

# The 23rd international conference on few-body problems in physics

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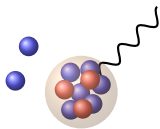
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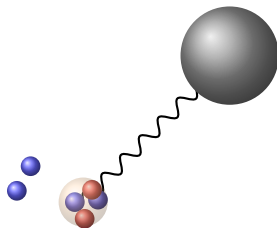
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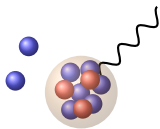
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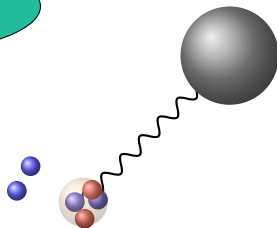
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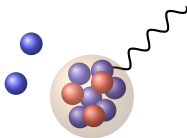


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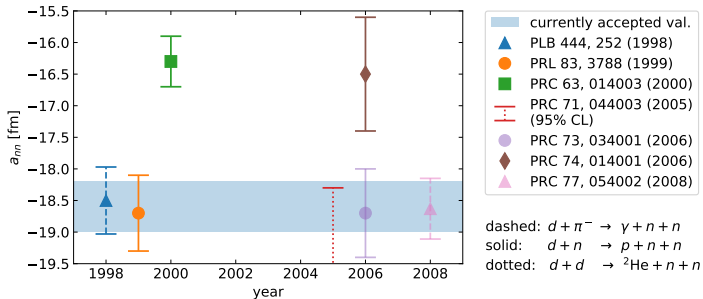
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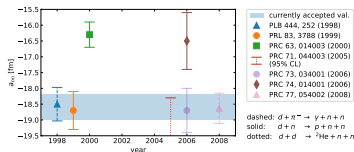
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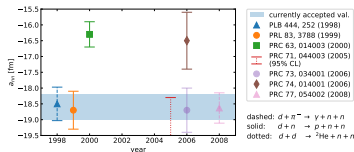
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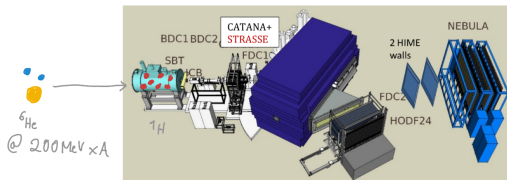
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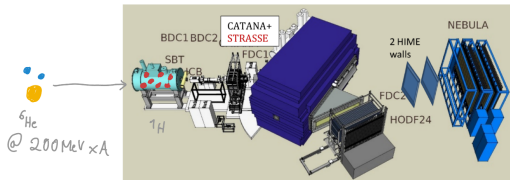


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- advantages of this approach
  - ▣ different from the previous methods → other systematics
  - ▣ final  $nn$  pair has high center-of-mass velocity in the lab system → avoids problems with detection efficiency
- experiment proposal from Aumann & SAMURAI collaboration approved by RIKEN RIBF [NP2012-SAMURAI55R1 \(2020\)](#)



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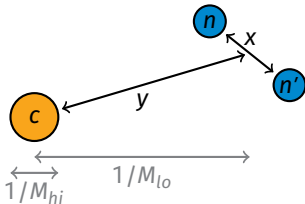
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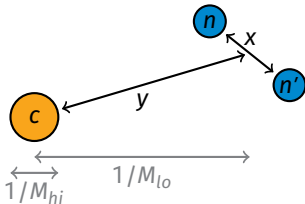
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## ■ properties of ${}^6\text{He}$

- Borromean  $2n$  halo
- separation of scales:  $S_{2n} = 0.975 \text{ MeV} < E_\alpha^* \approx 20 \text{ MeV}$
- quantum numbers:  $J^\pi = 0^+$  ( ${}^4\text{He}$ :  $J^\pi = 0^+$ )
- leading-order (LO) halo EFT interaction channels:
  - $nn$ :  ${}^1S_0$
  - $nc$ :  ${}^2P_{3/2}$  (not at LO:  ${}^2P_{1/2}, {}^2S_{1/2}$ )



halo EFT for  ${}^6\text{He}$  formulated in [Ji, Elster, Phillips, PRC 90 \(2014\)](#)  
review of halo EFT in [Hammer, Ji, Phillips, JPG 44 \(2017\)](#)

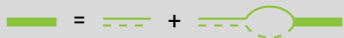
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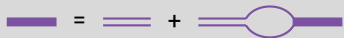
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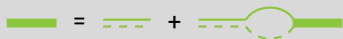


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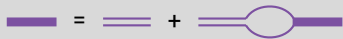
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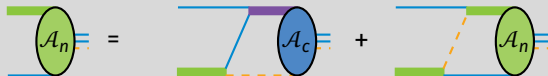
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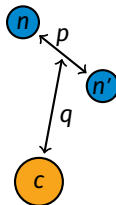
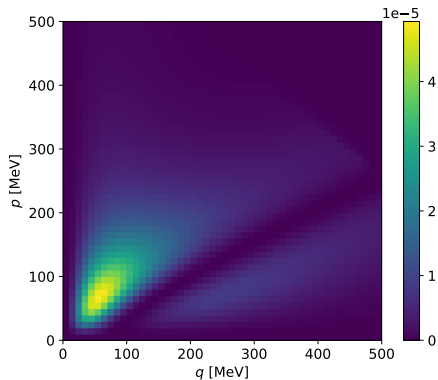
three-body force required for renormalization  
diagram shows case of vanishing three-body force

## Results for the wave function

calculated ground-state wave functions and probability densities in halo EFT

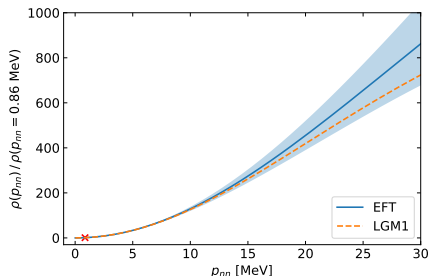
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$$\Psi_c^2(p, q) p^2 q^2$$



