

Universality in Halo Systems

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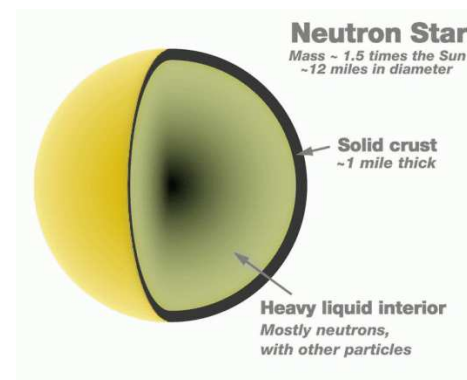
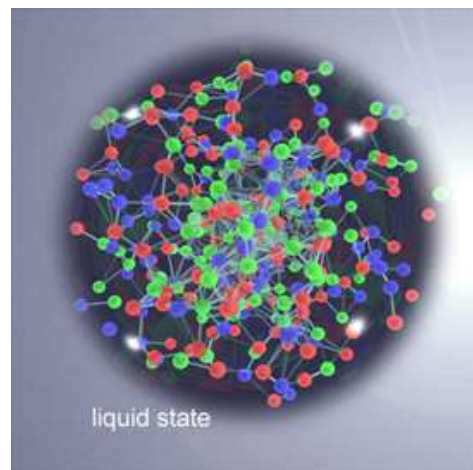


G. Seurat, A Sunday on La Grande Jatte

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- Use as starting point for description of few-body properties
 - Large scattering length: $|a| \gg \ell \sim r_e, l_{vdW}, \dots$
 - Natural expansion parameter: $\ell/|a|, k\ell, \dots$
 - Universal dimer with energy $E_d = -1/(ma^2)$ ($a > 0$)
size $\langle r^2 \rangle^{1/2} = a/2 \implies$ halo state

- Effective Lagrangian

(Kaplan, 1997; Bedaque, HWH, van Kolck, 1999)

$$\mathcal{L}_d = \psi^\dagger \left(i\partial_t + \frac{\vec{\nabla}^2}{2m} \right) \psi + \frac{g_2}{4} d^\dagger d - \frac{g_2}{4} (d^\dagger \psi^2 + (\psi^\dagger)^2 d) - \frac{g_3}{36} d^\dagger d \psi^\dagger \psi + \dots$$

- 2-body amplitude:

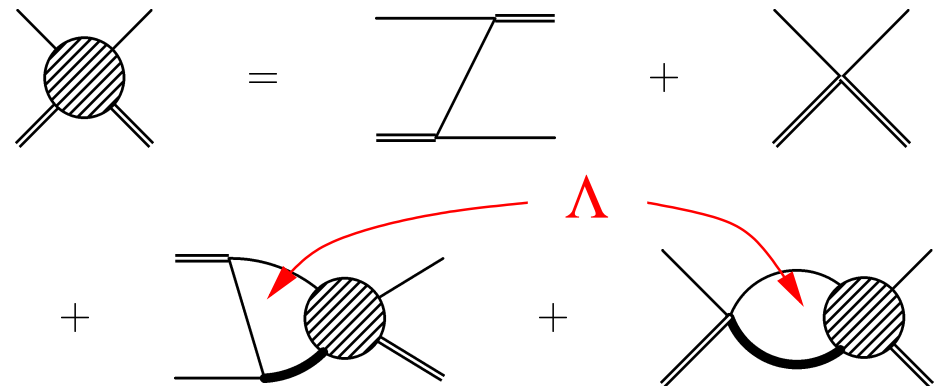


- 2-body coupling g_2 near fixed point ($1/a = 0$)

\Rightarrow **scale and conformal invariance** \iff **unitary limit**

(Mehen, Stewart, Wise, 2000; Nishida, Son, 2007; ...)

- 3-body amplitude:



$g_3(\Lambda) \Rightarrow$ **limit cycle**

\Rightarrow **discrete scale inv.**

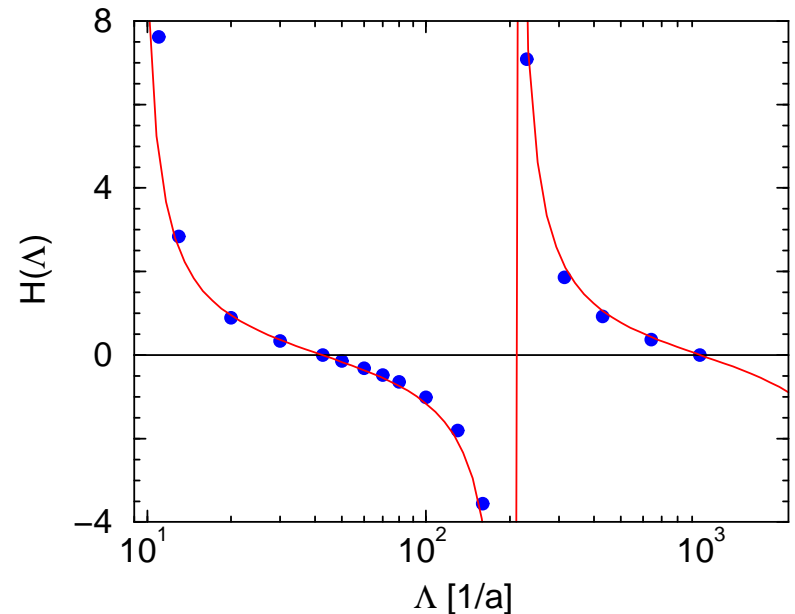
- RG invariance \implies running coupling $H(\Lambda) = g_3 \Lambda^2 / (9g_2^2)$

- $H(\Lambda)$ periodic: **limit cycle**

$$\Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda e^{n\pi/s_0} \approx \Lambda (22.7)^n$$

(cf. Wilson, 1971)

- **Anomaly**: scale invariance broken to discrete subgroup

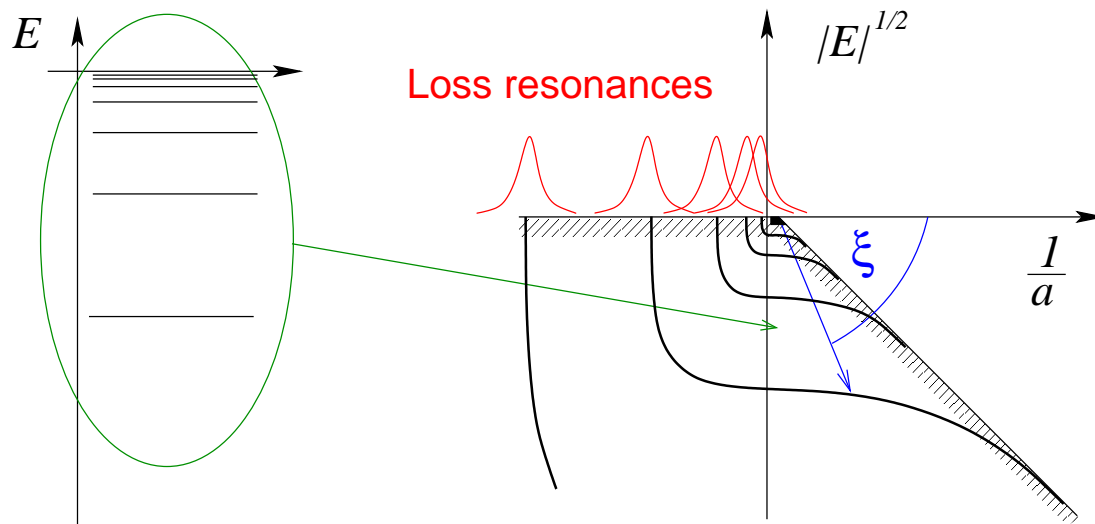


$$H(\Lambda) \approx \frac{\cos(s_0 \ln(\Lambda/\Lambda_*) + \arctan(s_0))}{\cos(s_0 \ln(\Lambda/\Lambda_*) - \arctan(s_0))}, \quad s_0 \approx 1.00624$$

