

# Baryon-baryon interactions in chiral EFT

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# Introduction

## The $YN$ ( $YY$ ) interaction

- study the role of strangeness in low and medium energy nuclear physics
- test  $SU(3)_{\text{flavor}}$  symmetry
- H dibaryon
  - Jaffe (1977) → deeply bound 6-quark state with  $I = 0, J = 0, S = -2$
  - many experimental searches but no convincing signal
  - Lattice QCD (2010) → evidence for a bound H dibaryon
- prerequisite for studies of  $(\Lambda, \Sigma)$  hypernuclei
- quest for  $\Lambda\Lambda$  hypernuclei and  $\Xi$  hypernuclei  
→ J-PARC, FAIR
- implications for astrophysics
  - hyperon stars
  - stability/size of neutron stars

# Experimental status

## $YN$ data [ $S = -1$ ]

- about 35 data points, all from the 1960s
- 10 new data points, from the KEK-PS E251 collaboration (from  $\approx 2000$ )

## $YY$ data [ $S = -2$ ]

- a few rough estimations of  $\Xi N$  cross sections from the 1970s
- “more precise” cross sections (for  $\Xi^- p$  and  $\Xi^- p \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda$ ) published in 2006
- constraints on the  $\Lambda\Lambda$  scattering length from  $^{12}C(K^-, K^+ \Lambda\Lambda X)$

## $S = -3, -4$ : uncharted territory

- ? information from heavy ion collisions ?
- ?  $S=-3$  physics at J-PARC ?

# $YN$ , $YY$ , $\Xi Y$ , $\Xi\Xi$ in chiral effective field theory

We\* follow the scheme of S. Weinberg (1990)  
in complete analogy to the study of  $NN$  in  $\chi$ EFT by  
E. Epelbaum, W. Glöckle, U.-G. Meißner (NPA 671 (2000) 295)

Advantages:

- Power counting  
systematic improvement by going to higher order
- Possibility to derive two- and three baryon forces and external current operators in a consistent way

Obstacle:  $YN$  data base is rather poor

- only about 40 data points
- no polarization data  $\Rightarrow$  no phase shift analysis
- need to fit directly to  $YN$  data
- constraints from hypernuclei ( $^3\Lambda$ H binding energy)  
 $\rightarrow$  impose  $SU(3)_f$  constraints

(\* J.H, N. Kaiser, U.-G. Meißner, A. Nogga, S. Petschauer, W. Weise)

# Power counting

$$V_{\text{eff}} \equiv V_{\text{eff}}(Q, g, \mu) = \sum_{\nu} (Q/\Lambda)^{\nu} \mathcal{V}_{\nu}(Q/\mu, g)$$

- $Q$  ... soft scale (**baryon** three-momentum, **Goldstone boson** four-momentum, **Goldstone boson** mass)
- $\Lambda$  ... hard scale
- $g$  ... pertinent low-energy constants
- $\mu$  ... regularization scale
- $\mathcal{V}_{\nu}$  ... function of order one
- $\nu \geq 0$  ... chiral power

Leading order (**LO**):  $\nu = 0$

- a) non-derivative four-baryon contact terms
- b) one-meson (**Goldstone boson**) exchange diagrams

Next-to-leading order (**NLO**):  $\nu = 2$

- a) four-baryon contact terms with two derivatives
- b) two-meson (**Goldstone boson**) exchange diagrams

# Contact terms for $BB$

e.g., LO contact terms for  $BB$ :

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathbf{C}_i (\bar{N} \Gamma_i N) (\bar{N} \Gamma_i N) \Rightarrow \begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}^1 &= \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_i^1 \langle \bar{B}_a \bar{B}_b (\Gamma_i B)_b (\Gamma_i B)_a \rangle, \\ \mathcal{L}^2 &= \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_i^2 \langle \bar{B}_a (\Gamma_i B)_a \bar{B}_b (\Gamma_i B)_b \rangle, \\ \mathcal{L}^3 &= \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_i^3 \langle \bar{B}_a (\Gamma_i B)_a \rangle \langle \bar{B}_b (\Gamma_i B)_b \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\Sigma^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{6}} & \Sigma^+ & p \\ \Sigma^- & \frac{-\Sigma^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{6}} & n \\ -\Xi^- & \Xi^0 & -\frac{2\Lambda}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$a, b \dots$  Dirac indices of the particles

$$\Gamma_1 = 1, \Gamma_2 = \gamma^\mu, \Gamma_3 = \sigma^{\mu\nu}, \Gamma_4 = \gamma^\mu \gamma_5, \Gamma_5 = \gamma_5$$

$\mathbf{C}_i, \tilde{\mathbf{C}}_i \dots$  low-energy constants (LECs)

# Contact terms for $BB$

spin-momentum structure of the contact term potential:  
 $BB$  contact terms without derivatives (LO):

$$V_{BB \rightarrow BB}^{(0)} = C_{S, BB \rightarrow BB} + C_{T, BB \rightarrow BB} \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2$$

