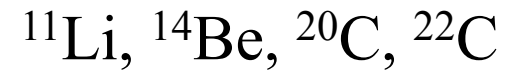
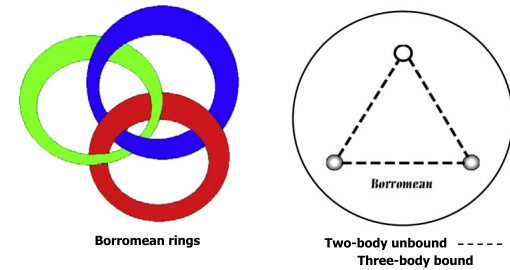
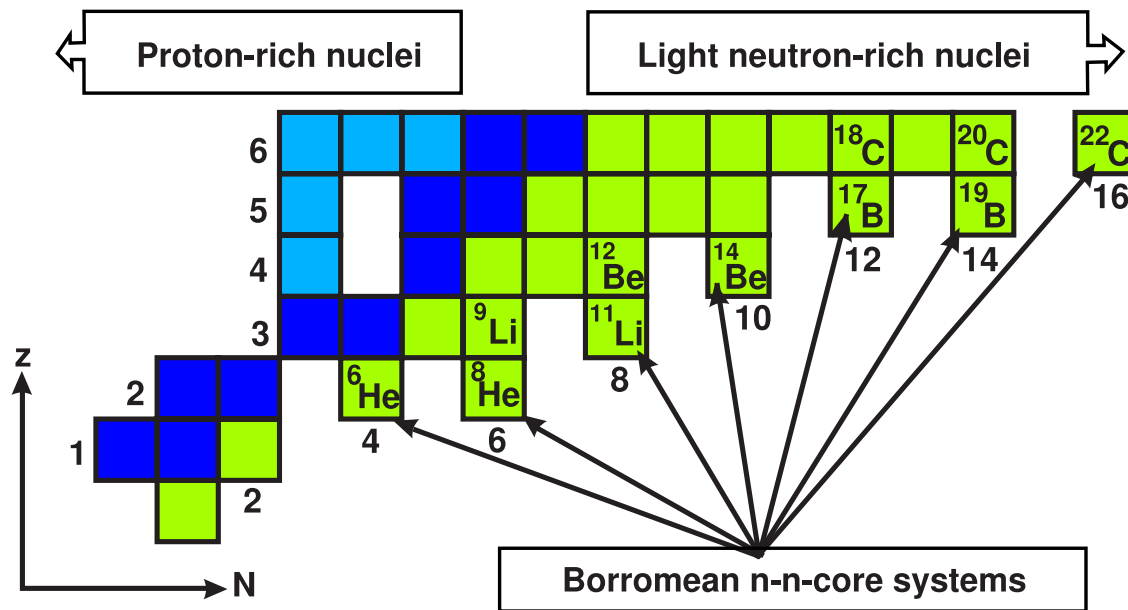


# Universal aspects halo nuclei

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# Light-neutron rich nuclei



C.A. Bertulani, Nuclear Physics in a Nutshell, Princeton University Press, 2007.

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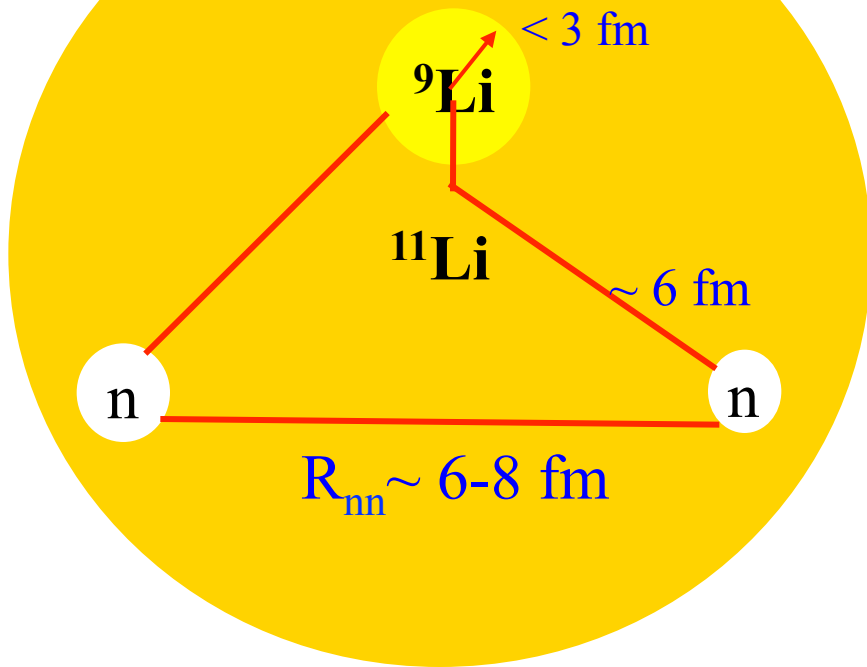
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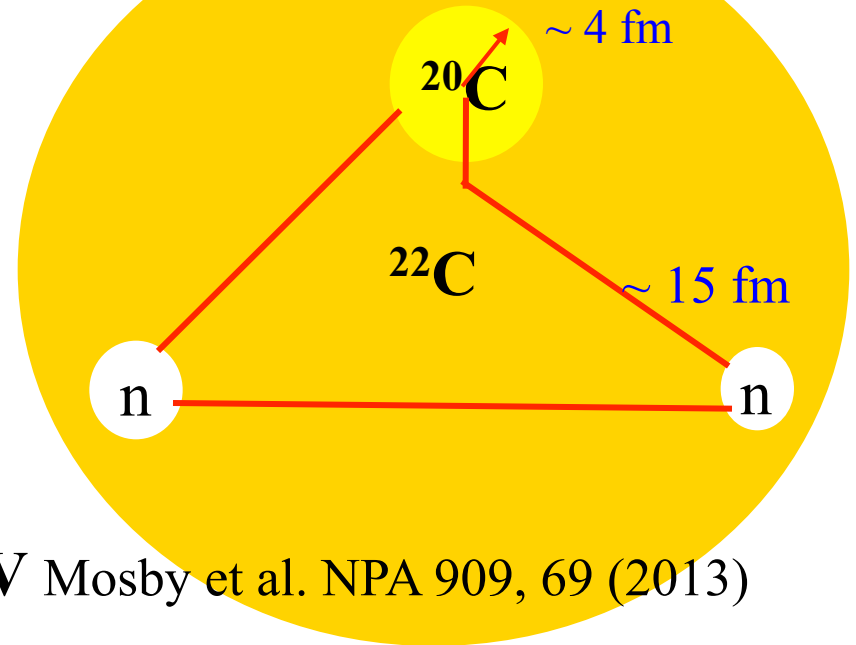
# Two-neutron weakly bound s-wave three-body halo nuclei

$S_{2n} = 369 \text{ keV}$  - Smith et al. PRL101, 202501 (2008)

Tanihata et al., PRL55, 2676 (1985)



Tanaka et al. PRL104, 062701 (2010)



$S_{2n} < 70 \text{ keV}$  Mosby et al. NPA 909, 69 (2013)

## Weakly bound quantum systems

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

- Almost everywhere the wf is an eigenstate of  $H_0$  - short-range force
- Physics: symmetry, scales and dimension (& mass ratios)

→ Universality (model independence)

Generalization: “The few scales of nuclei and nuclear matter”  
Delfino, TF, Timóteo, Tomio. PLB 634 (2006) 185