(Bedaque, HWH, van Kolck, 1999)

- **Three-body parameter**: Λ_*, \dots
- **Limit cycle** \iff **Discrete scale invariance**

- **Universal spectrum of three-body states**
(Efimov, 1970)

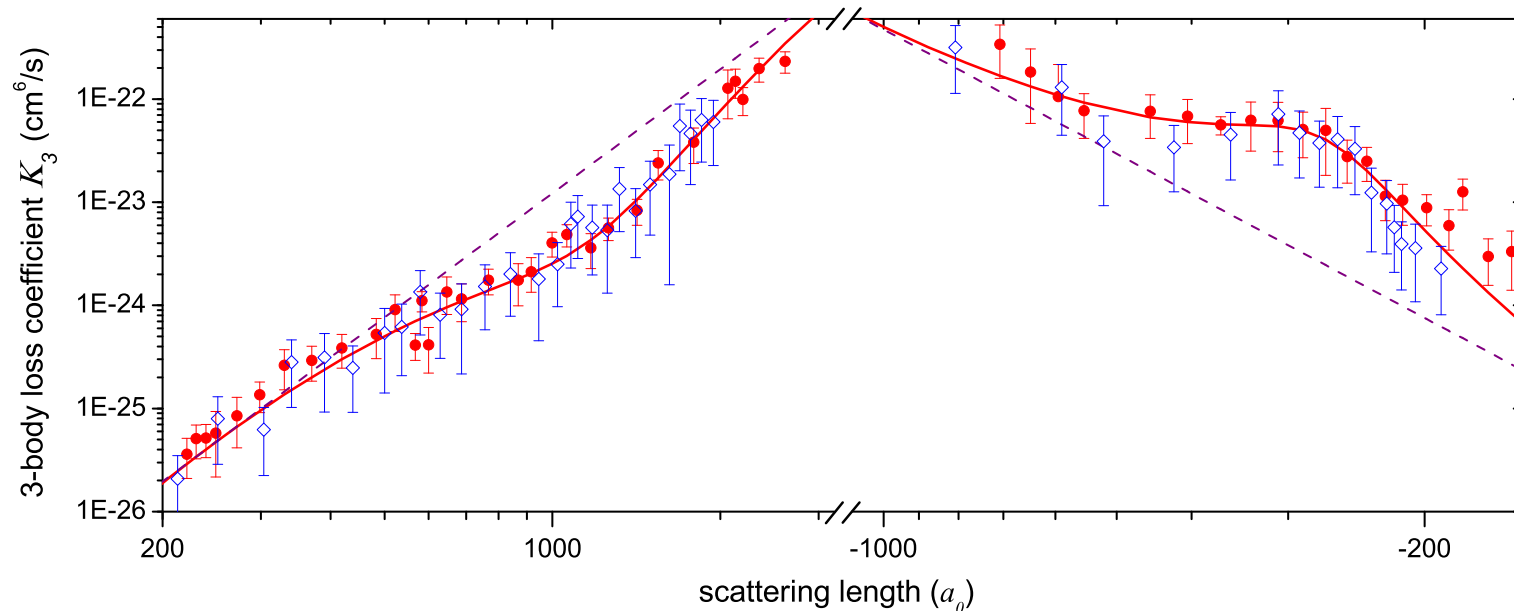


- **Discrete scale invariance** for fixed angle ξ
- **Geometrical spectrum** for $1/a \rightarrow 0$

$$B_3^{(n)} / B_3^{(n+1)} \xrightarrow{1/a \rightarrow 0} \left(e^{\pi/s_0} \right)^2 = 515.035\dots$$

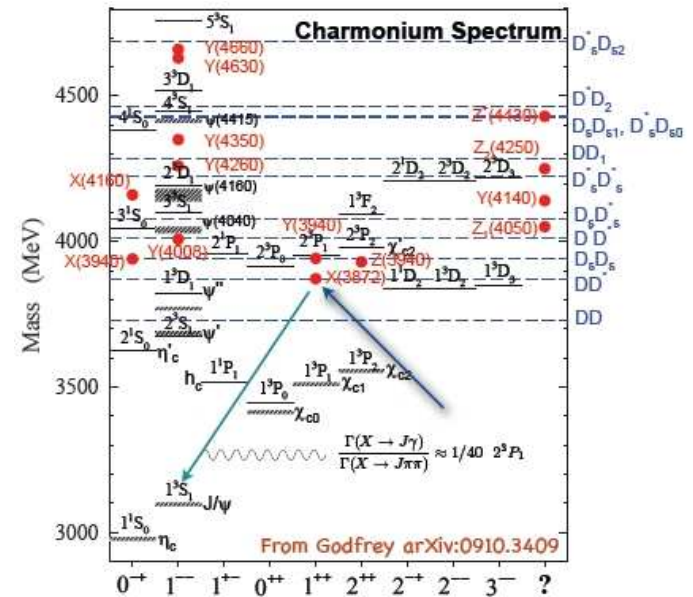
- **Ultracold atoms** \implies variable scattering length \implies **loss resonances**

- Efimov physics has now been observed in ^{133}Cs , ^6Li , ^7Li , ^{39}K , $^{41}\text{K}/^{87}\text{Rb}$
- **Example:** Efimov spectrum in ^7Li ($|m_F = 0\rangle, |m_F = 1\rangle$)
(Gross et al. (Bar-Ilan Univ.), Phys. Rev. Lett. **105** (2010) 103203)



- Data described by universal theory (Braaten, HWH, 2000, ..., 2006)
- **Future:** dipolar interactions, confined systems, ...

