

Multi-fermion systems with contact theories

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- Contact theories



- Universality

- Hadrons: minimal theory for systems hard to be created experimentally
- Atoms: building new universal systems
- Nuclei: challenges of contact EFT in the many-body sector

Emergent four-body parameter in universal two-species bosonic systems PLB 408 (2021)

Multi-fermion systems with contact theories, PLB 816 (2021)

Triple-X and beyond: PRD 103 (2021)

Approaches to theoretical nuclear physics:

(100 ys of nuclear physics)

- + Understanding of the **mechanisms** of nuclear properties;
- + Support to **experiments**;
- + **Precision description** of nuclear observables;
- + ...



Universality

Universality: a simple concept hard to be defined

Systems in the same universality class behave similarly.

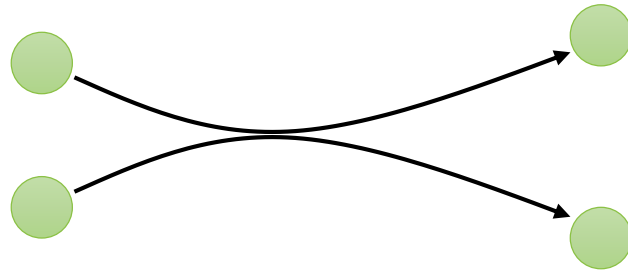
They share the same qualitative **observables**:

- Particle **statistics**; (Fermions, bosons)
- **Critical exponents**;
- **Scattering parameters**;
- Number and nature of **quantum states**
(same resonances, bound, and virtual states).

Despite having different **typical size** and **microscopic structure**.

An example of universality – unitarity (2-body only)

Unitarity: **The size of a nonrelativistic quantum two-body system** much larger than the **range of the interaction** between particles.



S-wave nonrelativistic scattering;
 k : center of mass collision momentum;
 δ_0 : phase shift in $L = 0$ partial wave.

Effective range expansion:

$$k \cot(\delta_0) = -\frac{1}{a_0} + \frac{1}{2} r_0 k^2 + O(k^4)$$

Unitarity / unitary limit: $a_0 \rightarrow \infty$, $r_0 \rightarrow 0$, (all the other scattering parameters vanish).

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Systems close to the **Unitary limit** can be found in

- **Atomic physics** (Feshbach resonances, ${}^6\text{Li} - {}^6\text{Li}$, ${}^{40}\text{K} - {}^{40}\text{K}$ atoms)
- **Nuclear physics** ($n - p$ interaction)
- **Hypernuclei** ($\Lambda - n$ interaction)
- **Hadronic physics** ($X(3872)$ Particles)

Atoms (experiments):

C.A. Regal (2003)

M.W. Zwierlein (2003)

M. E. Gehm (2003)

J. T. Stewart (2007)

Nuclei (theory):

U. van Kolck (1999)

S. König (2017)

Hypernuclei (theory):

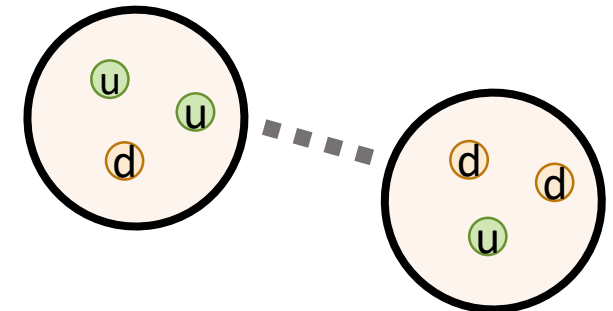
H.-W. Hammer (2001)

L.C. (2018)

Hadrons (theory):

E. Braaten et al (2003)

There are no scales



Discrete scale invariance: 3+ body

One of the most known and fascinating consequence of unitarity is the

Thomas Collapse / Efimov Effect

In the **unitary limit** a system of **3 bosons/distinguishable particles collapses**

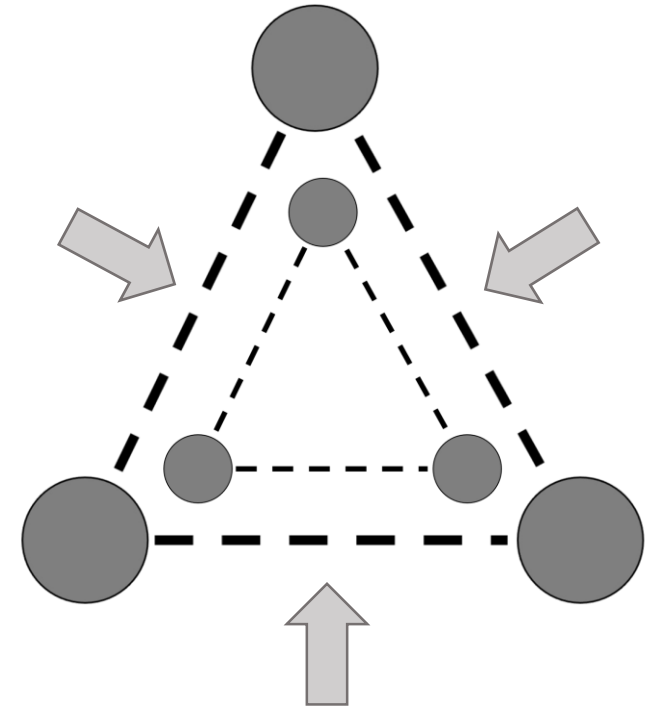
$$r_0 \rightarrow 0 \implies E_3 \propto - \left| \frac{1}{r_0^2} \right|$$

A repulsion is needed to **stabilize the system to a finite energy E_3** .

E_3 breaks the scale invariance of the system!

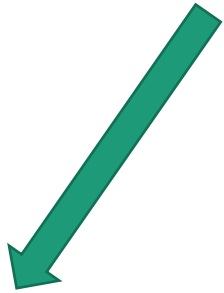
i.e. you have to choose the scale of your system (K, eV, MeV ...)

L. H. Thomas (1935)
G. Skorniakov and
K. Ter-Martirosian (1957)



Simple and intuitive: Contact theory

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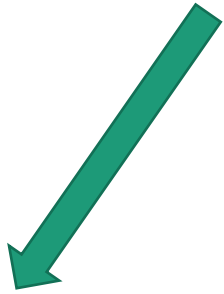
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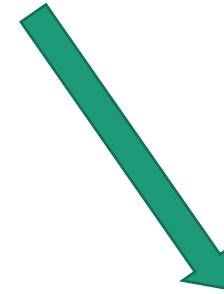
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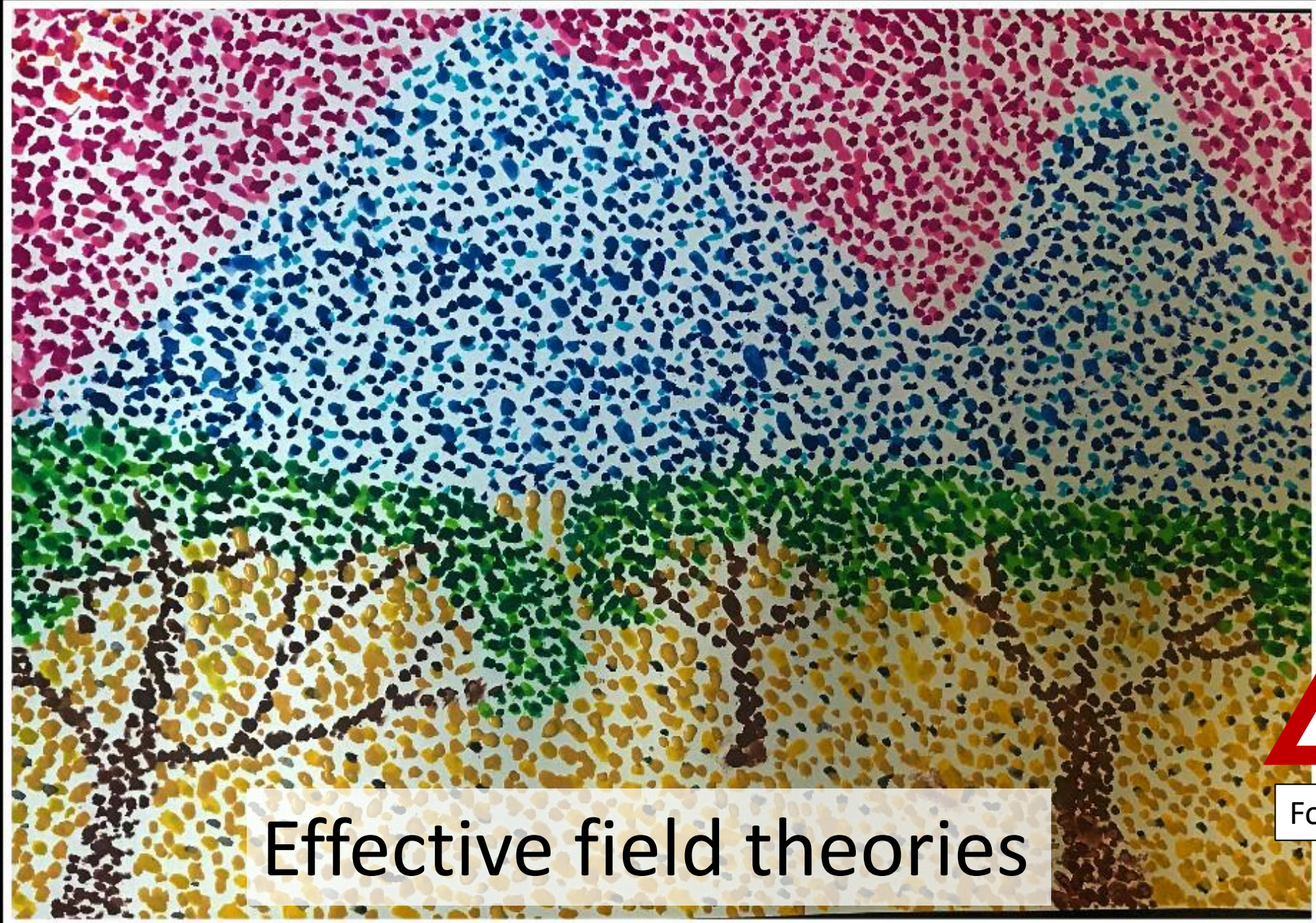
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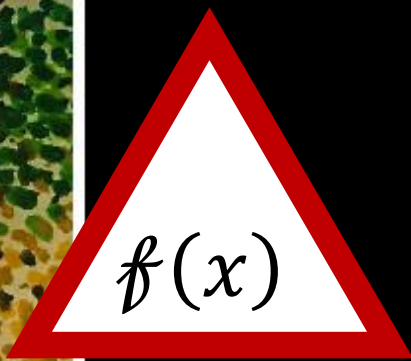
- Works for a limited set of energies
- Tricky to be properly implemented
- Clear limitations only in the known cases
- Not trivial to be practically expanded beyond 1st order
- Minimal inputs required at the first orders



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Effective field theories




Formulas ahead

A complete theory

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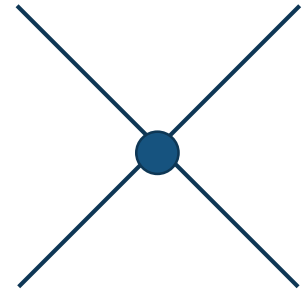
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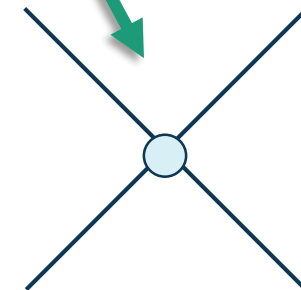
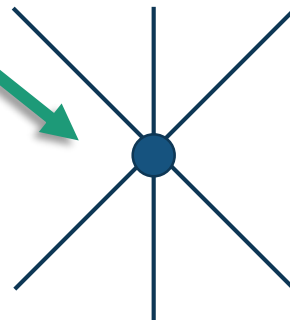
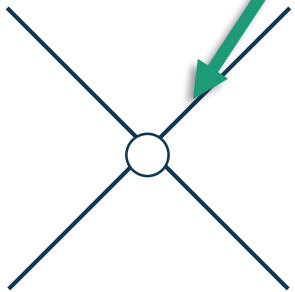
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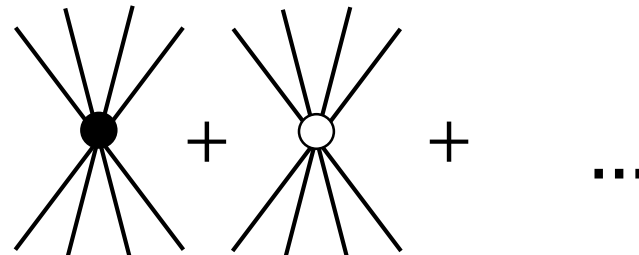
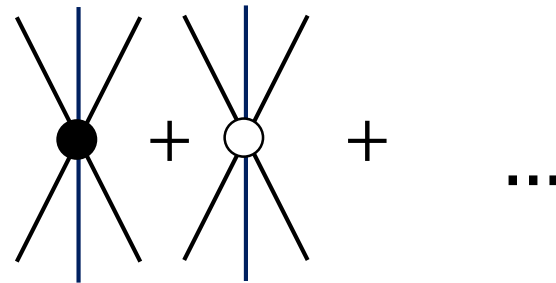
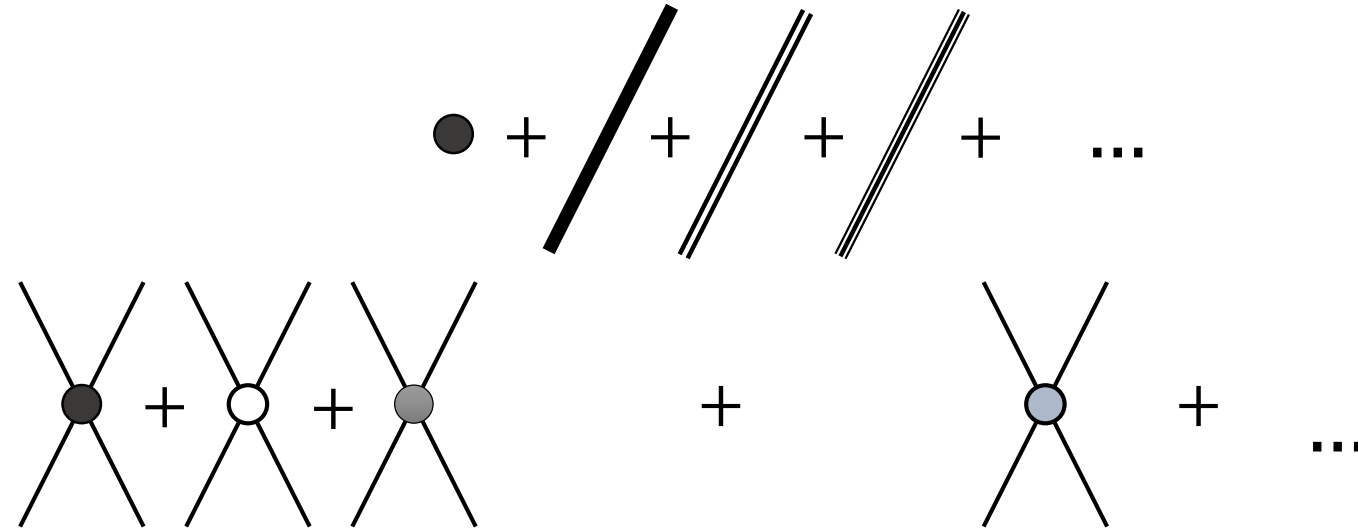
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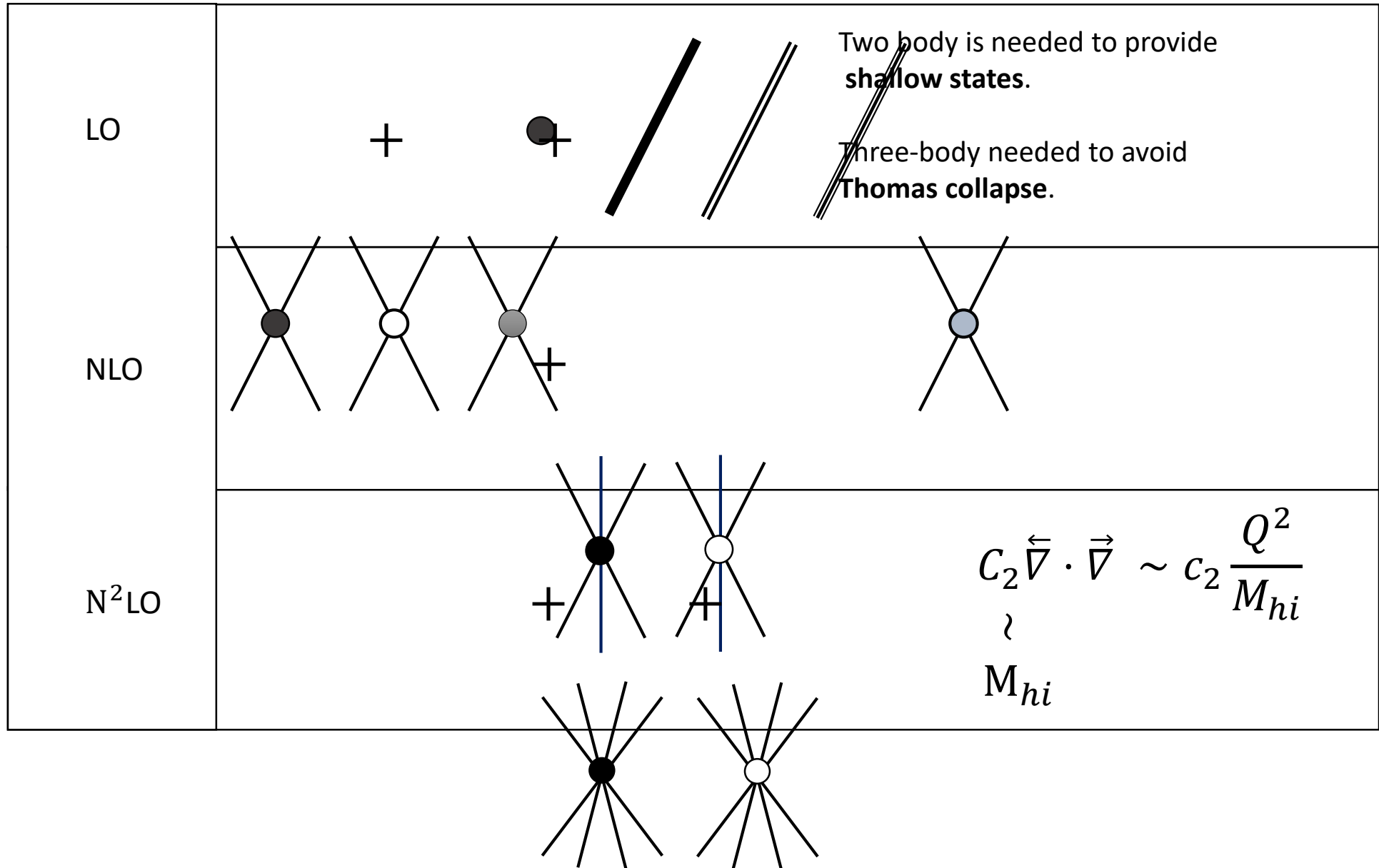


