

Entanglement in Few-Particle Scattering



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Motivation

- Entanglement as a measure of correlation in a system
- New perspective on nuclear systems
- Scattering of nucleons and deuterons
→ already previous work on it
- Extension to halo nuclei
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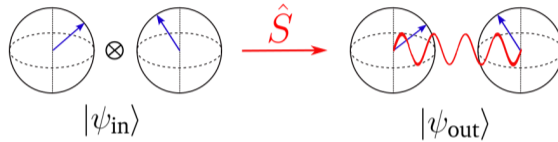
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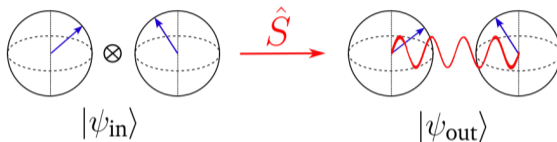
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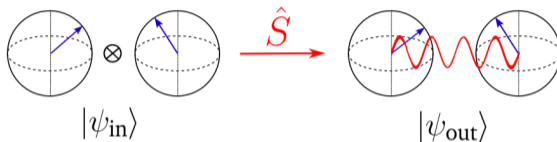
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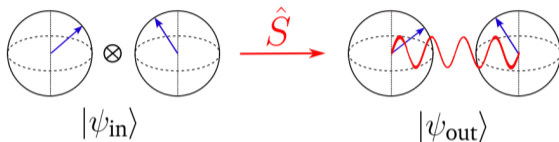
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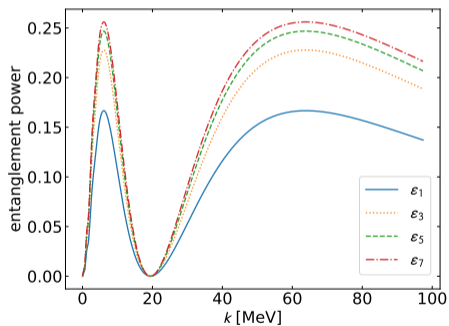
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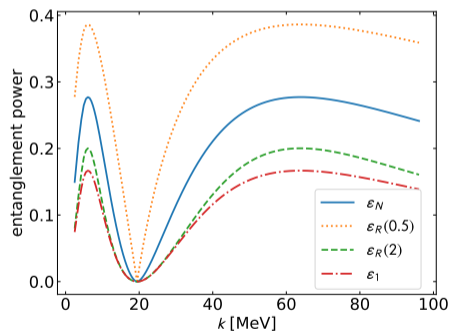
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Taylor expansions:



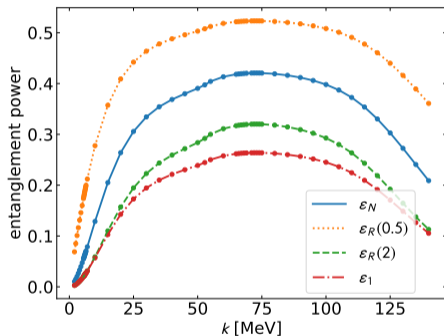
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$$\varepsilon_1 = \frac{1}{6} \sin(2 \cdot (\delta_0 - \delta_1))^2 \quad [\text{Beane et al., PRL 122, 102001 (2019)}]$$



Neutron-deuteron scattering

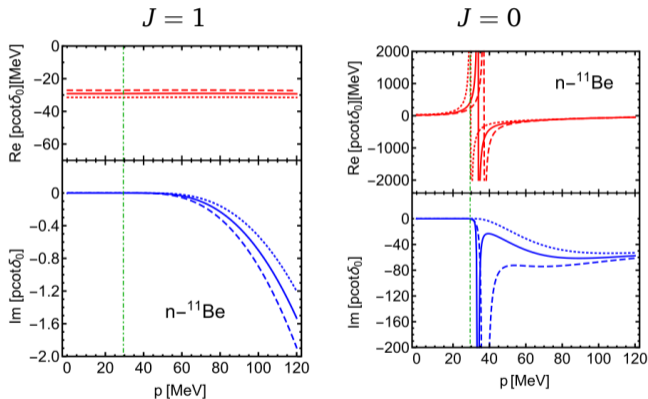


$$\epsilon_1 = \frac{8}{243} (17 + 10 \cos[2(\delta_{1/2} - \delta_{3/2})]) \sin[\delta_{1/2} - \delta_{3/2}]^2$$

