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Effective field theory for the weak $\Lambda N \rightarrow NN$ interaction

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An effective field theory for the weak $\Lambda N \rightarrow NN$ interaction has been developed up to next-to-next-to leading order. The relation between the low energy constants appearing in the leading order effective field theory description and the parameters of the one-meson-exchange model previously developed are obtained. We extract the relative importance of the different exchange mechanisms included in the meson picture by means of a comparison to the corresponding operational structures appearing in the effective approach. The ability of this procedure to obtain the weak baryon-baryon-meson couplings for a possible scalar exchange is also discussed. The calculation of the two-pion exchange diagrams and the contact operational structures contributing to next-to-leading and next-to-next-to-leading orders will also be presented.

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