

Scaling in light nuclei with a weakly bound two-neutron halo

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Characteristic phenomena three-body systems:

Thomas collapse (1935) and Efimov effect (1970)

$$r_0 \rightarrow 0$$

$$|a| \rightarrow \infty$$

???

infinitely many weakly bound states

$$|a|/r_0 \rightarrow \infty$$

Thomas-Efimov effect!

S.K. Adhikari, A. Delfino, T. Frederico, I.D. Goldman, and L. Tomio, Phys. Rev. A **37**, 3666 (1988).

One three-body scale is necessary to represent short-range physics !!!!

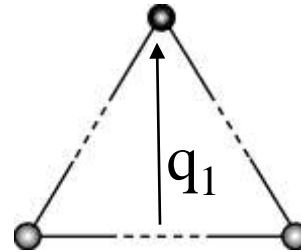
A. S. Jensen, K. Riisager, D. V. Fedorov, and E. Garrido, Rev. Mod. Phys. **76**, 215 (2004).

E. Braaten, H.-W. Hammer, Phys. Rep. **428**, 259 (2006)

Weakly bound system wave function & contact interaction

Three-boson wave function:

$$(E - H_0)\psi = 0$$

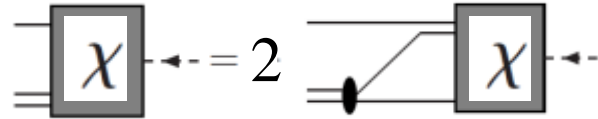


$$\psi = \int d^3q_1 \frac{\exp\{i[E - (3/4)q_1^2]^{1/2}R_1\}}{R_1} e^{i\mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{r}_1} \chi(\mathbf{q}_1)$$

+ (1 \rightarrow 2) + (1 \rightarrow 3)

Zero-range 3-boson equation: Thomas-Efimov effect

Skorniakov and Ter-Martirosian equations (1956)



$$\chi(\vec{y}) = \frac{-\pi^{-2}}{\pm \sqrt{\epsilon_2} - \sqrt{\epsilon_3 + \frac{3}{4}y^2}} \int d^3x \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_3 + y^2 + x^2 + \vec{y} \cdot \vec{x}} - \frac{1}{1 + y^2 + x^2 + \vec{y} \cdot \vec{x}} \right) \chi(\vec{x})$$

$$\epsilon_{\vec{3}} = E_3 / \mu_{(3)}^2 \quad \epsilon_2 = E_2 / \mu_{(3)}^2 \quad \mu_{(3)}^2 = 1$$

Adhikari, TF, Goldman, PRL74 (1995) 487

Thomas collapse: $\mu_{(3)}^2 \rightarrow \infty$

$$\epsilon_2 = E_2 / \mu_{(3)}^2$$

Efimov effect: $E_2 \rightarrow 0$

Scale invariance at the unitary limit

$$\epsilon_3 = \epsilon_2 = 0$$

s-wave:
$$\chi(y) = \frac{4}{\pi\sqrt{3}y} \int_0^\infty dx x^2 \chi(x) \int_{-1}^1 dz \frac{1}{x^2 + y^2 + x y z}$$

Solution:
$$\chi(y) = y^{s-2}$$

Efimov equation:

$$1 = \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}s} \frac{\sin(\pi s/6)}{\cos(\pi s/2)} \quad s = \pm i s_0 \quad s_0 \approx 1.00624$$

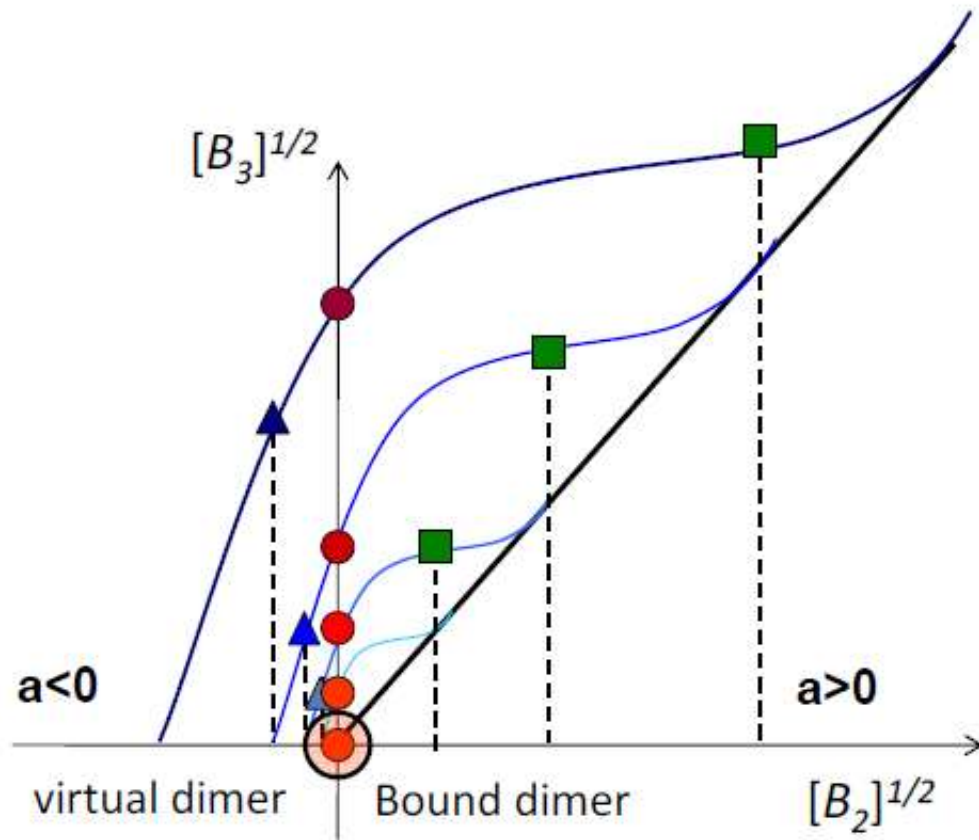
$$\chi(y) = a_+ y^{i s_0 - 2} + a_- y^{-i s_0 - 2}$$

G.S. Danilov, Sov. Phys. JETP 13 (1961) 349

$$\chi(y) = y^{-2} \sin(s_0 \ln y + c)$$

One parameter to fix the solution \rightarrow one 3-body scale!

Efimov Plot



Scaling limit & limit cycle

$$\epsilon_3^{(N)} \equiv \epsilon_3^{(N)} (\pm \sqrt{\epsilon_2})$$

$$\xi \equiv \pm \sqrt{\epsilon_2} = \pm (E_2 \epsilon_3^{(N)} / E_3^{(N)})^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{E_3^{(N+1)}}{E_3^{(N)}} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\epsilon_3^{(N+1)}(\xi)}{\epsilon_3^{(N)}} = \mathcal{F} \left(\pm \sqrt{\frac{E_2}{E_3^{(N)}}} \right)$$

Scaling function

$$\mathcal{F}(0) = e^{2\pi/s_0} = 1/515$$

Efimov 1970

Scaling limit:

Frederico et al PRA60 (1999)R9

Yamashita et al PRA66(2003)052702

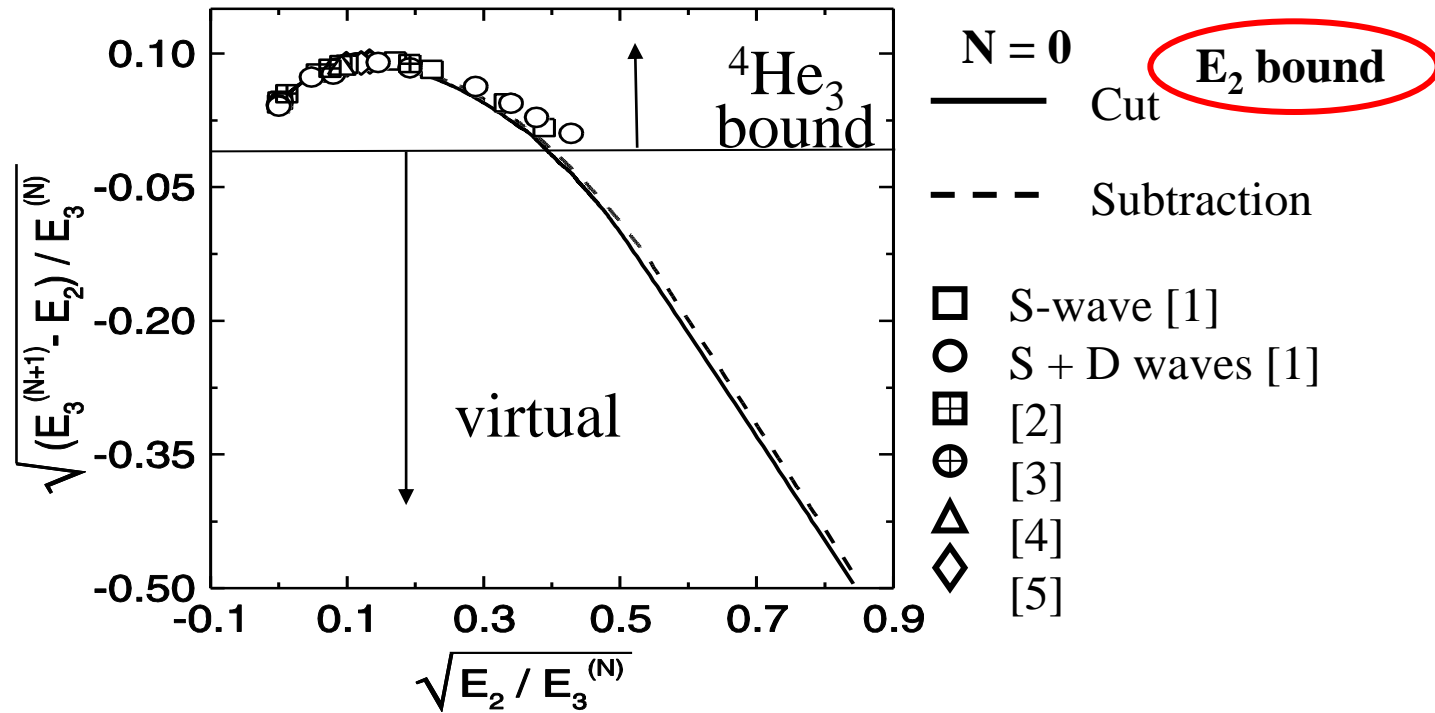
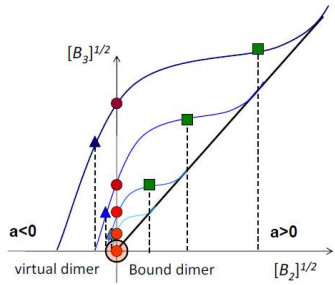
Limit cycle:

Mohr et al Ann.Phys. 321 (2006)225

Efimov States – Bound and virtual states (3 identical bosons)

T. Frederico, LT, A. Delfino and E. A. Amorim. *Phys. Rev.* **A60**, R9 (1999).

Scaling plot



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Range correction: Thogersen, Fedorov, Jensen PRA78(2008)020501(R)

Scaling functions: Correlation between observables

$$O(E, E_3, E_2) = (E_3)^\eta \mathcal{A}(\sqrt{E/E_3}, \sqrt{E_2/E_3})$$

Scaling function

Scaling limit:

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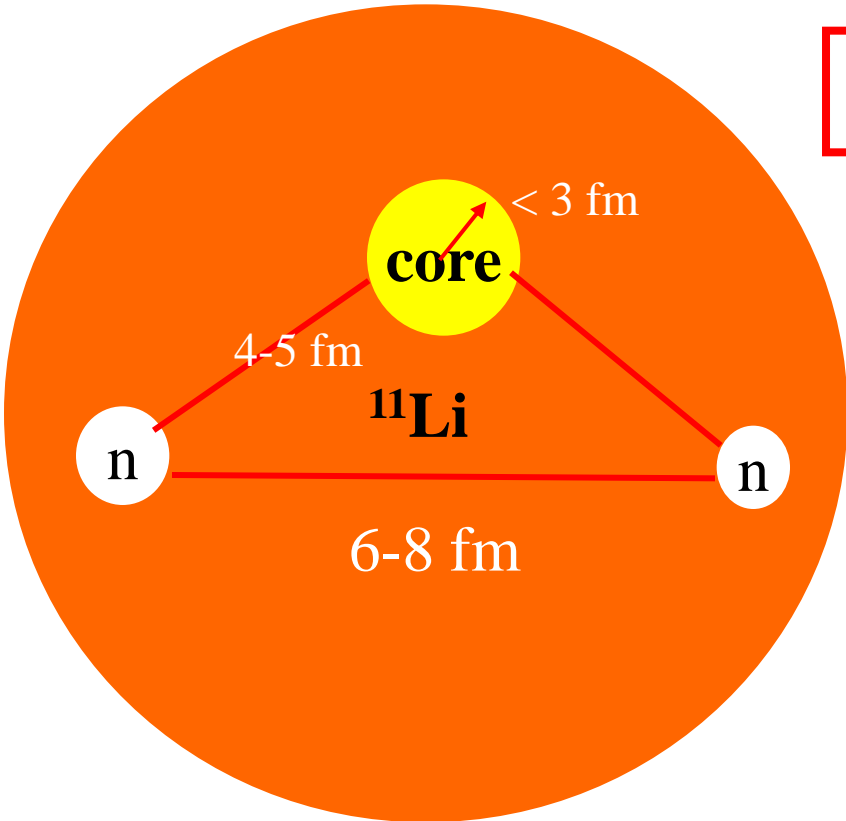
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Correlation between S-wave observables

- Phillips plot: triton B.E. versus doublet scattering length
- 2nd order n-d polarization observables versus triton B.E.
- Trapped atomic trimer B.E. versus recombination rate

Two neutron weakly bound three-body halo nuclei



core-neutron-neutron halo nuclei

^{11}Li ^{14}Be ^{20}C ^{22}C

Binding energy ~ MeV or < MeV

$R_{\text{nn}}(\text{Exp}) \sim 6 - 8 \text{ fm}$ (^{11}Li)

F. M. Marqués et al. Phys. Rev. C **64**, 061301 (2001)

M. Petrascu et al. Nucl. Phys. A **738**, 503 (2004)

Tanihata et al., PRL**55**, 2676 (1985)

^{20}C ^{22}C K. Tanaka *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **104** (2010) 062701

Scales of s-wave n-n-c system: contact interaction

E_{nn} Energy of the bound/virtual nn system

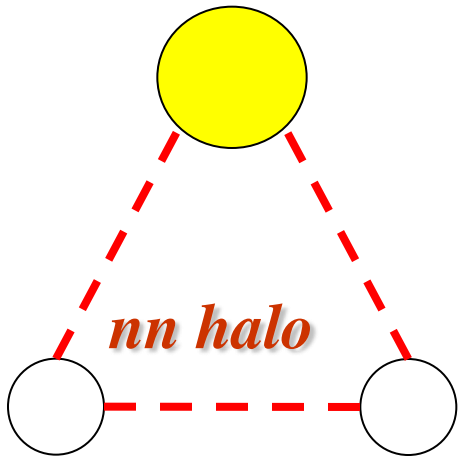
E_{nc} Energy of the bound/virtual nc system

$B_N = |E_3^{(N)}|$ Energy of the Nth state of the nnc system

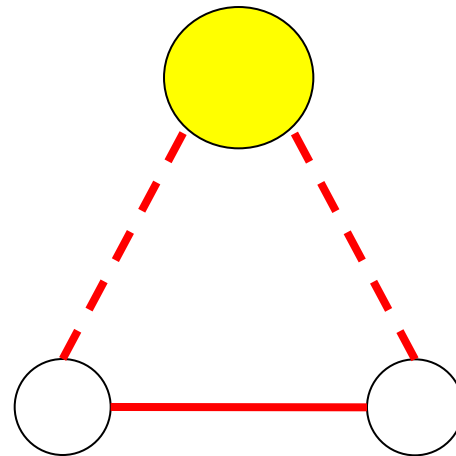
A = mass of the core

Classification scheme

Yamashita, Tomio and T. F. Nucl. Phys. A 735, 40 (2004)

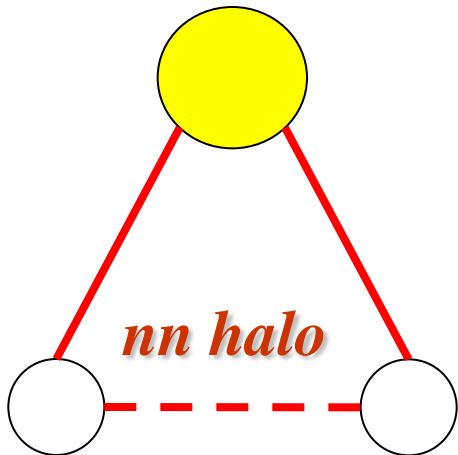


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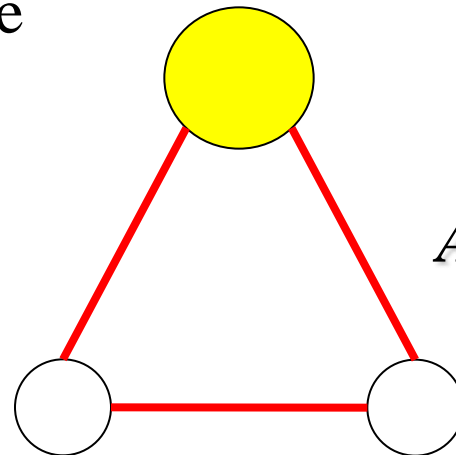


TANGO

— bound state
- - - virtual state



SAMBA

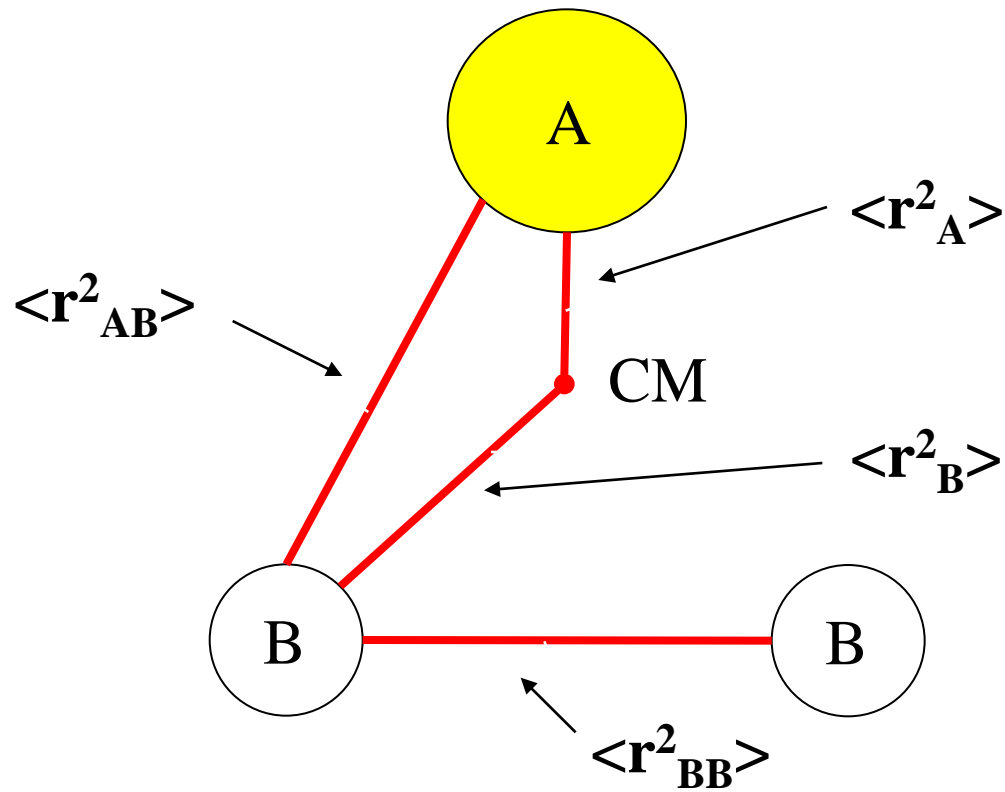


ALL-BOUND

A.S. Jensen, K. Riisager, D.V. Fedorov, E. Garrido, Europhys. Lett. 61 (2003) 320.

F. Robicheaux, Phys. Rev. A 60 (1999) 1706.

Root mean square radii



Root mean square radii

Scaling functions for the radii

$$\sqrt{\langle r_{A\gamma}^2 \rangle |E_3|} = R_{A\gamma} \left(\pm \sqrt{\frac{E_{AA}}{E_3}}, \pm \sqrt{\frac{E_{AB}}{E_3}}, A \right)$$

$$\sqrt{\langle r_{\gamma}^2 \rangle |E_3|} = R_{\gamma}^{CM} \left(\pm \sqrt{\frac{E_{AA}}{E_3}}, \pm \sqrt{\frac{E_{AB}}{E_3}}, A \right)$$

$\gamma = A$ or B

+ two-body bound state
- two-body virtual state

Root mean square radii: Core+neutron+neutron

Exp: F.M. Marqués, et al., Phys. Lett. B 476 (2000) 219:

Core (A)	$-E_3$ (MeV)	$-E_{nA}$ (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r_{nn}^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	$\sqrt{\langle r_{nn}^2 \rangle_{\text{exp}}}$ (fm)
^4He	0.973	0 (v)	5.1	5.9 ± 1.2
		0.3 (v)	4.6	
		4.0 [23] (v)	3.6	
^9Li	0.32	0 (v)	9.2	6.6 ± 1.5
		0.8 [24] (v)	5.9	
^9Li	0.29	0 (v)	9.7	6.6 ± 1.5
		0.05 [20,25,26] (v)	8.5	
		0.8 [24] (v)	6.7	
^{12}Be	1.337	0 (v)	4.6	5.4 ± 1.0
		0.2[27] (v)	4.2	
^{18}C	3.50	0.16 [3]	3.0	-
		0.53 [14]	4.4	-

Yamashita, Tomio and T. F.
NPA 735, 40 (2004)

Nucleus	B_3 [keV]	E_{nc} [keV]	r_0 [fm]	$\sqrt{\langle r_{nn}^2 \rangle}$ [fm]	$\sqrt{\langle r_{nc}^2 \rangle}$ [fm]	$\sqrt{\langle r_n^2 \rangle}$ [fm]	$\sqrt{\langle r_c^2 \rangle}$ [fm]
^{11}Li	247	-25	0.0	8.7 ± 0.7	7.1 ± 0.5	6.5 ± 0.5	1.0 ± 0.1
	247	-25	1.4	8.80 ± 0.07	7.21 ± 0.06	6.51 ± 0.05	1.040 ± 0.008
	247	-800 [48]	0.0	6.8 ± 1.8	5.9 ± 1.5	5.3 ± 1.4	0.9 ± 0.2
	247	-800 [48]	1.4	6.3 ± 0.5	5.5 ± 0.4	4.9 ± 0.4	0.81 ± 0.06
^{14}Be	1120	-200 [49]	0.0	4.1 ± 0.5	3.5 ± 0.5	3.2 ± 0.4	0.40 ± 0.05
	1120	-200 [49]	1.4	3.86 ± 0.09	3.29 ± 0.08	3.02 ± 0.07	0.384 ± 0.009
^{12}Be	3673	503	0.0	3.0 ± 0.6	2.5 ± 0.5	2.3 ± 0.5	0.32 ± 0.07
	3673	503	1.4	3.3 ± 0.2	2.7 ± 0.1	2.5 ± 0.1	0.35 ± 0.02
^{18}C	4940	731	0.0	2.6 ± 0.7	2.2 ± 0.6	2.1 ± 0.5	0.18 ± 0.05
	4940	731	1.4	2.9 ± 0.2	2.4 ± 0.2	2.3 ± 0.2	0.21 ± 0.01
^{20}C	3506	530 [45]	0.0	3.0 ± 0.7	2.5 ± 0.6	2.4 ± 0.5	0.19 ± 0.04
	3506	530 [45]	1.4	3.38 ± 0.18	2.75 ± 0.15	2.60 ± 0.14	0.21 ± 0.01
	3506	162	0.0	2.8 ± 0.3	2.4 ± 0.3	2.3 ± 0.3	0.19 ± 0.02
	3506	162	1.4	3.03 ± 0.06	2.53 ± 0.05	2.39 ± 0.05	0.198 ± 0.004
	3506	60	0.0	2.8 ± 0.2	2.3 ± 0.2	2.2 ± 0.2	0.18 ± 0.01
	3506	60	1.4	2.84 ± 0.03	2.41 ± 0.03	2.28 ± 0.03	0.192 ± 0.002
$^{20}\text{C}^*$	65.0 ± 6.8	60	0.0	42 ± 3	38 ± 3	41 ± 3	2.2 ± 0.2
$^{20}\text{C}^*$	64.9 ± 0.7	60	1.4	43.2 ± 0.5	38.7 ± 0.4	42.9 ± 0.5	2.26 ± 0.02

