

# $\Lambda_c N$ interaction in leading order covariant chiral effective field theory

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We study the  $\Lambda_c N$  interaction in the covariant chiral effective field theory (ChEFT) at leading order. All the relevant low-energy constants are determined by fitting to the lattice QCD simulations from the HAL QCD Collaboration. Extrapolating the results to the physical point, we show that the  $\Lambda_c N$  interaction is weakly attractive in the  $^1S_0$  channel, but in the  $^3S_1$  channel, it is only attractive at extremely low energies and soon turns repulsive for larger laboratory energy. Furthermore, we show that the neglect of the  $^3S_1 - ^3D_1$  coupling provided by the leading order covariant ChEFT would result in an attractive interaction in the  $^3S_1$  channel at the physical point, which coincides with the previous non-relativistic ChEFT study. As a byproduct, we predict the  $^3D_1$  phase shifts and the mixing angle  $\varepsilon_1$ , which can be checked by future lattice QCD simulations. In addition, we compare the  $\Lambda_c N$  interaction with the  $\Lambda N$  and  $NN$  interactions to study how the baryon-nucleon ( $BN$ ) interactions evolve as a function of the baryon mass with the replacement of a light quark by a strange or charm quark in the baryon ( $B$ ).

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