The strange way from nuclei to neutron stars: a Quantum Monte Carlo approach

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# Outline

- ✓ Strangeness in nuclear physics: why?
	- terrestrial experiments: hypernuclei
	- neutron stars: theory vs. observations
- ✓ The strange AFDMC project
	- the idea
	- the hyperon-nucleon interaction
	- the AFDMC code







- ✓ Results
	- A-hypernuclei *p p p*
	- $\cdot$  A-neutron matter

 $\Lambda$ *n n*



**Conclusions** 



Adapted from: J. Pochodzalla, arXiv:1101.2790v1 [nucl-ex] (2011)

✓ Charge conserving reactions

$$
^{A}Z\left( K^{-},\pi ^{-}\right) _{\Lambda }^{A}Z
$$
 
$$
^{A}Z\left( \pi ^{+},K^{+}\right) _{\Lambda }^{A}Z
$$

✓ Single charge exchange reactions (SCX)

$$
{}^{A}Z\left(K^{-}, \pi^{0}\right)_{\Lambda}^{A}[Z-1]
$$
  
\n
$$
{}^{A}Z\left(\pi^{-}, K^{0}\right)_{\Lambda}^{A}[Z-1]
$$
  
\n
$$
{}^{A}Z\left(e, e'K^{+}\right)_{\Lambda}^{A}[Z-1]
$$

✓ Double charge exchange reactions (DCX) *<sup>u</sup>*

$$
{}^{A}Z\left(\pi^{-}, K^{+}\right) {}^{A+1}_{\Lambda} [Z-2] {}^{A}Z\left(K^{-}, \pi^{+}\right) {}^{A+1}_{\Lambda} [Z-2]
$$







Updated from: O. Hashimoto, H. Tamura, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 57, 564 (2006)

 $\Lambda p$  scattering<br>data  $\Lambda p$  scattering  $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\sim 600 \quad \text{low energy} \ \sim 250 \quad \text{high energy}\end{array}\right.$  $\sim 250$  $(p_{lab} = 200 \div 300 \text{ MeV}/c)$  $(p_{lab} = 300 \div 1500 \text{ MeV}/c)$ 

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#### Strangeness in nuclear physics: neutron stars

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P. Haensel, A.Y. Potekhin, D.G. Yakovlev, Neutron Stars 1, Springer 2007

# Strangeness in nuclear physics: neutron stars

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# Strangeness in nuclear physics: neutron stars  $\overline{P}$

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The strange AFDMC project: the idea

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information about the hyperon-nucleon interaction

## The strange AFDMC project: the idea

![](_page_13_Picture_1.jpeg)

comparison with experimental data in a wide mass range

![](_page_13_Figure_3.jpeg)

 $\Lambda$ -nuclear matter

extrapolation

#### The strange AFDMC project: the idea

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comparison with experimental data in a wide mass range

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 $\Lambda$ -neutron matter

- ✓ Phenomenologic phenomenological nature
	- 2-body terms
	- shell & cluster model calculations D.J. Millener, Nucl. Phys. A 1 (2013), in press E. Hiyama, Nucl. Phys. A 1 (2013), in press
- ✓ Nijmegen & Jülich one meson exchange model
	- 2-body terms, several parametrizations
	- G-matrix calculations I. Vidaña, A. Polls, A. Ramos, M. Hjorth-Jensen, Nucl. Phys. A 644, 201 (1998)

- $\sqrt{\chi}$ -EFT derived from chiral EFT (NLO)
	- 2-body terms (@ NLO)
	- Faddeev-Yakubovsky calculations A. Nogga, Nucl. Phys. A 1 (2013), in press
- ✓ Usmani & co. diagrammatic contributions, due to pion exchange 2-body and 3-body terms
	- variational calculations

AV18+UIX like A. A. Usmani, F. C. Khanna, J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 35, 025105 (2008)

![](_page_16_Figure_1.jpeg)

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- $\sqrt{2}$ -body  $\Lambda N$  interaction
- $v_{\Lambda i} = v_0(r) + v_0(r) \varepsilon (\mathcal{P}_x 1) + \frac{1}{4}$ 4 • charge symmetric term:  $v_{\Lambda i} = v_0(r) + v_0(r)\varepsilon(\mathcal{P}_x - 1) + \frac{1}{4}v_\sigma T_\pi^2(r)\boldsymbol{\sigma}_\Lambda\cdot\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i$

$$
\begin{cases}\nv_0(r) & = v_c(r) - v_{2\pi}(r) \\
v_c(r) & = W_c \left[1 + e^{\frac{r - \bar{r}}{a}}\right]^{-1} \\
v_{2\pi}(r) & = \bar{v} T_{\pi}^2(r)\n\end{cases}\n\begin{cases}\nv_{\sigma} & = v_s - v_t \\
\bar{v} & = \frac{1}{4}(v_s + 3v_t)\n\end{cases}
$$

