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Equivalent interactions in a low-momentum space for the ΛN , ΣN , and ΞN interactions are calculated, using the SU_6 quark model potential as well as the Nijmegen OBEP model as the input bare interaction. Because the two-body scattering data has not been accumulated sufficiently to determine the hyperon-nucleon interactions unambiguously, the construction of the potential even in low-energy regions has to rely on a theoretical model. The equivalent interaction after removing high-momentum components is still model dependent. Because this model dependence reflects the character of the underlying potential model, it is instructive for better understanding of baryon-baryon interactions in the strangeness sector to study the low-momentum space YN interactions.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A low-momentum space nucleon-nucleon (NN) interaction has been extensively studied in recent years [1,2]. If we start with the full-space realistic NN interaction, the discussion is focused on the evaluation of an effective NN interaction in a low-momentum space that reproduces the same eigenvalues or T matrices in the low-momentum space as those of the original interaction. In this article, we call such an effective interaction in a restricted space an *equivalent interaction*. It was demonstrated [1] that after the high-momentum components corresponding to short-range repulsion are renormalized, various NN potential models give essentially the same low-momentum NN interaction.

The construction of an energy-independent equivalent interaction in a model space has been one of the main subjects in effective interaction theories in various field. In the 1950s Okubo [3] proposed a unitary transformation method to eliminate meson degrees of freedom to obtain the NN potential. Through the 1950s to 1970s, numerous theoretical works [4–6] were devoted to nuclear many-body problems starting from realistic nucleon-nucleon interactions. In the context of the shell-model effective interaction, Suzuki and Lee [7,8] formulated a decoupling condition method using a similarity transformation and an iterative procedure to solve the decoupling equation. The theory behind recent developments is closely related to this viewpoint.

On the two-body level, the collapse of various realistic NN interactions to the universal interaction in a low-momentum space $k \leq \Lambda$ with $\Lambda \simeq 2 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ seems not to be surprising because of abundant NN -scattering data in the corresponding energy region. In the strangeness nonzero sectors the scattering data are scarce at present, although studies of the hyperon-nucleon (YN) and hyperon-hyperon (YY) interactions have been accelerated with the experimental progress in hypernuclear physics. Thus the construction of the YN and YY potentials has to rely on a certain theoretical framework to a large extent. The Nijmegen group [9–11] has been revising the YN potentials on the basis of the one-boson exchange potential (OBEP) picture since the end of 1970s. The initial hard-core

models [9] were replaced by the soft-core parametrization [10,11]. The Jülich group [12–14] has also been developing another OBEP model. In spite of the basic flavor SU_3 relations, there are still much uncertainties in the construction of the YN and YY potentials.

A different unified description was proposed for the octet baryon-baryon interactions by the Kyoto-Niigata group [15, 16] on the basis of an SU_6 quark model, in which the gluonic interaction in the resonating group method (RGM) for two composite nucleons composed of three quarks is supplemented by the long-ranged one-boson exchange interaction between quarks. The most recent model fss2 [17] achieves comparable accuracy in the NN sector to modern realistic NN potentials. The advantage of the SU_6 quark model is that the extension of the potential parameters determined in the NN sector to the strangeness $S = -1$ and -2 sectors seems to be less ambiguous than the OBEP models. Recently, a novel method based on the chiral effective field theory has been applied to the strangeness $S = -1$ and $S = -2$ baryon-baryon interactions [18,19].

Because the present potential models for the YN interaction are not well regulated by experimental data, the equivalent interaction after removing the high-momentum components can still be model dependent. In other words, properties of these equivalent interactions reflect the character of the underlying potential model. Thus, it is interesting to compare the low-momentum space YN interactions obtained from different bare potential models.

The evaluation of low-momentum ΛN and ΣN interactions was recently reported by Schaefer *et al.* [20] for the momentum cut-off value of $\Lambda \sim 2.5 \text{ fm}^{-1}$, using several Nijmegen NSC potentials [11]. The new feature in the YN interactions is the presence, in most cases, of the coupling between two or three baryon-channels, such as ΛN - ΣN , ΞN - $\Lambda \Lambda$ - $\Sigma \Sigma$, and ΞN - $\Sigma \Lambda$ - $\Sigma \Sigma$ couplings. In this article, we present equivalent interactions in the low-momentum space with $\Lambda = 2 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ for the ΛN , ΣN , and ΞN potentials starting from the SU_6 quark model bare potentials [17]. We choose this cut-off value as a typical low-momentum scale for which the potential

model dependence is almost eliminated in the case of the NN interaction [1].

The naive definition of the potential based on the RGM formalism leads to an energy-dependent potential through the norm kernel. Such energy dependence is not suited for the equivalent interaction theory. Recently, the method to eliminate the energy dependence has been developed [21], using a renormalized RGM formalism. We use this prescription for the quark model potential. There is another complexity inherent in the RGM formulation of the baryon-baryon interaction, which is the presence of a Pauli forbidden state in certain channels. The interaction has to be applied in the space in which the Pauli forbidden state is projected out. In other words, an orthogonal condition to the forbidden state has to be imposed when solving the Schrödinger equation. This condition is not removed even if the energy dependence is eliminated. Fortunately, however, on-shell and half-on-shell T matrices are not influenced by the redundant component [22]. It is noted that the Pauli forbidden state appears only in the 1S0 (11)s state in the model space of the baryon-octet baryon-octet interaction, specified by the Elliott notation $(\lambda\mu)$.