## Compare ground-state distribution from EFT with model calculations

- use ground-state momentum distribution  $\rho(p_{nn}) \approx \int dq q^2 p_{nn}^2 |\Psi_c(p_{nn}, q)|^2$
- model for comparison: local Gaussian model (LGM1), calc. done with FaCE [Thompson, Nunes, Danilin, Comput. Phys. Commun. 161 \(2004\)](#)



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- model calc. within uncertainty band of EFT ✓



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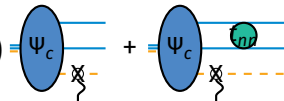
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- FSI evaluated via  $nn$  Møller operator  $\Omega_{nn}^\dagger$

$${}_c \langle p, q; \Omega_c | \Omega_{nn}^\dagger = {}_c \langle p, q; \Omega_c | + {}_c \langle p, q; \Omega_c | t_{nn}(E_p) G_0^{(nn)}(E_p)$$

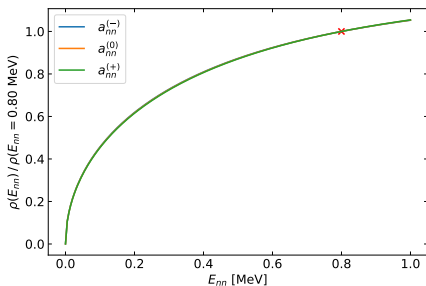
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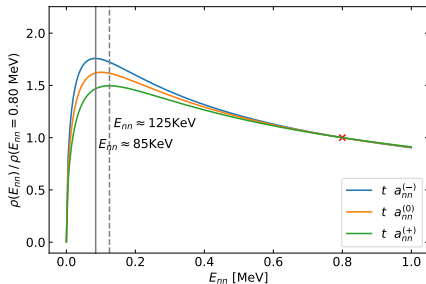
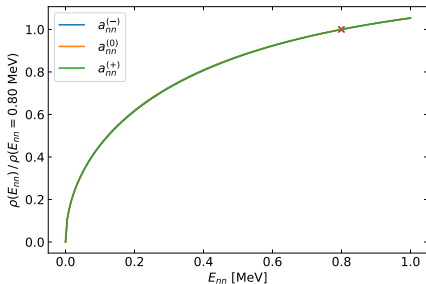
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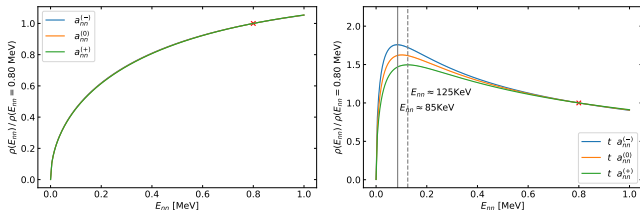


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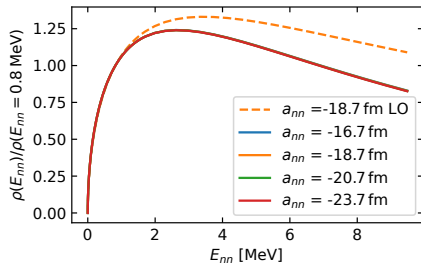
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- experiment will also include  $t(p, pp)nn$  reaction as a "cross check"
- same kinematics: suppression of non- $nn$  FSIs
- overall procedure and inclusion of FSIs is the same
- as for  ${}^6\text{He}$  for the ground state we solve three-body Faddeev eqs., but this time in pionless EFT [Bedaque, Hammer, van Kolck, NPA 676 \(2000\)](#), [Bedaque et al., NPA 714 \(2003\)](#)

## interactions at LO and at NLO

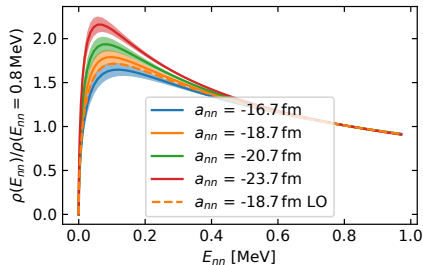
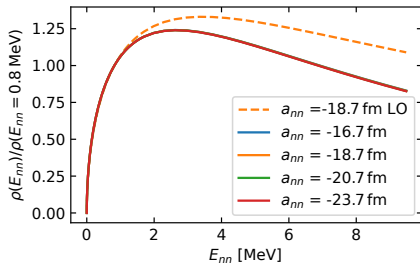
- three two-body interaction channels:  $nn$  in  ${}^1S_0$ ,  $np$  in  ${}^1S_0$  and  $np$  in  ${}^3S_1$
  - two-body interactions specified in the form of t-matrices
    - ▣ for spin-singlet channels:  $\tau_0 \propto (a_0^{-1} - r_0/2k^2 + ik)^{-1}$
    - ▣ for spin-triplet channel: pole expansion of the t-matrix:  $\tau_d \propto (\gamma_d - \rho_d(\gamma_d^2 + p^2)/2 + ik)^{-1}$
  - three-body interaction for renormalization
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- NLO corrections are treated semi-perturbatively

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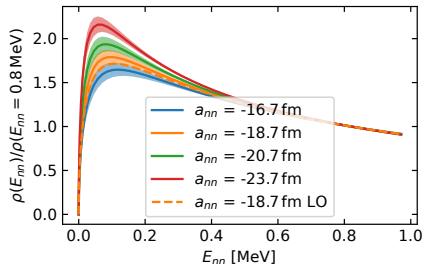
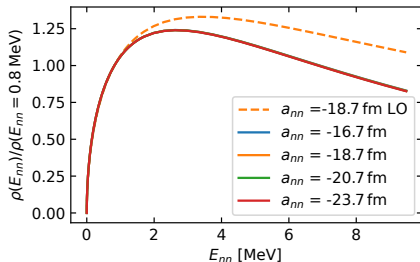


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## Universality of $nn$ distributions of $2n$ halos

- so far
  - ▣  $nn$  distributions as means to study  $nn$  interaction, halos as neutron source
  - ▣ distributions have similar shapes
- now: distributions of different halos as means to study universality

