

THREE-BODY FORCE IN HALO NUCLEI

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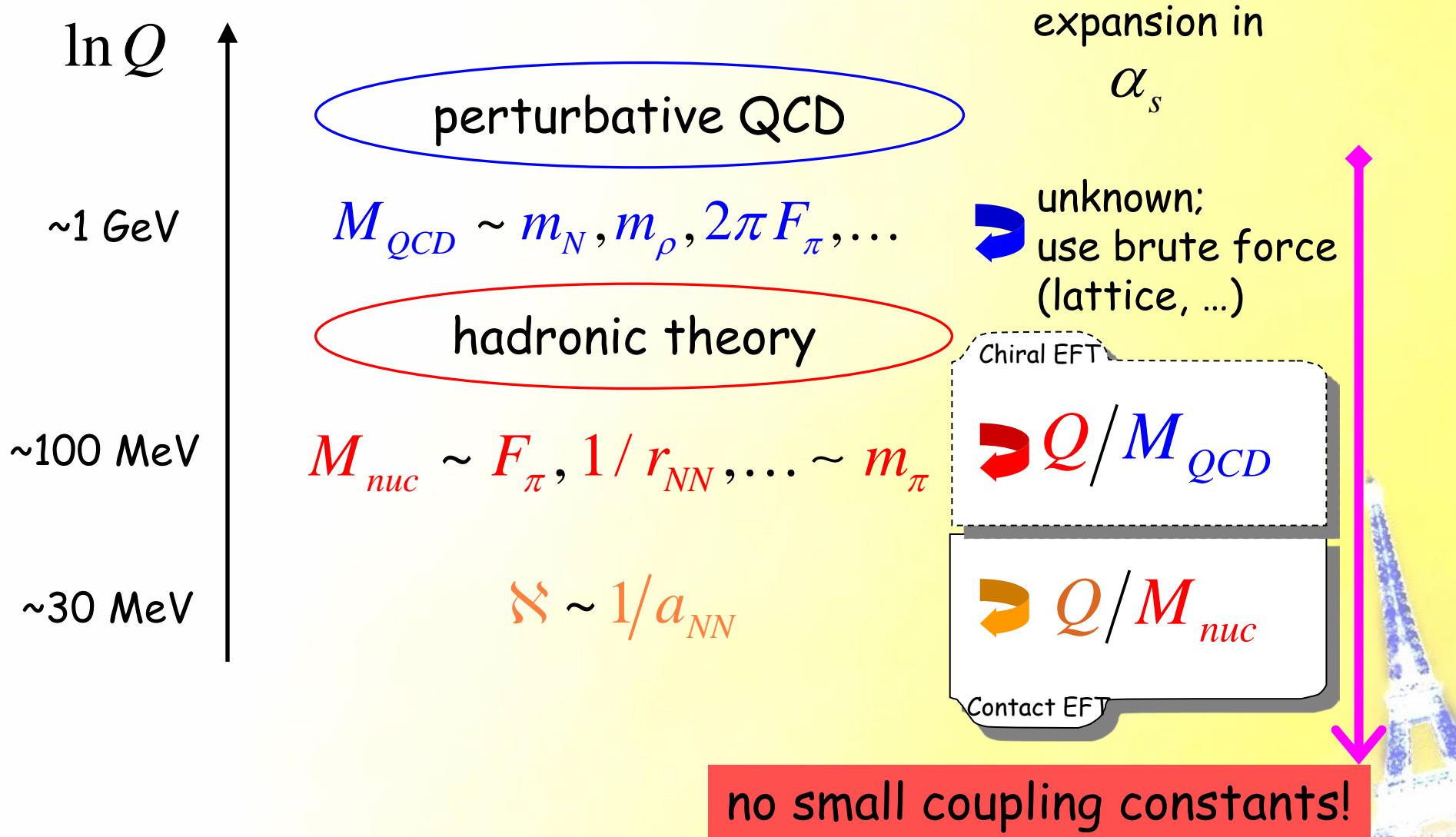
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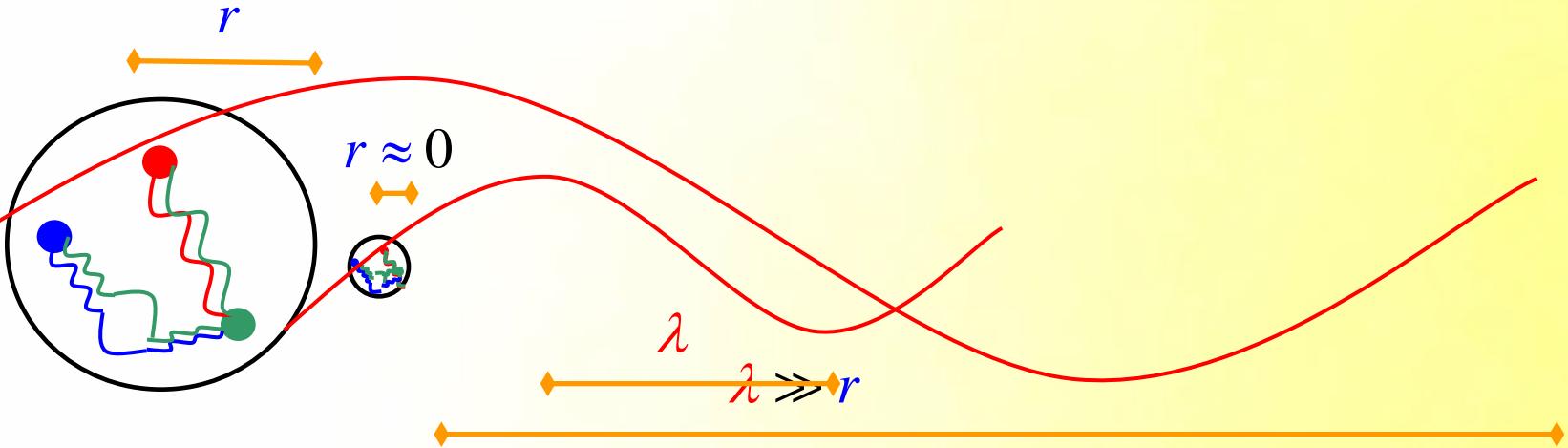
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Outline

- EFT
- Nucleon-alpha system
- ~~Alpha-alpha system~~
- ${}^6\text{He}$
- ~~Other systems~~
- Outlook

Nuclear physics scales





$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \int d^3r \rho(\vec{r}) A^0(\vec{r}) \\
 &= \underbrace{A^0(0) \int d^3r \rho(\vec{r})}_{= qA^0(0)} + \underbrace{[\partial_i A^0](0) \cdot \int d^3r r_i \rho(\vec{r})}_{= -\vec{D} \cdot \vec{E}(0)} + \underbrace{[\partial_i \partial_j A^0](0) \int d^3r r_i r_j \rho(\vec{r})}_{= -\frac{1}{3} (q \langle r^2 \rangle \delta_{ij} + Q_{ij}) \partial_i E_j(0)} + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{r}{\lambda}\right)$$

$$\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{r^2}{\lambda^2}\right)$$

→ { All interactions for point charge allowed by gauge invariance
 Expansion in powers of $\frac{r}{\lambda}$
 distance scale of underlying distribution
 distance scale of interest

$$Q \sim \cancel{N} \ll M_{nuc}$$

pionless EFT

- degrees of freedom: nucleons
- symmetries: Lorentz, ~~B, P, T~~
- expansion in:

$$\frac{Q}{M_{nuc}} = \begin{cases} Q/m_N & \text{non-relativistic} \\ Q/m_\pi, \dots & \text{multipole} \end{cases}$$

Kaplan '97
v.K. '99

simplest formulation: auxiliary field for two-nucleon bound states

$$N + N \left\{ \begin{array}{l} d(^3S_1) \mapsto \text{vector field } \vec{d} \\ d^*(^1S_0) \mapsto \text{isovector field } \mathbf{d}^* \end{array} \right.$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{EFT} = N^+ \left(i\partial_0 + \frac{\vec{\nabla}^2}{2m_N} \right) N + d^+ (-\Delta) d + \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} [d^+ NN + N^+ N^+ d] + h d^+ d N^+ N$$

$$+ N^+ \left(\frac{\vec{\nabla}^4}{8m_N^3} \right) N + \underset{\text{sign}}{\sigma} d^+ \left(i\partial_0 + \frac{\vec{\nabla}^2}{2m_N} \right) d + \dots$$

omitting
spin, isospin

Bedaque, Hammer + v.K. '98, '99, '00
Hammer, Platter + Meissner '04
Stetcu, Barrett + v.K. '07
Rotureau, Stetcu, Barrett + v.K. '11
...