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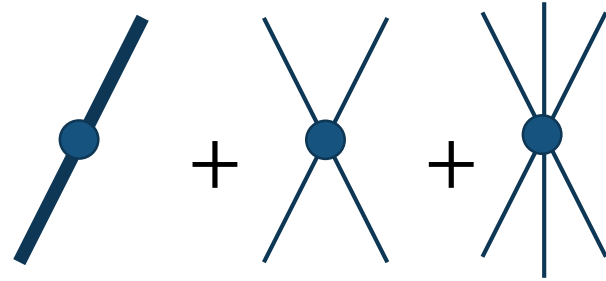
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In the nuclear case: $\Gamma_{NN} = \frac{Q}{m_\pi} = 0.5 \sim 0.8$

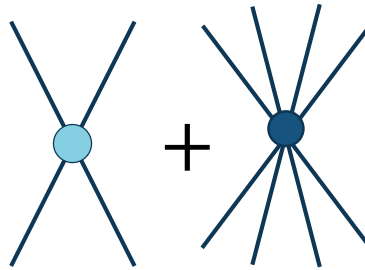
LO



Momentumless 2-3 body

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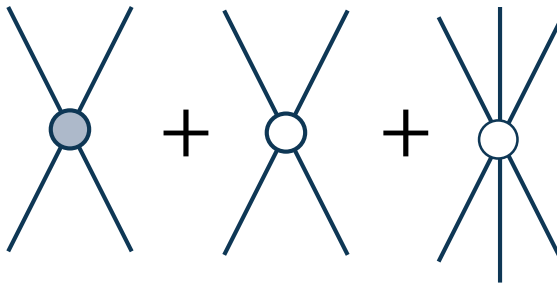
NLO



Momentum dependent / 4-body

$O(\Gamma)$

N²LO



$O(\Gamma^2)$

G.P. Lepage, How to renormalize the Schrödinger equation (1997)

U. van Kolck, Nucl.Phys. A645 273-302 (1999)

J.-W. Chen, et al. Nucl.Phys. A653 (1999)

S. König, H. W. Griesshammer, H. W. Hammer, and U. van Kolck, J. Phys. G43, 055106 (2016)

B. Bazak, PRL 122.143001 (2019)

$O(\Gamma^{\geq 3})$

Contact Renormalizability

The **Lagrangian** can be transformed into a **Hamiltonian** that may be used in **many-body calculations**

$$H^{LO} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_i \nabla^2 + \sum_{ij} C_0 \delta(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_j) + \sum_{ijk} D_0 \delta(\vec{r}_i, \vec{r}_j, \vec{r}_k)$$

Regularize the interaction to smear the contact interactions

$$H^{LO} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_i \nabla^2 + \sum_{ij} C^\lambda e^{-\frac{\lambda^2 r_{ij}^2}{4}} + \sum_{ijk} D^\lambda \sum_{cyc} \left[e^{-\frac{\lambda^2 (r_{ij}^2 + r_{ik}^2)}{4}} \right]$$

Renormalization fixes the dependence of C_λ and D_λ to observables C^λ and D^λ fitted on **two- and three-body observables**.

If $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ any observable becomes λ independent

Approaches to Renormalizability approach

Puristic :

the cut-off is a **mathematical entity** and should be taken to infinity.
Cut-off dependence -> intrinsic problems in the theory.

Realistic :

the cut-off take a **physical connotation**.

each theory has a right cut-off to be used, usually at the break-down scale.

*break-down scale: energy of the lightest not-included particle in the theory.
e.g pion exchange in pionless theory.*

Practical :

A theory **should be renormalizable**, but practically you use a physical **finite cut-off**.

The cut-off can represent a physical scale or have some intrinsic advantages.

It is usually in agreement with the Puristic approach up to $\sim Q/\lambda$

Q – typical system momentum

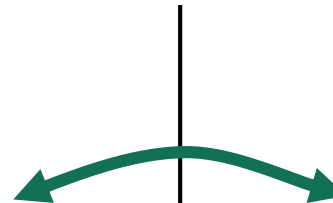
λ – cut-off

Duality

universality

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Finite three-body scale: $0 > E_3 > -\infty$



(contact) EFT
(nonrelativistic)

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However, no physical system is perfectly in the unitary limit

S. König (2016)

Physical systems can be close to the limit:
e.g. $|a_{n-n}| = (|-23. | \text{ fm}) \gg (r_0 \sim 2.7 \text{ fm})$

Deviation from the universal limit
are needed to predict physical phenomena.

$N^n \text{LO}$

Effective field theory **powercounting**

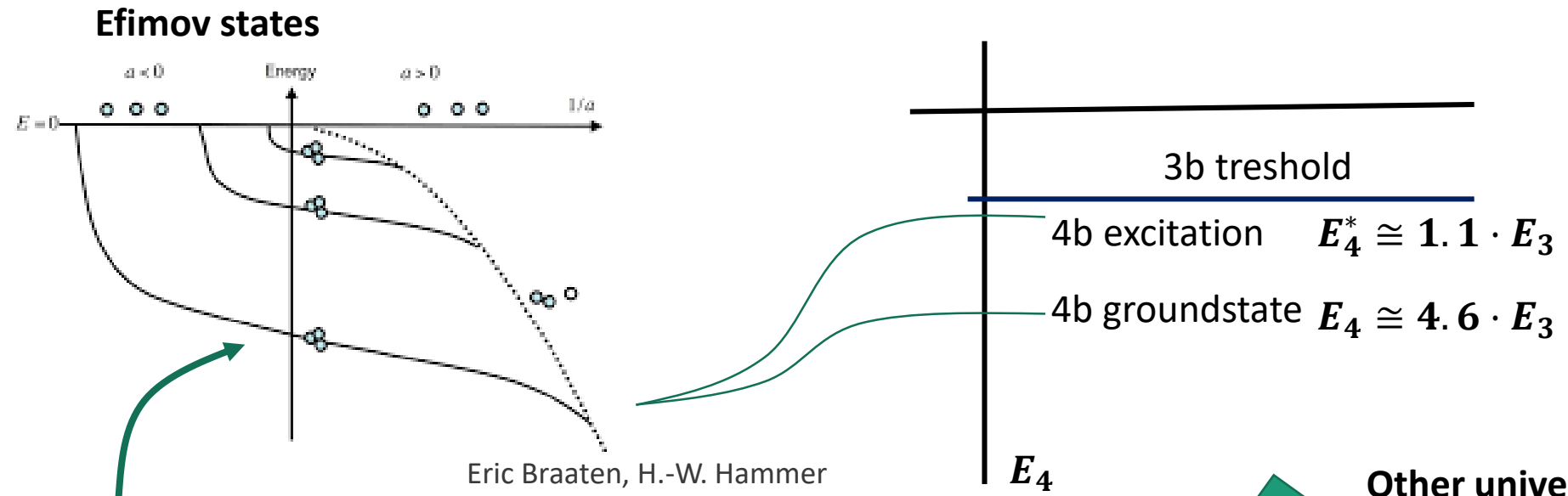
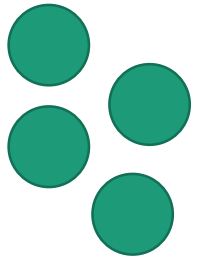
i.e. subleading perturbative corrections
define the specific physical system.

Examples of universality

When a E_3 scale is introduced (maintaining the unitary limit):

V. Efimov (1970)

- A **tower of states** appears with universal ratios between them
- All the observables are related **to the new scale only**



