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Faddeev Approach to (d,p) Reactions As Tool to Study Exotic Nuclei

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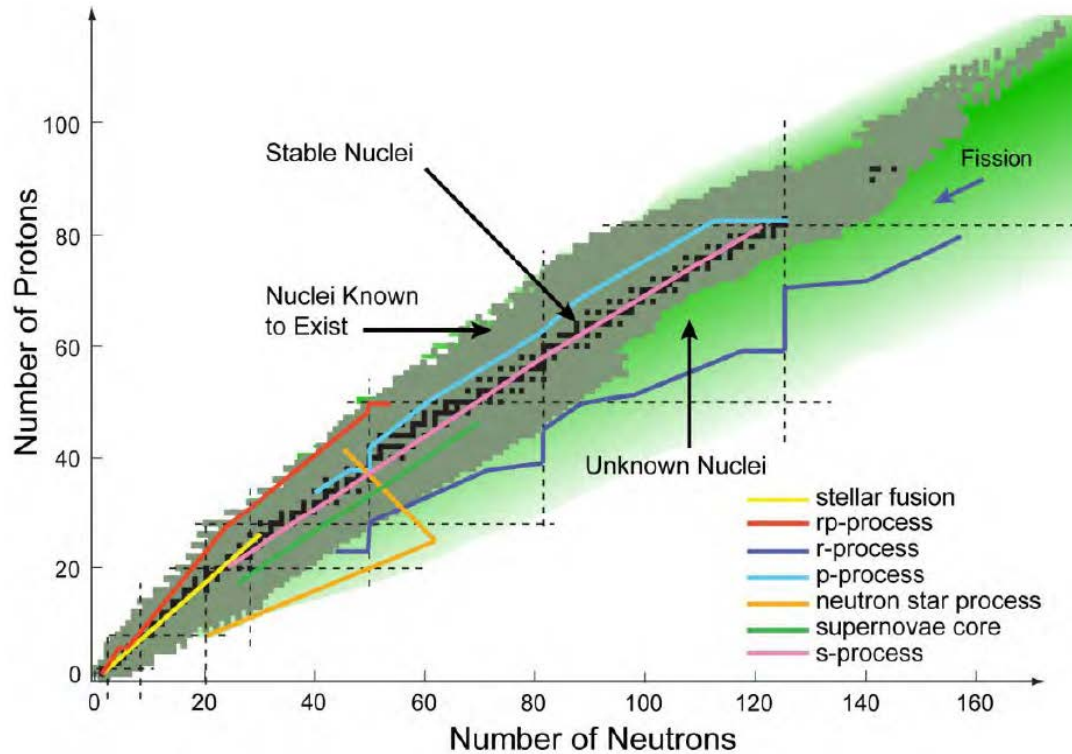


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Astrophysics: Stellar Evolution

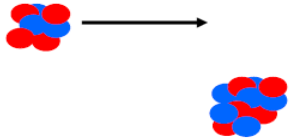


Nuclear Physics: Nuclear Synthesis



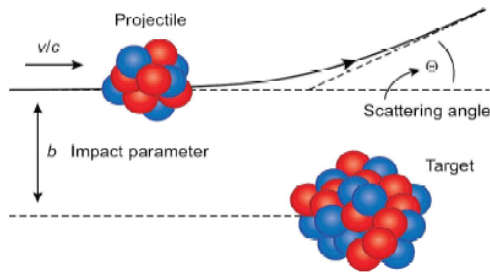
Why Reactions?

Elastic:



Traditionally used to extract optical potentials, rms radii, density distributions

Inelastic:



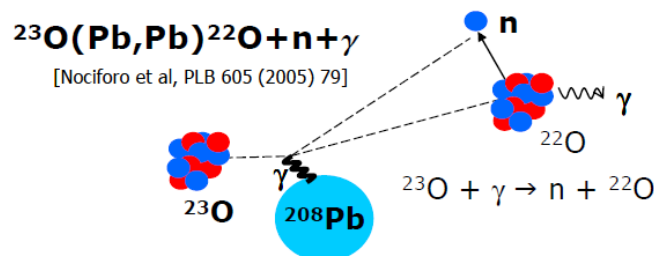
Traditionally used to extract electromagnetic transitions or nuclear deformations.

Transfer:

Traditionally used to extract spin, parity, spectroscopic factors
example: $^{132}\text{Sn}(d,p)^{133}\text{Sn}$

Traditionally used to study two-nucleon correlations and pairing
example: $^{11}\text{Li}(p,t)^9\text{Li}$

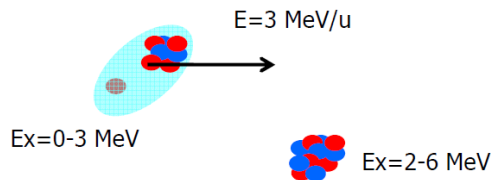
Breakup:



Challenge:

- In the continuum, theory can solve the few-body problem exactly.
- Reaction theories need to map onto the many-body problem!

