

# Hypernuclei from the Lattice

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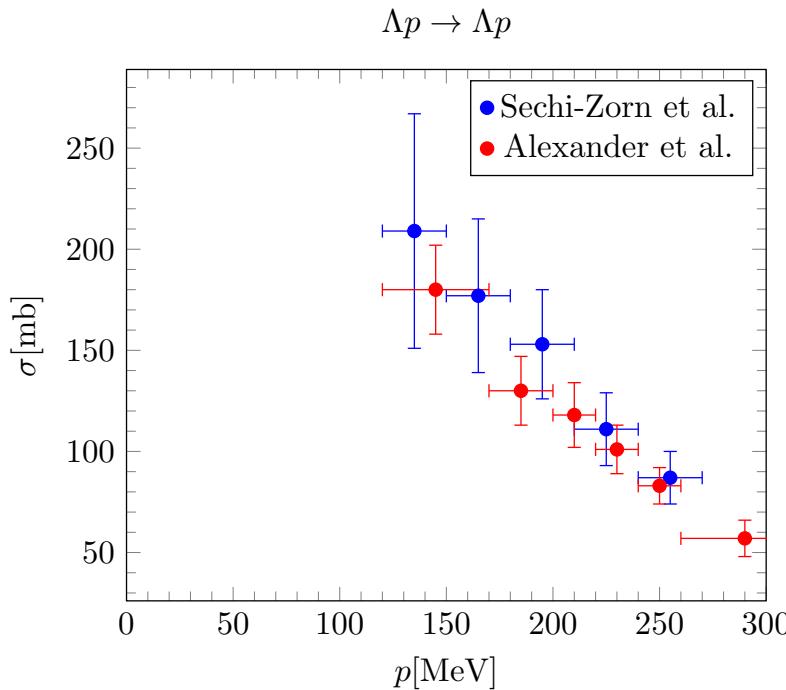
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## Outline

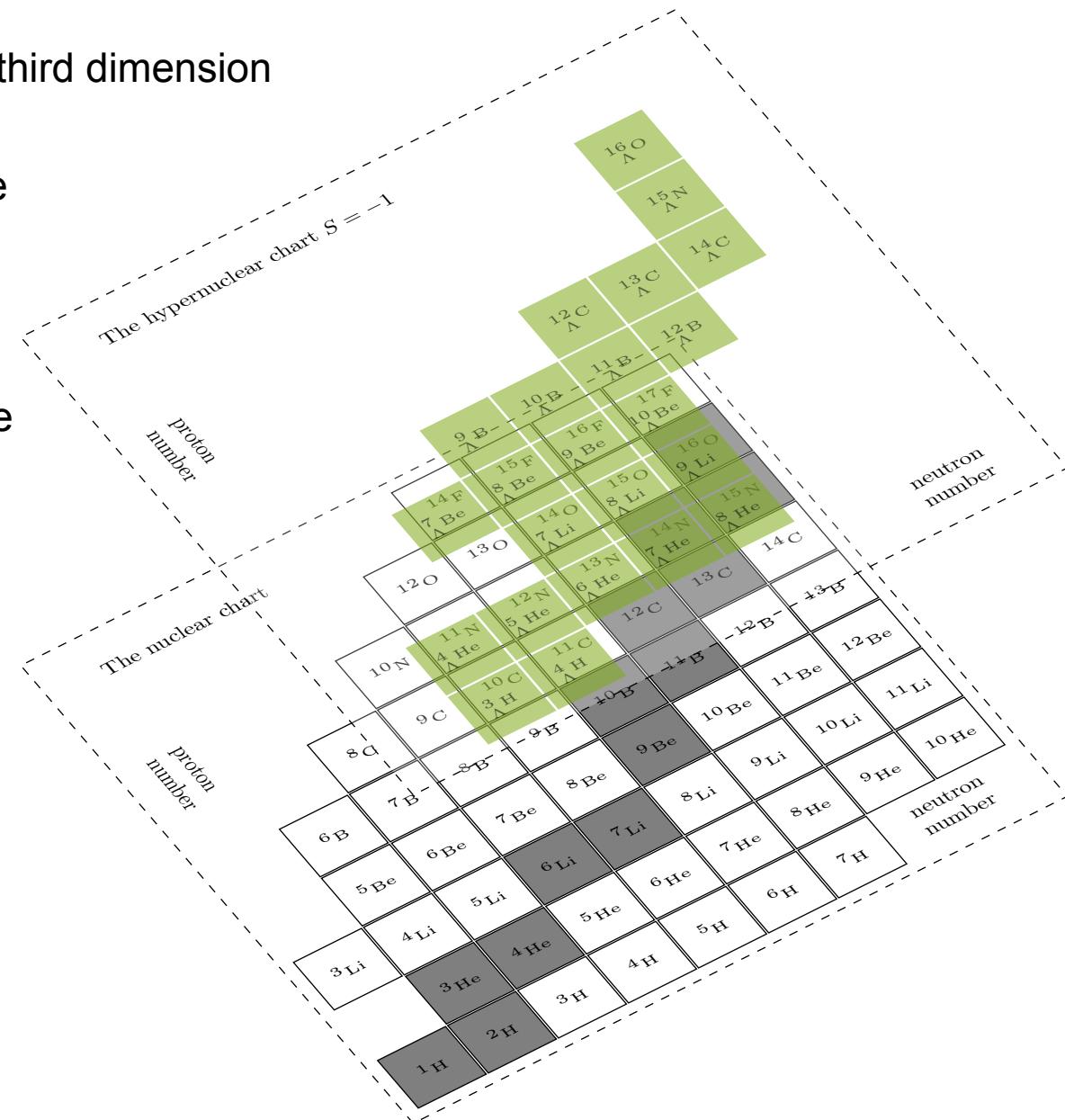
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- ▶ From NLEFT to (Hyper) NLEFT
  - ▶ Lattice Interaction
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  - ▶ Results for medium mass nuclei
- Summary and Outlook