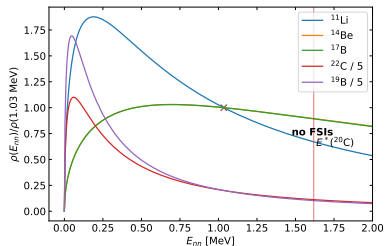
nucleus	core	$J\pi$	$S_{2n}$ [keV]	$E^*$ [keV]
Li-11		3/2 -	369.3 (6)	
	Li-9	3/2 -		2691 (5)
Be-14		0+	1270 (13)	
	Be-12	0+		2109 (1)
B-17		3/2 -	1380 (210)	
	B-15	?		
B-19		3/2 -	90 (560)	
	B-17	3/2 -		
C-22		0+	100	
	C-20	0+		1618 (11)

- all can be described via s-wave interactions
- core spin = total spin  
 → core spin can be neglected  
 (as long as  $V_{nc}$  is the same in  $s_c - 1/2$  and  $s_c + 1/2$ )
- all have a separation of scales between  $S_{2n}$  and  $E^*(c)$

data from <https://www.nndc.bnl.gov/nudat3/> [except  $S_{2n}$  of C-22]

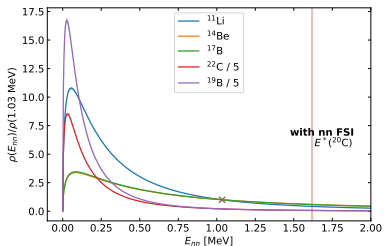
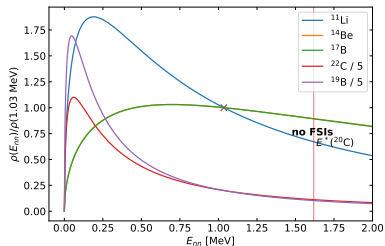
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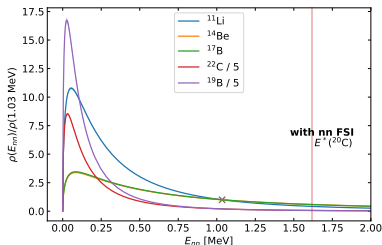
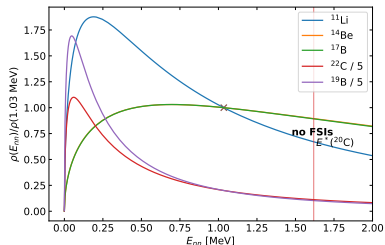
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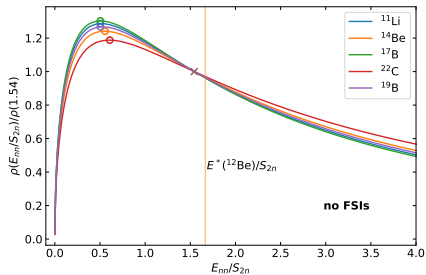
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- hierarchy of  $S_{2n}$  becomes clearly visible:  
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- significant influence of  $nn$  FSI

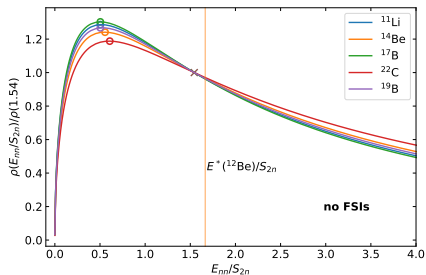
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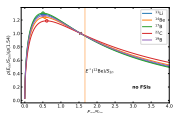
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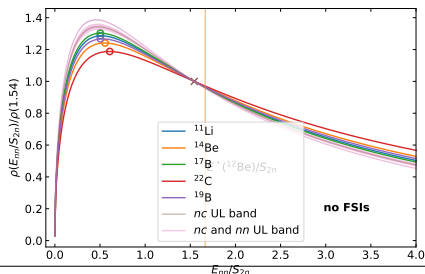


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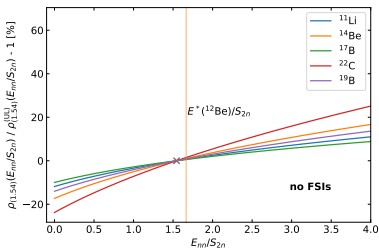
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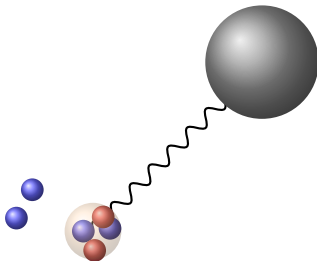
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- benchmark in terms of relative deviation from exact LO EFT result



Göbel, Hammer, Phillips, PRC 110 (2024)

- universality of the distribution
 
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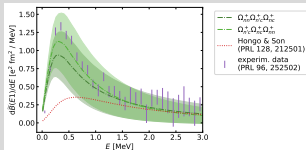
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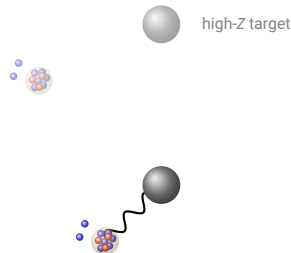
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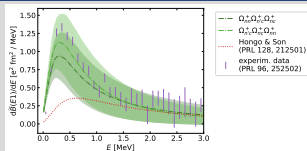
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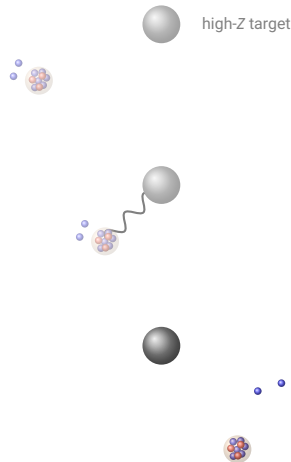
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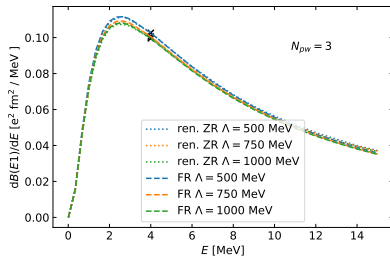
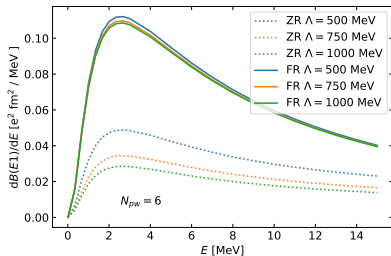
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  - ▣ have already two parameters → ideal for  $p$ -wave  $n\alpha$  int.
  - ▣ extension of YM form factors → more parameters → reproducibility of more ERE terms
- Yamaguchi interaction is a rank-one separable interaction:

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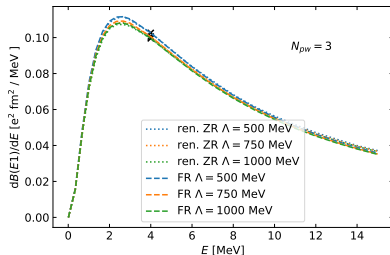
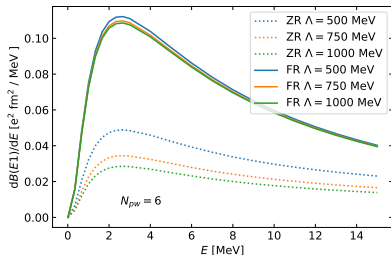
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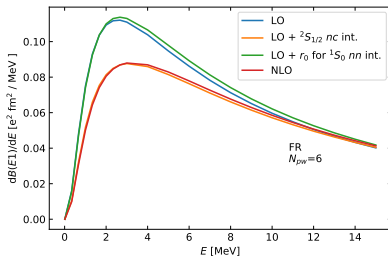
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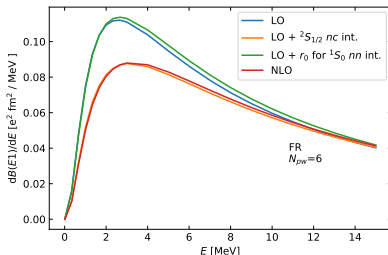
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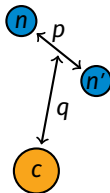


- NLO corrections have the expected size
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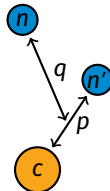
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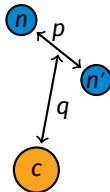
$${}_{s, s'} \mathcal{T}_{\Omega, \Omega'}^{p, q | p', q'} f(p', q') :=$$

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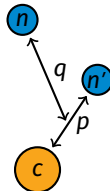
- expression consists of sums over Clebsch-Gordan coefficients, Wigner-3nj symbols, and partial-wave projections of  $f$  evaluated at shifted momenta (angle-dependent)

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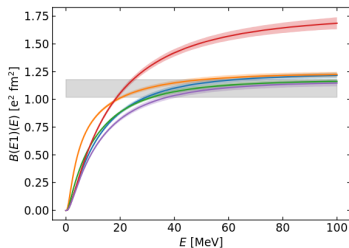
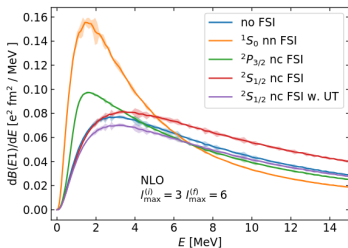
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# NLO results with FSIs

(preliminary)

- all FSIs (also  ${}^2S_{1/2}$  *nc* FSI) in comparison on the basis of the NLO ground state
- overall  $E1$  strength obtained from  $\langle r_c^2 \rangle$  via sum rule

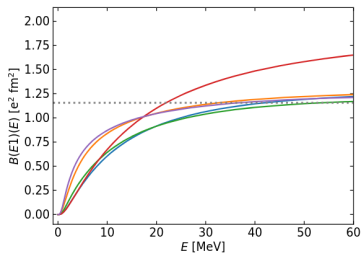
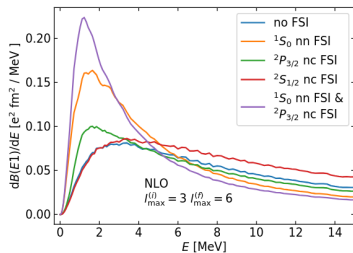


- sum rule fulfilled except for one FSI, which is missing unitarity term (UT) according to power counting
- *nn* FSI is more important than  ${}^2P_{3/2}$  *nc* and  ${}^2S_{1/2}$  *nc* FSIs

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- also results of second order in FSIs obtainable
- here shown: result based on  $\Omega_{nn}^\dagger \Omega_{nc}^\dagger$



Göbel, Hammer, Phillips, in preparation



# Conclusion & Outlook

## Part I

### Conclusions

- $nn$  distributions of  ${}^6\text{He}$  and triton have significant sensitivity on  $a_{nn}$
- found universality of ground-state and final distributions
  - ▣  $nn$  and  $nc$  interactions can be put in the unitarity limit

### Outlook

- interesting possibilities for comparisons
- go to NLO to assess the accuracy of the univ. results better
- repeat the calcs. for different kinematics (additional FSIs)

## Part II

### Conclusions

- finite-range Halo EFT is a useful complement in the EFT toolbox
- NLO results for  $E1$  distribution of  ${}^6\text{He}$
- found dominance of  $nn$  FSI

### Outlook

- finalize calculations
- investigate universality of  $E1$  distributions

## Backup slides on ${}^6\text{He}(p, p'\alpha)nn$

## Compare ground-state distribution from EFT with model calculations

- compare ground-state distributions  $\rho(p_{nn}) \approx \int dq q^2 p_{nn}^2 |\Psi_c(p_{nn}, q)|^2$
  - $\nexists$  published results for  $\rho(p_{nn})$
- use FaCE [Thompson, Nunes, Danilin, Comput.Phys.Commun. 161 \(2004\)](#)

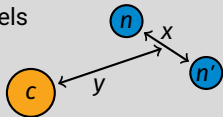
### computer code: Faddeev with Core Excitations (FaCE)

- solves the Schrödinger equation of three-body cluster models

- *input:*

- ▣ local  $l$ -dependent two-body potentials (central or spin-orbit)
- ▣ phenomenological three-body force

- *output:* hyperspherical wave function components  $\chi_{K,l}^S(\rho)$  with  $\rho^2 = x^2 + y^2$



## Compare ground-state distribution from EFT with model calculations: defining the model

the two-body potentials in use

use local,  $l$ -dependent **Gaussian** potentials

- central pot.:  $\langle r; l, s | V_c^{(l)} | r'; l', s' \rangle := \delta_{l,l'} \delta_{s,s'} \frac{\delta(r'-r)}{r'^2} \bar{V}_c^{(l)} \exp(-r^2 / (a_{c;l}^2))$
- spin-orbit pot.