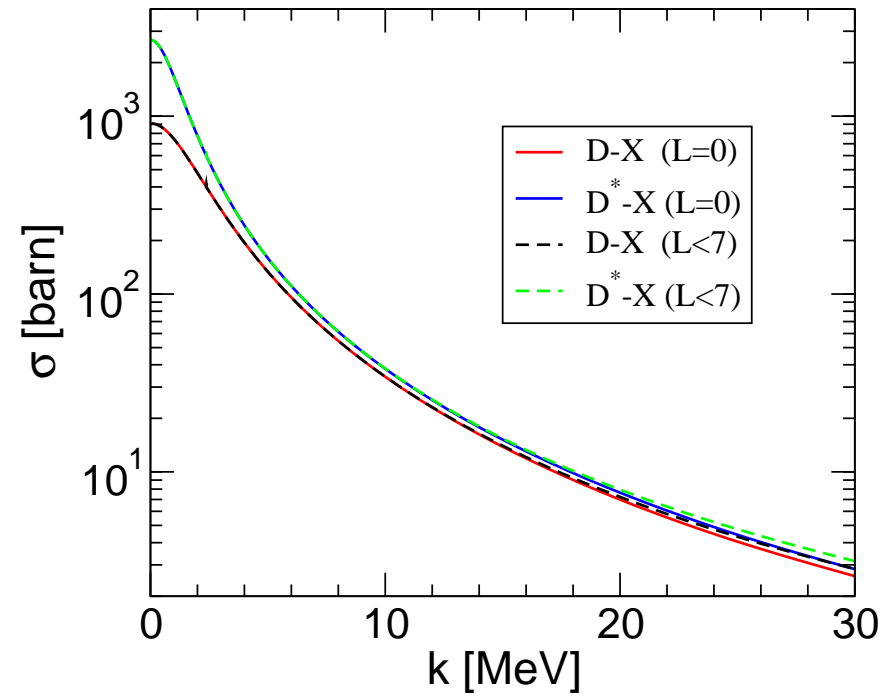
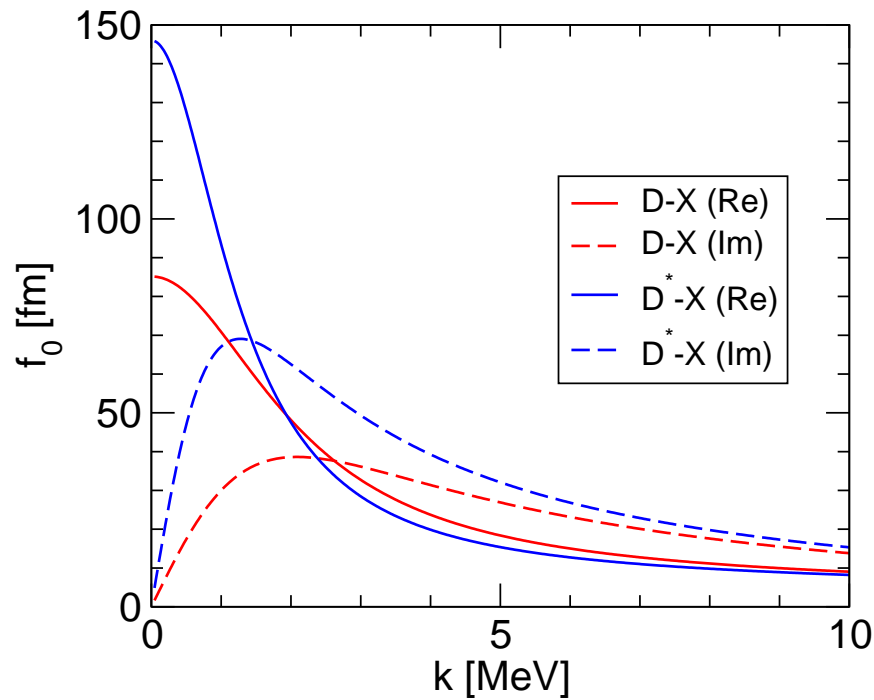
- New $c\bar{c}$ states at B factories: X , Y , Z
- Example: $X(3872)$ (Belle, CDF, BaBar, D0)
- No ordinary $c\bar{c}$ -state
 - Decays violate isospin
 - Measured mass depends on decay channel



$m_X = (3871.68 \pm 0.17) \text{ MeV} \quad \Gamma < 1.2 \text{ MeV} \quad J^{PC} = 1^{++} \text{ or } 2^{-+}$

- Nature of $X(3872)$?
 $\bar{D}^0 D^{0*}$ -molecule, tetraquark, charmonium hybrid, ...
- Molecular nature \Rightarrow interaction of $X(3872)$ with D^0 , \bar{D}^0 , D^{0*} , \bar{D}^{0*} determined by large scattering length

- Predictions for scattering amplitude/cross section



Canham, HWH, Springer, Phys. Rev. D **80**, 014009 (2009)

- Three-body scattering lengths: $a_{D^0 X} = -9.7a \approx -85$ fm
 $a_{D^{*0} X} = -16.6a \approx -146$ fm

- Finite volume dependence required for ab initio lattice calculations (cubic box $\sim L^3$) (cf. Epelbaum et al., PRL **106** (2011) 192501)
 - L -dependence of 2-body halo states behaves as 2-body system
- Mass shift from overlap of copies from periodic boundary cond.

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- S-wave bound states (Lüscher, 1986)

$$\Delta E_B = E_B(\infty) - E_B(L) = -3|\gamma|^2 \frac{e^{-\kappa L}}{\mu L} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\sqrt{2}\kappa L})$$

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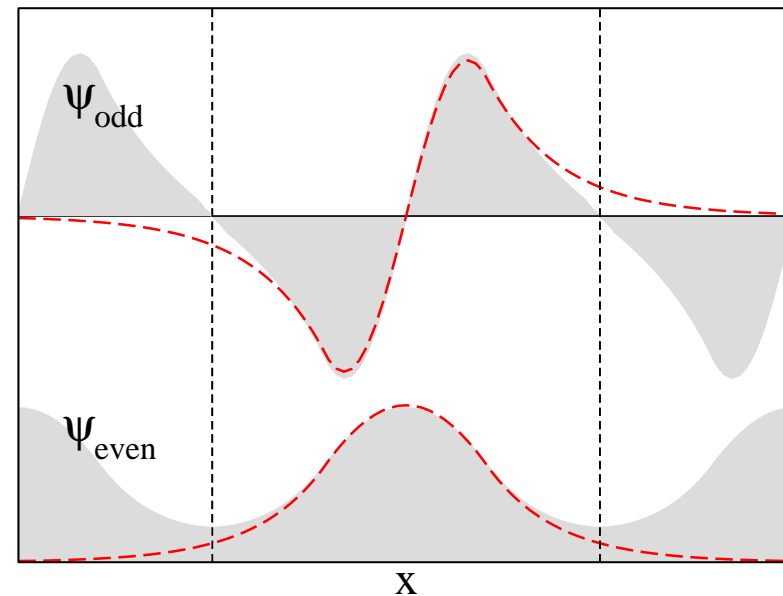
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- Generalization to higher ℓ , e.g. P-waves (König, Lee, HWH, PRL **107** (2011) 112001)

$$\Delta E_B^{(1,0)} = \Delta E_B^{(1,\pm 1)} = +3|\gamma|^2 \frac{e^{-\kappa L}}{\mu L} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\sqrt{2}\kappa L})$$

- Different sign for even and odd partial waves

⇒ can be understood from curvature of wave function at the boundary



- m -dependence for D- and higher waves, but

$$\sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} \Delta E_B^{(\ell,m)} = (-1)^{\ell+1} (2\ell + 1) \cdot 3|\gamma|^2 \frac{e^{-\kappa L}}{\mu L} + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\sqrt{2}\kappa L})$$

- Topological phase for scattering of bound states
- Factorize center-of-mass motion

$$\psi_L(\vec{r}_1, \vec{r}_2) = e^{i2\pi\alpha\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}_1/L} e^{i2\pi(1-\alpha)\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}_2/L} \phi_L(\vec{r}_1 - \vec{r}_2), \quad \alpha = m_1/(m_1 + m_2)$$

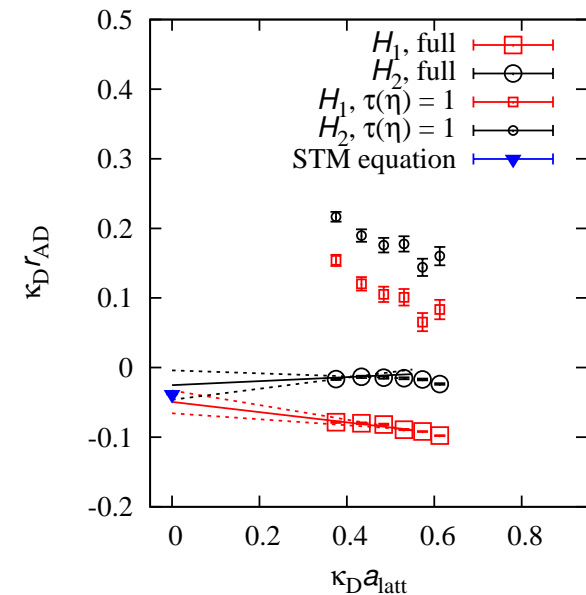
- Periodicity of ψ_L induces topological phase for winding of ϕ_L around cube

$$\phi_L(\vec{r} + \vec{n}L) = e^{-i2\pi\alpha\vec{k}\cdot\vec{n}} \phi_L(\vec{r})$$