# Hypernuclear physics in a nutshell

- Strangeness extends the nuclear chart to a third dimension
- Unique opportunity to study the strong force  
Without the Pauli principle
- Typical approach from nuclear physics  
does not work since two-body data is sparse

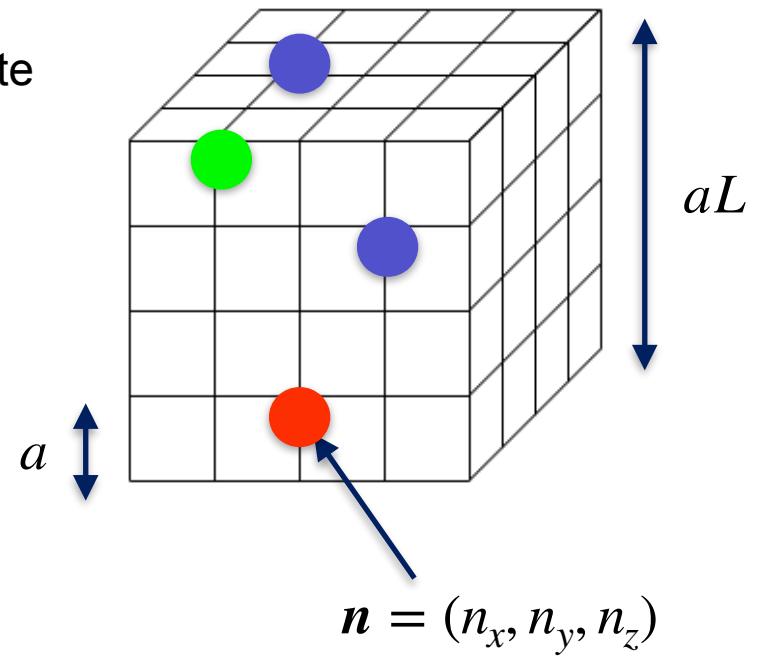


- Gateway : Three-Body Systems

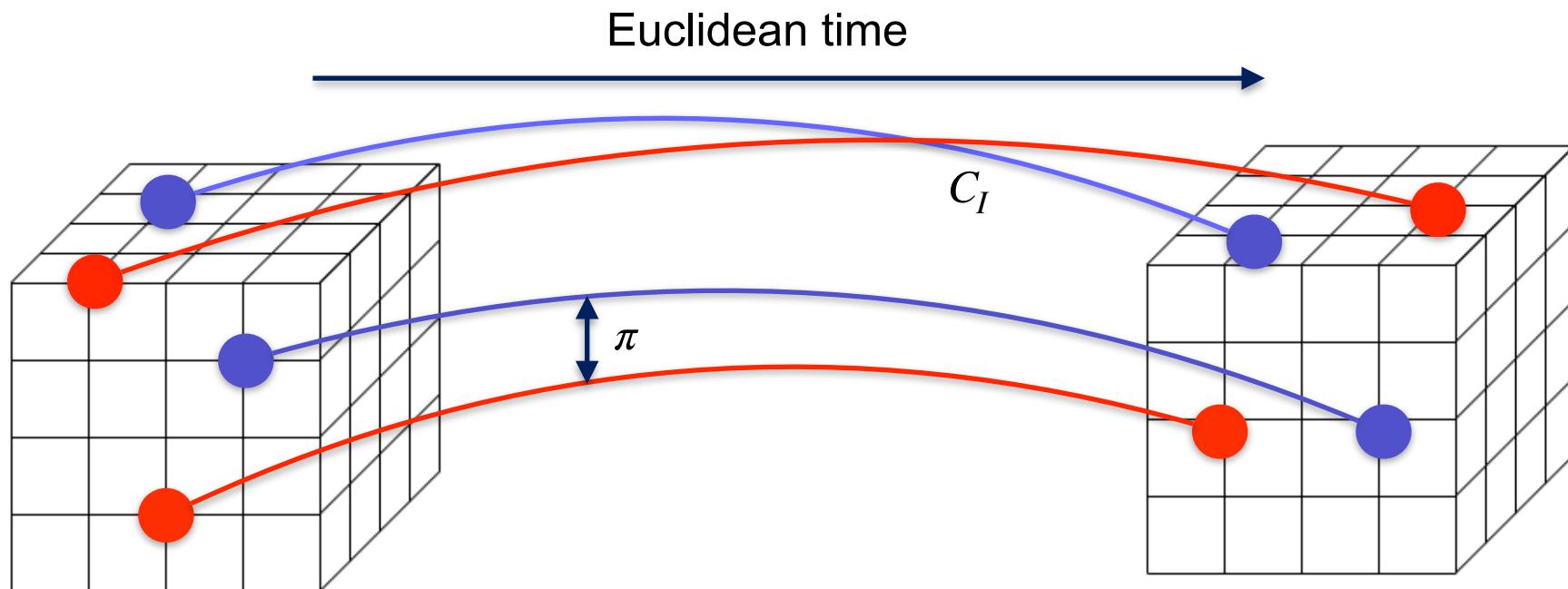


# Method: Lattice Monte Carlo

- Lattice  $\Rightarrow$  Cubic Volume of size  $(La)^3$  with discrete lattice site
- Discretized chiral potentials , contact interactions  
one-pion exchange, coulomb (Epelbaum et al.)
- Do euclidean time evolution and extract i.e. energies  
as transient energy  $E = - \frac{d}{d\tau} \ln(Z(\tau))$



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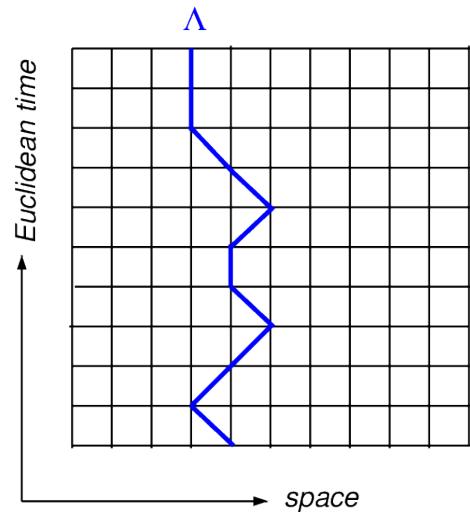


- Auxiliary Fields to handle many particles efficiently:
- Idea: Replace Interactions between nucleons with Interaction of a nucleon with an auxiliary field

$$\exp\left(-\frac{C}{2}(N^\dagger N)^2\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \int dA \exp\left[-\frac{A^2}{2} + \sqrt{C}A(N^\dagger N)\right]$$

Since Nucleons only interact with an auxiliary field  $\Rightarrow$  Perfect for parallel computing

Very Successful Nuclear Program:  
Using AFMC and shuttle algorithm  
Wave function matching to obtain  
precise results for nuclei and  
charge radii



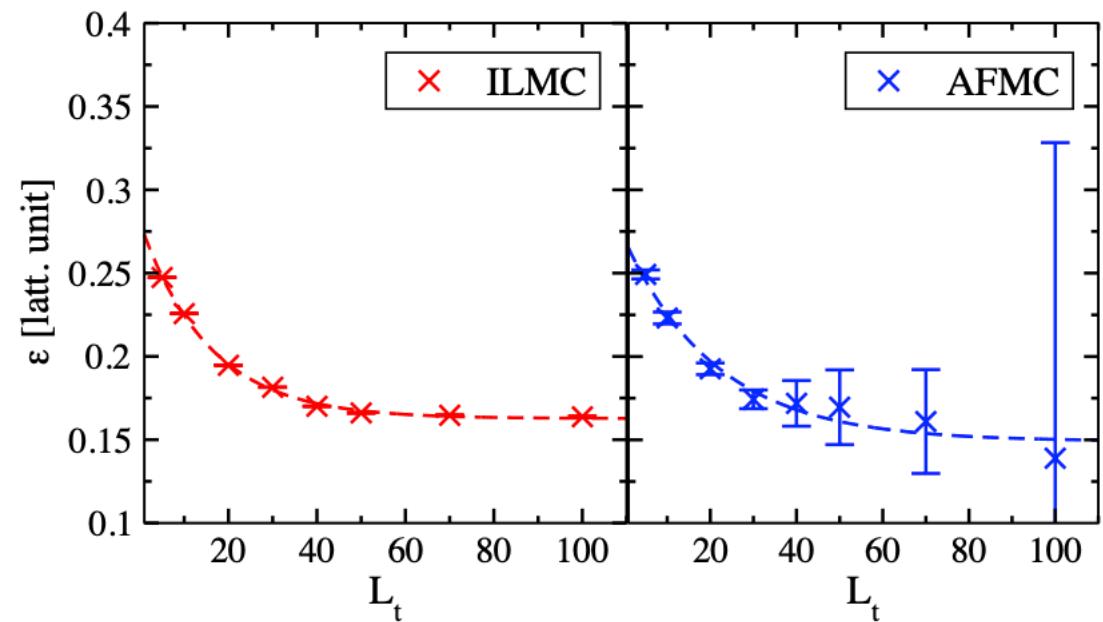
(D. Frame, T. A. Lähde, D. Lee, U.-G. Meißner)

AFMC does not converge as good as in a pure nuclear matter simulation

Need to develop a method that treats this impurities more efficient

Treat Impurity as worldline:

(S.Bour, D.Lee, H.-W. Hammer, U.-G. Meißner)



- Challenge with IFMC, need to collect millions of worldlines

→ Can we still do hypernuclear calculations with AFMC ?

