The Hypertriton as an Efimov State

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Outline

- Threshold bound states and the unitary limit
- Limit cycles and Efimov physics
- Hypertriton
- Factorization in break-up and recombination
- Summary and outlook

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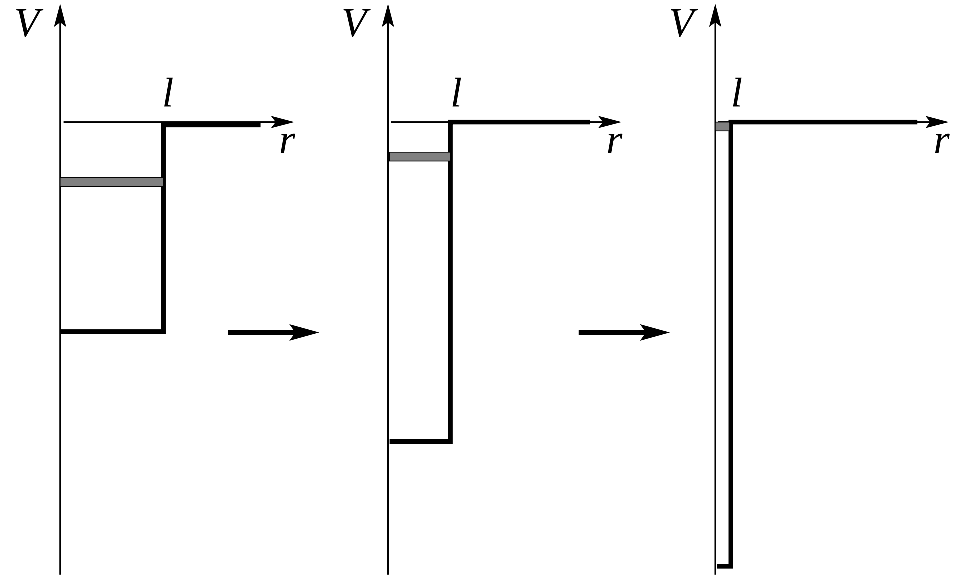

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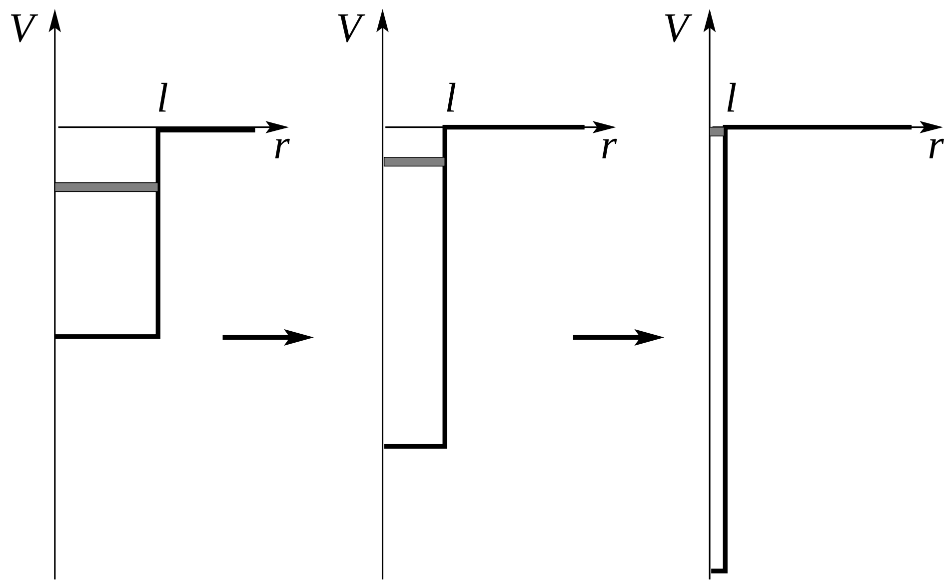

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EFT for the Unitary Limit

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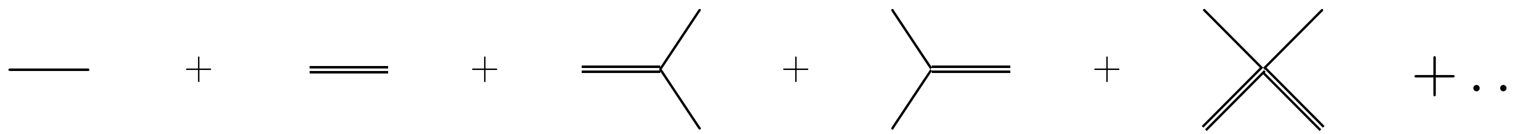
- Effective Lagrangian (Kaplan, 1997; Bedaque, HWH, van Kolck, 1999)

$\mathcal{L}_{eff} =$ 

- 2-body amplitude: 

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

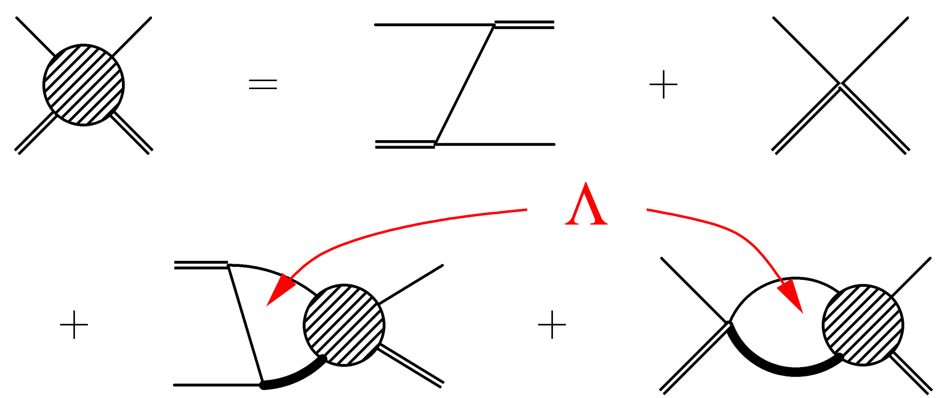
$\Rightarrow$ scale and conformal invariance $\Longleftrightarrow$ unitary limit

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

- 3-body amplitude:

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

$\Rightarrow$ discrete scale inv.



