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The $\Lambda(1405)$ baryon is difficult to detect in experiment, absent in many quark model calculations, and supposedly manifested through a two-pole structure. Its uncommon properties make it the subject of numerous experimental and theoretical studies, including those by the Adelaide group who report lattice-QCD eigenvalues for different quark masses. We compare these eigenvalues to predictions of a model based on Unitary Chiral Perturbation Theory. The $U\chi PT$ calculation predicts the quark mass dependence remarkably well. It also predicts the overlap pattern with different meson-baryon components, mainly $\pi\Sigma$ and $\bar{K}N$, at different quark masses, which might help in the construction of meson-baryon operators for improved level detection on the lattice. More accurate lattice QCD data are required to draw definite conclusions on the nature of the $\Lambda(1405)$.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The $\Lambda(1405)$ has been a controversial state for many years. In the quark model, it is classified as a q^3 state belonging to the 70-dimensional representation with excitation of one of the quarks to the p state [1]. A pentaquark structure $q^4\bar{q}$ has also been proposed [2]. Nevertheless, the mass of the $\Lambda(1405)$, that is lighter than the $N(1535)$, and the large spin-orbit splitting between the $\Lambda(1405)$ and $\Lambda(1520)$ were difficult to understand in the quark model picture. The $\Lambda(1405)$ has been considered as a quasibound molecular state of the $\bar{K}N$ system for many years [3,4]. In fact, there is experimental evidence that the $\Lambda(1405)$ resonance, which has been observed in the $\pi\Sigma$ invariant mass distribution, is mostly a $\bar{K}N$ and/or $\pi\Sigma$ composite [5–9]. The reason is that the $\Lambda(1405)$ lies just 25 MeV below the $\bar{K}N$ threshold and has a strong influence on the low-energy $\bar{K}N$ data [5,6,8,9]. It should be stressed, however, that the partial-wave content, and in particular the S -wave, is difficult to determine close to threshold as demonstrated recently by the ANL/Osaka [10,11] and Kent State groups [12]. See also a recent reanalysis of the KSU partial waves to extract the resonance content [13]. Better kaon-induced reaction data are needed [14–16].

The $\Lambda(1405)$ also played an important role in the so-called kaonic hydrogen puzzle [5–7,17–24], which was resolved through accurate measurements of the $1S$ level shift of the kaonic hydrogen atom from atomic x rays [25,26]. From these measurements, the K^-p scattering

length can be extracted (through the Deser formula [27]). A precise determination of the K^-p scattering length requires us to include isospin breaking corrections [28].

The accurate kaonic hydrogen measurements by DEAR and SIDDHARTA [29,30], together with total cross-section data and threshold branching ratios, are successfully described in the framework of chiral $SU(3)$ coupled-channel dynamics with input based on the NLO meson-baryon effective Lagrangian [31–38]. Dispersion relations can be used to perform the necessary resummation of the chiral perturbation theory amplitudes at any order [39]. In particular, the kaonic hydrogen data are used to constrain the meson-baryon coupled-channel amplitudes, giving rise to a more precise determination of the location of the two poles. Off-shell effects in the NLO chiral expansion of the effective Lagrangian lead to only small changes of the pole positions [35]. Implications of the new data for $\bar{K}d$ scattering are discussed in Refs. [40,41]. See Ref. [38] for a recent comparison of approaches.

Since the $\Lambda(1405)$ mass lies between the $\pi\Sigma$ and $\bar{K}N$ thresholds, a coupled-channel description is mandatory. In fact, all the unitary frameworks based on chiral Lagrangians for the study of the S -wave meson-baryon interaction lead to the generation of this resonance [31,35,39,42–48]. Within the $U\chi PT$ framework, two poles close to the $\Lambda(1405)$ resonance mass appear [39,47]. This was also the case in the cloudy bag model of Ref. [24]. The coupled-channel formalism takes into account all possible ($J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-; I = 0$) pseudo-scalar meson-octet baryon channels (except for η/Λ whose coupling is supposed to be negligible): $\bar{K}N$, $\pi\Sigma$, $\eta\Lambda$ and $K\Xi$ [45,48,49]. For example, in Ref. [49], the two states are found in the complex

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plane of scattering energy at $\sqrt{s} = (1390 - 66i)$ MeV and $(1426 - 16i)$ MeV. Both states lie on the same Riemann sheet, with the real parts of their pole positions above the $\pi\Sigma$ and below the $\bar{K}N$ threshold. In most approaches, the lower state is wider and couples stronger to the $\pi\Sigma$ channel, while the upper state close to the $\bar{K}N$ threshold is narrower and couples more to $\bar{K}N$. The position and width of the lighter state is less well determined than for the heavier state [35,50].

Evidence of the proposed two-pole structure [39,47] has been accumulated through the study of different reactions. For instance, in Ref. [51], the theoretical study of the $pp \rightarrow pK^+\Lambda(1405)$ reaction shows different line shapes from the K , π and ρ -exchange contributions due to the two-pole structure, and its sum is consistent with experimental data. Indeed, the two poles associated with the $\Lambda(1405)$ can also be studied by means of different production reactions which favor one or the other pole. In Ref. [52], it is shown that the $K^-p \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\Sigma^0$ reaction is sensitive to the second pole of the $\Lambda(1405)$ resonance. In this process, the π^0 is emitted prior to the $K^-p \rightarrow \pi^0\Sigma^0$ reaction, which gives more weight to the second state. The model of Ref. [52] reproduces both the invariant mass distributions and integrated cross sections observed in the experiment by the Crystal Ball Collaboration [53]. Other reactions to unravel the two-pole structure of the $\Lambda(1405)$ have been proposed in Ref. [54]. The $\pi^0\Sigma^0$ decay mode of the $\Lambda(1405)$ is, in general, clean because there is no contamination from the $\Sigma(1385)$. In contrast to the reaction $K^-p \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0\Sigma^0$, the reaction $\pi^-p \rightarrow K^0\pi\Sigma$ studied in Ref. [55] shows a different shape of the resonance and is dominated by the $\pi\Sigma \rightarrow \pi\Sigma$ amplitude, hence, favoring the lower and wider state. Further evidence for two $\Lambda(1405)$ states is found in Refs. [56,57]. The composite nature of the $\Lambda(1405)$ as $\bar{K}N$ bound state has been investigated in Refs. [58,59]. Regge trajectories of the two poles of the $\Lambda(1405)$ have been studied in Ref. [60].

Recently, the spin and parity of $\Lambda(1405)$ were deduced based on $\gamma p \rightarrow K^+\Lambda(1405)$ reaction data [61] measured at CLAS and confirmed to be $1/2^-$ [62]. The line shape of the $\Lambda(1405)$ differs in the $\pi^+\Sigma^-$ and $\pi^-\Sigma^+$ decay channels as a result of the isospin interference between different $\pi\Sigma$ channels. In Refs. [63–65], the impact of the new photoproduction data [61] on the pole structure of the $\Lambda(1405)$ has been quantified.

The finite-volume spectrum of the $\Lambda(1405)$ was predicted in Ref. [66] based on a dynamical coupled-channel model and a chiral unitary approach. The coupled-channel $\bar{K}N$, $\pi\Sigma$ scattering lengths in the finite volume were discussed in Ref. [67]. The problem of multiple thresholds and resonances in finite-volume baryon spectroscopy was discussed for the example of the $N(1535)$, $N(1650)$ in Ref. [68]. After this manuscript appeared in the e-print

archive, the $\Lambda(1405)$ finite-volume spectrum was analyzed in Ref. [69].

Recently, the spectrum of excited hyperons became accessible in *ab initio* simulations of QCD on the lattice [70–76]. The determination of meson-baryon phase shifts has been pioneered for $S = 0$, $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-$ in Ref. [77].

