40–43] (a recent investigation shows that the EDM of heavy quarks can strongly be constrained by the neutron EDM bound through renormalization-group analysis [44]), precision analysis in collider experiments for the EDM of τ leptons [45–48] and top quarks [49,50], the improvement of the sensitivity to electron EDM using polar molecules and an inert gas matrix [51,52], the use of oscillating electric field to measure the nuclear EDM [53–55], etc. In this work, we focus on the nuclear EDM which may be measured by using storage rings [15,17,56–61]. Although the idea is not new, this approach is currently being developed, and the experimental preparation is on-going [62–65]. sensitivity of the experiment is very high, with the prospect of going beyond $O(10^{-29}) e \text{ cm}$ [65]. The use of storage rings is not only important in improving the accuracy, but also because it allows the measurement of the EDM of charged particles. In contrast to atoms or molecules, the measurement of the EDM of bare nuclei does not suffer from Schiff's screening [66]. The sensitivity is so high that the nuclear EDM can also be used to test the Lorentz violation [67-70]. Another potentially important aspect is that the axion dark matter [71] may also be studied. It was recently claimed that the EDM of atomic nuclei is not completely screened in an oscillating electric field [53–55], and in the same logic, the oscillation of the nuclear EDM induced by the interaction with the axion of the dark matter halo surrounding us might also be observable [72-75]. All these topics motivate us to study the nuclear EDM in detail.

Let us list the advantages of the nuclear EDM. First, the

There have recently been several notable progresses in the physics closely related to the nuclear EDM. It has been pointed out that the measurement of the EDM in a storage ring may be affected by the systematics due to the general relativity [76–82]. This effect can be removed by measuring oppositely circulating particles in the ring. At the hadronic level, there are many investigations in lattice QCD trying to evaluate unknown hadron matrix elements which are representing the most important source of theoretical uncertainty in the calculation of the EDM [83,84]. It is now possible to calculate several of them at the physical pion mass, such as the nucleon scalar and tensor charges [85-97]. The calculation of the matrix elements of other operators such as the quark chromo-EDM or the θ term is still challenging [98], but attempts to obtain accurate values by using chiral effective-field theory [99] combined with high-energy QCD experimental data are now starting [100].

The nuclear EDM has widely been investigated in nuclear physics. Initial studies pointed to a large enhancement of *CP*

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violation for the EDM of relatively heavy nuclei, which can be described with the shell model [101–103]. More recent calculations based on a more sophisticated shell model accounting for the configuration mixing are, however, giving much smaller sensitivity, which is explained by the destructive interference of different angular-momentum configurations [104,105]. From these inspections, light nuclei become more interesting in the context of the nuclear EDM measurement.

The EDM of the deuteron [106-111] and ³He [112-116]were studied in many previous works. For these light nuclei, ab initio calculations are possible, and recent results are almost consistent [117–121]. The investigations further continued for *p*-shell nuclei, where the cluster model was used [121,122]. The calculation of the many-nucleon wave function is problematic, since it becomes computationally too costly even for a small number of nucleons such as the ⁶Li nucleus. The cluster model can reduce the degree of freedom of the many-body system while keeping reasonable accuracy for low-lying energy levels. It is also known that light nuclei have well-developed cluster structures, so that the use of this framework matches the relevant physics [123–126]. The study of the EDM of ⁶Li and ⁹Be revealed the importance of the constructive interference between the EDM of subsystems and the polarization of the α -N system, which enhance the CP violation [121]. On the other hand, the calculation of the EDM of ¹³C showed us that the nuclear EDM is suppressed due to the weak transition between low-lying opposite-parity states [122]. The results of these analyses tell us that the enhancement or the suppression depends strongly on the structure of the nuclei, and that we have to check them one by one.

In this work, we calculate the EDM of ⁷Li and ¹¹B in the cluster model. The ⁷Li [127,128] and ¹¹B [129] nuclei were calculated with α clusters and a triton (³H) as degrees of freedom, and the reproduction of the low-lying energy spectra was successful. As hadronic *CP*-violating processes generating the nuclear EDM, we consider the *CP*-odd one-pion exchange interaction [130–133] and the intrinsic nucleon EDM, which are the leading contribution in the chiral effective-field theory [118,119,134]. Since the one-pion exchange is a long-distance process, we expect the cluster model, which reproduces well low-lying energy levels, to accurately predict the nuclear EDM. We use the Gaussian expansion method [135,136] to solve the few-body problem.

This paper is organized as follows: In Sec. II, we first define the nuclear EDM. We then briefly introduce the cluster model and present our setup of the calculation in Sec. III. In Sec. IV, we show and analyze our result by comparing with predictions of other nuclei. In the final section, we summarize our discussion.

II. THE NUCLEAR ELECTRIC DIPOLE MOMENT

The first leading contribution to be considered in the calculation of the nuclear EDM is that of the intrinsic nucleon EDM. It is given by

$$d_A^{(\text{Nedm})} = \sum_i^A d_i \langle \Psi_A | \sigma_{iz} | \Psi_A \rangle \equiv \langle \sigma_p \rangle_A d_p + \langle \sigma_n \rangle_A d_n, \quad (1)$$

where $|\Psi_A\rangle$ is the state vector of ⁷Li or ¹¹B. The mass number is denoted by *A*. The EDMs of the proton and the neutron, which are the input parameters, are denoted by d_p and d_n , respectively. The nuclear-spin matrix elements $\langle \sigma_p \rangle_A$ and $\langle \sigma_n \rangle_A$ are the coefficients relating the nucleon EDM and the nuclear EDM. These are one of the objects of our work, and they will be calculated in the cluster model.

