

Antinucleon-nucleon interaction in chiral effective field theory

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Revival of Antinucleon-nucleon physics

- Near-threshold enhancement in the $\bar{p}p$ invariant-mass spectrum:

$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \bar{p}p \rightarrow$ BES collaboration (2003, 2012)

$B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \bar{p}p \rightarrow$ BaBar collaboration (2005)

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \bar{p}p \rightarrow$ FENICE (1998), BaBar (2006, 2013)

$(\bar{p}p \rightarrow e^+e^- \rightarrow$ PS170 (1994))

\Rightarrow new resonances, $\bar{p}p$ bound states, exotic glueball states ?

- Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research (FAIR)

- PANDA Project

Study of the interactions between antiprotons and fixed target protons and nuclei in the momentum range of 1.5-15 GeV/c using the high energy storage ring HESR

- PAX Collaboration

experiments with a polarized antiproton beam
transversity distribution of the valence quarks in the proton
 $\bar{N}N$ double-spin observables

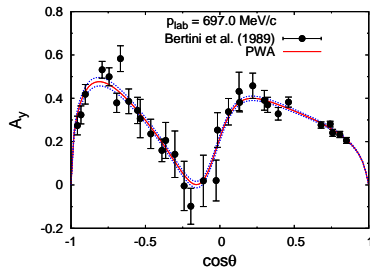
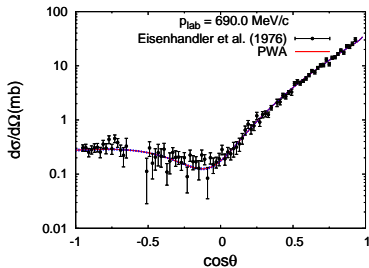
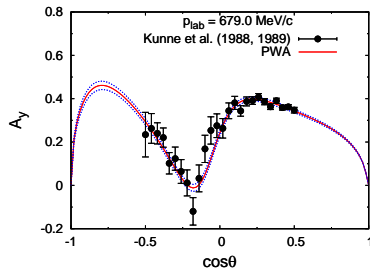
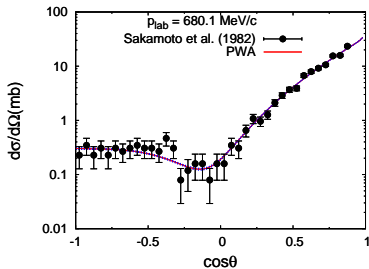
R. Timmermans et al., PRC 50 (1994) 48

- use a **meson-exchange potential** for the **long-range part**
- apply a **strong absorption** at short distances (**boundary condition**) in each individual **partial wave** (≈ 1.2 fm)
- **30 parameters**, fitted to a selection of $\bar{N}N$ data (**3646!**)
- However, resulting **amplitudes** are **not explicitly given**:
 - no proper assessment of the uncertainties (statistical errors)
 - phase-shift parameters for the 1S_0 and 1P_1 partial waves are not pinned down accurately

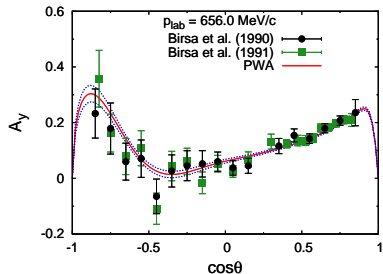
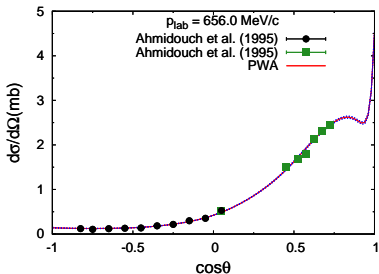
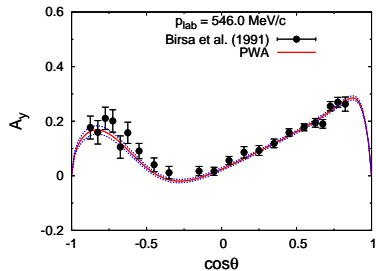
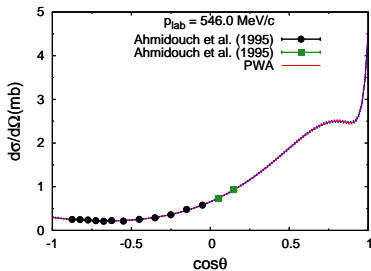
D. Zhou and R. Timmermans, PRC 86 (2012) 044003

- use now potential where the **long-range part** is fixed from chiral EFT (N^2 LO)
- somewhat larger number of $\bar{N}N$ data (**3749!**)
- now, resulting **amplitudes and phase shifts** are **given!**
- **lowest** momentum: $p_{lab} = 100$ MeV/c ($T_{lab} = 5.3$ MeV)
- **highest** total angular momentum: $J = 4$