For the ΛN and ΣN cases, we also employ the Nijmegen NSC97f model. Our results with the NSC97f potential are mostly in accord with those shown by Schaefer *et al.* [20]. After removing high-momentum components, we still observe model dependence, in particular in ΣN channels. The comparison of the results with the quark model and the OBEP model demonstrates different characters of these potential models.

In Sec. II, we recapitulate the basics of the equivalent interaction theory in a model space. In the framework that was initiated by Suzuki and Lee [7,8] and developed afterward by collaborators [23,24], including the generalization [25] to the case that the unperturbed model-space energies are nondegenerate, the mapping operator ω that connects the model space P and the rest Q space plays an essential role in explicitly calculating the equivalent interaction. The mapping operator ω is determined by the decoupling condition, which leads to a nonlinear equation for ω . This operator ω can also be obtained by a linear equation by using the knowledge of the half-on-shell T matrices, as derived by Epelbaum *et al.* [2]. We show, in Sec. II, a compact derivation of the linear equation. The actual evaluation of the equivalent interaction can be carried out by discretizing the entire momentum space as was argued in the article by Fujii *et al.* [26]. We extend this method to the case of YN interactions, in which there are couplings among several baryon channels.

Results of numerical calculations are presented in Sec. III. We show only the diagonal matrix elements. Because the single-particle (s.p.) potential of the hyperon in infinite nuclear matter is determined by them in the lowest order, they can provide useful information about properties of the hyperon-nucleon interaction. We first give the results for the NN interaction for comparison, then present ΛN and ΣN equivalent interactions in the low-momentum space with $\Lambda = 2 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ calculated both for fss2 and NSC97f. Equivalent interactions for ΞN are evaluated only for fss2. Section IV summarizes the results of the present article.

II. EQUIVALENT INTERACTION

We recapitulate basic elements of the equivalent interaction theory, following the method by Suzuki and Lee [7,8]. Let us denote the original Hamiltonian in the entire space by $H = H_0 + V$ and divide the full Hilbert space into a model space and the rest which are denoted by their relevant projection operators P and Q , respectively; $P + Q = 1$. In particular, the low-momentum space in the two-body problem is defined as $P = \int_{|k| < \Lambda} dk |k\rangle\langle k|$. The problem is to find the equivalent operator H_{eff} in the model space P , which reproduces the eigenvalue as those of the original H . A formal approach has been well known as the Feshbach projection method [5]. It is instructive to present the Schrödinger equation $H|\Psi\rangle = E|\Psi\rangle$ in a matrix form

$$\begin{pmatrix} PHP & PHQ \\ QHP & QHQ \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P|\Psi\rangle \\ Q|\Psi\rangle \end{pmatrix} = E \begin{pmatrix} P|\Psi\rangle \\ Q|\Psi\rangle \end{pmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

It is straightforward to obtain the following equation in the model space P by eliminating $Q\Psi$ in terms of $Q\Psi = \frac{1}{E - QHQ} QHP\Psi$:

$$P \left\{ H + HQ \frac{1}{E - QHQ} QH \right\} P\Psi = EP\Psi. \quad (2)$$

Thus H_{eff} can be identified with

$$H_{\text{eff}} = PH_0P + PVP + PVQ \frac{1}{E - QHQ} QVP. \quad (3)$$

In this case we obtain the energy-dependent effective interaction in the model space. This expression is rather formal, because it includes the energy E to be solved. It is pedagogical to remark that if V has the property of $QVP = 0$ or $PVQ = 0$, $PH_0P + PVP$ is nothing but H_{eff} from the beginning.

Suzuki and Lee [7,8] proposed in 1980 the way to construct the energy-independent equivalent potential in the context of the similarity transformation. Their consideration serves as the basic for the recent development of various effective interaction theories. It is elementary to observe that the eigenvalues of the original Hamiltonian H do not change when H is transformed by a similarity transformation, namely by a regular matrix X and its inverse X^{-1} as $H \Rightarrow H' \equiv X^{-1}HX$. As noted above, if $QX^{-1}HXP = 0$ holds, $PX^{-1}HXP$ becomes the equivalent interaction in the model space P . Thus the task to find H_{eff} is reduced to determine X , which satisfies $QX^{-1}HXP = 0$.

It is sufficient first to consider a regular matrix X in the following form:

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} 1, & 0 \\ \omega, & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{then } X^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1, & 0 \\ -\omega, & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (4)$$

The mapping matrix $\omega = Q\omega P$, which connects the P and Q spaces, plays a central role in the following. The decoupling condition $QX^{-1}HXP = 0$ now reads:

$$QVP + QHQ\omega - \omega PHP - \omega PVQ\omega = 0. \quad (5)$$

Because this is a nonlinear equation for ω , we have to use some iteration method to solve it. Determining the mapping operator ω , we obtain an energy-independent equivalent interaction in the model space P as $PX^{-1}HXP = PH_0P + PV(1 + \omega)P$.