Since we work in the cluster model with a triton, the nuclear-spin matrix elements are given as a convolution of the spin matrix elements of the triton by the triton spin matrix elements in 7 Li or 11 B. Regarding the spin matrix element of the triton, we will adopt the numerical value given in Ref. [121].

We note that the intrinsic nucleon EDM contribution is not enhanced by the many-body effect, since nucleons in nuclei are nonrelativistic [9,10,137-139]. The contribution from the interaction between the nucleon EDM and the internal electric field of the nucleus [140] is also neglected.

The nuclear EDM is also generated by the *CP*-odd nuclear force which polarizes the total system. We define this contribution as

$$d_A^{(\text{pol})} = \sum_{i=1}^A \frac{e}{2} \langle \tilde{\Psi}_A | (1 + \tau_i^z) \mathcal{R}_{iz} | \tilde{\Psi}_A \rangle, \qquad (2)$$

where $\frac{e}{2}(1 + \tau_i^z)$ and \mathcal{R}_{iz} are the charge operator and the third component of the coordinate of the *i*th nucleon, respectively. Note that the EDM is calculated in the center-of-mass frame. The nuclear state $|\tilde{\Psi}_A\rangle$ contains small opposite-parity components due to the *CP*-odd nuclear force.

In the cluster model, the dipole operator is further simplified. In our cluster model, the one of 7 Li is given by

$$\sum_{i=1}^{7} \frac{e}{2} (1 + \tau_i^z) \mathcal{R}_{iz} = -\frac{2}{7} e(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)_z, \qquad (3)$$

where r_1 and r_2 are the center-of-mass coordinates of the ³H and α clusters, respectively. The origin is taken as the center of mass $3r_1 + 4r_2 = 0$.

For the case of ¹¹B, we consider the α - α -³H three-body model. Its dipole operator is then given by

$$\sum_{i=1}^{11} \frac{e}{2} (1 + \tau_i^z) \mathcal{R}_{iz} = -\frac{2}{11} e[(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)_z + (\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_3)_z], \quad (4)$$

where $\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2$ and $\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_3$ are the relative coordinates between ³H and the two α clusters. Since the α -clusters are bosons, the wave function of ¹¹B is symmetric under the interchange $\mathbf{r}_2 \leftrightarrow \mathbf{r}_3$.

III. MODEL SETUP

In this work, we use the orthogonality-condition model (OCM) which is the semimicroscopic approximation of the resonating group method [141–145]. We first show the OCM Hamiltonian used in this work. For the ⁷Li nucleus, it is given by

$$\mathcal{H}_{^{7}\mathrm{Li}} = \sum_{i=1}^{2} T_{i} - T_{\mathrm{c.m.}}(^{7}\mathrm{Li}) + V_{\alpha t}(\boldsymbol{r}_{1} - \boldsymbol{r}_{2}) + V_{\mathrm{Pauli}}(^{7}\mathrm{Li}) + V_{CP}(\boldsymbol{r}_{1} - \boldsymbol{r}_{2}),$$
(5)

where $T_i - T_{c.m.}$ stands for the kinetic-energy operator for the *i*th cluster from which the center-of-mass contribution has been subtracted, and $V_{\alpha t}(\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2)$ is the *CP*-even α -*t* interaction of Nishioka *et al.* [127,128], which reproduces well the energy levels $3/2_1^-$, $1/2_1^-$, $7/2_1^-$, and $5/2_1^-$ of ⁷Li. The forbidden states are projected out using the following Pauli-blocking operator $V_{\text{Pauli}}(^7\text{Li})$ [146]:

$$V_{\text{Pauli}}(^{7}\text{Li}) = \lim_{\lambda \to \infty} \lambda \sum_{2n+l<3} \sum_{i=2}^{3} |u_{nl}(\boldsymbol{r}_{i} - \boldsymbol{r}_{1})\rangle \langle u_{nl}(\boldsymbol{r}_{i} - \boldsymbol{r}_{1})|,$$
(6)

which removes the α -t relative states 0*S*, 0*P*, 0*D*, and 1*S*. In this work, we take $\lambda = 10^5$ MeV. The detail of the *CP*-odd nuclear force V_{CP} will be given later. For ¹¹B, we have

$$\mathcal{H}_{^{11}\mathrm{B}} = \sum_{i=1}^{3} T_{i} - T_{\mathrm{c.m.}}(^{11}\mathrm{B}) + \sum_{i=2}^{3} V_{\alpha t}(\boldsymbol{r}_{1} - \boldsymbol{r}_{i}) + V_{2\alpha}(|\boldsymbol{r}_{2} - \boldsymbol{r}_{3}|) + V_{2\alpha t}(\boldsymbol{r}_{1}, \boldsymbol{r}_{2}, \boldsymbol{r}_{3}) + V_{\mathrm{Pauli}}(^{11}\mathrm{B}) + \sum_{i=2}^{3} V_{CP}(\boldsymbol{r}_{1} - \boldsymbol{r}_{i}),$$
(7)

where $V_{2\alpha}$ is the effective α - α potential constructed by folding the modified Hasegawa-Nagata interaction [147] augmented by the Coulomb interaction. This effective α - α interaction reproduces well the α - α scattering phase shifts as well as the energies of the ⁸Be ground-band states and of the Hoyle state $(0_2^+ \text{ of } {}^{12}\text{C})$ [148,149]. We also introduce a phenomenological three-body force $V_{2\alpha t}$ to fit the energies of $3/2_1^-$ and $1/2_1^$ states of ¹¹B [129]. The Pauli-blocking operator for ¹¹B is given by