"standard setting": local Gaussian model 1 (LGM1)

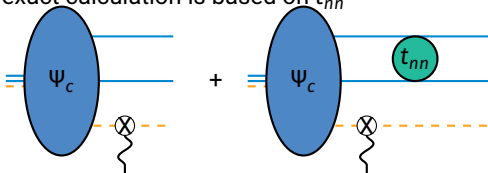
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# Calculating the wave function after FSI

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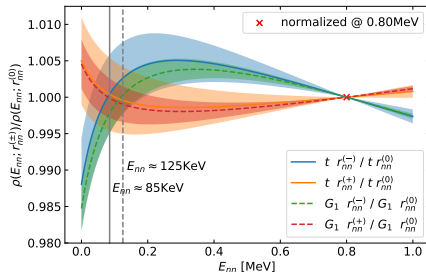
Goldberger, Watson, "Collision Theory" (1964)

- evaluate  $T_{\beta\alpha} = \langle \beta | T_{U+V}^{(+)} | \alpha \rangle$ 
  - with production potential  $V$ , FSI potential  $U$  and Hamiltonian  $H_0$  of  $|\alpha\rangle$  &  $|\beta\rangle$
  - result of two-pot. scattering theory: dissection of  $T_{U+V}^{(+)}$  for this matrix element
  - additional adjustments for the case that  $U \in H_0^{(\alpha)} \neq H_0^{(\beta)}$
- two approaches on this basis:
  - approximation by using FSI enhancement factors
  - exact calculation
- exact calculation is based on  $t_{nn}$



## Sensitivity of the $E_{nn}$ spectrum on effective range

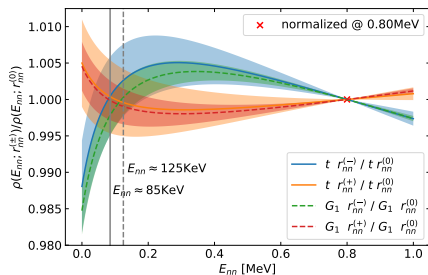
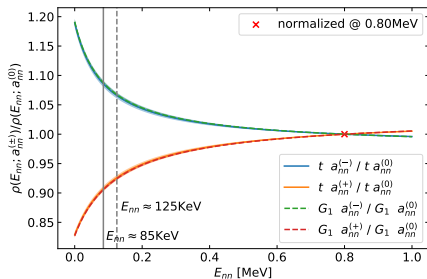
variation of  $r_{nn}$ :  $r_{nn}^{(-)} = 2.0$  fm,  $r_{nn}^{(0)} = 2.73$  fm,  $r_{nn}^{(+)} = 3.0$  fm  
(simulation of an NLO effect)



## conclusions

- significant sensitivity on  $nn$  scattering length
- almost no sensitivity on  $nn$  effective range

# $E_{nn}$ spectrum after FSI: Ratio plots



## conclusions

- influence of the  $nn$  scattering length at peak position  $\approx 10\%$
- influence of the  $nn$  effective range small

## $E_{nn}$ spectrum: uncertainty estimates

- estimate uncertainty of  $\rho(E_{nn})$  based on  $\Delta\rho(p_{nn}) \approx \rho(p_{nn}) \frac{p_{nn}}{M_{hi}}$
- $M_{hi} \approx \sqrt{2\mu_{nn}E_{hi}}$  with  $E_{hi} = E_{\alpha}^* \approx 20$  MeV
- results for the uncertainty estimates for  $E_{nn} < 1$  MeV:
  - ▣ @LO:  $\Delta\rho(E_{nn}) \lesssim 20$  %
  - ▣ @NLO:  $\Delta\rho(E_{nn}) \approx 5$  %
  - ▣ @N<sup>2</sup>LO:  $\Delta\rho(E_{nn}) \approx 1$  %



# Backup slides

## Universality of $nn$ distributions

## Some more formal thoughts about universality

- starting point: observable  $\mathcal{O}$  being a function of
  - variable  $x$  (also measured)
  - system-specific parameters  $\theta \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(x; \theta)$

### Classifying the universality

- different curves describing different systems are (nearly) on top of each other
  - some attempts to classification
    - rescaling of the observable:  $\mathcal{O}(x; \theta) = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(x)f(\theta)$   
 $\rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(x) = \mathcal{O}(x; \theta)/f(\theta)$  universal
    - + rescaling of the variable:  $\mathcal{O}(x; \theta) = \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(x/g(\theta))f(\theta)$   
 $\rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{O}}(\tilde{x}) = \mathcal{O}(\tilde{x}g(\theta); \theta)/f(\theta)$  universal
    - reduction of parameters:  $\mathcal{O}(x; \theta) = \mathcal{O}(x; \theta_2)$  with “ $\theta_2 \subset \theta$ ”
  - combinations of these universalities can appear
- 
- leading-order Halo EFT description provides reduction-of-parameter universality
  - question: Display  $E_{nn}$  distributions universality beyond that?