$BB$  contact terms with two derivatives (NLO):

$$\begin{aligned} V_{BB \rightarrow BB}^{(2)} &= C_1 \vec{q}^2 + C_2 \vec{k}^2 + (C_3 \vec{q}^2 + C_4 \vec{k}^2) (\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2) \\ &+ \frac{i}{2} C_5 (\vec{\sigma}_1 + \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot (\vec{q} \times \vec{k}) + C_6 (\vec{q} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1) (\vec{q} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2) \\ &+ C_7 (\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1) (\vec{k} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2) + \frac{i}{2} C_8 (\vec{\sigma}_1 - \vec{\sigma}_2) \cdot (\vec{q} \times \vec{k}) \end{aligned}$$

note:  $C_i \rightarrow C_{i, BB \rightarrow BB}$

$$\vec{q} = \vec{p}' - \vec{p}; \quad \vec{k} = (\vec{p}' + \vec{p})/2$$

# $SU(3)$ symmetry

10 independent spin-isospin channels in  $NN$  and  $YN$  (for  $L=0$ )  
( $NN$  ( $I=0$ ),  $NN$  ( $I=1$ ),  $\Lambda N$ ,  $\Sigma N$  ( $I=1/2$ ),  $\Sigma N$  ( $I=3/2$ ),  $\Lambda N \leftrightarrow \Sigma N$ )

⇒ in principle (at LO), 10 low-energy constants

$SU(3)$  symmetry ⇒ only 5 independent low-energy constants

$SU(3)$  structure for scattering of two octet baryons:  
direct product:

$$8 \otimes 8 = 1 \oplus 8_a \oplus 8_s \oplus 10^* \oplus 10 \oplus 27$$

$C_{S,i}$ ,  $C_{T,i}$ ,  $C_{1,i}$ , etc., can be expressed by LECs corresponding to the  $SU(3)_f$  irreducible representations:

$$C^1, C^{8_a}, C^{8_s}, C^{10^*}, C^{10}, C^{27}$$

# $SU(3)$ structure of contact terms for $BB$

	Channel	$I$	$V_{1S0}, V_{3P0,3P1,3P2}$	$V_{3S1}, V_{3S1-3D1}, V_{1P1}$	$V_{1P1-3P1}$
$S = 0$	$NN \rightarrow NN$	0	–	$C^{10^*}$	–
	$NN \rightarrow NN$	1	$C^{27}$	–	–
$S = -1$	$\Lambda N \rightarrow \Lambda N$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{10} (9C^{27} + C^{8_s})$	$\frac{1}{2} (C^{8_a} + C^{10^*})$	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{20}} C^{8_s 8_a}$
	$\Lambda N \rightarrow \Sigma N$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{10} (-C^{27} + C^{8_s})$	$\frac{1}{2} (-C^{8_a} + C^{10^*})$	$\frac{3}{\sqrt{20}} C^{8_s 8_a}$
	$\Sigma N \rightarrow \Sigma N$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{10} (C^{27} + 9C^{8_s})$	$\frac{1}{2} (C^{8_a} + C^{10^*})$	$\frac{-1}{\sqrt{20}} C^{8_s 8_a}$
	$\Sigma N \rightarrow \Sigma N$	$\frac{3}{2}$	$C^{27}$	$C^{10}$	$\frac{3}{\sqrt{20}} C^{8_s 8_a}$

Number of contact terms:

$NN$ : 2 (LO) 7 (NLO)

$\Lambda N$ : +3 (LO) +11 (NLO)

$\Sigma N$ : +1 (LO) + 4 (NLO)

$\Rightarrow C^1$  contributes only to  $I = 0, S = -2$  channels!!

# $SU(3)$ structure of contact terms for $BB$

Examples:

$$V_{NN \rightarrow NN}({}^1S_0) = \tilde{C}_{^1S_0}^{27} + C_{^1S_0}^{27}(p^2 + p'^2)$$

$$V_{\Lambda N \rightarrow \Lambda N}({}^1S_0) = \frac{1}{10} [(9\tilde{C}_{^1S_0}^{27} + \tilde{C}_{^1S_0}^{8_s}) + (9C_{^1S_0}^{27} + C_{^1S_0}^{8_s})(p^2 + p'^2)]$$

$$V_{\Sigma N \rightarrow \Sigma N}^{I=1/2}({}^1S_0) = \frac{1}{10} [(\tilde{C}_{^1S_0}^{27} + 9\tilde{C}_{^1S_0}^{8_s}) + (C_{^1S_0}^{27} + 9C_{^1S_0}^{8_s})(p^2 + p'^2)]$$

$$V_{\Sigma N \rightarrow \Sigma N}^{I=3/2}({}^1S_0) = \tilde{C}_{^1S_0}^{27} + C_{^1S_0}^{27}(p^2 + p'^2)$$

$$V_{NN \rightarrow NN}({}^1P_1) = C_{^1P_1}^{10*}(pp')$$

$$V_{\Lambda N \rightarrow \Lambda N}({}^1P_1) = \frac{1}{2}(C_{^1P_1}^{8_a} + C_{^1P_1}^{10*})(pp')$$

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# Pseudoscalar-meson exchange