The aim of the present study is to test the two-pole hypothesis of the $\Lambda(1405)$ in light of the new lattice QCD data from Ref. [78]. This work is indeed the first comparison between lattice data and a prediction from $U\chi$ PT. For this, we determine the M_π^2 evolution of the eigenvalues with $I = 0$, $S = -1$ and $J^P = 1/2^-$, using the lowest-order chiral interaction in the finite volume, for several sets of ground state masses, in particular, the physical set, and the sets of pion masses used in Ref. [78] which are between 170 MeV and 620 MeV. We will study the properties of the first two states, pole positions, distances to the $\bar{K}N$ and $\pi\Sigma$ thresholds, and couplings to the meson-baryon components, and compare to the lattice data.

The article is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we describe the coupled-channel formalism using the $U\chi$ PT lowest-order potential, to dynamically generate the $\Lambda(1405)$. In Sec. III, we explain how to calculate the bound states in the box using the coupled-channel formalism. Finally, in Secs. IV and V, we present results and conclusions.

II. THE $\Lambda(1405)$ IN THE INFINITE VOLUME

In the chiral unitary approach, the $\Lambda(1405)$ resonance is dynamically generated in s -wave meson-baryon scattering from the coupled channels with isospin $I = 0$, and strangeness $S = -1$, $\bar{K}N$, $\pi\Sigma$, $\eta\Lambda$ and $K\Xi$. The scattering equation used to study the meson-baryon system is [39]

$$T = (1 - VG^{\text{DR}})^{-1}V, \quad (1)$$

where the matrix V is the interaction kernel of the scattering equation, in s -wave given by the lowest order of chiral perturbation theory (the Weinberg-Tomozawa interaction),

$$V_{ij}(W) = -C_{ij} \frac{1}{4f_i f_j} (2W - M_i - M_j) \times \sqrt{\frac{M_i + E_i}{2M_i}} \sqrt{\frac{M_j + E_j}{2M_j}} \quad (2)$$

with the channel indices i, j , the baryon masses M , the meson decay constants f , the baryon on-shell energy E and the center of mass energy W in the meson-baryon system. The coefficients C_{ij} are the couplings strengths to the pseudoscalars (P) and baryons (B) of each reaction $P_i B_i \rightarrow P_j B_j$ ($i, j = 1, \dots, 4$), determined by the lowest-order chiral Lagrangian in isospin $I = 0$,

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} & \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} & 4 & 0 & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \\ \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 & \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} & -\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} & 3 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3)$$

All calculations are performed in the isospin limit. The precision analysis of experimental data requires us to take isospin breaking into account, especially for kaonic hydrogen [28]. However, the lattice data of Ref. [78], with which we will compare our data, neglect isospin breaking as well.

The diagonal matrix G_i^{DR} in Eq. (1) is the meson baryon loop function, evaluated using dimensional regularization as [39]

$$\begin{aligned} G_i^{\text{DR}}(W) &= i \int \frac{d^4 q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{2M_i}{q^2 - M_i^2 + i\epsilon} \frac{1}{(P - q)^2 - m_i^2 + i\epsilon} \\ &= \frac{2M_i}{16\pi^2} \left\{ a_i(\mu) + \ln \frac{M_i^2}{\mu^2} + \frac{m_i^2 - M_i^2 + W^2}{2W^2} \ln \frac{m_i^2}{M_i^2} \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{q_{\text{cm}}}{W} [\ln(W^2 - (M_i^2 - m_i^2) + 2q_{\text{cm}}W) \\ &\quad + \ln(W^2 + (M_i^2 - m_i^2) + 2q_{\text{cm}}W) \\ &\quad - \ln(-W^2 + (M_i^2 - m_i^2) + 2q_{\text{cm}}W) \\ &\quad \left. - \ln(-W^2 - (M_i^2 - m_i^2) + 2q_{\text{cm}}W)] \right\}, \quad (4) \end{aligned}$$

where m are the meson masses, q_{cm} is the three-momentum of the meson or baryon in the center-of-mass frame and μ is the scale of dimensional regularization chosen as $\mu = 630$ MeV in Ref. [45]. The remaining finite constants denoted by $a_i(\mu)$ are determined phenomenologically by a fit in order to reproduce the threshold branching ratios of K^-p to $\pi\Lambda$ and $\pi\Sigma$ observed by stopped K^- mesons in hydrogen [79,80]. The a_i constants were determined in Ref. [43] using the same averaged decay constant for all the pseudoscalar mesons involved, $f = 1.123f_\pi$. The latter relation changes for unphysical pion masses. Thus, it is more appropriate to use different decay constants f_i, f_j in Eq. (2) depending on which mesons are in the external legs of the pseudoscalar-baryon interaction, $P_i B_i \rightarrow P_j B_j$. The decay constants f_π, f_K, g_η are obtained for unphysical masses using the SU(3) chiral unitary extrapolation of Ref. [81] as discussed in the Appendix. That extrapolation was obtained in a fit to decay constants on the lattice at different pion masses. The subtraction constants found here are $a_{\bar{K}N} = -2.2$, $a_{\pi\Sigma} = -1.6$, $a_{\eta\Lambda} = -2.5$, $a_{K\Xi} = -2.9$. These values are chosen to produce almost identical amplitudes as in Ref. [43] for physical pion masses. In addition, these values are close to a natural value equivalent to the three-momentum cutoff of 630 MeV [39]. The former produce the same description of scattering cross

sections and threshold branching ratios as in the original Ramos and Oset paper [45]. The reader is referred to that study for pictures of cross sections and their description by the model.

It should be stressed that the present model allows for an exploratory and qualitative study of lattice QCD eigenvalues. The lattice data discussed later are sparse and have large uncertainties compared to the experimental uncertainties. However, as discussed in the Introduction, new experimental data have been produced that are contained in the most recent analyses [31,35–38]. An update of the present results, using one of these more quantitative studies, would allow us to study the impact of experimental data on the finite-volume predictions performed here and also to improve the chiral extrapolation as most of the newer models contain next-to-leading-order contributions. For this to provide new insights, the precision of the lattice data should also improve.

The amplitudes T_{ij} can be analytically continued along the right-hand cut into the lower W plane ($\text{Im } W < 0$) by substituting (index DR omitted)

$$G_i^H(W) = \begin{cases} G_i(W) + i \frac{2M_i q_{\text{cm}}}{4\pi W}, & \text{for } \text{Re } W > m_i + M_i \\ G_i(W), & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

in Eq. (1) to ensure that we search for the resonance poles closest to the physical axis. The residua a_{-1}^{ij} of the poles factorize channel-wise, $a_{-1}^{ij} = g_i g_j$, defining the coupling strengths g_i of the resonance to the meson-baryon channels. The scattering amplitude for the channels i and j close to the resonance pole at $W = W_0$ can be approximated as $T_{ij} \approx g_i g_j / (W - W_0)$. As in Refs. [39,46,47], the amplitude in the present study exhibits two poles at $W_0 = (1379 - 71i)$ and $(1412 - 20i)$ MeV. Both poles are situated on the same Riemann sheet. As the size of the couplings in Table I shows, the lighter state couples predominantly to the $\pi\Sigma$ channel, while the heavier state couples stronger to the $\bar{K}N$ channel. If the transitions between these channels are set to zero, the lighter state is still present as a resonance in the $\pi\Sigma$ channel, while the heavier state becomes a bound state in the $\bar{K}N$ channel. This demonstrates that each pole can be understood as dynamically generated from the respective channel. The pole position of the $\Lambda(1670)$ is obtained here at $W_0 = (1672 - 18i)$ MeV. It appears as a quasibound $K\Xi$ state as the large coupling in Table I indicates.

A. Compositeness and elementariness

The magnitudes of these couplings provides an idea of the strength of the coupling between the bound state and the meson-baryon channel. However, it is known that a coupling g_i to a channel i , that opens far above the state, might be large although that channel is irrelevant for the wave function of the state. It is therefore more realistic to

TABLE I. Coupling constants $|g_l|$ to the meson-baryon channels obtained as the residua of the scattering amplitude at the pole position W_0 , and the quantities $\mathcal{P}_l$, $1 - \mathcal{Z}$ and $\mathcal{Z}$, discussed following Eq. (5).