$$V_{\text{Pauli}}(^{11}\text{B}) = \lim_{\lambda \to \infty} \lambda$$

$$\times \left[\sum_{2n+l < 4, l = \text{even}} |u_{nl}(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_3)\rangle \langle u_{nl}(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_3)| + \sum_{2n+l < 3} \sum_{i=2}^{3} |u_{nl}(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_1)\rangle \langle u_{nl}(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_1)| \right],$$
(8)

which removes the α - α relative states 0*S*, 1*S*, and 0*D*, and the α -*t* relative states 0*S*, 0*P*, 0*D*, and 1*S*, with the same λ as for ⁷Li.

As for the *CP*-odd nuclear force, we assume the one-pion exchange process [107,109,114,116,119,121]. The bare *CP*-odd nucleon-nucleon interaction is given by [109,131–133]

$$H_{P/T/}^{\pi} = \left\{ \bar{G}_{\pi}^{(0)} \boldsymbol{\tau}_{1} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{-} + \frac{1}{2} \bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)} (\boldsymbol{\tau}_{+}^{z} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{-} + \boldsymbol{\tau}_{-}^{z} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{+}) \right. \\ \left. + \bar{G}_{\pi}^{(2)} (3 \boldsymbol{\tau}_{1}^{z} \boldsymbol{\tau}_{2}^{z} - \boldsymbol{\tau}_{1} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_{2}) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{-} \right\} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{r}} V_{CP}^{NN}(r), \qquad (9)$$

with $\hat{\mathbf{r}} \equiv \frac{\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2}{|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|}$ being the unit vector of the relative coordinate \mathbf{r} . The spin and isospin matrices are given by σ and τ ($\sigma_{\pm} \equiv \sigma_1 \pm \sigma_2$, $\tau_{\pm} \equiv \tau_1 \pm \tau_2$). The subscripts 1 and 2 label the two



FIG. 1. The *CP*-odd one-pion exchange α -*t* potential. The *CP*-odd *N*-*N* interaction is also shown for comparison. The coupling constant $\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)}$ was factored out.

interacting nucleons. The radial function is given by

$$V_{CP}^{NN}(r) = -\frac{m_{\pi}}{8\pi m_N} \frac{e^{-m_{\pi}r}}{r} \left(1 + \frac{1}{m_{\pi}r}\right),$$
 (10)

with $m_{\pi} = 138$ MeV and $m_N = 939$ MeV. The shape of $V_{CP}^{NN}(r)$ is shown in Fig. 1. Since the *CP*-odd couplings are small, the nuclear EDM can linearly be expressed as

$$d_A = \sum_{i=0,1,2} a_{A,\pi}^{(i)} \bar{G}_{\pi}^{(i)}, \qquad (11)$$

where $a_{A,\pi}^{(0)}$, $a_{A,\pi}^{(1)}$, and $a_{A,\pi}^{(2)}$ depend only on the structure of the nucleus *A*.

The *CP*-odd α -*t* potential is calculated by applying the double folding to the bare *CP*-odd nuclear force. It is given as follows:

$$V_{CP}(\boldsymbol{r}_t - \boldsymbol{r}_\alpha) = \bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_t \cdot \frac{\boldsymbol{r}_t - \boldsymbol{r}_\alpha}{|\boldsymbol{r}_t - \boldsymbol{r}_\alpha|} V_{CP}^{\alpha t}(|\boldsymbol{r}_t - \boldsymbol{r}_\alpha|), \quad (12)$$

where we explicitly wrote the coordinates of the triton and α cluster as r_t and r_{α} , respectively. The radial function is

$$V_{CP}^{\alpha t}(r) = \frac{1}{\pi^2 m_N r^2} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{e^{-\frac{17}{48}k^2b^2}}{k^2 + m_\pi^2} \times [k^2 r \cos(kr) - k \sin(kr)], \quad (13)$$

where b = 1.482 fm. The shape of $V_{CP}^{\alpha t}(r)$ is shown in Fig. 1 (for the derivation, see Appendix). The isoscalar and isotensor *CP*-odd nuclear forces cancel after the folding.

We now briefly review the Gaussian expansion method [135]. The wave function of the two-body system (^{7}Li) is expressed as a superposition of the following Gaussian basis:

$$\Phi_{J=3/2}(^{7}\mathrm{Li}) = \sum_{nl} C_{nl}^{^{7}\mathrm{Li},J}[\chi_{s,s_{z}} \otimes \varphi_{nlm}(\boldsymbol{r})]_{J=3/2}, \quad (14)$$

where χ_{s,s_z} is the spin function of the triton cluster. The Gaussian basis is defined as

$$\varphi_{nlm}(\mathbf{r}) \equiv N_{nl} r^l e^{-\nu_n r^2} Y_{lm}(\hat{r}). \tag{15}$$

The radial function is expanded by Gaussians with geometric series of the spreads λ_n . The basis function of the three-body system (¹¹B) is given by

$$\Phi_{J=3/2}(^{11}\mathrm{B}) = \sum_{n,N,l,L,\lambda} A^{^{11}\mathrm{B},J}_{nNlL\lambda} \Phi^{(23,1)}_{nNlL\lambda} + \sum_{n,N,l,L,\lambda} B^{^{11}\mathrm{B},J}_{nNlL\lambda} \left[\Phi^{(12,3)}_{nNlL\lambda} + \Phi^{(31,2)}_{nNlL\lambda} \right], \quad (16)$$

where the basis is expressed in terms of the Jacobi coordinates as $\Phi_{nNlL\lambda}^{(ij,k)} \equiv [[\varphi_{nlm}(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j) \otimes \varphi_{NLM}(\mathbf{r}_k)]_{\lambda} \otimes \chi_{s,s_z}]_{J=3/2}$, with $\mathbf{r}_k \equiv \mathbf{r}_k - (\sum_{i \neq k} m_i \mathbf{r}_i)/(\sum_{i \neq k} m_i)$, m_i being the mass of the *i*th cluster.