→ Important for possible applications with many Hyperons

- Taylor interaction to work non-perturbative with our best NN interaction



Evolve together with NN counterparts

Constraints smearing parameters to the NN ones

Phase

$A = 3$  0.97

$A = 4$  0.89

$A = 5$  1      ←       $\alpha$  – core

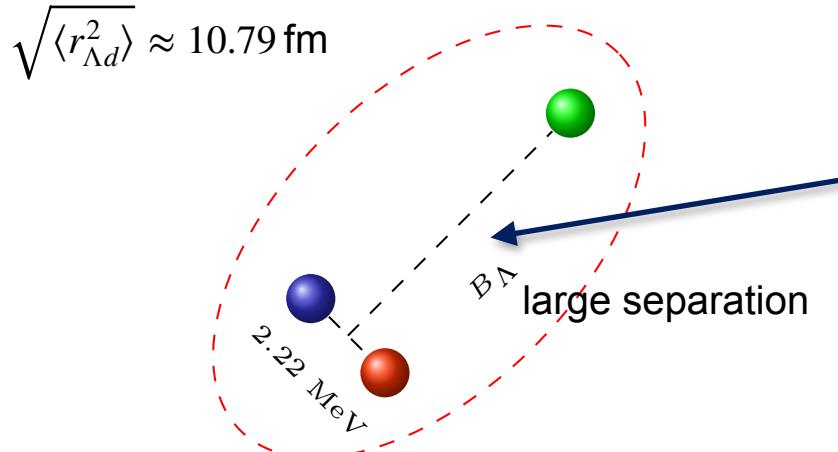
$A = 7$  0.92

$A = 13$  0.97

This is very promising,  
for larger hypernuclei

$L = 12$   $Lt = 500$

## Construction of a first Lattice $\Lambda N$ interaction



Emulsion:

$$B_\Lambda = 0.130 \pm 0.050 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{Juric 1973}$$

Heavy Ion:

$$B_\Lambda = 0.406 \pm 0.120 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{Star 2020}$$

$$B_\Lambda = 0.102 \pm 0.063 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{Alice 2023}$$

World Average:

$$B_\Lambda = 0.164 \pm 0.043 \text{ MeV} \quad \text{Mainz 2024}$$

Shallow S-Wave State

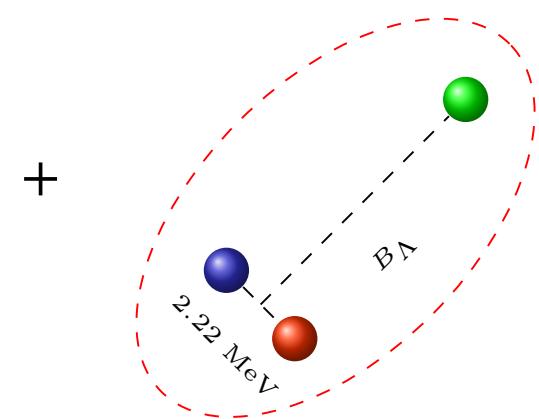
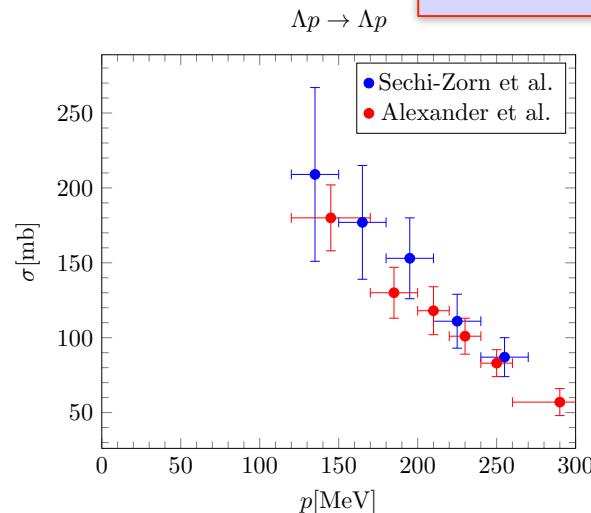
$$J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+$$