Canham and Hammer
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More on *n-n-c Samba Nuclei...*

$$R \sim \sqrt{\frac{2}{A} \langle r_{n\text{-CM}}^2 \rangle + \frac{A-2}{A} R_{\text{core}}^2}$$

dipole strength

$$R_{\text{core}} = 1.013(A-2)^{1/3}$$

$$B(E1) = \frac{3e^2}{16\pi\mu} \left(\frac{2Z}{A} \right)^2 \frac{1}{E_{2n}}$$

experimental radius of ^{12}C of $R = 2.32$ fm

Table 1. Physical quantities of the Samba halo nuclei given in the first column. The second and third columns are, respectively, the *n-c* and the *n-n-c* energies used to calculate the *n*-CM root-mean-square radii, $\sqrt{\langle r_{n\text{-CM}}^2 \rangle}$. R_0 is the nucleus radius and R_{core} is the core radius, R (Eq. (2)) is the average between R_0 and $\sqrt{\langle r_{n\text{-CM}}^2 \rangle}$. $B(E1, 0 \rightarrow 1)$ is given by Eq. (1). $T_{1/2}$ is the nucleus half-life.

Nucleus	E_n (MeV)	E_{2n} (MeV)	$\sqrt{\langle r_{n\text{-CM}}^2 \rangle}$ (fm)	R_0 (fm)	R_{core} (fm)	R (fm)	$B(E1, 0 \rightarrow 1)$ ($e^2\text{fm}^2$)	$T_{1/2}$
^{12}Be	0.504	3.669	4.81	2.75	2.18	2.80	0.043	21.3 ms
^{15}B	0.973	3.734	5.15	2.96	2.38	2.91	0.037	9.87 ms
^{20}C	0.191	3.462	4.00	3.26	2.66	2.82	0.013	14 ms
^{23}N	1.200	3.672	6.07	3.41	2.80	3.22	0.024	37.7 s
^{27}F	1.041	2.412	8.94	3.60	2.96	3.75	0.051	> 200 ns

Estimates from Yamashita, Frederico, Hussein, MPLA22(2006)1749

$$^{12}\text{Be}, R_{\text{exp}} = 2.59 \pm 0.06 \text{ fm}$$

Neutron-neutron correlation function

Radii are experimentally extracted from

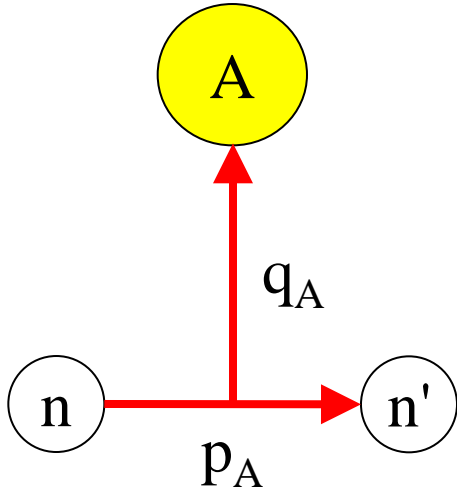
correlation function

R. Hanbury-Brown and R. Q.
Twiss (HBT) - NATURE
177, 27 (1956)
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First used in astrophysics

Nuclear Physics

Neutron-neutron correlation function



$$C_{nn}(\vec{p}_A) = \frac{\int d^3 q_A |\Phi(\vec{q}_A, \vec{p}_A)|^2}{\int d^3 q_A \rho(\vec{q}'_n) \rho(\vec{q}_n)}$$

$$\vec{q}'_n = \vec{p}_A - \frac{\vec{q}_A}{2} \quad \vec{q}_n = -\vec{p}_A - \frac{\vec{q}_A}{2}$$

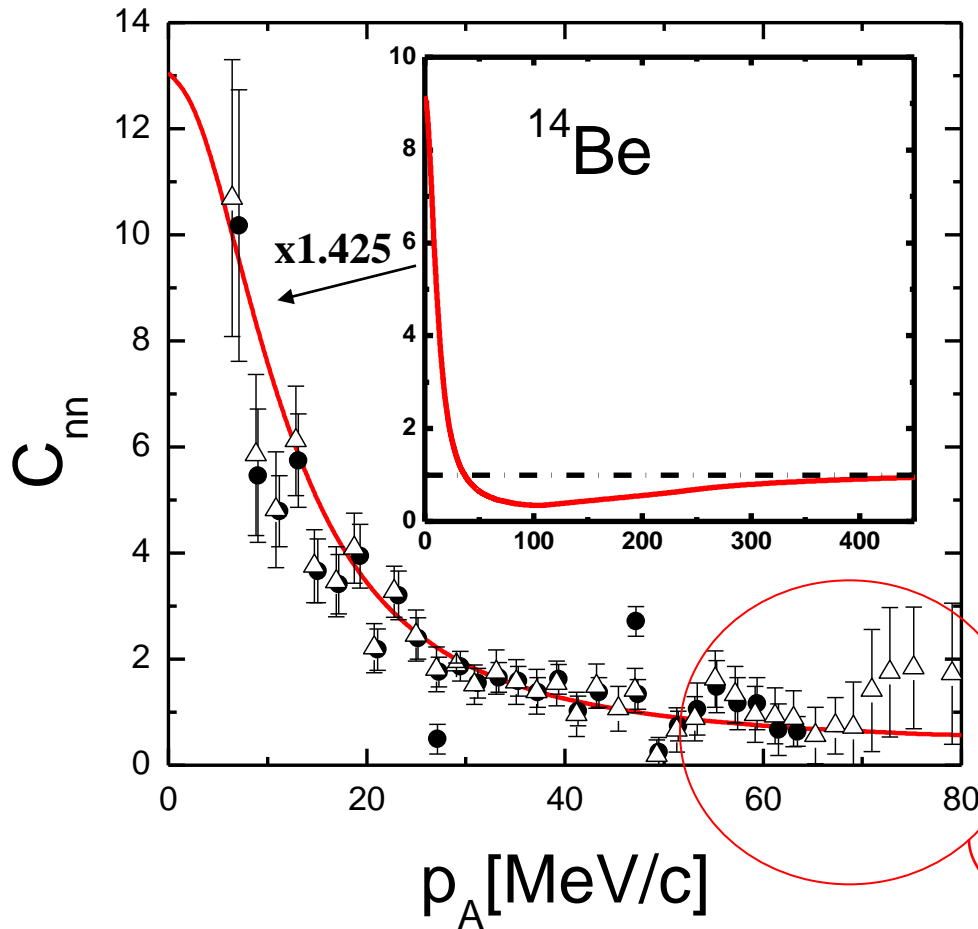
One-body density

$$\rho(\vec{q}_{nA}) = \int d^3 q_{n'A} \left| \Phi \left(-\vec{q}_{nA} - \vec{q}_{n'A}, \frac{\vec{q}_{nA} - \vec{q}_{n'A}}{2} \right) \right|^2$$

$\Phi \equiv \Phi(\vec{q}_A, \vec{p}_A)$ Breakup amplitude including the FSI between the neutrons

$$\Phi = \Psi(\vec{q}_A, \vec{p}_A) + \frac{1/(2\pi^2)}{\sqrt{E_{nn} - ip_A}} \int d^3 p \frac{\Psi(\vec{q}_A, \vec{p})}{p_A^2 - p^2 + i\varepsilon} \quad \Psi \text{ is the three-body wave function}$$

Neutron-neutron correlation function




F. M. Marqués et al.
Phys. Rev. C **64**, 061301 (2001)



F. M. Marqués et al.
Phys. Lett. B **476**, 219 (2000)

$$E_3 = 1.337 \text{ MeV}$$

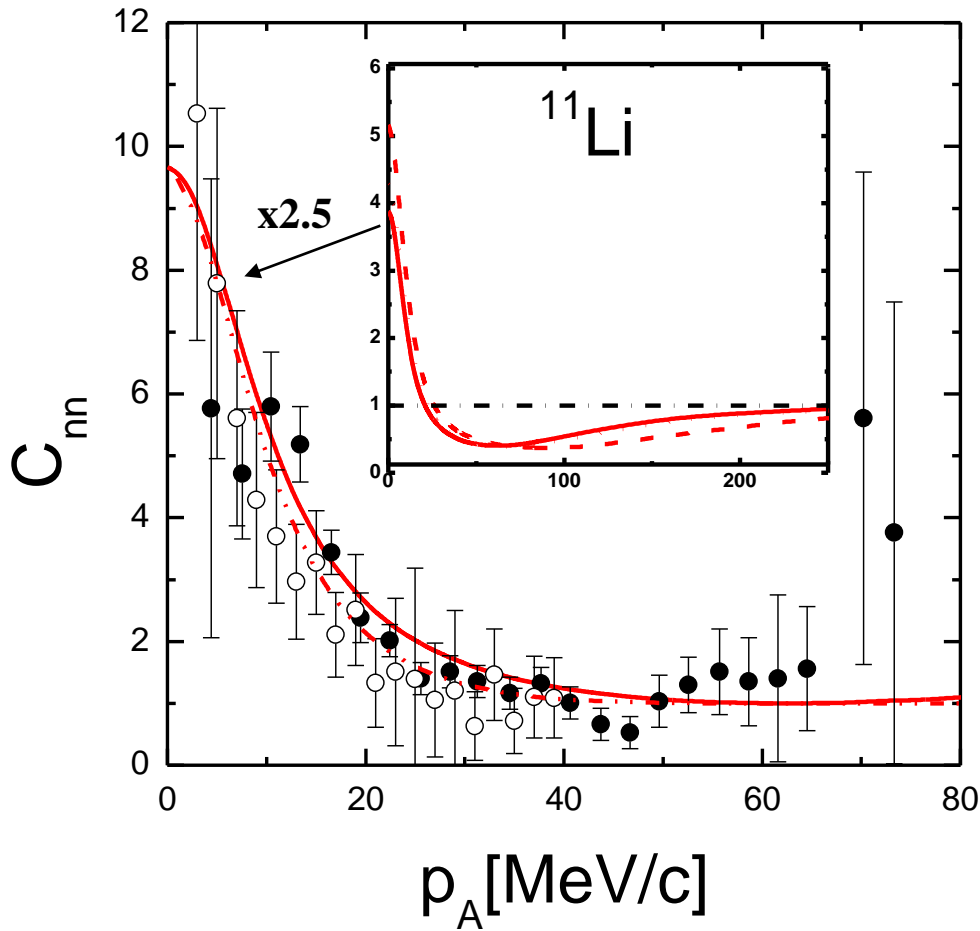

$$E_{nA} = 0.2 \text{ MeV}$$

$$E_{nn} = 0.143 \text{ MeV}$$

asymptotic region ?