It is not easy to develop effective field theories in reactions:



There is not always a clear separation of scales.

Direct Reactions with Nuclei:

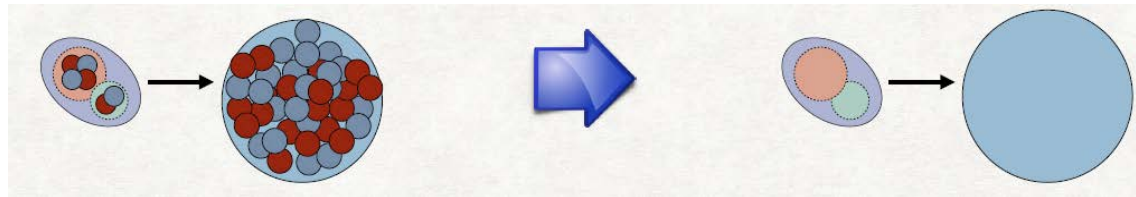
- Elastic & inelastic scattering
- Few-particle transfer (stripping, pick-up)
- Charge exchange
- Knockout

World of few-body methods

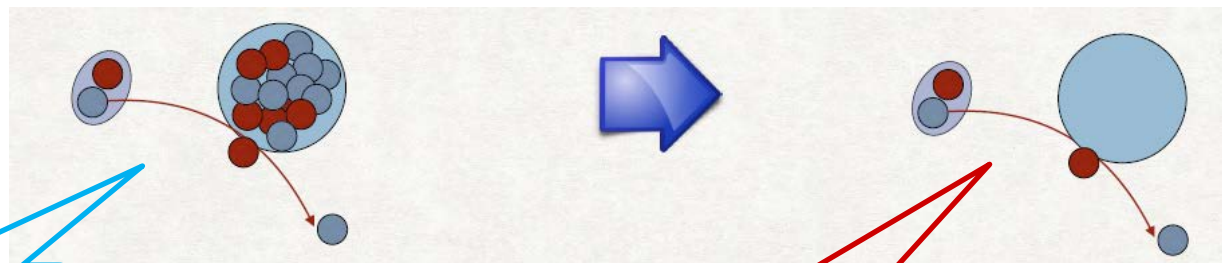
Faddeev Ansatz in Nuclear Reactions

Nuclear reactions study e.g.

Cluster structure in nuclei:



Single particle motion of the "last" nucleon in a nucleus near the dripline



Many-body
problem

Few-body
problem

Example: (d,p) Reactions: Reduce Many-Body to Few-Body Problem



Task:

- Isolate important degrees of freedom in a reaction
- Keep track of important channels
- Connect back to the many-body problem

Hamiltonian for effective few-body problem:

$$H = H_0 + V_{np} + V_{nA} + V_{pA}$$

↑
np interaction

Effective (optical) potentials
p+A and n+A

Effective Three-Body Problem

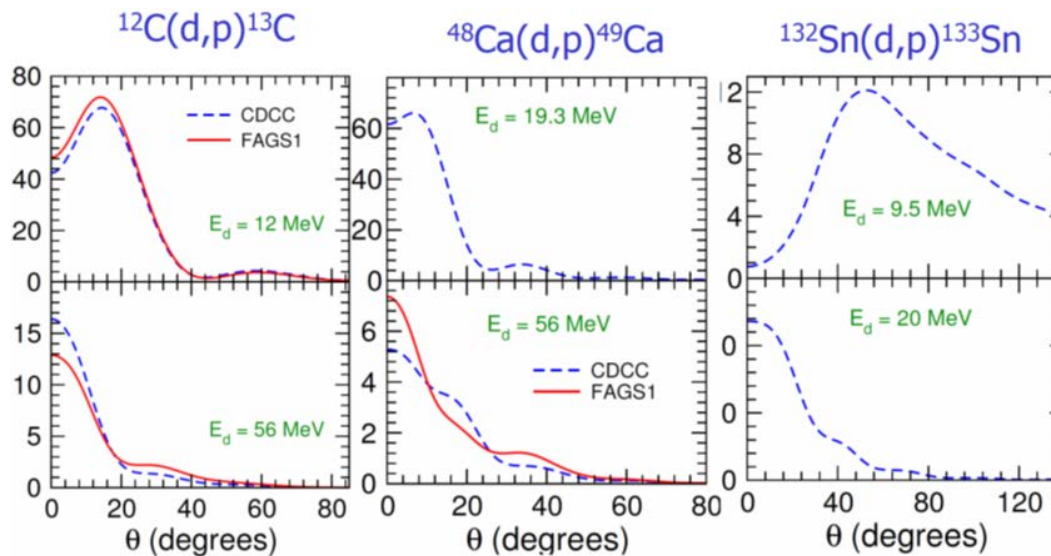
(d,p) Reactions as three-body problem

Faddeev equations: Exact solution of the three-body problem



Momentum space solution pioneered by:
Deltuva and Fonseca, Phys. Rev. C **79**, 014606 (2009).