Three-Body Force: Limit Cycle

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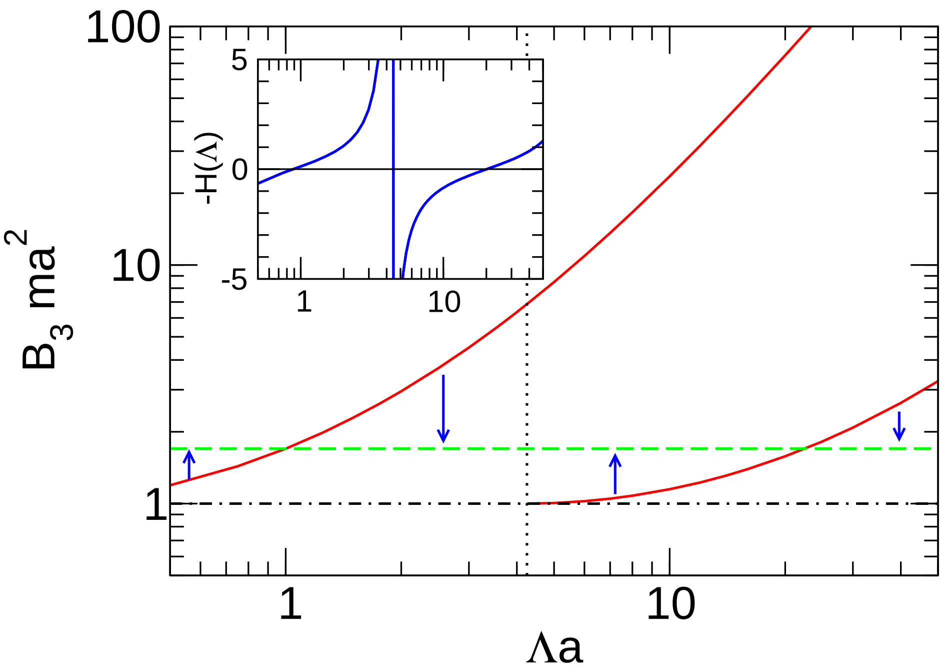
- RG invariance $\Longrightarrow$ running coupling $H(\Lambda) = g_3\Lambda^2/(9g_2^2)$



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

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

(cf. Wilson, 1971)

- Anomaly: scale invariance broken to discrete subgroup

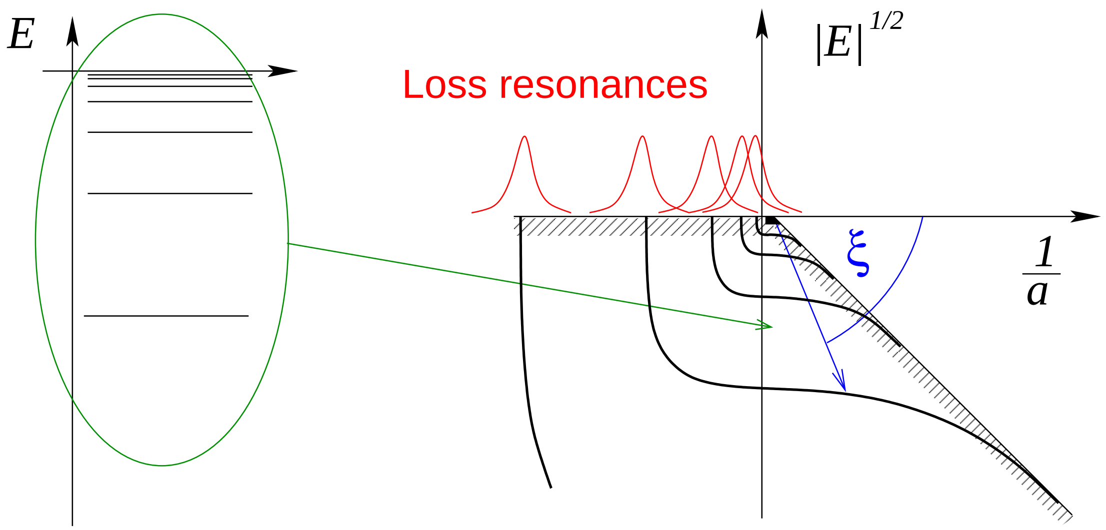
$$H(\Lambda) \approx \frac{\cos(s_0 \ln(\Lambda/\Lambda_*) + \arctan(s_0))}{\cos(s_0 \ln(\Lambda/\Lambda_*) - \arctan(s_0))}\,, \qquad s_0 \approx 1.00624$$

(Bedaque, HWH, van Kolck, 1999)

- Limit cycle $\Longleftrightarrow$ Discrete scale invariance $\Longleftrightarrow$ Efimov physics

Limit Cycle: Efimov Physics

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



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

$$B_3^{(n)}/B_3^{(n+1)} \quad \stackrel{1/a\to 0}{\longrightarrow} \quad e^{2\pi/s_0} = 515.035...$$

- Ultracold atoms $\Longrightarrow$ variable scattering length $\Longrightarrow$ loss resonances
- Nuclei $\Longrightarrow$ universal correlations and scaling relations

Universal Correlations

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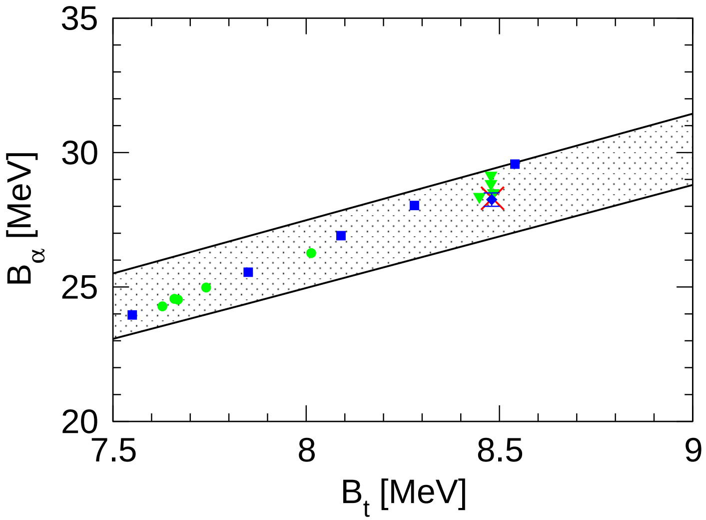
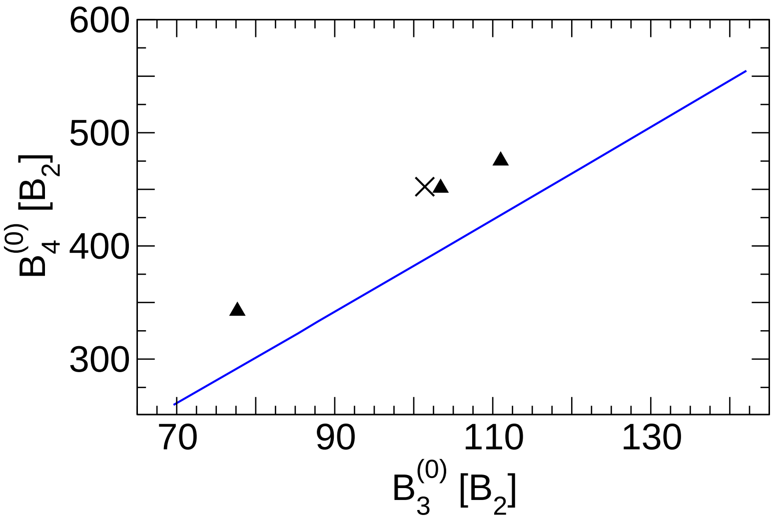
- 2 Parameters at LO $\Rightarrow$ 3-body observables are correlated
  $\Longrightarrow$ Phillips line (Efimov, Tkachenko, 1985; Bedaque, HWH, van Kolck, 2000)
- No four-body parameter at LO (Platter, HWH, Meißner, 2004)
  $\Rightarrow$ 4-body observables are correlated $\Longrightarrow$ Tjon line

