# Constraints on the $\Lambda$ n interaction from CSB of A=4 hypernuclei





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- Motivation
- Chiral YN interactions
- Estimates of 3BF contributions for  ${}^3_{\Lambda}H$  and  ${}^4_{\Lambda}H$  /  ${}^4_{\Lambda}He$
- CSB of the YN interaction
- Determination of CSB contact interactions and  $\Lambda n$  scattering length
- Conclusions & Outlook

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J. Haidenbauer et al. FBS 62, 105 (2021).

#### Hypernuclear interactions



#### Why is understanding hypernuclear interactions interesting?

- hyperon contribution to the EOS, neutron stars, supernovae
- A as probe to nuclear structure
- direct access to explicit chiral symmetry breaking









#### Hypernuclei



4440

0440

140

6.40

(from Panda@FAIR web page)

optes

140

40

40

140

34

# Hyperons can bind to nuclei. The binding energies are known experimentally.

- AN interactions are generally weaker than the NN interaction
  - naively: core nucleus + hyperons
  - "separation energies" are quite independent from NN(+3N) interaction
- no Pauli blocking of Λ in nuclei
  - good to study nuclear structure
  - even light hypernuclei exist in several spin states
- *non-trivial constraints* on the YN interaction even from lightest ones
- size of YNN interactions?
  need to include Λ-Σ conversion!

#### Chiral NN & YN interactions





(adapted from Epelbaum, 2008)

additional constraints required (e.g. for YN only 35 data, but 23 parameters at NLO) data too scarce to uniquely determine the short range LECs!



**Two** realization for the YN interaction at NLO: NLO13 & NLO19 with different assumptions on the LECs

(J. Haidenbauer et al., 2013 & 2019)

Chiral interactions include symmetries of QCD & retain flexibility to adjust to data Regulator required — cutoff is also used to estimate uncertainty and 3BF size  $\Lambda$ - $\Sigma$  conversion is explicitly included (size of 3BFs expected to be N<sup>2</sup>LO)

# NLO13 / NLO19 - tool to estimate 3BF



- **Regularization required** •
  - Dependence on cutoff **indicates** uncertainty
- NLO13 and NLO19 interactions largely phase shift equivalent •
  - differences shown later indicate size of three-baryon interactions
- Note that there is no An data

- usually isospin symmetry needs to be assumed



### Hypertriton separation energies





• separation energies almost independent of NN interactions ( $E_{\Lambda} = E(^{2}\text{H}) - E(^{3}_{\Lambda}\text{H})$ )

- ${}^{1}S_{0}$  scattering length for **one** cutoff chosen so that hypertriton binding energy is OK
- 3BFs seem to be smaller than experimental uncertainty (but further insight into (long range) 3BFs is needed)

YN spin dependence can be constrained by  $^3_\Lambda H$ 

#### Separation energies for A=4



(from Schulz et al., 2016 also uses data from Yamamoto et al., 2015; Juric et al, 1973 and Bedjidian et al. 1976,1979)

- data available for all four separation energies
- few and difficult experiments (new experiments planned!)
- recent remeasurement at J-PARC changed 0<sup>+</sup> 1<sup>+</sup> splitting for  ${}^{4}_{\Lambda}$ He
- interestingly: current data indicates strong CSB for 0+ but small CSB for 1+ state
- previous calculations have shown that CSB is almost entirely due to strong interaction **Coulomb contribution almost cancels** in separation energies (Bodmer et al., 1985)

Ap and An interactions are different! Can we quantify this difference?





- ${}^{4}_{\Lambda}H / {}^{4}_{\Lambda}He$  is **not** well described even at NLO interactions (same any model)
- NLO13/19 are similar for the 0<sup>+</sup> state (less similar for 1<sup>+</sup>)

indication for significant 3BF contributions to the ground state energy and the splitting

For the following, we assume that CSB 3BFs are insignificant and that predictions for CSB are not significantly affected by missing higher order interactions!

## CSB contributions to YN interactions



- formally leading contributions: Goldstone boson mass difference
  - very small due to the small relative difference of kaon masses



• subleading but most important

- effective CSB  $\Lambda\Lambda\pi$  coupling constant (Dalitz, van Hippel, 1964)



- so far less considered, but equally important
  - CSB contact interactions (for singlet and triplet)

#### Aim: use A=4 hypernuclei to determine the two unknown CSB LECs and predict Λn scattering

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#### Fit of contact interactions



- Adjust the two CSB contact interactions to one main scenario (CSB1, shown here) and two more for testing (CSB2,CSB3) sensitivities
- Size of LECs as expected by power counting

$$\frac{m_d - m_u}{m_u + m_d} \left(\frac{M_\pi}{\Lambda}\right)^2 C_{S,T} \approx 0.3 \cdot 0.04 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 10^4 \,\text{GeV} \propto 6 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 10^4 \,\text{GeV}$$