- Energy correction:

$$\frac{\Delta E_{\vec{k}}(L)}{\Delta E_{\vec{0}}(L)} = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{l=1,2,3} \cos(2\pi\alpha k_l)$$

Bour, König, Lee, HWH, Meißner,
Phys. Rev. D **84** (2012) 091503



- Fermion-dimer scattering (spin-1/2 fermions)

- Lattice calculation:

$$\kappa a_{fd} = 1.174(9), \quad \kappa r_{fd} = -0.029(13)$$

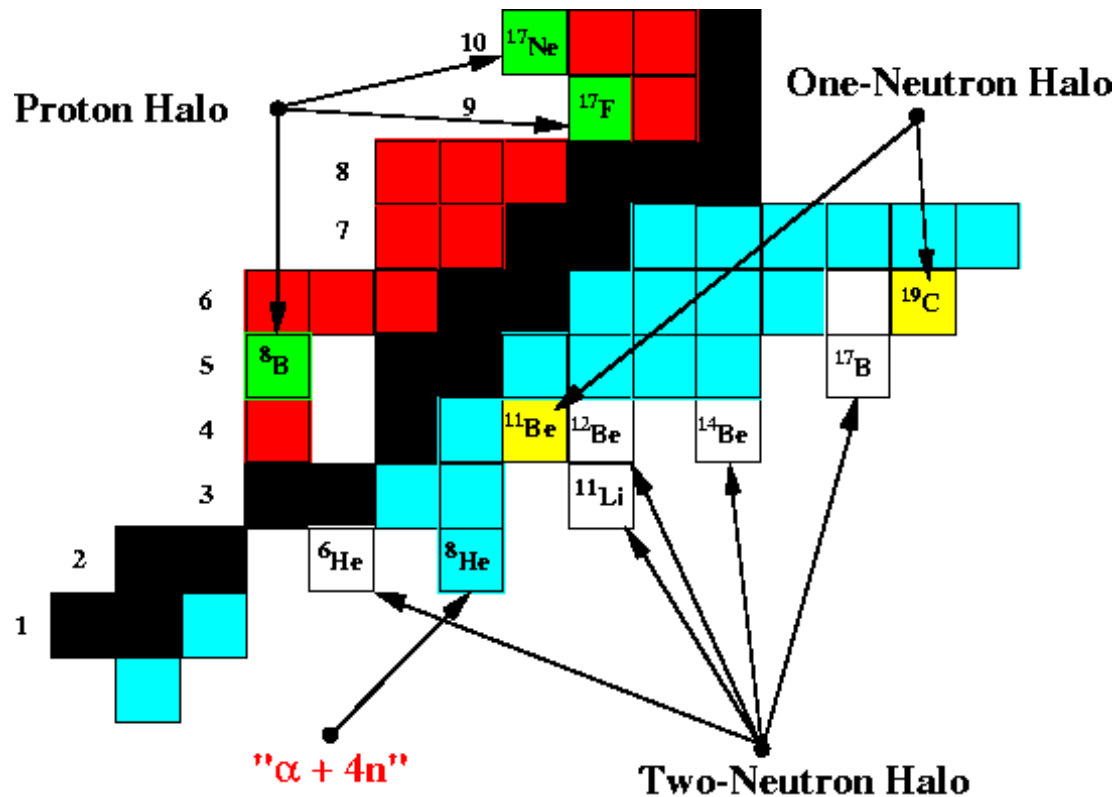
- Continuum EFT: (cf. Simenog et al. (1984))

$$\kappa a_{fd} = 1.17907(1), \quad \kappa r_{fd} = -0.0383(3)$$

Bour, HWH, Lee, Meißner, Phys. Rev. C **86** (2012) 034003

- Small, negative effective range
- Result also applies to quartet neutron-deuteron scattering
- Future extension: 4-body scattering calculations, ...

- Low separation energy of valence nucleons: $B_{valence} \ll B_{core}, E_{ex}$
 → close to “nucleon drip line” → **scale separation** → EFT



<http://www.nupecc.org>

- EFT for halo nuclei (Bedaque, Bertulani, HWH, van Kolck, 2002)

● Properties of ^{11}Be

- Ground state: $J^P = 1/2^+$, neutron separation energy: 504 keV
- Excited state: $J^P = 1/2^-$, neutron separation energy: 184 keV

● Properties of ^{10}Be

- Ground state: $J^P = 0^+$
- First excitation: 3.4 MeV above g.s.

● Separation of scales: $E_{lo}/E_{hi} \approx \frac{0.5}{3.5} = \frac{1}{7} \quad \Rightarrow \quad R_{core}/R_{halo} \approx 0.4$

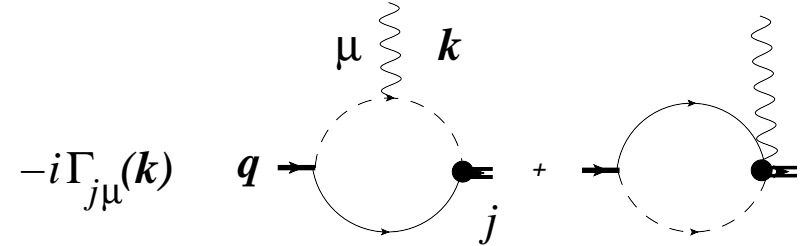
⇒ one neutron halo picture for ^{11}Be appropriate

● Effective range theory (Typel, Baur, 2004, 2005, 2008)

● EFT \implies straightforward coupling to external currents

● Study EM properties in halo EFT picture (HWH, Phillips, NPA **865** (2011) 17)

- Irreducible transition vertex



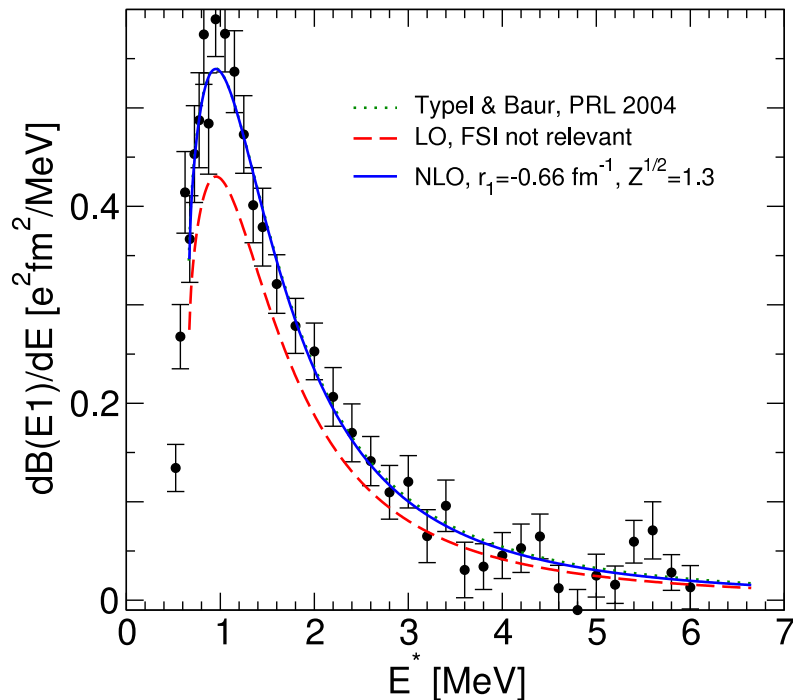
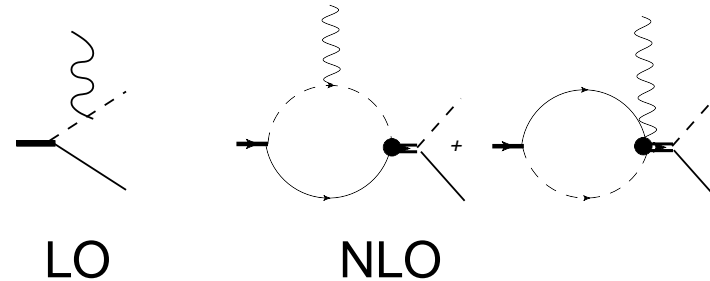
$$\Gamma_{ji} = \delta_{ji}\Gamma_E + (k_j q_i + \cancel{q_j k_i})\Gamma_M \quad \text{for} \quad \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{q} = 0, \quad \mathbf{k} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon} = 0$$