$SU(3)_f$ -invariant pseudoscalar-meson-baryon interaction Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L} = - \left\langle \frac{g_A(1-\alpha)}{\sqrt{2}F_\pi} \bar{B} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \{ \partial_\mu P, B \} + \frac{g_A \alpha}{\sqrt{2}F_\pi} \bar{B} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 [ \partial_\mu P, B ] \right\rangle$$

$$f = g_A/(2F_\pi); \quad g_A \simeq 1.26, \quad F_\pi \approx 93 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\alpha = F/(F+D) \text{ with } g_A = F+D$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{6}} & \pi^+ & K^+ \\ \pi^- & \frac{-\pi^0}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{6}} & K^0 \\ K^- & \bar{K}^0 & -\frac{2\eta}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{NN\pi} &= f & f_{NN\eta_8} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(4\alpha - 1)f & f_{\Lambda NK} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1 + 2\alpha)f \\ f_{\Xi\Xi\pi} &= -(1 - 2\alpha)f & f_{\Xi\Xi\eta_8} &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1 + 2\alpha)f & f_{\Xi\Lambda K} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(4\alpha - 1)f \\ f_{\Lambda\Sigma\pi} &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}(1 - \alpha)f & f_{\Sigma\Sigma\eta_8} &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}(1 - \alpha)f & f_{\Sigma NK} &= (1 - 2\alpha)f \\ f_{\Sigma\Sigma\pi} &= 2\alpha f & f_{\Lambda\Lambda\eta_8} &= -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}(1 - \alpha)f & f_{\Xi\Sigma K} &= -f \end{aligned}$$

# Pseudoscalar-meson (boson) exchange

One-pseudoscalar-meson exchange ( $V^{OBE}$ ) [LO]

$$V_{B_1 B_2 \rightarrow B'_1 B'_2}^{OBE} = -f_{B_1 B'_1 P} f_{B_2 B'_2 P} \frac{(\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{q}) (\vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{q})}{\vec{q}^2 + m_P^2}$$

$f_{B_1 B'_1 P}$  ... coupling constants

$m_P$  ... mass of the exchanged pseudoscalar meson

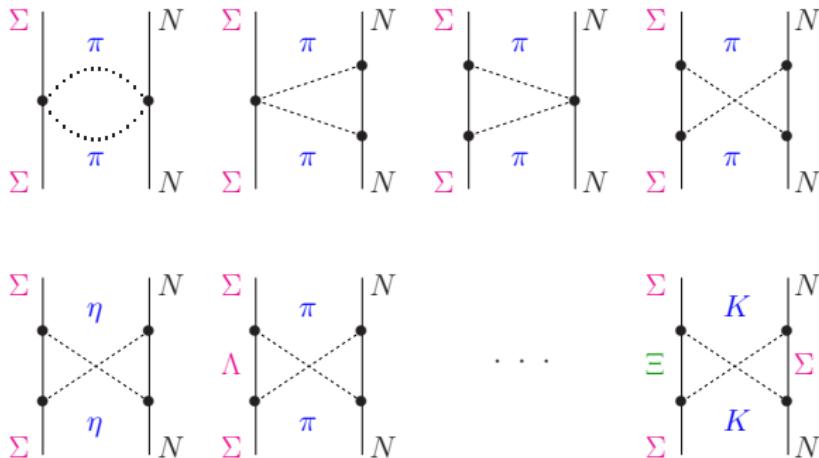
- dynamical breaking of  $SU(3)$  symmetry due to the mass splitting of the ps mesons  
( $m_\pi = 138.0$  MeV,  $m_K = 495.7$  MeV,  $m_\eta = 547.3$  MeV)  
taken into account already at LO!

Details:

(H. Polinder, J.H., U.-G. Mei  ner, NPA 779 (2006) 244; PLB 653 (2007) 29)

# Two-pseudoscalar-meson exchange diagrams

Two-pseudoscalar-meson exchange diagrams ( $V^{TBE}$ ) [NLO]



⇒ J.H., S. Petschauer, N. Kaiser, U.-G. Meißner, A. Nogga, W. Weise,  
NPA 915 (2013) 24

# Coupled channels Lippmann-Schwinger Equation

$$T_{\rho' \rho}^{\nu' \nu, J}(p', p) = V_{\rho' \rho}^{\nu' \nu, J}(p', p) + \sum_{\rho'', \nu''} \int_0^\infty \frac{dp'' p''^2}{(2\pi)^3} V_{\rho' \rho''}^{\nu' \nu'', J}(p', p'') \frac{2\mu_{\rho''}}{p^2 - p''^2 + i\eta} T_{\rho'' \rho}^{\nu'' \nu, J}(p'', p)$$

$\rho'$ ,  $\rho = \Lambda N, \Sigma N$   
 $\Lambda\Lambda, \Xi N, \Lambda\Sigma, \Sigma\Sigma$

LS equation is solved for particle channels (in momentum space)

Coulomb interaction is included via the Vincent-Phatak method

The potential in the LS equation is cut off with the regulator function:

$$V_{\rho' \rho}^{\nu' \nu, J}(p', p) \rightarrow f^\Lambda(p') V_{\rho' \rho}^{\nu' \nu, J}(p', p) f^\Lambda(p); \quad f^\Lambda(p) = e^{-(p/\Lambda)^4}$$

consider values  $\Lambda = 450 - 700$  MeV [500 - 650 MeV]