Distinguishable

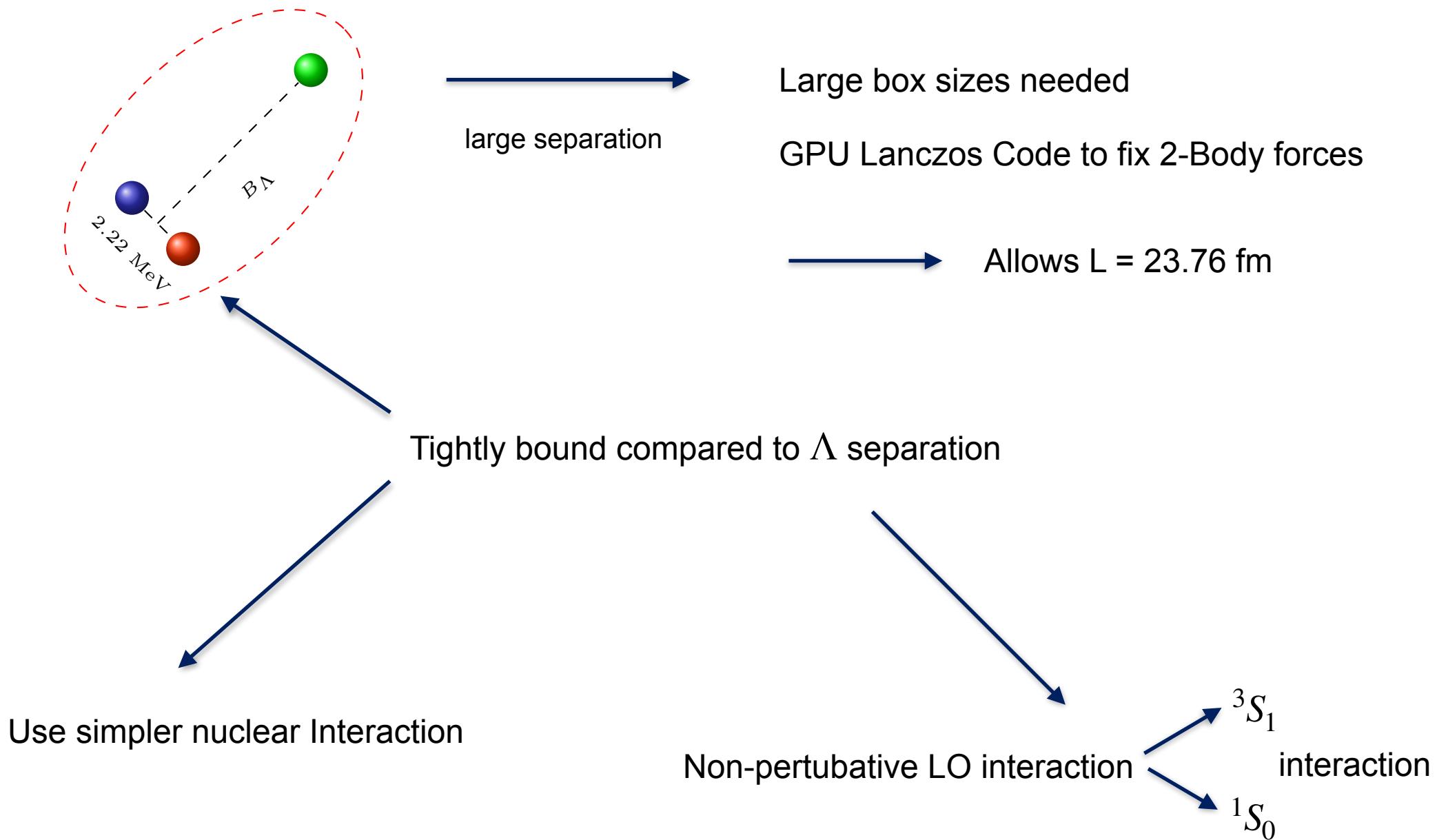
$$I = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(pn - np)\Lambda$$



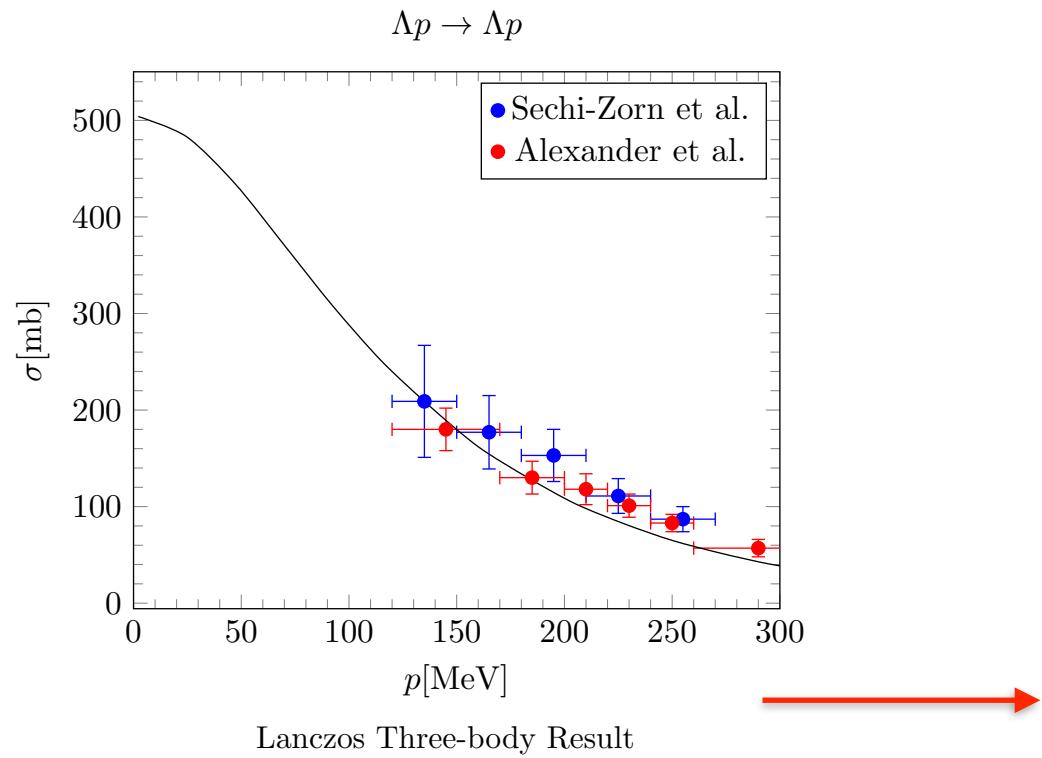
Combine 2-Body data  
with hypertriton in  
exact calculation