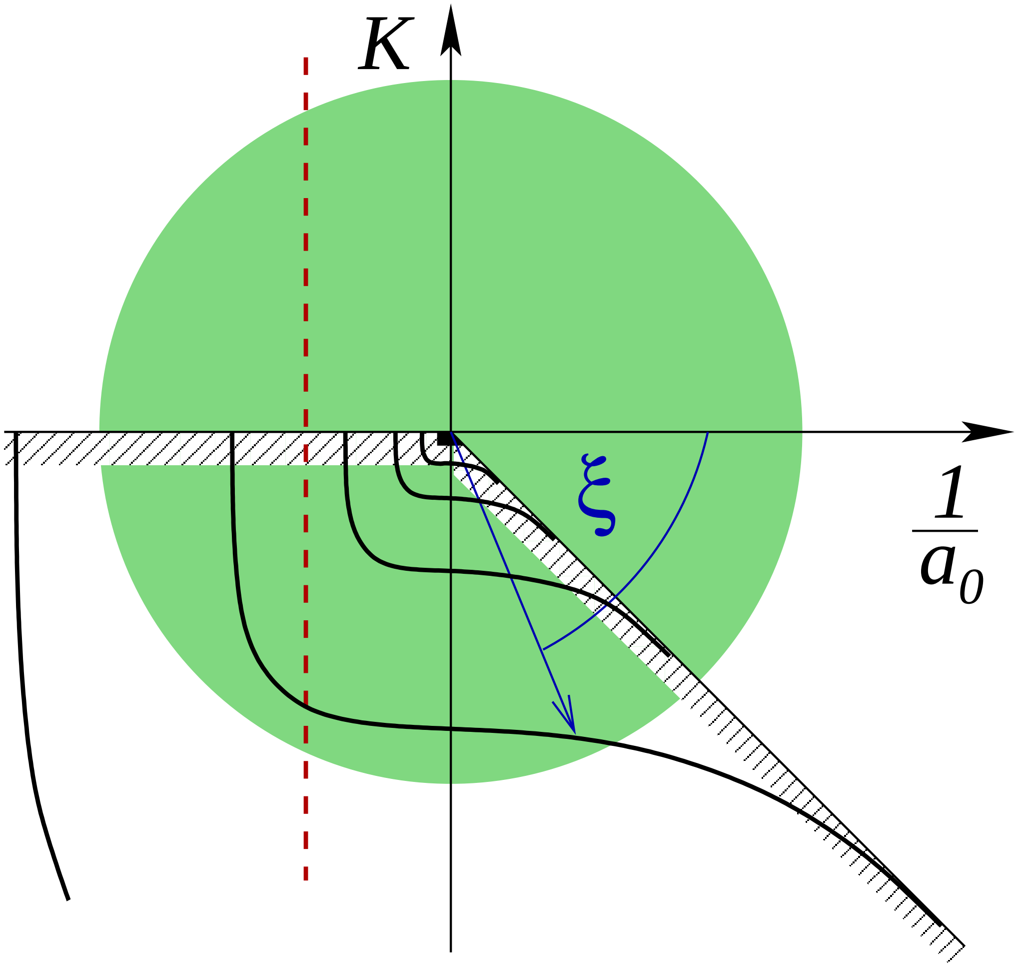




- Variation of 3-body parameter generates correlations
- RG-evolved interactions: Λ dependence traces correlations
  (cf. Nogga, Bogner, Schwenk, 2004)

Efimov Plot

- Window of universality



Efimov Physics in Halo Nuclei

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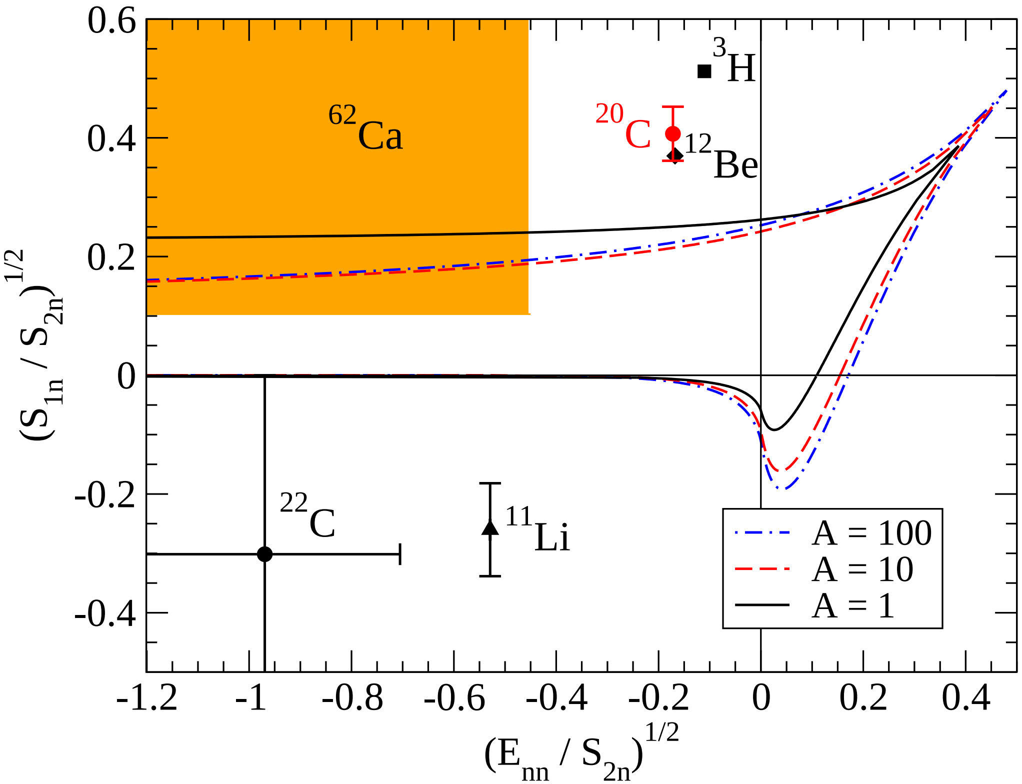
- Efimov effect in halo nuclei? (Fedorov, Jensen, Riisager, 1994)