	$\bar{K}N$	$\pi\Sigma$	$\eta\Lambda$	$K\Xi$	$1 - \mathcal{Z}$	$\mathcal{Z}$
			$W_0 = 1379 - 71i$			
$g_l(g_l)$	$-0.9 + 2.0i$ (2.2)	$2.4 - 1.9i$ (3.1)	$0.06 + 0.8i$ (0.8)	$0.3 - 0.4i$ (0.5)		
$\mathcal{P}_l(\mathcal{P}_l)$	$-0.23 - 0.05i$ (0.23)	$0.52 + 0.53i$ (0.74)	$-0.014 + 0.005i$ (0.014)	$-0.002 - 0.004i$ (0.005)	$0.28 + 0.47i$	$0.72 - 0.47i$
			$W_0 = 1412 - 20i$			
$g_l(g_l)$	$3.0 + 0.7i$ (3.1)	$-0.9 - 1.5i$ (1.7)	$1.5 + 0.08i$ (1.5)	$-0.2 - 0.3i$ (0.3)		
$\mathcal{P}_l(\mathcal{P}_l)$	$0.92 - 0.0098i$ (0.92)	$-0.15 - 0.15i$ (0.21)	$0.05 + 0.002i$ (0.05)	$-0.0005 + 0.002i$ (0.002)	$0.82 - 0.16i$	$0.18 + 0.16i$
			$W_0 = 1672 - 18i$			
$g_l(g_l)$	$0.4 - 0.7i$ (0.8)	$0.03 + 0.3i$ (0.3)	$-1.1 + 0.05i$ (1.1)	$3.3 - 0.16i$ (3.4)		
$\mathcal{P}_l(\mathcal{P}_l)$	$0.026 + 0.0037i$ (0.026)	$0.0012 - 0.0028i$ (0.0031)	$-0.12 + 0.16i$ (0.20)	$0.46 - 0.089i$ (0.47)	$0.37 + 0.073i$	$0.63 - 0.073i$

consider the relative weight $\mathcal{P}_l$ of a channel in the wave function of a state, $\mathcal{P}_l = -(g_l^2 \frac{\partial G_l^H}{\partial W})_{W=W_0}$, which fulfills the identity [82–92],

$$1 = -\left(\sum_l g_l^2 \frac{\partial G_l^H}{\partial W} + \sum_{k,l} g_k G_k^H \frac{\partial V_{kl}}{\partial W} G_l^H g_l\right)_{W=W_0}. \quad (5)$$

The above equation can be regarded as the generalized version of the Weinberg compositeness condition for the coupled-channel case. Usually, the first term on the right hand side is identified with *compositeness* $\mathcal{X} \equiv 1 - \mathcal{Z} = \sum_l \mathcal{P}_l$ and $\mathcal{Z} = -(\sum_{k,l} g_k G_k^H \frac{\partial V_{kl}}{\partial W} G_l^H g_l)_{W=W_0}$ is referred to as *elementariness*. These quantities are complex numbers in general. In the special case of bound states, $\mathcal{X}$ and $\mathcal{Z}$ take real values. For bound states, $0 \leq \mathcal{X} \leq 1$, can be interpreted as the probability of the state to be in any of the considered channels and $\mathcal{P}_l$ gives the probability of a particular channel l to be in the wave function of the state [58,86,89,90]. In contrast, $\mathcal{Z}$, which can be directly related to the derivative of the potential with respect to the energy, gives the probability that the state overlaps with a channel not explicitly contained in the amplitude [58,86,89,90]. When these quantities take complex values (as for resonances), it is not possible to interpret them as probabilities but these magnitudes are rather extrapolations of probability in the complex plane of the energy [90]. The first term on the right hand side of Eq. (5), $(-\sum_l g_l^2 \frac{\partial G_l^H}{\partial W})_{W=W_0}$, equals $\int d^3 p \langle \vec{p} | \Psi \rangle^2$, not $\int d^3 p |\langle \vec{p} | \Psi \rangle|^2$ [90]. Therefore, one can still interpret $\mathcal{P}_l$ as a magnitude that provides the relevance of a given channel in the wave function of the state.

The quantities $\mathcal{P}_l$, $1 - \mathcal{Z}$ and $\mathcal{Z}$ are given in Table I for the three states obtained in the four-coupled-channel calculation discussed here. The $\pi\Sigma$ and $\bar{K}N$ channels are relevant in the case of the two poles associated to the $\Lambda(1405)$, while the $\eta\Lambda$ and $K\Xi$ channels have more strength in the square of the wave function related to the

pole of the $\Lambda(1670)$. These results are in line with previous calculations [86,90,93].

However, how to interpret the *elementariness* and *compositeness* for resonances is still controversial. Because the imaginary parts cancel in Eq. (5), the authors of Refs. [90,93], reinterpret $1 - \mathcal{Z} \equiv \text{Re}(1 - \mathcal{Z}) (= \text{Re} \int d^3 p \langle \vec{p} | \Psi \rangle^2)$ [90], as the compositeness of resonances (and the same for $\mathcal{Z} \equiv \text{Re} \mathcal{Z}$, which is called the *elementariness*). In this interpretation, the lower pole of the $\Lambda(1405)$ has a high *elementariness*, while the second pole is interpreted as mainly $\bar{K}N$ composite. Nevertheless, in Ref. [92] a new interpretation of these magnitudes is proposed, i. e., the compositeness is reinterpreted as $X \equiv \sum_l |g_l|^2 \frac{\partial G_l(W)}{\partial W} \big|_{W=W_0}$. Within the criterion of Ref. [92] both poles of the $\Lambda(1405)$ would be $\pi\Sigma - \bar{K}N$ composites. Other attempts to define the concepts of *elementariness* and *compositeness* in terms of real quantities that can be associated to probabilities have been done in Ref. [94]. In any case, the two poles of the $\Lambda(1405)$ and also the $\Lambda(1670)$ emerge from the unitarization of the lowest-order, longest-range interaction. In that sense, these states can be interpreted as loosely quasibound meson-baryon molecules.

III. FORMALISM IN FINITE VOLUME

The loop function G in Eqs. (1), (4) can also be evaluated with a cutoff [95]. For channel i ,

$$G_i(W) = \frac{2M_i}{(2\pi)^3} \int_0^{q_{\max}} d^3 q I_i(W, \vec{q}), \quad (6)$$

with

$$I_i(W, \vec{q}) = \frac{\omega_1^{(i)}(\vec{q}) + \omega_2^{(i)}(\vec{q})}{2\omega_1^{(i)}(\vec{q})\omega_2^{(i)}(\vec{q})} \frac{1}{W^2 - (\omega_1^{(i)}(\vec{q}) + \omega_2^{(i)}(\vec{q}))^2}, \quad (7)$$

where $\omega_1^{(i)} = \sqrt{m^{(i)2} + |\vec{q}|^2}$ and $\omega_2^{(i)} = \sqrt{M^{(i)2} + |\vec{q}|^2}$ are the meson and baryon energies. A formalism of the $U\chi$ PT description in finite volume was introduced in Ref. [96]. Here, we follow the same procedure replacing the infinite-volume amplitude T by the amplitude $\tilde{T}$ in a cubic box of size L . The finite-volume equivalent of Eq. (6) reads

$$\tilde{G}_i(W) = \frac{2M_i}{L^3} \sum_{\vec{q}_i} I_i(W, \vec{q}), \quad (8)$$

which is quantized according to

$$\vec{q} = \frac{2\pi}{L} \vec{n}, \quad (9)$$

corresponding to the periodic boundary conditions. Here, $\vec{n}$ denotes the three-dimensional vector of all integers ($\vec{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^3$). This form produces a degeneracy for the set of three integers which have the same modulus, $q^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{L^2} m$ (here $q \equiv |\vec{q}|$ and m stands for the natural numbers). The degeneracy can be exploited to reduce Eq. (8) to a one-dimensional summation using the theta-series of a cubic lattice at rest [66]. The sum over the momenta is limited by $q_{\max}$, such that $m_{\max} = \frac{q_{\max} L}{2\pi}$. As in the infinite volume, the formalism should be made independent of $q_{\max}$ and be related to $a(\mu)$, the parameter of the dimensional regularization function loop, G^{DR} . This is done in Ref. [97], obtaining