The Schrödinger equations of the two- and three-body systems are solved by the variational principle,

$$\delta[\langle \Phi_J | \mathcal{H} - E | \Phi_J \rangle] = 0, \tag{17}$$

where *E* is the eigenenergy of ⁷Li (¹¹B) measured from the $\alpha + t (\alpha + \alpha + t)$ threshold.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. A counting rule

Let us first show the results of the calculation of the triton spin matrix elements. For the ⁷Li, it is trivially unity,

$$\langle {}^{7}\mathrm{Li}|\sigma_{t}|{}^{7}\mathrm{Li}\rangle = 1.$$
 (18)

For the case of ¹¹B, we numerically obtained

$$\langle {}^{11}\mathbf{B}|\sigma_t|{}^{11}\mathbf{B}\rangle = 0.76.$$
 (19)

This matrix element is important since it is used to convolute the EDM of the ³H nucleus. According to Ref. [121], the EDM of ³H is

$$d_{^{3}\text{H}} = 0.88d_{p} - 0.05d_{n} - 0.0059\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(0)} + 0.0108\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)} - 0.0170\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(2)}.$$
 (20)

From Eqs. (18)–(20), we can calculate the contribution of the intrinsic nucleon EDM to the EDM of 7 Li and 11 B:

$$d_{7\text{Li}}^{(\text{Nedm})} = 0.9d_p - 0.05d_n, \tag{21}$$

$$d_{^{11}\text{B}}^{(\text{Nedm})} = 0.7d_p - 0.04d_n.$$
(22)

We see that the coefficients (spin matrix elements) of the proton are close to unity for both ⁷Li and ¹¹B. This result is consistent with the simple shell-model picture where the nucleus is composed of a core and a valence nucleon. This is also consistent with the fact that the nuclear magnetic moments of ⁷Li ($\mu_{7Li} = +3.2564$) and ¹¹B ($\mu_{11B} = +2.6886$) are close to the single proton one ($\mu_p = +2.7928$). The positive values of g - 2 of the above nuclei are important in experiment, since the measurement of the nuclear EDM using storage rings becomes easier [56,57]. The discrepancy of the spin matrix elements of the proton from unity is due to the configuration mixing, the superposition of several orbital angular-momentum configurations.

Let us now show the results of the calculation of the polarization contribution in the α -*t* cluster model. For the ⁷Li

TABLE I. The linear coefficients of the *CP*-odd *N-N* coupling a_{π} expressed in unit of $10^{-2} e$ fm.

	$a^{(0)}_{\pi}$	$a_{\pi}^{(1)}$	$a_{\pi}^{(2)}$
² H [109,117,121]		1.45	
³ H [118,121]	-0.59	1.08	-1.70
⁶ Li [121]		2.2	
⁹ Be [121]		1.4	
$^{13}C(1/2_1^+)$ [122]		2.4	
⁷ Li	-0.6	1.6	-1.7
¹¹ B	-0.4	1.6	-1.3

nucleus, we obtained

$$d_{7\text{Li}}^{(\text{pol})} = 0.005\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)} \ e \ \text{fm} + d_{3\text{H}}^{(\text{pol})}$$

= $\left(-0.006\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(0)} + 0.016\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)} - 0.017\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(2)}\right) \ e \ \text{fm}.$ (23)

The first term was obtained by solving the Schrödinger equation of the α -*t* system, and the second term is due to the EDM of the triton cluster. Regarding the EDM of ¹¹B, we found

$$d_{^{11}B}^{(\text{pol})} = 0.008\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)} \ e \ \text{fm} + 0.76d_{^{3}\text{H}}^{(\text{pol})}$$
$$= \left(-0.004\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(0)} + 0.016\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)} - 0.013\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(2)}\right) \ e \ \text{fm}.$$
(24)

The coefficients are in accordance with the preliminary results reported in Refs. [150,151]. We improved their accuracy by taking 23 angular-momentum channels with 4100 basis functions with which we found good convergence. To estimate the theoretical uncertainty, we may use the deviation of the low-lying energy levels between our calculation and the experimental values (since the EDM is generated by the low-energy parity transitions). Since they agree within 30% [129], we may consider that the theoretical error bar is also at the same level.

It is interesting to compare our results with the coefficients of other light nuclei known in the literature (see Table I). By assuming that the EDM of light nuclei is generated by the constructive interference between that of the deuteron or ³H clusters and the polarization due to the *CP*-odd α -*N* polarization, we can solve a system of equations to determine the latter (see Fig. 2):

$$d_{^{6}\text{Li}} = 2(\alpha - N \text{ polarization}) + d_{^{2}\text{H}},$$

$$d_{^{7}\text{Li}} = 1(\alpha - N \text{ polarization}) + d_{^{3}\text{H}},$$

$$d_{^{9}\text{Be}} = 2(\alpha - N \text{ polarization}),$$

$$d_{^{11}\text{B}} = 2(\alpha - N \text{ polarization}) + d_{^{3}\text{H}},$$

$$d_{^{13}\text{C}^{*}} = 3(\alpha - N \text{ polarization}).$$
(25)

After equating with the values of Table I, we obtain $(\alpha$ -N polarization) ~ $(0.004-0.007)\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)} e$ fm. This counting rule holds for light nuclei with a dominant contribution from maximally aligned angular momentum and spin.