➡ $A \lesssim 6$

- ✓ describes structure and reactions of bound states --
deuteron, triton, alpha particle
- ✓ can be extended to p-shell nuclei with No-Core Shell Model
- ✓ makes evident new phenomena --
from one-parameter three-body force at LO:
SU(4) invariance, limit-cycle behavior, Phillips line, Efimov spectrum, Tjon line

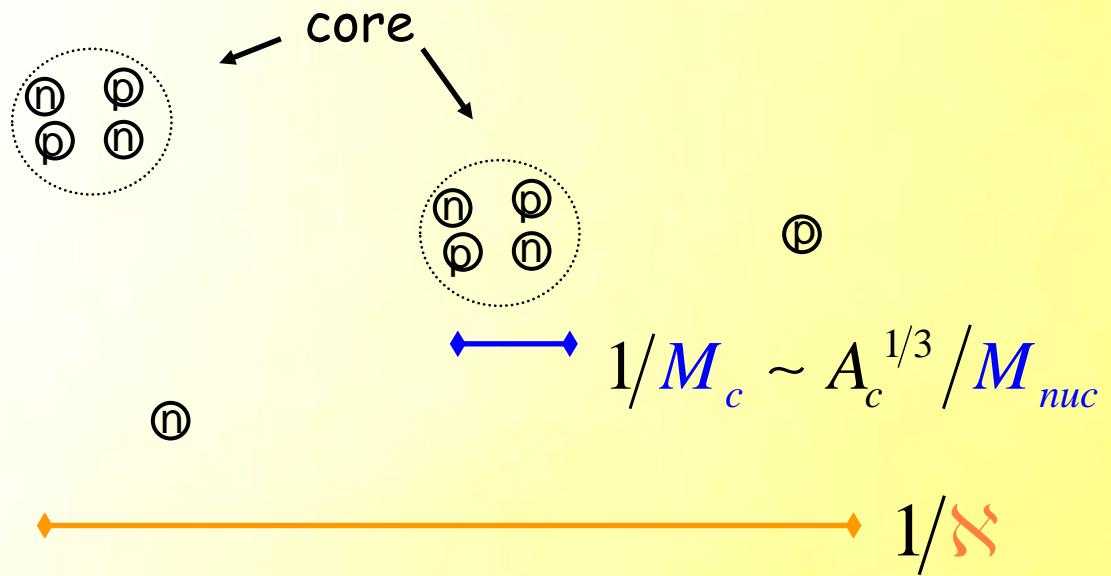
First orders apply
also to atoms

$$M_{nuc} \rightarrow 1/l_{vdW} \quad \text{from} \quad V(r) = -\frac{l_{vdW}^4}{2mr^6} + \dots$$

- many-body systems get complicated rapidly, just as for models

new scale leads to proliferation of shallow states (near driplines):
 loosely bound nucleons around tightly bound cores ("normal" nuclei)

halo/cluster states



separation
energy

$$E_{sep} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\lambda^2}{2m_N}\right) \ll E_{core} = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{M_c^2}{2m_N}\right) \lesssim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_\pi^2}{2m_N}\right)$$

core
excitation
energy

e.g. alpha particle family

$${}^4\text{He} \quad E_{t+p} \cong 20 \text{ MeV} > 5 \text{ MeV} \simeq \frac{M_c^2}{2m_N} \quad \leftarrow M_c \sim F_\pi / 4^{1/3} \simeq 100 \text{ MeV}$$

$${}^5\text{He} \quad p_{3/2} \text{ resonance} \quad E_{n\alpha} \simeq 0.8 \text{ MeV} \quad \rightarrow k_R \simeq \sqrt{2m_N E_{n\alpha}} \simeq 38 \text{ MeV}$$

$${}^5\text{Li} \quad p_{3/2} \text{ resonance} \quad E_{p\alpha} \simeq 1.7 \text{ MeV} \quad \rightarrow k_R \simeq \sqrt{2m_N E_{p\alpha}} \simeq 56 \text{ MeV}$$

$${}^6\text{He} \quad s_0 \text{ bound state} \quad E_{nn\alpha} \simeq 0.97 \text{ MeV}$$

$${}^6\text{Be} \quad s_0 \text{ resonance} \quad E_{pp\alpha} \simeq 1.4 \text{ MeV}$$

$${}^8\text{Be} \quad s_0 \text{ resonance} \quad E_{\alpha\alpha} \simeq 0.09 \text{ MeV} \quad \rightarrow k_R = \sqrt{m_\alpha E_{\alpha\alpha}} \simeq 18 \text{ MeV}$$

$${}^9\text{Be} \quad p_{3/2} \text{ bound state} \quad E_{n\alpha\alpha} \simeq 1.6 \text{ MeV}$$

$${}^9\text{B} \quad p_{3/2} \text{ resonance} \quad E_{p\alpha\alpha} \simeq 0.19 \text{ MeV}$$

$${}^{12}\text{C} \quad s_0 \text{ resonance} \quad E_{\alpha\alpha\alpha} \simeq 0.38 \text{ MeV}$$

$$Q \sim N \ll M_c$$

halo/cluster
EFT

- degrees of freedom: nucleons, cores

- symmetries: Lorentz, $\cancel{B}, \cancel{P}, \cancel{T}$

- expansion in:

$$\frac{Q}{M_c} = \begin{cases} Q/m_N, Q/m_c & \text{non-relativistic} \\ Q/m_\pi, \dots & \text{multipole} \end{cases}$$

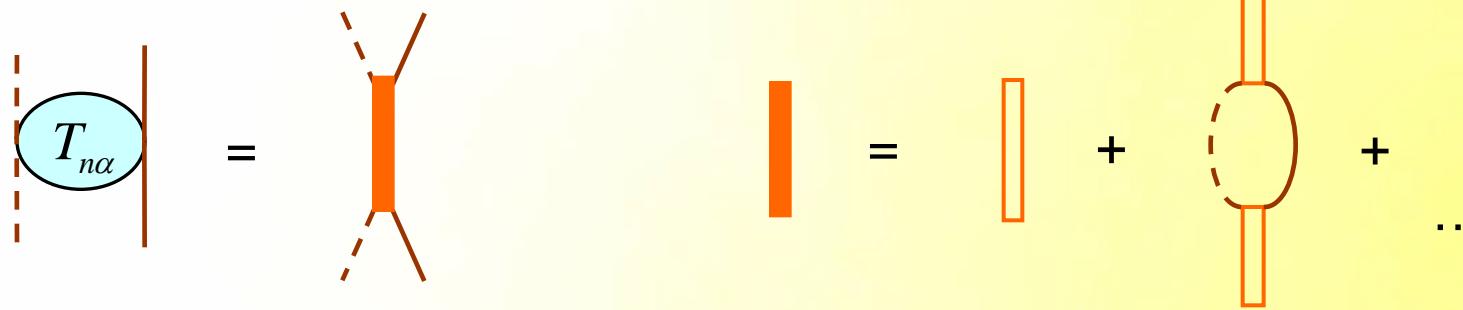
simplest formulation: auxiliary fields for cores + nucleon states