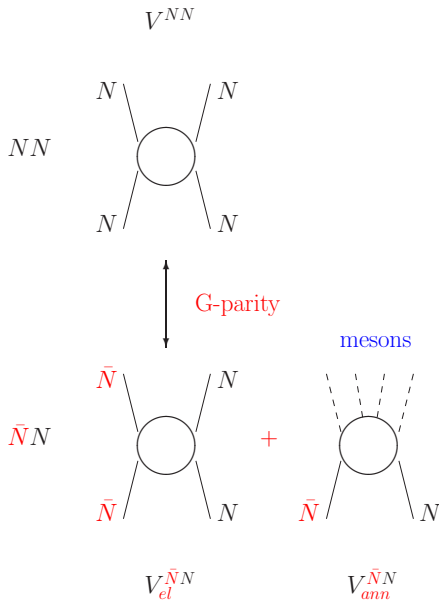
$\bar{N}N$ PWA: $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{p}p$



$\bar{N}N$ PWA: $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{n}n$



The $\bar{N}N$ interaction



Traditional approach: meson-exchange

I) $V_{el}^{\bar{N}N}$... derived from an NN potential via **G-parity**

(Charge conjugation plus 180° rotation around the y axis in isospin space)

\Rightarrow

$$V^{\bar{N}N}(\pi, \omega) = -V^{NN}(\pi, \omega) \text{ - odd G - parity}$$

$$V^{\bar{N}N}(\sigma, \rho) = +V^{NN}(\sigma, \rho) \text{ - even G - parity}$$

...

II) $V_{ann}^{\bar{N}N}$

employ a **phenomenological optical** potential, e.g.

$$V_{opt}(r) = (U_0 + iW_0) e^{-r^2/(2a^2)}$$

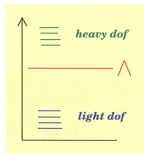
with parameters U_0 , W_0 , a fixed by a fit to $\bar{N}N$ data

examples: Dover/Richard (1980,1982), Paris (1982,....,2009), Nijmegen (1984), Jülich (1991,1995), ...

Chiral Effective Field Theory

S. Weinberg, Physica 96A (1979) 327; PLB 251 (1990) 288

- **Respect/exploit symmetries** of the underlying **QCD**
- **Different scales**: Separation of **low** and **high energy dynamics**
 - **low-energy dynamics** is described in terms of the relevant degrees of freedom (e.g. **pions**)
 - **high-energy dynamics** remains unresolved



→ absorbed into **contact terms**

- **Power counting**

Expand interaction in powers $Q^n = (q/\Lambda)^n$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

q ... soft scale (**nucleon** three-momentum, **pion** four-momentum, **pion** mass)

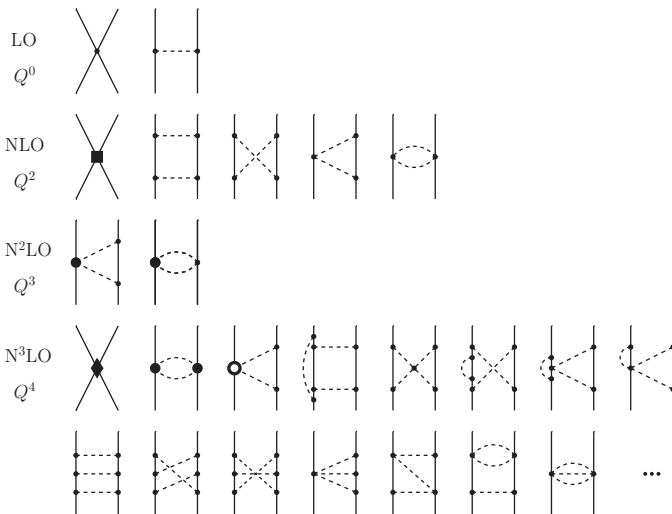
Λ ... hard scale (≈ 1 GeV ... m_ρ , M_N)

⇒ **systematic improvement** of results by going to **higher** order (**power**)