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Best SMS  $N^2LO$  interaction

$$a_s = -2.80 \text{ fm} \quad r_s = 2.89 \text{ fm}$$

$$a_t = -1.58 \text{ fm} \quad r_t = 3.09 \text{ fm}$$

This interaction

$$a_s = -2.89 \text{ fm} \quad r_s = 3.28 \text{ fm}$$

$$a_t = -1.60 \text{ fm} \quad r_t = 3.94 \text{ fm}$$

Phase shift similar to  $p \sim 60$  MeV

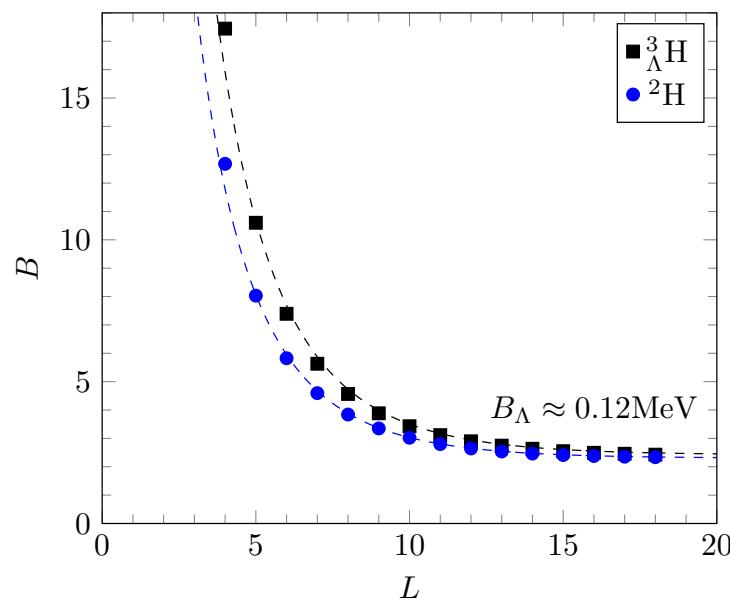
$$E(L) = E_{L \rightarrow \infty} + \frac{A}{L} e^{-\frac{L}{L_0}}$$

$\approx$  Emulsion

$$B_\Lambda^\Lambda = (90 + 30) \text{ keV} \approx 120 \text{ keV}$$

2-Body

GIR corrections



## Results: Two Body interaction (L=12 l.u.) (light nuclei)

During Evolution:

Spin-averaged Interaction:

$$C = \frac{3^3S_1 + ^1S_0}{4}$$

Perturbative part:

Spin-dependent Interaction:

$$C_S = \frac{^3S_1 - ^1S_0}{4}$$

Nuclear Interaction:

$N^3LO$  interaction, same as for WFM results

### Results: Two Body

$$B_\Lambda(^3H_\Lambda) = 0.38 \pm 0.08 \text{ MeV}$$

→ Box effect, consistent with exact L=12 result

$$B_\Lambda(^4H_\Lambda^{0+}) = 2.08 \pm 0.16 \text{ MeV}$$

$$B_\Lambda(^4H_\Lambda^{1+}) = 1.20 \pm 0.16 \text{ MeV}$$

→ Splitting quite good, missing 0.2 MeV

$$B_\Lambda(^5He_\Lambda) = 3.39 \pm 0.06 \text{ MeV}$$

→ Smaller overbinding compared to other LO Calculations

$$B_\Lambda(^7Li_\Lambda) = 5.07 \pm 0.50 \text{ MeV}$$

→ Typically overbound by ~1 MeV in LO calculations

### Experiment

$$0.164 \pm 0.43 \text{ MeV}$$

$$2.169 \pm 0.042 \text{ MeV}$$

$$1.081 \pm 0.042 \text{ MeV}$$

$$3.102 \pm 0.03 \text{ MeV}$$

$$5.619 \pm 0.06 \text{ MeV}$$

## Results: Two Body interaction, further analysis

Missing  $\sim 0.6$  MeV in A=7 systems

A=5 system only slightly overbound

More Attraction

Modify C

Fixes  ${}^7\text{Li}_\Lambda$

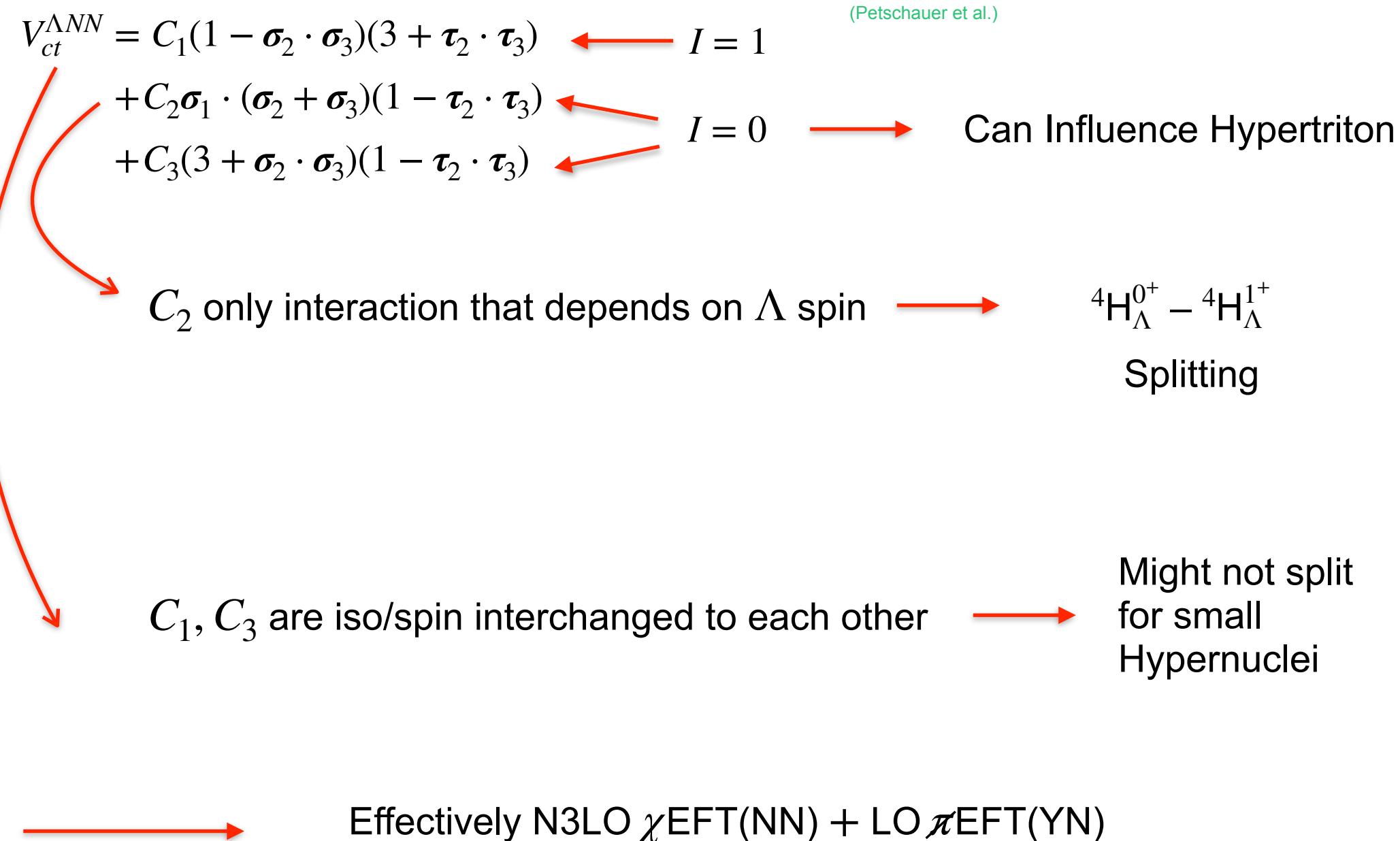
Strong overbinding of  ${}^5\text{He}_\Lambda$

Strong overbinding of  ${}^4\text{H}_\Lambda$

$$B_\Lambda({}^3\text{H}_\Lambda) \sim 0.2 - 0.3$$

Can three-body forces help us here?

## Structure of contact three-body forces



# Results: Fitting 3-Body forces

Nuclear 3-Body Forces are fitted as part of the WFM interaction



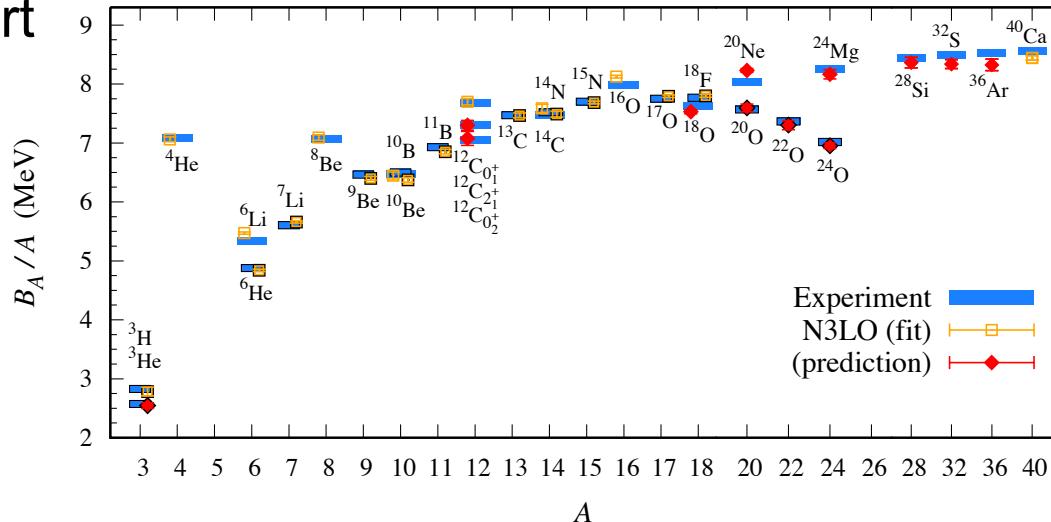
Use similar classes of non-local as well as local smeared YNN Forces