  $\Longrightarrow$ excited states obeying scaling relations
- Correlation plot: $E_{nn} \leftrightarrow S_{1n}$ (Amorin, Frederico, Tomio, 1997)



adapted from Canham, HWH, Eur. Phys. J. A **37** (2008) 367

Λd-System and the Hypertriton

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- Hypertriton
  - $np\Lambda$ bound state with $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+$, $I = 0$
  - Λd separation energy: $B^\Lambda = 0.13 \pm 0.05$ MeV
  - total binding energy: $B_3^\Lambda = 2.35$ MeV
- EFT for large scattering lengths

  $\Longrightarrow$ shallow hypertriton follows naturally
- Leading order EFT $\Rightarrow$ S-wave interactions
  - ${}^3S_1(NN) + \Lambda \longrightarrow a_d \sim 1/\gamma_d$
  - ${}^3S_1(\Lambda N) + N \longrightarrow a_3 \sim 1/\gamma_3$
  - ${}^1S_0(\Lambda N) + N \longrightarrow a_1 \sim 1/\gamma_1$
- Scattering lengths large compared to interaction range
  ($NN \to \pi$-exchange, $\Lambda N \to 2\pi$-exchange)

Low-Energy ΛN-System

- ΛN system unbound
- (Old) effective range analyses inconclusive (few data at relatively high energies)

$0 > a_1 > -15$ fm $\qquad 0 < r_1 < 15$ fm

-0.6 fm $> a_3 > -3.2$ fm $\qquad 2.5$ fm $< r_3 < 15$ fm

- Extractions using hyperon-nucleon potentials

$a_1 \approx -2.9$ fm, $\qquad a_3 \approx -1.6$ fm, $\qquad \gg R \sim 1/(2m_\pi)$

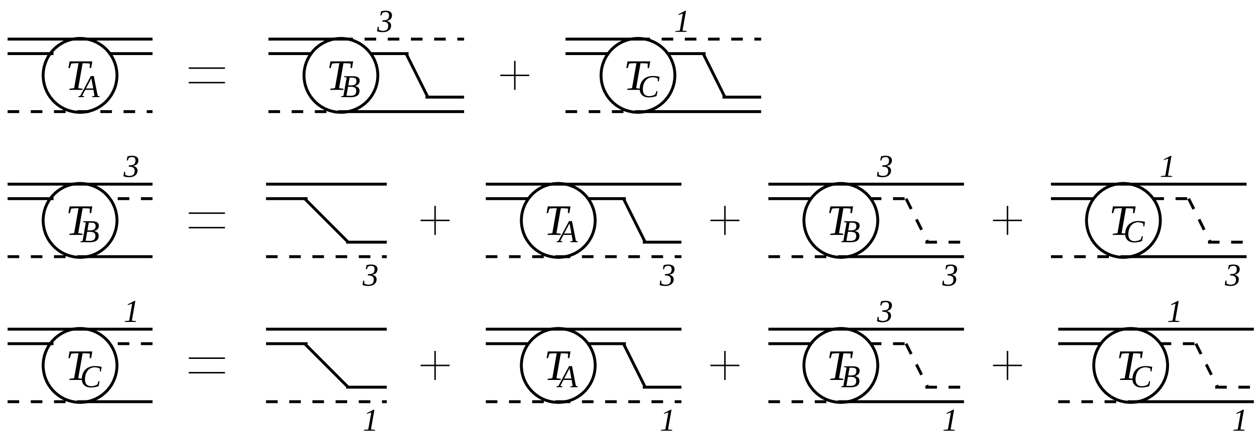
(chiral EFT: Haidenbauer et al., Nucl. Phys. A **915** (2013) 24)

- Characteristic three-body momentum

$$\gamma_3^\Lambda \sim 2\sqrt{|MB_3^\Lambda - \gamma_d^2|/3} \approx 14 \text{ MeV} \ll \sqrt{m_\Lambda(m_\Sigma - m_\Lambda)} \approx 300 \text{ MeV}$$

$\Rightarrow$ $\Lambda\Sigma$ conversion is short range $\quad \Longrightarrow \quad$ three-body force

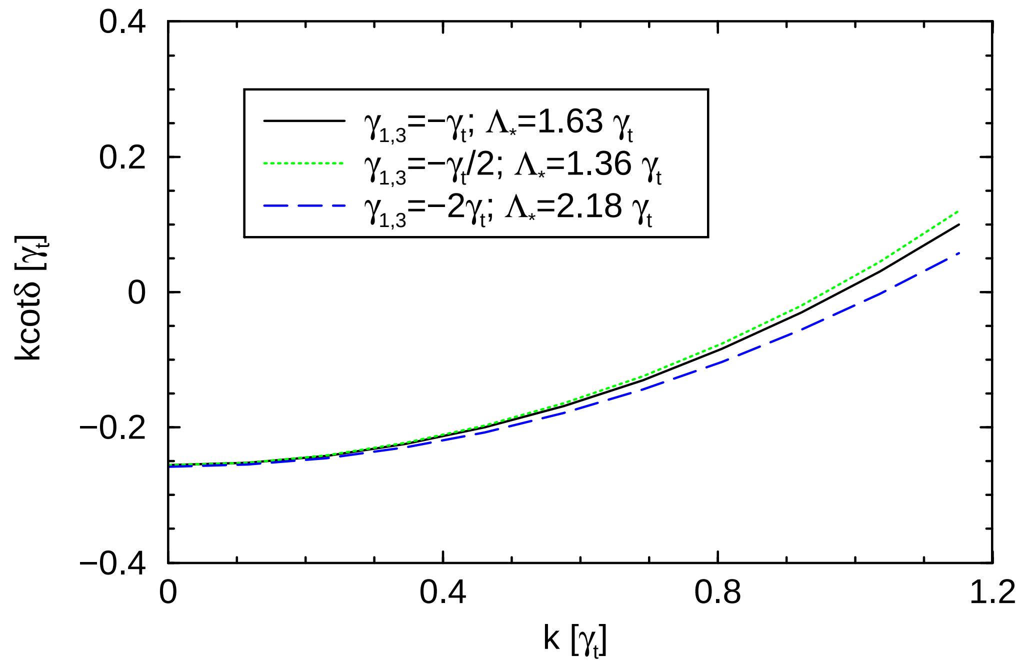
Integral Equations for Hypertriton



HWH, Nucl. Phys. **A705** (2002) 173; Hildenbrand, HWH, in preparation

- Strong cutoff dependence $\Longrightarrow$ renormalize with Λnp three-body force (cf. triton, bosons)
- Limit cycle with $s_0 = 1.0076$ (unequal masses)
- Scaling factor: $\exp \pi/s_0 \approx 22.60$
- Corrects error in original publication
- No room for excited states....