e.g. ${}^4\text{He}$ \mapsto scalar field φ

$${}^4\text{He} + N \quad \begin{cases} s_{1/2} \equiv 0+ \mapsto \text{spin - 0 field } s \\ p_{1/2} \equiv 1- \mapsto \text{spin - 1/2 field } T_1 \\ p_{3/2} \equiv 1+ \mapsto \text{spin - 3/2 field } T_3 \\ \vdots \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{EFT} = & N^+ \left(i\partial_0 + \frac{\vec{\nabla}^2}{2m_N} \right) N + \varphi^+ \left(i\partial_0 + \frac{\vec{\nabla}^2}{2m_\alpha} \right) \varphi \\
 & + T_3^+ \left[\sigma_3 \left(i\partial_0 + \frac{\vec{\nabla}^2}{2(m_\alpha + m_N)} \right) - \Delta_3 \right] T_3 \\
 & + \frac{g_3}{\sqrt{2}} \left[T_3^+ \vec{S}^+ \cdot (N \vec{\nabla} \varphi - \varphi \vec{\nabla} N) + \text{H.c.} \right] \\
 & + s^+ (-\Delta_0) s + \frac{g_0}{\sqrt{2}} \left[s^+ N \varphi + \text{H.c.} \right] \quad \text{spin transition operator} \\
 & + \dots \\
 & + T_1^+ (-\Delta_1) T_1 + \frac{g_1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[T_1^+ \vec{\sigma} \cdot (N \vec{\nabla} \varphi - \varphi \vec{\nabla} N) + \text{H.c.} \right] \\
 & + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$n\alpha$



$p_{3/2}$

$$\boxed{\text{---}} = \frac{i\sigma_3}{E - \sigma_3 \Delta_3} = \frac{i\sigma_3 2\mu}{k^2 - \sigma_3 2\mu \Delta_3}$$

↗ reduced mass

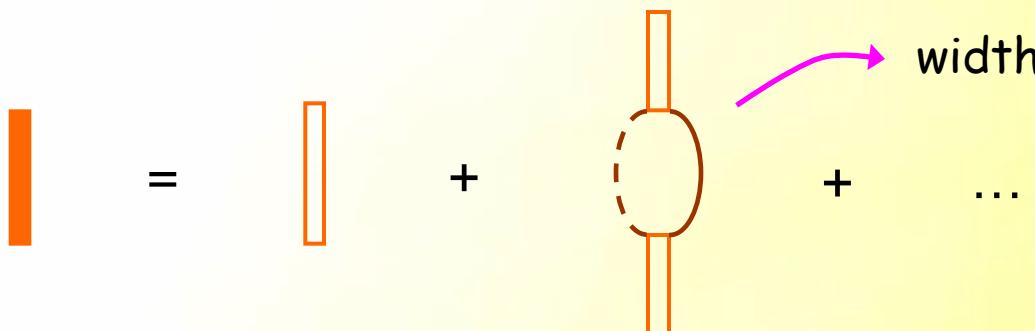
resonance at $Q \sim \pm \aleph$

if $\sigma_3 \Delta_3 > 0$ and

$$\Delta_3 \sim \frac{\aleph^2}{\mu}, \quad \frac{g_3^2}{4\pi} \sim \frac{1}{\mu^2 M_c}, \quad \dots$$



$$a_{1+} \sim \frac{1}{\aleph^2 M_c}, \quad r_{1+} \sim M_c, \quad \dots$$



$$\sim \frac{\mu}{Q^2 - \aleph^2}$$

$$\sim \left(\frac{\mu}{Q^2 - \aleph^2} \right)^2 \frac{4\pi Q^2}{\mu^2 M_c} \frac{Q^3}{4\pi} \frac{\mu}{Q^2} \sim \frac{\mu}{Q^2 - \aleph^2} \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 - \aleph^2} \frac{Q}{M_c}$$

$\ll 1$

other waves:

$$\Delta_0 \sim \Delta_1 \sim \dots \sim M_c,$$

$$\frac{g_0^2}{4\pi} \sim \frac{1}{\mu}, \quad \frac{g_1^2}{4\pi} \sim \frac{1}{\mu^2 M_c}, \dots$$

$$\rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_{0+} \sim \frac{1}{M_c}, \quad r_{0+} \sim \frac{1}{M_c}, \dots \\ a_{1-} \sim \frac{1}{M_c^3}, \quad r_{1-} \sim M_c, \dots \\ \vdots \end{array} \right.$$

$$| = | + \text{loop} + \dots$$

$$S_{1/2} \sim \frac{1}{M_c}$$

$$\sim \left(\frac{1}{M_c} \right)^2 \frac{4\pi}{\mu} \frac{Q^3}{4\pi} \frac{Q}{\mu^2} \sim \frac{1}{M_c} \frac{Q}{M_c}$$

$$p_{1/2} \sim \frac{1}{M_c}$$

$$\sim \left(\frac{1}{M_c} \right)^2 \frac{4\pi}{\mu^2 M_c} \frac{Q^2}{4\pi} \frac{Q^3}{Q^2} \frac{\mu}{\mu} \sim \frac{1}{M_c} \frac{Q^3}{\mu M_c^2}$$

$$\nu = 0$$

$$\nu = 1$$

$$\nu = 2$$

$$T_{n\alpha} \sim \frac{4\pi}{\mu M_c} \left\{ \begin{array}{lll} \frac{Q^2}{Q^2 - \aleph^2} + \frac{Q}{M_c} \left(\frac{Q^2}{Q^2 - \aleph^2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{Q}{M_c} \right)^2 \left(\frac{Q^2}{Q^2 - \aleph^2} \right)^3 + \dots \\ 1 + 0 + \left(\frac{Q}{M_c} \right)^2 + \dots \\ 0 + 0 + 0 + \dots \\ \dots \end{array} \right\}$$

$p_{3/2}$
 $s_{1/2}$
 $p_{1/2}$

→

$$\begin{cases} a_{1+} \sim \aleph^{-2} M_c^{-1} \\ r_{1+} \sim M_c \\ a_{0+} \sim M_c^{-1} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{1+} \sim M_c^{-1}$$