⇒ **estimation** of theoretical uncertainty

expected to work for $q < \Lambda$

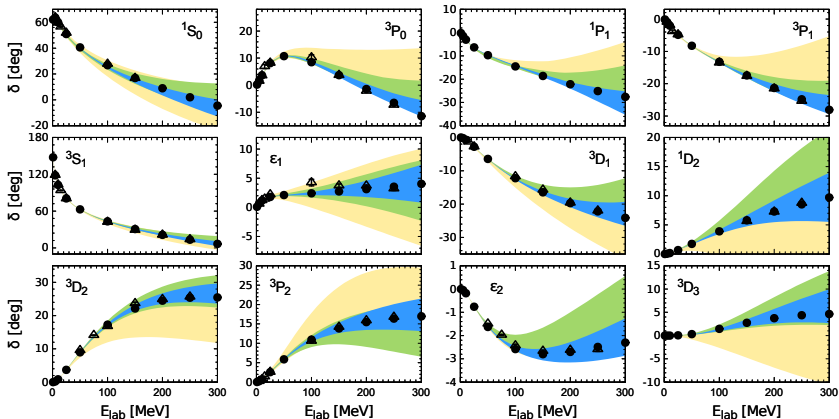
NN in chiral effective field theory



• 4N contact terms involve low-energy constants (LECs) ... parameterize unresolved short-range physics

⇒ need to be fixed by fit to experiments

NN in chiral effective field theory



E. Epelbaum, H. Krebs, Ulf-G. Meißner (EKM), EPJA 51 (2015) 53

— LO, — NLO, — N³LO

The $\bar{N}N$ interaction in chiral EFT

- $V^{NN} = V_{1\pi} + V_{2\pi} + V_{3\pi} + \dots + V_{cont}$
- $V_{el}^{\bar{N}N} = -V_{1\pi} + V_{2\pi} - V_{3\pi} + \dots + V_{cont}$
- $V_{ann}^{\bar{N}N} = \sum_X V^{\bar{N}N \rightarrow X} \quad X \hat{=} \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, 4\pi, \dots$

- $V_{1\pi}, V_{2\pi}, \dots$ can be taken over from a chiral EFT study of the NN interaction

⇒ starting point: “improved chiral NN potential up to N^3LO ” by

Epelbaum, Krebs, Meißner, EPJA 51 (2015) 53

- V_{cont} has the same structure as in NN . However, the LECs have to be determined by a fit to $\bar{N}N$ data (phase shifts, inelasticities)!

no Pauli principle → more partial waves, more contact terms

- $V_{ann}^{\bar{N}N}$ has no counterpart in NN

- Ling-Yun Dai, JH, U.-G. Meißner, JHEP 07 (2017) 078 (N^3LO)
Xian-Wei Kang, JH, U.-G. Meißner, JHEP 02 (2014) 113 (N^2LO)

Annihilation potential

- **experimental information:**
 - annihilation occurs **dominantly** into 4 to 6 **pions** (two-body channels like $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$, $\rho^\pm\pi^\mp$ etc. contribute in the order of $\approx 1\%$)
 - thresholds: for 5 pions: ≈ 700 MeV for $\bar{N}N$: 1878 MeV
 - produced pions have **large momenta** \rightarrow **annihilation process depends very little on energy**
 - **annihilation is a statistical process:** properties of the individual particles (mass, quantum numbers) do not matter
- **phenomenological models:** **bulk properties** of **annihilation** can be described rather well by simple energy-independent **optical potentials**
- **range associated with annihilation** is around **1 fm** or less
 \rightarrow **short-distance physics**

\Rightarrow describe **annihilation** in the same way as the **short-distance physics** in $V_{el}^{\bar{N}N}$, i.e. by **contact terms** (LECs)

\Rightarrow describe **annihilation** by a **few effective** (two-body) **annihilation channels** (**unitarity is preserved!**)

$$V^{\bar{N}N} = V_{el}^{\bar{N}N} + V_{ann,eff}^{\bar{N}N}; \quad V_{ann,eff}^{\bar{N}N} = \sum_X V^{\bar{N}N \rightarrow X} G_X^0 V^{X \rightarrow \bar{N}N}$$

$$V^{\bar{N}N \rightarrow X}(p_{\bar{N}N}, p_X) \approx p_{\bar{N}N}^L (a + b p_{\bar{N}N}^2 + \dots); \quad p_X \approx \text{const.}$$

Contributions of V_{cont} for $\bar{N}N$ up to N^3LO

$V_{el}^{\bar{N}N}$

$$\begin{aligned}V^{L=0} &= \tilde{C}_\alpha + C_\alpha(\rho^2 + \rho'^2) + D_\alpha^1 \rho^2 \rho'^2 + D_\alpha^2(\rho^4 + \rho'^4) \\V^{L=1} &= C_\beta \rho \rho' + D_\beta \rho \rho'(\rho^2 + \rho'^2) \\V^{L=2} &= D_\gamma \rho^2 \rho'^2\end{aligned}$$

\tilde{C}_i ... LO LECs [4], C_i ... NLO LECs [+14], D_i ... N^3LO LECs [+30], $\rho = |\mathbf{p}|$; $\rho' = |\mathbf{p}'|$