Elastic, breakup, rearrangement channels are included and fully coupled
(compared to e.g. CDCC calculations)

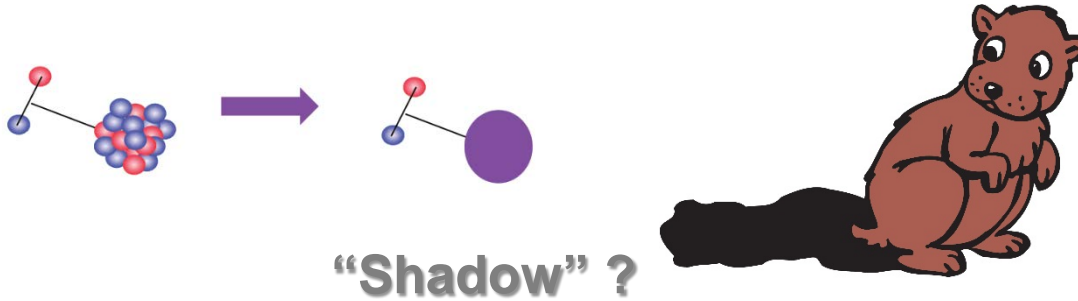


Courtesy: F.M. Nunes

Issues:

- current momentum space implementation of Coulomb interaction (shielding) does **not** converge for $Z \geq 20$
- CDCC and Faddeev do not always agree in breakup up channels

(d,p) Reactions: Reduce Many-Body to Few-Body Problem



Hamiltonian for effective few-body problem:

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{H}_0 + \mathbf{V}_{np} + \mathbf{V}_{nA} + \mathbf{V}_{pA}$$

Nucleon-nucleon interaction well known:

today: chiral interactions, 'high precision' potentials

Effective proton (neutron) interactions:

- purely phenomenological optical potentials fitted to data
- optical potentials with theoretical guidance
- microscopic optical potentials
- ab initio derivation of effective interaction being attempted

Challenges & Opportunities

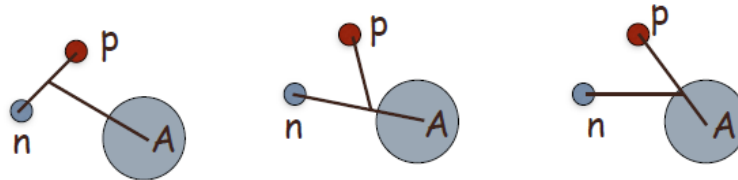


Solving the effective few-body problem

Faddeev equations:

Expand three-body wave function in three Jacobi systems

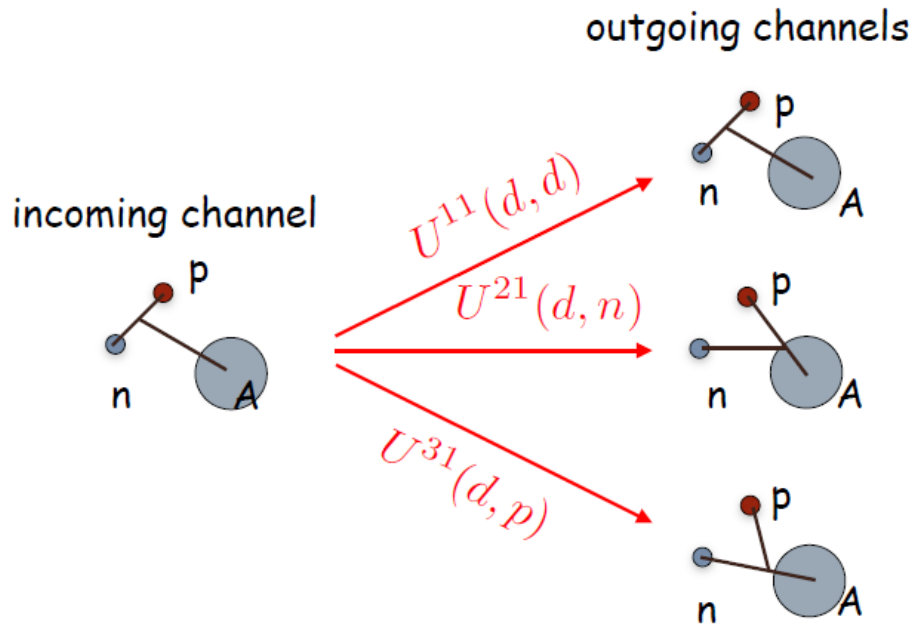
$$|\Psi\rangle = |\psi_{np}\rangle + |\psi_{nA}\rangle + |\psi_{pA}\rangle$$