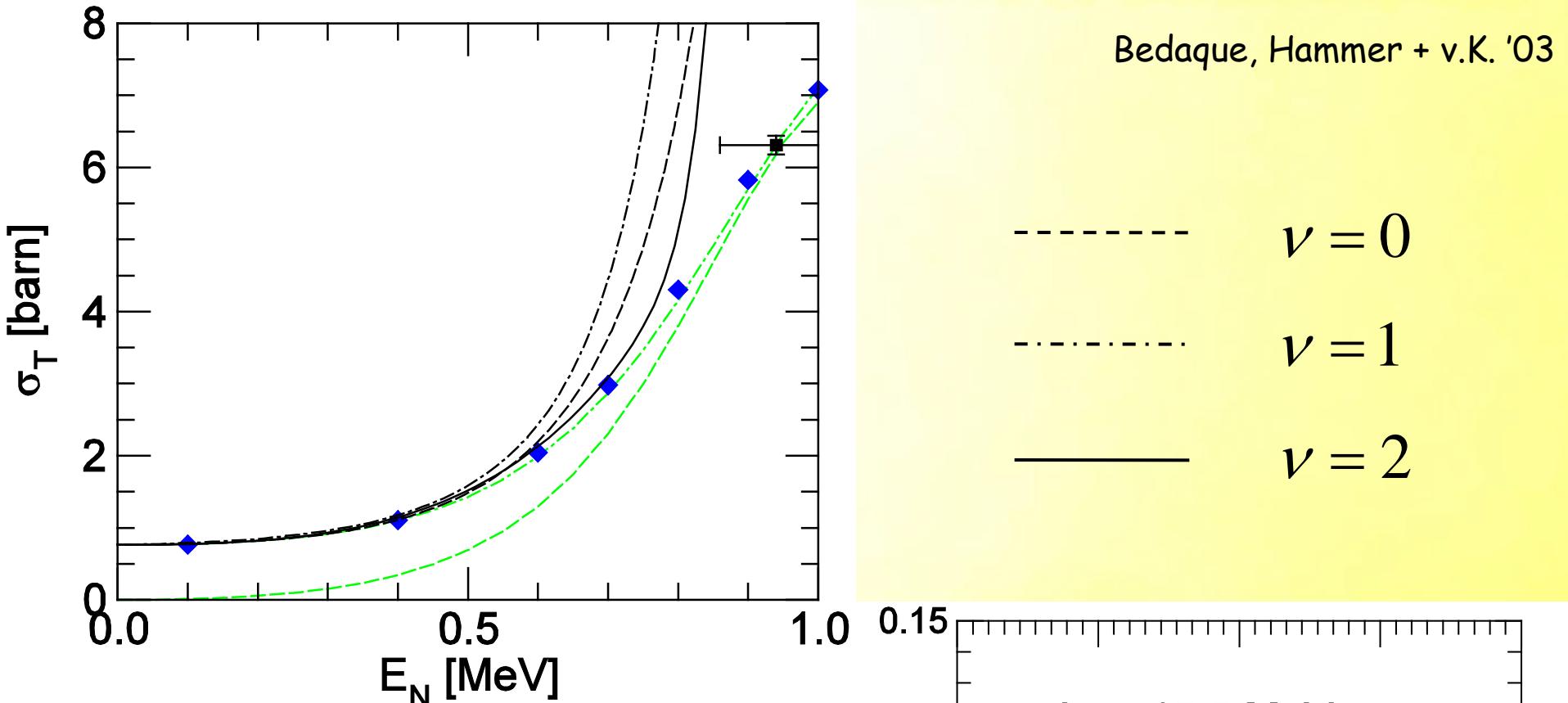
$$r_{0+} \sim M_c^{-1}$$



$$a_{1-} \sim M_c^{-3}$$

etc.

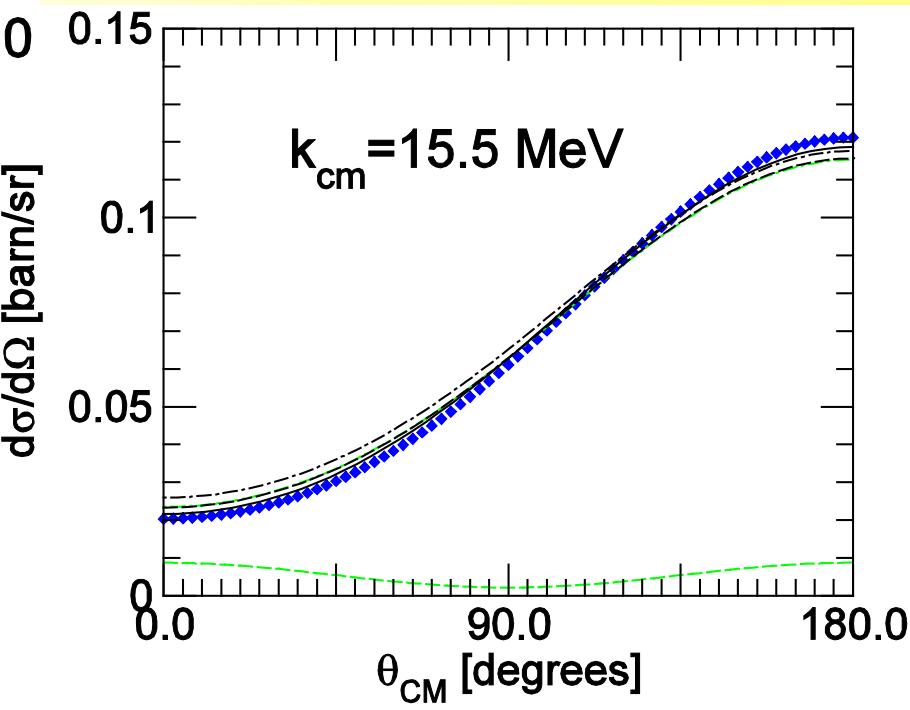
$$T_l(k, \theta) = \frac{2\pi}{\mu} (2l+1) k^{2l} P_l(\cos \theta) \left[-\frac{1}{a_l} + \frac{r_l}{2} k^2 + \frac{\mathcal{P}_l}{4} k^4 + \dots - ik^{2l+1} \right]^{-1}$$



- ◆ NNDC, BNL
- Haesner et al. '83

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except at $Q = \aleph \pm \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\aleph^2}{M_c}\right)$ where

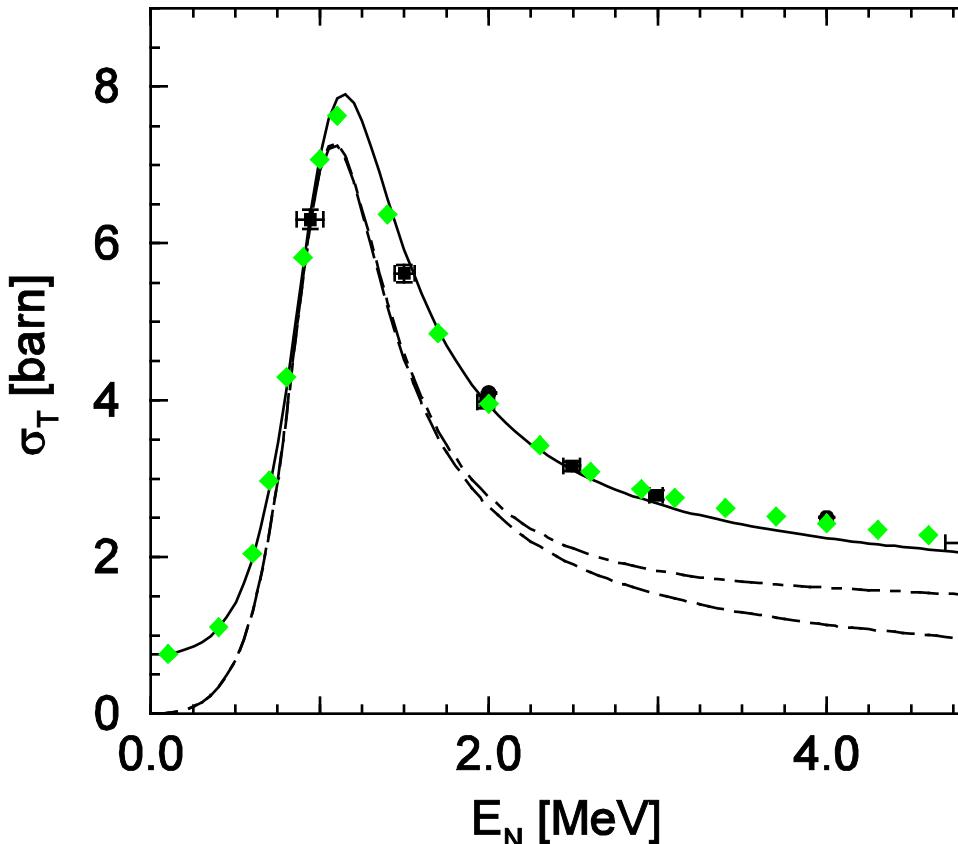
$p_{3/2}$

$$| = \boxed{|} + \boxed{\text{loop}} + \dots$$

$$\sim \frac{\mu M_c}{\aleph^3} \sim \left(\frac{\mu M_c}{\aleph^3} \right)^2 \frac{4\pi \aleph^2}{\mu^2 M_c} \frac{\aleph^3}{4\pi} \frac{\mu}{\aleph^2} \sim \frac{\mu M_c}{\aleph^3}$$