M. T. Yamashita, T. Frederico and L. Tomio Phys. Rev. C **72**, 011601(R) (2005)

Neutron-neutron correlation function



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Phys. Rev. C **64**, 061301 (2001)



M. Petrascu et al.
Nucl. Phys. A **738**, 503 (2004)

— $E_3 = 0.29$ MeV
 $E_{nA} = 0.05$ MeV

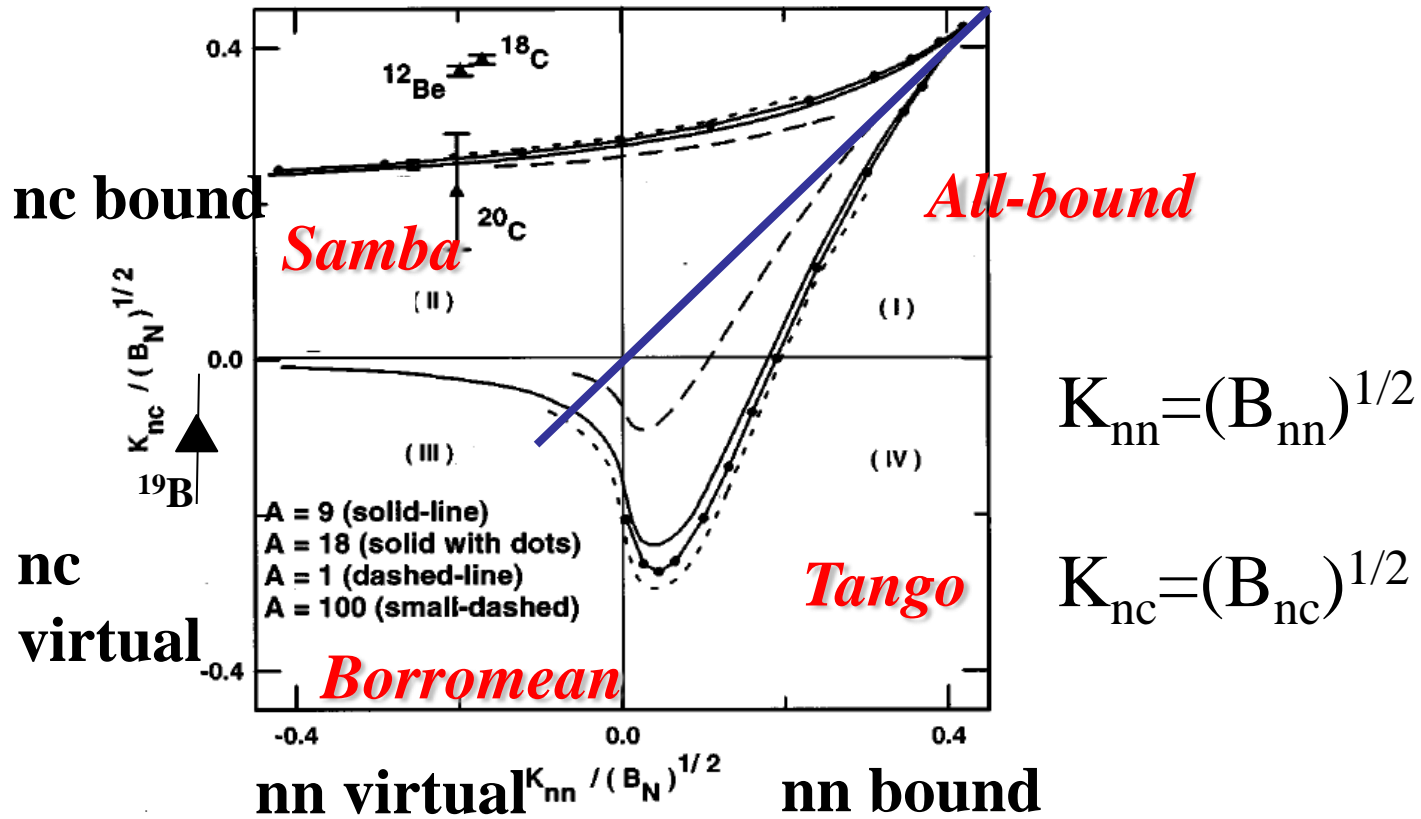
- - - $E_3 = 0.37$ MeV
 $E_{nA} = 0.8$ MeV

⋯ $E_3 = 0.37$ MeV
 $E_{nA} = 0.05$ MeV

$E_{nn} = 0.143$ MeV

Threshold for an excited Efimov state: Halo-nuclei

Critical condition for an excited (N+1)-th Efimov state above the N-th one:



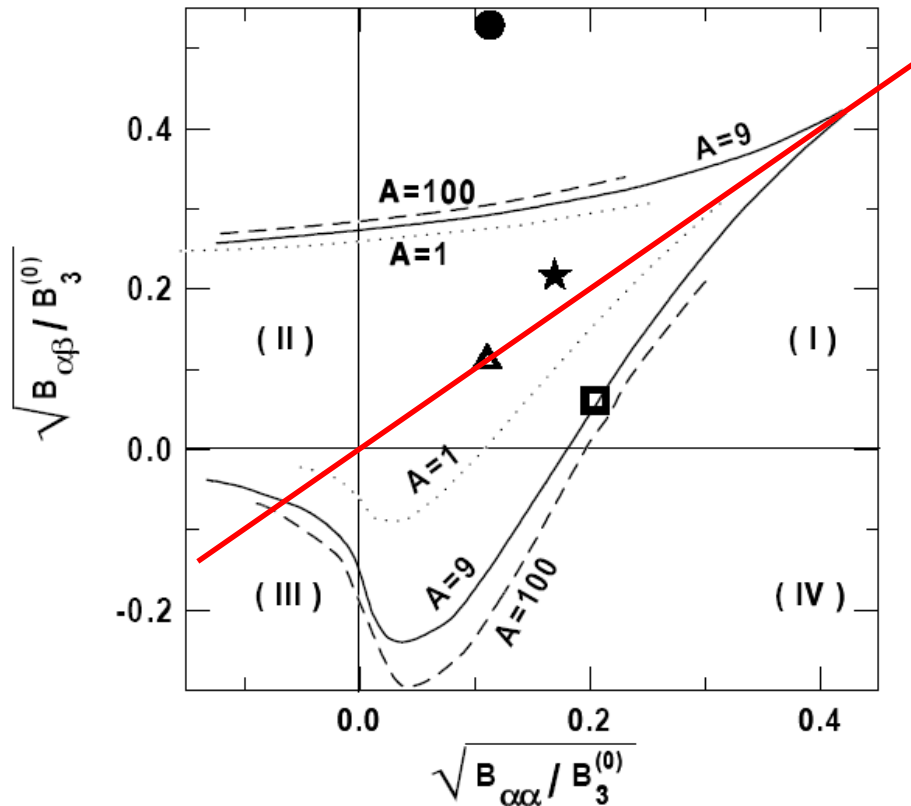
Amorim, TF, Tomio PRC56(1997)2378

Canham and Hammer EPJ A 37 (2008) 367; NPA 836 (2010) 275

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▲ ^{19}B $E_v(^{17}\text{B}) < -9 \text{ KeV}$ $S_{2n} (^{19}\text{B}) \sim 500 \pm 400 \text{ KeV}$

Threshold for an excited Efimov state: molecules

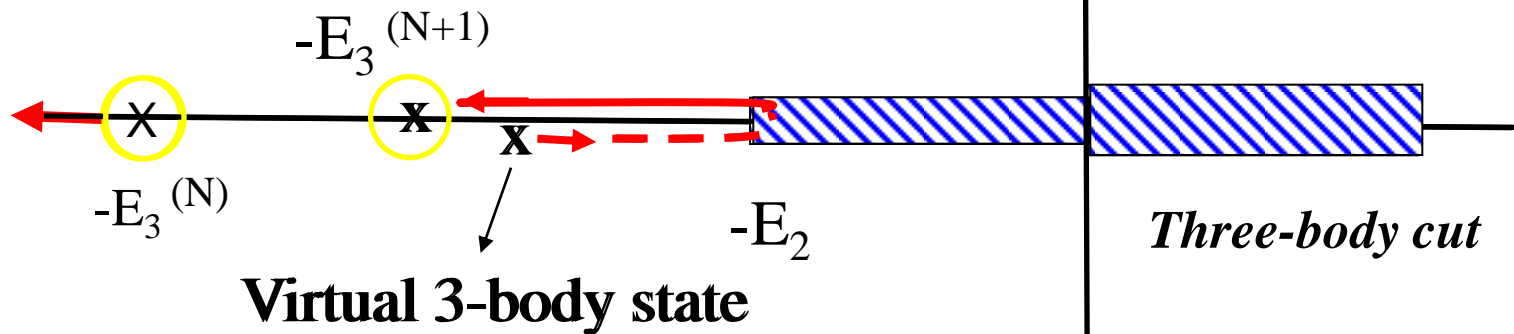
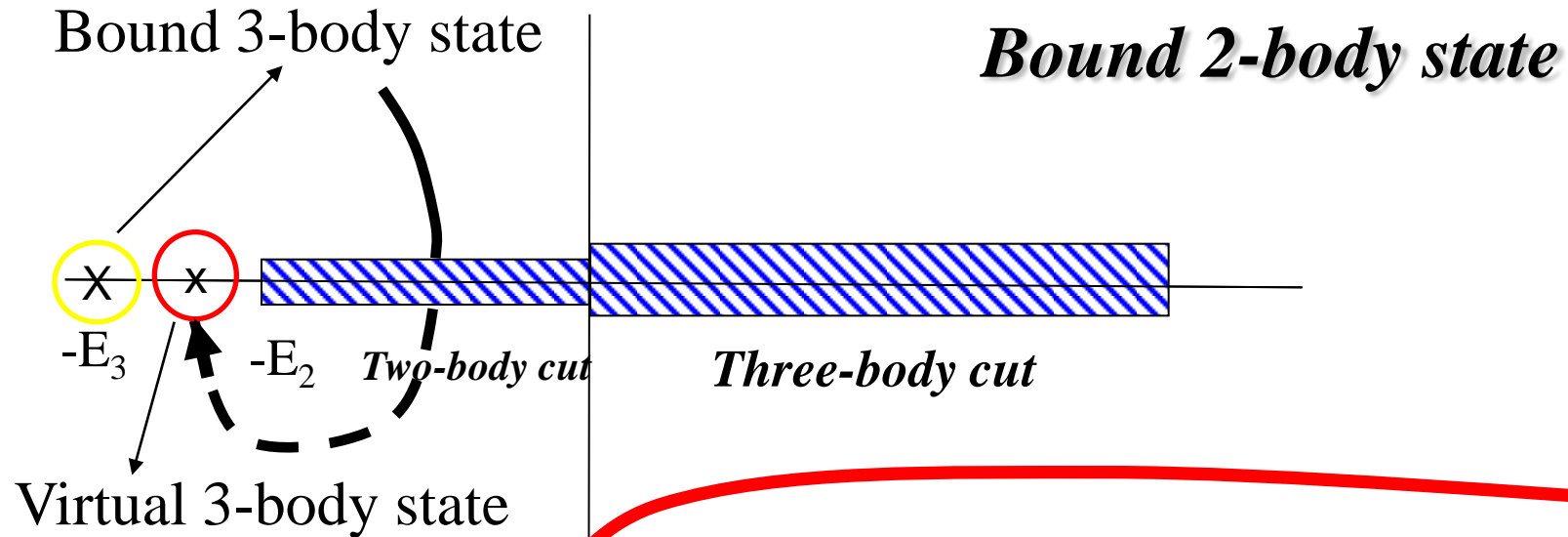