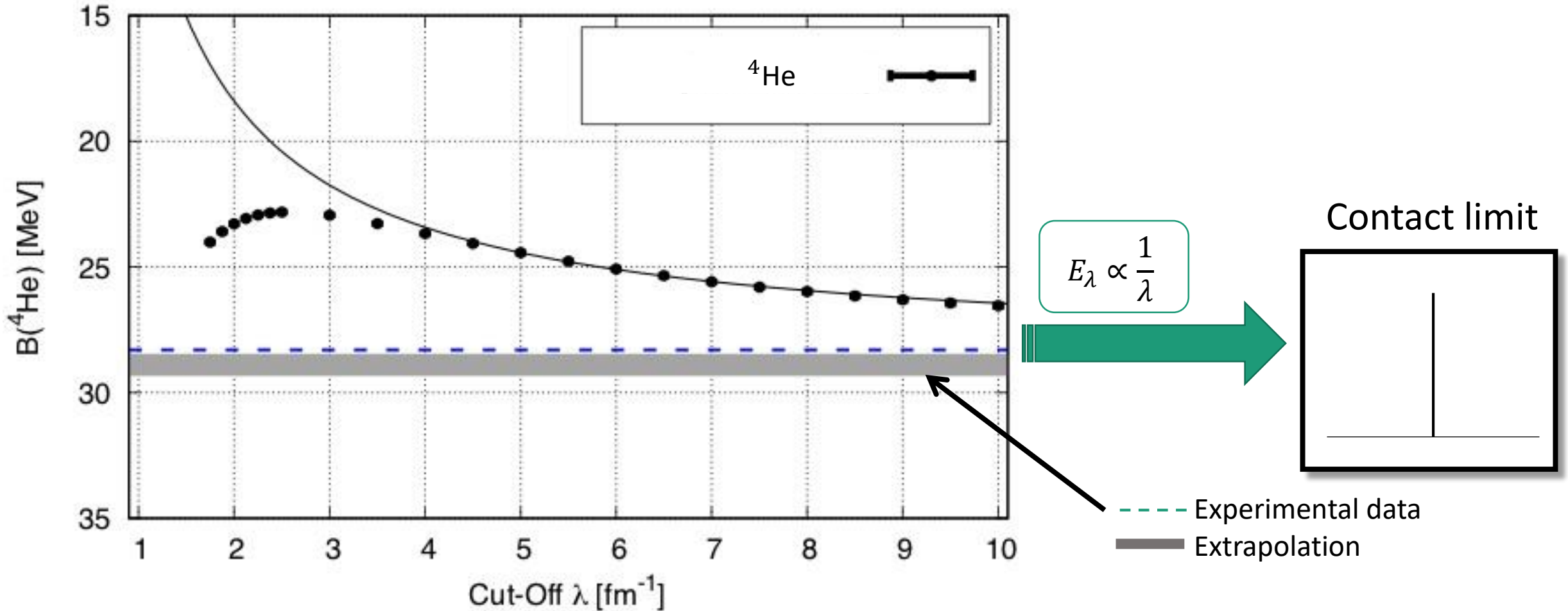
Groundstate fixed by the 3b force

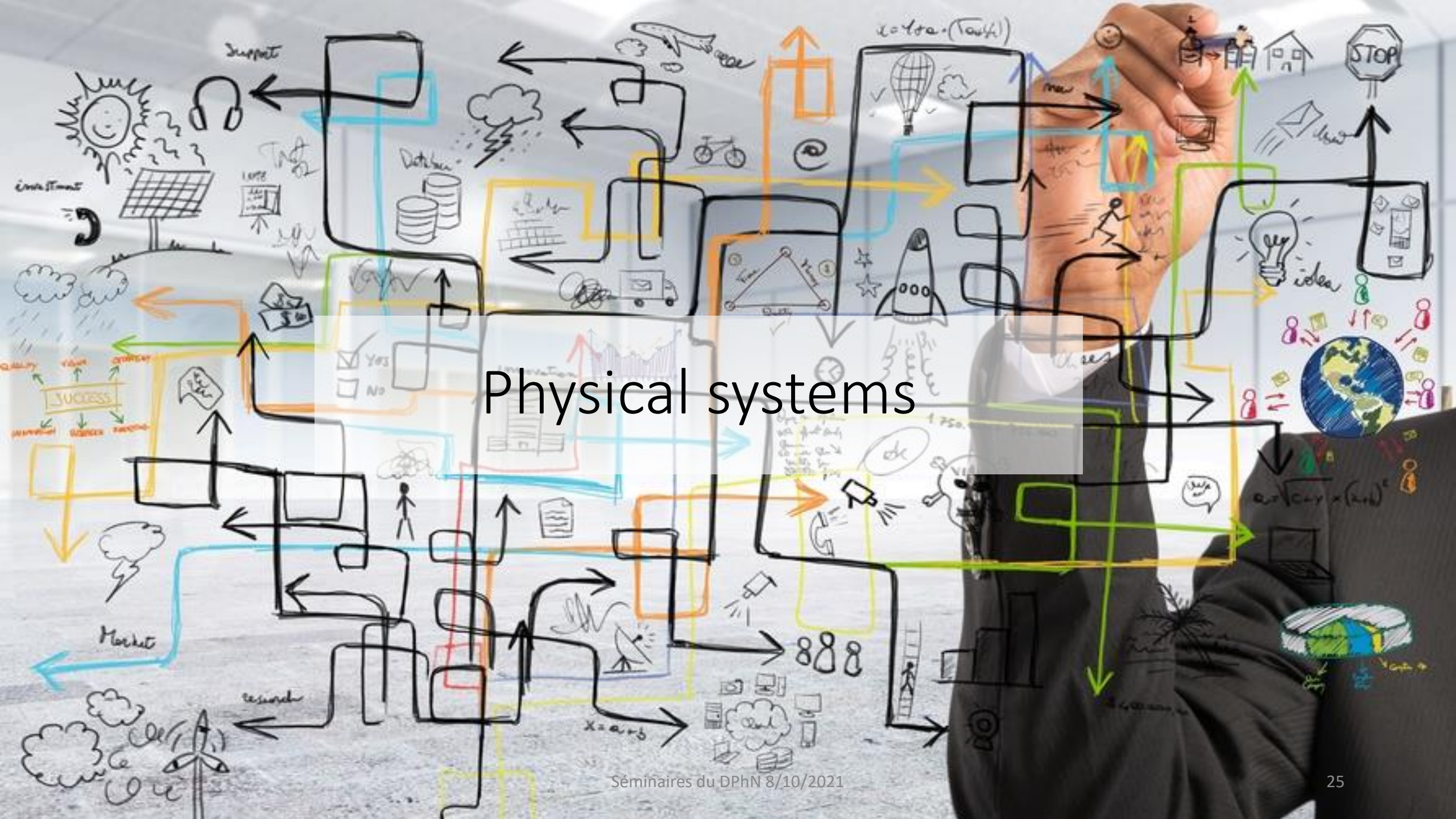
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Other universality effects>
 Tjon line (nuclear physics)
 Bosonic drops: $E_N \propto E_3$
 Phillips line

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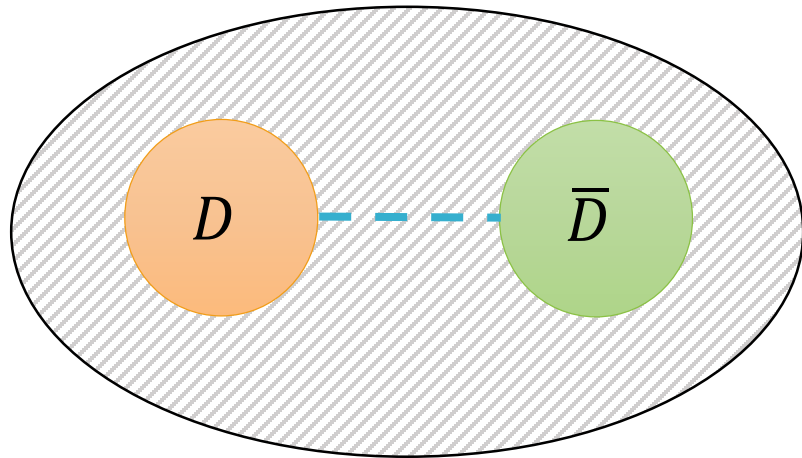




Physical systems

Hadronic molecules e.g. $X(3872)$

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LHCb (2013)

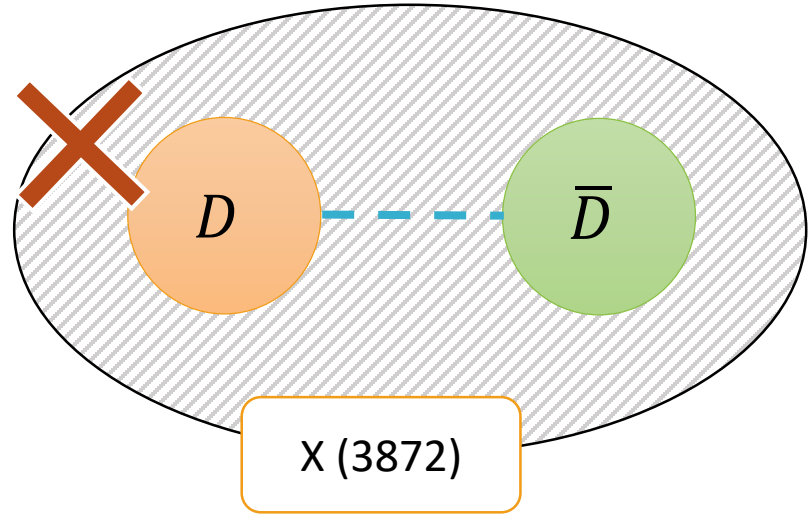


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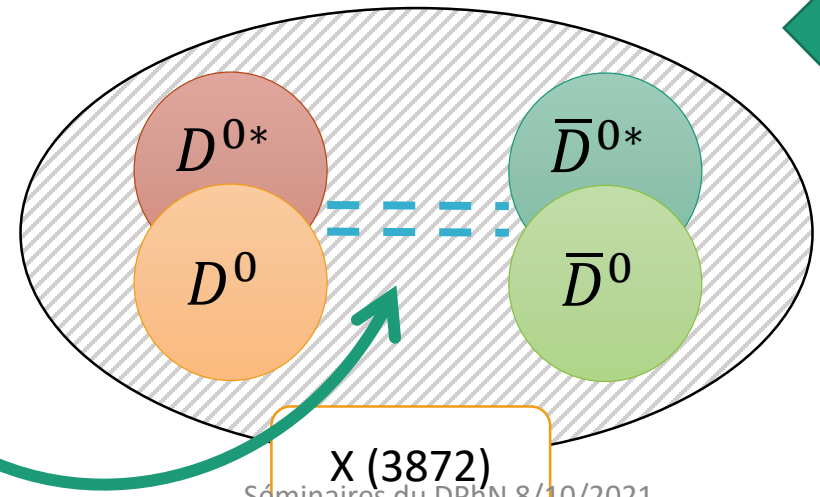
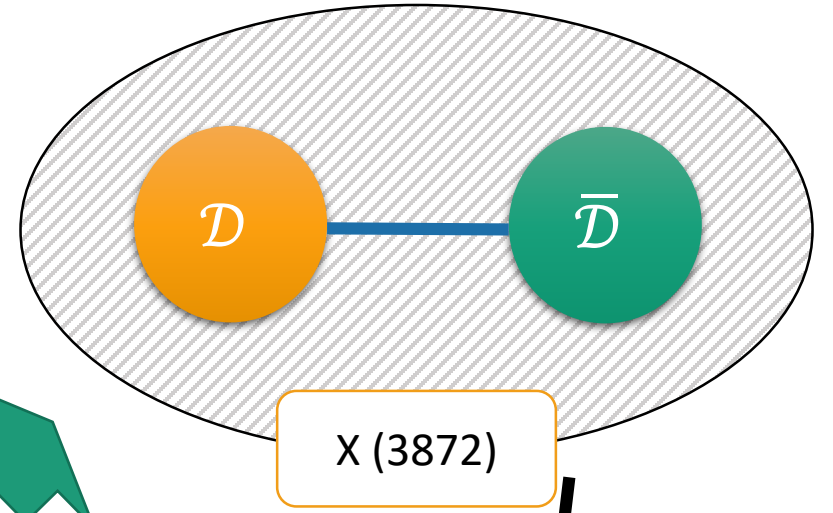
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 Boson, $J^{PC} = 1^{++}$
 Mass ~ 3872.68 MeV
 No charge

Belle collaboration (2003)
 LHCb (2013)



$$\Psi_X = \phi(r) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|D^{0*} \bar{D}^0\rangle + |D^0 \bar{D}^{0*}\rangle)$$



Interaction between states:
 $D^{0*} - \bar{D}^0, D^0 - \bar{D}^{0*}$ ($J^\pi = 0^+$)
 And / or
 $D^{0*} - \bar{D}^{0*}$ ($J^\pi = 2^+$)

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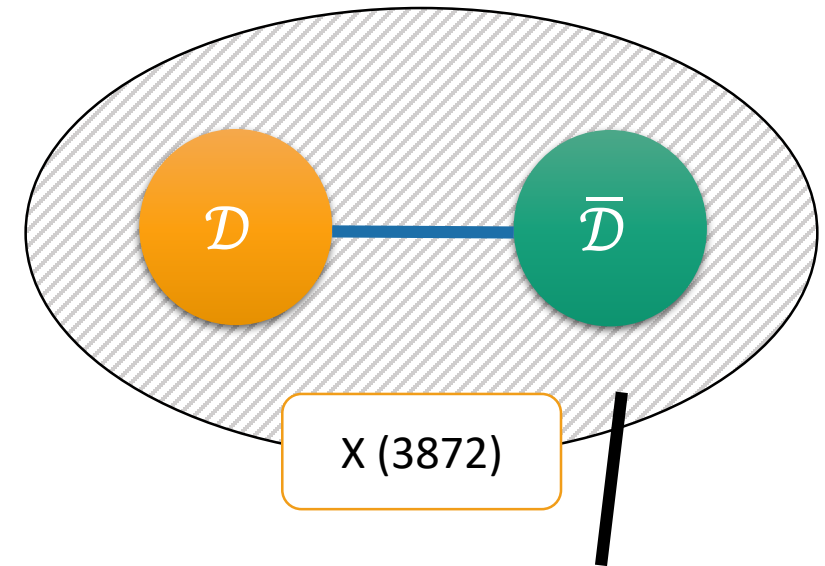
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fm

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We can use contact EFT for this interaction!
We can't fix a three-body scale/system:
we have to take a practical approach

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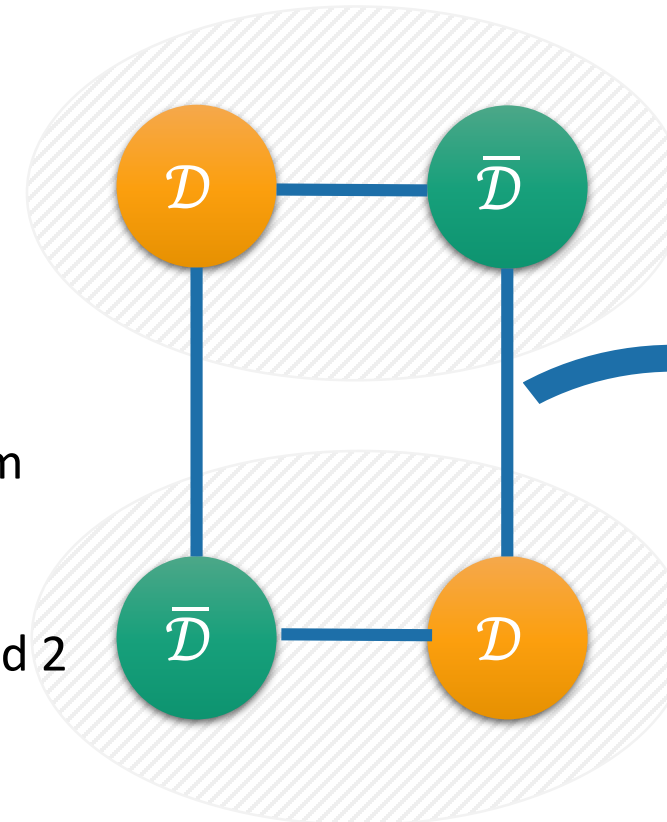
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* The interaction strength is readjusted increasing the number of particles

E. Braaten and M. Kusunoki (2004);
J. Nieves and M. P. Valderrama (2012);

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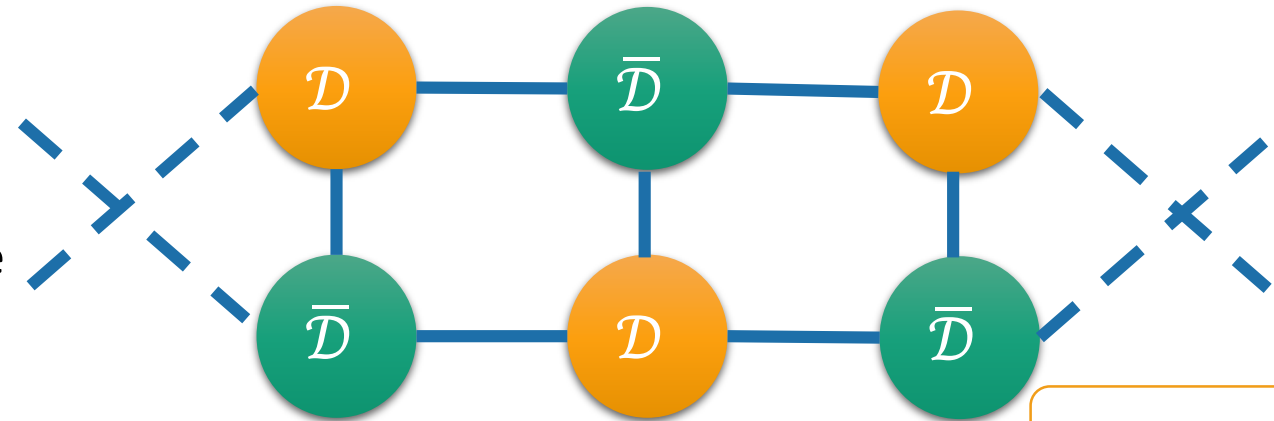
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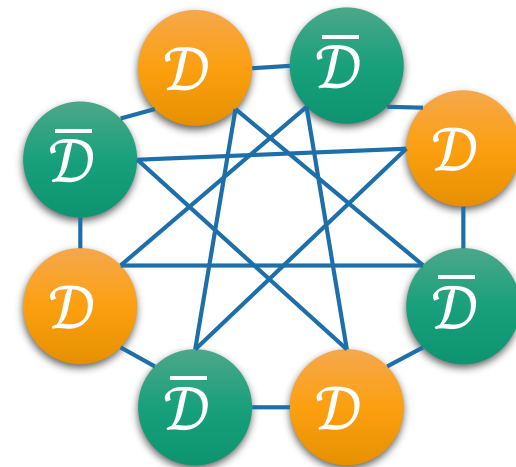
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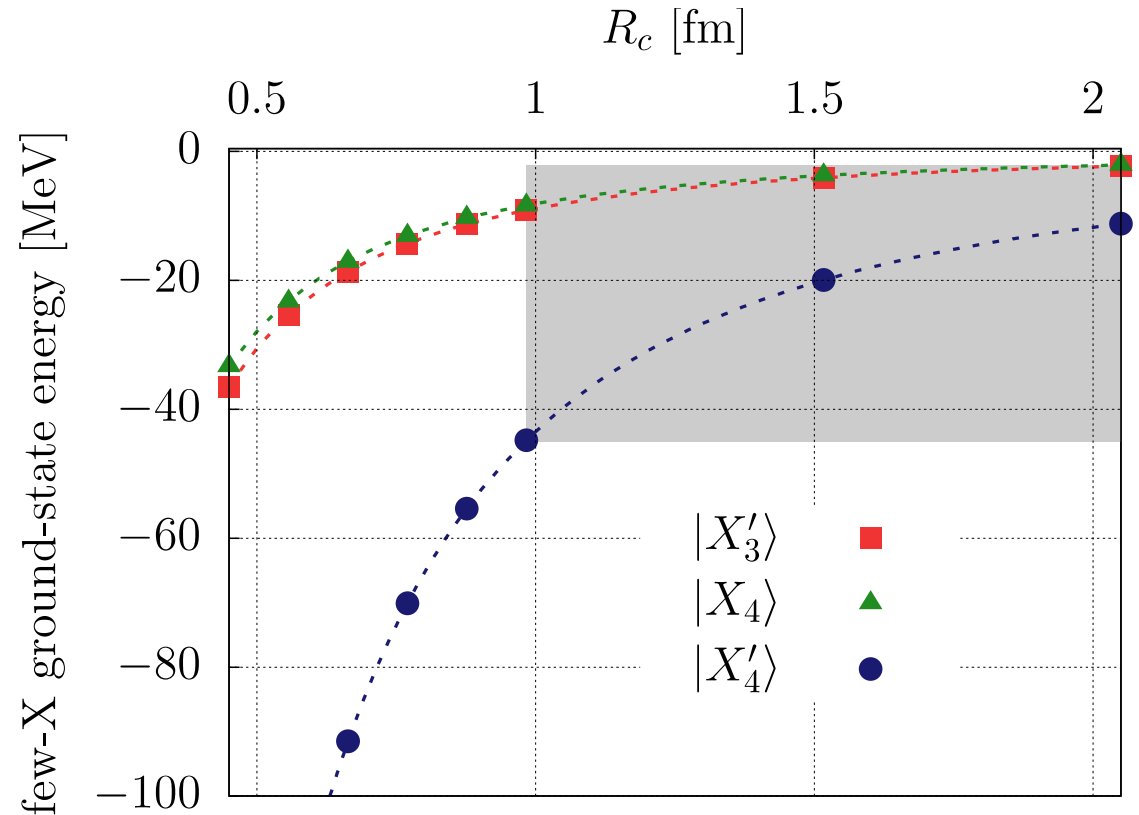
Partial Conclusions