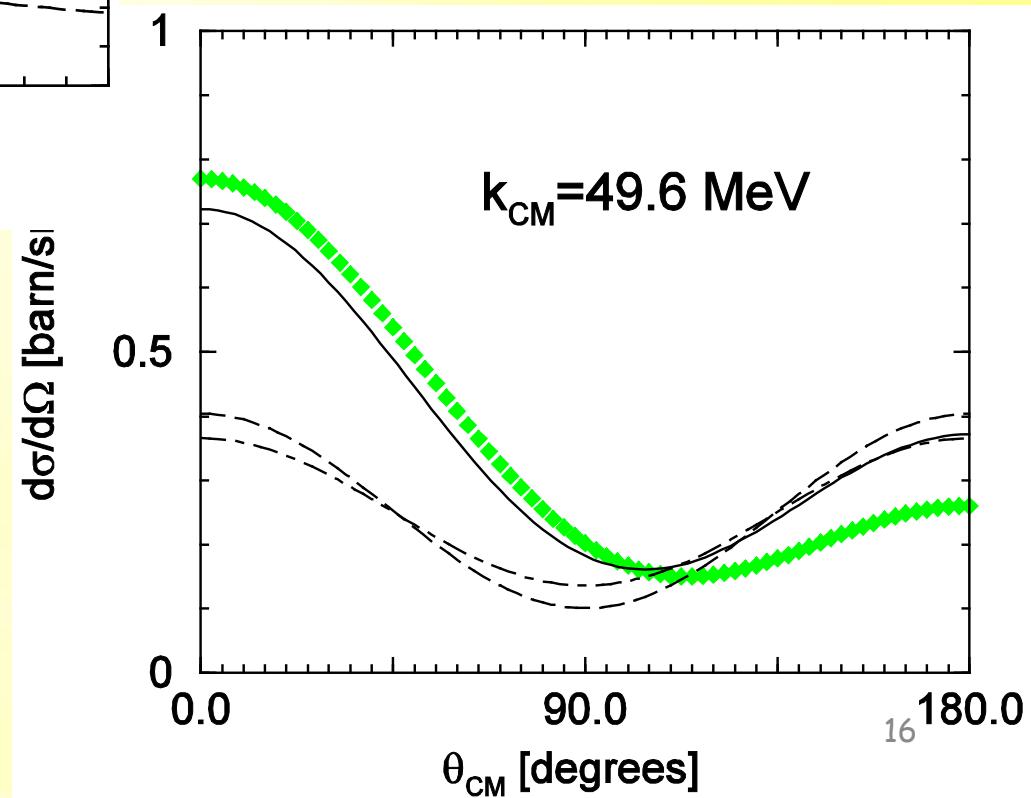
→ enhanced by $\frac{M_c}{\aleph}$ → resum self-energy

$$T_{1+}^{(-1)} = \frac{2\pi}{\mu \sqrt{2\mu E}} \frac{i \Gamma(E)/2}{E - E_R + i \Gamma(E)/2}$$

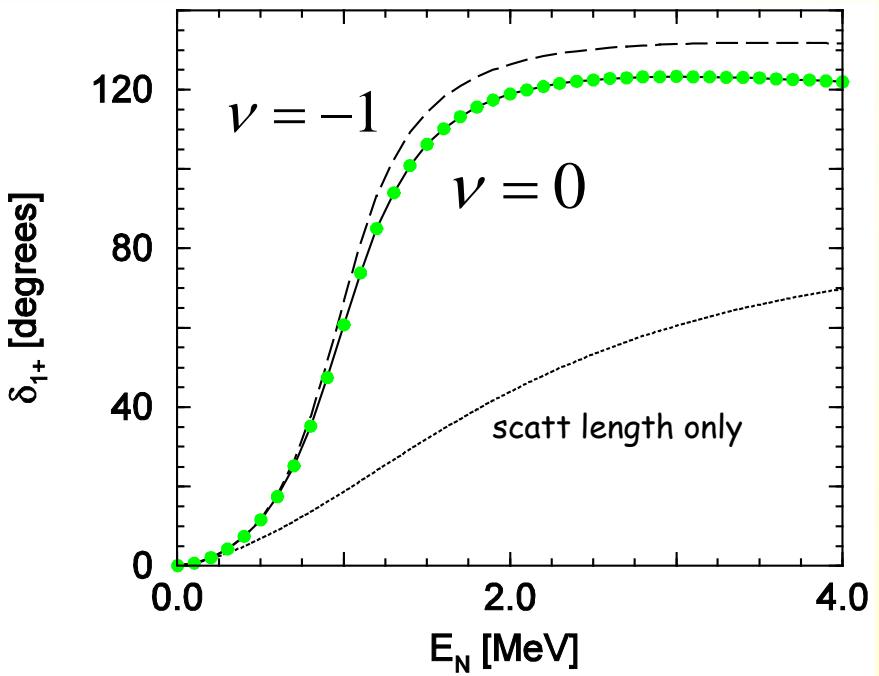


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● PSA, Arndt et al. '73

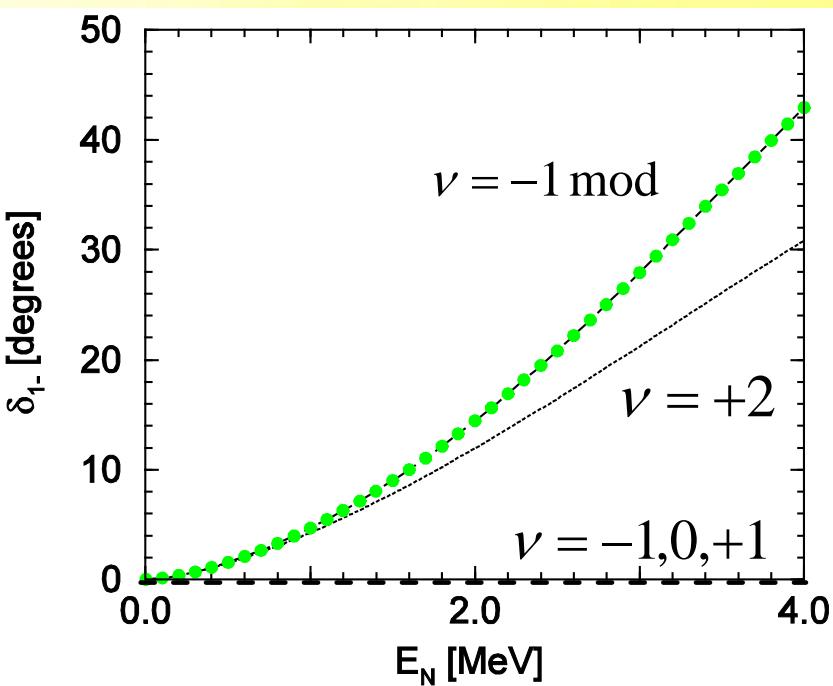
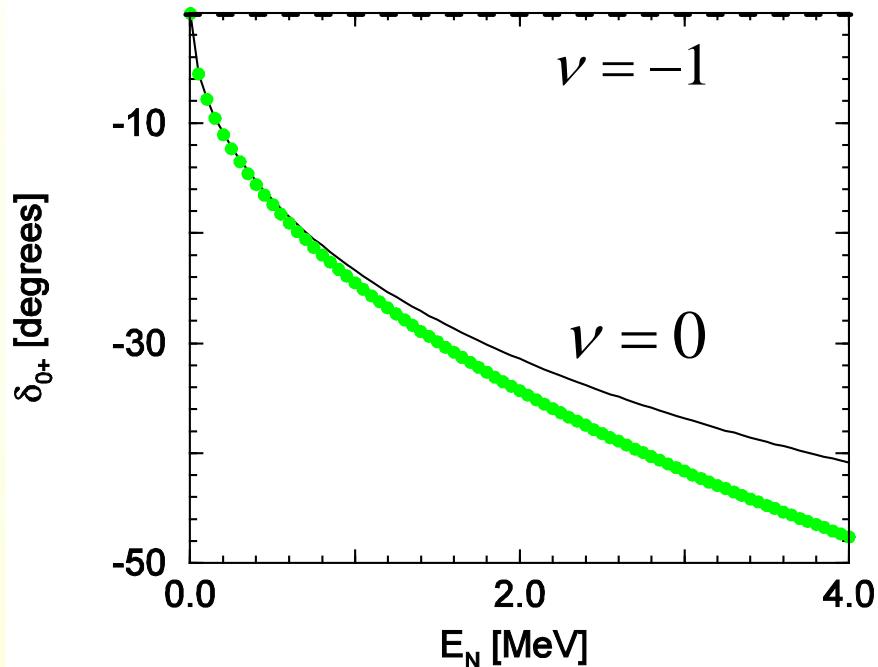