## Pseudoscalar-meson exchange

- All one- and two-pseudoscalar-meson exchange diagrams are included
- $SU(3)$  symmetry is broken by using the physical masses of the pion, kaon, and eta
- $SU(3)$  breaking in the coupling constants is ignored  
 $F_\pi = F_K = F_\eta = F_0 = 93 \text{ MeV}$ ;  $g_A = 1.26$
- assume that  $\eta \equiv \eta_8$  (i.e.  $\theta_P = 0^\circ$  and  $f_{BB\eta_1} \equiv 0$ )
- assume that  $\alpha = F/(F + D) = 2/5$   
(semi-leptonic decays  $\Rightarrow \alpha \approx 0.364$ )
- Correction to  $V^{OBE}$  due to baryon mass differences are ignored
- (A fit with two-pion-meson exchange diagrams is possible!)
- (A fit with physical values for  $F_\pi$ ,  $F_K$ ,  $F_\eta$  is possible!)

# Contact terms

- $SU(3)$  symmetry is assumed (for  $\Lambda N$ ,  $\Sigma N$ )
  - (at NLO  $SU(3)$  breaking corrections to the LO contact terms arise!)
  - 10 contact terms in  $S$ -waves  
no  $SU(3)$  constraints from the  $NN$  sector are imposed!
  - 12 contact terms in  $P$ -waves and in  ${}^3S_1 - {}^3D_1$   
 $SU(3)$  constraints from the  $NN$  sector are imposed!
  - 1 contact term in  ${}^1P_1 - {}^3P_1$  (singlet-triplet mixing) is set to zero
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- contact terms in  $S$ -waves: can be fairly well fixed from data
  - some correlations between NLO and LO LECs

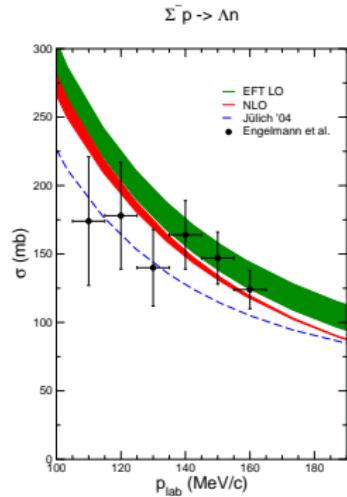
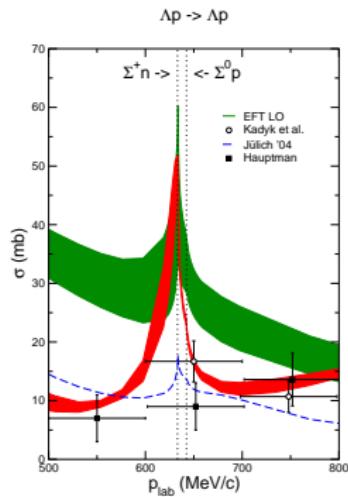
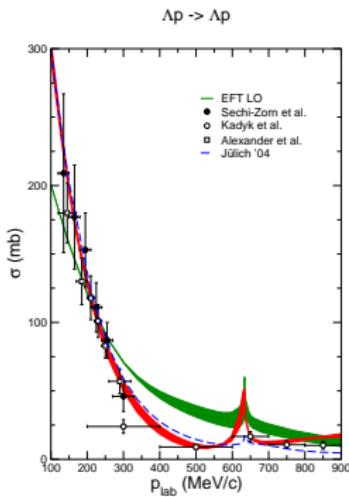
# Contact terms in P-waves

- contact terms in  $P$ -waves are much less constrained
- use  $SU(3)$  and fix some (5) LECs from  $NN$
- the others (7) are fixed from “bulk” properties:
  - (1)  $\sigma_{\Lambda p} \approx 10$  mb at  $p_{lab} \approx 700 - 900$  MeV/c
  - (2)  $d\sigma/d\Omega_{\Sigma-p \rightarrow \Lambda n}$  at  $p_{lab} \approx 135 - 160$  MeV/c

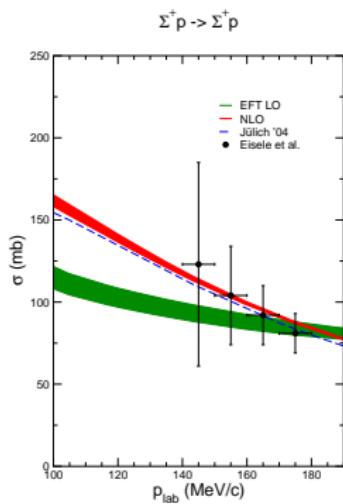
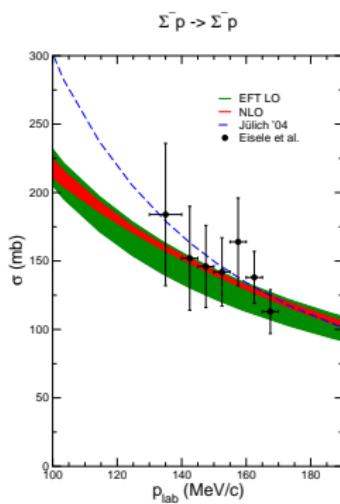
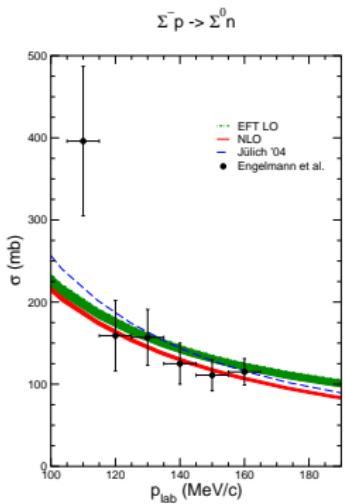
Other (future) options:

- consider matter properties:
    - use spin-orbit splitting of the  $\Lambda$  single particle levels in nuclei
    - Consider the Scheerbaum factor  $S_\Lambda$  calculated in nuclear matter to relate the strength of the  $\Lambda$ -nucleus spin-orbit potential to the two body  $\Lambda N$  interaction
- (R.R. Scheerbaum, NPA 257 (1976) 77)

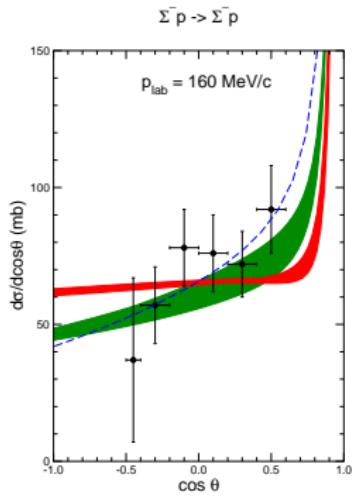
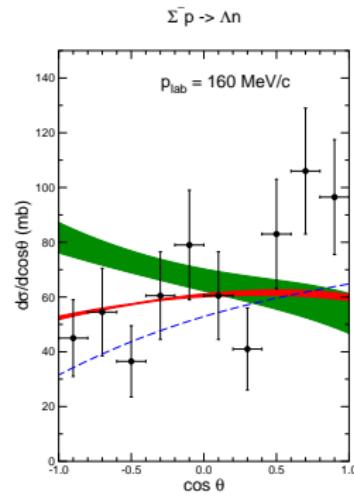
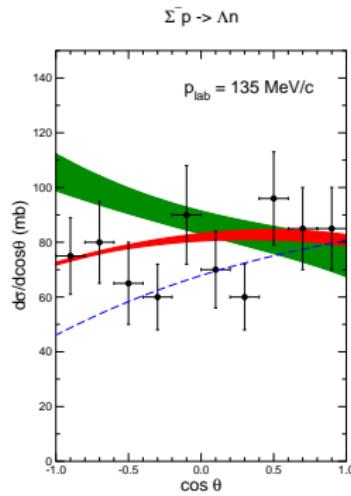
# $\Lambda N$ integrated cross sections



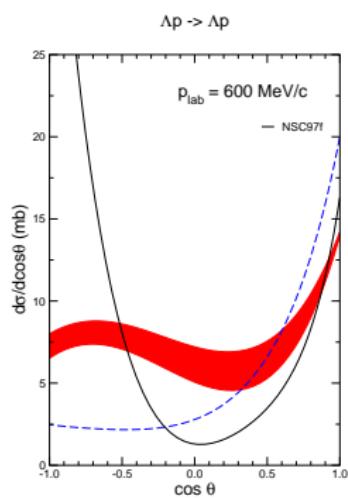
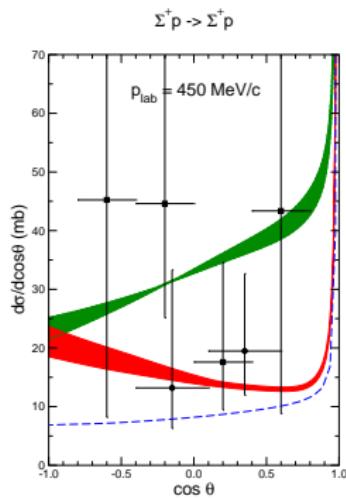
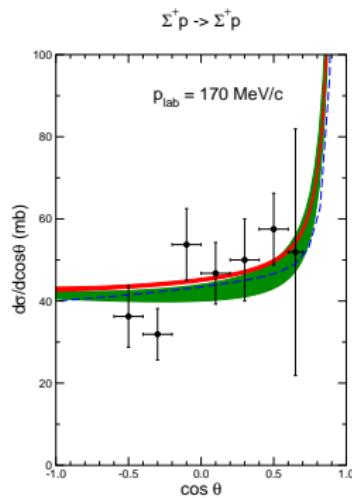
# $\Sigma N$ integrated cross sections