- Current conservation: $k_\mu \Gamma_{j\mu} = 0 \implies \omega \Gamma_{j0} = k_j \Gamma_E$
- $B(E1)$ transition strength:

$$B(E1) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(\frac{\Gamma_E}{\omega} \right)^2 = \frac{Z_{eff}^2 e^2}{3\pi} \frac{\gamma_0}{-r_1} \left[\frac{2\gamma_1 + \gamma_0}{(\gamma_0 + \gamma_1)^2} \right]^2 + \dots$$

- No cutoff required: divergences cancel!
- Experiment: $B(E1) = 0.105 \dots 0.116 e^2 \text{ fm}^2$
(Summers et al., PLB **650** (2007) 124; Millener et al., PRC **28** (1983) 497)
- Strategy: determine $r_1 = -0.66 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ at LO

- Transition to the continuum:



- Reasonable convergence

- At LO: no FSI

- At NLO:

$$r_1 = -0.66 \text{ fm}^{-1} \quad [B(E1)]$$

$$\sqrt{Z_\sigma} = 1.3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r_0 = 2.7 \text{ fm}$$

- Detector resolution folded in

Data: Palit et al., PRC **68** (2003) 034318

- EFT gives correlations between different observables
- Example: $B(E1)$ and radius of P-wave state

$$B(E1) = \frac{2e^2 Q_c^2}{15\pi} \left(\langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{11}\text{Be}^*} - \langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{10}\text{Be}} \right) x \left[\frac{1 + 2x}{(1 + x)^2} \right]^2 + \dots,$$

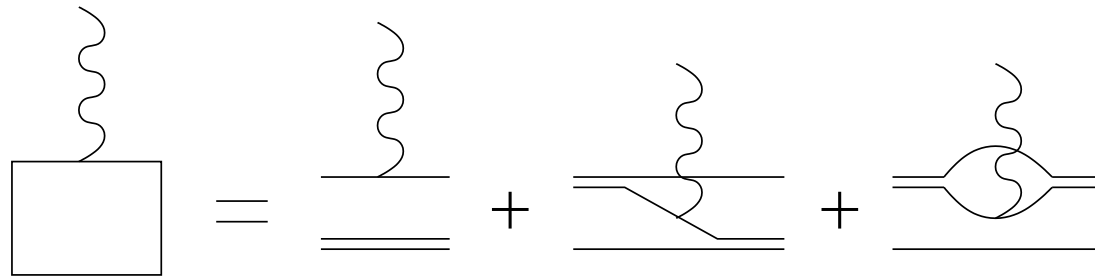
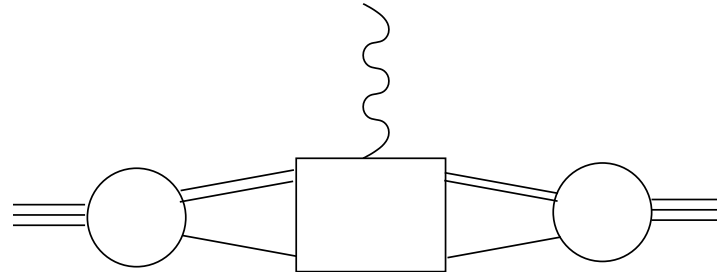
where $x = \sqrt{B_1/B_0}$

- Adapt strategy to experimental situation
- P-wave radius relative to ^{10}Be core from $B(E1)$

$$\langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{11}\text{Be}^*} - \langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{10}\text{Be}} = 0.35 \dots 0.39 \text{ fm}^2$$

Universality: can be applied to any one-neutron halo nucleus with shallow S- and/or P-Wave State

- **Future extension:** EM form factors of $2n$ halo nuclei
(Hagen, HWH, Platter, in progress)



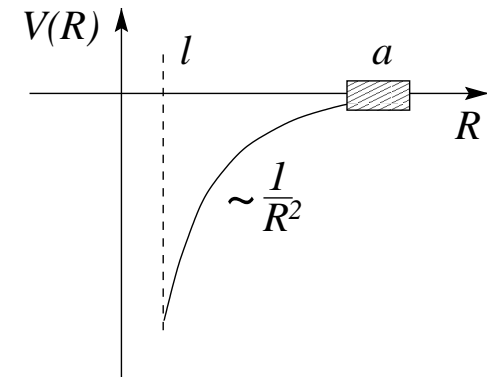
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- Future directions: exploring the unitary limit at different scales
 - Finite volume effects in lattice simulations
 - Hadronic molecules: b -quark sector, three-body molecules?, ...
 - Halo nuclei: drip line systems, external currents, reactions, ...
 - Cold atoms: dipolar interactions, confined geometries, heteronuclear systems, 2d-systems, P-waves, ...

- Unitary limit relevant at different scales: threshold states
- Particle physics: **hadronic molecules**
 - $X(3872)$ as a $D^0\bar{D}^{0*}$ molecule? ($J^{PC} = 1^{++}$)
 $B_X = (0.3 \pm 0.4) \text{ MeV}$
- Nuclear physics: **drip line nuclei**
 - $2N$ -system: $|a| \gg r_e \sim 1/m_\pi \longrightarrow B_d \approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}$
 - $^{11}\text{Be} \Rightarrow ^{10}\text{Be} + n$: n separation energy $\approx 0.5 \text{ MeV}$
- Atomic physics:
 - ^4He : $a \approx 104 \text{ \AA} \gg r_e \approx 7 \text{ \AA} \sim l_{vdW} \longrightarrow B_d \approx 100 \text{ neV}$
 - Feshbach resonances: a can be varied experimentally
 \implies **tune system to the unitary limit**