$V_{ann;eff}^{\bar{N}N}$

$$\begin{aligned}V_{ann}^{L=0} &= -i(\tilde{C}_\alpha^a + C_\alpha^a \rho^2 + D_\alpha^a \rho^4)(\tilde{C}_\alpha^a + C_\alpha^a \rho'^2 + D_\alpha^a \rho'^4) \\V_{ann}^{L=1} &= -i(C_\beta^a \rho + D_\beta^a \rho^3)(C_\beta^a \rho' + D_\beta^a \rho'^3) \\V_{ann}^{L=2} &= -i(D_\gamma^a)^2 \rho^2 \rho'^2 \\V_{ann}^{L=3} &= -i(D_\delta^a)^2 \rho^3 \rho'^3\end{aligned}$$

α ... 1S_0 and 3S_1
 β ... 3P_0 , 1P_1 , and 3P_1
 γ ... 1D_2 , 3D_2 and 3D_3
 δ ... 1F_3 , 3F_3 and 3F_4

- **unitarity condition**: higher powers than what follows from **Weinberg power counting** appear!
- **same number** of **contact terms (LECs)**

regularized Lippmann-Schwinger equation

$$T^{L'L}(p', p) = V^{L'L}(p', p) + \sum_{L''} \int_0^\infty \frac{dp'' p''^2}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{V^{L'L''}(p', p'') T^{L''L}(p'', p)}{2E_p - 2E_{p''} + i\eta}$$

- employ the regularization scheme of **EKM** (EPJA 51 (2015) 53)
⇒ local regulator for **pion exchange**, nonlocal regulator for **contact terms**:

$$V_{n\pi}(q) \rightarrow V_{n\pi}(r) \times f_R(r) \rightarrow V_{n\pi}^{reg}(q); \quad (\vec{q} = \vec{p}' - \vec{p})$$

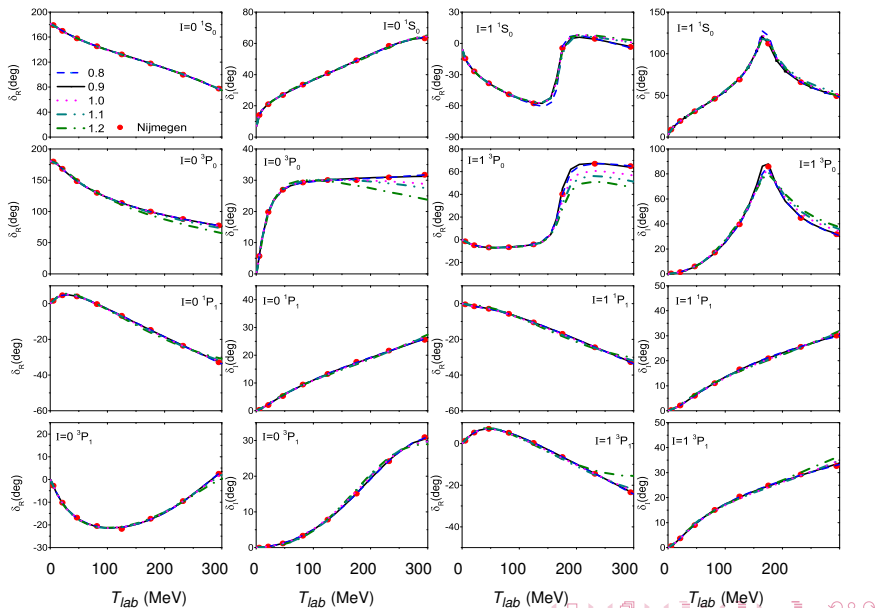
$$V_{cont} = V(p, p') \rightarrow V(p, p') \times f_\Lambda(p, p') = V_{cont}^{reg}$$

$$(f_R(r) = [1 - \exp(-r^2/R^2)]^6; \quad f_\Lambda(p, p') = \exp(-(\rho^2 + p'^2)/\Lambda^2); \quad R = 0.8-1.2 \text{ fm}; \quad \Lambda = 2/R)$$