This equivalent Hamiltonian is not Hermitian at this stage. If we utilize a unitary matrix \tilde{X} in the following Okubo form [3,23] constructed from ω of Eq. (5) to transform the original H ,

$$\tilde{X} = \begin{pmatrix} 1, & -\omega^\dagger \\ \omega, & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \omega^\dagger\omega, & 0 \\ 0, & 1 + \omega\omega^\dagger \end{pmatrix}^{-1/2}, \quad (6)$$

the equivalent Hamiltonian is apparently Hermitian. The general argument of constructing an Hermitian equivalent interaction was given in Ref. [27]. It has to be stressed that other operators corresponding to physical observables are also transformed accordingly.

Although the equation [Eq. (5)] for ω is nonlinear, Epelbaum *et al.* showed in Ref. [2] that the linear equation can be set up for the mapping operator ω by the use of the half-on-shell T matrices in the case of the two-body problem. This linear equation for ω is easily derived in the above context as follows. By definition, the equivalent interaction in the P space $H_0 + PV(1 + \omega)P$ is to reproduce the original T matrices in the P space. Namely we expect that the following equation should hold:

$$PTP = PV(1 + \omega)P + PV(1 + \omega) \frac{P}{\epsilon - H_0} TP, \quad (7)$$

where ϵ is the on-shell energy and we are considering half-on-shell T matrices. The original equation for T in the P space is

$$\begin{aligned} PTP &= PVP + PV \frac{1}{\epsilon - H_0} TP \\ &= PVP + PV \frac{P}{\epsilon - H_0} TP + PV \frac{Q}{\epsilon - H_0} TP. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Comparing Eq. (8) with Eq. (9), we obtain

$$PV\omega P + PV\omega \frac{P}{\epsilon - H_0} TP = PV \frac{Q}{\epsilon - H_0} TP. \quad (9)$$

Taking out the common PVQ , we are led to the linear equation for ω :

$$Q\omega P = \frac{Q}{\epsilon - H_0} TP - Q\omega \frac{P}{\epsilon - H_0} TP. \quad (10)$$

III. RESULTS

When the role of the mapping operator ω is figured out, we can devise a direct calculational procedure to determine ω , as was explained as method-2 and used in Ref. [26]. The extension to the case in which several baryon-channels couple each other, e.g., the treatment of the ΛN - ΣN transition, is straightforward. In principle, there is no difference in the calculational method for the tensor coupling and the baryon-channel coupling. We only have to enlarge the dimension of the relevant Hilbert space. It is noted that in the hyperon-nucleon interaction such a coupling between 1P_1 and 3P_1 channels also appears through the antisymmetric spin-orbit interaction that is absent in the NN case, although we do not examine the P waves in the following.

We calculate equivalent ΛN , ΣN , and ΞN matrix elements in the low-momentum space with the cut-off value of $\Lambda =$

2.0 fm^{-1} for the 1S_0 and 3S_1 partial waves, starting from the Kyoto-Niigata SU_6 quark-model potential fss2 [17]. This momentum scale should be regarded as a representative one for which the potential model dependence of the description of high-momentum components has been shown [1] to disappear in the case of the NN interaction. The Nijmegen NSC97f [11] is also used for the ΛN and ΣN interactions. These two potentials are especially different in the manner of constructing the short-range part. The Nijmegen OBEP model is based on the heavy meson exchange picture, whereas the quark model uses a RGM framework for nonrelativistic quark-clusters. As noted in the Introduction, the energy dependence from the RGM kernel is renormalized to give an energy-independent potential [21].

Although the calculational procedure is straightforward to treat the baryon-channel coupling, we have to be careful to interpret the matrix elements of the equivalent interaction in the P space. To obtain physically meaningful quantities such as hyperon single-particle energies in nuclear medium, we have to further solve the baryon-channel coupling problem in the P space. If the coupling effect in the P space is important, the matrix elements before solving the coupling problem give no clear physical insight. We encounter such a typical example in the $\Xi N T = 1$ channel.

A. NN interaction

Before showing the equivalent interactions in the low-momentum space for the hyperon-nucleon sectors, we present results of the NN interaction for comparison. Diagonal matrix elements of the quark model potential fss2 [17] in the low-momentum space with $\Lambda = 2 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ are shown by solid curves in Figs. 1 and 2 for 1S_0 and 3S_1 , respectively. These results are very close to those of the Nijmegen potential NSC97f depicted by dashed curves. It demonstrates that the quark-model potential fss2 achieves the same level accuracy as modern realistic NN interactions, although the description at the short-range part is considerably different due to the RGM

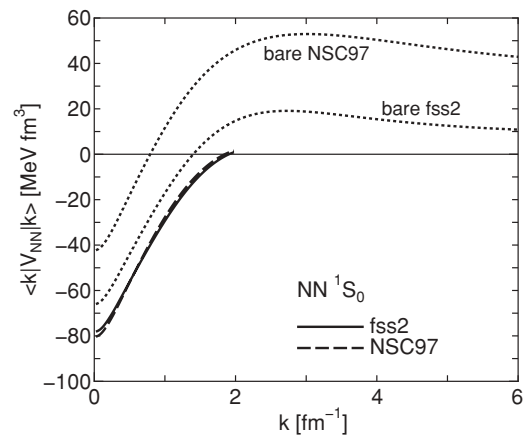
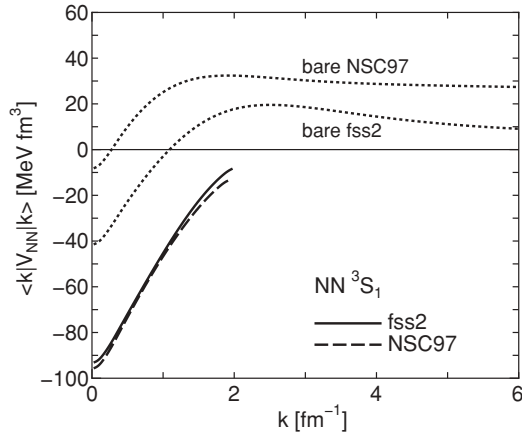


FIG. 1. Diagonal matrix elements of the equivalent interaction in the low-momentum space with $\Lambda = 2 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ for the NN 1S_0 partial wave, using the quark model potential fss2 [17] and the Nijmegen potential NSC97 [11]. Bare matrix elements are shown by dotted curves.