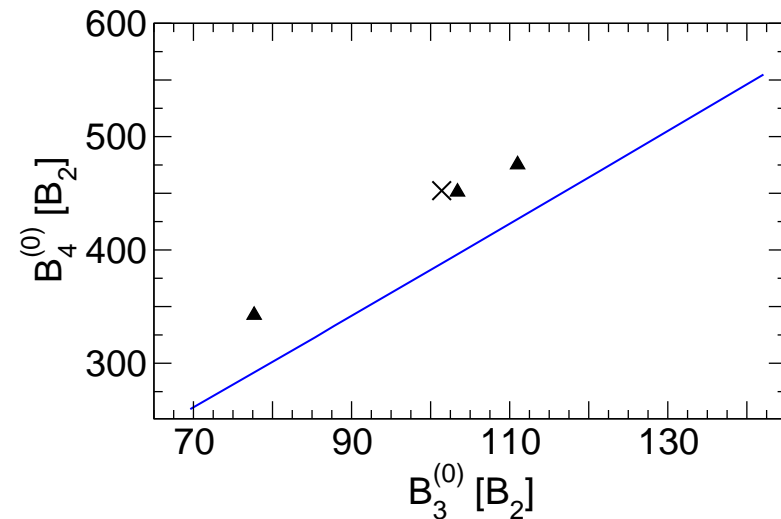
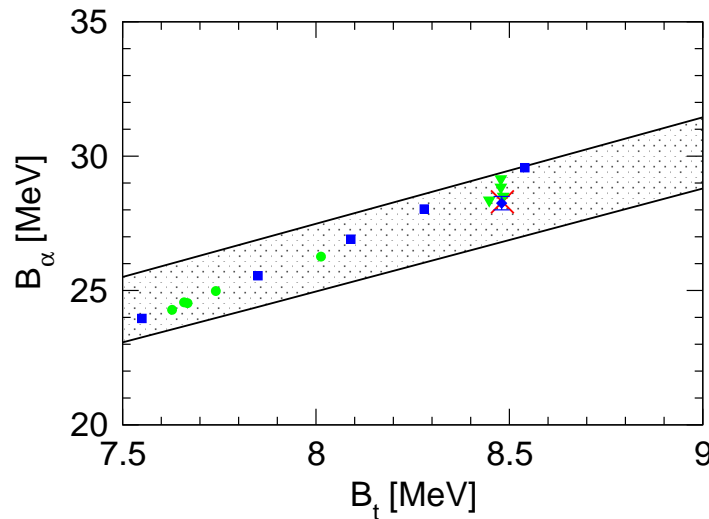
- Three-boson system near the unitary limit
- Hyperspherical coordinates: $R^2 = (r_{12}^2 + r_{13}^2 + r_{23}^2)/3$
- Schrödinger equation simplifies for $|a| \gg R \gg l$:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} + \frac{s_0^2 + 1/4}{R^2} \right] f(R) = \underbrace{-\frac{\hbar^2 \kappa^2}{m}}_E f(R)$$



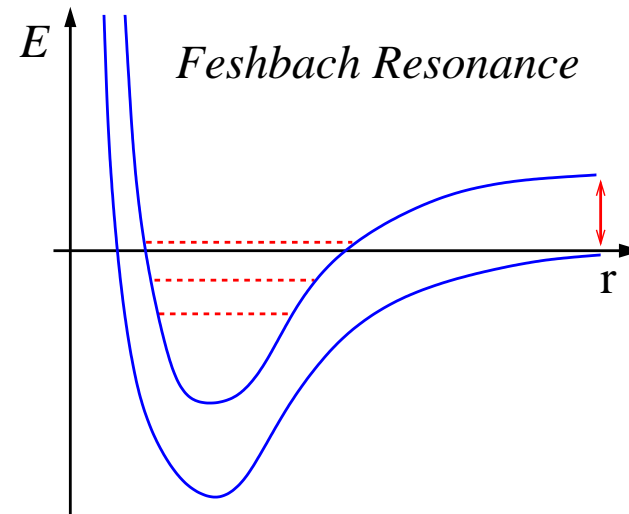
- **Singular Potential:** renormalization required
- **Boundary condition at small R :** breaks scale invariance
 - \implies **scale invariance is anomalous**
 - \implies **observables depend on 3-body parameter (and a)**
- **EFT formulation:** boundary condition \implies 3-body interaction @ LO

- 2 Parameters at LO \Rightarrow 3-body observables are correlated
 \Rightarrow Phillips line (Phillips, 1968)
- No four-body parameter at LO (Platter, HWH, Meißner, 2004)
 \Rightarrow 4-body observables are correlated \Rightarrow Tjon line



- Variation of 3-body parameter generates correlations
- Nuclear physics: Λ dependence of V_{low-k} (Bogner et al., 2004)
- Tjon line also at NLO (Kirscher et al., 2009)

- **Feshbach Resonance:**
energy of molecular state in closed channel close to energy of scattering state



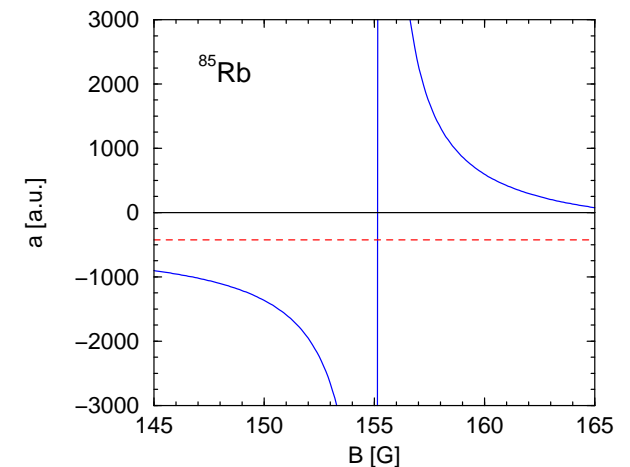
- **Tune scattering length via external magnetic field**
(Tiesinga, Verhaar, Stoof, 1993)

- **Example:**

^{85}Rb atoms

$$\frac{a(B)}{a_0} = 1 + \frac{\Delta}{B_0 - B}$$

$$a_0 = -422 \text{ a.u.}, B_0 = 155.2 \text{ G}, \Delta = 11.6 \text{ G}$$

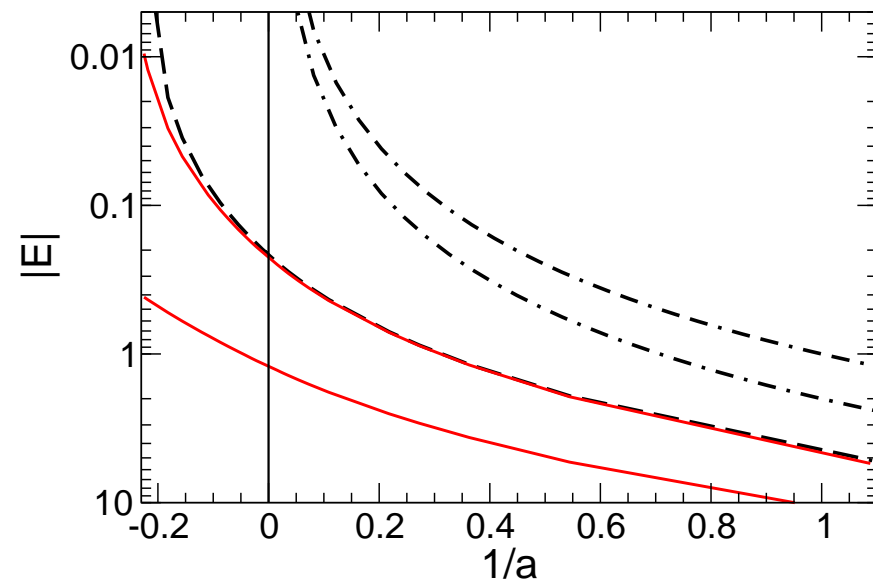


- No four-body parameter at LO (Platter, HWH, Meißner, 2004)
- Universal properties of 4-body system with large a
 - Bound state spectrum, scattering observables, ...
- “Efimov-plot”: 4-body bound state spectrum as function of $1/a$

$$B_4^{(0)} = 5B_3^{(0)} \quad (1/a \equiv 0)$$

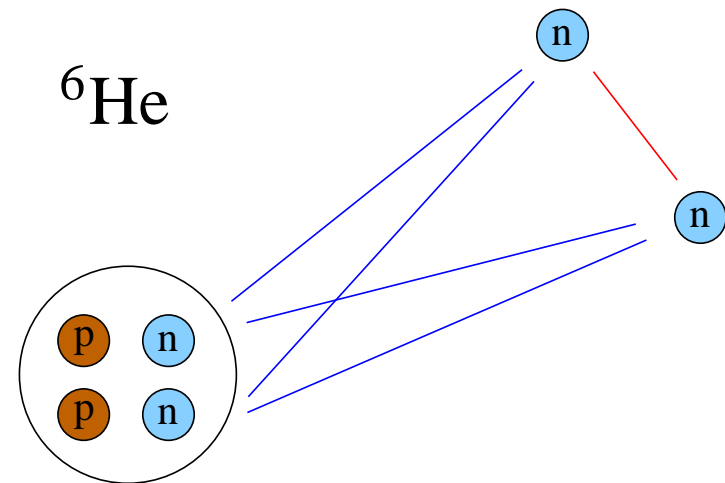
$$B_4^{(1)} = 1.01B_3^{(0)}$$

(Platter, HWH, 2007)