# $\Sigma^- p$ differential cross sections



# $\Sigma N$ differential cross sections



# $\Lambda N$ scattering lengths [fm]

	EFT LO	EFT NLO	Jülich '04	NSC97f	experiment*
$\Lambda$ [MeV]	550 $\cdots$ 700	500 $\cdots$ 650			
$a_s^{\Lambda p}$	-1.90 $\cdots$ -1.91	-2.90 $\cdots$ -2.91	-2.56	-2.51	$-1.8^{+2.3}_{-4.2}$
$a_t^{\Lambda p}$	-1.22 $\cdots$ -1.23	-1.51 $\cdots$ -1.61	-1.66	-1.75	$-1.6^{+1.1}_{-0.8}$
$a_s^{\Sigma^+ p}$	-2.24 $\cdots$ -2.36	-3.46 $\cdots$ -3.60	-4.71	-4.35	
$a_t^{\Sigma^+ p}$	0.60 $\cdots$ 0.70	0.48 $\cdots$ 0.49	0.29	-0.25	
$\chi^2$	$\approx 30$	15.7 $\cdots$ 16.8	$\approx 25$	16.7	
$(^3\text{H}) E_B$	-2.34 $\cdots$ -2.36	-2.30 $\cdots$ -2.33	-2.27	-2.30	-2.354(50)

\* A. Gasparyan et al., PRC 69 (2004) 034006

⇒ extract  $\Lambda N$  scattering lengths from final-state interaction:

$pp \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda p$  (COSY-Jülich: M. Röder et al., EPJA 49 (2013) 157 )

$\gamma d \rightarrow K^+ \Lambda n$  (SPring-8, CLAS)

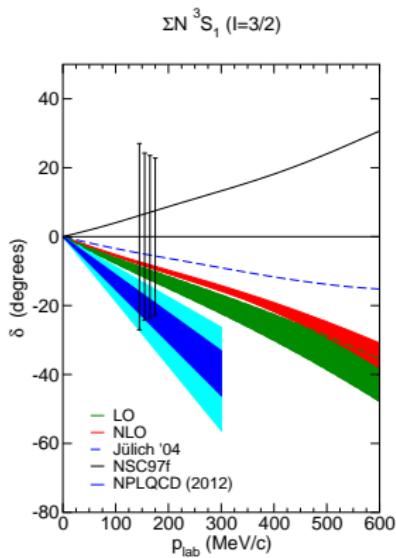
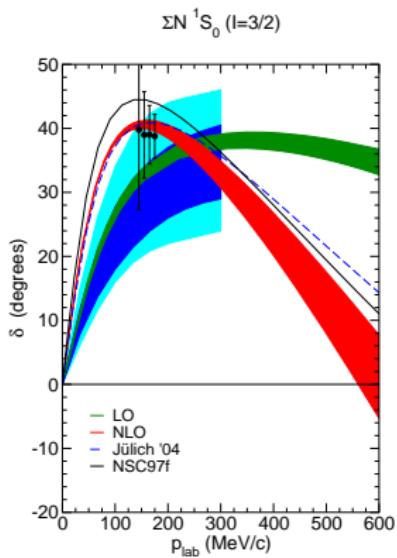
$^1S_0$ : test for  $SU(3)$  symmetry  $\rightarrow V_{NN} \equiv V_{\Sigma N}$

- LEC's that are fitted to the  $pp$   $^1S_0$  phase shift produce a bound state in  $\Sigma^+ p$   
 $\rightarrow \sigma_{^1S_0} \approx 4 \times \sigma_{\Sigma^+ p}$
- simultaneous fit is possible if we assume that there is  $SU(3)$  breaking in the LO contact term only.

$^3S_1 - ^3D_1$ : decisive for  $\Sigma$  properties in nuclear matter

- A description of  $YN$  data is possible with an attractive as well as a repulsive  $^3S_1 - ^3D_1$  interaction

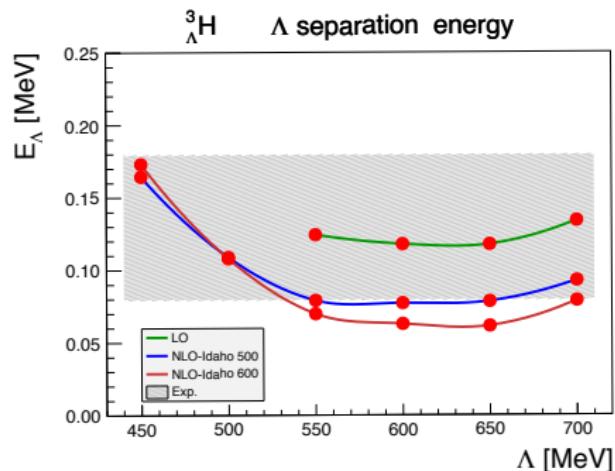
# $\Sigma N$ ( $I=3/2$ ) phase shifts



partial cross section:  $\sigma_{\Sigma+p; J} = \frac{(2J+1)\pi}{p_{cm}^2} \sin^2 \delta_J$

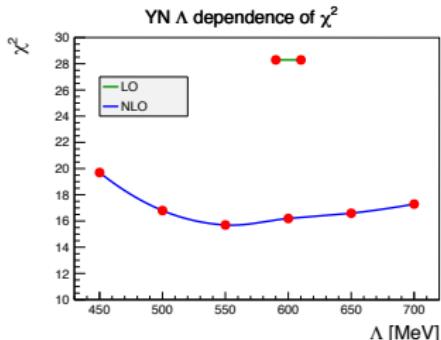
NPLQCD: S. Beane et al., PRL 109 (2012) 172001