$$E_R \approx 0.80 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma(E_R) \approx 0.55 \text{ MeV}$$



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Partial wave l_{\pm}	$a_{l\pm}$ [fm $^{1+2l}$]	$r_{l\pm}$ [fm $^{1-2l}$]	$\mathcal{P}_{l\pm}$ [fm $^{3-2l}$]
0+	2.4641(37)	1.385(41)	—
1-	-13.821(68)	-0.419(16)	—
1+	-62.951(3)	-0.8819(11)	-3.002(62)

$$a_{0+} \sim \mathbf{M}_c^{-1} \quad r_{0+} \sim \mathbf{M}_c^{-1}$$

cf.

$$a_{1-} \sim \mathbf{M}_c^{-3} \quad r_{1-} \sim \mathbf{M}_c$$

$$a_{1+} \sim \mathbf{\Delta}^{-2} \mathbf{M}_c^{-1} \quad r_{1+} \sim \mathbf{M}_c \quad \mathcal{P}_{1+} \sim \mathbf{M}_c^{-1}$$

➡

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{M}_c \simeq 100 \text{ MeV} \\ \mathbf{\Delta} \simeq 30 \text{ MeV} \end{array} \right. \quad \text{consistent...}$$

Other two-body states

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} {}^5\text{Li} = \text{res.}\left({}^4\text{He} + p\right) \\ {}^8\text{Be} = \text{res.}\left({}^4\text{He} + {}^4\text{He}\right) \end{array} \right.$$

Higa, Bertulani + v.K. in progress

Higa, Hammer + v.K. '08

Main issues:
role of Coulomb, further fine-tuning...

Next: three-body states

$${}^6\text{He} = \text{b.s.}\left({}^4\text{He} + n + n\right)$$

Bedaque, Hammer + v.K. '98

$${}^6\text{Be} = \text{res.}\left({}^4\text{He} + p + p\right)$$

cf.

$$\begin{cases} {}^3\text{H} = \text{b.s.}\left(p + n + n\right) \\ {}^3\text{He} = \text{b.s.}\left(p + p + n\right) \end{cases}$$

Ando + Birse '10
König + Hammer '11

$${}^9\text{Be} = \text{b.s.}\left({}^4\text{He} + {}^4\text{He} + n\right)$$

$${}^9\text{B} = \text{res.}\left({}^4\text{He} + {}^4\text{He} + p\right)$$

$${}^{12}\text{C} = \text{b.s.}\left({}^4\text{He} + {}^4\text{He} + {}^4\text{He}\right)$$

in pionless EFT

Main issue:
three-body force in LO as in pionless EFT?

Gamow Shell Model

$$H = \sum_{i=1}^K h_i + H_{\text{int}}$$

$$\int_C dk k^2 |k\rangle\langle k| = 1$$

$$\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_1 + \mathcal{C}_2 + \mathcal{C}_3$$

discretized

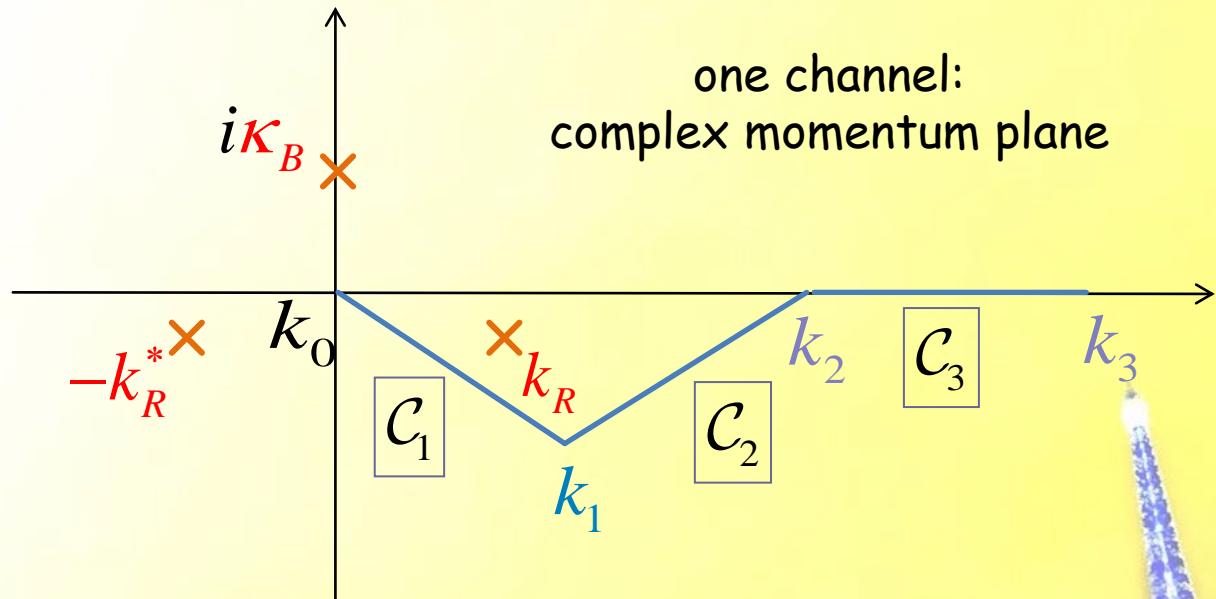
$$N_{sh} = N_1 + N_2 + N_3$$

$$H |\Psi\rangle = E |\Psi\rangle$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{sh}} c_n |\psi_n\rangle$$

single-particle basis

$$h |\psi_n\rangle = e_n |\psi_n\rangle$$



→ $\sum_{B,R} |\Psi_{B,R}\rangle\langle\tilde{\Psi}_{B,R}| + \int_C dk k^2 |\Psi(k)\rangle\langle\tilde{\Psi}(k)| = 1$ Berggren '68

$$\langle\tilde{\Psi}|r\rangle \equiv \langle r|\Psi\rangle$$

${}^{5+...}\text{He} = \text{b.s. or res. } ({}^4\text{He} + n + \dots)$

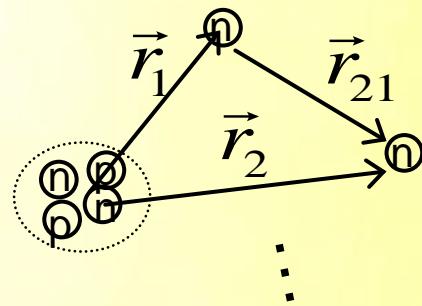
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} h_i = \frac{\vec{p}_i^2}{2\mu} + V_{\alpha i} \\ H_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j=1}^{N-2} \left(\frac{\vec{p}_i \cdot \vec{p}_j}{m_\alpha} + V_{ij} + V_{\alpha ij} \right) \end{array} \right.$$