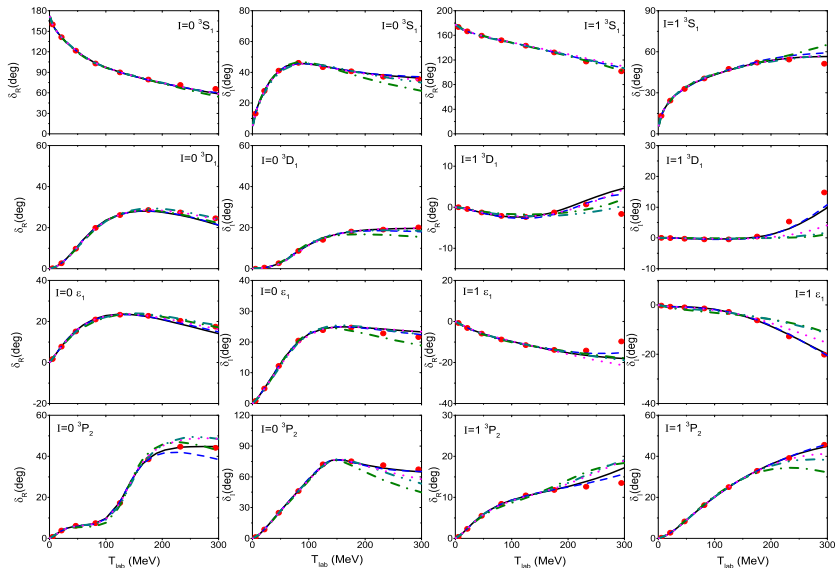
- **Fit to phase shifts** and **inelasticity parameters** in the **isospin basis**
- Calculation of **observables** is done in **particle basis**:
 - ★ **Coulomb** interaction in the $\bar{p}p$ channel is included
 - ★ the physical masses of p and n are used

$\bar{n}n$ channels opens at $p_{lab} = 98.7 \text{ MeV}/c$ ($T_{lab} = 5.18 \text{ MeV}/c$)

$\bar{N}N$ phase shifts (N^3LO)



$\bar{N}N$ phase shifts



Uncertainty

- **Uncertainty for a given observable** $X(p)$:
(Epelbaum, Krebs, Meißner, EPJA 51 (2015) 53)
- **estimate uncertainty via**
 - the expected size of higher-order corrections
 - the actual size of higher-order corrections

$$\Delta X^{LO} = Q^2 |X^{LO}| \quad (X^{NLO} \approx Q^2 X^{LO})$$

$$\Delta X^{NLO} = \max(Q^3 |X^{LO}|, Q^1 |\delta X^{NLO}|); \quad \delta X^{NLO} = X^{NLO} - X^{LO}$$

$$\Delta X^{N^2LO} = \max(Q^4 |X^{LO}|, Q^2 |\delta X^{NLO}|, Q^1 |\delta X^{N^2LO}|); \quad \delta X^{N^2LO} = X^{N^2LO} - X^{NLO}$$

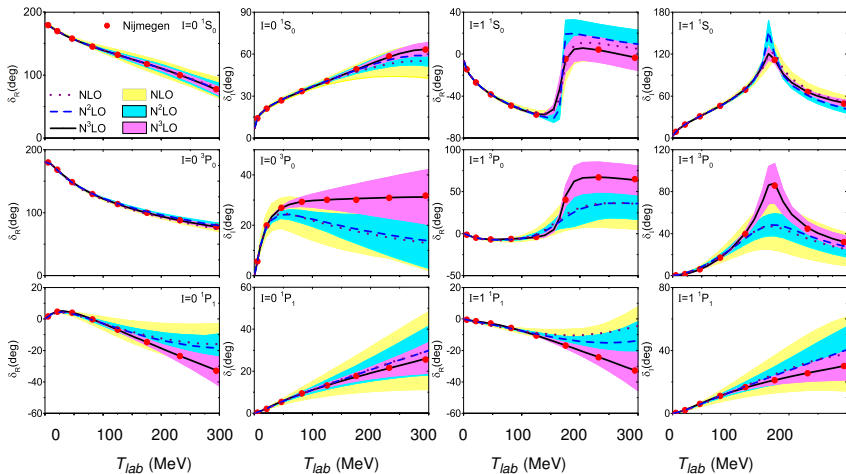
$$\Delta X^{N^3LO} = \max(Q^5 |X^{LO}|, Q^3 |\delta X^{NLO}|, Q^2 |\delta X^{N^2LO}|, Q^1 |\delta X^{N^3LO}|); \quad \delta X^{N^3LO} = X^{N^3LO} - X^{N^2LO}$$