# Hypertriton

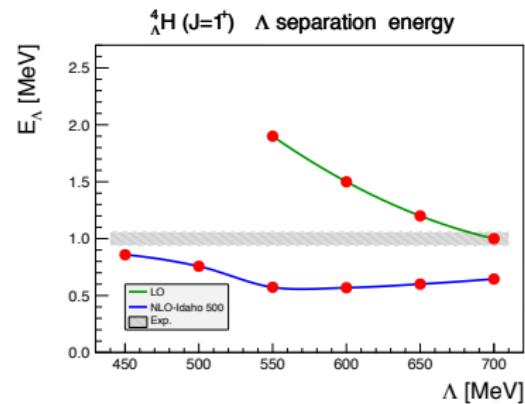
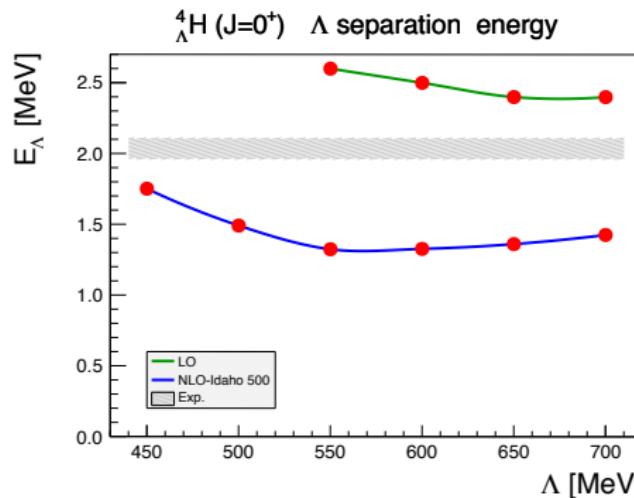


separation energies:

$$E_\Lambda = E(\text{core}) - E(\text{hypernucleus})$$

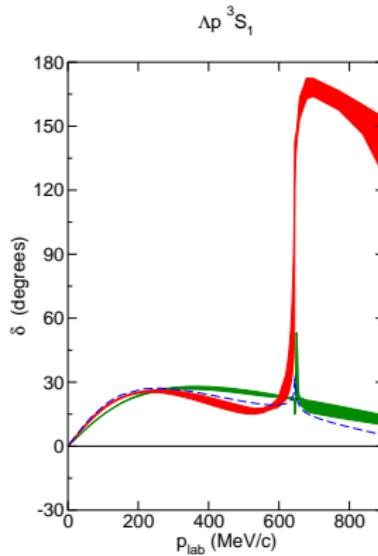
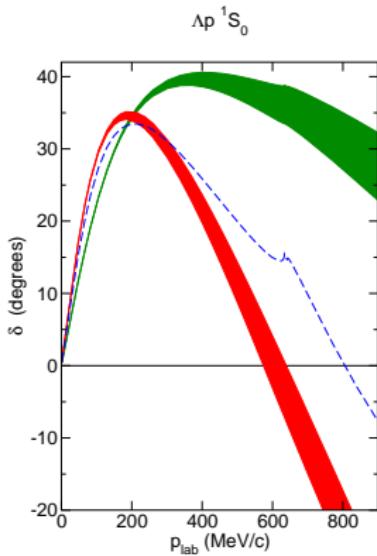


- singlet scattering length for one cutoff chosen so that hypertriton binding energy is OK
- cutoff variation
  - is lower bound for magnitude of higher order contributions
  - correlation with  $\chi^2$  of YN interaction ?
- long range 3BFs need to be explicitly estimated



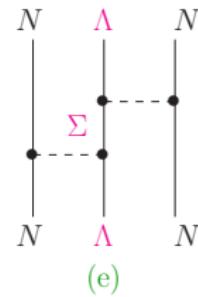
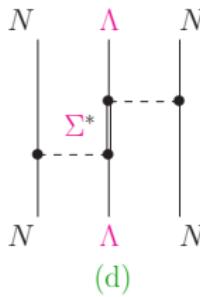
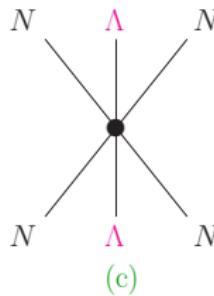
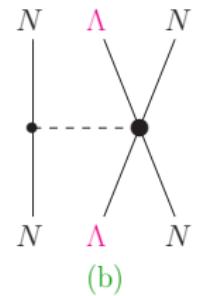
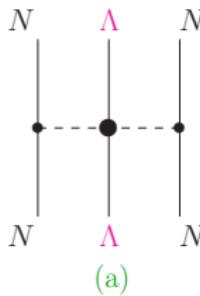
- LO/NLO results: LO uncertainty in  $0^+$  is underestimated by cutoff variation
- NLO results in line with model results, implies underbinding
- long range 3BFs need to be explicitly estimated

# $\Lambda p$ S-wave phase shifts



⇒ less repulsion in  $^1S_0$  at short distances – and/or 3BFs ?