$$V_{\alpha i}^{(-1)}(\vec{p}'_i, \vec{p}_i, k_i) = \frac{\vec{p}'_i \cdot \vec{p}_i}{A(\Lambda_{\alpha n}) + B(\Lambda_{\alpha n}) k_i^2} F(p_i'^2 / \Lambda_{\alpha n}^2) F(p_i^2 / \Lambda_{\alpha n}^2)$$

$$V_{ij}^{(-1)}(p'_{ij}, p_{ij}) = C(\Lambda_{nn}) F(p_{ij}'^2 / \Lambda_{nn}^2) F(p_{ij}^2 / \Lambda_{nn}^2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\alpha ij}^{(-1)}(\vec{p}'_i, \vec{p}'_j, \vec{p}_i, \vec{p}_j) &= D(\Lambda_{\alpha nn}) \vec{p}'_i \cdot \vec{p}_i \vec{p}'_j \cdot \vec{p}_j \\ &\quad \times F(p_i'^2 / \Lambda_{\alpha nn}^2) F(p_j'^2 / \Lambda_{\alpha nn}^2) F(p_i^2 / \Lambda_{\alpha nn}^2) F(p_j^2 / \Lambda_{\alpha nn}^2) \end{aligned}$$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A(\Lambda_{\alpha n}), B(\Lambda_{\alpha n}), C(\Lambda_{nn}) \text{ known functions of ERE parameters and cutoffs} \\ D(\Lambda_{\alpha nn}) \text{ 3BF: similar, but not quite the same as changing } V_{ij} \end{array} \right.$



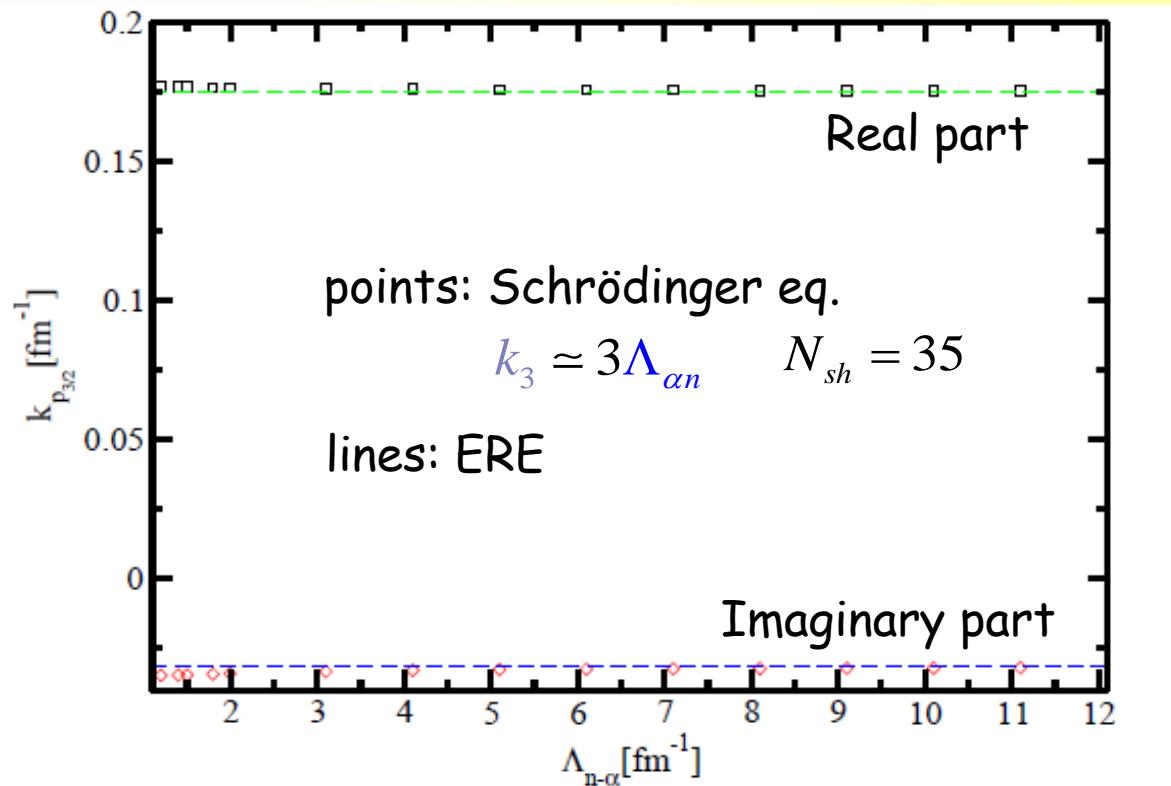
$$\begin{cases} F(0) = 1 \\ F(x \gg 1) \ll 1 \end{cases}$$

Here, $F(x) = \exp(-x)$

$$^5\text{He} = \text{res.}\left(^4\text{He} + n \right)$$

$p_{3/2}$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A(\Lambda_{\alpha n}) = -2\mu \left(-\frac{1}{a_{1+}} + \frac{\Lambda_{\alpha n}^3}{4\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \\ B(\Lambda_{\alpha n}) = -2\mu \left(\frac{r_{1+}}{2} + \frac{2}{a_{1+}\Lambda_{\alpha n}^2} + \frac{\Lambda_{\alpha n}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \end{array} \right.$$



Complications with basis:

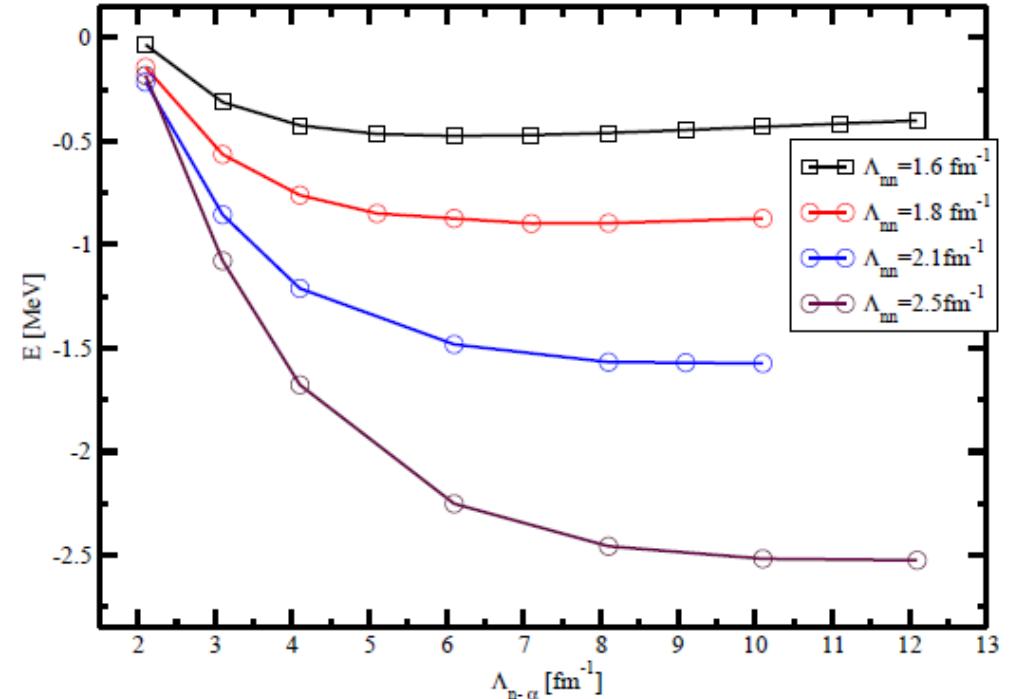
- eigenstates of \hat{h} not orthogonal and Berggren relation does **not** hold
- a deep bound states appears for large cutoff