From this counting rule, we can predict the EDMs of several stable *p*-and *sd*-shell nuclei. For instance,



FIG. 2. Schematic picture of the counting rule of the contribution to the EDM of (a) ${}^{6}\text{Li}$, (b) ${}^{7}\text{Li}$, (c) ${}^{9}\text{Be}$, (d) ${}^{11}\text{B}$, and (e) the $1/2_{1}^{+}$ state of ${}^{13}\text{C}$. The dashed circles indicate the deuteron (triton) cluster for the ${}^{6}\text{Li}$ (${}^{7}\text{Li}$ or ${}^{11}\text{B}$) nucleus. The *CP*-odd α -*N* polarization is denoted by zigzag lines. The two neutrons in the triton cluster do not contribute to the *CP*-odd α -*N* polarization due to the dominant spin-singlet configuration.

we can infer

$$d_{^{10}\text{B}} \sim 0.03 \bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)} \, e \, \text{fm},$$
 (26)

$$d_{\rm ^{14}N} \sim 0.04 \bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)} \, e \, {\rm fm},$$
 (27)

$$d_{170} \sim 0.03 \bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)} \, e \, \mathrm{fm},$$
 (28)

$$d_{^{19}\text{F}} \sim 0.03 \bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)} e \,\text{fm.}$$
 (29)

For the ¹⁵N nucleus, the configuration with the orbital angular momentum antiparallel with the spin of the valence nucleon is dominant, so that its EDM should be suppressed like for the case of the ground state of ¹³C [122].

B. Chiral perturbation analysis

Let us analyze the sensitivity to the new physics beyond the SM through the chiral perturbation theory. The leading *CP*-violating chiral Lagrangian contributing to the nuclear EDM is given by [11,17,115,118,130,131,152]

$$\mathcal{L}_{P/T/} = -\frac{i}{2} \bar{d}_N \bar{N} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 N F^{\mu\nu} + \sum_{a=1}^3 \left[\bar{g}_{\pi N N}^{(0)} \bar{N} \tau^a N \pi^a + \bar{g}_{\pi N N}^{(1)} \bar{N} N \pi^0 \right] + m_N \Delta_{3\pi} \pi^z \sum_{a=1}^3 \pi_a^2 + \bar{C}_1 \bar{N} N \partial_\mu (\bar{N} S^\mu N) + \sum_{a=1}^3 \bar{C}_2 \bar{N} \tau_a N \cdot \partial_\mu (\bar{N} S^\mu \tau_a N),$$
(30)

where $N^T = (p, n)$. This chiral Lagrangian is defined with a cutoff $\Lambda \sim 1$ GeV. We may additionally consider strange mesons and baryons with this cutoff, but their contribution should be negligible since the *CP* violation considered in this study is flavor diagonal.

We note that the nucleon EDMs d_n and d_p of Eq. (1) and the bare terms \bar{d}_n and \bar{d}_p given in Eq. (30) are not identical. In the leading order of chiral perturbation theory, d_n and d_p receive additional contribution from the *CP*-odd pion-nucleon interaction [153]

$$d_N = \bar{d}_N - \tau_z \frac{eg_A \bar{g}_{\pi NN}^{(0)}}{4\pi^2 f_\pi} \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_\pi},$$
 (31)

where $\tau_z = +1$ (-1) for the proton (neutron).

The *CP*-odd nuclear couplings of Eq. (9) can also be calculated from the chiral Lagrangian (30). In the leading order, they are given by

$$\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(0)} = -\frac{g_A m_N}{f_{\pi}} \bar{g}_{\pi NN}^{(0)}, \qquad (32)$$

$$\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)} = -\frac{g_A m_N}{f_{\pi}} \bigg[\bar{g}_{\pi NN}^{(1)} + \frac{15 g_A^2 m_{\pi} m_N}{32 \pi f_{\pi}^2} \Delta_{3\pi} \bigg], \qquad (33)$$

where $g_A = 1.27$ and $f_{\pi} = 93$ MeV. We note that the isovector coupling $\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)}$ generated by the three-pion interaction (term with $\Delta_{3\pi}$) has a momentum dependence, but here we neglect it since its effect is small [118]. The three-pion interaction can also generate a *CP*-odd three-nucleon force, but its effect vanishes in the α -cluster model (the triton depends on it, but it is small [118]).

In this work, we do not consider the isoscalar contact interactions [terms with \bar{C}_1 and \bar{C}_2 of Eq. (30)], since their effect has a large theoretical uncertainty [118,119]. To control their effect, accurate nuclear wave functions at short distance are required. We also have to note that \bar{C}_1 and \bar{C}_2 are the bare couplings defined at the scale $\Lambda \sim 1$ GeV with some renormalization scheme, and they will not stay the same in the cluster model, since the interactions vary under the change of the model space. This change should be important for the short-range interaction, because the high-energy states with dissociated nucleons are integrated out in the cluster model. We note that, although it has been neglected, the investigation of the isoscalar *CP*-odd contact interactions is important in the determination of the Weinberg operator [154,155], and it desirable to quantify this short-range physics in the future.