# Three-body forces



(a) - (c) appear at N2LO

(d) appears at NLO – in EFT that includes decuplet baryons

(e) is already included by solving coupled-channel Faddeev equations

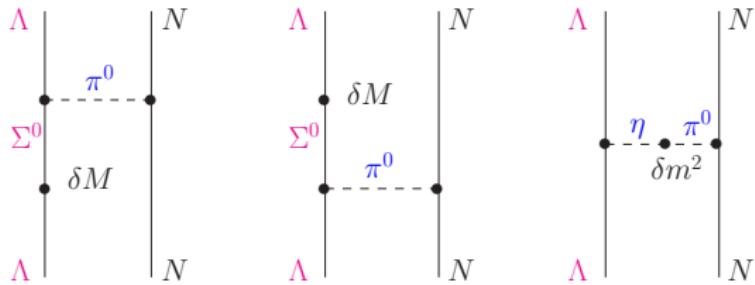
# Charge symmetry breaking

Contributions to the difference of  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}(0^+) - {}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}(0^+)$  separation energies

$\Lambda$ [MeV]	450	500	550	600	650	700	Jülich 04	Nijm SC97	Nijm SC89	Expt.
$\Delta T$ [keV]	44	50	52	51	46	40	0	47	132	-
$\Delta V_{NN}$ [keV]	-3	-2	5	5	3	0	-31	-9	-9	-
$\Delta V_{YN}$ [keV]	-11	-11	-11	-10	-8	-7	2	37	228	-
tot [keV]	30	37	46	46	41	33	-29	75	351	350
$P_{\Sigma^-}$	1.0%	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	0.9%	0.3%	1.0%	2.7%	-
$P_{\Sigma^0}$	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%	0.3%	0.5%	1.4%	-
$P_{\Sigma^+}$	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	-

- kinetic energy contribution is driven by  $\Sigma$  component
- NN force contribution due to small deviation of Coulomb
- YN force contribution:
  - SC89 CSB is strong
  - NLO CSB is zero, only Coulomb acts ( $\Sigma$  component)

# $\Lambda - \Sigma^0$ mixing



Electromagnetic mass matrix:

$$\langle \Sigma^0 | \delta M | \Lambda \rangle = [M_{\Sigma^0} - M_{\Sigma^+} + M_p - M_n] / \sqrt{3}$$

$$\langle \pi^0 | \delta m^2 | \eta \rangle = [m_{\pi^0}^2 - m_{\pi^+}^2 + m_{K^+}^2 - m_{K^0}^2] / \sqrt{3}$$

(R.H. Dalitz & F. von Hippel, PL 10 (1964) 153)

# $\Lambda - \Sigma^0$ mixing

$$f_{\Lambda\Lambda\pi} = \left[ -2 \frac{\langle \Sigma^0 | \delta M | \Lambda \rangle}{M_{\Sigma^0} - M_\Lambda} + \frac{\langle \pi^0 | \delta m^2 | \eta \rangle}{m_\eta^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2} \right] f_{\Lambda\Sigma\pi}$$

latest PDG mass values  $\Rightarrow$

$$f_{\Lambda\Lambda\pi} \approx (-0.0297 - 0.0106) f_{\Lambda\Sigma\pi} \approx -0.0403 f_{\Lambda\Sigma\pi}$$

## Scattering lengths (in fm)

	Isospin basis	particle basis		+CSB	
	$\Lambda N$	$\Lambda p$	$\Lambda n$	$\Lambda p$	$\Lambda n$
EFT NLO (600)	$^1S_0$	-2.902	-2.906	-2.907	-2.866
NSC97f		-2.60			-2.51
EFT NLO (600)	$^3S_1$	-1.520	-1.541	-1.517	-1.547
NSC97f		-1.72			-1.75

## $YN$ interaction based on chiral *EFT*

- approach is based on a modified Weinberg power counting, analogous to the  $NN$  case
- The potential (contact terms, pseudoscalar-meson exchanges) is derived imposing  $SU(3)_f$  constraints
- Good description of the empirical  $YN$  data was achieved already at LO (only 5 free parameters!)
- Excellent results at next-to-leading order (NLO)
- $YN$  data are reproduced with a quality comparable to phenomenological models
- $SU(3)$  symmetry for the LEC's can be maintained in the  $YN$  system ( $\Lambda N$ ,  $\Sigma N$ ) but not between  $YN$  and  $NN$

## systematic investigation of $\Lambda NN$ and $\Lambda NNN$ systems

- binding energies are influenced by:
  - (1) relative strength of the  $\Lambda N$   $^1S_0$  and  $^3S_1$  interactions
  - (2) strength of the  $\Lambda N - \Sigma N$  coupling ( $^3S_1 - ^3D_1$ )
  - (3) possible three-body forces (beyond intermediate  $\Sigma$ )  
(appear formally at N2LO!)  
⇒ S. Petschauer, PhD thesis

## extension to N2LO

- same number of LECs that need to be determined