## Analysis in terms of dimensionless variables

- analysis in terms of dimensionless variables can reduce the number of parameters

- starting point: LO EFT universality

$$\rho(E_{nn}; S_{2n}, V_{nn}, V_{nc}, V_3, \{m_i\}) = \rho(E_{nn}; S_{2n}, a_{nn}, a_{nc}, V_3^{(\text{LO})}, A)$$

- way of analysis: step by step

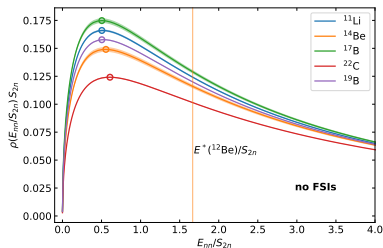
Faddeev equations  $\rightarrow$  overall wave function  $\rightarrow E_{nn}$  distribution

- use  $\sqrt{2\mu S_{2n}}$  as momentum scale

& work with  $\tilde{q} = q/\sqrt{2\mu S_{2n}}$  and  $\tilde{a}_{ij} = a_{ij}\sqrt{2\mu S_{2n}}$

$\rightarrow$  result:  $\rho(E_{nn}; S_{2n}, a_{nn}, a_{nc}, V_3^{(\text{LO})}, A) \propto$

$$S_{2n}^{-1} \tilde{\rho}(E_{nn}/S_{2n}; \tilde{a}_{nn}, \tilde{a}_{nc}, A)$$



# Understanding why the unitarity limit works so well

## Dimensionless picture

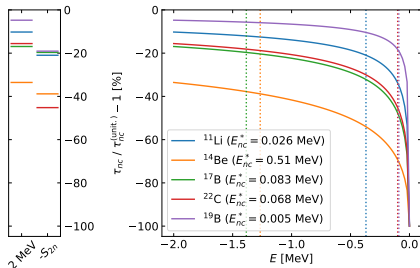
influence of  $\bar{a}_{ij} = \sqrt{2\mu}S_{2n}a_{ij}$  depends on

- size of  $\bar{a}_{ij}$ : the larger  $\bar{a}_{ij}$ , the smaller the influence
- interplay of the different forces (where the t-matrix is probed)

## Dimensionfull picture

influence of  $a_{ij}$  depends on

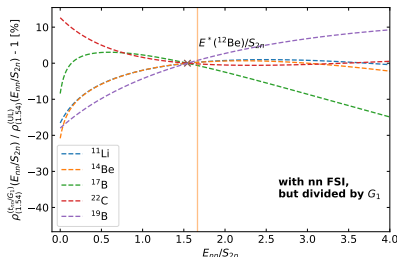
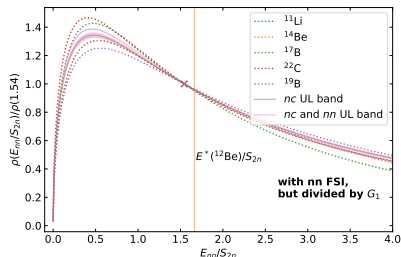
- size of  $a_{ij}$ : the larger  $a_{ij}$ , the smaller the influence
- size of  $S_{2n}$ : the larger  $S_{2n}$ , the smaller the influence of  $a_{ij}$
- interplay of the different forces



# Universality of the final distributions

- universal curve: build on the ground-state findings  
→ use approx. technique of FSI enhancement factors
- benchmark: final distributions from LO EFT with FSI based on t-matrix
- ground state and  $nn$  FSI have unaligned universalities  
univ. driven by  $S_{2n}$  vs. “trivial univ.” given by  $a_{nn}$
- $\tilde{\rho}/G$  should be an universal function of  $E_{nn}/S_{2n}$   

$$\tilde{\rho}^{(wFSI)}(E_{nn}/S_{2n}; V_{nn}, V_{nc}, S_{2n}, A) \approx \tilde{\rho}(E_{nn}/S_{2n}; A) G(a_{nn}\sqrt{2\mu E_{nn}}, r_{nn}\sqrt{2\mu E_{nn}})$$



## Backup slides

### $E1$ strength distribution of $^{11}\text{Li}$

# Different FSI approximation techniques

## FSIs

- Møller operators

$$\begin{aligned}\Omega &= \mathbb{1} + \int d\xi \frac{1}{E_\xi - H_0 - V} V |\xi\rangle \langle \xi| \\ &= \mathbb{1} + \int d\xi G_0(E_\xi) t(E_\xi) |\xi\rangle \langle \xi|\end{aligned}$$

- matrix element of interest:

$${}_c \langle p, q; \Xi_f | \Omega^\dagger \mathcal{M}(E1; \mu) | \Psi \rangle$$

whereby  $V = V_{nn} + V_{nc} + V_{n'c}$

→ approximations as an interesting alternative

- ▣ insights in the role of specific interactions (e.g.,  $nn$  or  $nc$ )
- ▣ in certain kinematics favor specific interactions

## Approximation strategies

- include only one FSI: use  $\Omega_{nn}$  or  $\Omega_{nc}$



- use series in  $G_0 t_{ij}$  up to certain order, e.g., first order:

$$\Omega \approx \mathbb{1} + G_0 t_{nn} + G_0 t_{nc} + G_0 t_{n'c}$$



⚠ not necessarily unitary

- use products of Møller operators, e.g.:

$$\Omega_{nc} \Omega_{nn} \text{ or } \Omega_{nc} \Omega_{n'c} \Omega_{nn}$$

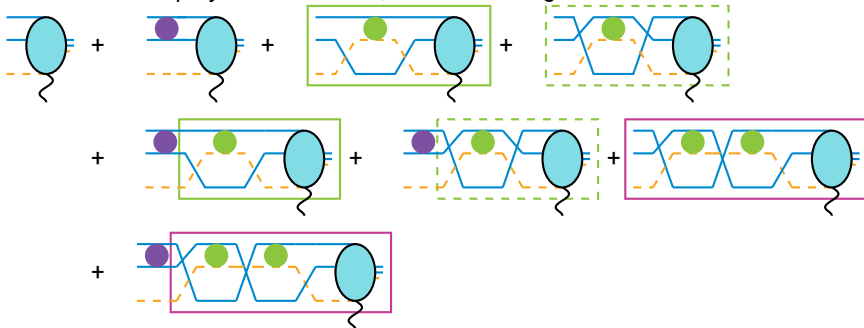
⚠ does not commute with  $\mathcal{P}_{nn}$

# E1 strength of two-neutron halo nuclei

## Efficient organization of the calculations at the example of

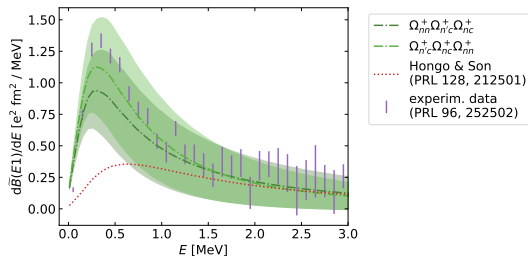
$$\Omega_{nn}^\dagger \Omega_{n'c}^\dagger \Omega_{nc}^\dagger$$

to simplify the calculation, certain subdiagrams can be reused





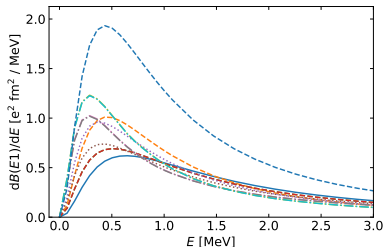
# Results for $^{11}\text{Li}$ in comparison with experiment and other theory