[TK et al., 2023]

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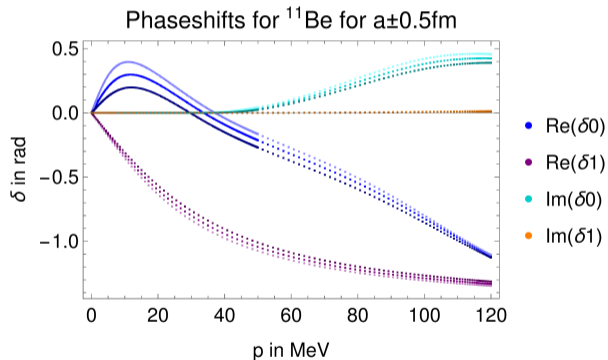


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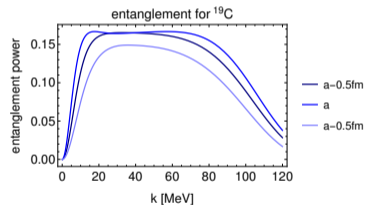
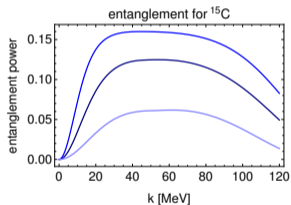
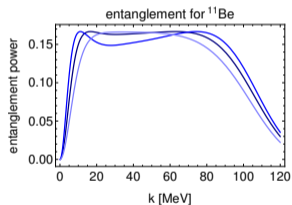
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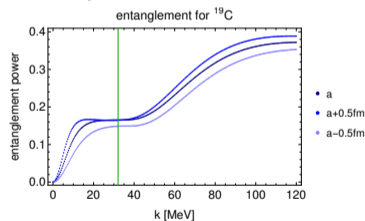
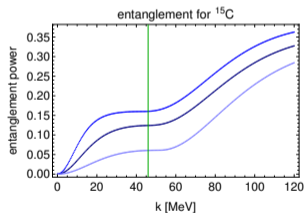
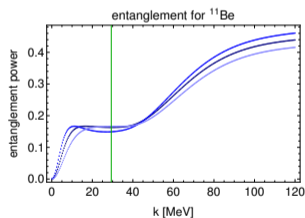


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- green lines show breakup threshold

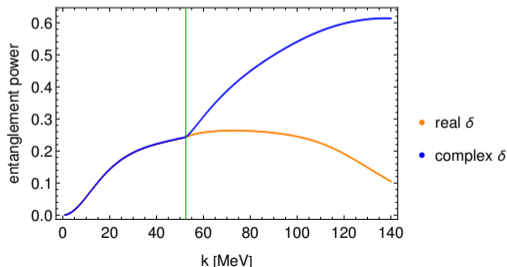
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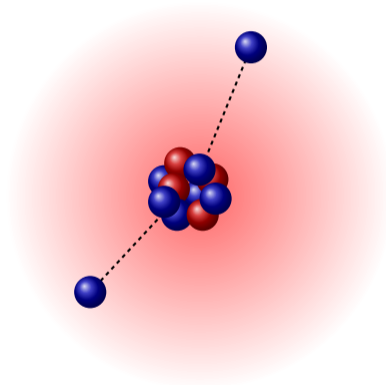
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- *nd* scattering with deuteron breakup threshold

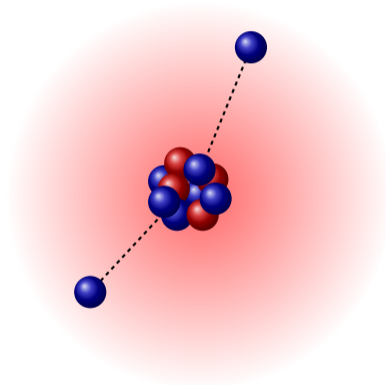


Outlook

- Study of two particle scattering with spin $\frac{1}{2}$ and spin 1
 - First Taylor expansion valid quantity
- Compare with other halo nuclei
 - Rise in entanglement after breakup threshold
- Only spin entanglement so far
 - Interesting approach: investigate spatial entanglement for halo nuclei