# Configuration space two-neutron halo wave function (2n spin singlet)

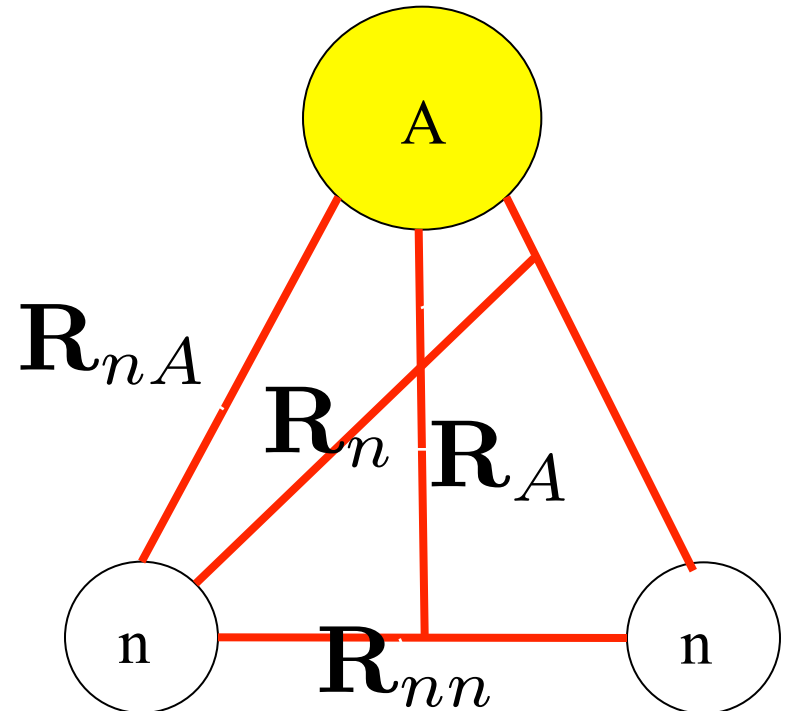
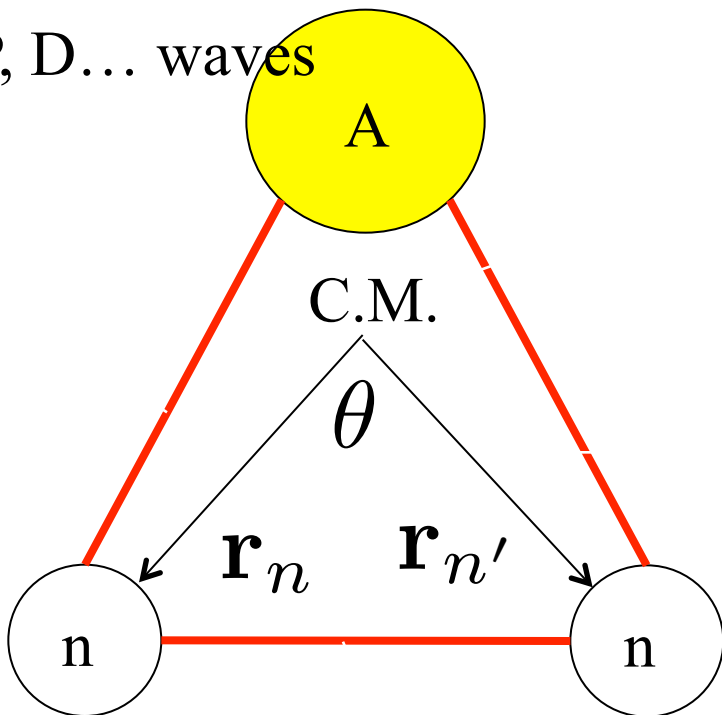
$$H\Psi = \left[ -\sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_i} \nabla_i^2 + \lambda_{j k} \delta(\mathbf{R}_{j k}) \right] \Psi = -S_{2n} \Psi \quad (\text{C.M.})$$

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}_n, \mathbf{r}_{n'}) = \int d\mathbf{q} \frac{e^{-\kappa_{nn} |\mathbf{R}_{nn}|}}{|\mathbf{R}_{nn}|} e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{R}_A} \chi_A(\mathbf{q}) + \int d\mathbf{q} \frac{e^{-\kappa_{nA} |\mathbf{R}_{nA}|}}{|\mathbf{R}_{nA}|} e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{R}_n} \chi_n(\mathbf{q}) + \dots$$

$$\Psi(|\mathbf{r}_n|, |\mathbf{r}_{n'}|, \cos \theta)$$

$$\kappa_{nn} = \sqrt{2\mu_{nn} \left( S_{2n} + \frac{q^2}{2\mu_A} \right)} \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa_{nA} = \sqrt{2\mu_{nA} \left( S_{2n} + \frac{q^2}{2\mu_n} \right)}$$

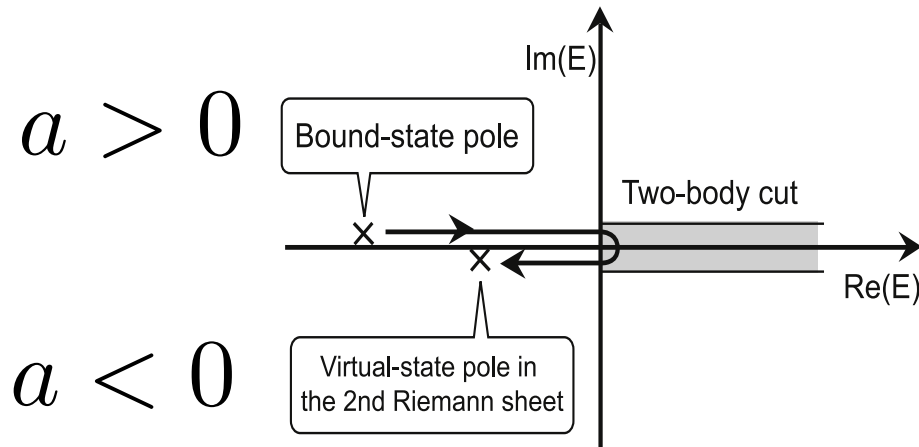
S, P, D... waves



## *Two-body s-wave phase-shift (large scatt. lengths)*

$$k \cot(\delta) = -\frac{1}{a} + \frac{r_0}{2} k^2 + \dots$$

$|a| \gg r_0$



- $^1S_0$  nn state  $E_{\text{virtual}} = -143$  keV ( $a = -17$  fm)
- S-wave n-core state: virtual ( $^{10}\text{Li} \sim -25$  keV) or bound ( $^{19}\text{C} \sim 500$  keV)

## *Three-boson system*

Subtle three-body phenomenon in  $L=0$ :

Thomas collapse (1935)	Efimov effect (1970)
$r_0 \rightarrow 0$	$ a  \rightarrow \infty$
Route to collapse?	infinitely many bound states condensing at $E=0$
Thomas-Efimov effect!	
	$ a /r_0 \rightarrow \infty$

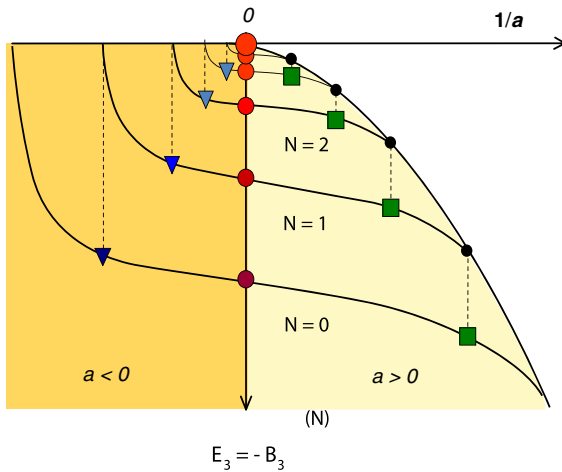
Adhikari, Delfino,TF,Goldman,Tomio, PRA37 (1988) 3666