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{G}_i &= G_i^{\text{DR}} + 2M_i \\ &\times \lim_{q_{\max} \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{L^3} \sum_{q < q_{\max}} I_i(W, \vec{q}) - \int_{q < q_{\max}} \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi^3)} I_i(W, \vec{q}) \right) \\ &\equiv G_i^{\text{DR}} + \lim_{q_{\max} \rightarrow \infty} \delta G_i, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

where the quantity between parentheses, δG , is finite as $q_{\max} \rightarrow \infty$. The Bethe-Salpeter equation in the finite volume can be written as,

$$\tilde{T} = (I - V\tilde{G})^{-1} V \quad (11)$$

and the energy levels in the box in the presence of the interaction V correspond to the condition

$$\det(1 - V\tilde{G}) = 0. \quad (12)$$

In a single channel, Eq. (12) leads to poles in the $\tilde{T}$ amplitude when $V^{-1} = \tilde{G}$. As a consequence, an infinite number of poles is predicted for a particular box size. For one channel, the amplitude T in the infinite volume for the energy levels (W_j) can be written as

$$T = (\tilde{G}(W_j) - G(W_j))^{-1}. \quad (13)$$

which is equivalent to the Lüscher formalism up to exponentially suppressed corrections [96].

In the future, lattice simulations will use meson-baryon operators to extract the eigenvalues in the $\pi\Sigma$, $\bar{K}N$ system, and a maximal overlap of these operators with the wave function of the state is needed. It is desirable to develop a criterion specifying the relevance of a given channel for a finite-volume eigenvalue.

In the finite volume, the couplings $\tilde{g}_i$ can be formally computed from the real-valued residua of the amplitude in the pole position (since $\tilde{T}_{kl} \approx \tilde{g}_k \tilde{g}_l / (W - W_0)$), close to a pole). Also, an identity similar to the generalization of the Weinberg compositeness condition for coupled channels discussed in the previous section, Eq. (5), can be easily obtained by just replacing the meson-baryon function loop, G , and scattering amplitude, T , by their respective functions in the finite volume, $\tilde{G}$ and $\tilde{T}$, which are given by Eqs. (10) and (11), in Eq. (5),

$$1 = - \left(\sum_l \tilde{g}_l^2 \frac{\partial \tilde{G}_l}{\partial W} + \sum_{k,l} \tilde{g}_k \tilde{G}_k \frac{\partial V_{kl}}{\partial W} \tilde{G}_l \tilde{g}_l \right)_{W=W_0}. \quad (14)$$

In the next section, we evaluate $\tilde{P}_l = -(\tilde{g}_l^2 \frac{\partial \tilde{G}}{\partial W})_{W=W_0}$, and $\tilde{Z} = -(\sum_{k,l} \tilde{g}_k \tilde{G}_k \frac{\partial V_{kl}}{\partial W} \tilde{G}_l \tilde{g}_l)_{W=W_0}$. In the infinite volume, the P_l specify the relative weight of finding the channel l in the wave function [89,90]. Here, we make a conjecture, i.e., that the $\tilde{P}_l$ carry this meaning over to the poles of the finite-volume amplitude $\tilde{T}$ of Eq. (13), which specify the finite-volume eigenvalues. Indeed, Eq. (5) has the same form for the poles of $\tilde{T}$. In particular, we interpret the quantity $\tilde{P}_l = -(\tilde{g}_l^2 \frac{\partial \tilde{G}}{\partial W})_{W=W_0}$ as evidence of channel l for a given finite-volume eigenvalue. This information could be used in future lattice simulations to select suitable meson-baryon operators or to extract the lattice eigenvalues. Operators of the meson-baryon type are not used in Ref. [78]. In the next section, such operators are discussed.

IV. RESULTS

A. Spectrum

The energy levels in a box are evaluated by means of Eq. (12). Meson and baryon masses are taken from the lattice simulation of Ref. [78] while the quark mass dependence of f_π , f_K and f_η (not provided in Ref. [78]) are evaluated through the $SU(3)$ chiral extrapolation of [81] discussed in the Appendix. The resulting decay constants are shown in Table II.

Results are shown in Fig. 1 for the first five energy levels predicted from $U\chi$ PT (solid lines). The lattice data of [78] are shown as black dots. They correspond to a size of the

TABLE II. Pseudoscalar meson decay constants obtained from SU(3) chiral extrapolation with the masses from [78]. Units are MeV.

Set	$L(fm)$	m_π	m_K	m_η	M_N	M_Λ	M_Σ	M_Ξ	f_π	f_K	f_η
1	2.99	170.29	495.78	563.97	962.2	1135.8	1181.5	1323.6	94.5	113.2	122.1
2	3.04	282.84	523.26	581.72	1058.7	1173.4	1235.5	1332.8	102.5	116.1	122.3
3	3.08	387.81	559.46	605.97	1150.1	1261.0	1292.4	1377.4	109.5	118.5	122.6
4	3.23	515.56	609.75	638.07	1274.5	1333.4	1353.5	1401.8	116.3	120.6	122.4
5	3.27	623.14	670.08	685.01	1420.3	1434.2	1449.8	1472.4	120.1	121.9	122.6

box of around $L \simeq 3$ fm (see Table II). For the physical point in this figure, we also take $L = 3$ fm. There is good agreement between the $U\chi$ PT prediction of the second energy level and the lattice data for masses below 400 MeV. For larger masses, there are discrepancies which are discussed later on in this section. However, for the two lowest lattice pion masses, $U\chi$ PT predicts an additional level below the $\pi\Sigma$ threshold, associated with an attractive $\pi\Sigma$ scattering length. The level is not only present in common $U\chi$ PT calculations that all predict an attractive $\pi\Sigma$ scattering length, it is also found in the finite-volume version of the dynamical coupled-channel model of Ref. [66]. In Ref. [66], which represents the first finite-volume implementation of dynamical coupled-channel models, the attractive $\pi\Sigma$ interaction arises from explicit t - and u - channel diagrams. This lowest level is absent in the lattice simulation of Ref. [78] as Fig. 1 shows. If that finding is confirmed, it represents a serious challenge for all discussed hadronic models. However, as the lowest state is a scattering state, maybe it has simply not been detected

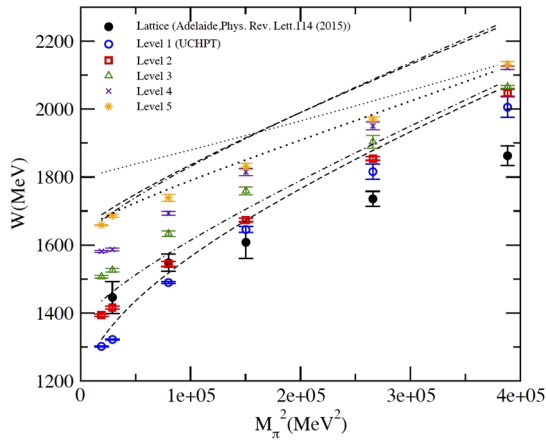


FIG. 1. Comparison between the $U\chi$ PT prediction for the first five energy levels (solid lines) and the lattice data of Ref. [78], for the physical set ($L = 3$ fm) and sets 1 through 5, as shown in Table II. The errors of our results are obtained by varying subtraction constants and meson decay constants as described in Sec. IV. Here, the dashed, dot-dashed lines represent $\pi\Sigma$ and $\bar{K}N$ noninteracting levels, respectively, (the first two levels are depicted), while the thick-dotted and dotted lines, show the first $\eta\Lambda$ and $K\Xi$ noninteracting levels, respectively.

in Ref. [78], which relies on quark operators to extract the finite-volume spectrum. Level extraction using meson-baryon operators instead of quark operators could help detecting this scattering state. Meson-baryon channels that have large overlap with the various eigenstates are identified later in this section.