Λd Scattering



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- Exact value of γ_i not determined by B_3^Λ
- Phase shifts independent of γ_i $\Longleftarrow$ shallowness of hypertriton
- Low-energy parameters:

$$a_{\Lambda d} = (16.8^{+4.4}_{-2.4})\ \text{fm} \quad \text{and} \quad r_{\Lambda d} = (2.3 \pm 0.1)\ \text{fm}$$

Λnp Phillips Line

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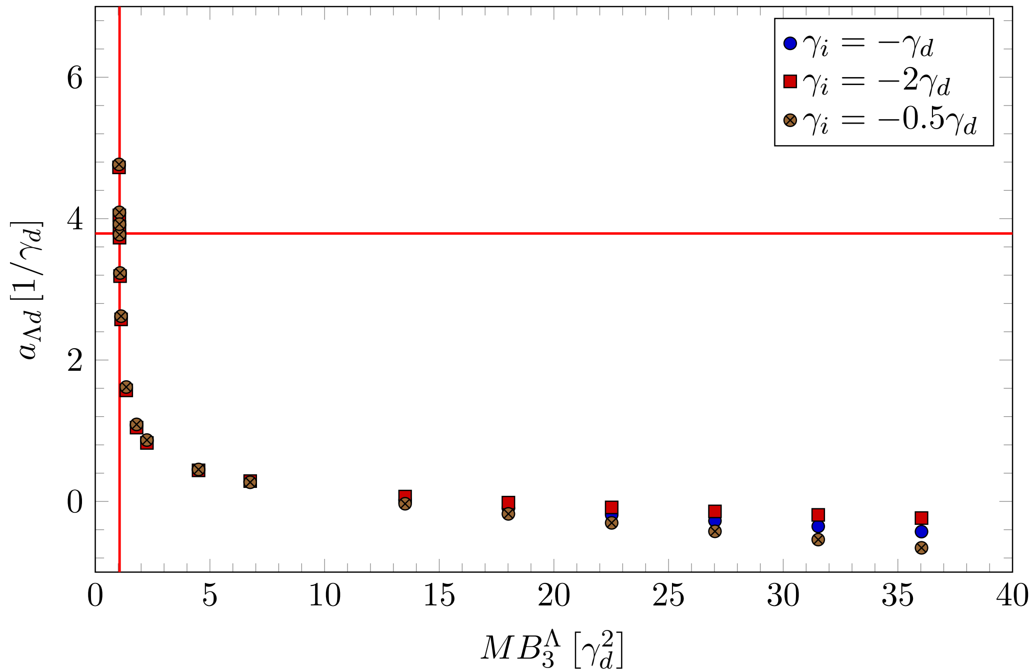

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- Correlation between hypertriton triton binding energy and $S = 1/2$ Λd scattering length (cf. Phillips '68)
- Sensitivity to specific values of γ_i only for deeper binding
- Hypertriton wave function can also be extracted
- Production in heavy ion collisions?

Recombination and Breakup

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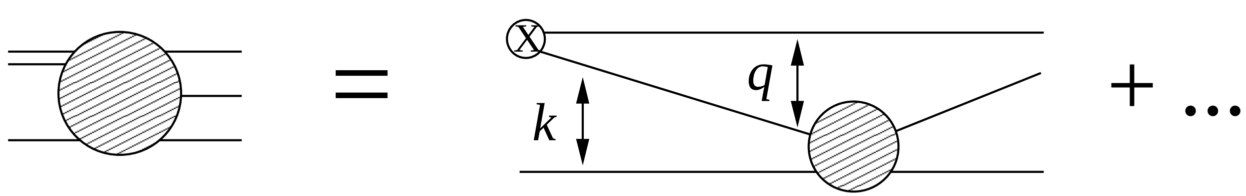
- Breakup and recombination reactions of shallow atomic bound states at higher energy E

  (Braaten, Zhang, Phys. Rev. A **73**, 042707 (2006))
- Factorization of amplitude if typical momenta between atom and bound state satisfy $k \gg 1/a \sim q,\ E \sim k^2/m$

$$\mathcal{T} \approx \frac{4(\pi/a)^{1/2}}{q^2 + 1/a^2} \times \frac{8\pi/m}{(\frac{1}{2}r_e k^2 + \ldots) - ik}$$



- Final state interaction suppressed
- Works well for breakup reactions of ^{4}He atoms
- Compare with exact calculation for recombination

Recombination and Breakup

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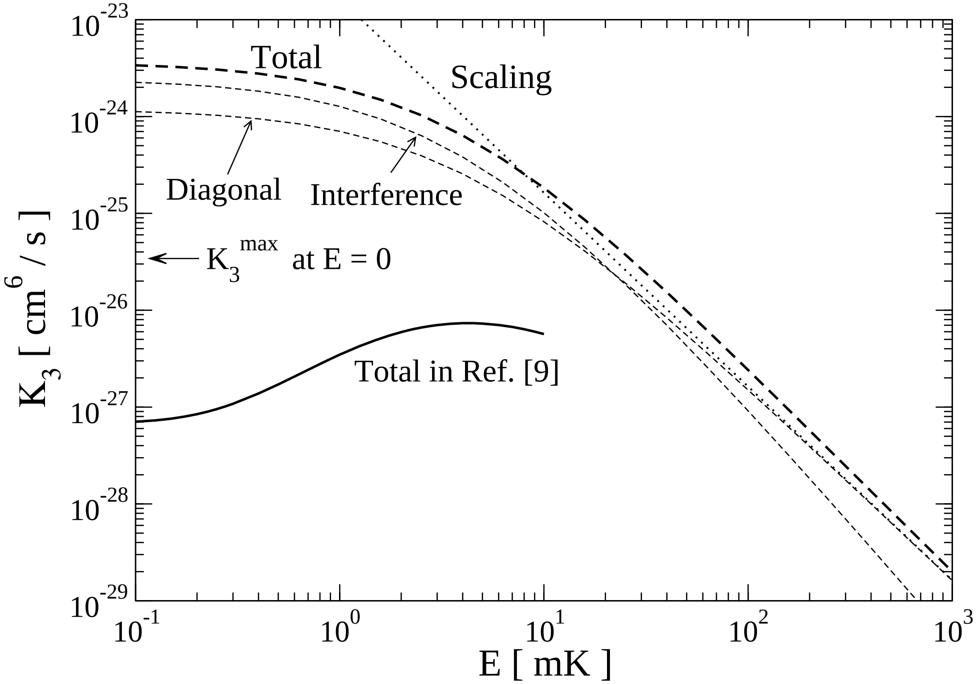
- Three-body recombination rate coefficient K_3



