

# Universal Correlations in Pion-less EFT with the Resonating Group Model

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## Ultimate Goals

- ▶ analysis of **universal correlations** between bound & scattering observables in  $A > 4$  systems
  - ⇒ objects which **differ on a microscopic scale** exhibit the **same low-energy behavior**
  
- ▶ How far in  $A$  (and density) can one **push the pionless EFT**?
  - ⇒ development of the most **simple** theory, **rooted in QCD**, appropriate for the description of low-energy nuclear properties

## (Refined) Resonating Group Model

see e.g. H. M. Hofmann, proceedings of Models and Methods in Few-Body Physics, 1986.

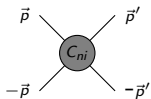
- ▶ **versatile** method:
  - ▶ non-orthogonal expansion of wave function in **Gaussian** basis
    - ↪ suited for calculations of **bound & scattering** observables
  - ▶ applicable to other **degrees of freedom**, e.g.,  $(\alpha, n)$  &  $({}^9\text{Li}, t, n)$
  - ▶ Coulomb interaction included
  
- ▶ with EFT $_{\neq}^{\text{NLO}}$  relatively modest **CPU time** requirements

$$\left| 3\text{H} \right\rangle^{J^\pi = \frac{1}{2}^+} = \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{blue} \\ \text{green} \\ \text{blue} \end{array} \right\rangle^{J^\pi = \frac{1}{2}^+} + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{blue} \\ \text{green} \\ \text{blue} \end{array} \right\rangle^{J^\pi = \frac{1}{2}^+} + \dots$$

Diagram illustrating the expansion of the  $3\text{H}$  wave function into a sum of states. The first term shows a configuration with  $S_{12}=1, 0$  and  $L=0$  for the inner pair, and  $S=\frac{1}{2}$  for the total system. The second term shows a configuration with  $S_{12}=1$  and  $L=2$  for the inner pair, and  $S=\frac{3}{2}$  for the total system. The total angular momentum and parity for both terms is  $J^\pi = \frac{1}{2}^+$ .

## NN potential & LEC determination

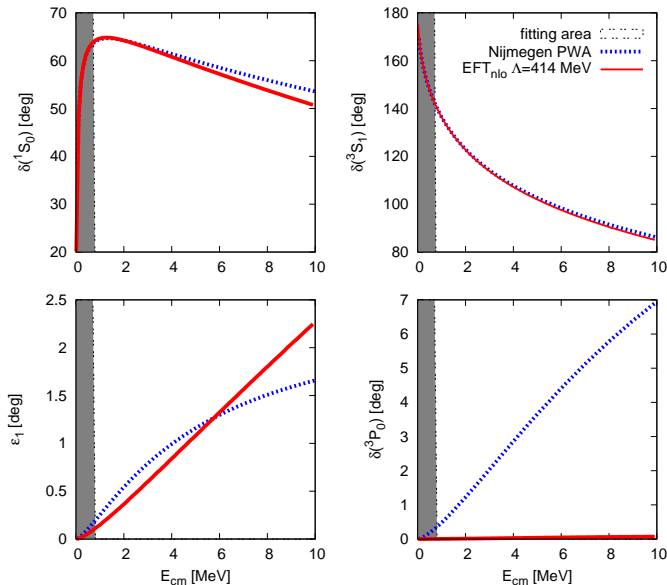
$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{\neq}^{\text{NLO}}(\vec{r}) = & \quad l_0(r) (A_1 + A_2 \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2) + (A_3 + A_4 \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2) \left\{ e^{-\frac{\Lambda^2}{4} r^2}, \nabla^2 \right\} + \\
 & \quad l_0(r) (A_5 + A_6 \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2) r^2 + l_0(r) A_7 \vec{L} \cdot \vec{S} + l_0(r) A_8 \left[ \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{r} \vec{\sigma}_2 \cdot \vec{r} - \frac{1}{3} r^2 \vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_2 \right] \\
 & \quad - A_9 \left\{ e^{-\frac{\Lambda^2}{4} r^2}, \left[ [\partial^r \otimes \partial^s]^2 \otimes [\sigma_1^p \otimes \sigma_2^q]^2 \right]^{00} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$