With a simple theory and only knowing

- That $\mathcal{D} - \bar{\mathcal{D}}$ interaction is universal
- The range of such interaction

Predict **bound** $3X, 4X$
(qualitative prediction)

$2X$ is **uncertain**
(bound only for certain cut-offs)



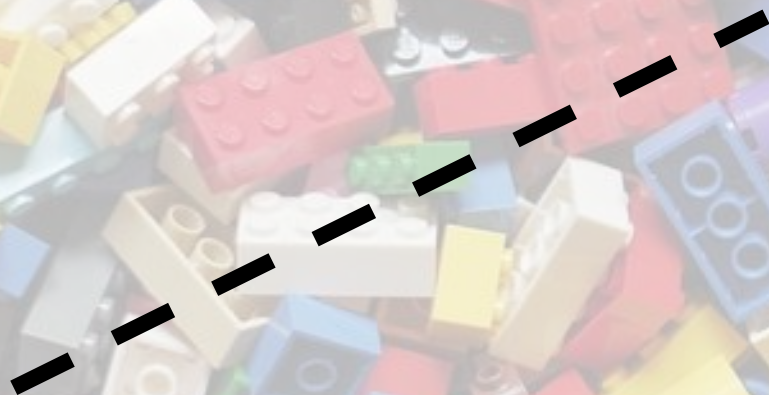
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This might describe a
Brunnian system!

Building a new system in a universality class

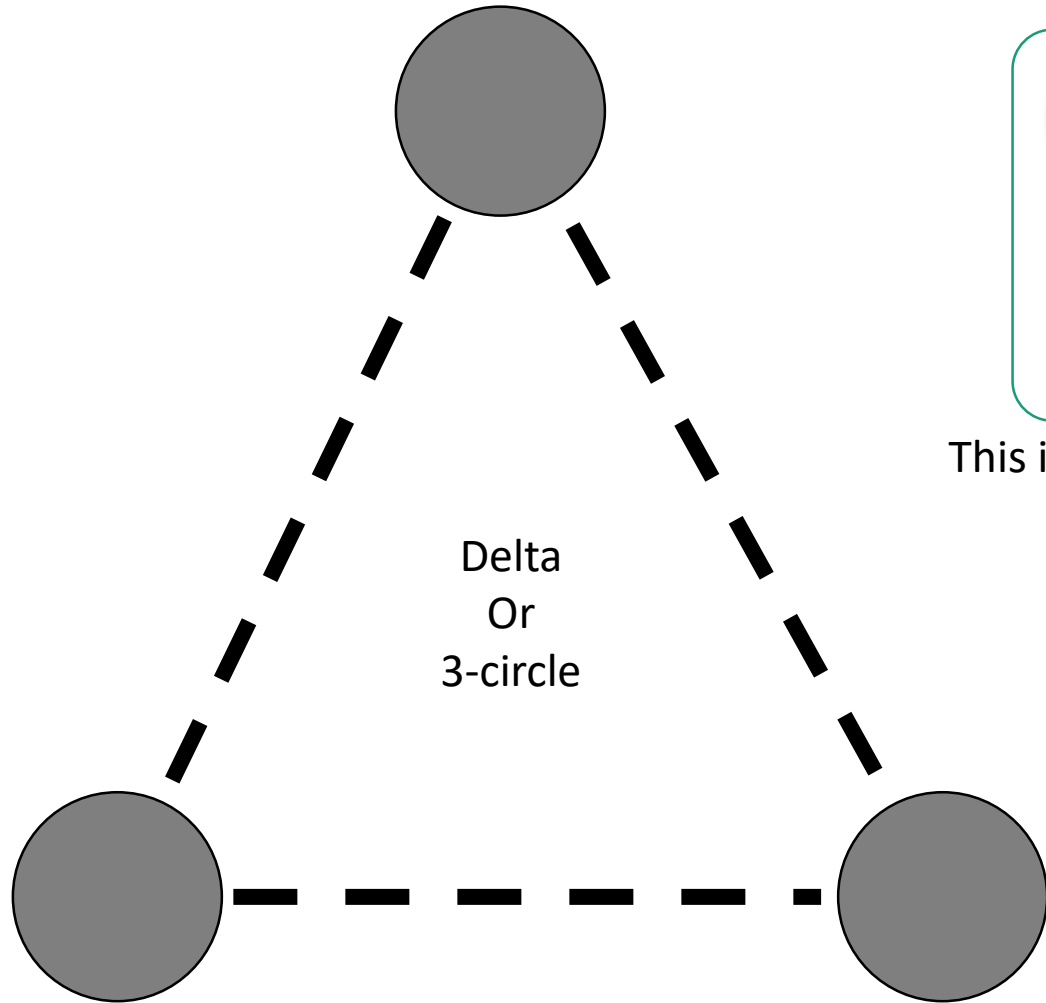
Unitary interactions

Particles

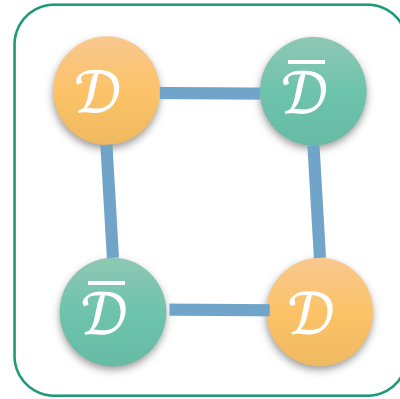


Efimovian U.C. and distinguishable particles

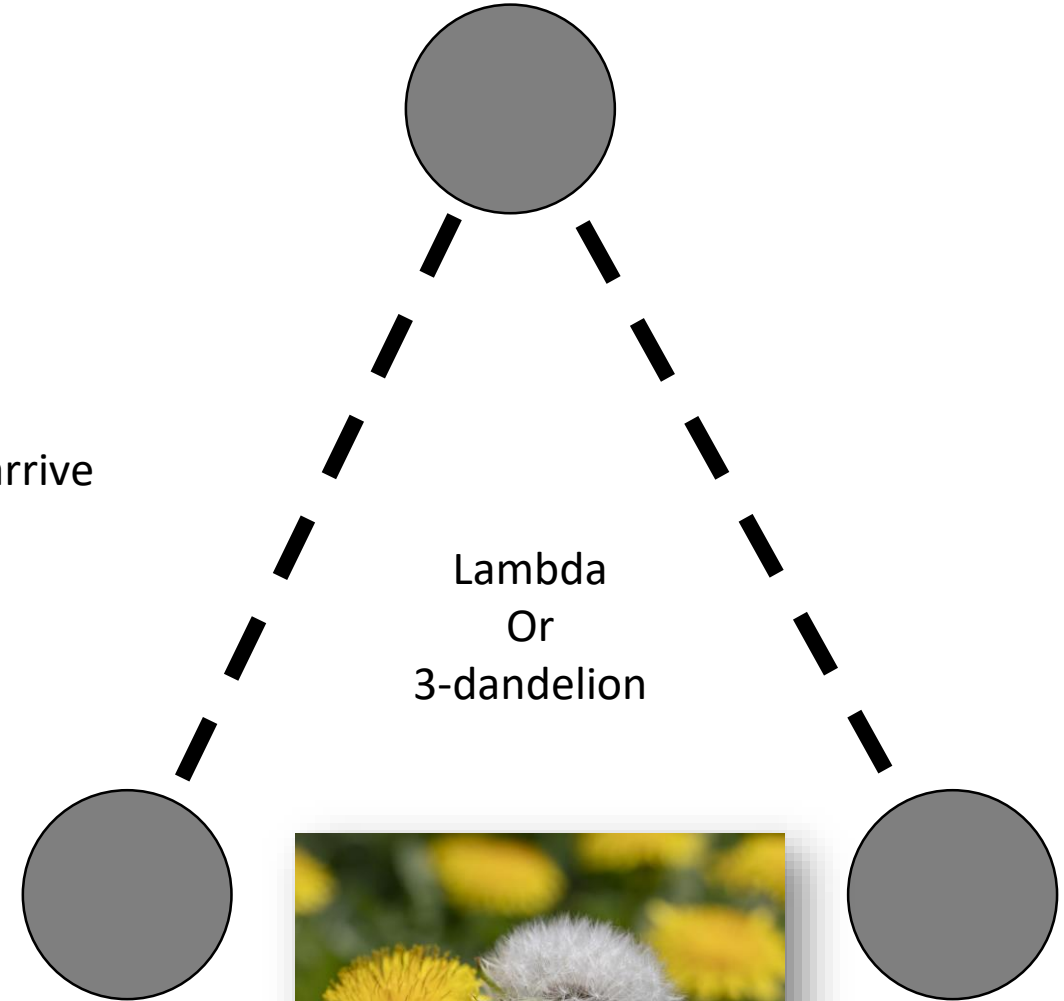
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Delta
Or
3-circle



This is where I want to arrive

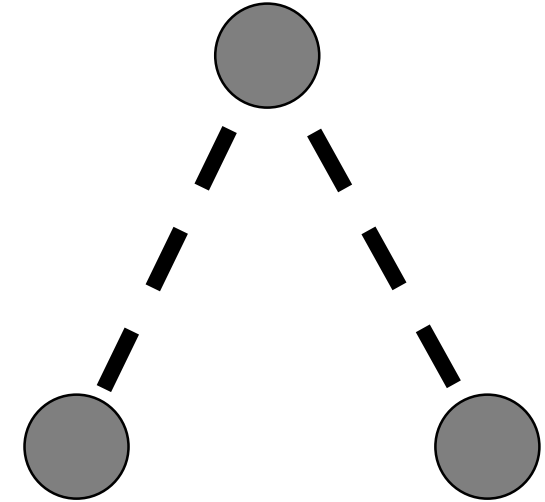
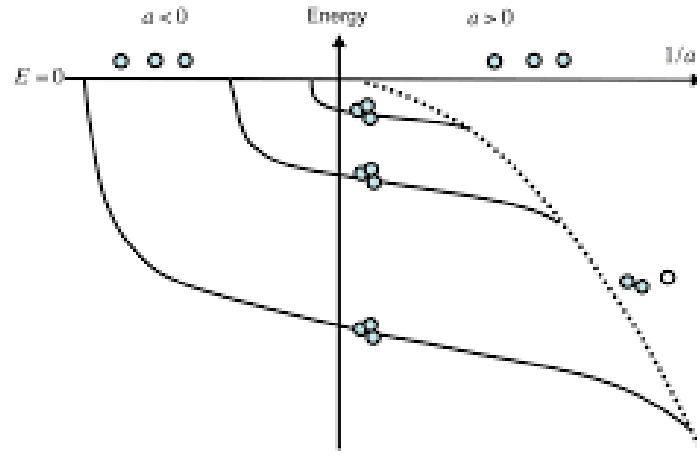
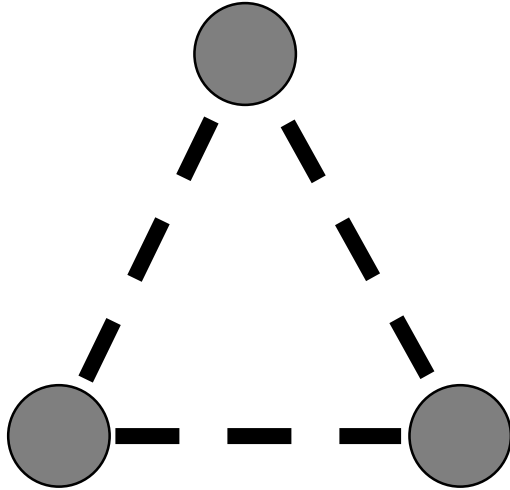


Lambda
Or
3-dandelion



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It is Efimovian

The **Efimov factor is 22.6**

The n-excited state energy is

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Where E_0 is fixed by the three-body coupling constant