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- Interference terms important at low energies ($B_2 = 1.6$ mK)
- Higher orders in atom-atom scattering amplitude

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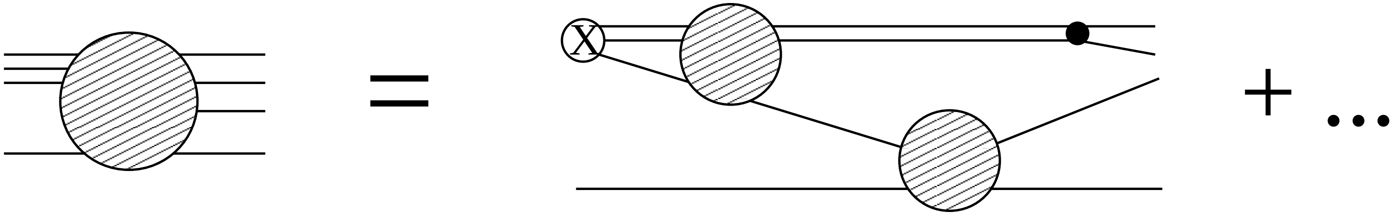
- Extension to three-body bound states



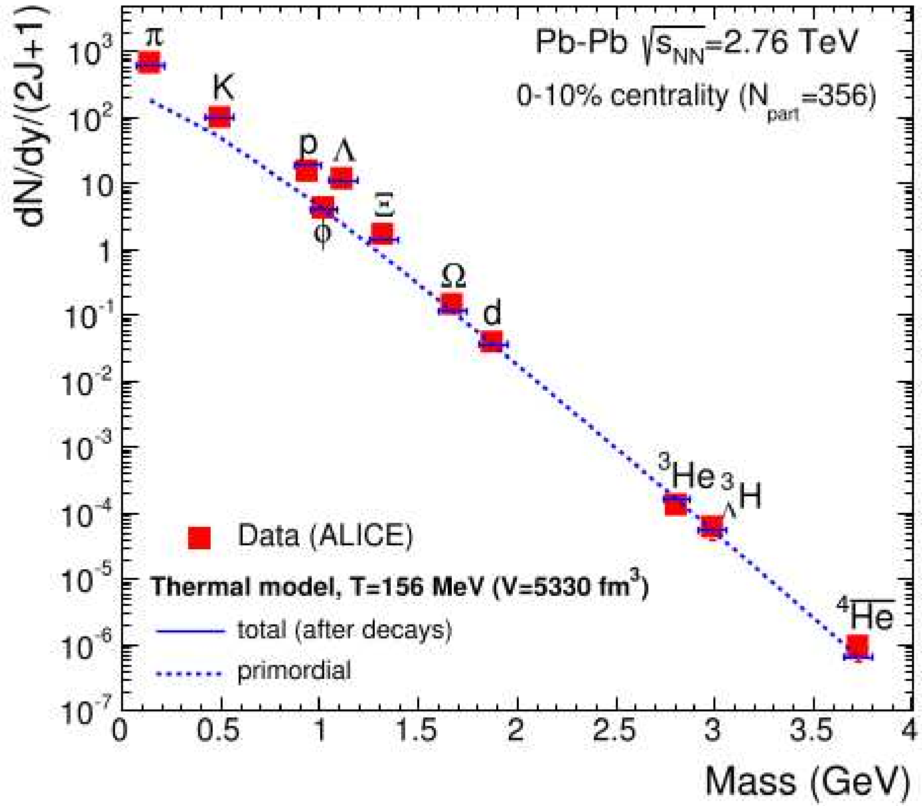
- Requires momentum space wave function of trimers

  $\Longrightarrow$ three-body problem requires numerical solution
  $\Longrightarrow$ dependence on a and Λ_*
- Extension to higher-body states possible
- Only bound state calculations with $N-1$ bodies required
- Closure relation for sum over all (initial/final) states

$$\int d^3r \sum_{X_{N-1}} |\langle X_{N-1}|\psi(r)|M\rangle|^2 = \int d^3r \, \langle M|\psi^\dagger\psi(r)|M\rangle = N$$

Recombination and Breakup

- Application to heavy ion collisions?



Andronic et al. (2016)

- Short-distance factor cancels in ratios?

Summary

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- Effective field theory for unitary limit
- Universal aspects of (Discrete) Scale Invariance $\Leftrightarrow$ Efimov physics
  - Effective field theory for threshold states
  - ....
- Applications in atomic, nuclear, and particle physics
  - Cold atoms close to Feshbach resonance
  - Few-body nuclei: triton, hypertriton, halo nuclei, ...
  - Hadronic molecules: $X(3872)$, ...
- Factorization for breakup and recombination reactions
  - Application to production of weakly-bound objects in heavy ion collisions?

Additional Slides

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Three-Body Recombination

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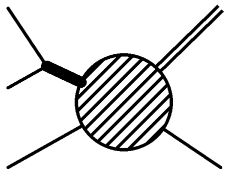


- Three-body recombination:

  3 atoms $\rightarrow$ dimer + atom $\Rightarrow$ loss of atoms
- Recombination constant: $\dot{n}_A = -K_3 \, n_A^3$
- K_3 has log-periodic dependence on scattering length