In the chiral extrapolation, we include the quark mass dependences of the decay constants f_π , f_K , f_η but cannot specify the quark mass dependence of the subtraction constants α_i . To estimate the uncertainties from this source, we vary each subtraction constant α gradually for increasing pion masses by 5%, 10%, 15%, 20% and 25% corresponding to sets 1 through 5 in Table II, respectively. Also, to account for uncertainties in the chiral extrapolation of the decay constants f_π , f_K and f_η , we vary them by 5% for all sets (since we considered here pion mass dependence). Figure 1 shows that even with these rather large changes the predicted levels are still less uncertain than the values from the lattice simulation. However, the discrepancy for pion masses larger than 400 MeV persists. We could attribute this to different sources like the missing NLO in our model, or to the fact that the chiral extrapolation breaks down at high pion masses due to a genuine component, or that the discrepancies come from other sources intrinsic to the lattice computation like underestimated errors.

B. Channel dynamics of levels and poles

In order to understand the role of the meson-baryon channels in the extracted energy levels, we evaluate the couplings $\tilde{g}_i$ and the magnitudes $\tilde{P}_i = -(\tilde{g}_i^2 \frac{\partial \tilde{G}_i}{\partial W})_{W=W_0}$, $1 - \tilde{Z}$, and $\tilde{Z}$, of Eq. (14) at the pole position. These quantities are shown in Table III for the physical mass ($L = 3$ fm) and sets 1 to 3 of quark masses shown in Table II (at higher masses the chiral prediction becomes very uncertain and no values are quoted). The part which is related to the energy dependence of the potential is generally small, $\tilde{Z} \simeq 0 - 0.3$, and the weights of the channels $\tilde{P}_i$'s are between 0 and 1, like in the infinite volume for bound states. The $\tilde{P}_i$'s are diagrammatically represented in Fig. 2. Here, the left column of the bar diagrams in blue represents the weights $\tilde{P}_i$ of the lowest energy level, while the following columns represent the

TABLE III. Pole positions, W_0 , couplings, $\tilde{g}_i$, $\tilde{P}_i$'s, $1 - \tilde{Z}$ and $\tilde{Z}$ in Eq. (14), for the five energy levels predicted from U_χ PT in Fig. 1. From top to bottom, it refers to the physical set, sets 1 to 3 in Table II. Pole positions are given in units of MeV. The errors are obtained by varying subtraction and meson decay constants as described in Sec. IV A.

	$\bar{K}N$	$\pi\Sigma$	$\eta\Lambda$	$K\Xi$	$1 - \tilde{Z}$	$\tilde{Z}$
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1302(1)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	-0.69(5)	0.80(3)	-0.15(2)	0.080(2)		
	0.020(3)	0.77(1)	0.0004(1)	0.000090(5)	0.79(1)	0.21(1)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1394(4)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	1.9(1)	-0.388(5)	0.94(5)	-0.061(6)		
	0.76(2)	0.046(6)	0.021(2)	0.00007(1)	0.83(2)	0.17(2)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1507(4)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	2.34(2)	-0.92(7)	1.10(3)	-0.39(2)		
	0.68(2)	0.10(1)	0.046(3)	0.0036(5)	0.83(1)	0.17(1)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1582(3)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	0.64(5)	1.93(3)	0.43(4)	0.45(4)		
	0.09(1)	0.73(1)	0.014(2)	0.006(1)	0.840(3)	0.160(3)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1659(2)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	0.09(1)	-0.04(1)	-0.3(1)	1.3(1)		
	0.069(6)	0.002(1)	0.76(5)	0.077(17)	0.91(4)	0.09(4)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1322(2)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	-0.65(5)	0.90(4)	-0.14(2)	0.105(3)		
	0.017(3)	0.80(1)	0.0003(1)	0.00017(1)	0.82(1)	0.18(1)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1416(4)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	1.94(13)	-0.43(1)	0.96(5)	-0.07(2)		
	0.76(3)	0.047(2)	0.021(2)	0.0001(5)	0.83(3)	0.17(3)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1526(5)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	2.20(5)	-1.14(15)	1.02(4)	-0.5(1)		
	0.64(5)	0.16(5)	0.037(3)	0.004(1)	0.841(6)	0.159(6)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1587(4)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	0.94(11)	1.83(7)	0.59(7)	0.41(6)		
	0.15(3)	0.66(4)	0.019(5)	0.005(1)	0.834(7)	0.166(7)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1686(5)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	0.07(4)	-0.034(18)	-0.59(16)	1.8(2)		
	0.079(8)	0.009(5)	0.56(11)	0.16(4)	0.81(6)	0.19(6)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1490(3)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	-0.85(19)	1.14(9)	-0.3(1)	0.29(3)		
	0.05(2)	0.83(4)	0.003(2)	0.0017(3)	0.88(2)	0.12(2)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1544(7)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	1.78(18)	-0.31(4)	1.0(1)	-0.14(6)		
	0.74(8)	0.09(4)	0.03(5)	0.0006(4)	0.86(3)	0.14(3)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1633(8)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	1.85(15)	-1.0(2)	1.13(11)	-0.94(3)		
	0.60(1)	0.14(6)	0.06(1)	0.03(2)	0.83(4)	0.17(4)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1693(6)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	1.00(18)	1.72(12)	0.43(14)	0.66(21)		
	0.18(6)	0.63(8)	0.02(1)	0.02(1)	0.85(2)	0.15(2)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1739(9)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	0.51(12)	-0.3(2)	-0.6(2)	1.9(3)		
	0.10(2)	0.05(5)	0.43(18)	0.20(5)	0.78(8)	0.22(8)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1646(8)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	-1.47(5)	1.26(12)	-0.8(3)	0.51(15)		
	0.23(12)	0.59(20)	0.02(2)	0.007(5)	0.85(7)	0.15(7)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1674(5)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	1.24(23)	0.28(23)	0.76(15)	-1.1(1)		
	0.56(22)	0.34(22)	0.021(7)	0.0004(5)	0.92(4)	0.08(4)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1759(11)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	1.74(27)	-0.86(27)	1.17(34)	-1.1(7)		
	0.56(11)	0.12(5)	0.08(3)	0.06(4)	0.82(5)	0.18(5)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1815(11)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	1.2(3)	1.0(4)	-0.29(16)	1.9(3)		
	0.24(1)	0.33(16)	0.01(1)	0.18(5)	0.76(9)	0.24(9)
$\tilde{g}_i$			$W_0 = 1836(8)$			
$\tilde{P}_i$	0.42(13)	-0.8(4)	-0.65(16)	1.8(3)		
	0.06(4)	0.4(2)	0.17(11)	0.19(8)	0.82(4)	0.18(4)