$$K_{aa} = (B_{aa})^{1/2}$$

$$K_{ab} = (B_{ab})^{1/2}$$

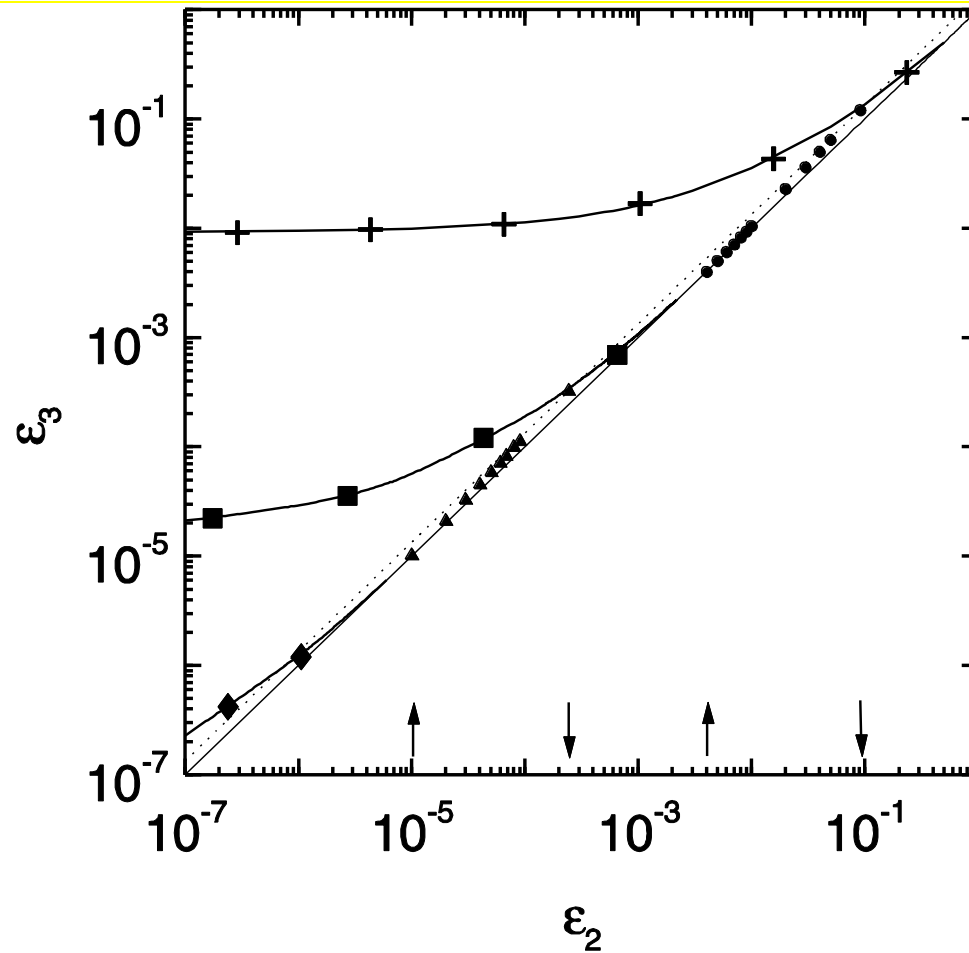
FIG. 1. The scaling approach for the three-body system $\alpha - \alpha - \beta$. The coordinates of the systems with $\alpha \equiv {}^4\text{He}$ and $\beta = {}^4\text{He}, {}^7\text{Li}, {}^6\text{Li}$ and ${}^{23}\text{Na}$ are respectively represented by a triangle, a star, a square and a full circle.

Three-bosons: analytic structure & Efimov state trajectory



S.K. Adhikari and L. Tomio, Phys. Rev. C **26**, 83 (1982); S.K. Adhikari, A.C. Fonseca, and L. Tomio, *ibid.* **26**, 77 (1982).

Efimov States – Bound and virtual states (3 identical bosons)



Bound-states (lines with simbols)

With Plus - Fundamental state

With squares – 1st. excited

With diamonds – 2nd. excited

Virtual-states (just simbols)

circles – 1st. Excited state

triangles – 2nd. Excited state

↓ the virtual state starts (dotted line)

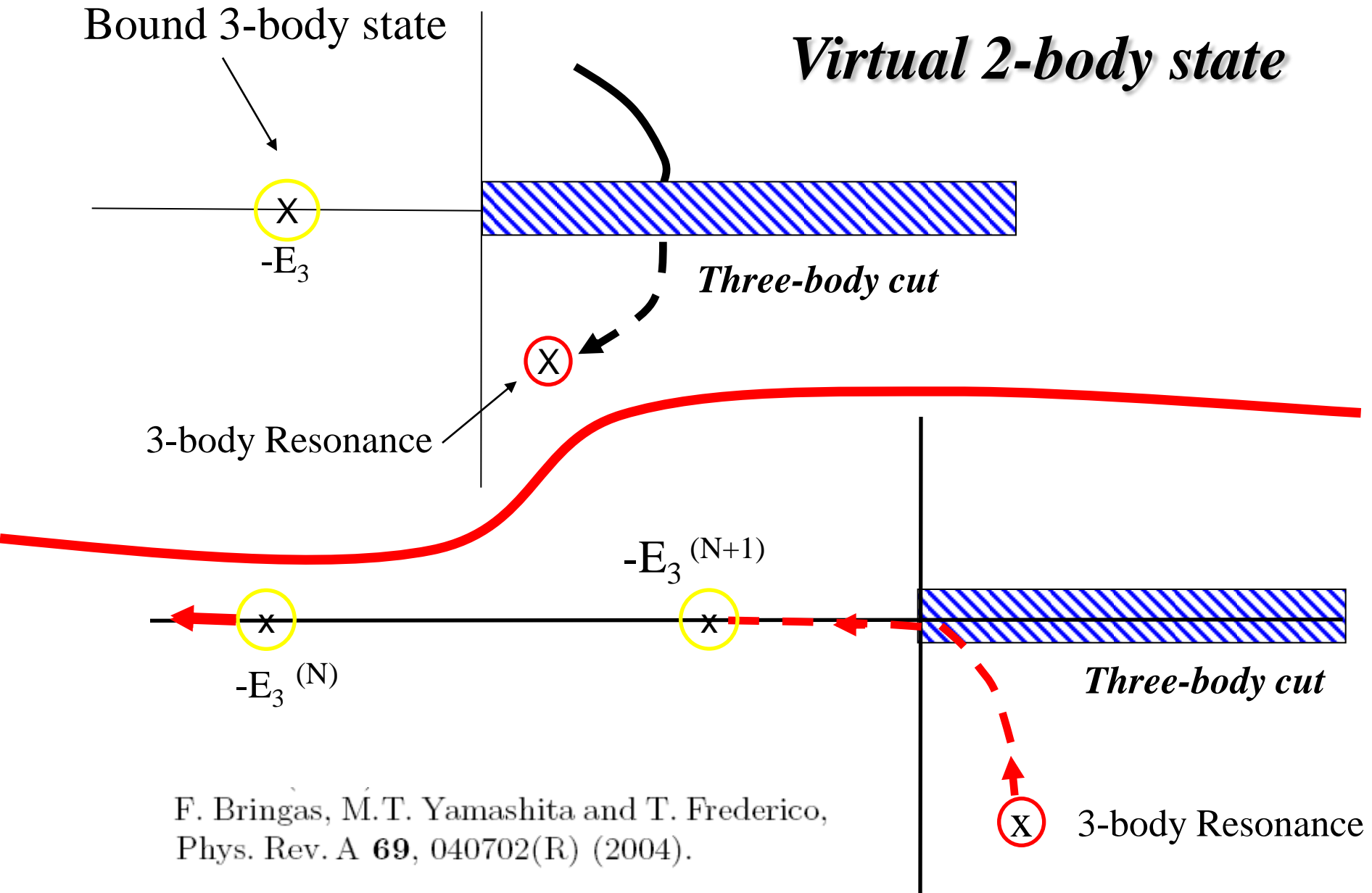
$$\varepsilon_3 = \frac{4}{3} \varepsilon_2$$

ε_2 bound

↑ Virtual-state turns to an excited state (continuous line)

$$\varepsilon_3 = \varepsilon_2$$

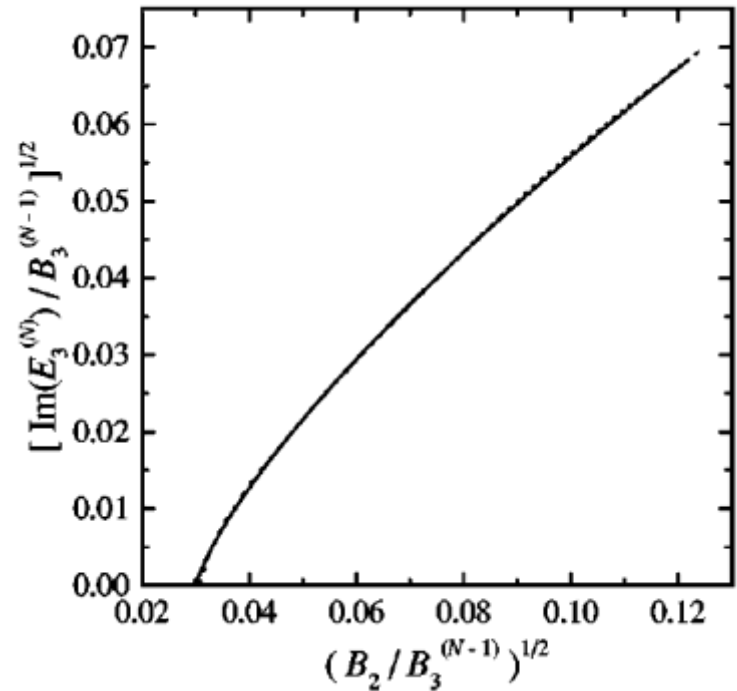
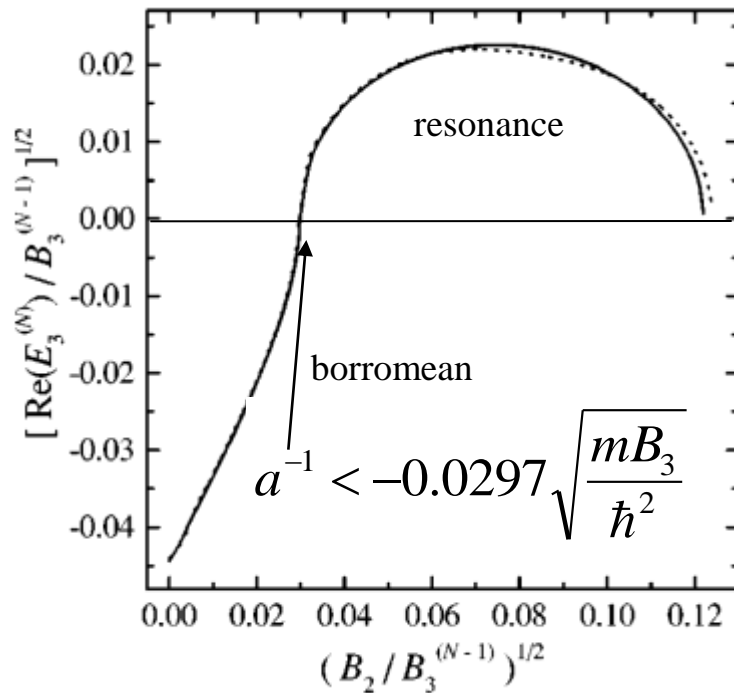
Borromean configuration: analytic structure & Efimov state trajectory



F. Bringas, M.T. Yamashita and T. Frederico,
Phys. Rev. A **69**, 040702(R) (2004).

Efimov state trajectory: borromean case

S-wave three-boson resonance



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Evidence of continuum resonances in recombination of ultracold Cs atoms