FIG. 2. Same as Fig. 1, but for the $NN\ ^3S_1$ partial wave.

treatment. The thin curves in Figs. 1 and 2 for the bare matrix elements illustrate that the short-range repulsion of fss2 is rather moderate.

B. ΛN interaction

Properties of the ΛN interaction has been known empirically to some extent, based on the scattering data from bubble chamber experiments and the data of Λ hypernuclei from the past 30 years. The central part is fairly well known from the universal depth of the Λ -nucleus potential of about 30 MeV, from light to heavy Λ -hypernuclei, whereas the noncentral component is still ambiguous. Although the smallness of the Λ single-particle spin-orbit splitting in hypernuclei was established experimentally [28], its relation to the two-body ΛN interaction has not been settled. One of the possible explanations has been offered by the quark model [17,29] by pointing out the role of the antisymmetric spin-orbit interaction that can almost cancel the contribution from the ordinary spin-orbit interaction. In this article, however, we do not discuss this subject, because we present the results only for S waves.

Figures 3 and 4 show the low-momentum space diagonal matrix elements of the equivalent ΛN interaction in the 1S_0

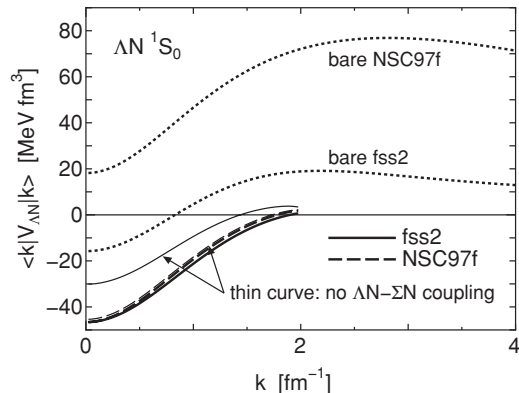
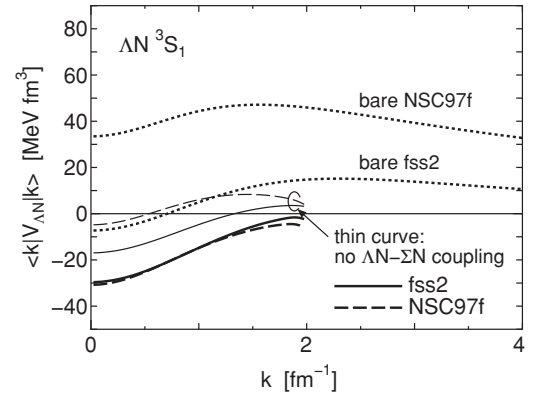


FIG. 3. Same as Fig. 1, but for the $\Lambda N\ ^1S_0$ partial wave, using fss2 [17] and NSC97f [11]. Thin curves are results without $\Lambda N-\Sigma N$ coupling. Thick and thin curves for NSC97f are hard to be distinguished in the figure.

FIG. 4. Same as Fig. 3, but for the $\Lambda N\ ^3S_1$ partial wave.

and 3S_1 channels with $\Lambda = 2\text{ fm}^{-1}$ together with bare matrix elements, both for the quark-model potential fss2 [17] and the Nijmegen potential NSC97f [11]. To see the effects of the $\Lambda N-\Sigma N$ coupling, we also present results with turning off the coupling potential by the thin curves.

The Nijmegen potential and the quark-model potential provide very similar matrix elements in the low-momentum space, though the bare matrix elements differ from each other, reflecting the different character in the short-range part. Again the short-range repulsion of fss2 is moderate.

In the 1S_0 channel, the effect of the $\Lambda N-\Sigma N$ coupling is seen to be negligibly small for NSC97f. Because the pion-exchange is absent in this partial wave, the $\Lambda N-\Sigma N$ coupling is expected to be weak. In the quark-model description, the situation is somewhat different. In the RGM treatment of the two quark-clusters the Pauli forbidden state appears in this 1S_0 $\Lambda N-\Sigma N$ channel. When the $\Lambda N-\Sigma N$ coupling is switched off, the orthogonality to the Pauli forbidden state on the quark level is not strictly satisfied, which may cause an artificial coupling effect observed in Fig. 3. This feature deserves future investigation. The 3S_1 channel is free from the Pauli forbidden state. Comparing the thick and thin curves in Fig. 4, we see that the considerable amount of the attractive contribution comes from the $\Lambda N-\Sigma N$ coupling in the outer space beyond $\Lambda = 2\text{ fm}^{-1}$.