Göbel, Acharya, Hammer, Phillips, PRC 107 (2023)

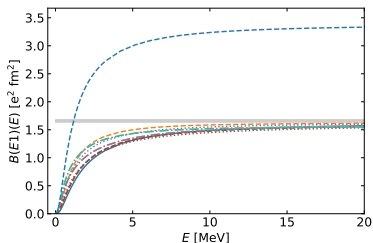
- EFT uncertainty bands given by  $\sqrt{E/E_c^*}$
- uncertainty of FSI calculation from difference of the two third-order results
- theory from Hongo & Son (Hongo, Son, PRL 128 (2022)) is less suitable for  $^{11}\text{Li}$
- reasonable agreement with experimental data (Nakamura *et al.*, PRL 96 (2006))

# Results for $^{11}\text{Li}$ - FSIs in detail



— no FSI  
 - -  $\Omega_{nn}^+$   
 - -  $\Omega_{nc}^+$   
 - -  $\Omega_{n'c}^+$   
 ···  $\Omega_{nn}^+ \Omega_{nc}^+$   
 ···  $\Omega_{n'c}^+ \Omega_{nc}^+$   
 - -  $\Omega_{nn}^+ \Omega_{n'c}^+ \Omega_{nc}^+$   
 - -  $\Omega_{nn}^+ \Omega_{n'c}^+ \Omega_{nc}^+$  av  
 - -  $\Omega_{n'c}^+ \Omega_{nc}^+ \Omega_{nn}^+$   
 - -  $\Omega_{n'c}^+ \Omega_{nc}^+ \Omega_{nn}^+$  av  
 - -  $(\Omega^{(fo)})^+$

- convergence pattern in this approach is visible
- first-order approximation overshoots largely
- approximation scheme works, i.e., preserves probability



— no FSI  
 - -  $\Omega_{nn}^+$   
 - -  $\Omega_{nc}^+$   
 - -  $\Omega_{n'c}^+$   
 ···  $\Omega_{nn}^+ \Omega_{nc}^+$   
 ···  $\Omega_{n'c}^+ \Omega_{nc}^+$   
 - -  $\Omega_{nn}^+ \Omega_{n'c}^+ \Omega_{nc}^+$   
 - -  $\Omega_{nn}^+ \Omega_{n'c}^+ \Omega_{nc}^+$  av  
 - -  $\Omega_{n'c}^+ \Omega_{nc}^+ \Omega_{nn}^+$   
 - -  $\Omega_{n'c}^+ \Omega_{nc}^+ \Omega_{nn}^+$  av  
 - -  $(\Omega^{(fo)})^+$   
 ■ asymptotic value from  $P(L^2)$

## Backup slides

### $E1$ strength distribution of ${}^6\text{He}$

# Final-state interactions and partial waves

## ■ $^{11}\text{Li}$

- ▣ all FSIs are  $s$ -wave
- ▣ one most important partial-wave component of the ground state
- evaluation of recoupling was necessary for combining different FSIs, but partial-wave structure was limited

## ■ $^6\text{He}$

- ▣ FSIs are in different partial waves ( $s$  and  $p$  wave)
- ▣ one most important partial-wave component of the ground state ( $s$  wave)
- ▣ but: Could a  $p$ -wave FSI enhance a  $p$ -wave component of the ground state?
- similar approach to FSI via products of Møller operators useful, but be more general regarding partial waves

## ■ plan for $^6\text{He}$

- ▣ evaluation of the  $E1$  operator between arbitrary partial-wave states

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_c \langle x', y'; \Omega' | r_c Y_{1,\mu}(r_c) | x, y; \Omega \rangle_c &= \delta_{s,s'} \delta_{\sigma,\sigma'} \delta_{l,l'} \delta_{j,j'} \\
 &\times \sqrt{\frac{3}{4\pi}} f_c y \sqrt{\hat{j} \hat{l}'} \sqrt{\hat{\lambda} \hat{\lambda}'} C_{\lambda,0,1,0}^{\lambda',0} C_{J,M,1,\mu}^{J',M'} (-1)^{2s+\sigma+\lambda'+j'} (-1)^{l'+2j'} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 & l' & l \\ j' & J & J' \end{Bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} 1 & l' & l \\ \sigma & \lambda & \lambda' \end{Bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

with  $\Omega = (l, [s_1, s_2] s) j (\lambda, \sigma) l; J, M$

- ▣ evaluation of FSI between arbitrary many partial-wave states

## Final-state interactions and partial-waves II

### Equations for $nc$ FSI

$$s, s' \mathcal{T}_{\Omega, \Omega'}^{p, q | p', q'} f(p', q') := \int dp' p'^2 \int dq' q'^2 {}_s \langle p, q; \Omega | p', q'; \Omega' \rangle_{s'} f(p', q')$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 c \langle p, q; \Omega | (\Omega_{nc} - \mathbb{1})^\dagger \mathcal{M}_{E1, \mu} | \Psi \rangle &= \sum_{\Omega_i, \Omega_m} f_{E1, \mu}^{(\Omega_m, \Omega_i)} \sum_{\substack{\Omega' \text{ with} \\ (\Omega')_{nc} = \omega_{nc}}} c_n \mathcal{T}_{\Omega, \Omega'}^{p, q | p', q'} g_{l_n}(p') \tau_{nc}(E_{p'}) \\
 &\times \int d\tilde{p} \tilde{p}^2 g_{l_n}(\tilde{p}) \frac{1}{E_{p'} - \tilde{p}^2 / (2\mu_{nc}) + i\epsilon} {}_{nc} \mathcal{T}_{\Omega', \Omega_m}^{\tilde{p}, q' | p'', q''} D_{q''}^{(\Omega_m, \Omega_i)} \Psi_{c, \Omega_i}(p'', q'')
 \end{aligned}$$