Λ	NLO13		NLO19		
	$C_s^{CSB}$	$C_t^{CSB}$	$C_s^{CSB}$	$C_t^{CSB}$	
500	$4.691 \times 10^{-3}$ $6.724 \times 10^{-3}$	$-9.294 \times 10^{-4}$ -8.625 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	$5.590 \times 10^{-3}$ $6.863 \times 10^{-3}$	$-9.505 \times 10^{-4}$ $-1.260 \times 10^{-3}$	
550 600	$9.960 \times 10^{-3}$	$-9.870 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.217 \times 10^{-3}$	$-1.305 \times 10^{-3}$	
650	$1.500 \times 10^{-2}$	$-1.142 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.240 \times 10^{-2}$	$-1.395 \times 10^{-3}$	

The values of the LECs are in  $10^4 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ 

- Problem: large experimental uncertainty of experiment
- here only fit to central values to test theoretical uncertainties



## **CSB contributions in** $^{4}_{\Lambda}$ He

- perturbative calculations of CSB
- breakdown in kinetic energy, YN and NN interaction
- kinetic energy less important for chiral interactions

	interaction	$\langle T \rangle_{\rm CSB}$	$\langle V_{YN} \rangle_{\rm CSB}$	$V_{NN}^{\text{CSB}}$	$\Delta E_{\Lambda}^{pert}$	$\Delta E_{\Lambda}$
Т	NLO13(500)	44	200	16	261	265
	NLO13(550)	46	191	20	257	261
	NLO13(600)	44	187	20	252	256
	NLO13(650)	38	189	18	245	249
	NLO19(500)	14	224	5	243	249
	NLO19(550)	14	226	7	247	252
	NLO19(600)	22	204	12	238	243
	NLO19(650)	26	207	12	245	250

÷	interaction	$\langle T \rangle_{\rm CSB}$	$\langle V_{YN} \rangle_{\rm CSB}$	$V_{NN}^{\text{CSB}}$	$\Delta E_{\Lambda}^{pert}$	$\Delta E_A$
•	NLO13(500)	5	-90	15	-71	-66
	NLO13(550)	5	-86	18	-63	-56
	NLO13(600)	4	-83	19	-59	-53
	NLO13(650)	3	-80	17	-59	-55
	NLO19(500)	1	-84	3	-80	-75
	NLO19(550)	2	-81	2	-77	-72
	NLO19(600)	4	-82	6	-71	-67
	NLO19(650)	4	-79	9	-66	-69







(Schulz et al., 2016; Yamamoto, 2015)

#### How model-dependent are predictions for the $\Lambda n$ scattering length?

### **Prediction for** $\Lambda n$ **scattering**

- **JÜLICH** Forschungszentrum
- assuming the current experimental situation for  ${}^4_\Lambda H$  /  ${}^4_\Lambda He$
- without CSB:  $a_s^{\Lambda n} \approx 2.9 \ fm$  with CSB1:  $a_s^{\Lambda n} \approx 3.3 \ fm$

 $a_t^{\Lambda p}$ 

-1.647

-1.551

-1.573

-1.538

-1.580

-1.524

 $a_s^{\Lambda n}$ 

-3.267

-3.291

-3.291

-3.271

-3.202

-3.205

 $a_t^{\Lambda n}$ 

-1.561

-1.469

-1.487

-1.452

-1.467

-1.407

 $\chi^2(\Lambda p)$ 

4.47

3.46

3.43

3.70

3.51

3.23

- improved description of  $\Lambda p$  data

NLO13(500)

NLO13(550)

NLO13(600)

NLO13(650)

NLO19(500)

NLO19(550)

almost independent of cutoff & NLO variant

 $a_s^{\Lambda p}$ 

-2.604

-2.586

-2.588

-2.592

-2.649

-2.640

CSB of triplet is smaller than of singlet

for "CSB1": currently best experimental values

 $\chi^2$ (total)

16.60

15.49

15.81

16.27

18.20

17.42

 $\chi^2(\Sigma N)$ 

12.13

12.03

12.38

12.57

14.69

14.19

	NLO19(600)	-2.632	-1.473	-3.227	-1.362	3.45	12.68	16.13	
	NLO19(650)	-2.620	-1.464	-3.225	-1.365	3.28	12.76	16.04	
An accurate prediction for the $\Lambda n$ interaction is possible using hypernuclei! Fitting to older values 350/240 keV splitting ( <b>CSB2</b> ) results in significantly different scattering length: $a_s^{\Lambda n} < a_s^{\Lambda p} \approx 3.8 \pm 0.2 \ fm$ (refit necessary!)									

#### **Conclusions & Outlook**



- YN interactions not well understood
  - scarce YN data
  - more information necessary to solve "hyperon puzzle"
- Hypernuclei provide important constraints
  - here: CSB of  $\Lambda N$  scattering &  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{He}$  /  ${}^4_{\Lambda}\text{H}$
  - new experiments planned at J-PARC, J-Lab, MAMI, PANDA,...
- Chiral 3BF need to be included
  - YN interactions do not describe the A=4 hypernuclei well
  - explicit chiral 3BFs are formulated and currently implemented (Petschauer et al., (2016))
- J-NCSM (see talk of Hoai Le later today!)
  - reliable predictions are possible for S = -1 and -2 for A > 4

(see talk of Hoai Le later today)

• study CSB of p-shell hypernuclei