- **expansion parameter** Q is defined by

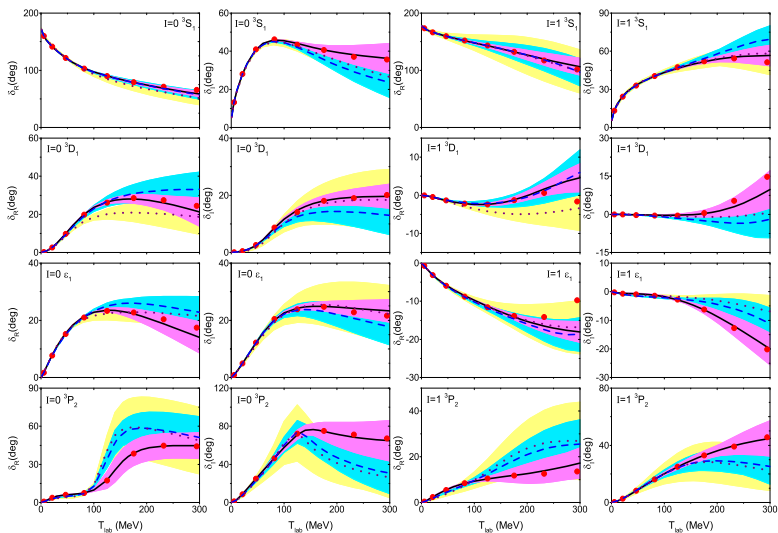
$$Q = \max\left(\frac{p}{\Lambda_b}, \frac{m_\pi}{\Lambda_b}\right); \quad p \dots \bar{N}N \text{ on-shell momentum}$$

Λ_b ... breakdown scale $\rightarrow \Lambda_b = 500 - 600$ MeV [for $R = 0.8 - 1.2$ fm] (EKM, 2015)

$\bar{N}N$ phase shifts

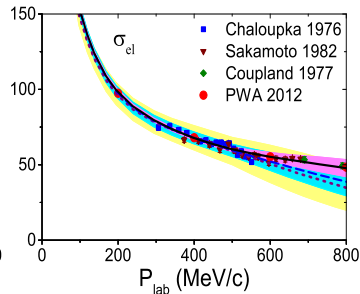
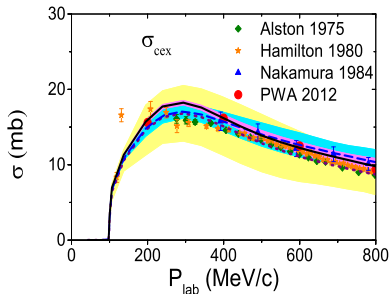
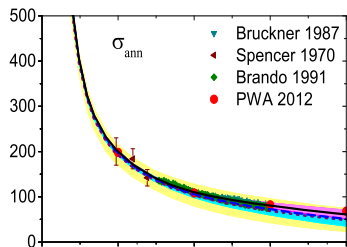
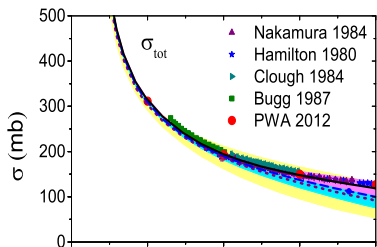


$\bar{N}N$ phase shifts



further results: [Ling-Yun Dai, JH, U.-G. Meißner, JHEP 07 \(2017\) 078](#)