***One three-body scale*** is necessary to represent short-range physics !!!!  
& discrete scaling

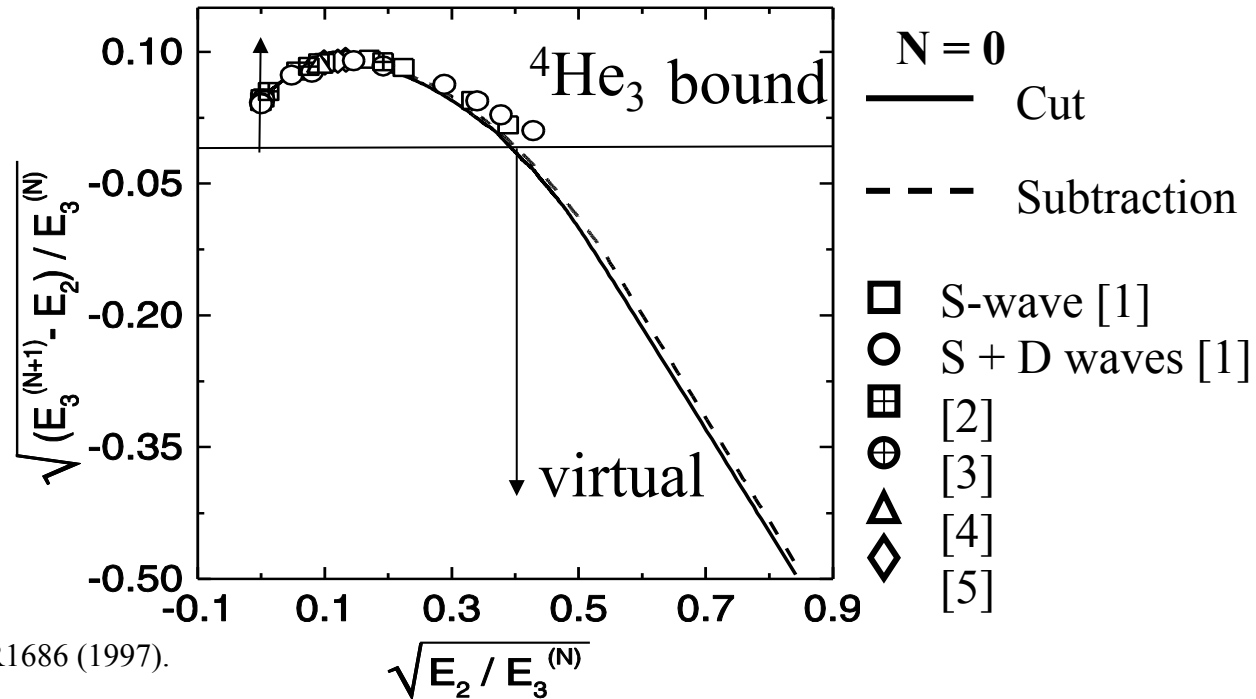
Jensen, Riisager, Fedorov, Garrido, RMP76, 215 (2004)  
Braaten, Hammer Phys. Rep.428, 259 (2006)

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

Correlations between observables: Jensen, Fedorov, Yamashita, Hammer, Platter, Gattobigio, Kievsky, Kolganova, Van Kolck, Bedaque, Phillips, ...



## Scaling plot from zero range force



- [1] Cornelius, Glöckle. *JCP* **85**, 1 (1996).
- [2] Huber. *PRA* **31**, 3981 (1985).
- [3] Barletta, Kievsky. *PR* **A64**, 042514 (2001).
- [4] Fedorov, Jensen. *JPA* **34**, 6003 (2001).
- [5] Kolganova, Motovilov, Sofianos. *PRA* **56**, R1686 (1997).

- Scaling limit: T. Frederico, LT, A. Delfino and E. A. Amorim, *PRA* **60**, R9 (1999)
- Limit cycle: Mohr et al *Ann.Phys.* 321 (2006)225
- Correlation between observables: Phillips Plot  $^2a_{\text{nd}}$  v.s.  $E_{\text{triton}}$

**Range correction:** Thogersen, Fedorov, Jensen *PRA* **78**(2008)020501(R)



For  $2n+\text{core}$  (one  $3B$  short-range scale)

## Halo Nuclei and Efimov physics ( $n+n+\text{core}$ )

Fedorov, Jensen, Riisager, "Efimov states in halo nuclei" PRL73 (1994) 2817.  $^{14}\text{Be}$   $^{18}\text{C}$   $^{20}\text{C}$

Mazumdar, Bhasin, "Efimov effect in the nuclear halo  $^{14}\text{Be}$  nucleus" PRC 56 (1997) R5

Amorim, TF, Tomio "Universal aspects of Efimov states and light halo nuclei", PRC 56, R2378 (1997)

Mazumdar, Arora, Bhasin, "Three-body analysis of the occurrence of Efimov states in  $2n$  halo nuclei such as  $^{19}\text{B}$ ,  $^{22}\text{C}$ , and  $^{20}\text{C}$ ", PRC61 (2000) 051303

## Halo Nuclei and EFT

Bertulani, Hammer, van Kolck, "Effective field theory for halo nuclei: shallow p-wave states",  
NPA712 (2002) 37

## Halo Nuclei, EFT and Efimov physics

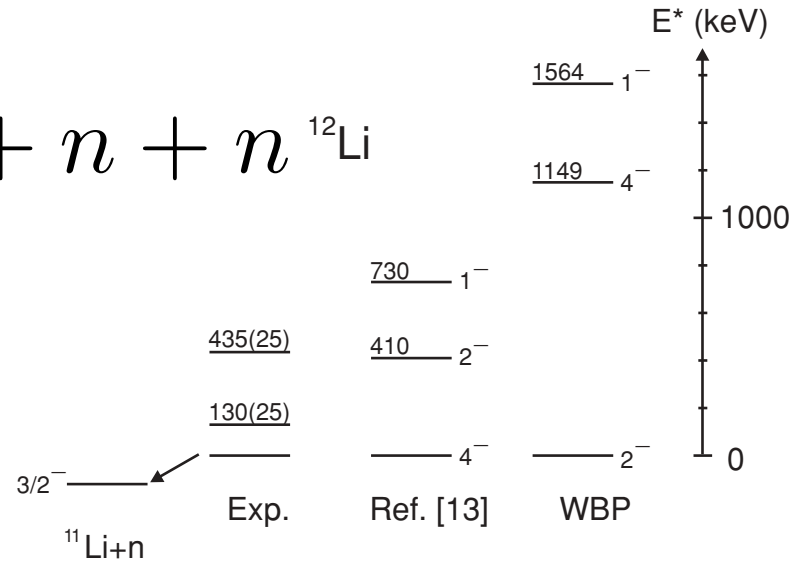
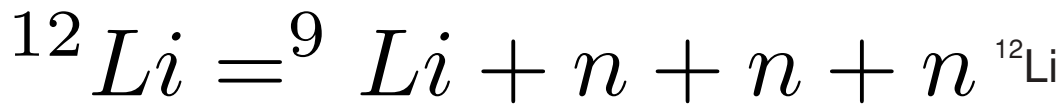
Hammer, Platter, "Efimov States in Nuclear and Particle Physics", Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 60 (2010) 207

**First observation of excited states in  $^{12}\text{Li}$**

(n+n+n+core)

C. C. Hall,<sup>1</sup> E. M. Lunderberg,<sup>1</sup> P. A. DeYoung,<sup>1,\*</sup> T. Baumann,<sup>2</sup> D. Bazin,<sup>2</sup> G. Blanchon,<sup>3</sup> A. Bonaccorso,<sup>4</sup> B. A. Brown,<sup>2,5</sup> J. Brown,<sup>6</sup> G. Christian,<sup>2,5</sup> D. H. Denby,<sup>1</sup> J. Finck,<sup>7</sup> N. Frank,<sup>2,5,†</sup> A. Gade,<sup>2,5</sup> J. Hinnefeld,<sup>8</sup> C. R. Hoffman,<sup>9,10</sup> B. Luther,<sup>11</sup> S. Mosby,<sup>2,5</sup> W. A. Peters,<sup>2,5,‡</sup> A. Spyrou,<sup>2,5</sup> and M. Thoennessen<sup>2,5</sup>

The neutron-unbound ground state and two excited states of  $^{12}\text{Li}$  were formed by the two-proton removal reaction from a 53.4-MeV/u  $^{14}\text{B}$  beam. The decay energy spectrum of  $^{12}\text{Li}$  was measured with the Modular Neutron Array (MoNA) and the Sweeper dipole superconducting magnet at the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory. Two excited states at resonance energies of  $250 \pm 20$  keV and  $555 \pm 20$  keV were observed for the first time and the data are consistent with the previously reported  $s$ -wave ground state with a scattering length of  $a_s = -13.7$  fm.