Way around: convert energy to momentum dependence

$$\langle \mathbf{k}' | V'_{\alpha n} | \psi_n \rangle = \langle \mathbf{k}' | V_{\alpha n} (\mathbf{k} = \sqrt{2\mu e_n}) | \psi_n \rangle \quad \text{with} \quad |\psi_n\rangle \neq |\psi_B\rangle$$

non-Hermitian

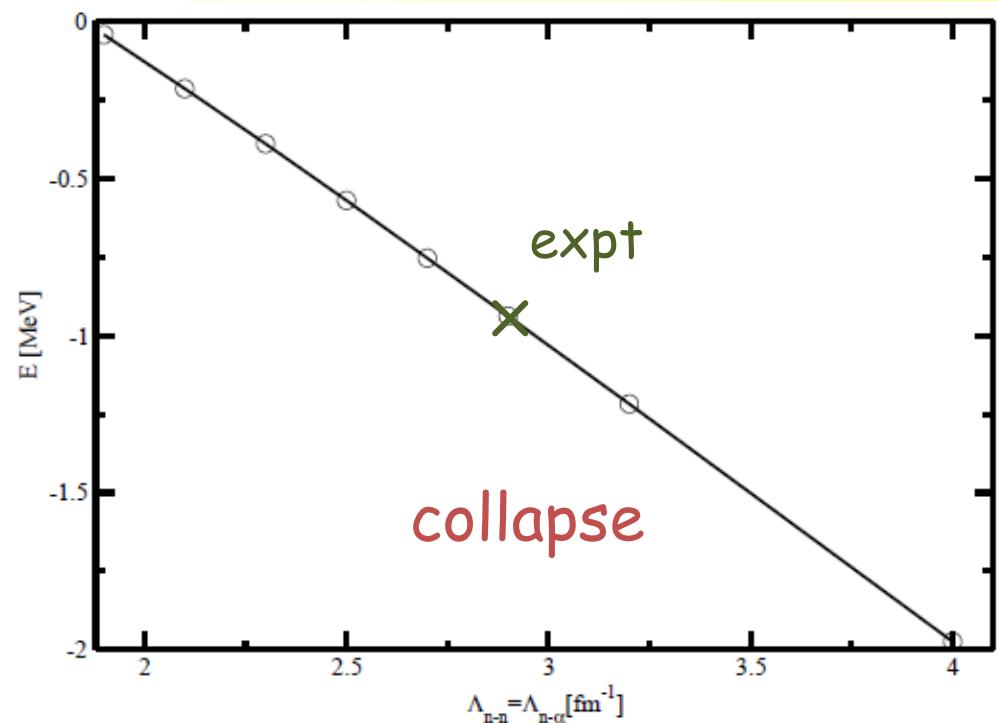
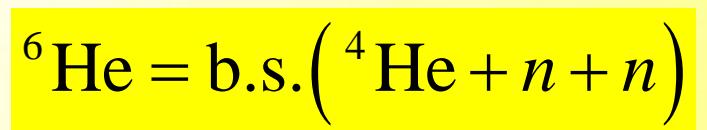
$$\rightarrow \sum_n |\psi_n\rangle \langle \psi_n^{left}| = 1$$



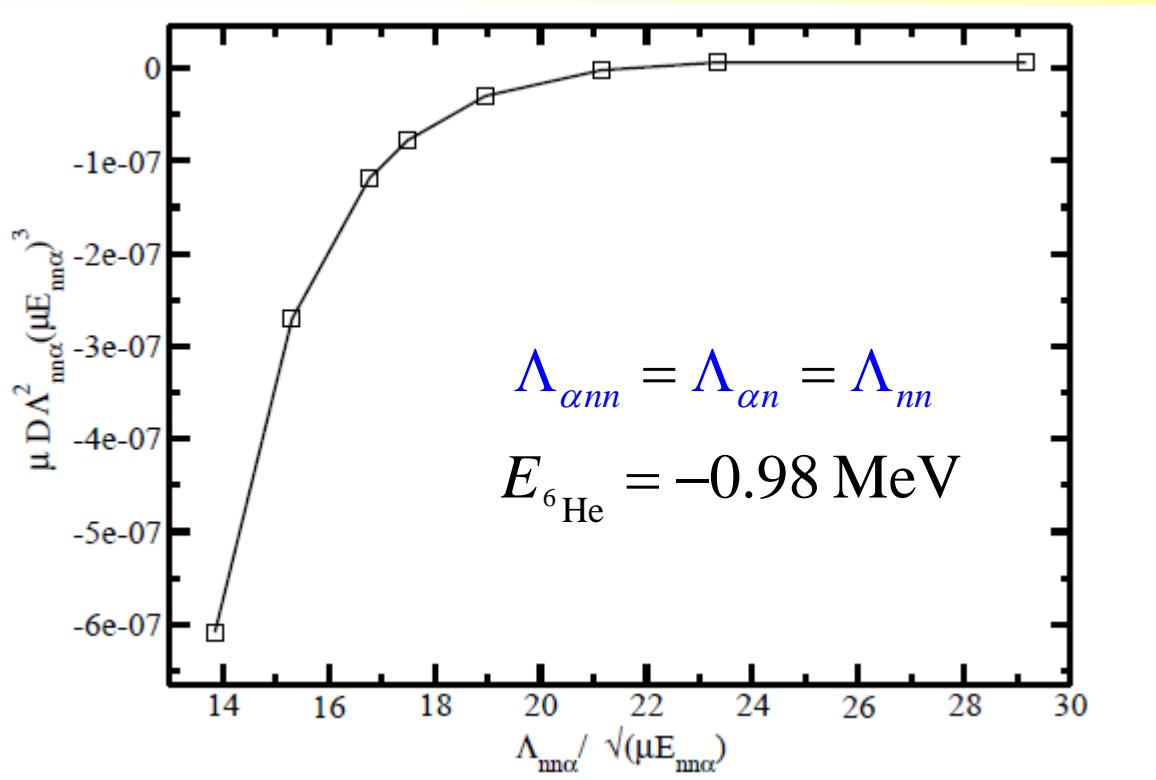
$$C^{-1}(\Lambda_{nn}) = -m_n \left(-\frac{1}{a_{nn}} + \frac{\Lambda_{nn}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right)$$

$$D(\Lambda_{\alpha nn}) = 0$$

no RG invariance = no good



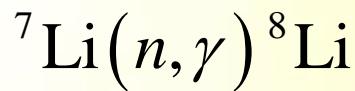
→ 3BF is LO!



predictive power? { Other ${}^6\text{He}$ observables
 ${}^8\text{He} = \text{b.s.}({}^4\text{He} + n + n + n + n)$, etc.
 Rotureau + v.K. in progress

Other cores

$$^8\text{Li} = \text{b.s.}((^7\text{Li} + n)$$



Rupak + Higa '11
Fernando, Higa + Rupak '11

$$^{11}\text{Be} = \text{b.s.}((^{10}\text{Be} + n)$$

Coulomb dissociation
of ^{11}Be

Hammer + Phillips '11

$$^A\text{Z} = \text{b.s.}((^{A-2}\text{Z} + n + n)$$

Efimov states?

Canham + Hammer '08, '10

s-wave interaction
spin 0

$$^{A-2}\text{Z} = ^9\text{Li}, ^{10}\text{Be}, ^{12}\text{Be}, ^{16}\text{C}, ^{18}\text{C}, \dots$$

Forecast