Each sub-system specifies particular boundary conditions:
e.g. elastic scattering, transfer reaction

Momentum space: no difference if interactions are local or nonlocal

Solving Faddeev equations



Faddeev-AGS equations: [Alt et al., Nucl.Phys. B2 (1967) 167]

$$U^{ij} = \bar{\delta} G_0^{-1}(E) + \sum_k \bar{\delta}_{ik} t_k(E) G_0(E) U^{kj}$$

Cross sections: $\sigma_{j \leftarrow i} \propto |\langle \Psi_j | U^{ij} | \Psi_i \rangle|^2$

Considerations for two-body subsystems

Are described in momentum space by solutions of LS integral equations:

$$t_i(E) = V + V G_0(E) t_i(E)$$

Two-body potential V : $V(p', p) \equiv$ non-separable

$$V(p', p) = \sum_{nm} h_n(p') \lambda_{mn} h_m(p) \equiv \text{separable}$$

EST scheme: basis expansion of potential in scattering wave functions

$$V^{\text{separable}} = VP (PVP)^{-1} PV$$

EST: PRC 8, 46 (1973)
PRC 9, 1780 (1974)

With $P = \sum_n |\phi_{E_n, p_n}\rangle \langle \phi_{E_n, p_n}|$ and $|\phi_{E_n, p_n}\rangle = |p_n\rangle + G_0^{(+)}(E_n) V |\phi_{E_n, p_n}\rangle$

t-matrix $t_i(E) = \sum_{mn} |h_m^i\rangle \tau_{mn}^i(E) \langle h_n^i|$


In two-body system identical observables, PRC 88, 064608 (2013)

Why separable expansion?

 **Explicit inclusion of Coulomb interaction in momentum space (without screening):**

Formulation of Faddeev equations in Coulomb basis instead of plane wave basis (separable interactions needed)

A.M. Mukhamedzhanov, V.Eremenko and A.I. Sattarov,
Phys.Rev. C86 (2012) 034001

 **Target excitations:**
Including specific excited states → **separable interactions preferred**

Faddeev-AGS equations with separable interactions

Matrix representation

$$\begin{bmatrix} X^{11} \\ X^{21} \\ X^{31} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ Z^{21} \\ Z^{31} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & Z^{12} \tau^{(2)} & Z^{13} \tau^{(3)} \\ Z^{21} \tau^{(1)} & 0 & Z^{23} \tau^{(3)} \\ Z^{31} \tau^{(1)} & Z^{(32)} \tau^{(2)} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X^{11} \\ X^{21} \\ X^{31} \end{bmatrix}.$$



Three components for three different subsystems

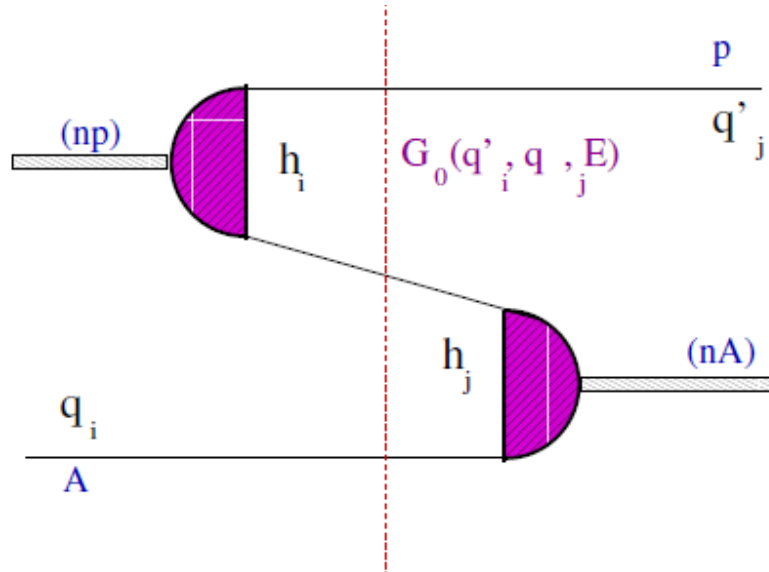
Radial part of
transition operators

τ^i generalized propagators

$Z^{(ij)}$ generalized transition amplitudes

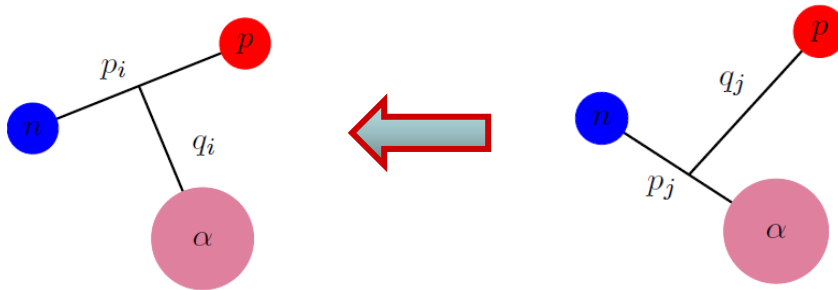
Bound state Faddeev equations have similar structure but are a set of homogeneous integral equations