Combining Eqs. (31) and (33) with Eqs. (18), (19), (23), and (24), we obtain

$$d_{^{7}\text{Li}} = 0.9\bar{d}_{p} - 0.05\bar{d}_{n} + \left(0.1\bar{g}_{\pi NN}^{(0)} - 0.2\bar{g}_{\pi NN}^{(1)} - 0.7\Delta_{3\pi}\right) e\,\text{fm},\quad(34)$$

$$d_{^{11}\text{B}} = 0.7d_p - 0.04d_n + \left(0.1\bar{g}_{\pi NN}^{(0)} - 0.2\bar{g}_{\pi NN}^{(1)} - 0.8\Delta_{3\pi}\right) e \,\text{fm.} \quad (35)$$

C. Impact on physics beyond the standard model

We now analyze the prospects for the discovery of new physics beyond the SM. We first inspect the contribution from the bare nucleon EDM $(\bar{d}_n \text{ and } \bar{d}_p)$. The quark-level

CP violation which is proper to it is the quark EDM. The quark EDM is linearly related to the nucleon EDM through the nucleon tensor charge. It has been evaluated in lattice QCD [88,90–95,97,156,157]. Its extractions from experimental data [158–163] show tension with lattice QCD results, but this problem is expected to be resolved with future experiments [164–166]. The effect of the quark EDM is suppressed by two factors. First, the nucleon tensor charge is smaller than one and does not show enhancement due to the dynamical effect of QCD in the nucleon [167-169]. The other one is the suppression from the renormalization-group evolution of the quark EDM [170–172]. Typically, the evolution from the scale $\mu = 1$ TeV to $\mu = 1$ GeV suppresses the quark EDM by a factor of 0.8. Although being suppressed, there are several models of new physics beyond the SM which only contribute through the quark EDM, such as the extended Higgs models with charged Higgs exchange [173,174], the split supersymmetry [175–178] or some classes of *R*-parity-violating supersymmetric models [14,179–181]. The sensitivity of the EDM of light nuclei on the bare nucleon EDM is therefore important in testing those models.

In genuine extended Higgs models or supersymmetric models, the quark chromo-EDM [182,183] and the quark EDM are generated at the same time. Since the quark chromo-EDM contributes to the *CP*-odd pion-nucleon interaction [second line of Eq. (30)], it is much more enhanced than the quark EDM contribution.

In the extended Higgs models, the leading contribution arises from the two-loop level Barr–Zee-type diagram [184–198]. For supersymmetric models, a large contribution is generated from the one-loop-level diagram [11,199–209], together with the two-loop-level diagrams [11,210–217]. If the experiments reach the prospective sensitivity of the EDM of $O(10^{-29}) \ e$ cm, it is possible to probe the scale of new physics beyond the SM up to O(1-10) TeV, under the assumption of natural couplings and *CP* phases. We note that the sensitivity to the supersymmetric *CP* phase of the μ term increases with large tan β [11,213]. In these models, many *CP* phases may appear at the same time, and it is important to examine the experimental data by taking into account the cancellation [181,218–223].

In the left-right symmetric model, the isovector *CP*-odd pion-nucleon interaction [second term of the second line of Eq. (30)] is generated [182]. Since $\bar{g}_{\pi NN}^{(1)} \sim \text{GeV}^2/m_{W_R}^2$ [18], the $O(10^{-29})$ *e* cm sensitivity of the EDM of light nuclei studied in this paper can probe the right-handed weak boson of mass 1–10 PeV within the natural O(0.1) *CP* phase.

We also review the constraint on the QCD θ term. The θ term contributes to the isoscalar *CP*-odd pion-nucleon interaction by $\bar{g}_{\pi NN}^{(0)} \sim 0.01\bar{\theta}$ [224]. We then have $d_{7\text{Li}}, d_{^{11}\text{B}} \sim 10^{-3}\bar{\theta} \ e$ fm, so that we may probe

$$\bar{\theta} \sim O(10^{-13}) \tag{36}$$

under the prospective sensitivity of $d_{^{7}\text{Li}}, d_{^{11}\text{B}} \sim O(10^{-29}) \ e \ \text{cm}$. We note that the assumption of the Peccei-Quinn mechanism [225] will unphysicalize $\bar{\theta}$, but instead it will be replaced by the coupling to the axion. The sensitivity of the nuclear EDM of ⁷Li and ¹¹B on the isoscalar

CP violation $\bar{g}_{\pi NN}^{(0)}$ is therefore very important for the axion dark matter search.

Let us finally see the standard model CKM contribution. Its effect arises in the second order of weak interaction, and the flavor change is crucial in the generation of the *CP* violation. From the values of the *CP*-odd pion-nucleon couplings calculated in Ref. [27], the CKM contribution is predicted as

$$d_{^7\mathrm{Li}} \approx 2 \times 10^{-31} \, e \,\mathrm{cm},\tag{37}$$

$$d_{^{11}\text{B}} \approx 2 \times 10^{-31} \, e \, \text{cm},$$
 (38)

where we neglected the contribution from the intrinsic nucleon EDM which is an order of magnitude smaller than the polarization contribution ($d_N \sim 10^{-32} \ e \ cm$ [26]). These predictions are smaller than the sensitivity of the storage ring experiment and prove the merit of the measurement of the EDM of ⁷Li or ¹¹B.