parameters fitted on  $\Lambda p$  scattering data

• charge symmetry breaking term:  $v_{\Lambda i}^{\text{CSB}} = \tau_i^3 v_0^{\text{CSB}} T_{\pi}(r)$ 

parameter fitted on  $A = 4$  mirror hypernuclei

√ 3-body  $\Lambda NN$  interaction

$$
v_{\Lambda ij} = v_{\Lambda ij}^{2\pi} + v_{\Lambda ij}^D = v_{\Lambda ij}^{PW} + v_{\Lambda ij}^{SW} + v_{\Lambda ij}^D
$$

$$
\begin{cases}\nv_{\Lambda ij}^{PW} &= -\left(\overline{C}P\right)\left(X_{i\Lambda}, X_{\Lambda j}\right) \tau_i \cdot \tau_j \\
v_{\Lambda ij}^{SW} &= \left(\overline{C}P\right)_{\pi} \left(r_{\Lambda i}\right) Z_{\pi} \left(r_{\Lambda j}\right) \left(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{r}}_{i\Lambda} \, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{r}}_{j\Lambda}\right) \tau_i \cdot \tau_j \\
v_{\Lambda ij}^{D} &= \left(\overline{W}P\right)_{\pi} Z \left(r_{\Lambda i}\right) T_{\pi}^2 \left(r_{\Lambda j}\right) \left[1 + \frac{1}{6} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\Lambda} \cdot \left(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i + \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j\right)\right]\n\end{cases}
$$

parameters not yet fixed

fitting of the parameters to reproduce experimental separation energies

✓ Diffusion Monte Carlo

$$
-\frac{\partial}{\partial \tau}\psi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{S}, \tau) = \mathcal{H}\psi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{S}, \tau) \longrightarrow \psi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{S}, \tau + d\tau) = e^{-\mathcal{H}d\tau}\psi(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{S}, \tau)
$$
  
\n $(\tau = it/\hbar)$   
\nground state

![](_page_20_Figure_3.jpeg)

✓ Auxiliary Field

$$
\mathcal{P} \sim e^{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda d\tau \mathcal{O}^2} \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad \psi \sim \frac{A!}{Z!(A-Z)!} 2^A \text{ terms} \qquad \text{GFMC: } A \leq 12
$$

Idea: Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation

![](_page_21_Figure_4.jpeg)

potential matrices diagonalization

computational cost  $\sim A^3$ 

✓ AFDMC matrices: nuclear systems

$$
V_{NN}(\text{AV6}) = \sum_{i < j} \sum_{p=1}^{6} v_p(r) \mathcal{O}_{ij}^p \qquad \mathcal{O}_{ij}^{p=1,6} = \{1, \sigma_i \cdot \sigma_j, S_{ij}\} \otimes \{1, \tau_i \cdot \tau_j\}
$$

$$
V_{NN}^{sd} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \sum_{\gamma} \tau_i^{\gamma} \left( \mathcal{A}_{ij}^{[\tau]} \right) \tau_j^{\gamma} \qquad A \times A
$$
  
+ 
$$
\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \sum_{\alpha \beta} \sigma_i^{\alpha} \left( \mathcal{A}_{i\alpha,j\beta}^{[\sigma]} \right) \sigma_j^{\beta} \qquad 3A \times 3A
$$
  
+ 
$$
\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \sum_{\alpha \beta \gamma} \tau_i^{\gamma} \sigma_i^{\alpha} \left( \mathcal{A}_{i\alpha,j\beta}^{[\sigma \tau]} \right) \sigma_j^{\beta} \tau_j^{\gamma} \qquad 3A \times 3A
$$

$$
\text{Ex: } \sum_{j\beta} \mathcal{A}_{i\alpha,j\beta}^{[\sigma]} \psi_{n,j\beta}^{[\sigma]} = \lambda_n^{[\sigma]} \psi_{n,i\alpha}^{[\sigma]} \qquad \qquad \overbrace{\phantom{ \mathcal{L}^{[\sigma]}_{\beta}}}^{\text{Ex: } \sigma_n^{[\sigma]} = \sum_{j\beta} \sigma_j^{\beta} \psi_{n,j\beta}^{[\sigma]}
$$

✓ AFDMC matrices: hyper-nuclear systems

$$
V_{\Lambda N} = \sum_{i} \left( \mathcal{B}_{\Lambda)i}^{[\hat{P}_x]} \right) \overbrace{P_{x_{\Lambda i}}}^{P_x} + \sum_{i} \left( \mathcal{B}_{i}^{[CSB]} \right) \tau_i^z
$$
  