It is also Efimovian

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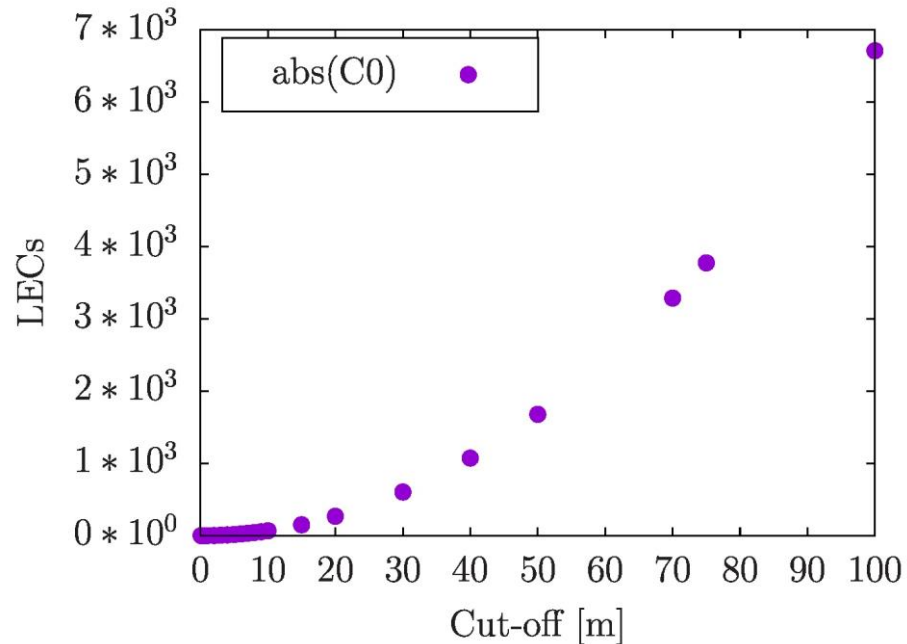
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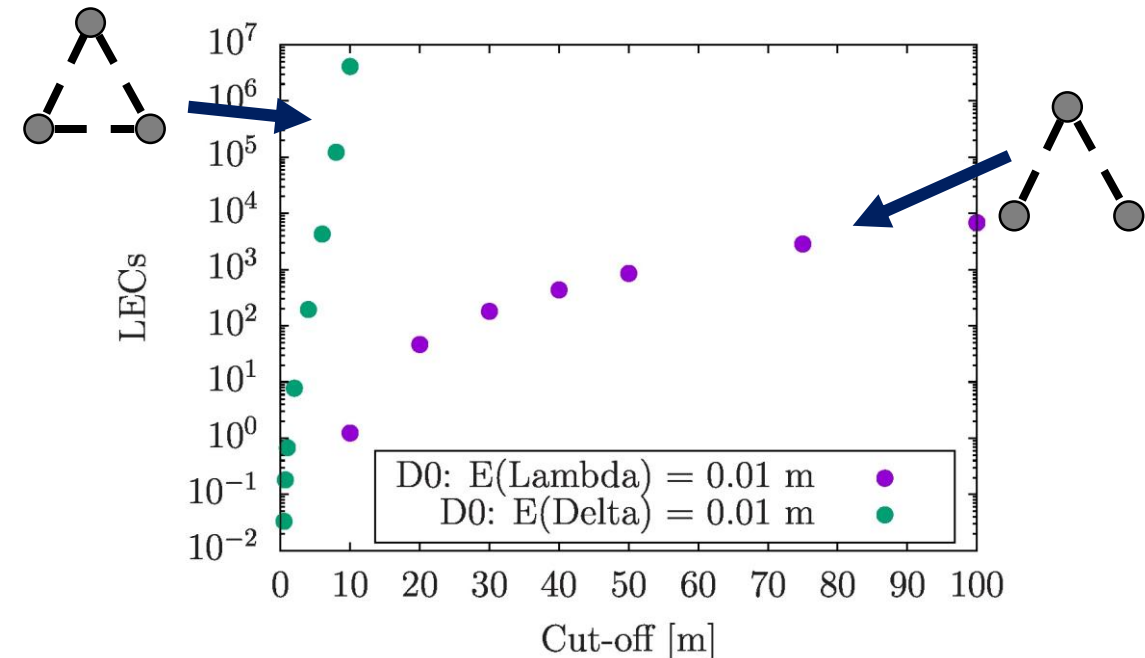
Efimovian U.C. and distinguishable particles

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_i \nabla^2 + \sum_{ij} C^\lambda e^{-\frac{\lambda^2 r_{ij}^2}{4}} + \sum_{ijk} D^\lambda \sum_{cyc} \left[e^{-\frac{\lambda^2 (r_{ij}^2 + r_{ik}^2)}{4}} \right]$$

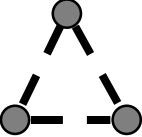
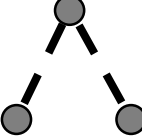
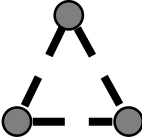
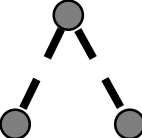
$C0 = C^\lambda$ fitted to have a unitary two-body system
Regardless the used cut-off.



$D0 = D^\lambda$ is fitted to have a finite 3-dandelion/circle energy (m is the mass of the particles)

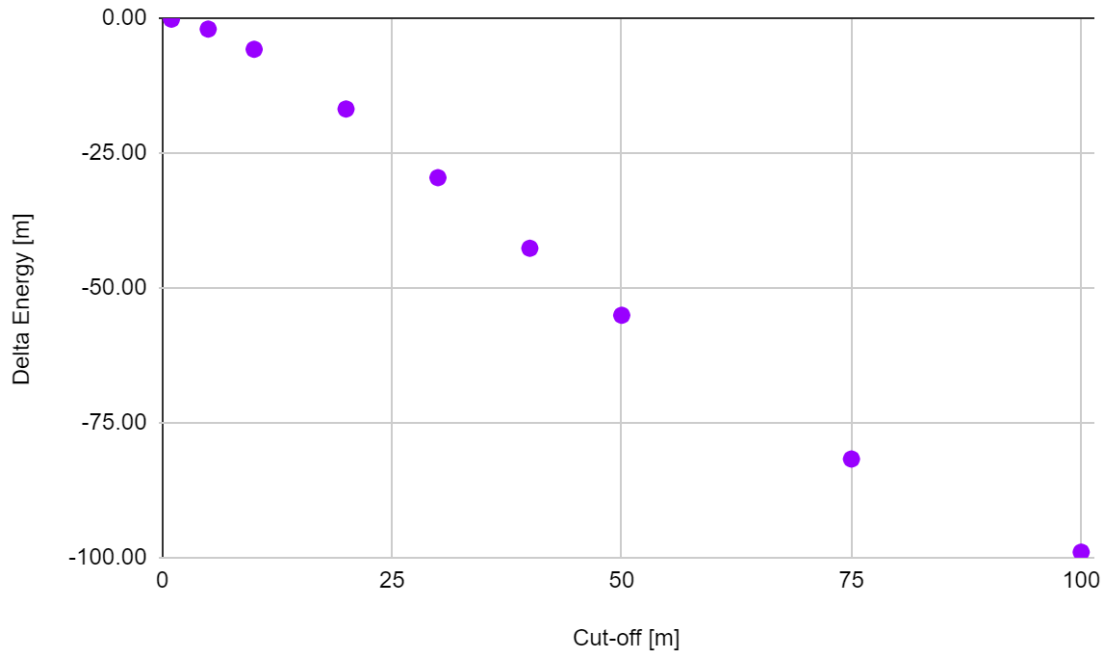


Renormalization

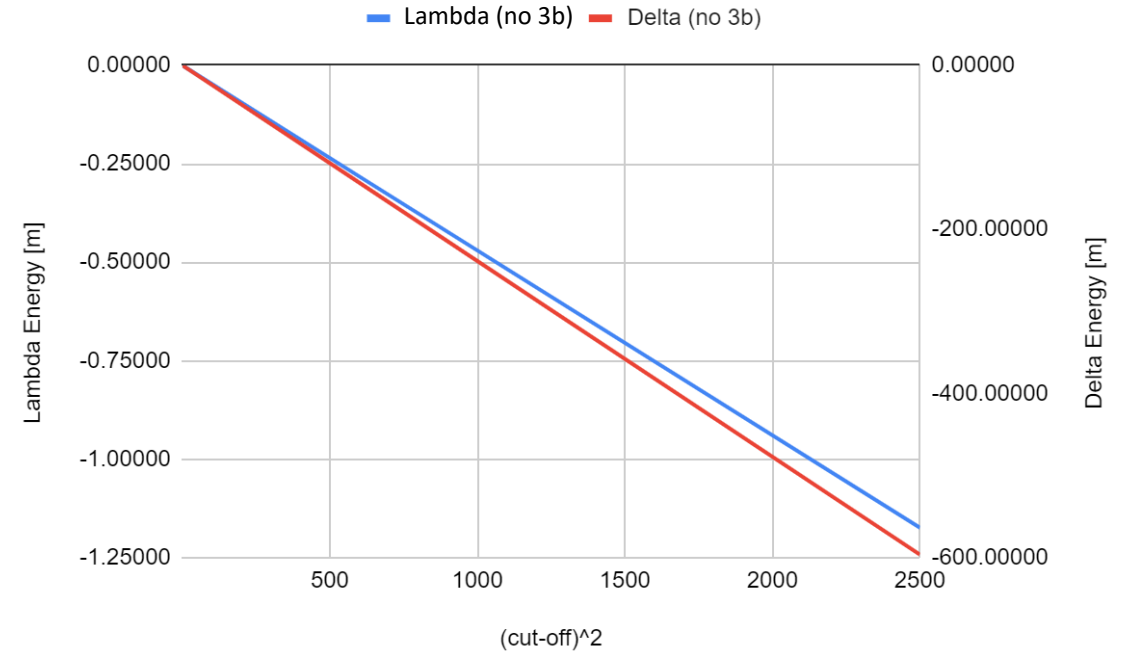
<p>If I use the 3B repulsion that stabilize → On ↓</p>			<p>NO REPULSION AT ALL</p>
	<p>System properly renormalized $E_{\Delta}^{\lambda} = 0.01$</p>	<p>Too soft repulsion: $E_{\Delta}^{\lambda} \propto \lambda$ (empirical relation)</p>	<p>Thomas collapse: $E_{\Delta}^{\lambda} \propto \lambda^2$</p>
	<p>Too much repulsion: System unbound</p>	<p>System properly renormalized $E_{\Delta}^{\lambda} = 0.01$</p>	<p>Thomas collapse: $E_{\Delta}^{\lambda} \propto \lambda^2$</p>

Bad renormalization

Using D_{Λ}^{λ} that fits $E^{\lambda}(\Lambda) = 10^{-2} m$ on Δ



Using $D^{\lambda} = 0$ on Λ and Δ ($E^{\lambda} \propto \lambda^2$)

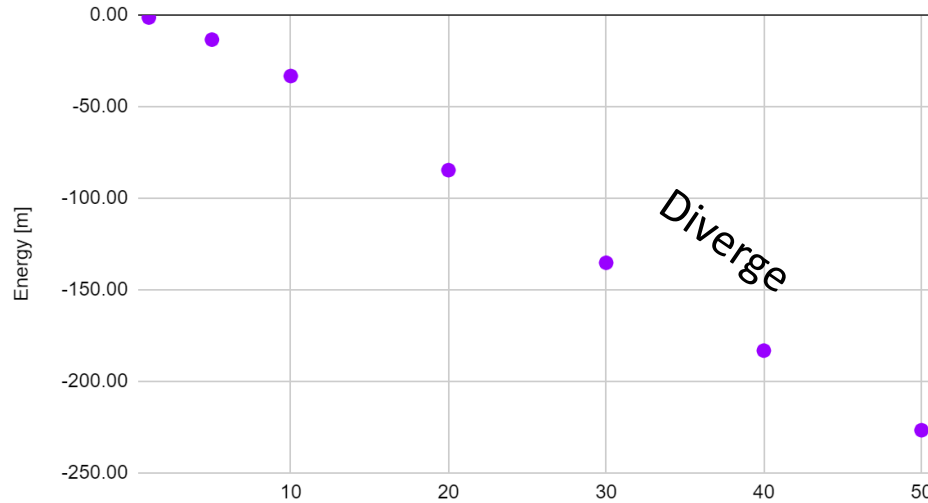
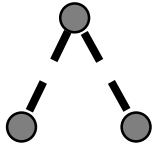


Using D_{Δ}^{λ} that renormalizes Δ on Λ is too repulsive and no boundstate is found

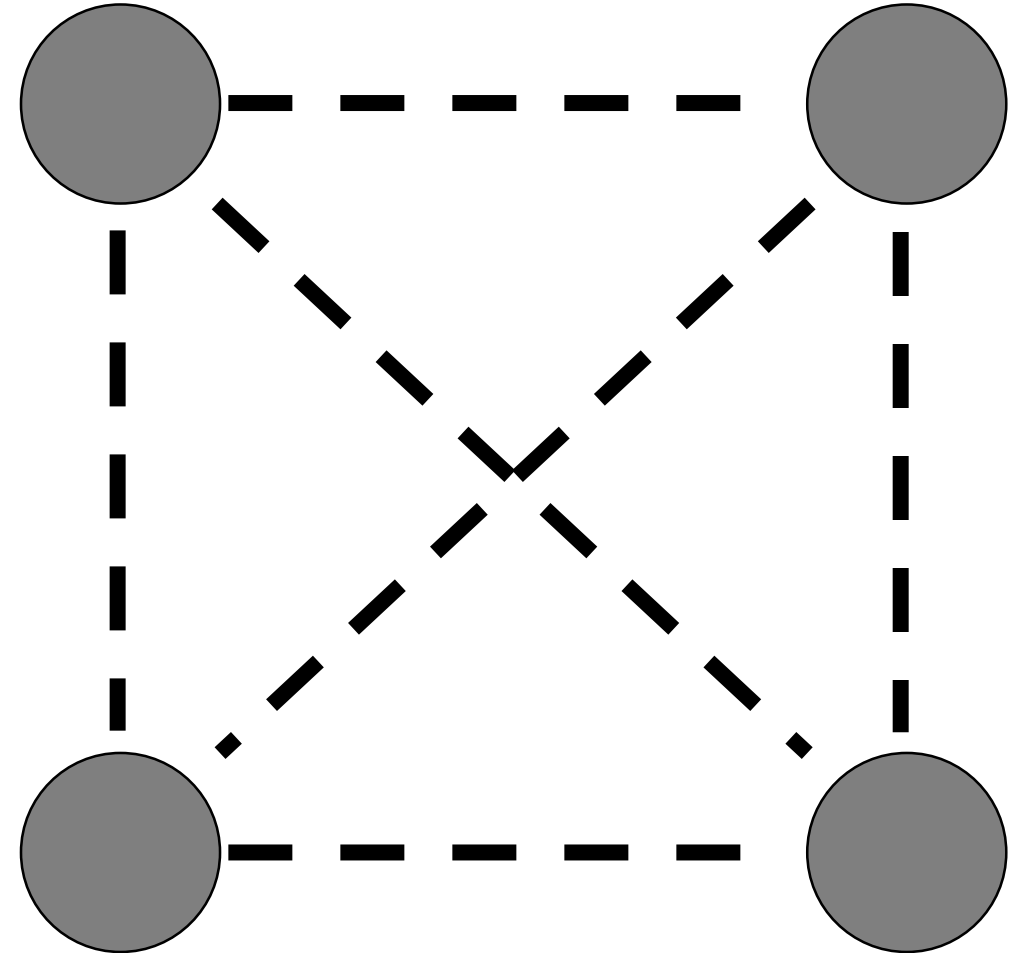
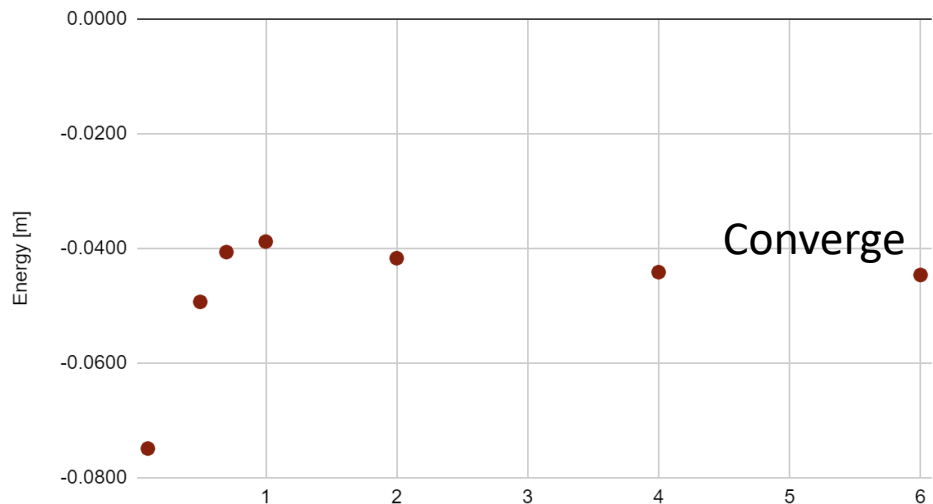
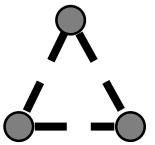
Standard 4-b system: Complete

Which three-body force and behaviour does stabilize this system?