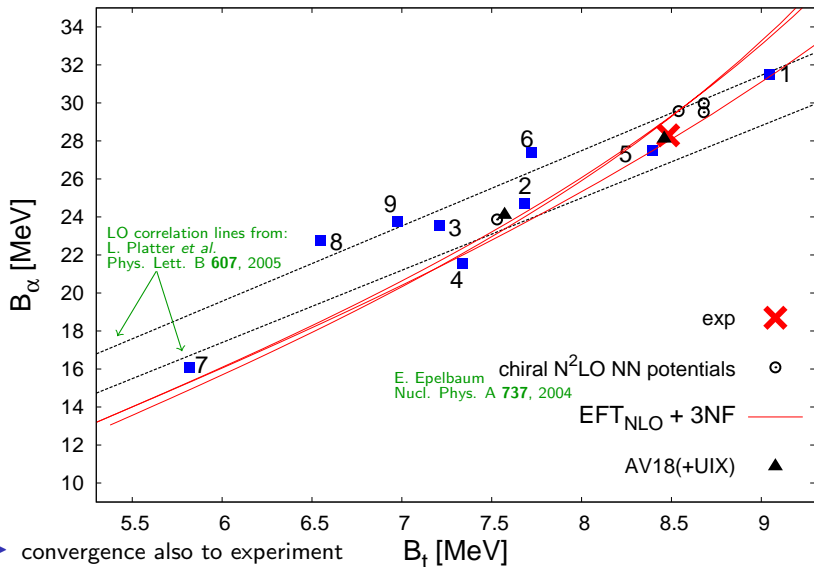
- ▶ Gaussian regulator functions  $l_0(r, \Lambda) \propto e^{-\frac{\Lambda^2}{4} r^2}$
- ▶ low-energy-constants depend on cutoff,  $A_i = A_i(\Lambda)$
- ▶ LEC of leading order 3NF **not** fitted

- ▶ low-energy input data:  $B_d, \delta$  ( $^1S_0, ^3S_1, ^1,3P_{0,1,2}$ ),  $\epsilon_1$  for  $E_{\text{cm}} < 1$  MeV
- ▶ two methods to obtain different LEC sets  $\leftrightarrow$  different short-range-physics:
  - ▶ variation of **cutoff** parameter  $\Lambda$
  - ▶ variation of **low-energy input**

## NN phase shifts at NLO



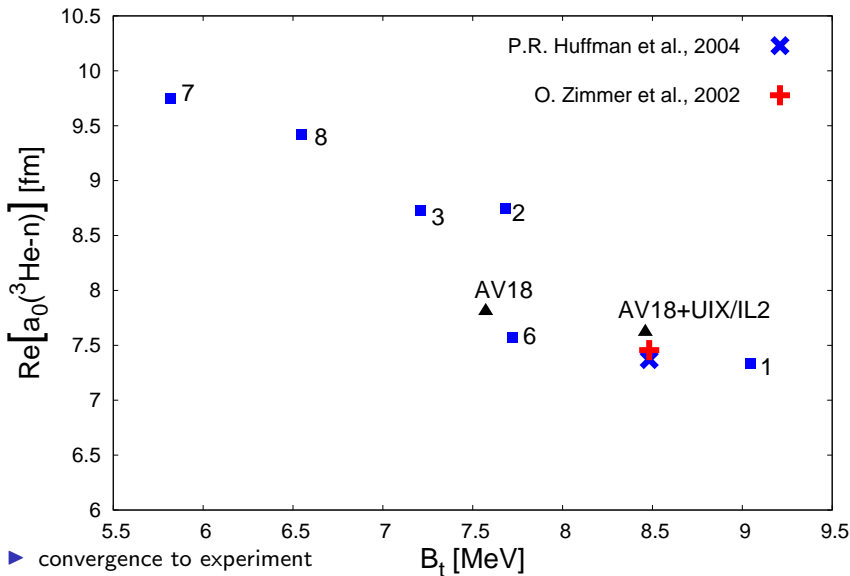
- ▶ deviation from  $\delta^{Nij}(^{1,3}S_{0,1})$  is  $\lesssim 10\%$
- ▶ deviation from  $\epsilon_1^{Nij}$  is  $\lesssim 30\%$
- ▶ P-wave phase shifts fitted to various values  $< \delta^{Nij}(P)$



- ▶ convergence also to experiment
- ▶ NLO band width  $\Rightarrow Q \approx \frac{1}{3}$
- ▶ **no** four-body force needed at NLO