T. Kraemer et al, Nature **440**, 315 (2006)

Evidence of continuum resonances in ultracold cesium gas

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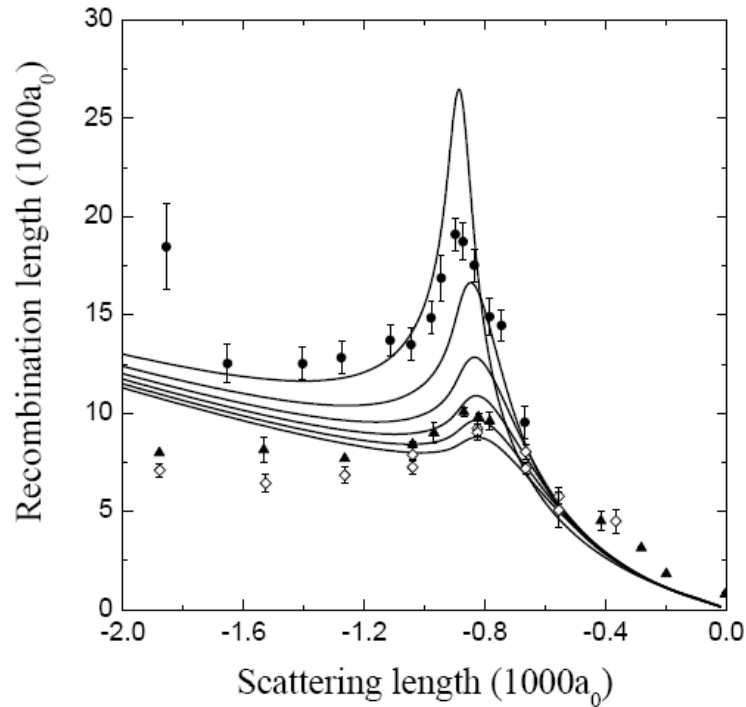
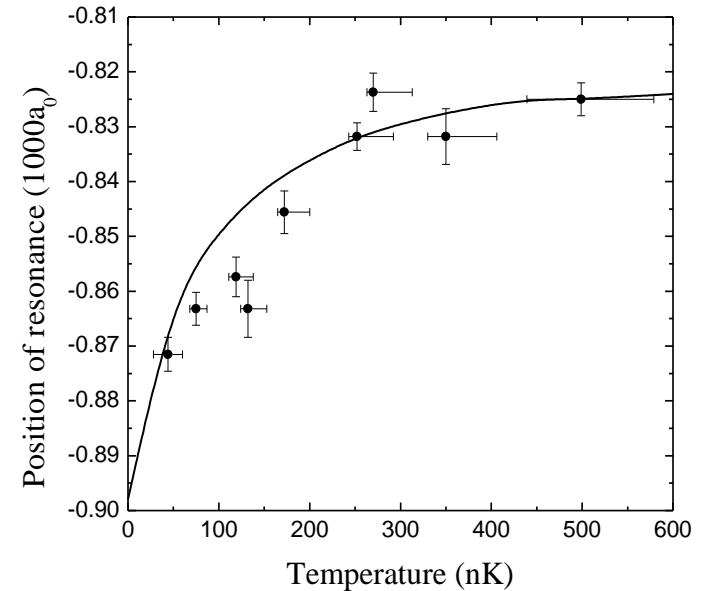
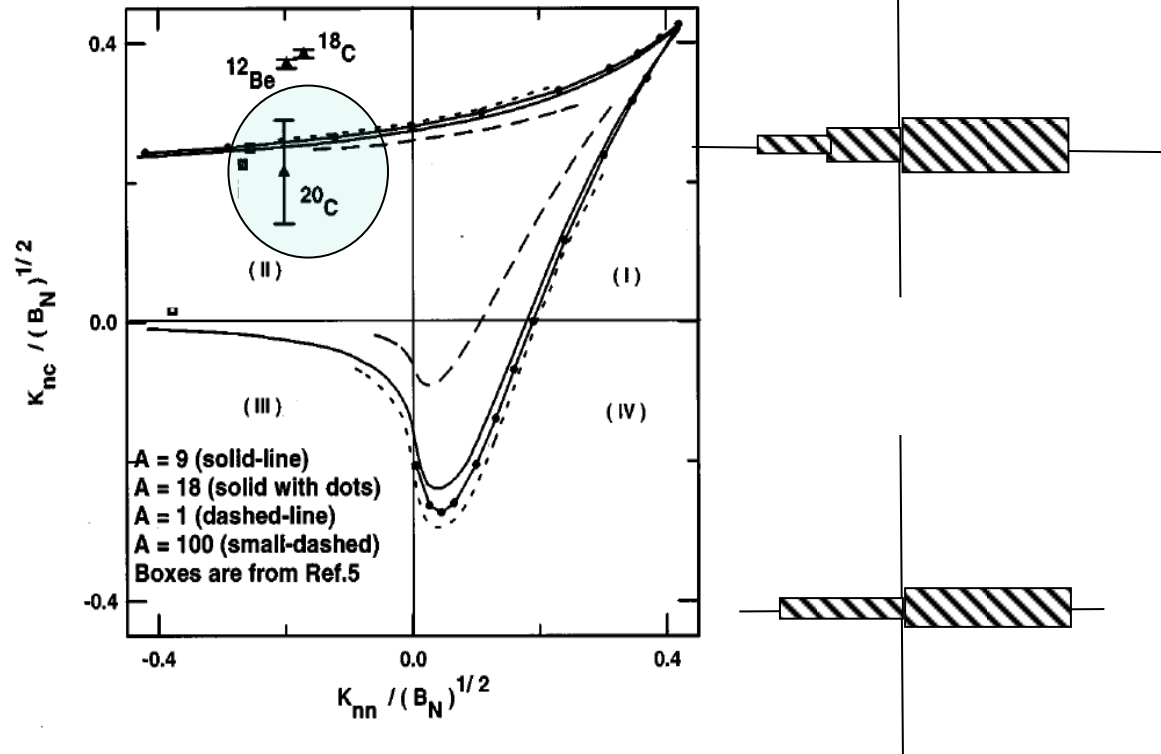
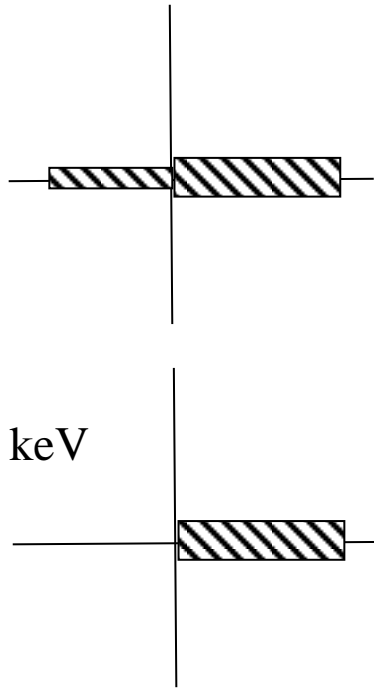
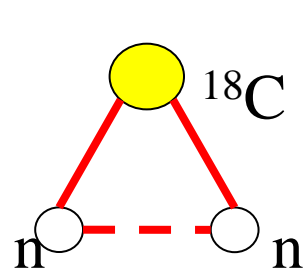


FIG. 2: Recombination length ($\rho_3 = [2m/(\sqrt{3}\hbar)\langle L_3 \rangle_T]$) in the cesium trapped gas as a function of the scattering length and temperature. The solid curves from up to bottom are the theoretical results for $T = 10$ nK, 100 nK, 200 nK, 300 nK, 400 nK and 500 nK. The symbols are the experimental results for $T = 10$ nK (full circles), 200 nK (full triangles) and 250 nK (open diamonds) from Ref. [4].

Position of the maximum of the recombination length as a function of the temperature. Experimental data from B. Engeser et al., *in preparation*.



Threshold for an excited Efimov state and trajectory: ^{20}C



^{20}C can have a continuum resonance or virtual Efimov state?

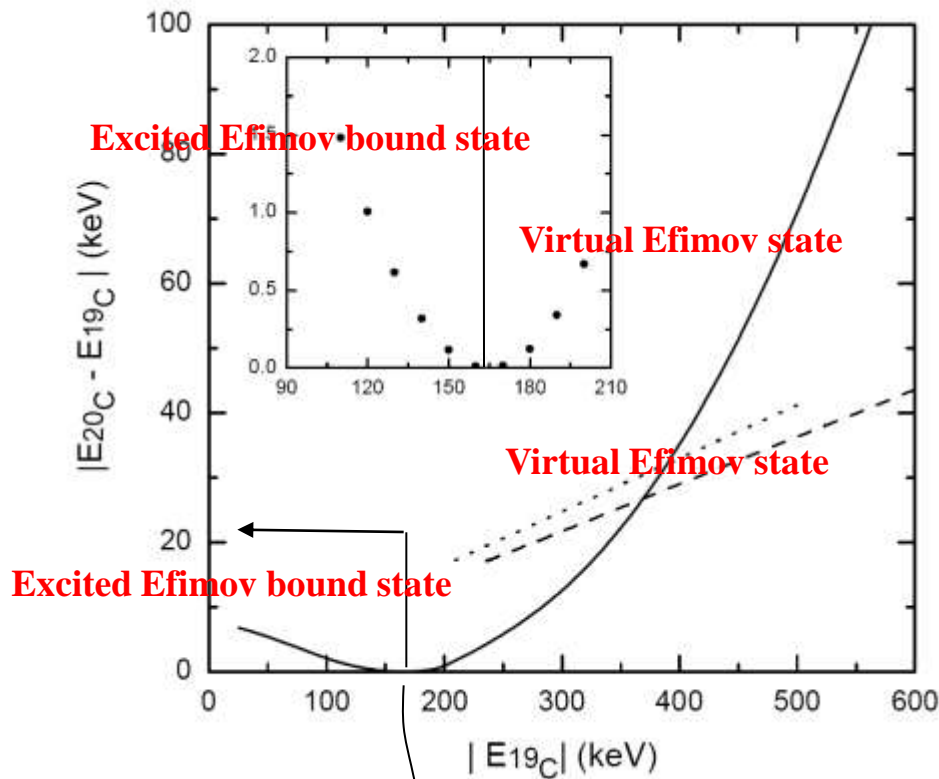
Arora, Mazumdar, Bhasin PRC69 (2004)061301(R) Mazumdar, Rau, Bhasin PRL97(2006)062503
 Efimov state \rightarrow resonance of $n+^{19}\text{C}$ by changing K_{nc}

Threshold for an excited Efimov state and trajectory: ^{20}C

Yamashita, Frederico, Tomio,

PRL99 (2007)269201 Comment on "Efimov States and their Fano resonances..."

& PLB660(2008)339



Efimov state in ^{20}C goes to a virtual state for $|E_{19\text{C}}| > 165\text{keV}$!

Critical value: $|E_{19\text{C}}| = 165\text{keV}$

n - ^{19}C scattering and Efimov physics

What to expect for s-wave scattering?

Look at doublet neutron-deuteron scattering...

➔ Pole in s-wave $k\cot(\delta)$ for n-d system ! Well known ~ 50 years

Delves' 60, Van oers & Seagrave' 67, Girard & Fuda' 78

$$k\cot\delta_0 = -A + Bk^2 - \frac{C}{1 + Dk^2},$$

The existence of the triton virtual state was found on the basis of the effective range expansion.

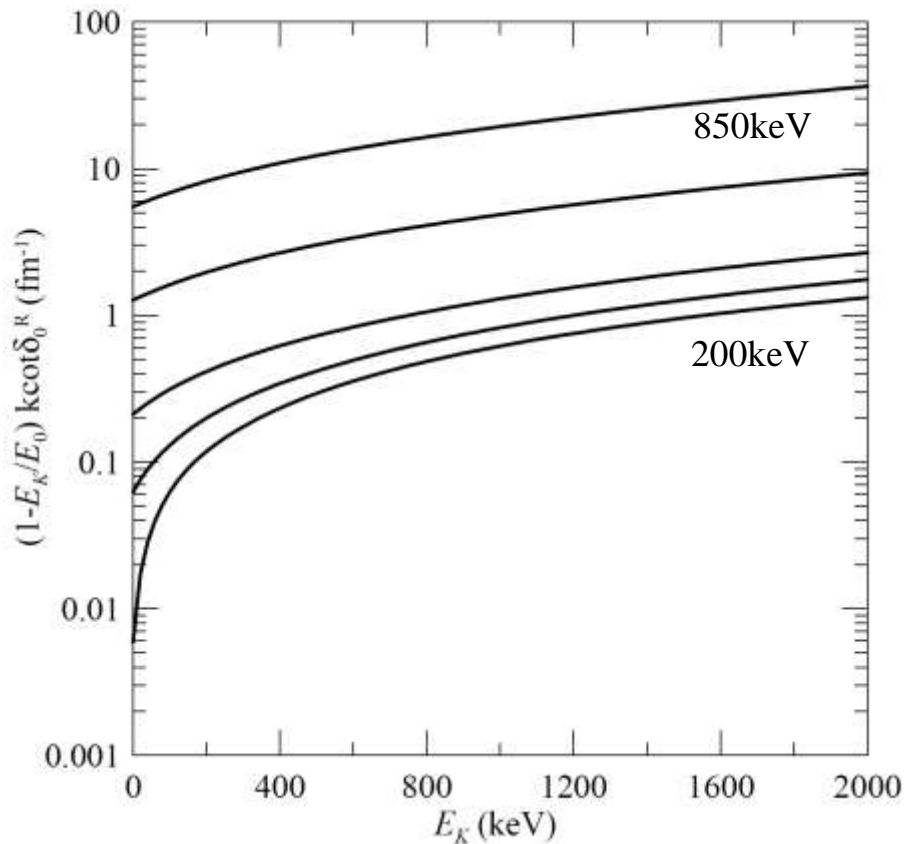
➔ Universal property!