- Extension to thresholds and signature in Cs loss data
(von Stecher et al., 2009; Ferlaino et al. (Innsbruck), 2009)

- Antisymmetrization with respect to neutrons in core?
- Core neutrons not active dof in halo EFT



- **Physics:** exchange of core nucleon and halo nucleon only contributes to observables if there is spatial overlap between wave functions of core and halo nucleon

\implies small for $R_{core} \ll R_{halo}$

- Effects subsumed in low-energy constants, included perturbatively in expansion in R_{core}/R_{halo}

- Introduce fields for neutron/core with S- and P-wave interactions
- Effective Lagrangian at NLO

(cf. Bertulani, HWH, van Kolck, 2002; Bedaque, HWH, van Kolck, 2003)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L} = & c^\dagger \left(i\partial_t + \frac{\nabla^2}{2M} \right) c + n^\dagger \left(i\partial_t + \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} \right) n \\
 & + \sigma^\dagger \left[\eta_0 \left(i\partial_t + \frac{\nabla^2}{2M_{nc}} \right) + \Delta_0 \right] \sigma + \pi_j^\dagger \left[\eta_1 \left(i\partial_t + \frac{\nabla^2}{2M_{nc}} \right) + \Delta_1 \right] \pi_j \\
 & - g_0 \left[\sigma n^\dagger c^\dagger + \sigma^\dagger n c \right] - \frac{g_1}{2} \left[\pi_j^\dagger (n i \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}_j c) + (c^\dagger i \overleftrightarrow{\nabla}_j n^\dagger) \pi_j \right] + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

- Parameters:

- Leading order: $g_0, \Delta_1, g_1 \Leftarrow B_0, B_1, a_1$ or $B(E1)(1/2^+ \rightarrow 1/2^-)$
- Next-to-leading order: $\Delta_0 \Leftarrow B(E1)(1/2^+ \rightarrow 1/2^-)$ or dB/dE

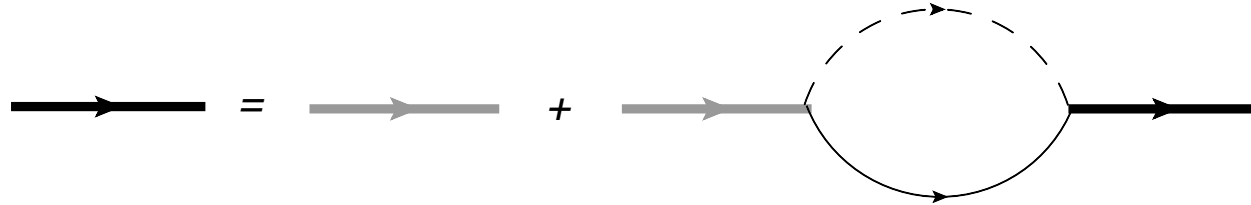
- EFT generates S- and P-wave states from core-neutron contact interactions
- Reproduces correct asymptotics of wave functions for S- and P-wave states

$$u_0(r) = A_0 \exp(-\gamma_0 r)$$

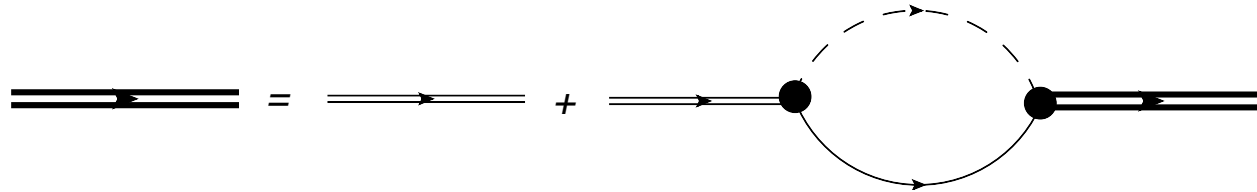
$$u_1(r) = A_1 \exp(-\gamma_1 r) \left(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma_1 r} \right)$$

- **Focus on observables:** no discussion of n -core interaction at short distances, spectroscopic factors, ...
- **Halo EFT:** expansion in R_{core}/R_{halo}
- **Generating the S- and P-wave states in Halo EFT:**
 \implies sum the nc bubbles

- **S-wave state:** $g_0^2/\Delta_0 \sim R_{halo}$, nc loop $\sim 1/R_{halo} \Rightarrow$ sum bubbles
(van Kolck, 1997, 1999; Kaplan, Savage, Wise, 1998)



- **P-wave state:**



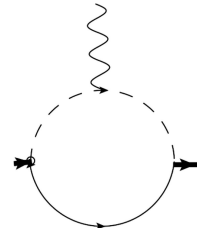
- Determine parameters from bound state pole and/or scattering parameters

$$D_\pi(p) \propto \frac{1}{r_1 + 3\gamma_1 p_0} \frac{1}{p_0 - \mathbf{p}^2/(2M_{nc}) + B_1} + \text{regular}$$

where $\gamma_1 = \sqrt{2m_R B_1}$

- Minimal substitution: $\partial_\mu \rightarrow D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ie\hat{Q}A_\mu$

- S-wave form factor (LO):



$$G_c(|\mathbf{q}|) = \frac{2\gamma_0}{f|\mathbf{q}|} \arctan\left(\frac{f|\mathbf{q}|}{2\gamma_0}\right) \quad \text{where} \quad f = m_R/M = 1/11$$

- Charge radius of ^{11}Be relative to ^{10}Be :

$$\langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{11}\text{Be}} = \langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{10}\text{Be}} + \frac{f^2}{2\gamma_0^2} \frac{1}{1 - \gamma_0 r_0}$$

- Results:

- At LO: $\langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{11}\text{Be}} - \langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{10}\text{Be}} = 0.19 \text{ fm}^2$
- At NLO: $\langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{11}\text{Be}} - \langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{10}\text{Be}} = 0.27 \dots 0.32 \text{ fm}^2$

- Comparison to experimental values

Nörtshäuser et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **102** (2009) 062503

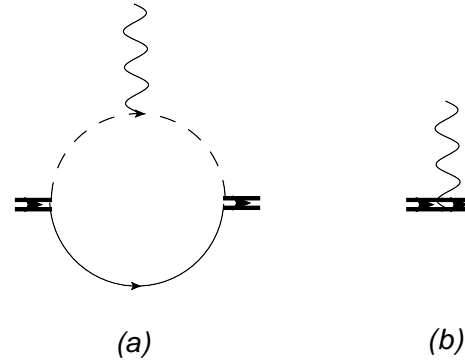
- Using the experimental value: $\sqrt{\langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{10}\text{Be}}} = 2.357(18) \text{ fm}$