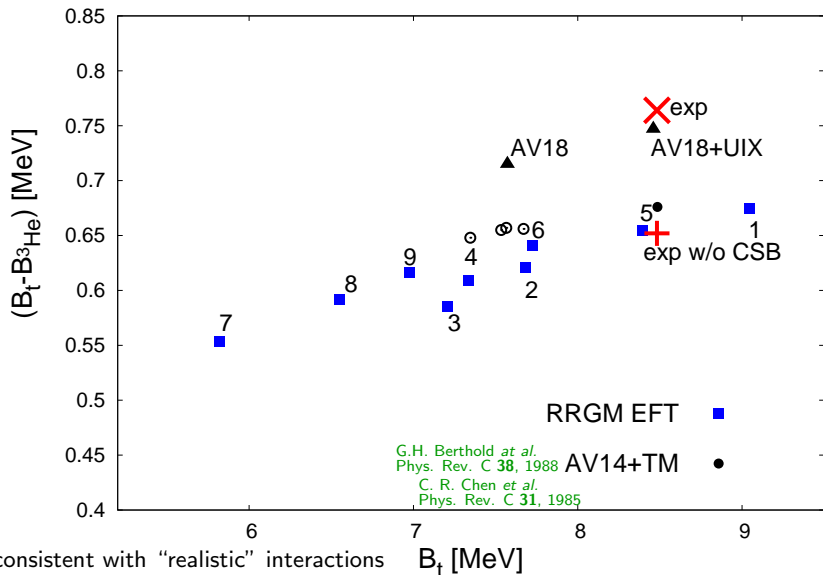
$B_t$  [MeV]

- ▶ one three-body parameter needed for a result independent of short distance physics
- ▶  $EFT_{\not{\tau}}$  still works at NLO



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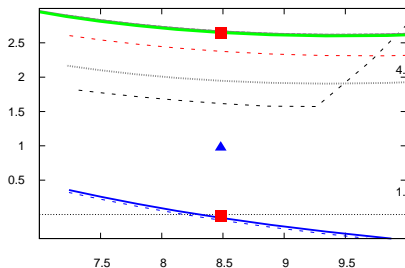
- ▶ calculation **not accurate enough** to discriminate between conflicting data
- ▶ EFT $\not{\neq}$  still<sup>2</sup> works at NLO



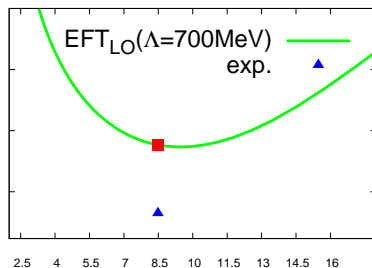
- ▶ consistent with “realistic” interactions
- ▶ discrepancy to experiment due to higher order CSB interactions
- ▶ missing contribution consistent with  $\chi$ PT calculations



$B(\alpha)$ - $B({}^6\text{He})$  [MeV]



$B(t)$  [MeV]



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	$\text{EFT}_{\not\neq}$ (700 MeV)	exp.
$\langle r_{\text{ch}}^2 \rangle^{1/2} ({}^6\text{He})$	3.261 fm	2.054 fm
$\langle r_{\text{m}}^2 \rangle^{1/2} ({}^6\text{He})$	5.678 fm	2.30 fm

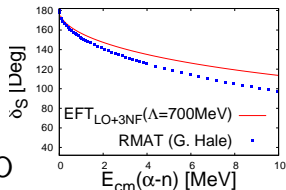
- ▶ halo structure at “real” triton
- ▶ cutoff & 3NF strength variation exhibit same qualitative effect
- ▶ neutron halo structure still intact at less/more bound “tritons”?

## Conclusions

- ▶ evidence for the **applicability** of EFT( $\not{\tau}$ ) at NLO in the  $^4\text{He}$ -channel
  - ▶ **convergence** from LO to NLO with  $Q \approx \frac{1}{3}$
  - ▶ new correlation for  $a_0$  ( $^3\text{He} - n$ )
  - ▶ consistency with high precision models & experiment
  - ▶ **four-nucleon** contact interaction **not** necessary at NLO
  
- ▶ model independent calculation of CIB/CSB effect of the Coulomb interaction in  $^3\text{H}$  and  $^3\text{He}$
- ▶  $A = 6$  systems accessible with RRGM
- ▶ halo structure of  $^6\text{He}$  not a universal property of the NN-force?
- ▶ RRGM and EFT( $\not{\tau}$ ) *resonate* well

## The “next order”

- ▶ universality in **halo nuclei** at (*clean*) NLO
- ▶ ( $\alpha$ -N) scattering system as bridge to **cluster EFT**