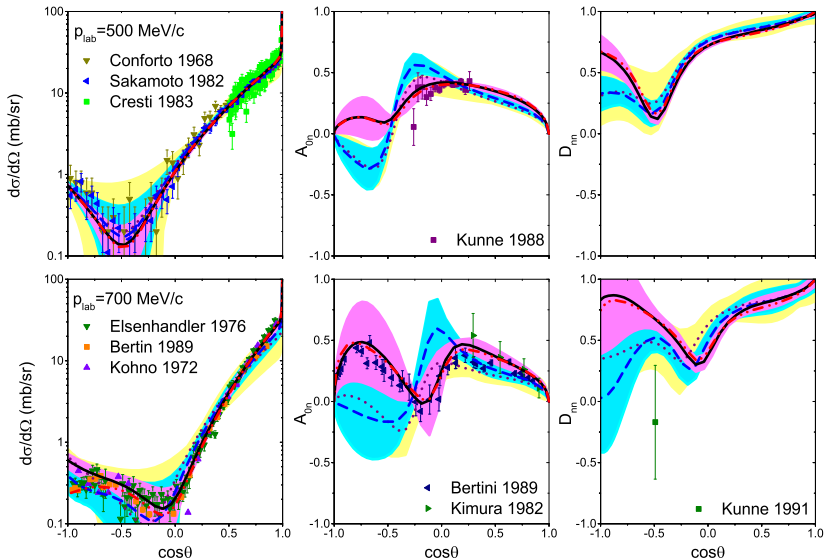
$\bar{p}p$ integrated cross sections



— $N^3\text{LO}$; - - - $N^2\text{LO}$; ··· NLO



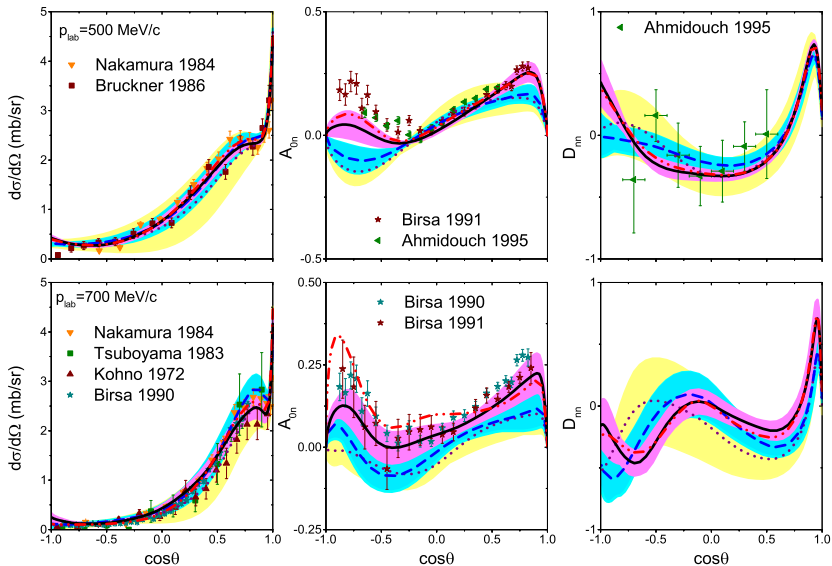
$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{p}p$



--- PWA; — $N^3\text{LO}$; - - - $N^2\text{LO}$; ··· NLO

($T_{\text{lab}} = 125 \text{ MeV}, 232 \text{ MeV}$)

$\bar{p}p \rightarrow \bar{n}n$



Hadronic level shifts in hyperfine states of $\bar{p}H$

Deser-Trueman formula:

$$\Delta E_S + i \frac{\Gamma_S}{2} = -\frac{4}{M_p r_B^3} a_S^{sc} \left(1 - \frac{a_S^{sc}}{r_B} \beta \right)$$
$$\Delta E_P + i \frac{\Gamma_P}{2} = -\frac{3}{8M_p r_B^5} a_P^{sc}$$

r_B ... Bohr radius ... 57.6 fm; $\beta = 2(1 - \Psi(1)) \approx 3.1544$
 a^{sc} ... Coulomb-distorted $\bar{p}p$ scattering length

Carbonell, Richard, Wycech, ZPA 343 (1992) 343:
works well once Coulomb and p - n mass difference is taken into account

NOTE:

different sign conventions for scattering lengths in $\bar{N}N$ and $\bar{K}N$!

$\Delta E < 0 \Leftrightarrow$ repulsive shift

Hadronic level shifts in hyperfine states of $\bar{p}H$

	NLO	N ² LO	N ³ LO	N ² LO*	Experiment
E_{1S_0} (eV)	-448	-446	-443	-436	-440(75) [1] -740(150) [2]
Γ_{1S_0} (eV)	1155	1183	1171	1174	1200(250) [1] 1600(400) [2]
E_{3S_1} (eV)	-742	-766	-770	-756	-785(35) [1] -850(42) [3]
Γ_{3S_1} (eV)	1106	1136	1161	1120	940(80) [1] 770(150) [3]
E_{3P_0} (meV)	17	12	8	16	139(28) [4]
Γ_{3P_0} (meV)	194	195	188	169	120(25) [4]
E_{1S} (eV)	-670	-688	-690	-676	-721(14) [1]
Γ_{1S} (eV)	1118	1148	1164	1134	1097(42) [1]
E_{2P} (meV)	1.3	2.8	4.7	2.3	15(20) [4]
Γ_{2P} (meV)	36.2	37.4	37.9	27	38.0(2.8) [4]

[1] Augsburger et al., NPA 658 (1999) 149;
[3] Heitlinger et al., ZPA 342 (1992) 359;

[2] Ziegler et al., PLB 206 (1988) 151;
[4] Gotta et al., NPA 660 (1999) 283

* Xian-Wei Kang et al., JHEP 02 (2014) 113

Evidence for $\bar{N}N$ bound states?