It is remarkable to see that the two potential models give almost identical diagonal matrix elements in the low-momentum space both for 1S_0 and 3S_1 channels, though the bare matrix elements are different. This implies that the potential model for the ΛN S -wave interaction is now almost under control. The study of P waves, in particular the magnitude of the spin-orbit and antisymmetric spin-orbit components, is an important future subject. The careful study of $\Lambda N-\Sigma N$ coupling effects, including those within the low-momentum space, is also required, because hypernuclear γ -spectroscopic measurements [28] with the accuracy of the order of keV are beginning to provide the data of excitation spectrum of Λ hypernuclei.

C. ΣN interaction

The ΣN interaction has been expected to have specific spin and isospin dependences. Harada *et al.* [30] demonstrated that

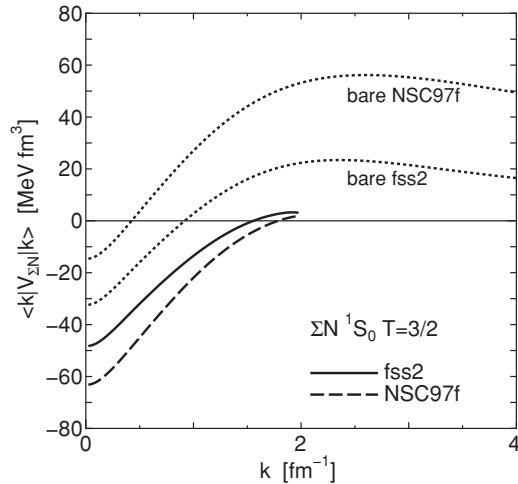


FIG. 5. Same as Fig. 1, but for the ΣN 1S_0 partial wave, using fss2 [17] and NSC97f [11]. In this partial wave, there is no baryon-channel coupling.

the net attractive interaction in the 1S_0 $T = 3/2$ channel can yield the bound $^4_\Sigma\text{He}$ hypernucleus with $J^\pi = 0^+$, which corresponds to the experimental observation in the $^4\text{He}(K^-, \pi^-)$ reactions with the stopped kaon [31] as well as the kaon in flight [32]. However, probably due to the repulsion in the 3S_1 $T = 3/2$ channel, Σ bound states are unlikely in heavier nuclei, which has been supported by experimental results on targets ^6Li and ^9Be [33].

The quark-model picture has been known from the earlier studies [29] to give a definite prediction that certain partial waves such as the ΣN 3S_1 $T = 3/2$ state should be strongly repulsive due to the quark Pauli effect, which has no explicit counterpart in the OBEP model. The character related to the Pauli effect might be uncovered in the low-momentum space equivalent interaction.

The $T = 3/2$ channels have no ΣN - ΛN coupling because the Λ hyperon is isosinglet. Figure 5 shows the diagonal matrix elements of the low-momentum space equivalent ΣN interaction in the 1S_0 $T = 3/2$ channel. Results for fss2 [17] and NSC97f [11] are shown by the solid and dashed curves, respectively, whereas bare matrix elements up to $k = 4$ fm^{-1} are shown by the dotted curves. The tendency of how high-momentum components are renormalized is similar to the NN 1S_0 case. The attractive interaction in this channel is important for the existence of the bound $^4_\Sigma\text{He}$ state. The quark model potential is sufficiently attractive to yield the bound state as the Nijmegen potential does. In the viewpoint of the quark model [17], the flavor SU_3 symmetry tells that this channel is dictated by the (22) symmetric component of the Elliott notation (λ, μ) . This component is the same as in the 1S_0 ($T = 1$) NN state, and thus the rather strong attractive character after renormalizing high-momentum components is reasonable.

Quantitatively different results are obtained between fss2 and NSC97f in the 3S_1 $T = 3/2$ channel, which are shown in Fig. 6. The quark-model potential predicts repulsive interaction, which comes from the quark Pauli effect. The correlation due to the Pauli effect is not so short ranged, as the magnitude of the matrix element at $k = 4$ fm^{-1} indicates.

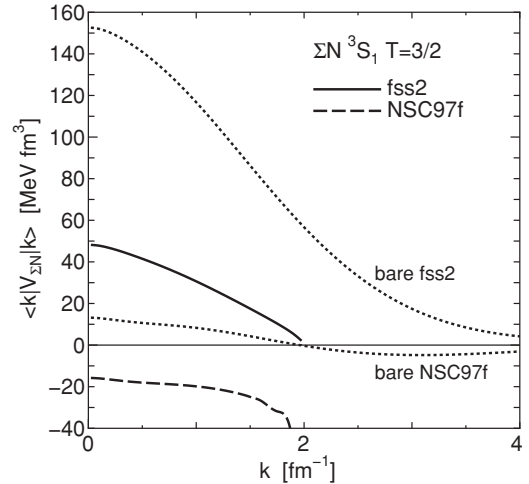


FIG. 6. Same as Fig. 5, but for the ΣN 3S_1 $T = 3/2$ partial wave. In this partial wave, there is no baryon-channel coupling.

The repulsive character persists in the low-momentum space. However, the NSC97f model does not have strong repulsion and the low-momentum equivalent interaction is attractive. Owing to the spin and isospin weight factors, this 3S_1 $T = 3/2$ state dominantly contributes to the Σ single-particle potential in nuclear medium. Analyses [34–36] of the $(\pi^-, K^+)\Sigma$ formation inclusive spectra [34] have indicated that the Σ -nucleus mean field is repulsive.