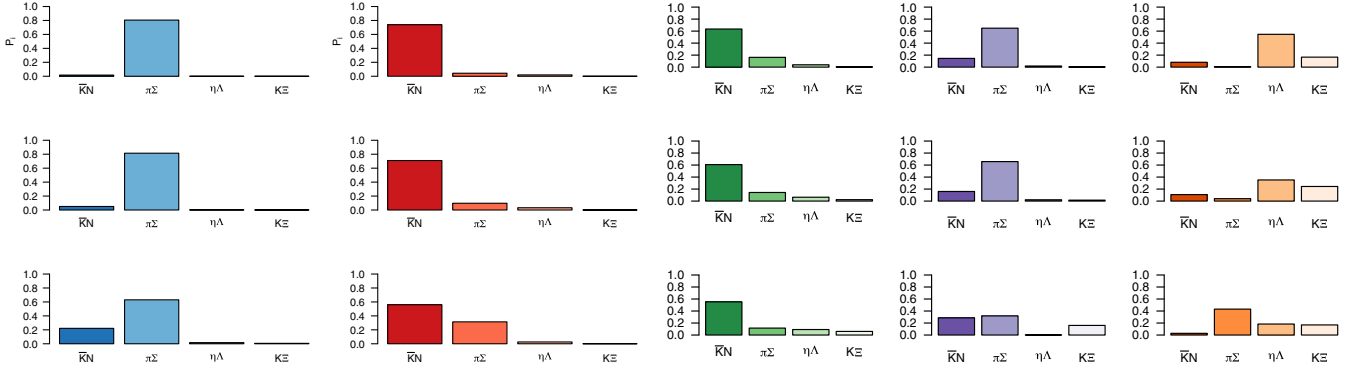


FIG. 2. Weights of the different channels, $\tilde{P}_i$'s (first term on the right hand side of Eq. (14) for the first five energy levels (from left to right) and pion masses from 170 to 388 MeV (sets 1 through 3 in Table II, from top to bottom).

levels 2 through 5 with the same color coding as in Fig. 1. Every level is depicted for pion masses in the range 170–388 MeV from top to bottom corresponding to sets 1 to 3 in Table II. The $\pi\Sigma$ channel dominates the lowest level. The relative weights $\tilde{P}_i$ for the $\eta\Lambda$ and $K\Xi$ are almost zero for the lowest state and for low pion masses (set 1). This confirms the discussed property of the $\tilde{P}_i$ suppressing effectively the irrelevant channels that open at much higher energies (compare with the corresponding values for the $\tilde{g}_i$ in Table III). Also, it is quite natural that the lowest state has a dominant $\pi\Sigma$ content, as it is a threshold level below the $\pi\Sigma$ threshold associated with an attractive $\pi\Sigma$ interaction. For larger quark masses, this trend is inverted and the $\bar{K}N$ strength becomes larger. On the other hand, the second energy level (second column in Fig. 2) shows a significant dominance of the $\bar{K}N$ component, with $\tilde{g}_{\bar{K}N}$ and $\tilde{P}_{\bar{K}N}$ both larger, if the pion mass is not very high. Although we cannot identify finite-volume energy eigenstates with resonances, the $\bar{K}N$ dominance of the second eigenstate is in line with the second $\Lambda(1405)$ pole being predominantly generated from the $\bar{K}N$ channel (cf. Table I).

From Fig. 1, it is clear that the first two lattice data points correspond to the second energy level, for which the $\bar{K}N$ component clearly dominates, while the third lattice data point could belong to either the first or second energy level predicted from $U\chi$ PT. For the third energy level, both $\tilde{g}_i$ and $\tilde{P}_i$ are larger for the $\bar{K}N$ component, while the $\pi\Sigma$ channel dominates the fourth energy level.

In the fifth energy level, these two channels become irrelevant, and the coupling strengths to $\eta\Lambda$ and $K\Xi$ dominate. At the physical point, this level is very close to the real part of the pole position of the $\Lambda(1670)$ (cf. Table I). In the infinite volume, that resonance appears as a quasibound $K\Xi$ state with relatively small $\bar{K}N$ and $\pi\Sigma$ branching ratios as Table I shows. The overlap with the $\eta\Lambda$ channel is not small although the branching ratio to this channel is only moderate due to reduced phase space. In the finite volume, the situation is different because the weight

of the $K\Xi$ channel in the wave function, $\tilde{P}_i$, is reduced as Table III shows. At higher pion masses, the fifth eigenstate stays close to the noninteracting $\eta\Lambda$ threshold (Fig. 1), while the pole of the $\Lambda(1670)$ moves considerably away from the $\eta\Lambda$ threshold (Fig. 3). It is, thus, not possible to associate the fifth finite-volume eigenstate with the infinite-volume $\Lambda(1670)$ resonance.

We can compare these results with the calculation in the infinite volume using the formalism described in Sec. II together with the SU(3) chiral extrapolation explained before. The results are shown in Fig. 3. Here, the pole positions in the infinite volume as a function of the pion mass are depicted. The four lines represent the $\pi\Sigma$, $\bar{K}N$, $\eta\Lambda$ and $K\Xi$ thresholds. For masses close to the physical point, the lowest state is a resonance above the $\pi\Sigma$ threshold. When the mass of the pion increases, the lower state becomes a cusp, i.e., the pole is close to threshold, but on a sheet that is not directly accessible from the physical axis.

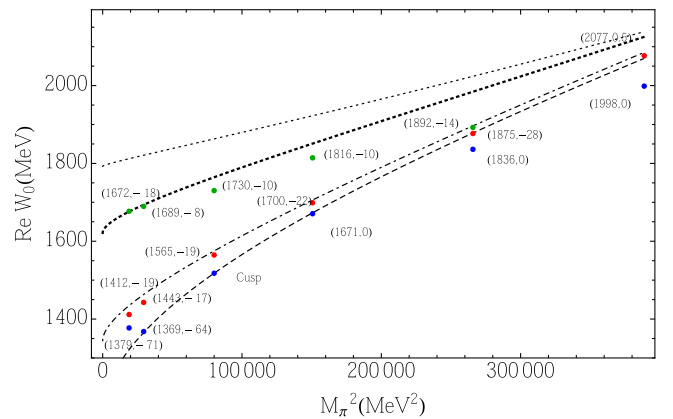


FIG. 3. Behavior of the real part of the pole positions, $\text{Re} W_0$, found in the T matrix in the infinite volume with the M_π^2 , for the physical, and sets 1 through 5. The numbers in parentheses indicate the pole positions including the imaginary parts. The lines show the $\pi\Sigma$, $\bar{K}N$, $\eta\Lambda$ and $K\Xi$ thresholds.

When the pion mass increases further, it becomes a bound state. The second pole of the $\Lambda(1405)$ is always below and close to the $\bar{K}N$ threshold for all pion masses considered. A third state appears at higher energies. This state couples more to the channels $\eta\Lambda$ and $K\Xi$, with larger coupling strength to $K\Xi$. This state is identified with the $\Lambda(1670)$ [43,66]. In Table IV, we show the comparison between the two lowest pole positions and coupling constants in the infinite and finite volume. For the physical pion mass, we have taken here larger boxes, $L = 4$ fm. In this table, $b_{\bar{K}N}$ and $b_{\pi\Sigma}$ denote the distances to the $\bar{K}N$ and $\pi\Sigma$ thresholds, where the negative sign means that the state is above threshold. For masses below 400 MeV, we observe that the second state in the finite volume has a dominant $\bar{K}N$

TABLE IV. Pole positions and couplings of the states $|g_i|$ in the infinite (top, A) and finite (bottom, B) volume for all sets. Note that for the physical set in the finite volume (“Physical”) we have taken larger volumes ($L = 4$ fm) for the values that are shown in this table. For the other sets of pion masses of Ref. [78], $L \simeq 3$ fm is used. It should be stressed that finite- and infinite-volume poles cannot be directly identified with each other.