**Four-boson scale with  $s$ -wave zero-range potential:**

Hadizadeh, Yamashita, Tomio, Delfino, TF, Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 135304 (2011)

**BUT Pauli principle kills sensitivity to the 4-body scale!**

*Scales for  $L=0$  n-n-c system with s-wave zero-range interaction*

$E_{nn}$  Energy of the 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

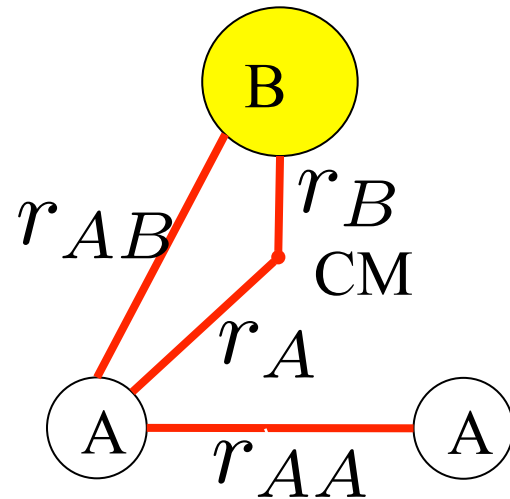
# Root mean square radii

Universal Scaling functions (model independent)

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

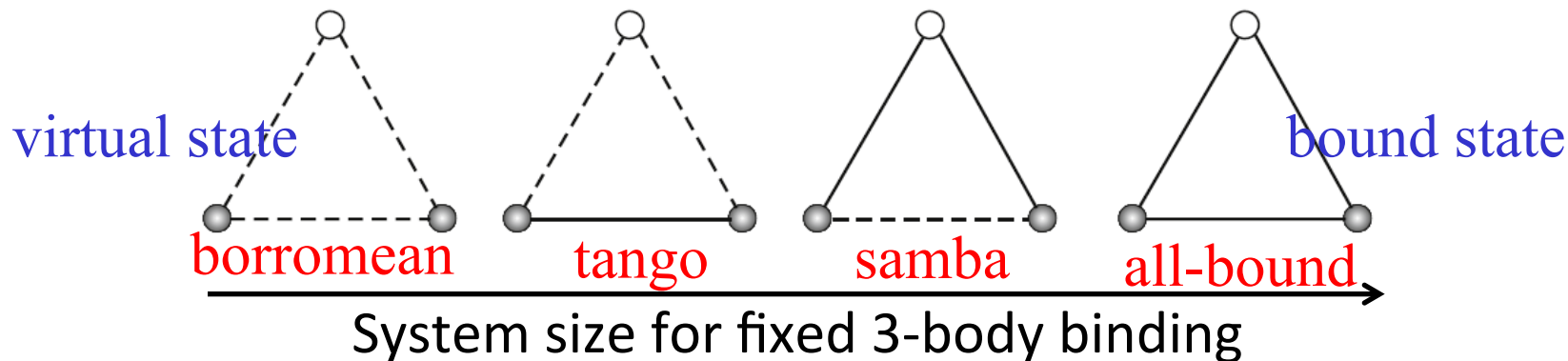
$$\sqrt{\langle r_{\gamma}^2 \rangle |E_3|} = R_{\gamma}^{CM} \left( \pm \sqrt{\frac{E_{AA}}{E_3}}, \pm \sqrt{\frac{E_{AB}}{E_3}}, A \right)$$

Build constraints!

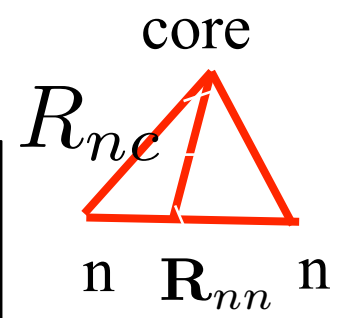
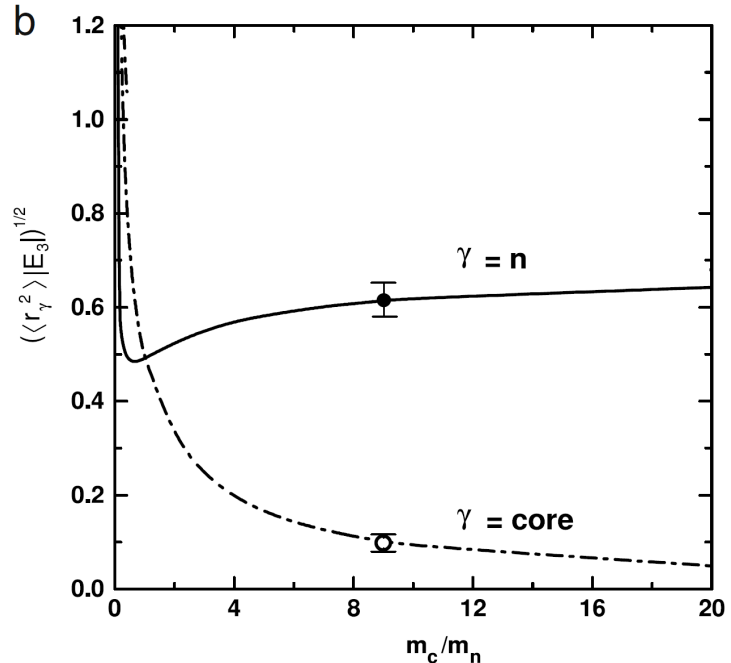
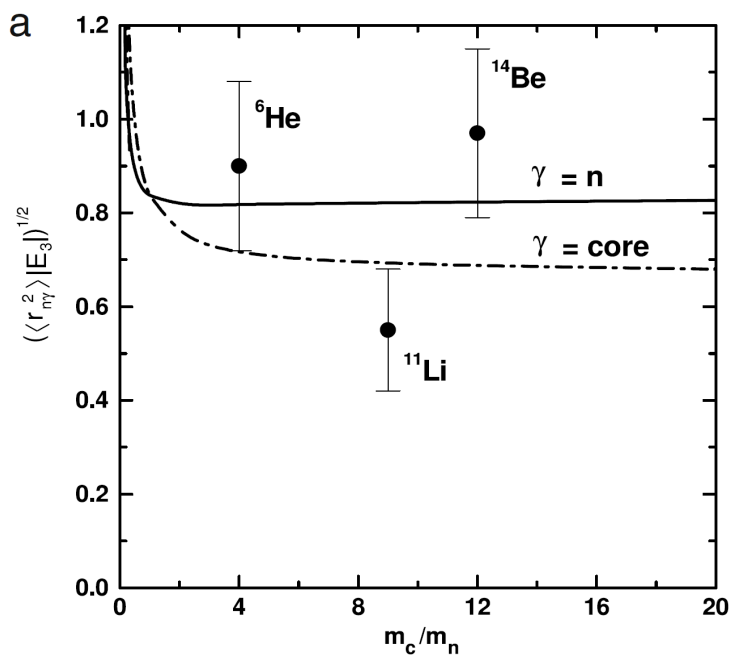


$\gamma = A$  or  $B$

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



# Root mean square radii: Core+neutron+neutron



The experimental values of the charge radius of  ${}^9\text{Li}$  and  ${}^{11}\text{Li}$  are given in [4] as 2.217(35) and 2.467(37) fm, respectively, such that  $\sqrt{\langle r_{ch}^2({}^{11}\text{Li}) \rangle - \langle r_{ch}^2({}^9\text{Li}) \rangle} = 1.08(11)$  fm. A neutron halo radius of 6.54(38) fm was obtained from the extracted matter radius in the experiment performed by [3]. Together with  $S_{2n} = 369.15(65)$  keV, reported in [176] for  ${}^{11}\text{Li}$ , the experimental value of the root-mean-square distance of  ${}^9\text{Li}$  in respect to the center-of-mass of  ${}^{11}\text{Li}$  ( $\sqrt{\langle r_c^2 \rangle}$ ) in units of  $\hbar/\sqrt{m_n S_{2n}}$ , is 0.10(1) and the halo radius ( $\sqrt{\langle r_n^2 \rangle}$ ) in such units is 0.617(36), these values should be compared with the theoretical results extracted from Fig. 21, of 0.10 and 0.61, respectively. The agreement with the experimental supports the model assumptions.

- [3] P. Egelhof, et al., Eur. J. Phys. A 15 (2002) 27.
- [4] R. Sánchez, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 96 (2006) 033002.
- [176] M. Smith, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 101 (2008) 202501.