Figure 7 shows results for the 1S_0 $T = 1/2$ state. The thin solid curve presents the result for which the ΣN - ΛN channel-coupling is neglected. The corresponding result for NSC97f is shown by the dashed curve. Bare matrix elements are also shown up to $k = 4$ fm^{-1} . Both potential models predict repulsive interaction in this channel. As we have already seen in the ΛN interaction, the ΣN - ΛN channel-coupling effect is very weak in NSC97f. It is noteworthy that the diagonal matrix elements in the low-momentum space become more repulsive in NSC97f when renormalizing the high-momentum attractive components.

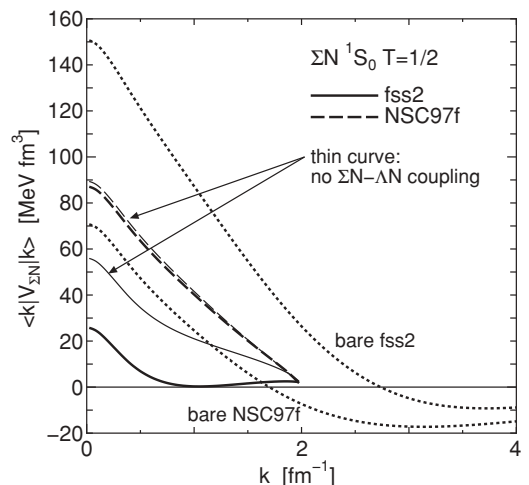


FIG. 7. Same as Fig. 5, but for the ΣN 1S_0 $T = 1/2$ partial wave. Thin curves are results without the ΛN - ΣN coupling.

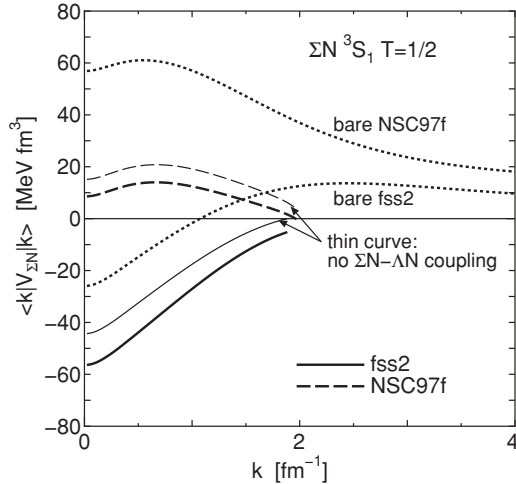


FIG. 8. Same as Fig. 5, but for the ΣN 3S_1 $T = 1/2$ partial wave. Thin curves are results without the ΛN - ΣN coupling.

Figure 8 shows results for the 3S_1 $T = 1/2$ state. Here we see characteristic difference for the prediction of the ΣN - ΛN coupling effect between fss2 and NSC97f. The behavior of the diagonal matrix elements with fss2 resembles that of the NN 3S_1 state given in Fig. 2. In fact, from the flavor SU_3 symmetry this channel has a (03) component by 50%, which is the component of the NN 3S_1 interaction. Because the other half component of the $(11)_a$ gives a minor contribution, the ΣN interaction in the 3S_1 $T = 1/2$ state should be similar to the NN 3S_1 interaction in the quark-model description. In contrast, weakly repulsive matrix elements are seen for the 3S_1 $T = 1/2$ ΣN - ΣN interaction from NSC97f. It has to be remarked, however, that the ΣN - ΛN coupling in the P space, which is not yet taken into account, can change even the sign of the diagonal matrix elements. In fact, G -matrix calculations [37] in symmetric nuclear matter with using NSC97f tells that the contribution from this channel to the Σ single-particle potential in nuclear medium is attractive and becomes repulsive if we switch off the ΣN - ΛN coupling. This fact simply means that we have to be careful to interpret the matrix elements in the case that there exist coupling channels and the coupling effect is important in the low-momentum space. We encounter such a situation also in the ΞN 1S_0 $T = 1$ state.

D. ΞN interaction

There are two kinds of sources for the experimental information about the baryon-baryon interaction in the strangeness $S = -2$ sector. One is the estimation of a Ξ -nucleus single-particle potential from DWIA analyses [38] of the $(K^-, K^+)\Xi^-$ formation spectra on ${}^{12}\text{C}$. The tentative conclusion is that the depth of the single-particle potential is about 14 MeV. The other clue is the strength of the $\Lambda\Lambda$ attraction through binding energies of double- Λ hypernuclei. The recent discovery of ${}^6_{\Lambda\Lambda}\text{He}$ [39] has indicated that the attraction of the $\Lambda\Lambda$ interaction is rather weak. There is also an attempt [40] to measure the $\Xi N \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda$ inelastic cross