Infinite volume							
Set	Pole (MeV)	Channel				$b_{\bar{K}N}$ (MeV)	$b_{\pi\Sigma}$ (MeV)
		$\bar{K}N$	$\pi\Sigma$	$\eta\Lambda$	$K\Xi$		
Physical	1379-i 71	2.20	3.1	0.8	0.5	56	-48
	1412-i 19	3.1	1.7	1.5	0.3	23	-81
1	1369-i 64	1.9	2.9	0.6	0.5	89	-17
	1443-i 17	2.6	1.35	1.32	0.3	15	-91
2		Cusp at 1518.34				64	0
	1565-i 19	2.5	1.5	1.4	0.5	17	-47
3	1671	2.0	1.3	1.1	0.6	39	9
	1700-i 22	2.0	1.6	1.3	0.7	10	-20
4	1836	1.9	1.2	1.7	1.8	48	33
	1875-i 28	1.3	1.8	1.6	1.7	9	-6
5	1998	0.9	0.8	1.9	2.9	92	75
	2077-i 0.5	2.1	0.4	0.3	1.1	13	-4
Finite volume							
Set	Pole (MeV)	Channel				$b_{\bar{K}N}$ (MeV)	$b_{\pi\Sigma}$ (MeV)
		$\bar{K}N$	$\pi\Sigma$	$\eta\Lambda$	$K\Xi$		
Physical	1322	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.07	113	9
	1401	2.2	1.0	1.0	0.2	34	-70
1	1322	0.6	0.9	0.1	0.1	136	30
	1417	1.9	0.4	0.9	0.06	41	-65
2	1489	0.9	1.2	0.3	0.3	93	29
	1541	1.9	0.3	1.0	0.2	41	-23
3	1649	1.4	1.3	0.7	0.5	61	31
	1676	1.5	0.1	0.9	0.06	34	4
4	1829	1.8	1.2	1.5	1.5	55	40
	1859	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.09	25	10
5	1997	1.0	0.9	1.9	2.9	93	76
	2062	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.9	28	11

component, and is between the $\pi\Sigma$ and $\bar{K}N$ thresholds. It shares these properties with the higher-lying pole of the $\Lambda(1405)$ in the infinite volume. We can understand the proximity of finite- and infinite-volume states as follows: the second $\Lambda(1405)$ pole is a quasi-bound $\bar{K}N$ state with little influence from the $\pi\Sigma$ channel. In the finite volume, the eigenstate appears therefore almost as a bound state. In the limit of zero $\pi\Sigma$ coupling, the position of finite- and infinite-volume poles would differ only by exponentially suppressed corrections scaling with the binding momentum. On the contrary, the lower state shows very different properties in the infinite volume limit and in the box. As discussed, for low pion masses, the finite-volume state below the $\pi\Sigma$ threshold is related to the lower $\Lambda(1405)$ pole only insofar, that it indicates the attractive $\pi\Sigma$ interaction leading to the generation of the pole in the infinite volume (at a very different position). For high pion masses, the lower $\Lambda(1405)$ pole in the infinite volume limit becomes a bound state, and then the couplings to all the channels become very similar to the ones in the box as one can see from Table IV. However, in this case the masses of the poles are very far away from the lattice data of Ref. [78] which can be due to different reasons as discussed before.

C. Meson-baryon scattering amplitudes for different pion masses in the infinite volume limit

Finally, we provide the infinite-volume scattering amplitudes for strangeness $= -1$ in Fig. 4. Every row shows the real (solid lines) and imaginary part (dashed lines) of the scattering amplitude, $T_{\bar{K}N \rightarrow \bar{K}N}$, $T_{\bar{K}N \rightarrow \pi\Sigma}$ and $T_{\pi\Sigma \rightarrow \pi\Sigma}$. The first row shows the amplitude for the physical pion mass, while the second to fourth rows correspond to pion masses of 170, 282 and 388 MeV (first three sets in Table II). For the physical set, these amplitudes are very similar to the ones obtained in the work of Ref. [43], where we observe the presence of two resonances related to the two poles near the energy of the $\Lambda(1405)$. For higher pion masses the lighter pole of the $\Lambda(1405)$ first becomes a cusp (third row) and then a bound state (fourth row). The heavier pole of the $\Lambda(1405)$ couples predominantly to the $\bar{K}N$ channel as the figure in the upper left corner shows. As the pion mass increases, the pole remains close to the $\bar{K}N$ threshold as a quasibound state.

The fact that the second pole of the $\Lambda(1405)$ always appears close to the $\bar{K}N$ threshold may be due to the fact that the kaon mass, which controls the strength of the $\bar{K}N \rightarrow \bar{K}N$ Weinberg-Tomozawa term, does not change much, so that the properties of the bound state also do not experience much variations. In contrast, the $\pi\Sigma \rightarrow \pi\Sigma$ Weinberg-Tomozawa interaction becomes significantly stronger with increasing pion mass, changing drastically the nature of the lower state from resonance to bound state.

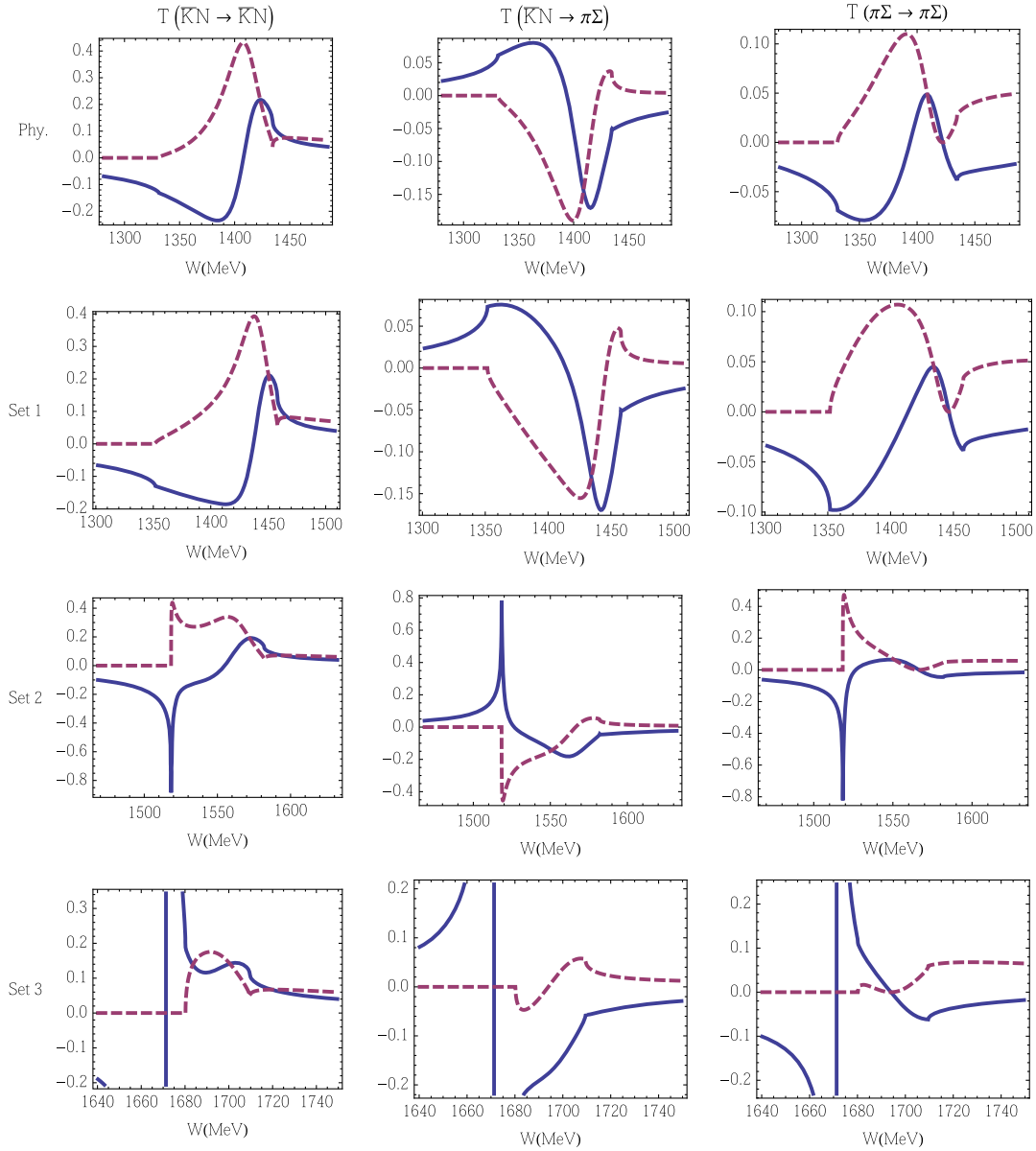


FIG. 4. Real (solid lines) and imaginary parts (dashed lines) of the meson-baryon scattering amplitude of the four coupled channels $\bar{K}N$, $\pi\Sigma$, $\eta\Lambda$ and $K\Xi$. From top to bottom, the figures correspond to physical pion mass and sets 1 through 3 of Table II. The left column corresponds to the $T_{\bar{K}N \rightarrow \bar{K}N}$ amplitude, the central column corresponds to the transition $T_{\bar{K}N \rightarrow \pi\Sigma}$ and the right column to $T_{\pi\Sigma \rightarrow \pi\Sigma}$.