# 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)
$^4\text{He}$	0.973	0 (v)	5.1	5.9±1.2
		0.3 (v)	4.6	
		4.0 [23] (v)	3.6	
$^9\text{Li}$	0.32	0 (v)	9.2	6.6±1.5
		0.8 [24] (v)	5.9	
$^9\text{Li}$	0.29	0 (v)	9.7	6.6±1.5
		0.05 [20,25,26] (v)	8.5	
		0.8 [24] (v)	6.7	
$^{12}\text{Be}$	1.337	0 (v)	4.6	5.4±1.0
		0.2[27] (v)	4.2	
$^{18}\text{C}$	3.50	0.16 [3]	3.0	-
		0.53 [14]	4.4	-

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

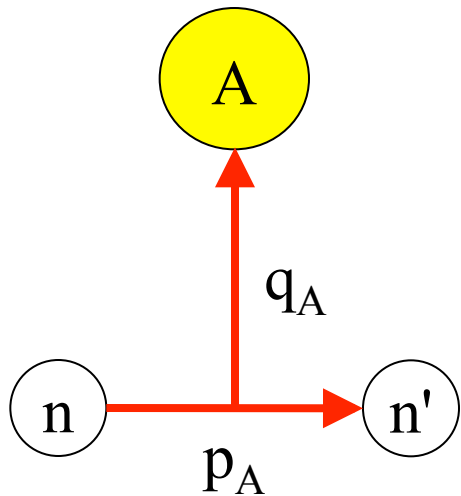
$^{11}\text{Li}$

- Moriguchi et al. PRC88, 024610 (2013) - RIKEN reaction cross-section  $r_n \sim 6.1$  fm
- $S_{2n}=369$  keV Smith et al. PRL101(2008)
- IMPROVE  $E_v[^{10}\text{Li}]$  !

Canham and Hammer  
NPA 836 (2010) 275

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]
$^{11}\text{Li}$	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
$^{14}\text{Be}$	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
$^{12}\text{Be}$	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
$^{18}\text{C}$	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
$^{20}\text{C}$	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

## Neutron-neutron correlation function



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

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

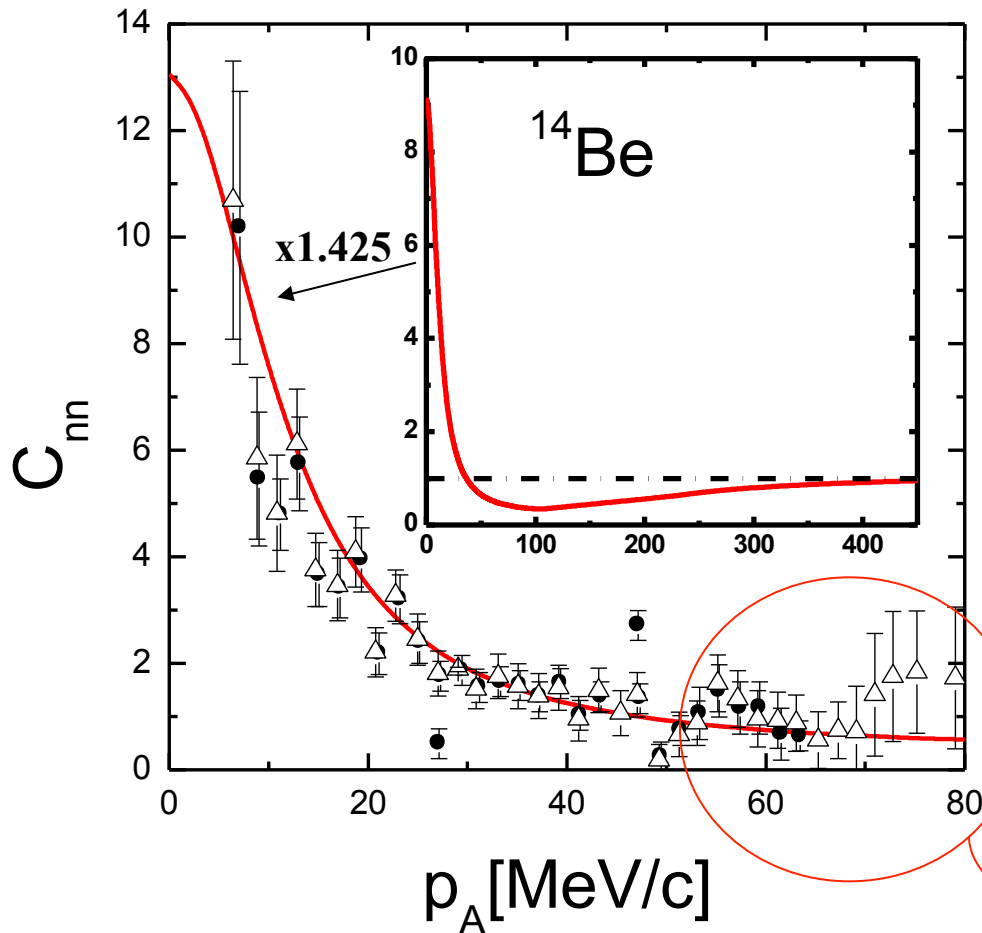
One-body density

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

$\Phi \equiv \Phi(\vec{q}_A, \vec{p}_A)$  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)

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

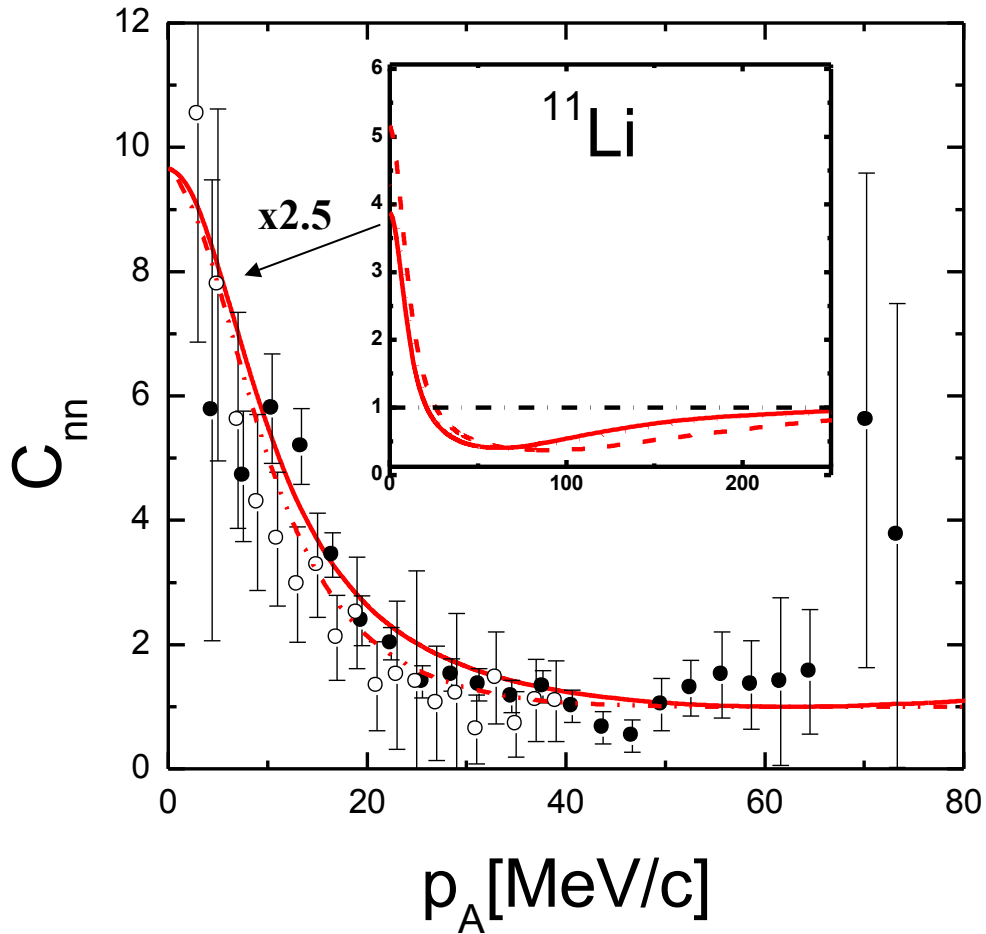
—  $E_{nA} = 0.2 \text{ MeV}$

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

asymptotic region ?