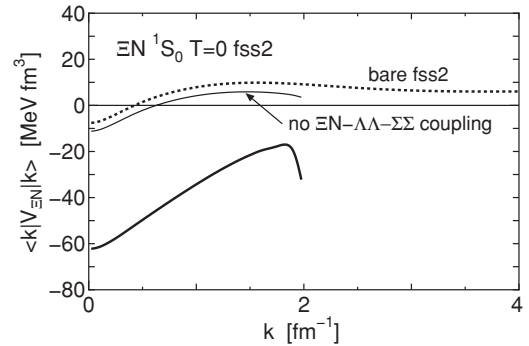


FIG. 9. Diagonal matrix elements of the equivalent interaction in the low-momentum space with $\Lambda = 2$ fm^{-1} for the ΞN 1S_0 $T = 0$ partial wave, using fss2 [17]. Bare matrix elements are shown by a dotted curve. The thick and thin curves are results with and without taking into account the ΞN - $\Lambda\Lambda$ - $\Sigma\Sigma$ channel coupling, respectively.

section and deduce the $\Lambda\Lambda$ correlation in the Ξ formation reaction. Nevertheless, all these experimental data are in the rudimentary stage and far from sufficiently constraining the interactions that have a variety of baryon-channel couplings. Thus the investigation using theoretical models of the ΞN interaction is important.

Because the computer code for the Nijmegen ΞN interaction was not available, we present results only with the Kyoto-Niigata quark model potential fss2 [17]. Figure 9 shows the low-momentum space equivalent ΞN interaction in the 1S_0 $T = 0$ state with $\Lambda = 2$ fm^{-1} together with the bare matrix elements up to $k = 4$ fm^{-1} . If the coupling to the $\Lambda\Lambda$ - $\Sigma\Sigma$ channel is neglected, the diagonal matrix element of the equivalent interaction in the low-momentum space is close to that of the bare interaction, which indicates that the correlation in the ΞN - ΞN channel itself is rather weak. The result of the large attraction in the ΞN interaction in the low-momentum space originates from the baryon-channel coupling effect. Among other S waves, this channel turns out to be most attractive. As noted in the previous section, however, it is necessary to explicitly treat the ΞN - $\Lambda\Lambda$ - $\Sigma\Sigma$ coupling in the P space to obtain more physically meaningful information.

The 1S_0 $T = 1$ state is shown in Fig. 10(a). In this state the $\Sigma\Sigma$ channel is not allowed and the ΞN state couples only with the $\Sigma\Lambda$ state. Looking at the matrix elements at large k , we observe that the short-range repulsion is weak in this ΞN - ΞN channel. It is found in this channel that because the baryon-coupling effect is strong, the sign of the diagonal matrix elements does not indicate the property of the interaction. For example, we show, in Fig. 10(b), the diagonal matrix elements of the low-momentum equivalent interaction with the cut-off value of $\Lambda = 3$ fm^{-1} . In this case ΞN - ΞN diagonal matrix elements are mostly positive. In between $\Lambda = 3$ fm^{-1} and 2 fm^{-1} , the diagonal matrix elements change sign, which suggests that the baryon-channel coupling effects in the P space are decisively important, and thus the ΞN and $\Sigma\Lambda$ states are strongly mixed.

The 3S_1 $T = 0$ state is classified to the pure $(11)_a$ state in the flavor SU_3 symmetry and no baryon-channel coupling appears in this state. The quark model [17] predicts that the bare ΞN interaction is already weak. Figure 11 shows that the

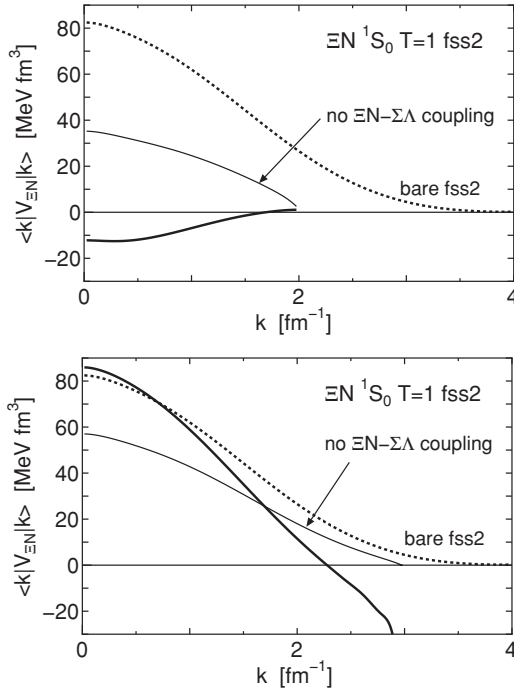


FIG. 10. Same as Fig. 9, but for the $\Xi N {}^1S_0 T = 1$ partial wave. (a) with $\Lambda = 2 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ and (b) with $\Lambda = 3 \text{ fm}^{-1}$. The thick and thin curves are results with and without taking into account the $\Xi N - \Sigma \Lambda$ channel coupling, respectively.

low-momentum equivalent ΞN interaction in this partial wave becomes slightly attractive.

As is shown in Fig. 12, the quark-model potential fss2 predicts that the ΞN interaction in the ${}^3S_1 T = 1$ state is also not so strong. Due to the $\Xi N - \Sigma \Lambda - \Sigma \Sigma$ coupling the diagonal matrix elements of the low-momentum equivalent ΞN interaction can be slightly negative.

Altogether, the quark model potential fss2 [17] predicts that the ΞN interactions in 3S_1 channels are weak. For the estimation of the Ξ -nucleus single-particle potential in nuclear medium, we expect an attractive contribution from the ${}^1S_0 T = 0$ state but a repulsive contribution from the ${}^1S_0 T = 1$ state. Higher partial waves may play an important role for the Ξ -nucleus single-particle potential.