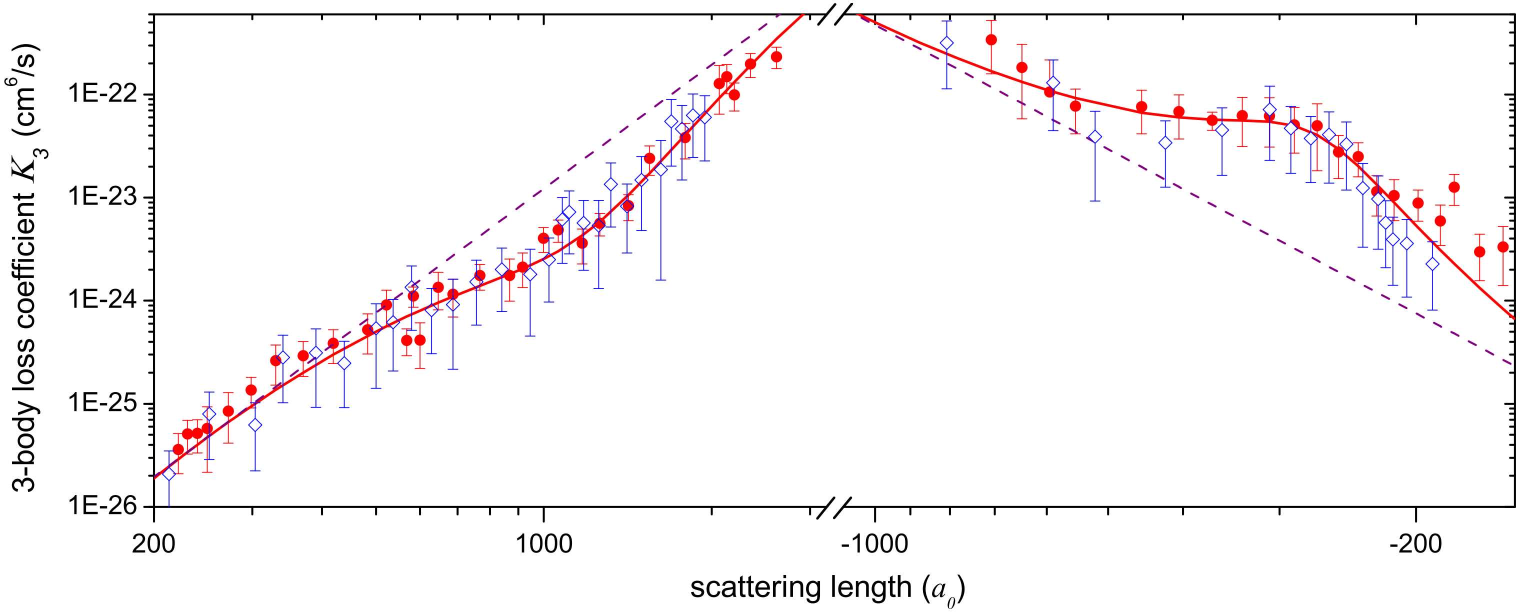
  (Nielsen, Macek, 1999; Esry, Greene, Burke, 1999; Bedaque, Braaten, HWH, 2000)
- Deep dimers: Efimov trimers aquire width $\Rightarrow$ resonances
- Loss term in short distance b.c.: $\Lambda_* \longrightarrow \Lambda_* \exp^{i\eta_*/s_0}$
- Universal line shape of recombination resonance ($a < 0$, $T = 0$)

$$K_3^{deep} = \frac{64\pi^2(4\pi - 3\sqrt{3}) \, \coth(\pi s_0) \sinh(2\eta_*)}{\sin^2 [s_0 \ln(a/a_-)] + \sinh^2 \eta_*} \frac{\hbar \, a^4}{m} \,, \qquad s_0 \approx 1.00624..$$

and other observables . . .

Efimov States in Ultracold Atoms

- First experimental evidence in ^{133}Cs (Krämer et al. (Innsbruck), 2006) now also ^{6}Li, ^{7}Li, ^{39}K, ^{41}K/^{87}Rb, ^{6}Li/^{133}Cs
- Example: Efimov spectrum in ^{6}Li/^{133}Cs mixture
  (Gross et al. (Bar-Ilan Univ.), Phys. Rev. Lett. **105** (2010) 103203)



- Van der Waals tail determines $a_-/l_{vdW} \approx -10$ $(\pm 15\%)$
  (Wang et al., 2012; Naidon et al. 2012, 2014; ...)
  ... but not η_* ...

Universal Tetramers and Beyond

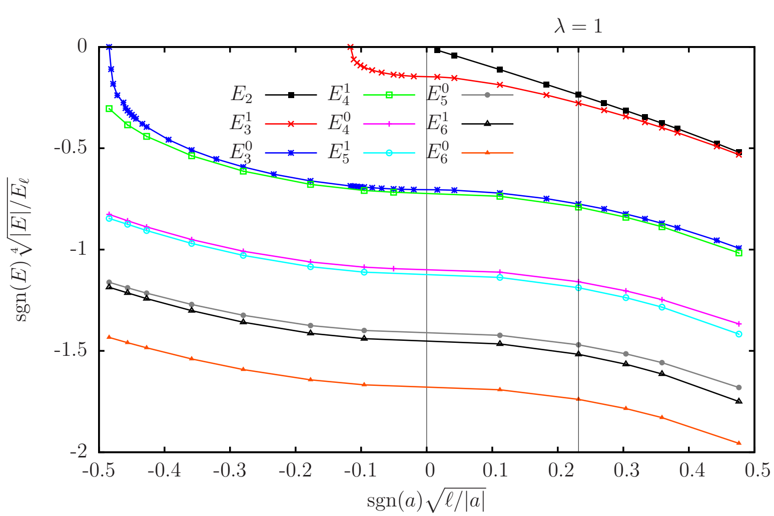
- Universal tetramers: $B_4^{(0)} = 4.610(1)\ B_3\,,\quad B_4^{(1)} = 1.00227(1)\ B_3$

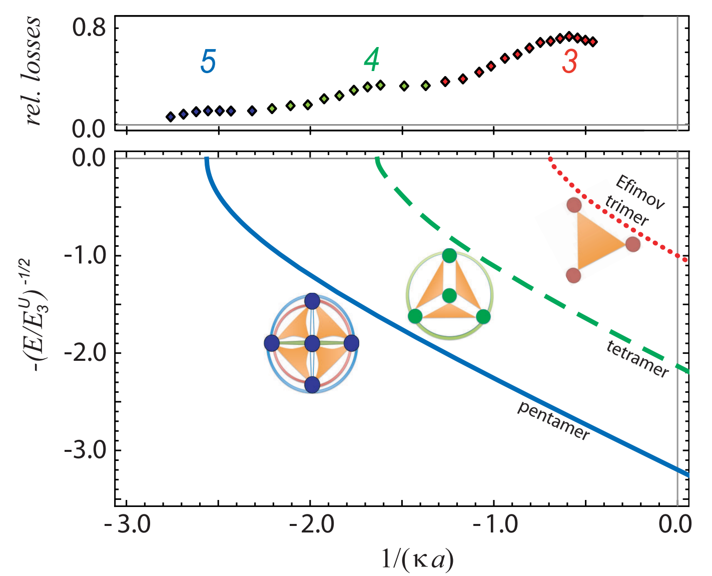
  (Platter, HWH, 2004, 2007; von Stecher et al., 2009; Deltuva 2010-2013)

- Two tetramers attached to each trimer
- Universal states up to $N = 16$ calculated

  (von Stecher, 2010, 2011; Gattobigio, Kievsky, Viviani, 2011-2014)

- Observation up to $N = 5$ in Cs losses (Grimm et al. (Innsbruck), 2009, 2013)