Using D_{Δ}^{λ}
That stabilizes



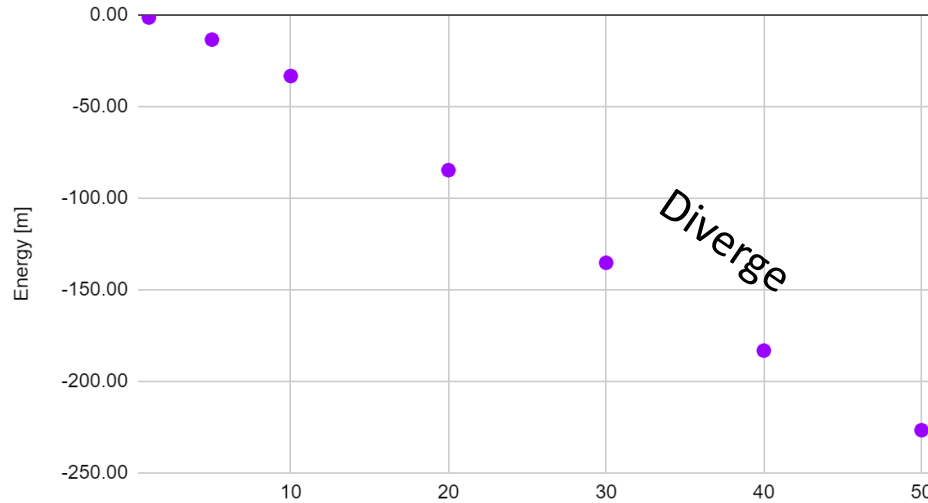
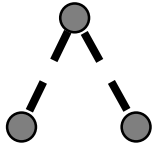
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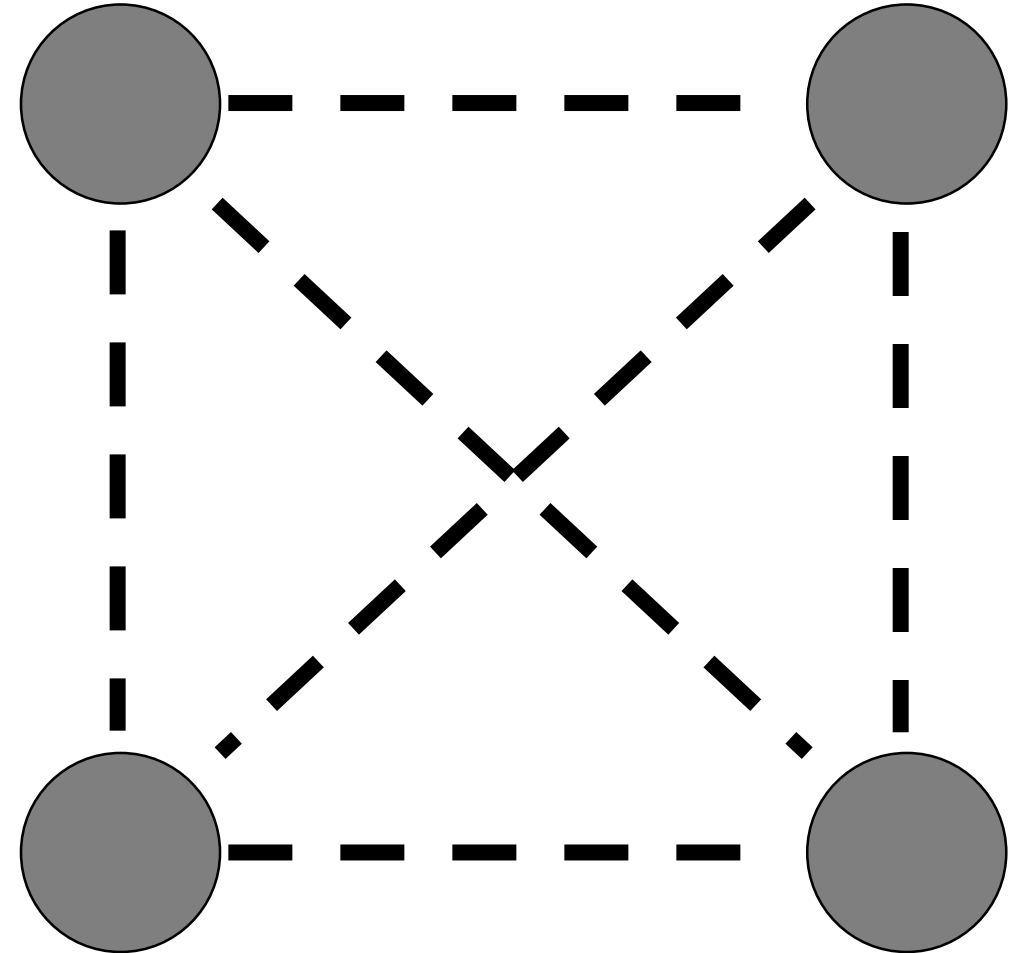
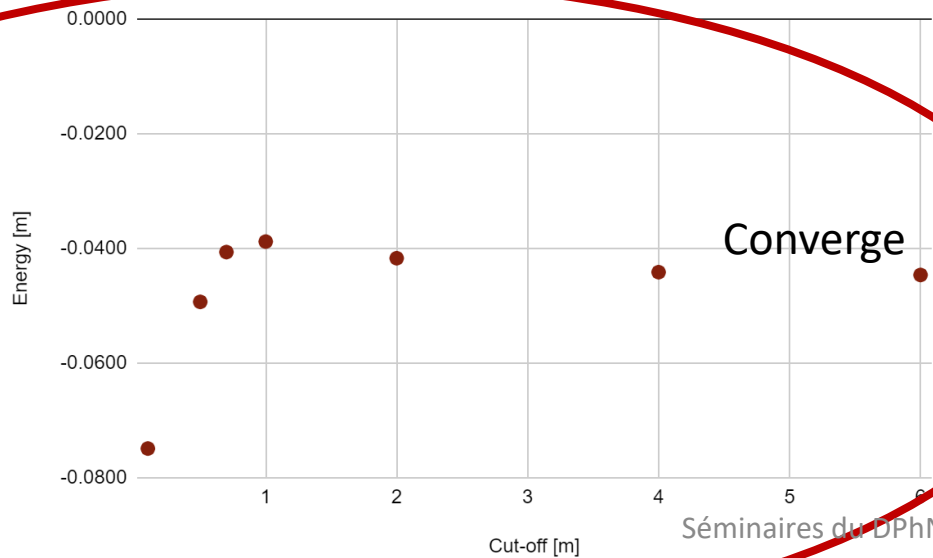
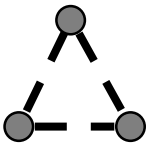
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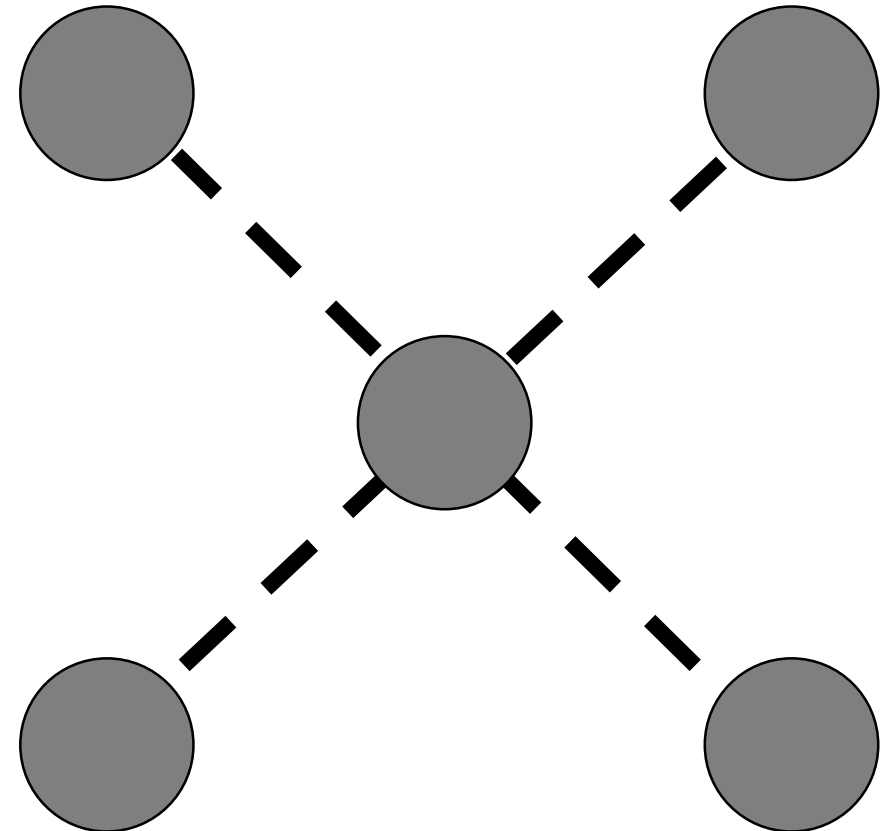
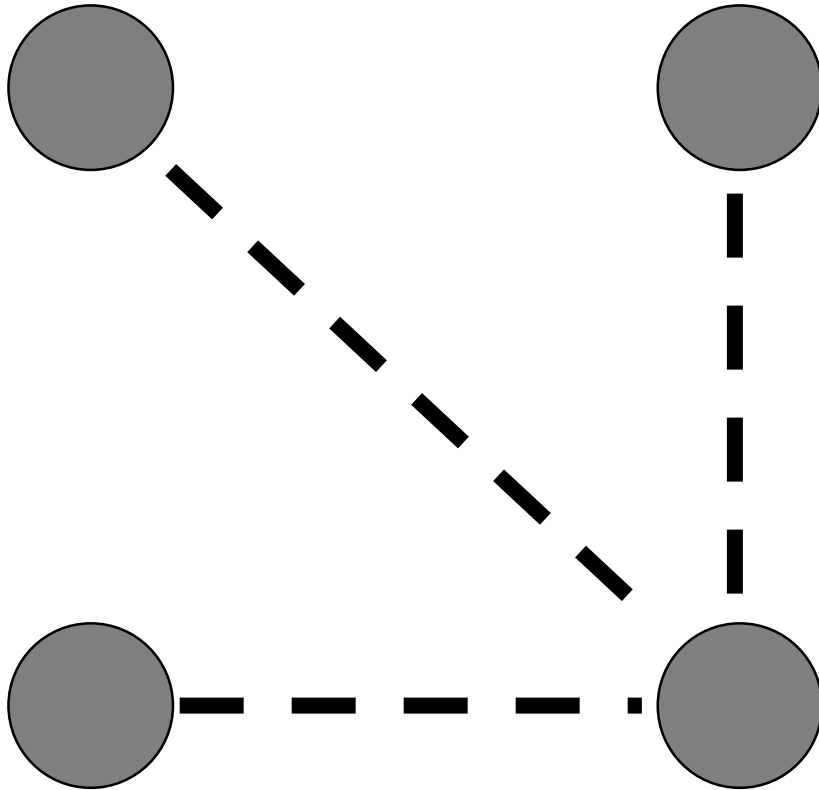
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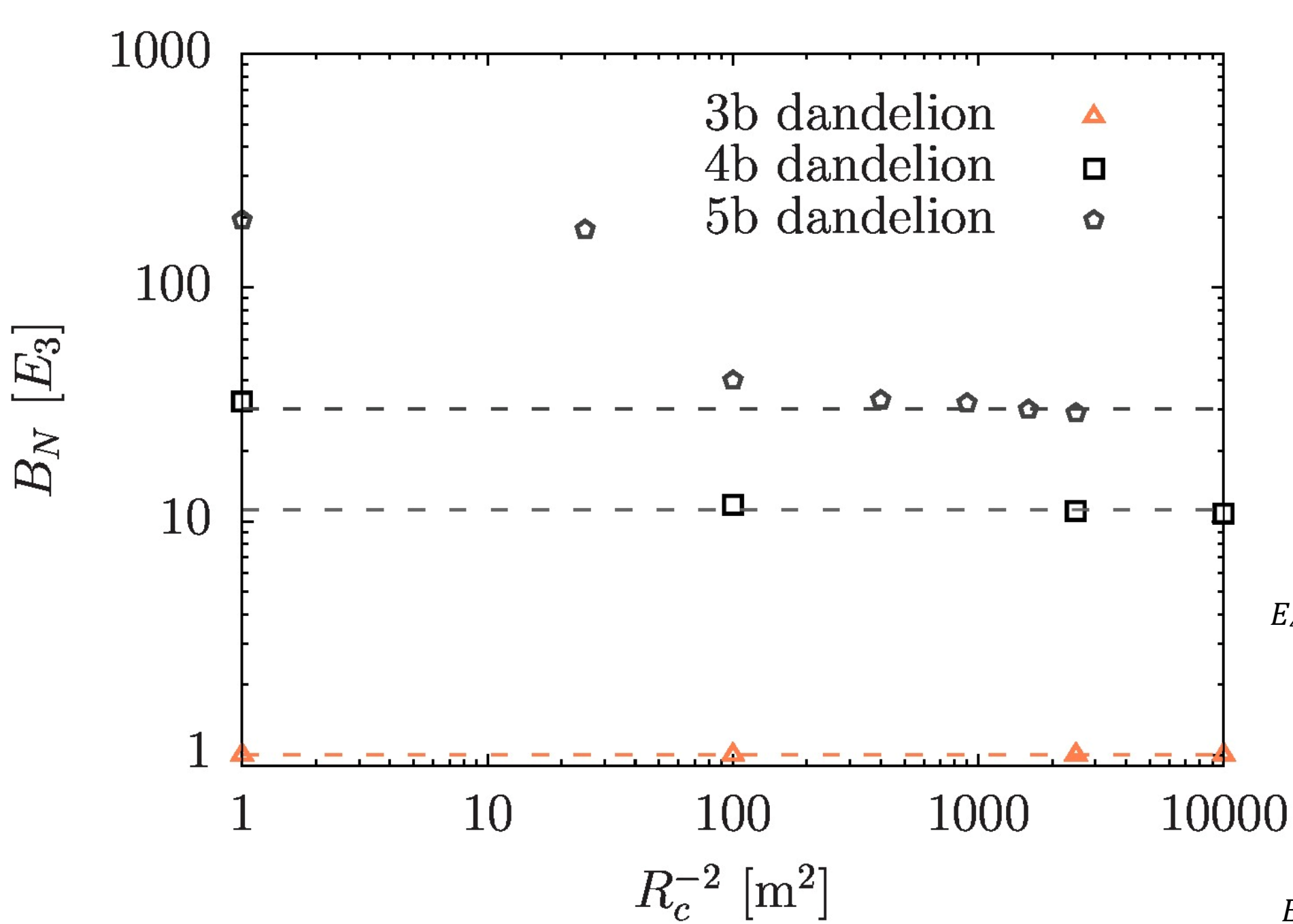