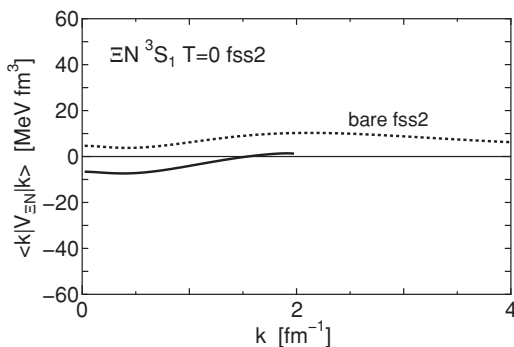


FIG. 11. Same as Fig. 9, but for the $\Xi N {}^3S_1 T = 0$ partial wave. In this partial wave, there is no baryon-channel coupling.

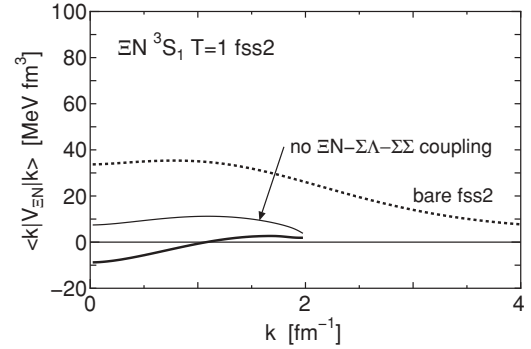


FIG. 12. Same as Fig. 9, but for the $\Xi N {}^3S_1 T = 1$ partial wave. The thin curve shows results without taking into account the $\Xi N - \Sigma \Lambda - \Sigma \Sigma$ channel coupling.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

We have calculated low-momentum-space-equivalent interactions for hyperon-nucleon interactions, starting from two models of the bare potentials, the quark-model potential fss2 [17], and the Nijmegen OBEP model NSC97f [11]. An effective interaction in a restricted space that reproduces the same eigenvalues or T matrices in that space as those of the original full-space interaction is named as an equivalent interaction in this article.

The quark-model potential uses a RGM framework, thus the naive definition of the baryon-baryon interaction on the basis of the RGM Born kernel is energy dependent. Recently, the technique to eliminate the energy dependence was developed [21]. We have used this prescription for the quark model potentials for the octet baryon-baryon interactions. The calculation of the low-momentum-space-equivalent interaction for the quark model potential is interesting in two aspects. One is related to the different nonlocal character from that of the one-boson exchange picture, especially at short distance due to the RGM treatment of two quark-composite clusters. Another point is that the extension of the potential to the strangeness $S = -1$ and $S = -2$ sectors based on the parameters fixed in the NN sector has been shown [17] to be less ambiguous than the OBEP model. It is useful to elucidate the similarity and the difference in the ΛN , ΣN , and ΞN interactions between the quark model and the Nijmegen model. As the representative potential for the latter model, we have employed the NSC97f [11], which was used in the similar calculations recently reported by Schaefer *et al.* [20].

The merit of considering the low-momentum-space-equivalent interaction for the YN interactions is to eliminate the model-dependent characters at short distance, as has been demonstrated for the NN case by Bogner *et al.* [1]. Thus we can concentrate on features of the YN interaction relevant to low-energy experimental hypernuclear observables.

First we have presented the NN results for the sake of the comparison. The quark-model potential gives almost the same results as other modern realistic NN potentials, as it should. The ΛN equivalent interaction in the low-momentum space turns out to be almost identical in the quark model and the OBEP model. This is probably because we have some amount

of constraints from Λ hypernuclear data in addition to old scattering data.

Experimental data for the ΣN interaction is very limited. Thus the model dependence in the theoretical construction of the ΣN potential is large. In fact, the quark model and the Nijmegen OBEP model provide different equivalent interactions in the low-momentum space. In particular, we note that the quark model predicts repulsion in the 3S_1 $T = 3/2$ state that originates from the Pauli effect on the quark level, whereas the NSC97f potential expects attraction. However, the repulsive contribution of NSC97f in the 1S_0 $T = 1/2$ state is rather strong.

The ΞN interaction is less known experimentally. This subject is one of the primary subjects of the ongoing J-PARC project [41]. The matrix elements in the low-momentum space from the quark-model potential suggests that the Ξ -nucleus single-particle potential is probably attractive due to the interaction in the 1S_0 state in the isospin $T = 0$ channel, but weak. It is expected that there are strong baryon-channel coupling effects both in the high-momentum space and in the low-momentum space. In this article, we do not consider higher partial waves. Actually they may be important for the

quantitative discussion of the Ξ hyperon in nuclear medium. These are the future subjects to study.

In hyperon-nucleon interactions, baryon-channel couplings appear in most cases. If the coupling effect is important, as in the case of the ΣN 3S_1 $T = 1/2$ state in the Nijmegen NSC97f model and the ΞN 1S_0 $T = 1$ state in the quark model, we have to solve the channel-coupling problem in the low-momentum space to obtain physically meaningful quantities. When considering hyperons in nuclear medium, we also have to take into account the Pauli exclusion effect on the hadron level in a nuclear many body system. The effect of the three-body correlation through the coupling of the Pauli effect and the elimination of the high-momentum components of the interaction may be important for hyperons in nuclear medium.

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