RRGM for scattering states:  $\delta \left( \langle \psi_\lambda | \hat{H} - E | \psi_\lambda \rangle - \frac{1}{2} a_{\lambda\lambda} \right) = 0$

fragment wave functions

$$\psi_{SS,\lambda}^{J\pi} = \mathcal{A} \sum_j^{n_k} \left[ \frac{1}{R_j} Y_{L_j}(\hat{R}_j) \otimes [\psi_j^{J_1^{\pi_1}} \otimes \psi_j^{J_2^{\pi_2}}] S_{c_j} \right]^J \left( \delta_{\lambda j} F_{L_j}(R_j) + a_{\lambda j} \tilde{G}_{L_j}(R_j) + \underbrace{\sum_m b_{\lambda j m} R_j^{L_j+1} e^{-\omega_{jm} R_j^2}}_{\text{approximates state in interaction region}} \right)$$

open & distortion channels      Coulomb functions

$$|{}^4\text{He}\rangle = \left[ \left| \begin{array}{c} \gamma_{i1} \\ L=0,2 \\ S_{12}=1 \end{array} \right\rangle \right]_{L_{\text{rel}}} \left| \begin{array}{c} \tilde{\gamma}_{i1} \\ L=0,2 \\ S_{12}=1 \end{array} \right\rangle \Bigg|_{\gamma_{\text{rel}}}^{J=0^+} + \left[ \left| \begin{array}{c} \gamma_{i1} \\ L=2 \\ S_{12}=1 \end{array} \right\rangle \right]_{L=0} \left| \begin{array}{c} \gamma_{i2} \\ L=0 \\ S_{12}=1 \end{array} \right\rangle \Bigg|_{\gamma_{\text{rel}}}^{L=0} \left| \begin{array}{c} J_2=1/2 \\ S=3/2 \end{array} \right\rangle \Bigg|_{\gamma_{\text{rel}}}^{J=0^+} + \dots$$

open physical channels

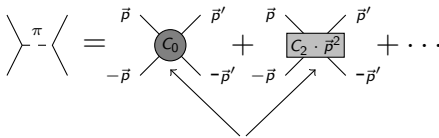
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distortion & unphysical channels

narrow widths, i.e. no asymptotic tail

## The Effective Field Theory:

- ▶ theory breaks down as momenta approach pion mass  $m_\pi$
- ▶ (unnaturally) small deuteron binding energy relative to the triplet  $n - p$  effective range
- ▶ non-relativistic isospin doublet of Pauli spinors:  $N = \begin{pmatrix} p \\ n \end{pmatrix}$       LO:  $B_d = \frac{1}{a_t^2 M} \ll \frac{m_\pi^2}{M}$
- ▶ Lorentz symmetry at small momentum



truncation based on two estimates:

coupling strength & relative contribution of graphs

naïve dimensional analysis & naturalness

- ▶ encode short distance physics
- ▶ match to underlying theory or low-energy data

$$\mathcal{L}_{\not{n}} = N^\dagger \left( iD_0 + \frac{\mathbf{D}^2}{2M} \right) N + C_0 (N^\dagger N)(N^\dagger N) + C_2 (N^\dagger N)(N^\dagger \partial_i^2 N) + \dots$$

$\frac{1}{a} = \mathcal{O}(p_{\text{typ}}) \Rightarrow$  certain operators require resummation  
 others can still be treated perturbatively

The two philosophies:

- ▶ power counting on the Lagrangean level **and** on the graph level:

$$\textcircled{T} = \textcircled{C_0} + \textcircled{C_0} \textcircled{C_0} + \textcircled{C_0} \textcircled{C_0} \textcircled{C_0} + \dots \quad \text{LO}$$

$$\boxed{C_2} + \boxed{C_2} \textcircled{C_0} + \boxed{C_2} \textcircled{C_0} \textcircled{C_0} + \dots \quad \text{NLO}$$

- ▶ iterate **effective potential** by solving Schrödinger/Lippmann-Schwinger equation:

$$\textcircled{T} = \textcircled{C_0} + \textcircled{C_0} \textcircled{C_0} + \textcircled{C_0} \textcircled{C_0} \textcircled{C_0} + \dots \quad \text{LO}$$

$$\boxed{C_2} + \boxed{C_4} \textcircled{C_2} + \boxed{C_2} \textcircled{C_2} \textcircled{C_0} + \dots \quad \text{"NLO"}$$

In **both** approaches higher order terms are expected to contribute  $\mathcal{O}\left[\left(\frac{p_{\text{typ}}}{m_\pi}\right)^{N>n}\right]$  at order  $n$