'transition amplitudes' $Z^{(ij)}(q_i, q_j')$

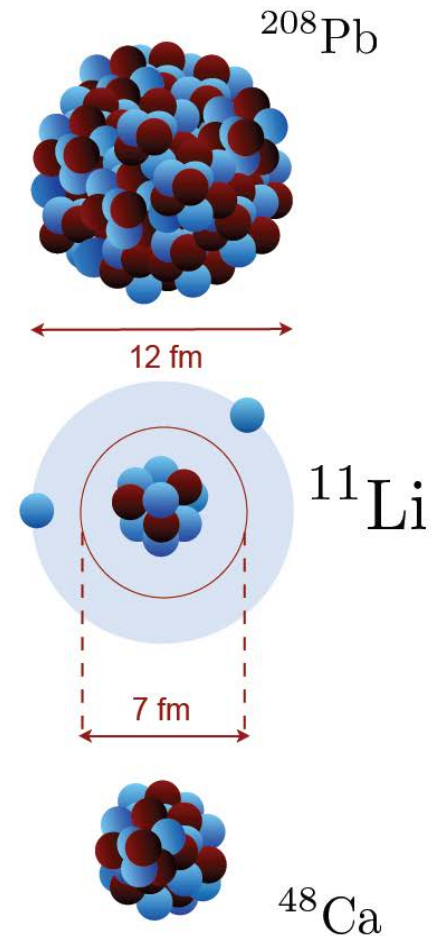
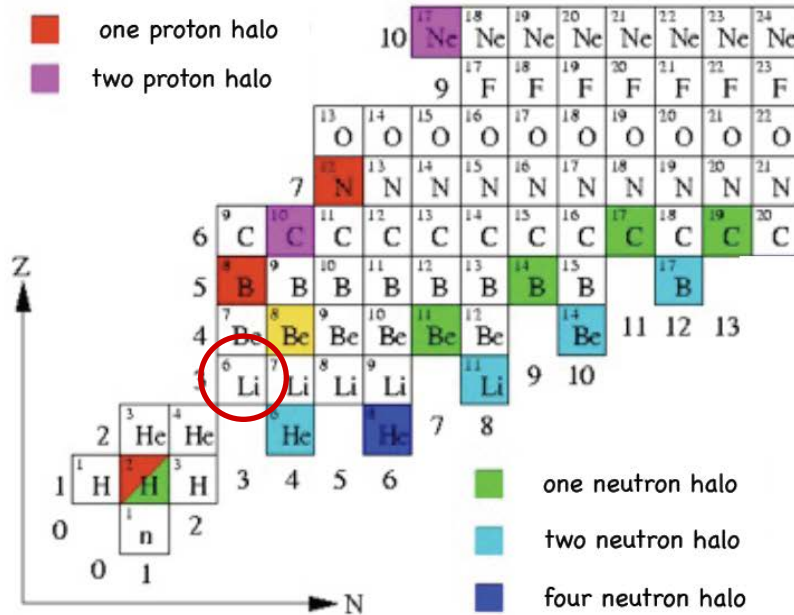


Contains three-body dynamics

Describes transition between channels (j) and (i)



Suitable nucleus for development work: ${}^6\text{Li}$ as $n+p+\alpha$ system



Alpha tightly bound: $E_4[\alpha] = -28.3 \text{ MeV}$
 n & p loosely bound: $E_3[{}^6\text{Li}] = -3.7 \text{ MeV}$

Several Faddeev type calculations exist → ideal for benchmarking

Two-body interactions

Deuteron channel: CD-Bonn Potential ($\chi^2/N \approx 1$)

[R. Machleidt, Phys. Rev. C63, 024001 (2001)]

n/p – α channel ($S_{1/2}, P_{1/2}, P_{3/2}$): Bang Potential

[J. Bang *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. A405, 126 (1983)]

I. J. Thompson *et al.*, Phys. Rev. C, 61, 024318 (2000)

$$v(r) = -\frac{V_0}{1+\exp\left(\frac{r-R_0}{a_0}\right)} + \left(\frac{1}{r}\right) \frac{d}{dr} \frac{V_{so}}{1+\exp\left(\frac{r-R_{so}}{a_{so}}\right)} \mathbf{l} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}$$

$$V_0 = 44 \text{ MeV}, a_0 = 0.65 \text{ fm}, R_0 = 2 \text{ fm}, V_{so} = 40 \text{ MeVfm}$$
$$a_{so} = 0.37 \text{ fm}, R_{so} = 1.5 \text{ fm}$$