V. SUMMARY

In this paper we have calculated the EDM of ⁷Li and ¹¹B in the cluster model with ⁴He and ³H clusters as degrees of freedom. Our results show slightly larger isovector sensitivities than that of the deuteron. According to our analysis, the nuclear polarization is generated by the constructive interference between the *CP*-odd α -*N* interaction and the EDM of ³H cluster which composes the system.

The ⁷Li and ¹¹B nuclei have other interesting features than their sensitivity. In the determination of the new physics beyond the SM, they may be interesting from the point of view of the nonorthogonality, since they receive *CP*-odd isoscalar contributions from the intrinsic nucleon EDM as well as from the polarization of the triton cluster, as opposed to the deuteron or ⁶Li which is insensitive to it. This point is also potentially important in the detection of the axion dark matter which replaces the effect of the θ term. This is indeed a very attractive approach since the interaction with the axion may induce an observable oscillating nuclear EDM which avoids Schiff's screening. The potentiality has definitely to be studied in the future. We also note that ⁷Li and ¹¹B have both positive g - 2, which may be important in experimental measurements using storage rings.

From our study, a new phenomenon due to the clustering was also suggested. Our results, together with the previous predictions of the EDM of ⁶Li, ⁹Be, and the $1/2_1^+$ state of ¹³C, suggest a counting rule consisting of adding the EDM of the constituent cluster (deuteron or ³H) and the polarization due to the *CP*-odd α -*N* interaction which takes an approximate value $a_{\text{pol}}^{(1)} \sim (0.004-0.007)\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)} \ e$ fm. Using this counting rule, it is possible to predict the EDM of other *p*-shell nuclei. One interesting candidate is the ¹⁴N nucleus, for which the isovector sensitivity may reach $d_{^{14}N} \sim 0.04\bar{G}_{\pi}^{(1)} \ e$ fm. We expect these features to be unveiled in future works.

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APPENDIX: DERIVATION OF THE *CP*-ODD α-*t* INTERACTION IN ORTHOGONALITY-CONDITION MODEL

We derive the contribution of the isovector *CP*-odd nuclear force [see Eq. (9)] to the *CP*-odd α -*t* interaction by folding. The direct potential between the triton and alpha clusters can be written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi(t)\psi(\alpha)| &\sum_{i\in t,j\in\alpha} V_{CP}^{NN}(|\mathbf{r}_{i}-\mathbf{r}_{j}|) \\ &\times \left(\tau_{i}^{z}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{i}-\tau_{j}^{z}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{j}\right) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{r}_{i}-\mathbf{r}_{j}}{|\mathbf{r}_{i}-\mathbf{r}_{j}|} |\psi(t)\psi(\alpha)\rangle \\ &= \langle \phi(t)\phi(\alpha)| \sum_{i\in t,j\in\alpha} V_{CP}^{NN}(|\mathbf{r}_{i}-\mathbf{r}_{j}|) \\ &\times \tau_{i}^{z}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{i} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{r}_{i}-\mathbf{r}_{j}}{|\mathbf{r}_{i}-\mathbf{r}_{j}|} |\phi(t)\phi(\alpha)\rangle \\ &= \langle \phi(t)\phi(\alpha)| \\ &\times \sum_{i\in t,j\in\alpha} V_{CP}^{NN}(|\mathbf{r}_{i}-\mathbf{X}_{t}-[\mathbf{r}_{j}-\mathbf{X}_{\alpha}]+\mathbf{r}|) \\ &\times \tau_{i}^{z}\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{i} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{r}_{i}-\mathbf{X}_{t}-[\mathbf{r}_{j}-\mathbf{X}_{\alpha}]+\mathbf{r}}{|\mathbf{r}_{i}-\mathbf{X}_{t}-[\mathbf{r}_{j}-\mathbf{X}_{\alpha}]+\mathbf{r}|} |\phi(t)\phi(\alpha)\rangle \\ &\equiv W, \end{aligned}$$

where X_t and X_{α} are the center-of-mass coordinates of the triton and α clusters, respectively, and $\mathbf{r} = X_t - X_{\alpha}$. In the first equality, we use the fact that the spin and isospin matrices acting on the nucleons of the α cluster (term with $\tau_j^z \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j, j \in \alpha$) cancel due to the spin- and isospin-saturation property of the α cluster. The isoscalar and the isotensor *CP*-odd nuclear forces vanish for the case of the α -t system, since the isospin Pauli matrices operate to both interacting nucleons.

It is then convenient to use the following transformation of the CP-odd nuclear force (10):

$$V_{CP}^{NN}(R)\hat{R} = -\frac{m_{\pi}}{8\pi m_N} \frac{e^{-m_{\pi}R}}{R} \left(1 + \frac{1}{m_{\pi}r}\right)\hat{R}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2m_N} \nabla \frac{e^{-m_{\pi}|R|}}{4\pi |R|}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2m_N} \nabla \int \frac{dk}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{e^{ik\cdot R}}{|k|^2 + m_{\pi}^2}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2m_N} \int \frac{dk}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{ike^{ik\cdot R}}{|k|^2 + m_{\pi}^2}$$
$$= \int \frac{dk}{(2\pi)^3} \mathcal{F}(k)\hat{k}e^{ik\cdot R}, \qquad (A2)$$

where $\mathcal{F}(k) \equiv ik/[2m_N(k^2 + m_{\pi}^2)]$. Here we clearly see the structure induced by the one-pion exchange. This transformation makes clear the relation of the *CP*-odd nuclear couplings with the chiral perturbation formula of Eq. (33). By substituting the above formula into Eq. (A1), the direct potential *W*

can be expressed as follows:

$$W = \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{i \in t, j \in \alpha} \langle \phi(t)\phi(\alpha) |$$

$$\times \mathcal{F}(k)\tau_i^z \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}} \exp\left\{i\mathbf{k} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{X}_t - [\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{X}_\alpha] + \mathbf{r})\right\}$$

$$\times |\phi(t)\phi(\alpha)\rangle$$

$$= \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \mathcal{F}(k)\rho_t(\mathbf{k})\rho_\alpha(\mathbf{k})^*, \qquad (A3)$$

where

$$\rho_t(\boldsymbol{k}) = \langle \phi(t) | \sum_{i \in t} \tau_i^z \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{k}} \exp\{i \boldsymbol{k} \cdot (\boldsymbol{r}_i - \boldsymbol{X}_t)\} | \phi(t) \rangle, \quad (A4)$$

$$\rho_{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{k}) = \langle \phi(\alpha) | \sum_{j \in \alpha} \exp\left\{ i \boldsymbol{k} \cdot (\boldsymbol{r}_j - \boldsymbol{X}_{\alpha}) \right\} | \phi(\alpha) \rangle.$$
 (A5)

In general, the Fourier transformation of the one-body density distribution of 0*s*-shell cluster *C* with mass number $A \leq 4$ can easily be calculated as follows:

$$\rho_{C}(\boldsymbol{k}) = \langle \phi(C) | \sum_{i=1}^{A} \exp \{i\boldsymbol{k} \cdot (\boldsymbol{r}_{i} - \boldsymbol{X}_{C})\} | \phi(C) \rangle$$

$$= \langle \phi_{G}(\boldsymbol{X}_{C})\phi(C) | e^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{X}_{C}} \sum_{i=1}^{A} \exp \{i\boldsymbol{k} \cdot (\boldsymbol{r}_{i} - \boldsymbol{X}_{C})\}$$

$$\times |\phi_{G}(\boldsymbol{X}_{C})\phi(C)\rangle / \langle \phi_{G}(\boldsymbol{X}_{C}) | e^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{X}_{C}} | \phi_{G}(\boldsymbol{X}_{C}) \rangle$$

$$= e^{\frac{b^{2}k^{2}}{4A}} \langle \phi_{G}(\boldsymbol{X}_{C})\phi(C) | \sum_{i=1}^{A} e^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r}_{i}} | \phi_{G}(\boldsymbol{X}_{C})\phi(C) \rangle$$

$$= e^{\frac{b^{2}k^{2}}{4A}} \langle \Psi(C) | \sum_{i=1}^{A} e^{i\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{r}_{i}} | \Psi(C) \rangle$$

$$= A \exp\left(-\frac{b^{2}k^{2}}{4}\frac{A-1}{A}\right), \quad (A6)$$

where $\Psi(C)$ is the Slater determinant composed of *A* singleparticle states, and $\phi_G(X_C)$ and $\varphi_{0s}(r)$ are the center-of-mass wave function and the 0*s* single-particle wave function, respectively, expressed below:

$$\phi_G(X_C) = \left(\frac{\pi b^2}{A}\right)^{-3/4} \exp\left(-\frac{A}{2b^2}X_C^2\right),$$

$$\varphi_{0s}(\mathbf{r}) = (\pi b^2)^{-3/4} \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2b^2}\right).$$
 (A7)

The one-body distribution of the α cluster, $\rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{k})$, with A = 4, is then simply given by

$$\rho_{\alpha}(\boldsymbol{k}) = 4 \exp\left(-\frac{3b^2}{16}k^2\right). \tag{A8}$$

That of the triton, $\rho_t(k)$ in Eq. (A4), can also be calculated in a similar way, by noticing that the contribution from the two neutrons in the triton cancels, due to the spin shell closure property, resulting in

$$\rho_t(\boldsymbol{k}) = \exp\left(-\frac{b^2k^2}{6}\right)\boldsymbol{\sigma}_t \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{k}}, \qquad (A9)$$

where the contribution from the spin of the proton (the third nucleon) only remains, with $\sigma_t \equiv \langle \sigma_3 \rangle$.

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Inserting Eqs. (A8) and (A9) into Eq. (A3), the folding potential between the α and triton clusters is obtained as

$$W = \frac{4i}{2m_N(2\pi)^3} \int d^3 \mathbf{k} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \frac{\mathbf{\sigma}_t \cdot \mathbf{k}}{k^2 + m_\pi^2} e^{-\frac{17}{48}b^2k^2}$$

$$= \frac{i\mathbf{\sigma}_t \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{2\pi^2 m_N} \int_0^\infty k^2 dk \frac{ke^{-\frac{17}{48}b^2k^2}}{k^2 + m_\pi^2} \int_{-1}^1 d(\cos\theta) \cos\theta e^{ikr\cos\theta}$$

$$= -\frac{i\mathbf{\sigma}_t \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{2\pi^2 m_N r^2} \int_{-\infty}^\infty k dk \frac{e^{-\frac{17}{48}b^2k^2}}{k^2 + m_\pi^2} e^{-ikr} (1 + ikr)$$

$$= \frac{\mathbf{\sigma}_t \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}}{\pi^2 m_N r^2} \int_0^\infty dk \frac{e^{-\frac{17}{48}k^2b^2}}{k^2 + m_\pi^2} [k^2 r \cos(kr) - k \sin(kr)]$$

$$\equiv V_{CP}^{\alpha t}(r) \mathbf{\sigma}_t \cdot \hat{\mathbf{R}}.$$
(A10)

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