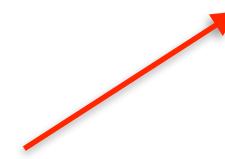
Leads to a total of 343 (7 each) combination of YNN forces



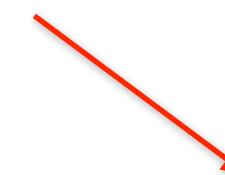
Only 25 combinations have a  $\chi^2_R > 1.5$



(Elhatisari et al.)



Freedom in higher nuclei



Constrain e.g.  ${}^9B_\Lambda$ ,  ${}^{13}C_\Lambda$

## Three-Body Results (Light nuclei), constrained by ${}^9B_\Lambda$

$$V_{ct}^{\Lambda NN} = C_1(1 - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_3)(3 + \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3) \rightarrow \text{locally smeared}$$

$$+ C_2 \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_3)(1 - \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3) \rightarrow \text{not smeared}$$

$$+ C_3(3 + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_3)(1 - \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3) \rightarrow \text{locally smeared}$$

**Results: Three-body**

**Experiment**

$$B_\Lambda({}^3H_\Lambda) = 0.43 \pm 0.08 \text{ MeV} \quad 0.164 \pm 0.43 \text{ MeV} \quad \leftarrow \text{Finite Volume effect}$$

$$B_\Lambda({}^4H_\Lambda^{0^+}) = 2.25 \pm 0.18 \text{ MeV} \quad 2.258 \pm 0.042 \text{ MeV} \quad \leftarrow \text{Use average of A=4 systems}$$

$$B_\Lambda({}^4H_\Lambda^{1^+}) = 1.01 \pm 0.18 \text{ MeV} \quad 1.011 \pm 0.042 \text{ MeV} \quad \leftarrow$$

$$B_\Lambda({}^5He_\Lambda) = 3.09 \pm 0.12 \text{ MeV} \quad 3.10 \pm 0.03 \text{ MeV}$$

$$B_\Lambda({}^7Li_\Lambda^{1^+}) = 5.61 \pm 0.96 \text{ MeV} \quad 5.62 \pm 0.06 \text{ MeV} \quad \leftarrow \text{Missing L=2 Contributions}$$

$$B_\Lambda({}^7Li_\Lambda^{3^+}) = 5.36 \pm 0.96 \text{ MeV} \quad 4.93 \pm 0.06 \text{ MeV} \quad \leftarrow$$

## Three-Body Results (towards medium mass nuclei)

$$V_{ct}^{\Lambda NN} = C_1(1 - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_3)(3 + \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3) \rightarrow \text{locally smeared}$$
$$+ C_2 \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1 \cdot (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_3)(1 - \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3) \rightarrow \text{not smeared}$$
$$+ C_3(3 + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_3)(1 - \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_3) \rightarrow \text{locally smeared}$$

Results: Three-body

Experiment

$$B_\Lambda(^9\text{Be}_\Lambda) = 6.63 \pm 0.55 \text{ MeV} \quad 6.614 \pm 0.072 \text{ MeV}$$

$$B_\Lambda(^{13}\text{C}_\Lambda) = 11.47 \pm 0.84 \text{ MeV} \quad 11.79 \pm 0.16 \text{ MeV}$$

$$B_\Lambda(^{16}\text{O}_\Lambda) = 11.72 \pm 1.58 \text{ MeV} \quad 13.00 \pm 0.09 \text{ MeV}$$

→ Same set but restricted by  $^{16}\text{O}_\Lambda$

$$B_\Lambda(^9\text{Be}_\Lambda) = 6.74 \pm 0.56 \text{ MeV} \quad B_\Lambda(^{13}\text{C}_\Lambda) = 11.51 \pm 0.84 \text{ MeV} \quad B_\Lambda(^{16}\text{O}_\Lambda) = 12.8 \pm 1.6 \text{ MeV}$$

→ Uncertainty dominated by the modified nuclear part

→ All hypernuclei can be described within uncertainties

## Possible Paths to improvement

- Go to higher orders in the two-body interaction
- Include two-Pion exchange/Pion exchange 3B Forces
- fit two-body forces with better nuclear interaction
- Improve statistics in the NN part of the hypernuclei



Typical LO problems  
go away in other  
methods



Long-Range behaviour  
of the interaction



Removes any  
dependence of the NN  
Force on the YN Force



Main uncertainty from  
sampling of the NN  
part of the nucleus

# Summary and Outlook

Good Results for light hypernuclei nuclei A=3-16  
with  $N^3LO(NN)$  and  $LO(YN)$  interaction

Method scales with A, straightforward application to the whole  
hypernuclear chart

Many possible path ways to improve the results

Calculate the hypernuclear chart

Many excited states in A=7/9 hypernuclei