Halo Nuclei

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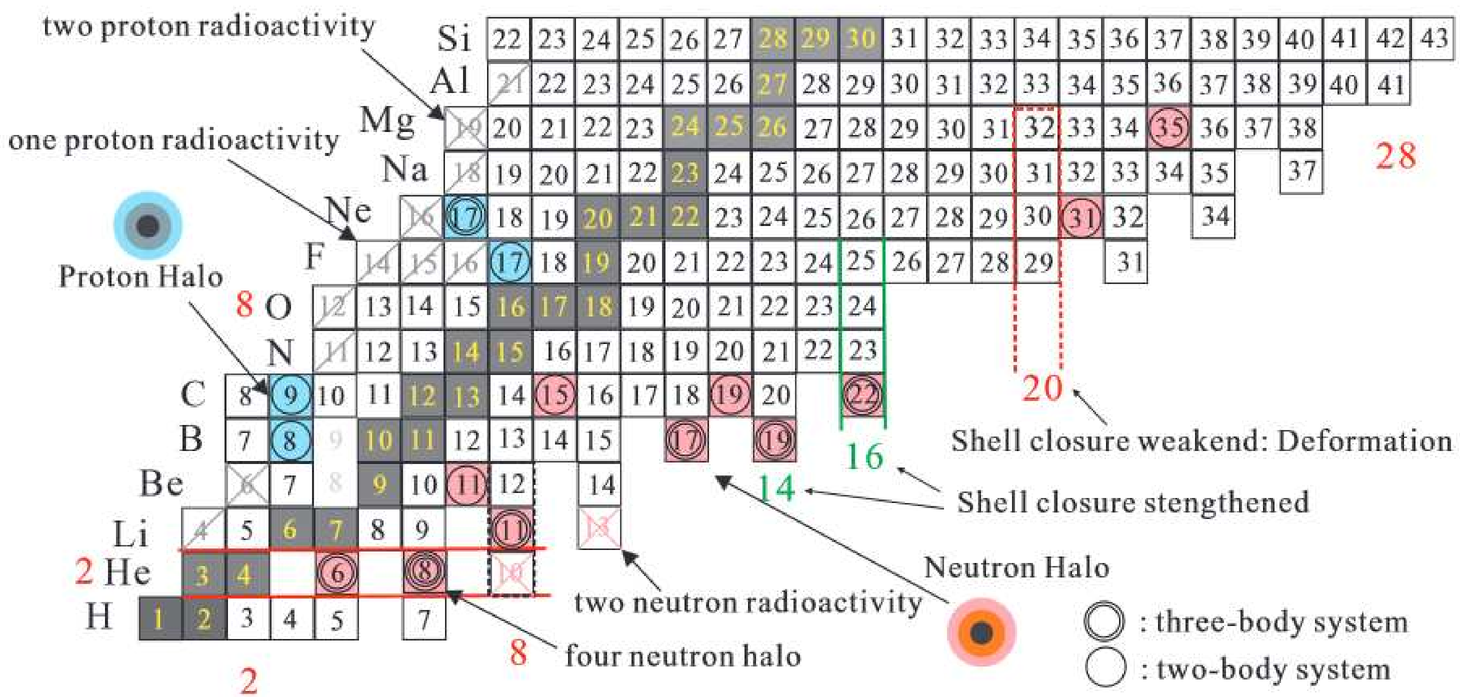
- Low separation energy of valence nucleons: $B_{valence} \ll B_{core}, E_{ex}$

  $\longrightarrow$ close to "nucleon drip line" $\longrightarrow$ scale separation $\longrightarrow$ EFT



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- EFT for halo nuclei

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

Halo Effective Field Theory

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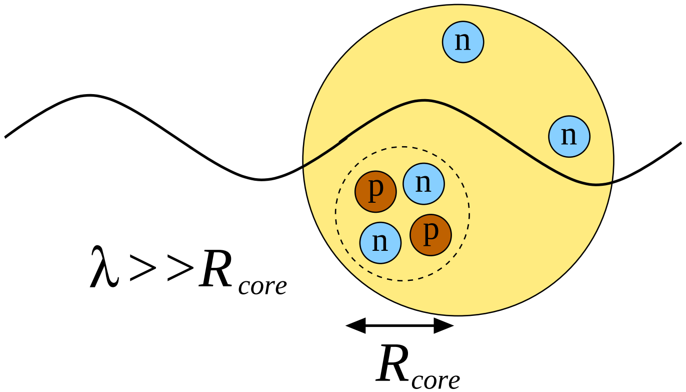
- Scales: $E \sim p^2/(2\mu) \sim 1/(2\mu R^2)$
- Separation of scales:
  $1/k = \lambda \gg R_{core}$
- Limited resolution at low energy:
  $\longrightarrow$ expand in powers of kR_{core}



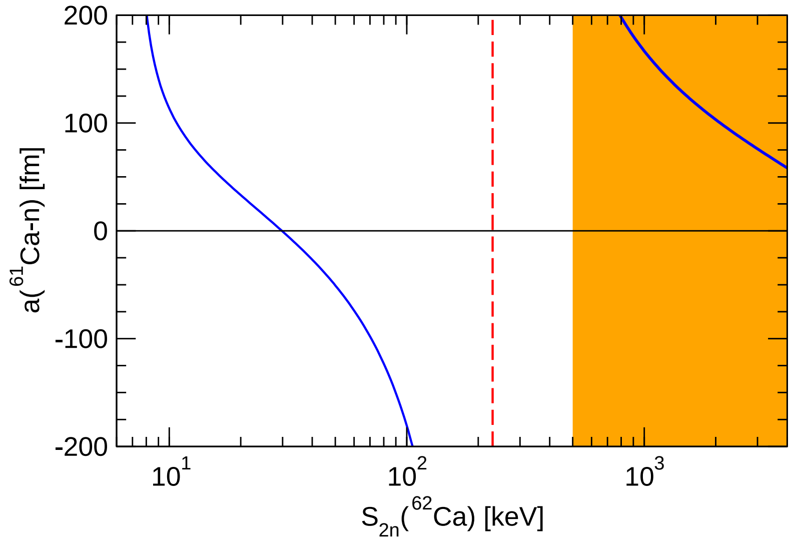
- Short-distance physics not resolved
  $\longrightarrow$ capture in low-energy constants using renormalization
  $\longrightarrow$ include long-range physics explicitly
- Systematic, model independent $\Longrightarrow$ universal properties
- Very low energies: only short-range physics $\Longrightarrow$ pionless EFT
- Exploit cluster substructures $\Longrightarrow$ Halo EFT

Efimov Physics in ^{62}Ca

(G. Hagen, P. Hagen, HWH, Platter, Phys. Rev. Lett. **111** (2013) 132501)

- From many to few: emergence of halo degrees of freedom
- Coupled cluster calculations of ^{60}Ca and ^{61}Ca using chiral N2LO two-body force and schematic three-body force:

$\Rightarrow$ ^{61}Ca is a weakly bound S-wave state (or virtual state)



- Prospects for excited Efimov states in ^{62}Ca:

  $S_{\rm deep} = 1/(\mu_{cn} r_{cn}^2) \approx 500$ keV

  scaling factor $\lambda_0 \approx 16$

  $\Longrightarrow$ possible if $S_{2n} \gtrsim 230$ keV