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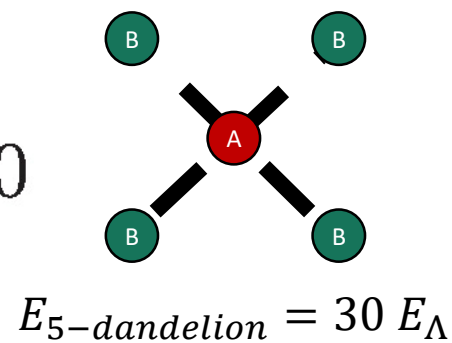
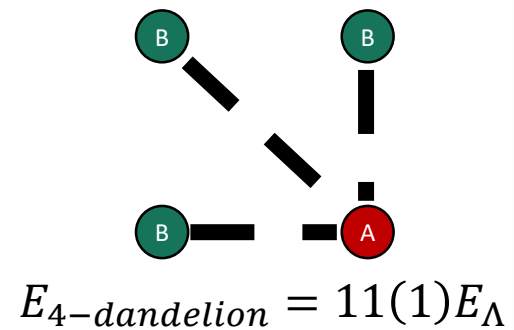
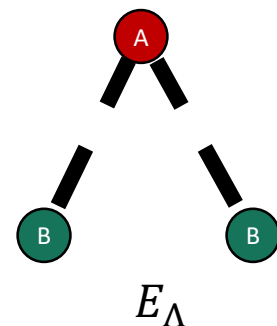


4- /5-Dandelion



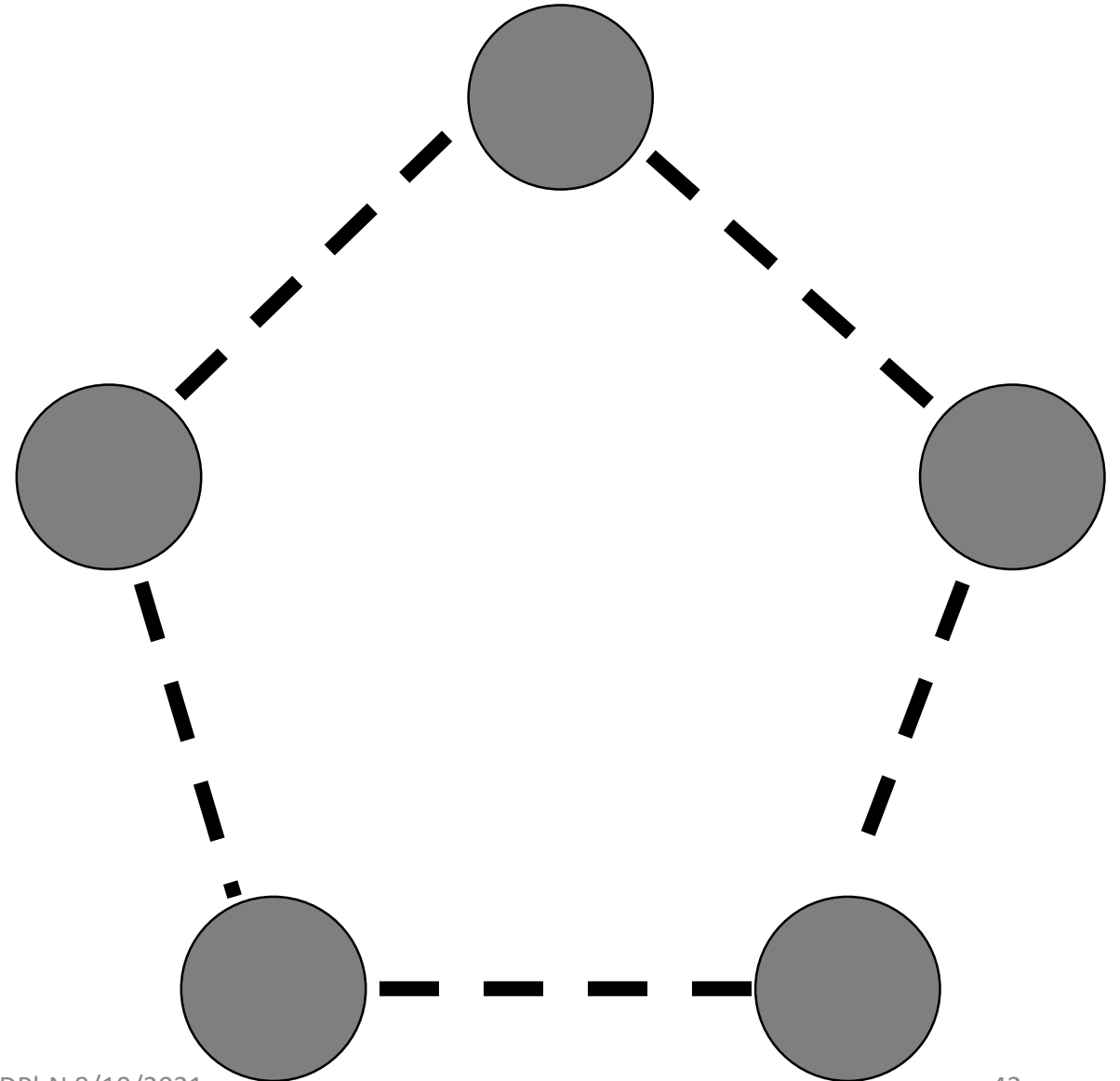
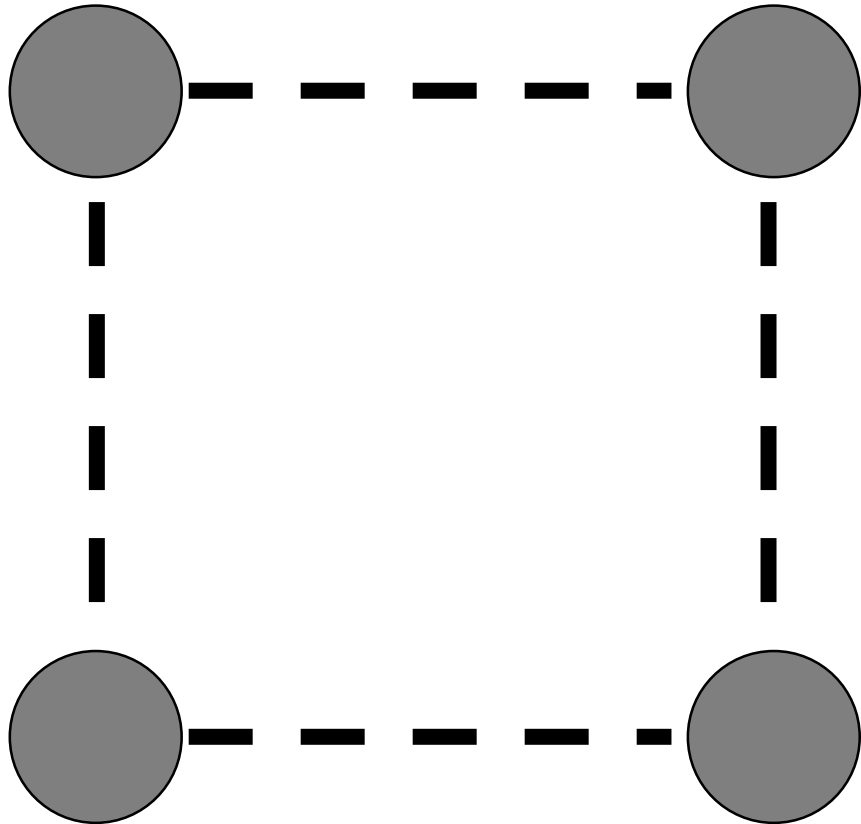


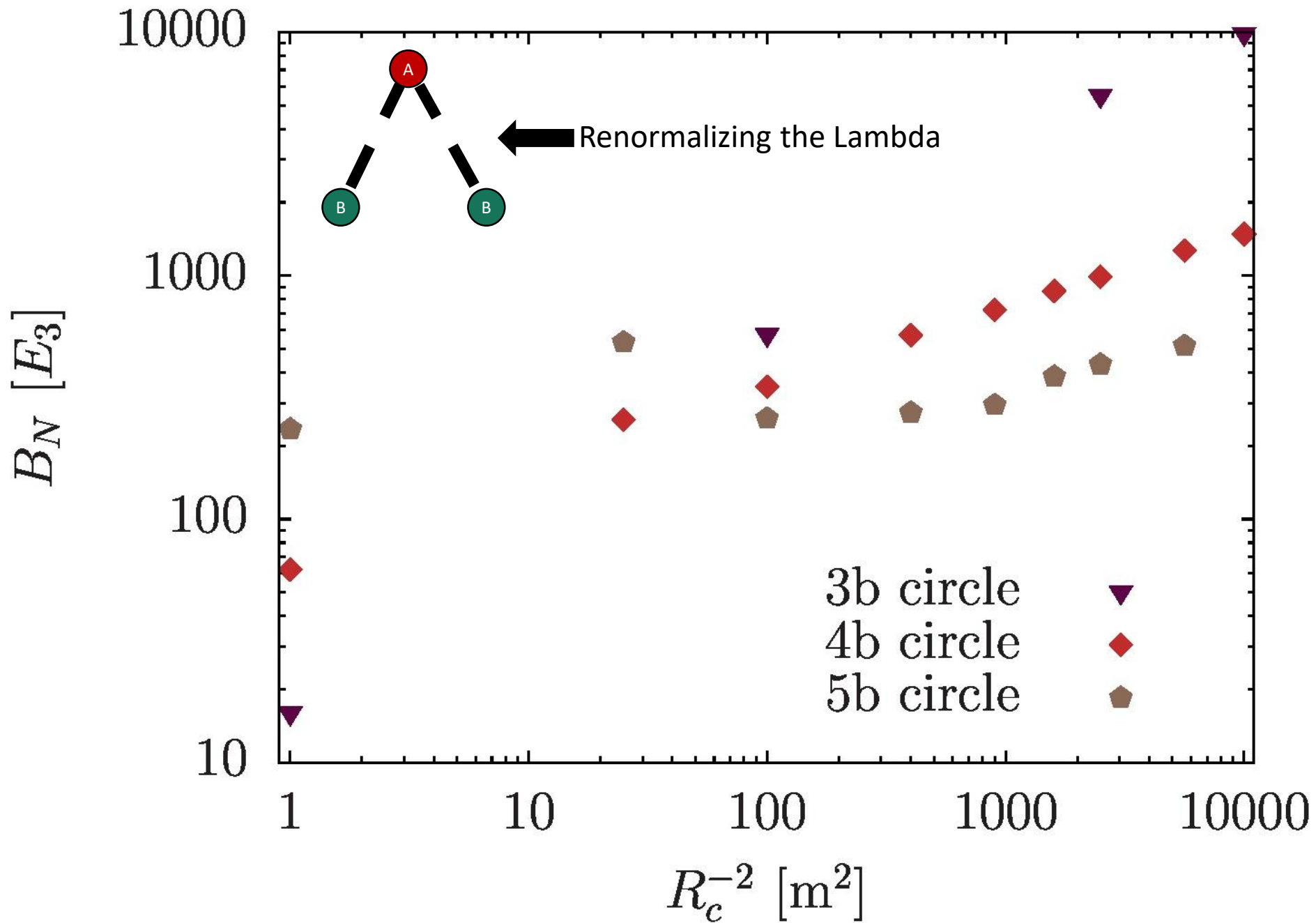
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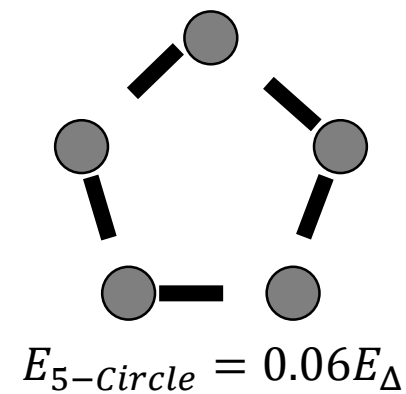
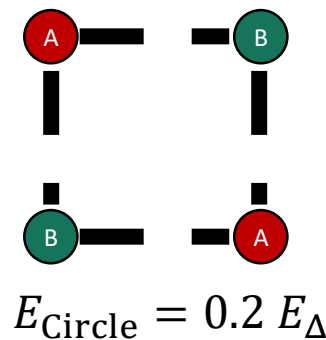
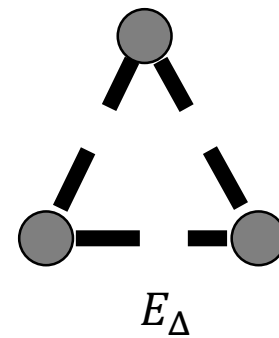
Dandelion convergence