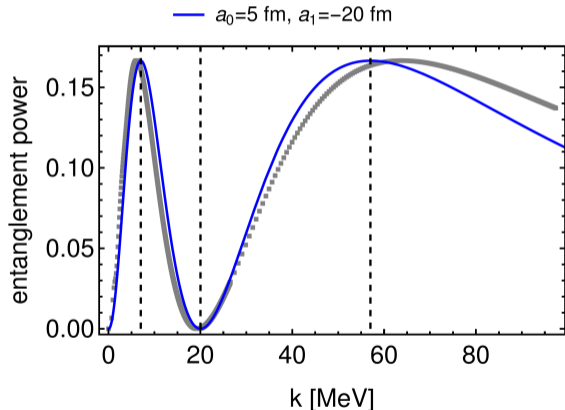
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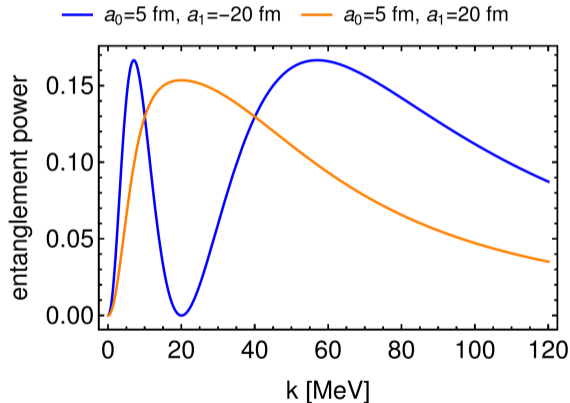
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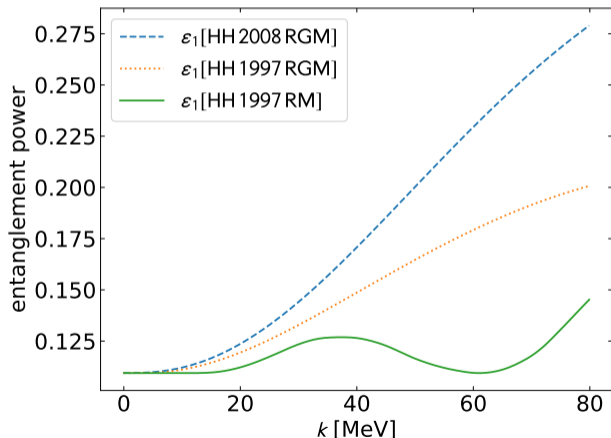
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Coulomb influence

- $\delta_{\text{tot}}(k) = -\eta_k \log(2kr) + \sigma(k) + \delta_N(k)$
- $\sigma(k) = \arg \Gamma(1 + i\eta_k)$ pure s-wave Coulomb phase shift
 - $\eta_k = \alpha e Z_1 Z_2 \mu / k$ Sommerfeld Parameter
 - $\alpha = e^2 / (4\pi)$ electromagnetic fine structure constant in Heaviside-Lorentz units
 - μ reduced mass, Z_i charge numbers of both particles
- δ_N Coulomb-modified nuclear part (Coulomb-subtracted phase shift)
- influence cancels out as long as entanglement depends on phase shift differences
→ in all our systems the case

Deuteron-deuteron scattering



$$\varepsilon_1 = \frac{1}{576} (153 - 70 \cos[2(\delta_0 - \delta_2)] - 20 \cos[4(\delta_0 - \delta_2)])$$

- Datasets from [Hofmann et al., 1997] and [Hofmann et al., 2008]
- calculated with "R-matrix analysis" and "Resonating Group Model"

Deuteron Deuteron scattering

- spin channel $S = 1$ forbidden due to Bose symmetry

- $\langle S = 1 | \hat{S}_{dd} | S = 1 \rangle = 0$

- $\hat{S}_{dd} = -\frac{1}{3}(e^{2i\delta_0} - e^{2i\delta_2})\mathbb{1} + \frac{1}{2}e^{2i\delta_2}\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2 + \frac{1}{6}(2e^{2i\delta_0} + e^{2i\delta_2})(\vec{S}_1 \cdot \vec{S}_2)^2$
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