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Omega Baryon Interactions with Lattice QCD

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Omega Physics



- Experiments beginning to probe hyperon physics
- Omega physics least understood
- Good testing ground for nuclear physics lattice calculations
- "Nuclear-like" scattering "at the physical point."

Omega Model Calculations

Two model calcs disagree:

 $\Delta E_{\Omega\Omega} = 43 \pm 18 \text{ MeV} \quad (\text{Quark Disloc./Color Screening Model})$ F. Wang, J.-I. Ping, G.-h. Wu, L.-j. Teng, and J. T. Goldman, Phys. Rev. C51, 3411 (1995), nucl-th/9512014.

$\Delta E_{\Omega\Omega} = -116 \,\text{MeV} \,(\text{SU}(3) \,\text{Chiral Quark Model})$

Z. Y. Zhang, Y. W. Yu, C. R. Ching, T. H. Ho, and Z.-D. Lu, Phys. Rev. C61, 065204 (2000).

 Would like a model-independent resolution to this question...

Interpolating Operators

 Discretization breaks O(3) symmetry to octahedral subgroup



- Different linear combinations of Ω_{αβγ} are in different irreps/embeddings/rows
 - S. Basak et al., Phys. Rev. D72, 074501.

Steps to a Lattice Omega-Omega



- Gauge Configurations
 - Two ensembles used:
 - 20³×256 [(2.5 fm)³×9.2 fm]
 - 32³×256 [(3.9 fm)³×9.2 fm]
 - m_π~390 MeV



H⁺ Lattice Data (Single Ω)



$E^+ \& T_2^+$ Lattice Data (Two Ω)



A_1^+ Lattice Data (Two Ω)







Lattice Data

Irrep	Lattice Size	$a_t E$	$\sigma_{E,stat.}$	$\sigma_{E,sys.}$	$\chi^2/{ m dof}$	Q	$a_t \Delta E$	$\sigma_{\Delta E,stat.}$
H^+	$20^3 \times 256$	0.291501	0.000457	$+0.000099 \\ -0.000268$	1.003	0.460		
	$32^3 \times 256$	0.290001	0.000804	+0.000418 -0.000001	0.850	0.708		
A_1^+	$20^3 \times 256$	0.586235	0.000843	$+0.000091 \\ -0.000348$	1.105	0.327	0.00323	0.00124
	$32^3 \times 256$	0.583224	0.002002	$+0.000577 \\ -0.000680$	1.086	0.350	0.00322	0.00257
T_2^+	$20^3 \times 256$	0.642961	0.007136	$^{+0.002502}_{-0.005120}$	0.925	0.514	0.05996	0.00719
E^+	$20^3 \times 256$	0.67256	0.00293	$^{+0.00013}_{-0.00329}$	0.500	0.916	0.08956	0.00307

- Ω mass ~1640 MeV
- $\Omega \Omega$ energy > 2x Ω mass
 - Scattering state, not bound

Scattering at Finite Volume



A₁⁺ Scattering



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- 10k random pairs from kcotδ distributions
- Fit to effective range expansion
- r distribution absorbs higher orders
- *a* distribution is Lorentzian

 $a_{S=0}^{\Omega\Omega} = 0.16 \pm 0.22 \,\mathrm{fm}$

Conclusions

- Scattering length & k² values indicate a weakly repulsive system.
- $a_{S=0}^{\Omega\Omega} = 0.16 \pm 0.22 \, \text{fm}$ at $m_{\pi} \sim 390 \, \text{MeV}$
- Light quark dependence expected to be small, but needs to be checked.
- Contrast with other lattice hyperon results that are bound states.
 - May just reflect smaller influence of light quark dynamics
- Phys. Rev. D85 (2012) 094511
 - arXiv:1201.3596 [hep-lat]