- At LO: $\sqrt{\langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{11}\text{Be}}} = 2.40 \text{ fm}$

- At NLO: $\sqrt{\langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{11}\text{Be}}} = 2.42 \text{ fm}$

- Experimental value: $\sqrt{\langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{11}\text{Be}}} = 2.463(16) \text{ fm}$

- P-wave form factor (LO):



- Charge form factor:

$$G_c(|\mathbf{q}|) = \frac{1}{r_1 + 3\gamma_1} \left[r_1 + \frac{1}{qf} \left(2qf\gamma_1 + (q^2 f^2 + 2\gamma_1^2) \arctan \left(\frac{f|\mathbf{q}|}{2\gamma_1} \right) \right) \right]$$

- Charge radius of $^{11}\text{Be}^*$: $\langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{11}\text{Be}^*} = \langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{10}\text{Be}} - \frac{5f^2}{2\gamma_1 r_1}$
- Using the experimental value (Nörtshäuser et al., PRL **102** (2009) 062503)
 - At LO: $\sqrt{\langle r_c^2 \rangle_{^{11}\text{Be}^*}} = (2.43 \pm 0.1) \text{ fm}$
 - At NLO: unknown counterterm
- Quadrupole form factor also predicted (not measurable in $J = 1/2$ state)

- Counter term contributions (not generated by minimal substitution)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{EM} = & -L_{C0}^{(\sigma)} \sigma_l^\dagger \underbrace{(\nabla^2 A_0 - \partial_0(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}))}_{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}} \sigma_l \\
 & -L_{E1}^{(1/2)} \sum_{ll'j} \sigma_l \pi_{l'}^\dagger \left(\frac{1}{2} l \frac{1}{2} l' \middle| 1j \right) \underbrace{(\nabla_j A_0 - \partial_0 A_j)}_{\mathbf{E}_j} \\
 & -L_{C0}^{(\pi)} \pi_l^\dagger \underbrace{(\nabla^2 A_0 - \partial_0(\nabla \cdot \mathbf{A}))}_{\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}} \pi_l + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

- Where do they come in?

- $L_{C0}^{(\sigma)}$: $\langle r_c^2 \rangle^{(\sigma)}$ at N3LO

- $L_{C0}^{(\pi)}$: $\langle r_c^2 \rangle^{(\pi)}$ at NLO \implies accuracy of models

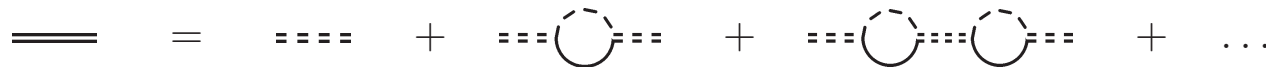
- $L_{E1}^{(1/2)}$: $B(E1)$ at NLO

- Nature of $X(3872)$ not finally resolved
- Assumption: $X(3872)$ is weakly-bound D^0 - \bar{D}^{0*} -molecule
 - $\implies |X\rangle = (|D^0\bar{D}^{0*}\rangle + |\bar{D}^0D^{0*}\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$, $B_X = (0.26 \pm 0.41) \text{ MeV}$
 - \implies **universal properties** (cf. Braaten et al., 2003-2008, ...)
 - Explains isospin violation in decays of $X(3872) \Rightarrow$ superposition of $I = 1$ and $I = 0$
 - Different masses due to different line shapes in decay channels
- Large scattering length to LO determines interaction of $X(3872)$ with D^0 and D^{0*}
- Higher orders: EFT with perturbative pions
 - (Fleming, Kusunoki, Mehen, van Kolck, 2007; Fleming, Mehen, 2008)
 - (Braaten, HWH, Mehen, 2010)

- Effective Lagrangian

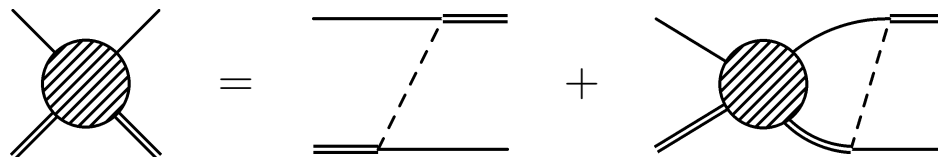
$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{j=D^0, D^{*0}, \bar{D}^0, \bar{D}^{*0}} \psi_j^\dagger \left(i\partial_t + \frac{\nabla^2}{2m_j} \right) \psi_j + \Delta X^\dagger X - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \left(X^\dagger (\psi_{D^0} \psi_{\bar{D}^{*0}} + \psi_{D^{*0}} \psi_{\bar{D}^0}) + \text{H.c.} \right) + \dots,$$

- Propagator of the $X(3872)$



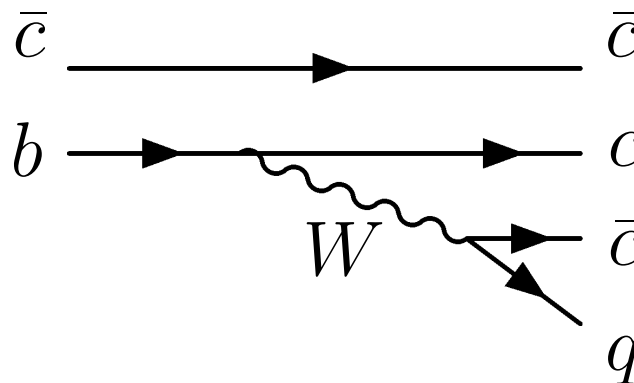
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- Three-body integral equation



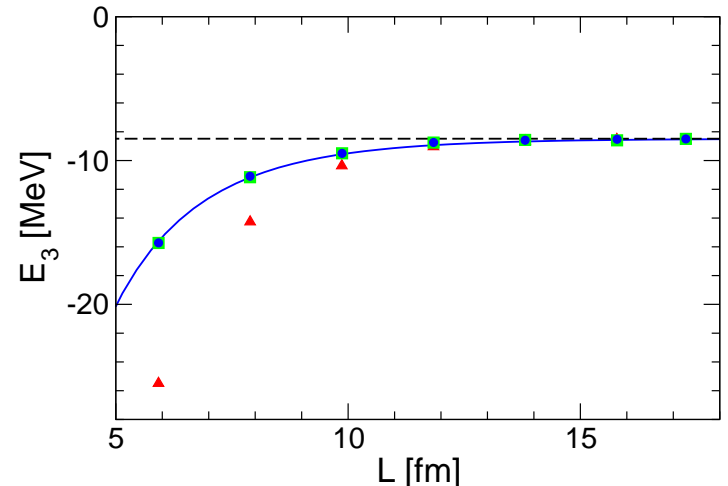
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- Behavior of $X(3872)$ produced in isolation should be distinguishable from its behavior when in the presence of $D^0, D^{*0}, \bar{D}^0, \bar{D}^{*0}$
- Final state interaction of D, D^* mesons in B_c -decays
- Example: quark-level B_c decay yielding three charmed/anticharmed quarks in final state



- Process accessible at the LHC

- Light nuclei can also be described in an expansion around the unitary limit (Efimov 1981) \rightarrow pionless effective field theory
- Can be used to calculate volume dependence of triton binding energy
 \Rightarrow Lattice QCD calculations of light nuclei (e.g. NPLQCD collaboration)
- Modification of spectrum by cubic box ($V = L^3$)
 - Box provides infrared cutoff $1/L$
 \Rightarrow calculable in EFT
 - Box breaks rotational invariance
 \Rightarrow partial wave mixing
 - Momenta quantized $\vec{p} = \vec{n} (2\pi/L)$
 \Rightarrow 3d sum equation



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