V. CONCLUSIONS

The quark mass dependence of the energy levels in a box for the coupled channels with $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^-, I = 0, S = -1$ has been studied, using the Weinberg-Tomozawa term from the lowest-order χ PT interaction. This dependence has been compared to the lattice data of Ref. [78] and extrapolated to the infinite volume. $U\chi$ PT predicts a two-pole structure for the $\Lambda(1405)$. In the finite volume, two energy levels close to the $\pi\Sigma$ and $\bar{K}N$ thresholds are found. The second energy level agrees well with the lattice data of Ref. [78] for pion masses below 400 MeV, in the

estimated limit of applicability of the present approach. This energy level shows a large coupling and overlap with the $\bar{K}N$ channel and has similar properties as the higher pole of the $\Lambda(1405)$. The state remains quasi-bound in the $\bar{K}N$ channel and close to its threshold, as the pion mass increases. Thus, the lattice data of Ref. [78] are not in contradiction with the two-pole hypothesis for the $\Lambda(1405)$. Yet, these data, by no means, prove that hypothesis. For this, a few remaining obstacles need to be addressed: The first problem is the absence of the $\pi\Sigma$ threshold level in the lattice calculation of Ref. [78],

which appears here below the $\pi\Sigma$ threshold, indicating an attractive $\pi\Sigma$ interaction. In the infinite volume, this attraction leads to the generation of a second (lighter) pole of the $\Lambda(1405)$. This behavior is universal in $U\chi PT$ calculations and also present in some dynamical coupled-channel approaches. Here, we have assumed that this absence is due to the absence of meson-baryon operators in the operator base used in Ref. [78]. To propose suitable meson-baryon operators for the detection of the threshold level, we have considered the finite-volume analog of $\tilde{P}_l$ that specify the relative weight of a channel in a state's wave function. It turns out that an operator of the $\pi\Sigma$ type is most suited to detect the level in future lattice simulations. Indeed, the precise location of that level would specify the size of attraction in the $\pi\Sigma$ channel at threshold and help to pin down the location of the lighter $\Lambda(1405)$ pole that is notoriously difficult to determine. Also, a precise determination of the pole positions from lattice data requires us to populate the region between the $\pi\Sigma$ and $\bar{K}N$ thresholds with more lattice eigenvalues, using, e.g., moving frames and asymmetric boxes [98]. Also, higher-order $U\chi PT$ calculations along the lines of Refs. [31,35,36] will be needed to assess theoretical uncertainties in direct fits to future lattice data.

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APPENDIX: SU(3) CHIRAL EXTRAPOLATION

Chiral symmetry is explicitly broken and gives rise to masses of the quarks u , d , s different from zero. Then the Goldstone bosons acquire masses which, at leading order, are related to the chiral condensate and are denoted here as $M_{0\pi}$, M_{0K} and $M_{0\eta}$. To one loop, the masses of the Goldstone bosons carry corrections, and the physical masses can be expressed as a function of the leading order masses (M_0), LEC's (L^r) and pseudoscalar decay constants (f). The following formulas for the pseudoscalar masses, derived from the SU(3) chiral extrapolation, are taken from Ref. [81], which is based on chiral perturbation theory [99],

$$M_\pi^2 = M_{0\pi}^2 \left[1 + \mu_\pi - \frac{\mu_\eta}{3} + \frac{16M_{0K}^2}{f_0^2} (2L_6^r - L_4^r) + \frac{8M_{0\pi}^2}{f_0^2} (2L_6^r + 2L_8^r - L_4^r - L_5^r) \right], \quad (A1)$$

$$M_K^2 = M_{0K}^2 \left[1 + \frac{2\mu_\eta}{3} + \frac{8M_{0\pi}^2}{f_0^2} (2L_6^r - L_4^r) + \frac{8M_{0K}^2}{f_0^2} (4L_6^r + 2L_8^r - 2L_4^r - L_5^r) \right], \quad (A2)$$

$$M_\eta^2 = M_{0\eta}^2 \left[1 + 2\mu_K - \frac{4}{3}\mu_\eta + \frac{8M_{0\eta}^2}{f_0^2} (2L_8^r - L_5^r) + \frac{8}{f_0^2} (2M_{0K}^2 + M_{0\pi}^2) (2L_6^r - L_4^r) + M_{0\pi}^2 \left[-\mu_\pi + \frac{2}{3}\mu_K + \frac{1}{3}\mu_\eta \right] + \frac{128}{9f_0^2} (M_{0K}^2 - M_{0\pi}^2)^2 (3L_7^r + L_8^r) \right], \quad (A3)$$

with

$$\mu_P = \frac{M_{0P}^2}{32\pi^2 f_0^2} \log \frac{M_{0P}^2}{\mu^2}, \quad P = \pi, K, \eta. \quad (A4)$$

In the above equations, f_0 is the pion decay constant in the chiral limit, $4\pi f_0 \simeq 1.2$ GeV, μ is the regularization scale, commonly fixed at $\mu = M_\rho$, and L_i^r 's, with $i = 1, 8$, are the low-energy constants which multiply the tree-level diagrams of $\mathcal{O}(p^4)$ present in the next-to-leading-order $t_4(s)$ term in the χPT expansion of the amplitude for meson-meson scattering ($t(s) = t_2(s) + t_4(s) + \dots$, $t_{2k} = \mathcal{O}(p^{2k})$).

On the other hand, the decay constants evaluated to one loop SU(3) χPT are expressed in terms of the masses at leading order as

$$f_\pi = f_0 \left[1 - 2\mu_\pi - \mu_K + \frac{4M_{0\pi}^2}{f_0^2} (L_4^r + L_5^r) + \frac{8M_{0K}^2}{f_0^2} L_4^r \right], \quad (A5)$$

$$f_K = f_0 \left[1 - \frac{3\mu_\pi}{4} - \frac{3\mu_K}{2} - \frac{3\mu_\eta}{4} + \frac{4M_{0\pi}^2}{f_0^2} L_4^r + \frac{4M_{0K}^2}{f_0^2} (2L_4^r + L_5^r) \right], \quad (A6)$$

$$f_\eta = f_0 \left[1 - 3\mu_K + \frac{4L_4^r}{f_0^2} (M_{0\pi}^2 + 2M_{0K}^2) + \frac{4M_{0\eta}^2}{f_0^2} L_5^r \right]. \quad (A7)$$

The L_i^r 's values used here are taken from Fit I of Ref. [81] to experiment and lattice data (shown in Table 1 of Ref. [81]).

In order to evaluate the meson decay constants for the different sets of Table II, first Eqs. (A1), (A2), (A5) and (A6) are evaluated at the physical point (Table II), obtaining

the values of the four variables, $M_{0\pi}$, M_{0K} , $M_{0\eta}$ and f_0 . In these sets of equations, the LEC L_7^r does not appear. Once these constants are known, L_7^r is fixed to obtain the mass of the η at the physical point, given by Eq. (A3). This gives, as a result, $L_7^r = -0.423 \times 10^{-3}$, very close to

the one obtained in [81] (-0.43×10^{-3}). For f_0 , a value of 79.2 is obtained, and using the formulas of Eqs. (A1)–(A7), we evaluate the M_0 's and f 's for π , K and η for every set of masses in Table II. The decay constants obtained are shown in Table II of the Results section.

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