Projecting out Pauli-forbidden state

- $S_{1/2}$ partial wave supports Pauli-forbidden state $|\phi\rangle$ (unphysical)
- To project out the state $|\phi\rangle$: $V \longrightarrow \tilde{V} = V + \lim_{\Gamma \rightarrow \infty} |\phi\rangle \Gamma \langle\phi|$
- Corresponding t -matrix:

$$\tilde{t}(E) = t(E) - (E - H_0) \frac{|\phi\rangle\langle\phi|}{(E - E_b)[1 - (E - E_b)/\Gamma]} (E - H_0)$$

- Γ limit can be taken analytically

$$\tilde{t}(p', p; E) = t(p', p; E) - (E - E_{p'}) \frac{\phi(p')\phi(p)}{E - E_b} (E - E_p)$$

Can be generalized to arbitrary number of Pauli-forbidden states

Particularly well suited for momentum space Faddeev equations

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Separable Expansion

- Separable expansion of V also supports bound state $|\phi\rangle$, must be removed
- **Convenient approach**: expand \tilde{V} instead of V
- Advantages: (1) straightforward implementation and (2) does not increase rank

Convergence of the ${}^6\text{Li}$ binding energy

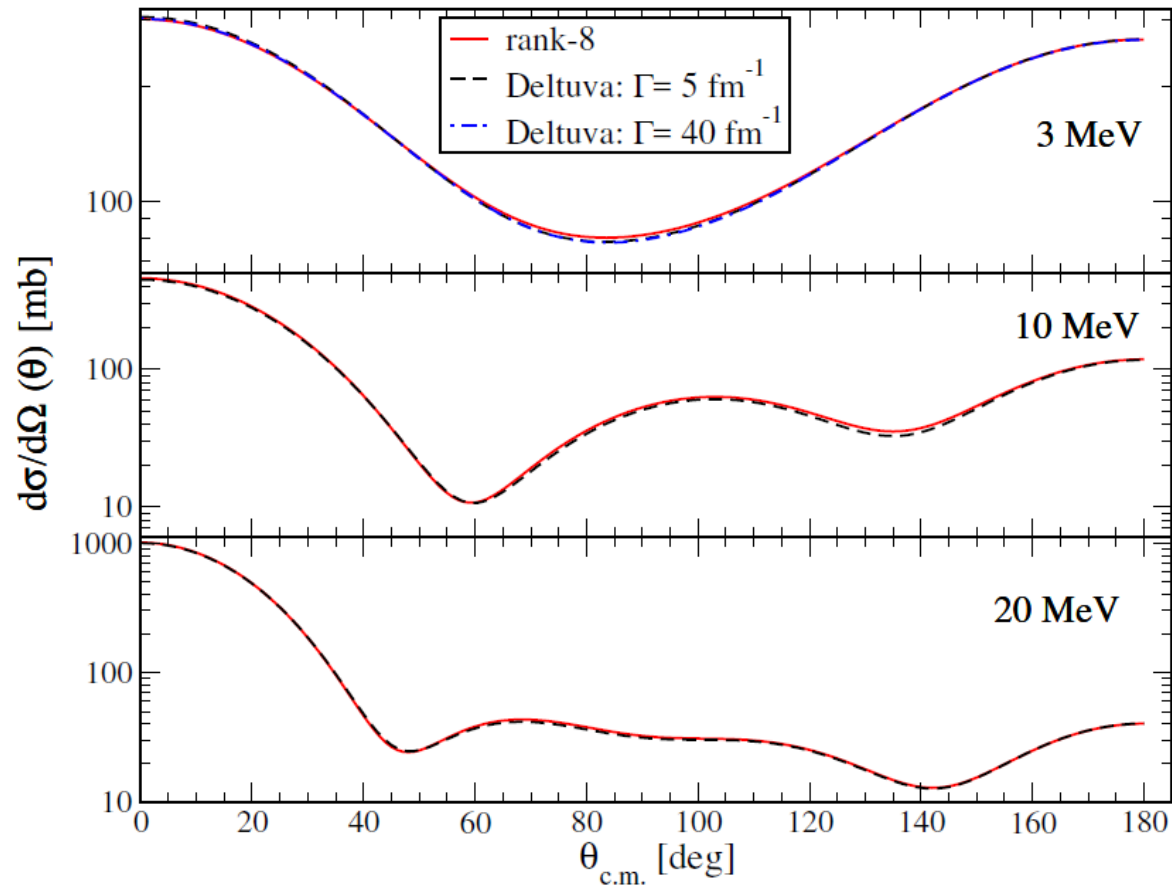
we developed 2 codes for our benchmark (Phys.Rev. C96 (2017) no.6, 064003)