# Example for the recoupling

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I | S | Omegas
- | 3 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 |
1 | 1 | (1,[1,0]1)3 (0,1)1; 2,0 | (1,[1,0]1)3 (1,1)1; 2,0 | (1,[1,0]1)3 (1,1)3; 2,0 | (1,[1,0]1)3 (2,1)3; 2,0 | (1,[1,0]1)3 (2,1)5; 2,0 |
- | 3 | (0,[1,1]0)0 (1,0)2; 2,0 | (0,[1,1]0)0 (1,0)2; 2,0 | (0,[1,1]0)0 (1,0)2; 2,0 | (0,[1,1]0)0 (1,0)2; 2,0 | (0,[1,1]0)0 (1,0)2; 2,0 |

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I | S | Omegas
- | 3 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 |
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- | 3 | (0,[1,1]0)0 (1,0)2; 2,0 | (0,[1,1]2)2 (1,0)2; 2,0 | (1,[1,1]0)2 (0,0)0; 2,0 | (1,[1,1]2)2 (0,0)0; 2,0 | (1,[1,1]0)2 (2,0)4; 2,0 |

part 3 of 26
I | S | Omegas
- | 3 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 |
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- | 3 | (2,[1,1]0)4 (3,0)6; 2,0 | (2,[1,1]2)4 (3,0)6; 2,0 | (2,[1,1]2)6 (3,0)6; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]0)6 (2,0)4; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)4 (2,0)4; 2,0 |

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I | S | Omegas
- | 3 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 | (3,[1,1]2)6 (4,0)8; 2,0 |
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scheme:  $(l, [2s_1, 2s_2]2s) 2j (\lambda, 2\sigma) 2l; 2J, 2M$

# Backup slides

## General slides

# Calculation of wave functions & probability densities: Details

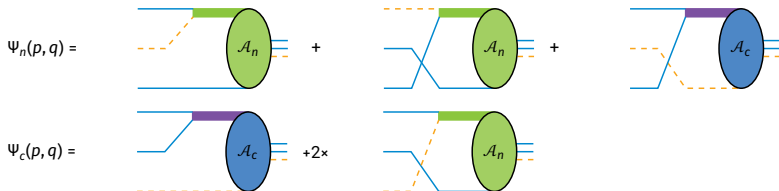
wave functions = overlaps of state  $|\Psi\rangle$  with reference states

notation:  $\langle p, q; (l, s) j, (\lambda, \sigma) \mathcal{J}; J, M | \Psi \rangle$

examples:

$$\Psi_n(p, q) := \langle p, q; (1, \frac{1}{2}) \frac{3}{2}, (1, \frac{1}{2}) \frac{3}{2}; 0, 0 | \Psi \rangle$$

$$\Psi_c(p, q) := \langle p, q; (0, 0) 0, (0, 0) 0; 0, 0 | \Psi \rangle$$





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complete description of ground state of  ${}^6\text{He}$  possible in terms of

$$\Psi_c^{(l, s=0)}(p, q) := \langle p, q; (l, 0) l, (l, 0) l; 0, 0 | \Psi \rangle \quad \text{with } l \text{ even}$$

$$\Psi_c^{(l, s=1)}(p, q) := \langle p, q; (l, 1) l, (l, 0) l; 0, 0 | \Psi \rangle \quad \text{with } l \text{ odd}$$

( $J^\pi = 0^+$  and antisymmetrization in  $nn$  subsystem restrict possible states)

# General results from two-potential scattering theory

as discussed in [Goldberger, Watson, "Collision Theory" \(1964\)](#)

quantity of interest:  $T_{\beta\alpha} = \langle \beta | T_{U+V}^{(+)} | \alpha \rangle$

- Lippmann-Schwinger equation for t-matrix:  $T_{U+V}^{(+)} = (U + V) + (U + V) G_0^{(+)} T_{U+V}^{(+)}$ 
  - production potential  $V$
  - FSI potential  $U$
- with the asympt. states  $|\alpha\rangle$  &  $|\beta\rangle$ 
  - fulfilling  $H_0 |i\rangle = E_i |i\rangle$  ( $i \in \{\alpha, \beta\}$ )
  - $E_\alpha = E_\beta = E$

## method & results

- use Møller operators:  $\Omega_V^{(\pm)} = \mathbb{1} + (E - H_0 - V \pm i\epsilon)^{-1} V$
- dissection of  $T_{U+V}^{(+)}$  possible:  $T_{U+V}^{(+)} = \left(\Omega_U^{(-)}\right)^\dagger V \Omega_{U+V}^{(+)} + \left(\Omega_U^{(-)}\right)^\dagger U$
- if  $(H_0 + U) |\alpha\rangle = E_\alpha |\alpha\rangle$  holds instead of  $H_0 |\alpha\rangle = E_\alpha |\alpha\rangle$ :  
$$T_{\beta\alpha} = \langle \beta | \left(\Omega_U^{(-)}\right)^\dagger V \left(\mathbb{1} + (E - H_0 - U - V + i\epsilon)^{-1} V\right) | \alpha \rangle$$

## Faddeev equations: the quantum-mechanical picture

- equivalent to Schrödinger eq.:  $H |\Psi\rangle = E |\Psi\rangle$
- introduce  $|\psi_i\rangle := G_0 V_i |\Psi\rangle$
- system of eqs. for  $|\psi_i\rangle$ :  $|\psi_i\rangle = G_0 t_i \sum_{j \neq i} |\psi_j\rangle$
- $|\Psi\rangle = \sum_i |\psi_i\rangle$
- advantage: interactions can be specified in terms of t-matrices
  
- introduce  $|F_i\rangle := (G_0 t_i)^{-1} |\psi_i\rangle$
- system of eqs. for  $|F_i\rangle$ :  $|F_i\rangle = \sum_{j \neq i} G_0 t_j |F_j\rangle$
- $|\Psi\rangle = \sum_i G_0 t_i |F_i\rangle$
- advantage: has nicer representations (function of only one variable can be formed in case of separable interactions)