

Octet baryon masses in covariant baryon chiral perturbation theory

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We have performed a comprehensive study of the lowest-lying octet baryon masses and sigma terms in the covariant baryon chiral perturbation theory (BChPT) with the extended-on-mass-shell (EOMS) renormalization scheme up to next-to-next-to-next-to-leading order (N³LO). We fix the relevant low-energy constants by a simultaneous fit of all the publicly available LQCD data. Finite volume and discretization effects on the LQCD simulations are taken into account self-consistently. Our main results are

- (1) The N³LO EOMS BChPT can give a reasonable description of the LQCD data with a $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.} = 1.0$ and the various lattice simulations seem to be consistent with each other.
- (2) The predicted values of the pion- and strangeness-nucleon sigma terms are $\sigma_{\pi N} = 43(1)(6)$ MeV and $\sigma_{sN} = 126(24)(54)$ MeV, respectively.
- (3) The virtual decuplet effects on the baryon masses cannot be distinguished from those of the virtual octet baryons and the tree level diagrams.
- (4) The finite-volume corrections to the octet baryon masses are important and can be useful to help constrain some relevant low-energy constants.
- (5) Up to $O(a^2)$, the discretization effects on the LQCD baryon masses are shown to be small and can be safely ignored.

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