CD-Bonn np potential			Bang $n\alpha$ potential		
label	rank	E_3 [MeV]	label	rank	E_{3b} [MeV]
EST5-1	5	-3.7847	EST6-1	6	-3.7856
EST5-2	5	-3.7848	EST6-2	6	-3.7852
EST5-3	5	-3.7855	EST6-3	6	-3.7852
EST6-1	6	-3.7867	EST7-1	7	-3.7868
EST6-2	6	-3.7868	EST7-2	7	-3.7864
EST6-3	6	-3.7871	EST7-3	7	-3.7867
EST7-1	7	-3.7867	EST8-1	8	-3.7870
EST7-2	7	-3.7867	EST8-2	8	-3.7870
EST7-3	7	-3.7867	EST8-3	8	-3.7866
EXACT:		-3.787	EXACT:		-3.787

◆ Four significant figures stable w.r.t (1) choice of $\{E_m\}$ and (2) rank; agrees with **exact** calculation; with Coulomb $E_3 = -2.777$ MeV

Elastic scattering: d+ α

Benchmark our code with Deltuva's code:

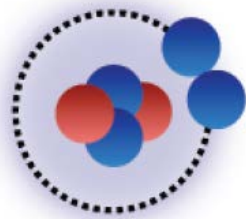


Coulomb force not included

n+p+α system at low energy

Reminder:

${}^6\text{He}$ \equiv n+n+α system \equiv **2 neutron halo system**



Borromean system

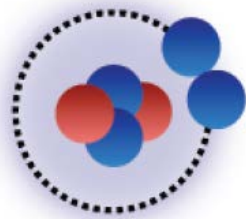


many studies on
universal behavior

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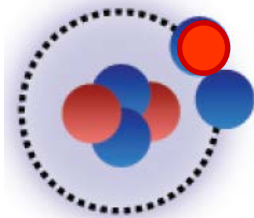
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`deuteron' halo ?

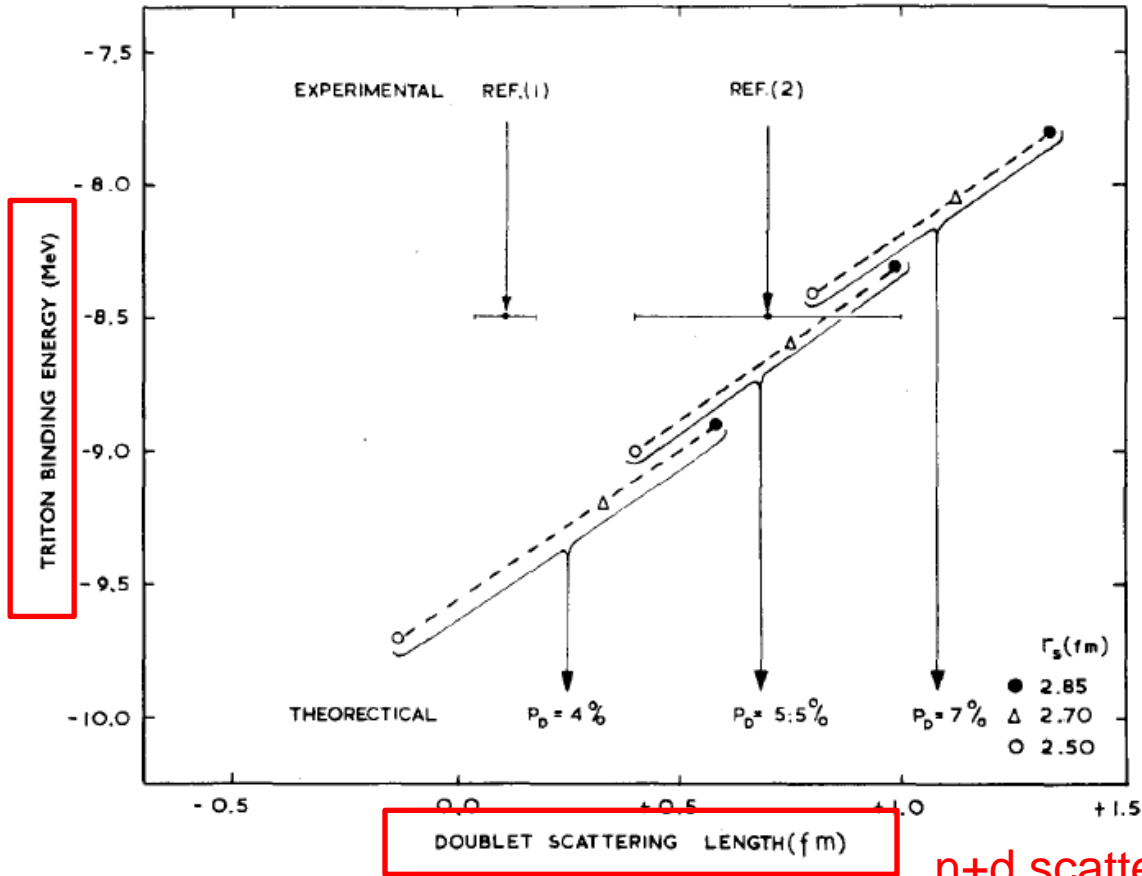
universal behavior at low energies?