The atom-dimer (three-boson) scattering length is approximately given in Bratten and Hammer (Phys. Rep. 428 (2006) 259):

$$a_{AD} = (1.46 - 2.15 \tan[s_0 \ln(a\Lambda_*) + 0.09])a ,$$

where $s_0 = 1.00624$.

n - ^{19}C scattering and Efimov physics



$$k \cot \delta_0^R = \frac{-a_{n-^{19}\text{C}}^{-1} + \beta E + \gamma E^2}{1 - E/E_0},$$

$ E_{19\text{C}} (\text{keV})$	$(a_{n-^{19}\text{C}})^{-1} (\text{fm}^{-1})$	$\beta (\text{fm} \cdot \text{keV})^{-1}$	$\gamma (\text{fm} \cdot \text{keV}^2)^{-1}$	$E_0 (\text{keV})$
200	$-0.591 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$5.685 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$4.673 \cdot 10^{-8}$	1442.745
400	$-0.624 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$6.743 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$8.821 \cdot 10^{-8}$	823.887
600	$-2.118 \cdot 10^{-1}$	$9.337 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$1.464 \cdot 10^{-7}$	451.398
800	-1.268	$3.11 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$4.424 \cdot 10^{-7}$	114.976
850	-5.510	$1.201 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$1.641 \cdot 10^{-6}$	28.845

n - ^{19}C scattering and Efimov physics

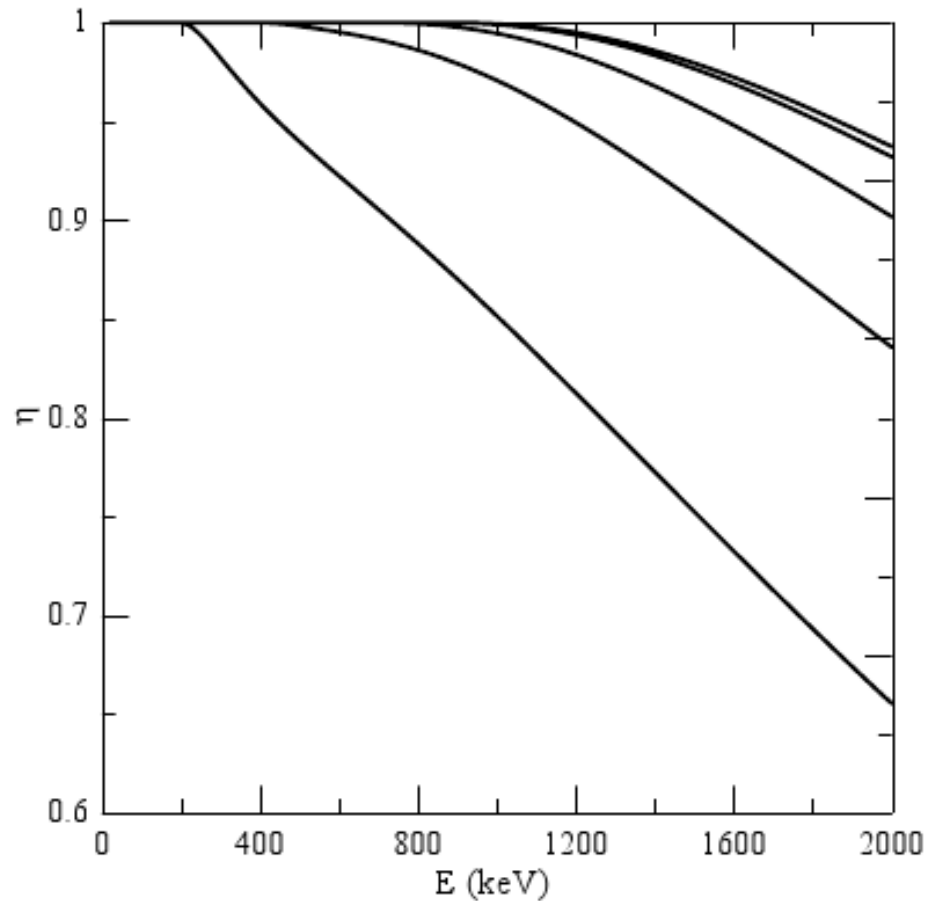
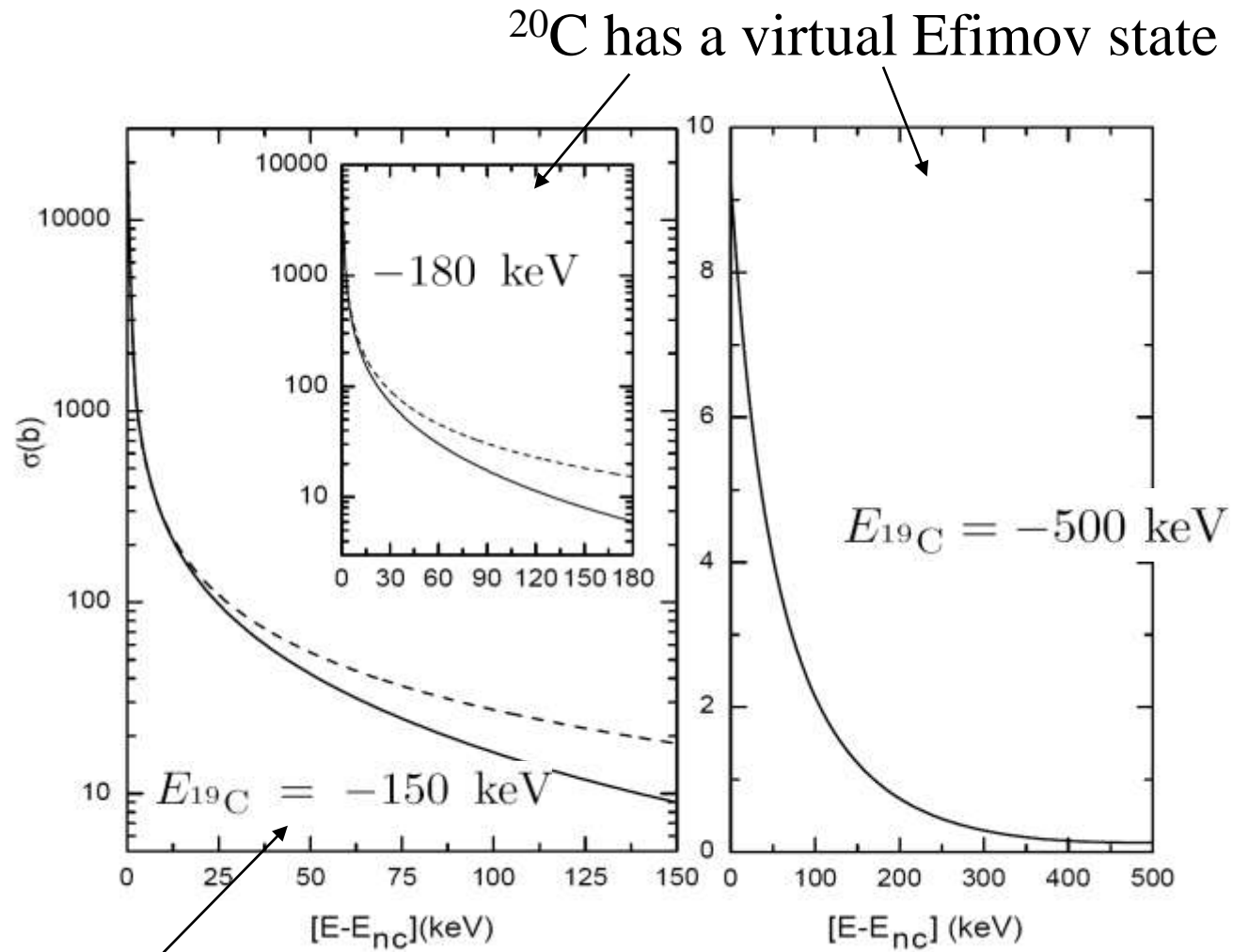


Fig. 4. s -wave absorption parameter as a function of the CM kinetic energy. From left to right the curves corresponds to the following ^{19}C energies: 200, 400, 600, 800 and 850 keV.

n - ^{19}C scattering and Efimov physics

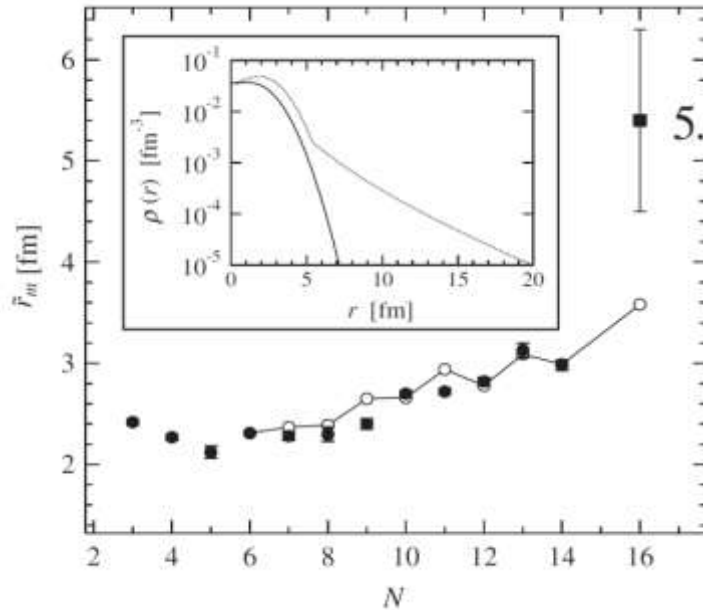


^{20}C has an excited bound Efimov state

$^{22}\text{C} = n - n - ^{20}\text{C}$

K. Tanaka *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **104** (2010) 062701

Reaction cross sections (σ_R) for ^{19}C , ^{20}C and the drip-line nucleus ^{22}C on a liquid hydrogen target have been measured at around 40A MeV by a transmission method. A large enhancement of σ_R for ^{22}C compared to those for neighboring C isotopes was observed. Using a finite-range Glauber calculation under an optical-limit approximation the rms matter radius of ^{22}C was deduced to be 5.4 ± 0.9 fm. It does not follow the systematic behavior of radii in carbon isotopes with $N \leq 14$, suggesting a neutron halo. It was found by an analysis based on a few-body Glauber calculation that the two-valence neutrons in ^{22}C preferentially occupy the $1s_{1/2}$ orbital.