E_B, M_R (MeV)	N ² LO [1]	El-Bennich [2]	Entem [3]	Milstein [4]
$^{11}S_0$	-	-4.8-i26	-	22-i33
$^{31}S_0$	-37-i47*	-	-	-
$^{13}S_1$	+ (5.6 ... 7.7) - i (49.2 ... 60.5)	-	-	-
$^{11}P_1$	-	1877±i13	-	-
$^{13}P_0$	- (3.7 ... 0.2) - i (22.0 ... 26.4)	1876±i5	1895±i17	-
$^{33}P_0$	-	1871±i11	-	-
$^{13}P_1$	-	1872±i10	-	-
$^{33}P_1$	-	-4.5-i9	-	-

Notation: $(2I+1)(2S+1)L_J$ $M_p + M_{\bar{p}} = 1876.574$ MeV

[1] Xian-Wei Kang et al., JHEP 02 (2014) 113; * needed for $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \bar{p}p$

[2] B. El-Bennich et al., PRC 79 (2009) 054001

[3] D.R. Entem & F. Fernández, PRC 73 (2006) 045214

[4] A.I. Milstein & S.G. Salnikov, NPA 966 (2017) 54

BES 2005; BESIII 2011,2016: $X(1835)$ ($J^{PC} = 0^{-+}, I = 0$)

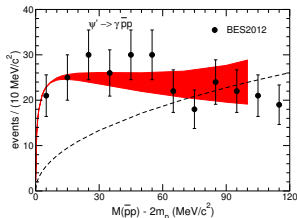
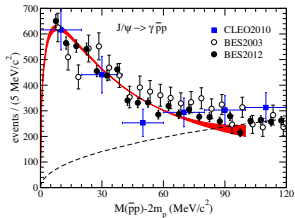
seen in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \pi^+ \pi^- \eta'$: $M_R = 1836.5 \pm 3_{-2.1}^{+5.6}$ MeV, $\Gamma = 190 \pm 9_{-36}^{+38}$ MeV

evidence (?) in $J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \bar{p}p$: $M_R = 1832_{-5}^{+19} {}_{-17}^{+18}$ MeV, $\Gamma < 76$ MeV (90 % C.L.)

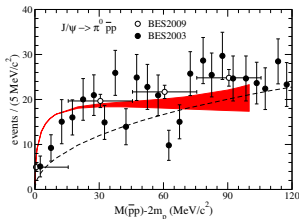
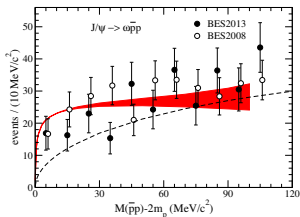
$\bar{p}p$ in final state

X.-W. Kang, JH, U.-G. Meißner, PRD 91 (2015) 074003 (N²LO)

bands represent **cutoff variations!**



$J/\psi \rightarrow \gamma \bar{p}p$ (left)
 $\psi' \rightarrow \gamma \bar{p}p$ (right)



$J/\psi \rightarrow \omega \bar{p}p$ (left)
 $J/\psi \rightarrow \pi^0 \bar{p}p$ (right)

Summary & Outlook

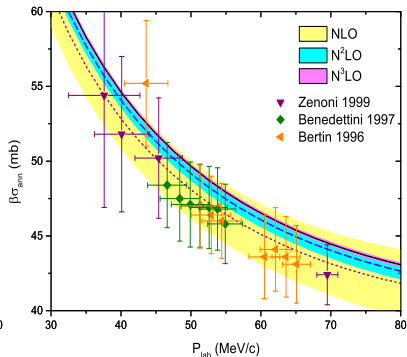
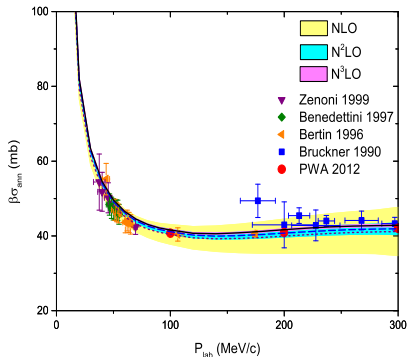
- $\bar{N}N$ interaction at $N^3\text{LO}$ in **chiral effective field theory**
- new **local regularization scheme** is used for **pion-exchange** contributions
- new **uncertainty estimate** suggested by **Epelbaum, Krebs, Meißner**

- **excellent description** of $\bar{N}N$ amplitudes is achieved
- **nice agreement** with $\bar{p}p$ observables for $T_{lab} \leq 250 \text{ MeV}$ is achieved
- **predictions** are made for **low energies** ($T_{lab} \leq 5.3 \text{ MeV}$):
 - **low-energy annihilation cross section**
 - **level shifts** of antiprotonic atoms

- ⇒ approach works not only for NN but also rather well for $\bar{N}N$

- try **our own** PWA
- analyze $\bar{p}p \rightarrow \pi\pi, \bar{K}K$ channels
- consider $\bar{p}d$ scattering
- new data $\bar{N}N$ data?

$\bar{p}p$ annihilation cross section



$$\beta = \frac{v_{\bar{p}}}{c}$$

- anomalous threshold behavior due to attractive Coulomb interaction

$\bar{n}p$ cross sections