# Neutron-neutron correlation function



F. M. Marqués et al.  
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

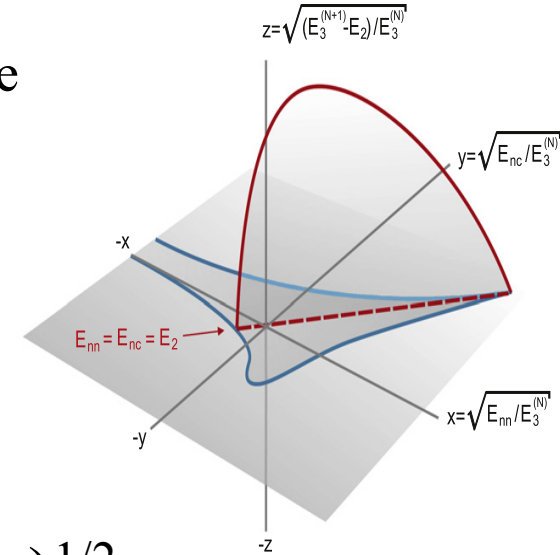
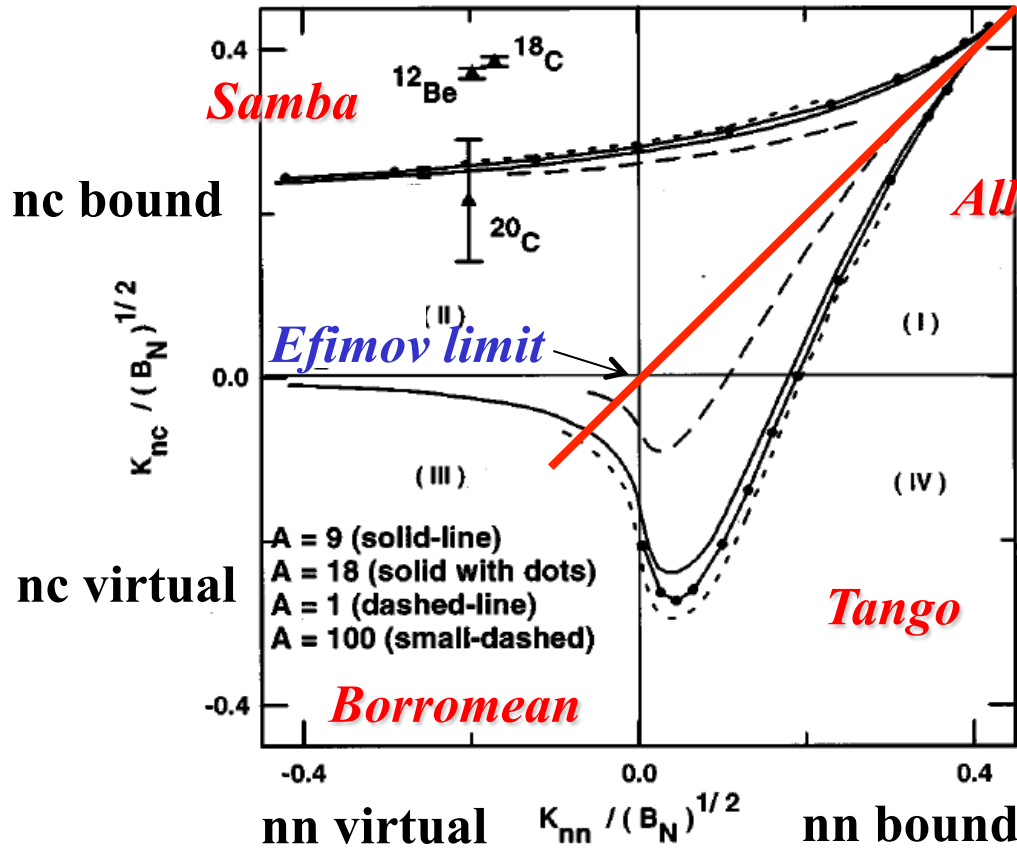
- - -  $E_3 = 0.37$  MeV  
 $E_{nA} = 0.8$  MeV

⋯  $E_3 = 0.37$  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 above the N-th state