$$S_{2n} = 420 \pm 940 \text{ keV}$$

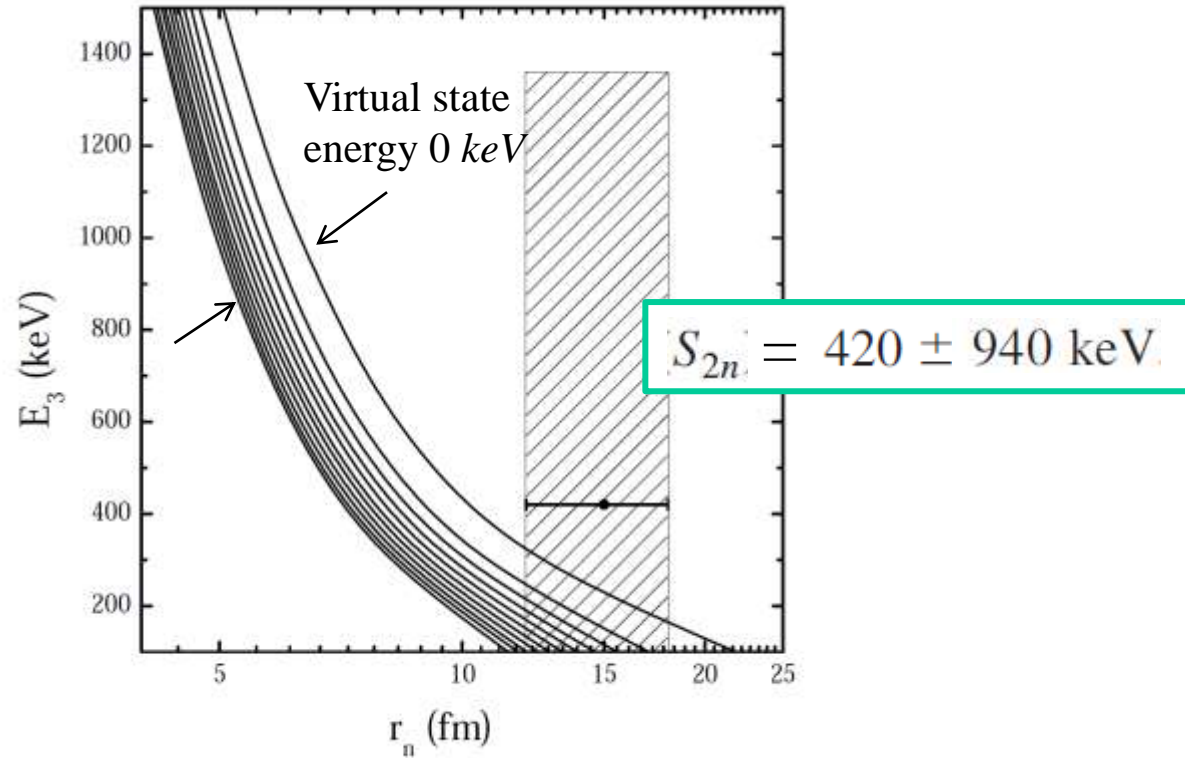
$$\tilde{r}_m^{22}\text{C} \equiv \langle (r_m^{22}\text{C})^2 \rangle^{1/2}$$

$$\tilde{r}_m^{20}\text{C} = 3 \text{ fm}$$

$$\tilde{r}_n^{22}\text{C} = \sqrt{\frac{22}{2}} \sqrt{(\tilde{r}_m^{22}\text{C})^2 - \frac{20}{22} (\tilde{r}_m^{20}\text{C})^2} \approx 15 \pm 3 \text{ fm}$$

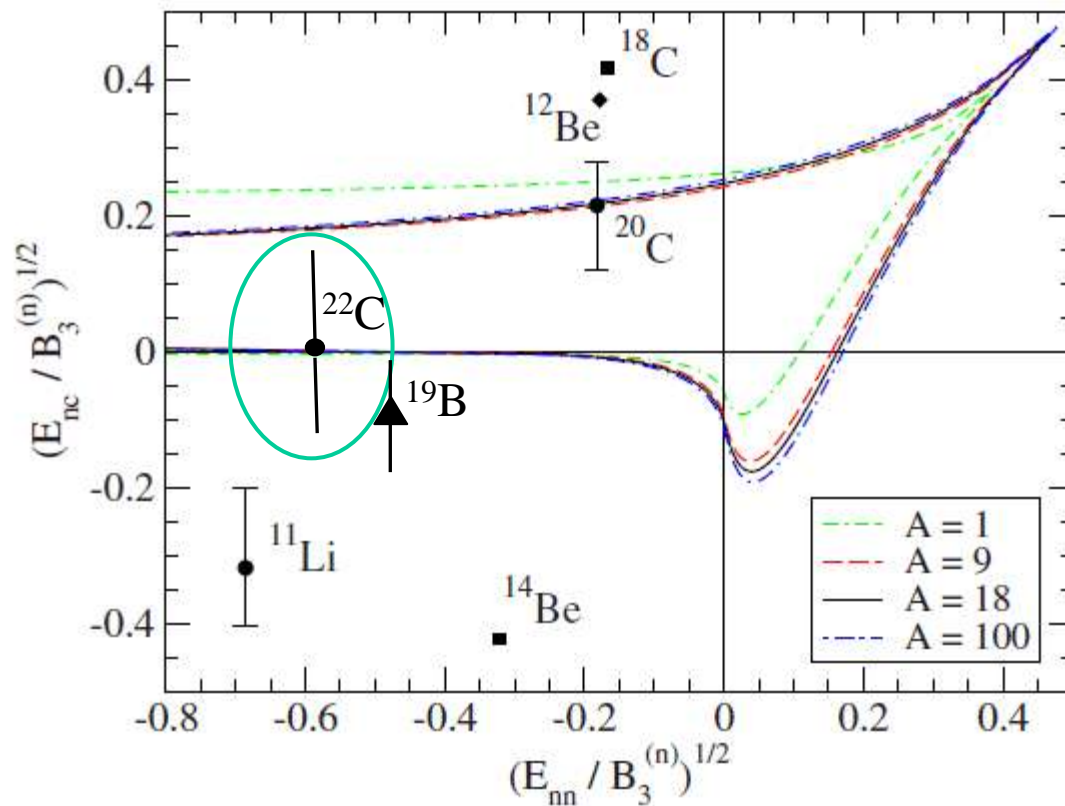
$${}^{22}\text{C} = n - n - {}^{20}\text{C}$$

${}^{21}\text{C}$ virtual state energy 0, -10, -20 keV... $E_{nn} = -143\text{KeV}$



Suggestion: is ${}^{21}\text{C}$ slightly bound?

$${}^{22}\text{C} = n - n - {}^{20}\text{C}$$



From Canham and Hammer EPJ A 37 (2008) 367

${}^{21}\text{C}$ with a bound/virtual state with energy 0-10keV
 → It would be possible an excited Efimov state/continuum resonance!

Four-body scale: bosons

Thomas-Efimov effect: (low-mom. scale)/(high-mom. scale) $\rightarrow 0$

Yamashita, Tomio, Delfino & Frederico

Four-boson scale near a Feshbach resonance. Europhys. Lett. 75 (2006) 555

- Tetramer ground state *moves* as a short-range scale collapses to zero with the trimer is fixed!
- **coupling between a closed and open channels \rightarrow many-body forces in the open channel**

- Tetramer is *fixed* by the trimer information:

Platter, Hammer, & Meissner,

Four-boson system with short-range interactions. Phys. Rev. A 70, 52101 (2004).

Stecher, D'Incao & Greene,

Signatures of universal four-body phenomena and their relation to the Efimov physics Nat.Phys. 5(09)417

Deltuva

Efimov physics in bosonic atom-trimer scattering, arXiv:1009.1295

- Empirical evidences for 3-body forces near a Feshbach resonance :

Pollack, Dries & Hulet (^7Li)

Universality in three- and four-body bound states of ultracold atoms. Science 326 (2009) 1683

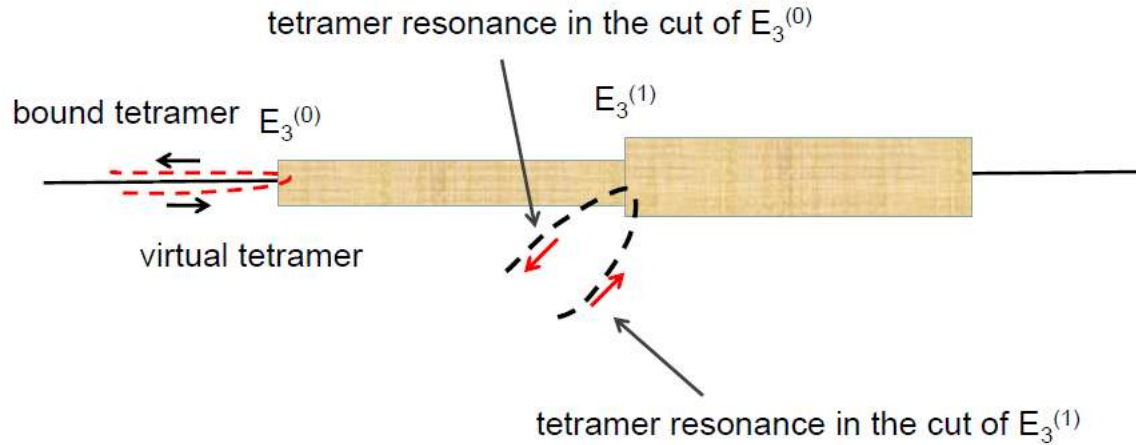
Nakajima, Horikoshi, Mukaiyama, Naidon, & Ueda

Nonuniversal Efimov atom-dimer resonances in a three-component mixture of ^6Li .

Phys. Rev. Lett. 105, 023201 (2010)

4-body force near the Feshbach resonance?

Trajectory of four-boson bound states: one scenario...



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Summary and outlook

- ➔ Weakly bound & large systems: **few scales regime** in halo nuclei, molecules, trapped atoms
- ➔ Zero-range model n-n-c system:
 - classification of weakly-bound systems
 - threshold conditions for excited states and resonances
 - borromean configuration: **Efimov state** → **resonance**
 - all-bound, Samba, Tango (at least one subsystem is bound): **Efimov state** → **virtual state**
- ➔ ^{20}C **Efimov state** → **virtual state** $E_{19\text{C}} > 165 \text{ keV}$
- ➔ $n+^{19}\text{C}$ scattering: **pole in the s-wave phase-shift**
- ➔ ^{22}C large nn halo $S_{2n} \sim 400\text{keV}$ and ^{21}C virtual/bound state few keV
→ **Efimov continuum resonance/excited state**
- ➔ Exploration of universality in scattering, breakup of halo nuclei and large molecules
- ➔ Proton halo (Coulomb +contacts Higa, Hammer, Kolck NPA809(2008)171)
- ➔ P-wave ($^6\text{He}=^4\text{He}+2n$) Bertulani, Hammer, Kolck NPA 712 (2002) 37
- ➔ Neutron halo > 2 : how many scales, how to describe few-neutrons+core dynamics...
- ➔ how many scales to describe few-particle weakly bound systems with short-range forces?

Backup: n - ^{19}C scattering equations

$$\chi_n(\vec{q}) \equiv (2\pi)^3 \delta(\vec{q} - \vec{k}_i) + 4\pi \frac{h_n(\vec{q}; \mathcal{E}(k_i))}{q^2 - k_i^2 - i\epsilon},$$

$$h_n^\ell(q; \mathcal{E}_i) = \mathcal{V}^\ell(q, k_i; \mathcal{E}_i) + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dk k^2 \frac{\mathcal{V}^\ell(q, k; \mathcal{E}_i) h_n^\ell(k; \mathcal{E}_i)}{k^2 - k_i^2 - i\epsilon}.$$

$$\mathcal{V}^\ell(q, k; \mathcal{E}) \equiv \pi \frac{(A+1)}{A+2} \left[K_2^\ell(q, k; \mathcal{E}) + \int_0^\infty dk' k'^2 K_1^\ell(q, k'; \mathcal{E}) \tau_{nn}(k'; \mathcal{E}) K_1^\ell(k, k'; \mathcal{E}) \right]$$

$$\tau_{nn}(q; \mathcal{E}) \equiv \frac{-2}{\pi} \left[\sqrt{|\epsilon_{nn}|} + \sqrt{\frac{A+2}{4A} q^2 - \mathcal{E}} \right]^{-1}, \quad \bar{\tau}_{nc}(q; \mathcal{E}) \equiv \frac{-1}{\pi} \left(\frac{A+1}{2A} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sqrt{|\epsilon_{nc}|} + \sqrt{\frac{(A+2)q^2}{2(A+1)} - \mathcal{E}} \right),$$

$$K_{i=1,2}^\ell(q, k; \mathcal{E}) \equiv G_i^\ell(q, k; \mathcal{E}) - \delta_{\ell 0} G_i^\ell(q, k; -\mu^2),$$

$$G_i^\ell(q, k; \mathcal{E}) = \int_{-1}^1 dy \frac{P_\ell(y)}{\mathcal{E} - \frac{A+1}{A+A^{i-1}} q^2 - \frac{A+1}{2A} k^2 - \frac{kqy}{A^{i-1}} + i\epsilon}.$$