n+n+p system:

A.C.Phillips, Nucl. Phys. A 107 209 (1968)

well known phenomenon in low energy n+d system:

Phillips line



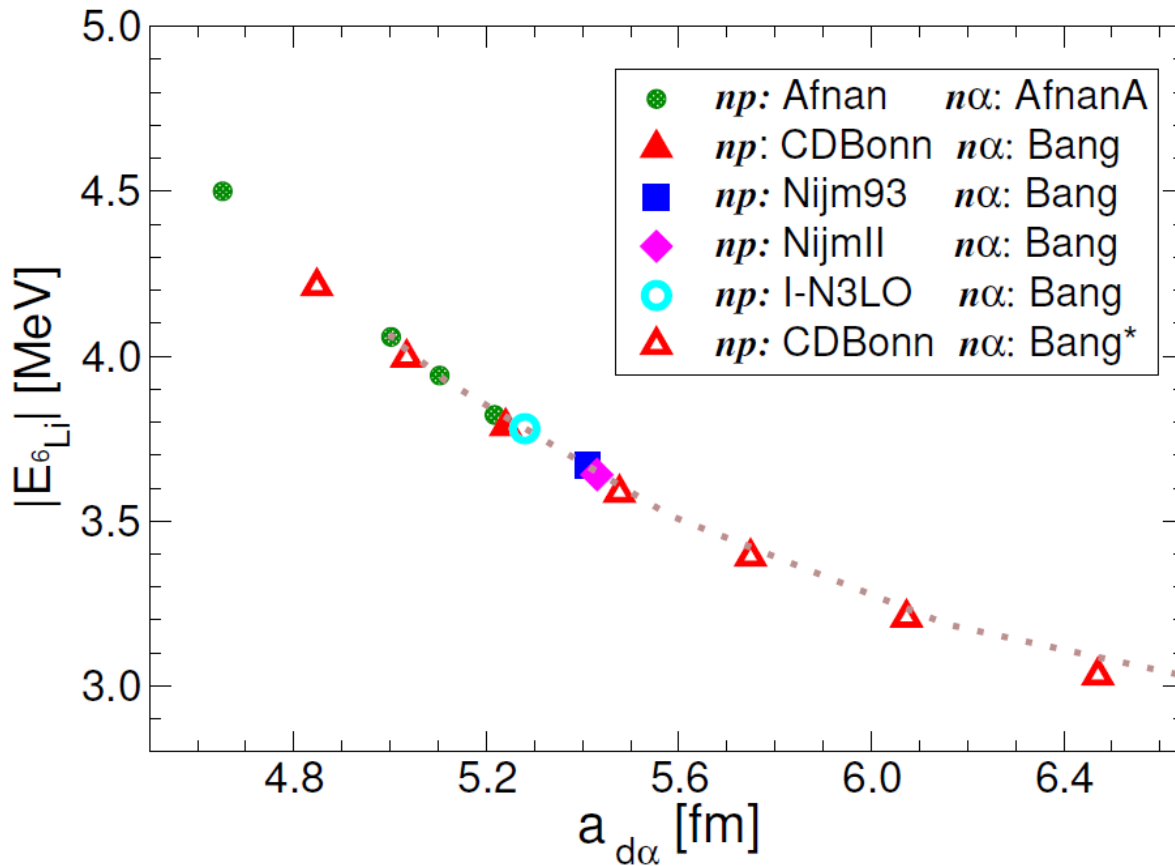
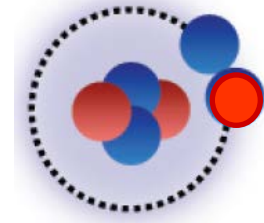
Many studies using conventional forces or EFT methods see this

What about the n+p+a system

n+p+α system at low energy

Binding energy vs scattering length in ${}^6\text{Li}$ channel

${}^6\text{Li}$



one parameter curve

independent of

- np interaction
- nα interaction

Summary

Benchmark of Faddeev equations for bound states and elastic scattering

- for $n+p+\alpha$ system directly
- with separable expansion of interactions successfully completed.



Projecting out Pauli-forbidden states:

- Procedure easily implemented in momentum space Faddeev equations
- For non-separable and separable forces alike
- Straightforward generalization for systems with several Pauli-forbidden states (heavy nuclei)

Universal behavior of the low energy $n+p+\alpha$ system



Benchmark of Faddeev equations for breakup scattering in progress

Next: Faddeev-AGS equations in Coulomb basis

Outlook and Challenges

Can we test this picture?



Scattering $d+\alpha$ can be calculated as many body problem by NCSM+RGM

Heavier nuclei:

Is this too simple?



Better?



Nucleus can be deformed

Our approach can solve the effective three-body problem for (d,p) reactions for nuclei across the nuclear chart