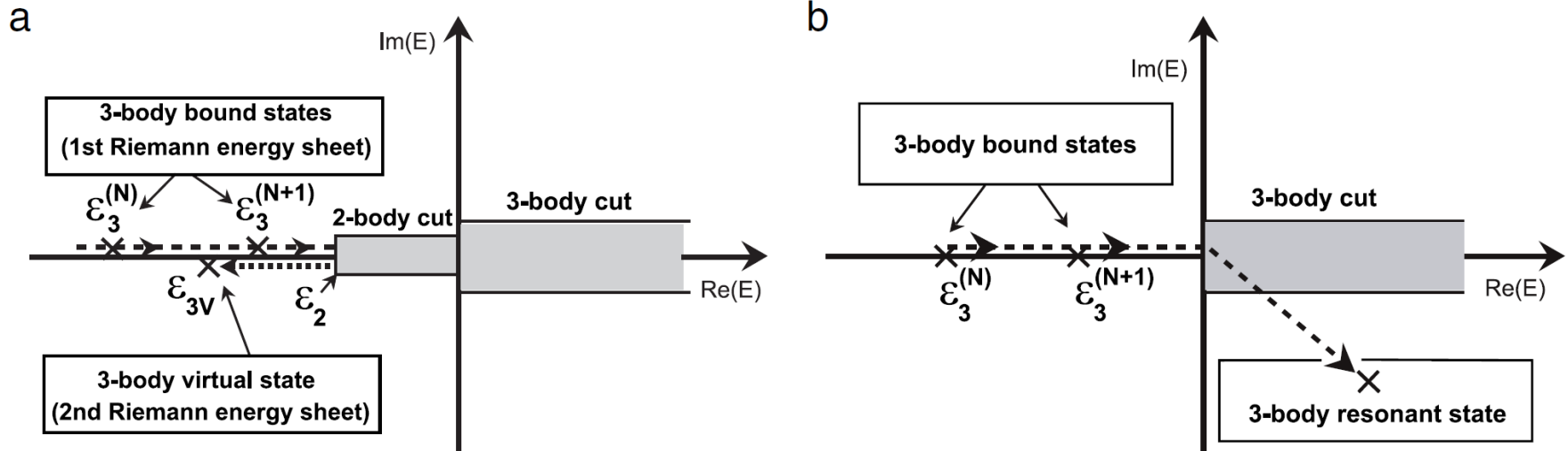
$$K_{nn} = (B_{nn})^{1/2}$$

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

Amorim, TF, Tomio PRC56(1997)2378

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

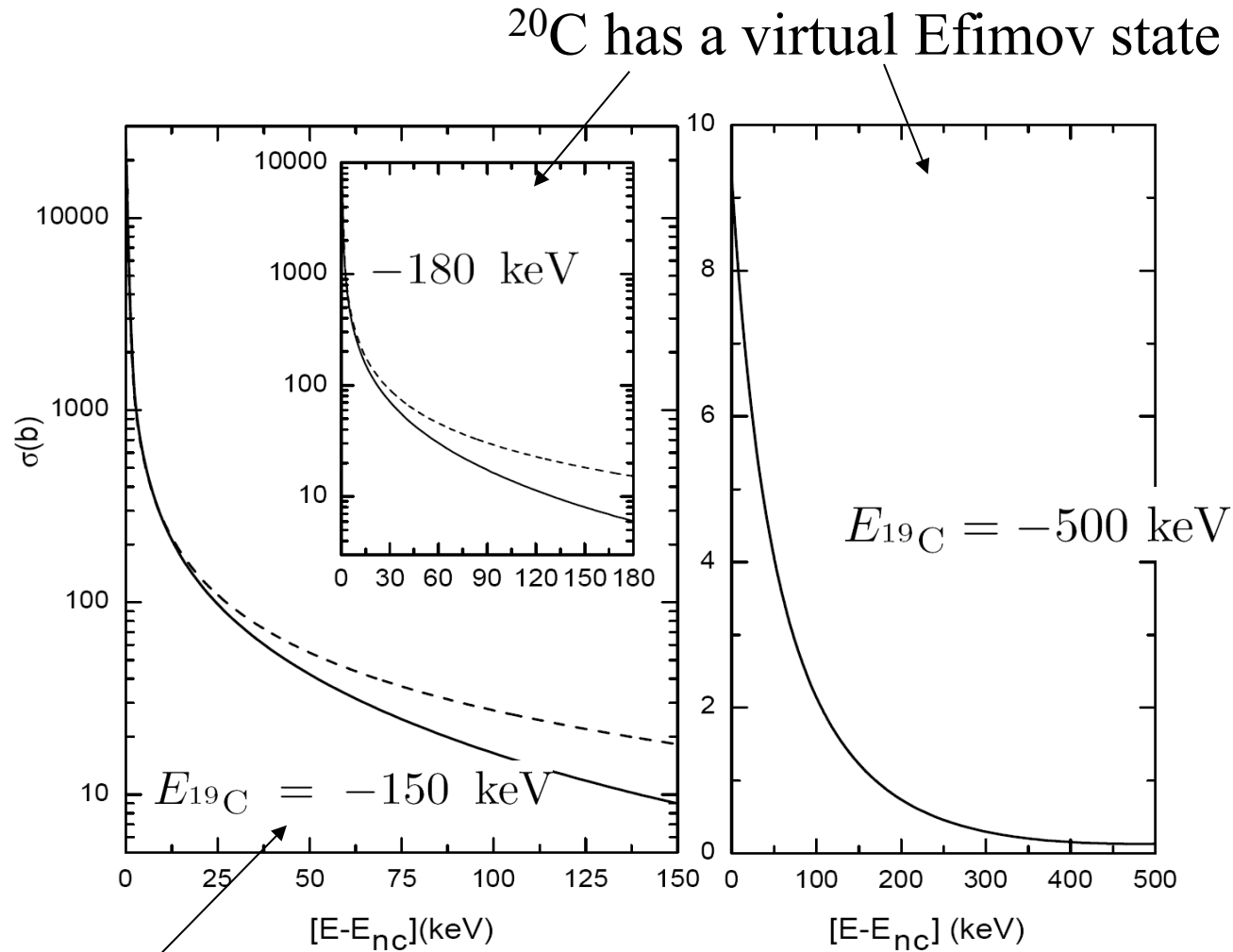
# analytic structure & Efimov state trajectory



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).

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

# *$n$ - $^{19}\text{C}$ scattering and Efimov physics*

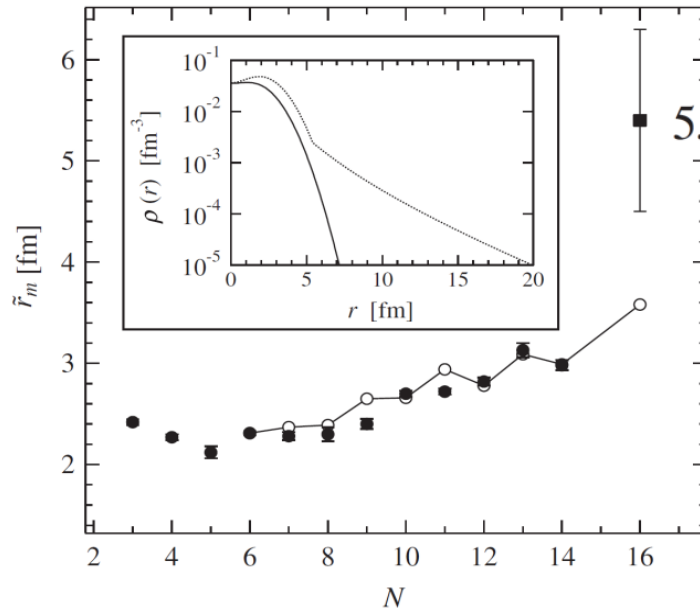


$^{20}\text{C}$  has an excited bound Efimov state

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

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

Reaction cross sections ( $\sigma_R$ ) for  $^{19}\text{C}$ ,  $^{20}\text{C}$  and the drip-line nucleus  $^{22}\text{C}$  on a liquid hydrogen target have been measured at around 40A MeV by a transmission method. A large enhancement of  $\sigma_R$  for  $^{22}\text{C}$  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  $^{22}\text{C}$  was deduced to be  $5.4 \pm 0.9$  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  $^{22}\text{C}$  preferentially occupy the  $1s_{1/2}$  orbital.



$5.4 \pm 0.9$  fm

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

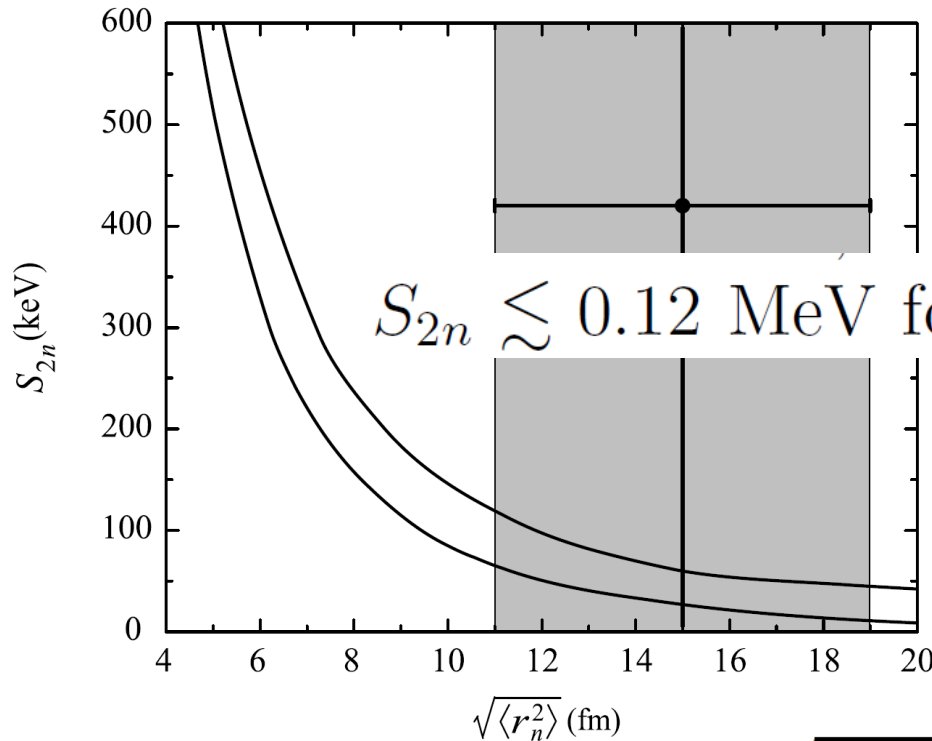
$$\tilde{r}_m^{22\text{C}} \equiv \langle (r_m^{22\text{C}})^2 \rangle^{1/2}$$