+ 
$$
\sum_{i} \sum_{\alpha} \sigma_{\Lambda}^{\alpha} \left( \mathcal{B}_{(\Lambda)i}^{[\sigma]} \right) \sigma_i^{\alpha} \qquad 1 \times (A-1)
$$

$$
V_{\Lambda NN}^D = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \sum_{\alpha} \sigma_{\Lambda}^{\alpha} \left( C_{(\Lambda j)i}^{[\sigma]} \right) \sigma_i^{\alpha} \qquad 1 \times (A-1)
$$

$$
V_{\Lambda NN}^{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \sum_{\alpha \beta \gamma} \tau_i^{\gamma} \sigma_i^{\alpha} \left( C_{i\alpha,j\beta}^{[\sigma\tau]} \right) \sigma_j^{\beta} \tau_j^{\gamma} \qquad 3(A-1) \times 3(A-1)
$$

![](_page_23_Picture_5.jpeg)

good for Hubbard-Stratonovich

✓ Wave functions

$$
\Psi_T(R,S) = \Psi^N_T(R_N,S_N) \otimes \Psi^{\Lambda}_T(R_\Lambda,S_\Lambda)
$$

$$
\Psi_{T}^{p}(R_{p}, S_{p}) = \left[\prod_{i < j} f_{ij}^{c}\right] \mathfrak{A} \left[\prod_{i} \phi_{i} \left(\vec{r}_{i} - \vec{R}_{\text{CM}}, \vec{s}_{i}\right)\right]_{p}
$$
\nHF s.p. orbitals

\nplane waves

$$
\vec{s}_i^N = \begin{pmatrix} a_i \\ b_i \\ c_i \\ d_i \end{pmatrix} = a_i |p \uparrow\rangle + b_i |p \downarrow\rangle + c_i |n \uparrow\rangle + d_i |n \downarrow\rangle
$$

$$
\vec{s}_i^{\Lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ v_i \end{pmatrix} = u_i | \uparrow\rangle + v_i | \downarrow\rangle
$$

#### Results: A-hypernuclei

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#### Results:  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei

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D. Lonardoni, S. Gandolfi, F. Pederiva, Phys. Rev. C 87, 041303(R) (2013)

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Figs. 1(c) and 1(d)), and a dispersive term that includes short-

Hyp : nuclear effects cancel at most reference separation is the separation of the semi-Hyp.: nuclear effects cancel at most  $\sqrt{}$ 

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D. Lonardoni, S. Gandolfi, F. Pederiva, Phys. Rev. C 87, 041303(R) (2013) With the wave function defined we consider nucleons and

the hyperon as distinct particles. In this way, we do not include the hyperon as distinct particles. In this w

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Results:  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei

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#### Results: A-hypernuclei

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Results:  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei

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#### Results: A-hypernuclei

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#### $Results:$   $\Lambda$ -neutron matter

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### Conclusions

- ✓ Extension of the AFDMC code for strange finite and infinite nuclear systems: develop of an hyperon-nucleon interaction in the Quantum Monte Carlo scheme
	- analysis of the hyperon separation energy in medium-light hypernuclei
	- analysis of the EoS of the hyperon-neutron matter at high density
- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  Two-body  $\Lambda N$  interaction not sufficient to describe the hyperonseparation energy of medium-light  $\Lambda$ -hypernuclei: need of a strongly repulsive three-body  $\Lambda NN$  interaction
- $\checkmark$  EoS for the  $\Lambda$ -neutron matter not too soft: chance for a NS maximum mass up to  $2 \ M_{\odot}$  even in presence of hyperons

![](_page_44_Picture_7.jpeg)

*Thank you for your attention !!*

#### mallowed interaction **britance** C<sub>B</sub> Backup: the hyperon-nucleon interaction

![](_page_46_Picture_316.jpeg)

$$
Z_{\pi}(x) = \frac{x}{3} \left[ Y_{\pi}(x) - T_{\pi}(x) \right]
$$

$$
X_{\Lambda i} = (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\Lambda} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{i}) Y_{\pi} (r_{\Lambda i}) + S_{\Lambda i} Y_{\pi} (r_{\Lambda i})
$$

$$
S_{\Lambda i} = 3 (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\Lambda} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{r}}_{\Lambda i}) (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{i} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{r}}_{\Lambda i}) - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\Lambda} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{i}
$$

![](_page_46_Picture_317.jpeg)

#### Backup: the hyperon-hyperon interaction  $\frac{1}{2}$

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$$
v_{\lambda\mu} = \sum_{k=1}^3 \left( v_0^{(k)} + v_\sigma^{(k)} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_\lambda \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_\mu \right) e^{-\mu^{(k)} r_{\lambda\mu}^2}
$$

![](_page_47_Picture_235.jpeg)

E. Hiyama, M. Kamimura, T. Motoba, T. Yamada, Y. Yamamoto, Phys. Rev. C 66, 024007 (2002)

$$
V_{\Lambda\Lambda} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\lambda \neq \mu} \sum_{\alpha} \sigma_{\lambda}^{\alpha} \left( \mathcal{D}_{\lambda\mu}^{[\sigma]} \right) \sigma_{\mu}^{\alpha}
$$