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

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

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

${}^{21}\text{C}$  virtual state energy 0, -100 KeV.  $E_{nn} = -143\text{KeV}$



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

$S_{2n} \lesssim 0.12 \text{ MeV}$  for  ${}^{22}\text{C}$

Yamashita, M de Carvalho, TF, Tomio,  
PLB697(2011)90; A&E PLB715(2012)282

$$11 \text{ fm} \leq \sqrt{\langle r_n^2 \rangle} \leq 19 \text{ fm}$$

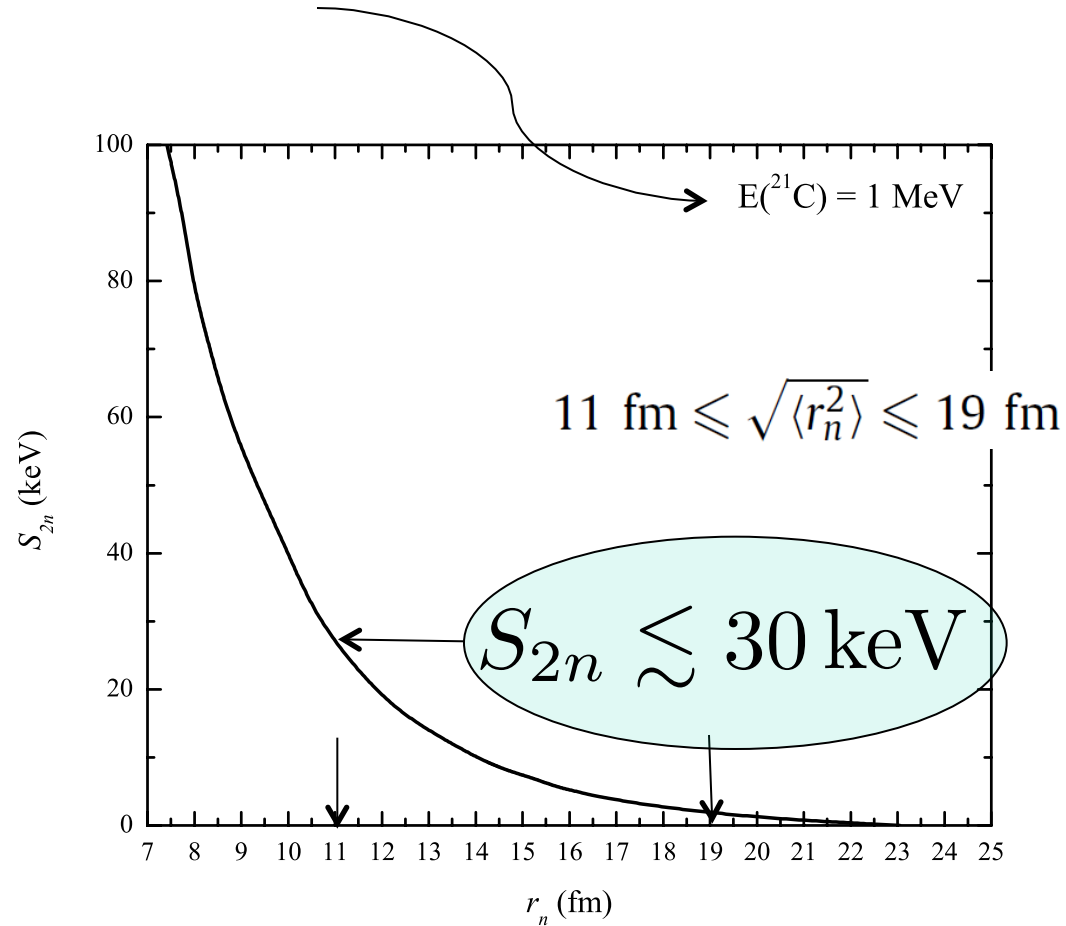
$$\sqrt{\langle r_{ch}^2({}^{22}\text{C}) \rangle} - \langle r_{ch}^2({}^{20}\text{C}) \rangle \gtrsim 0.9 \text{ fm}$$

H.T. Fortune, R. Sherr, Phys. Rev. C 85 (2012) 027303.

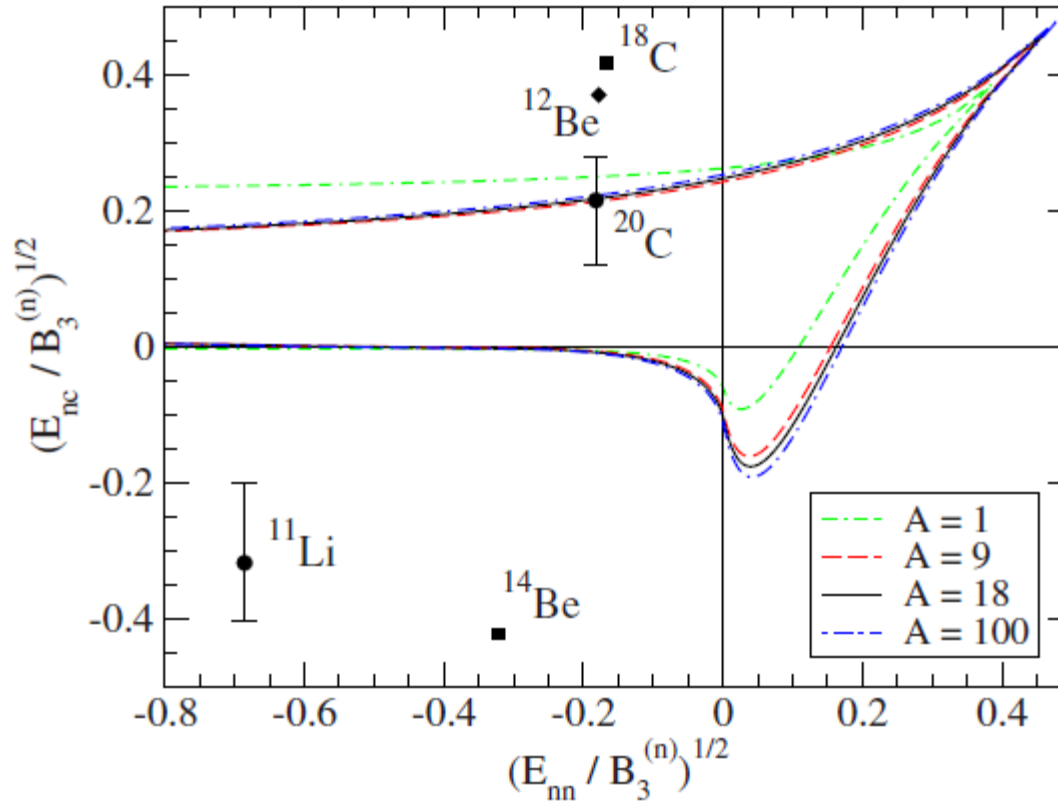
Acharya, Ji, Phillips PLB723(2013)19 [ $S_{2n} < 100 \text{ keV}$ ] (EFT)

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

${}^{21}\text{C}$  Mosby et al. NPA 909, 69 (2013) – MSU -  $|a_s| < 2.8 \text{ fm}$  ( ${}^{21}\text{C}$  virtual state)



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



${}^{22}\text{C}$

${}^{21}\text{C}$  with a virtual state with energy 1 MeV  
 → It is not possible an excited Efimov state/continuum resonance



If  $L_{\text{total}}$  is nonzero ?

- Virtual p-wave states of light non Borromean nn halo nuclei

$$E_{\text{virtual}} \sim 1.7 E_{\text{nc}}$$

- Delfino et al PRC61, 051301 (2000)

- Pigmy dipole  $1^-$  resonance:

- M. Cubero et al, PRL 109, 262701 (2012)  $^{11}\text{Li}+^{208}\text{Pb}$  close the Coulomb barrier  $\rightarrow E_{\text{res}}=690 \text{ keV}$  width=0.32 keV

- Fernandez-Garcia et al PRL 110, 142701 (2013)  $^{11}\text{Li}+^{208}\text{Pb}$  breakup around the Coulomb barrier

Determined by scattering lengths only!

## Summary

→ Weakly bound & large systems: **few scales regime** in halo nuclei, molecules, trapped atoms  
**CORRELATIONS BETWEEN OBSERVABLES → CONSTRAINTS!**

→ Zero-range model n-n-c system:  
threshold conditions for excited states and resonances  
borromean configuration: **Efimov state → resonance**  
at least one subsystem is bound: **Efimov state → virtual state**

→ Few-examples:  $^{11}\text{Li}$ ,  $^{14}\text{Be}$ ,  $^{20}\text{C}$ ,  $^{22}\text{C}$

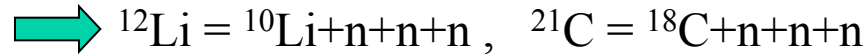
→  $^{20}\text{C}$  **Efimov state → virtual state**  $E_{19\text{C}} > 165 \text{ keV}$

→  $^{22}\text{C}$  large nn halo  $S_{2n} \sim 30 \text{ keV}$  with  $^{21}\text{C}$  virtual state 1 MeV (from  $|a_s| < 2.8 \text{ fm}$ ) →

**No Efimov continuum resonance/excited state (range corrections?)**

# Outlook

➡ Neutron halo  $> 2n$  (no need of a 4-body scale)...



➡ Universality in scattering, breakup of halo nuclei & CDCC ...

➡ Pigmy resonances  $L_{\text{total}} = 1, 2, 3 \dots$

➡ Fix the tail of ab-initio calculations...

$$\mathcal{A} \left[ \Psi(^9\text{Li}) \times \Psi_{3B}(^9\text{Li} - n - n) \right]$$

➡ Formation of neutron halo nuclei in neutron rich environment?  
How this affect neutron capture? ...

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