4- / 5-Circle

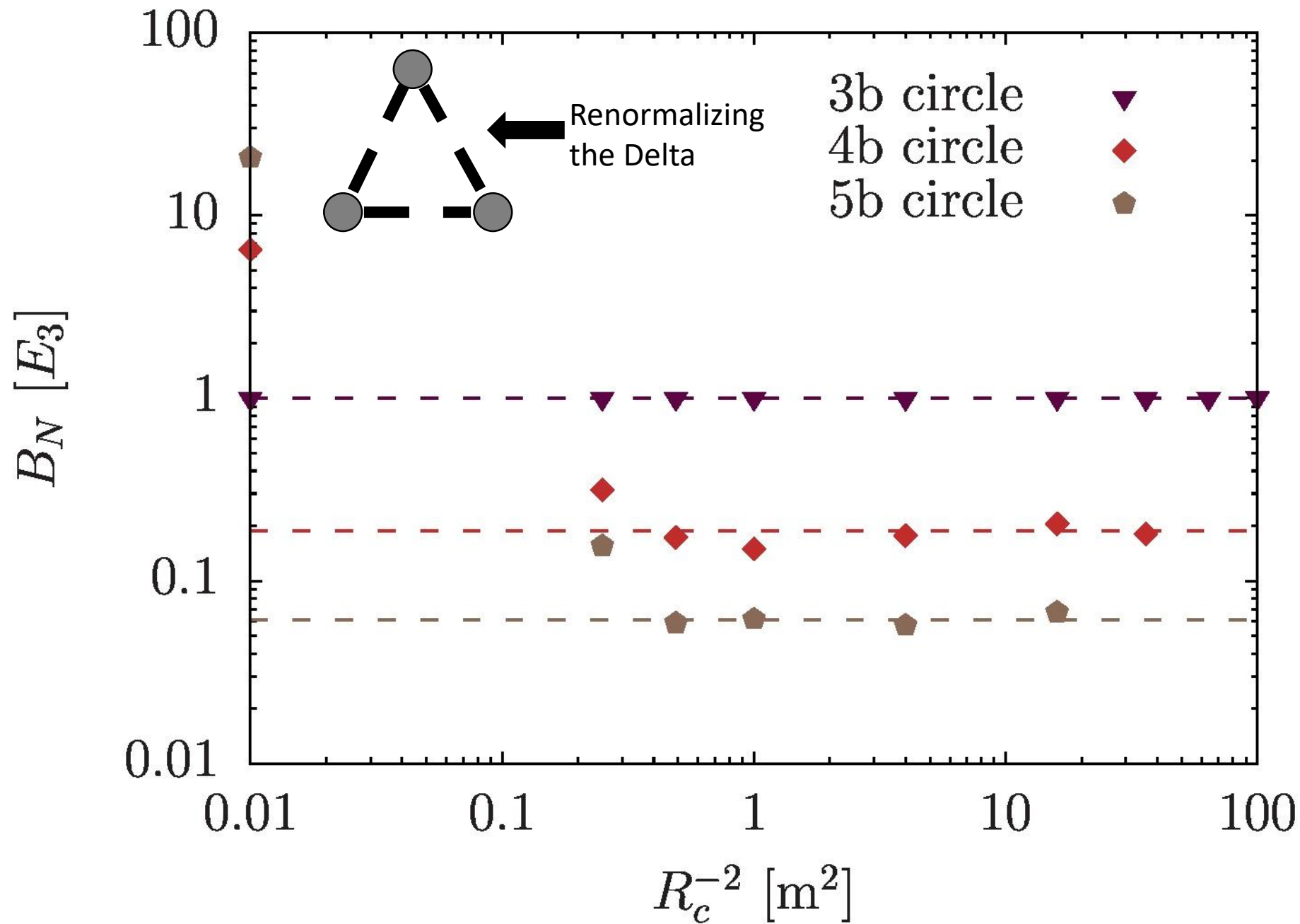




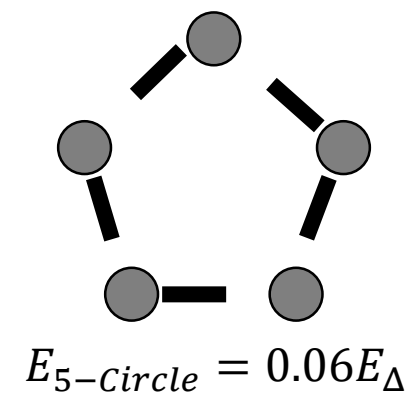
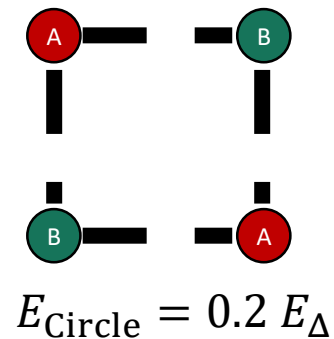
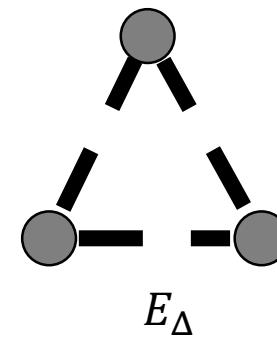
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Circle divergence

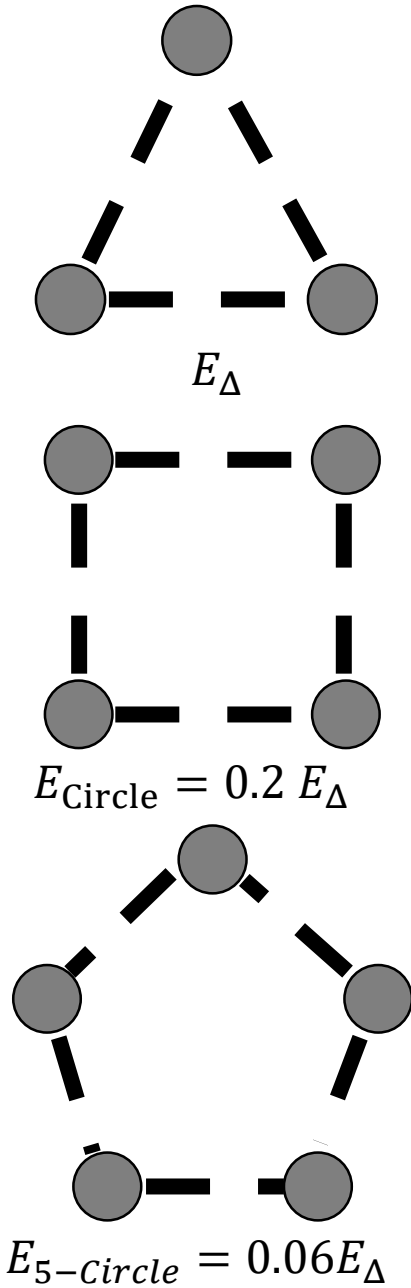


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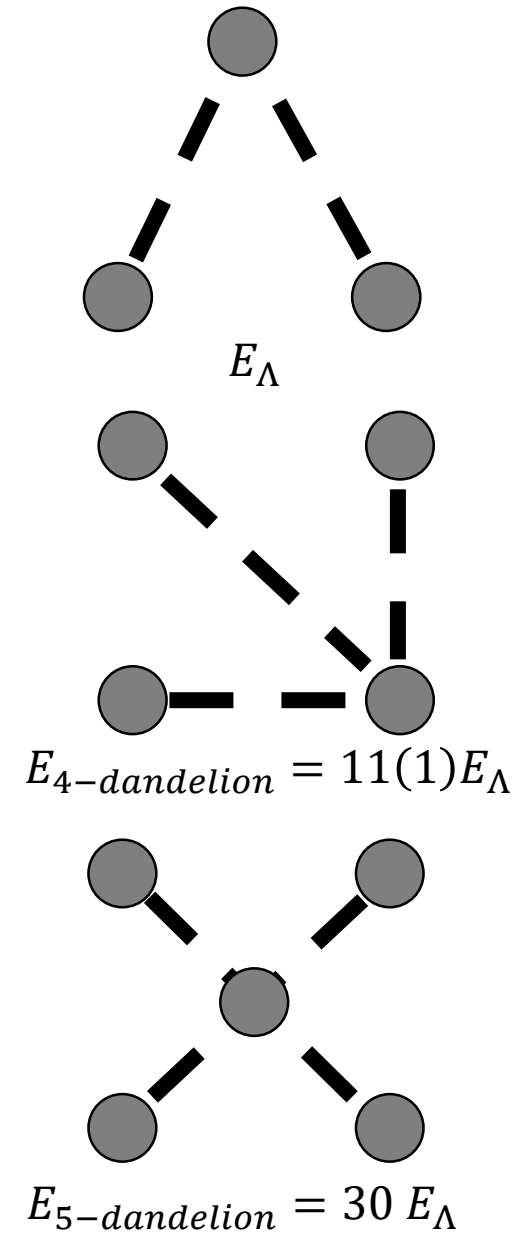


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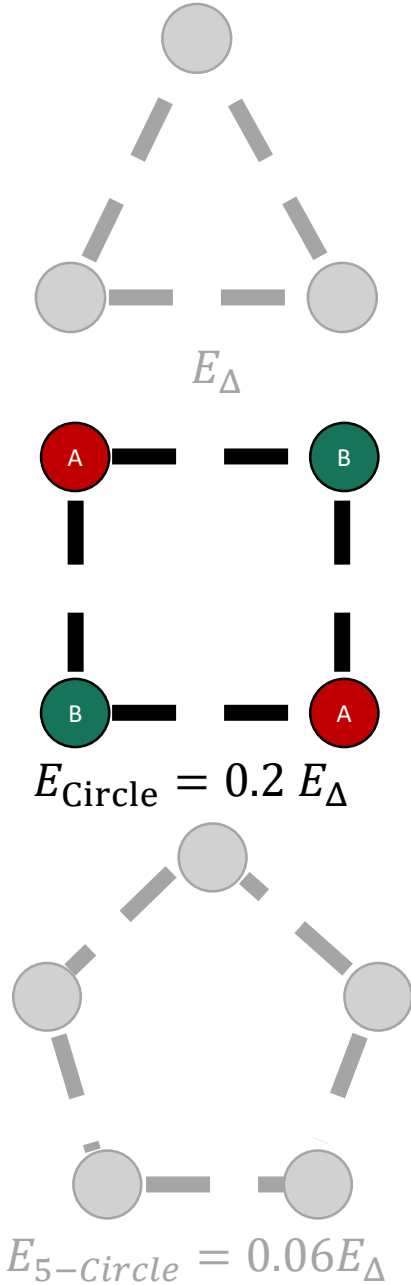
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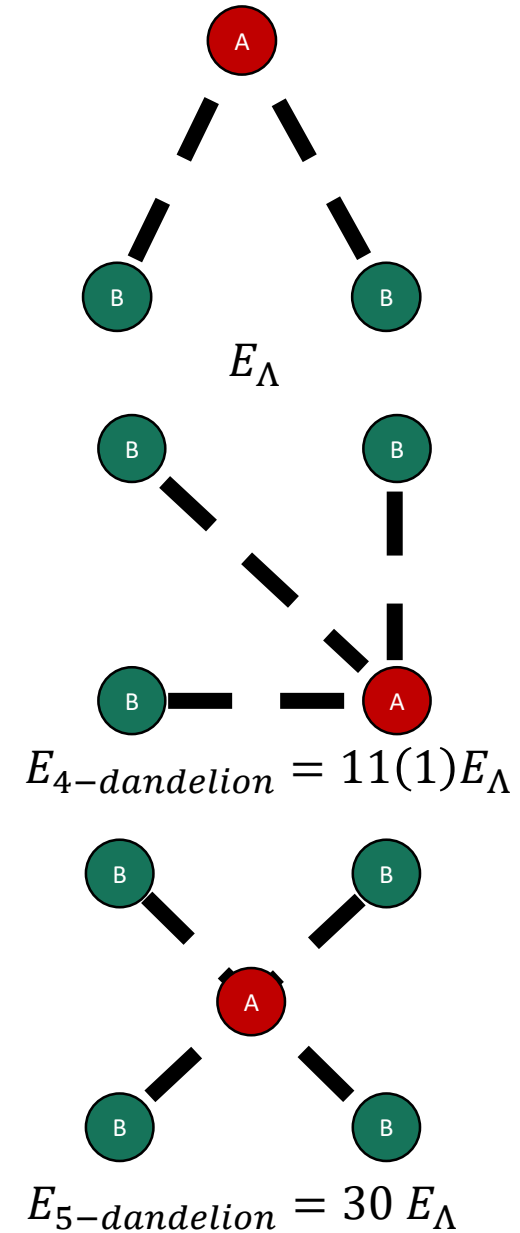
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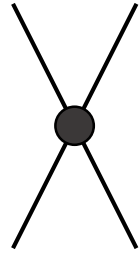
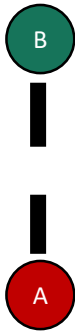
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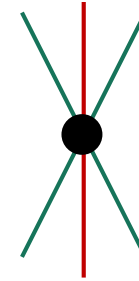
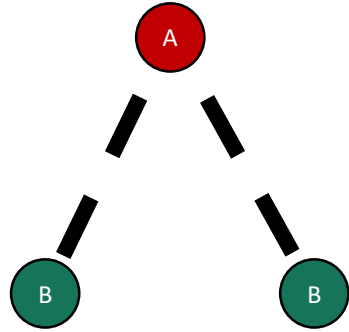
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Appearance of a 4-body scale

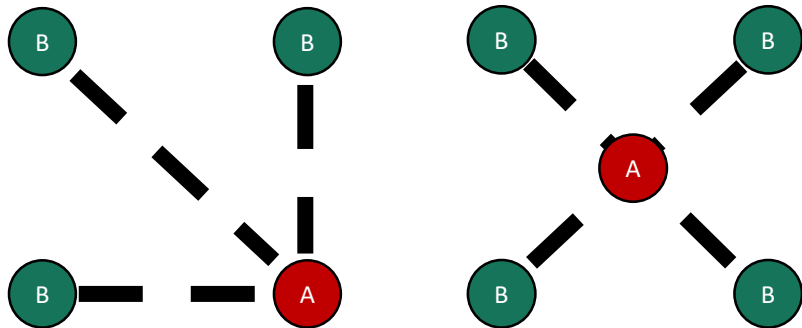


Two bosons fix the two-body vertex



Lambda system fixes the three-body vertex

This suffices to define the 3- and 4-dandelions

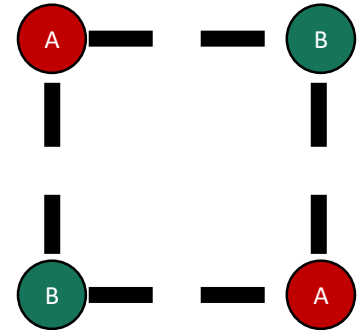


The 4-circle needs a different 3-body force:
A much more repulsive counterterm.

We can not redefine the «ABB/AAB» 3-body force!
(it would spoil the Lambda renormalization!)



We need a four-body force that acts only on AABB bosons/system!



Physical system realization

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Atomic molecules with Feshbach resonances:

$^{85}\text{Ru} - ^{87}\text{Ru}$ [S. B. Papp and C. E. Wieman 2018]

$^{23}\text{Na} - ^{39}\text{K}$ [Torsten Hartmann et al. 2019]

They are **mass imbalanced** systems
(Efimov ratios are different).

The **scattering length** in-between same species
Is much smaller than the interspecies one.

The **three-body system is unknown**.
(it should be compared with the same-species scattering length)

Experiments are done with **many molecules**
($10^7 - 10^9$ atoms).

Hadronic systems:

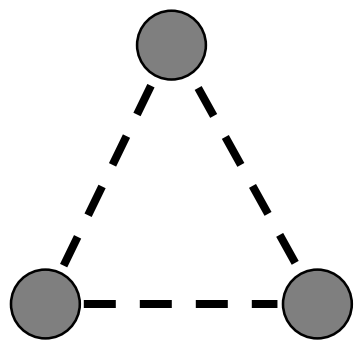
$D^0 - \bar{D}^0 = X(3872)$ [S. K. Choi et al. (Belle col.) 2003]

D^0 and \bar{D}^0 **have an excitation**: D^{0*} and \bar{D}^{0*}
So the problem becomes a **coupled channel** problem
(it has further complications).

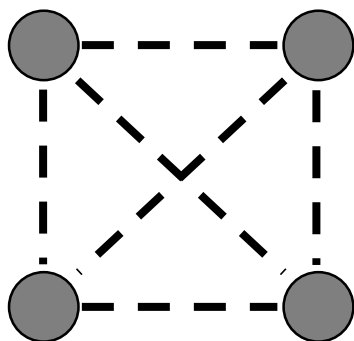
Very **hard to be created** in laboratory:
done up to 4 hadrons.

The **three-body system is unknown**.

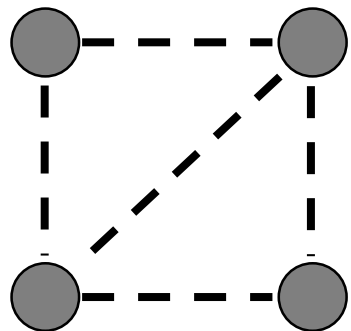
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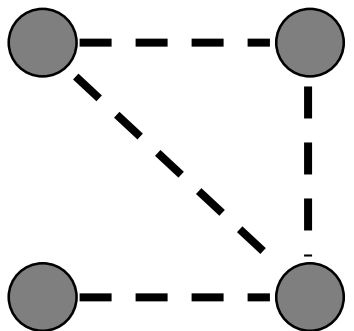
$$E_{\Delta}$$



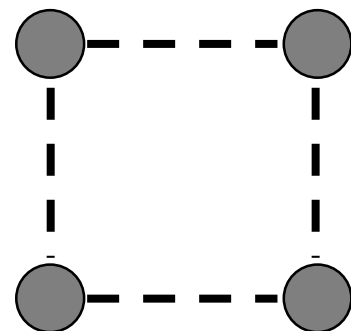
$$E_{\text{Complete}} = 4.4(1) E_{\Delta}$$



$$E_{\text{Pacman}} = 1.8(1) E_{\Delta}$$

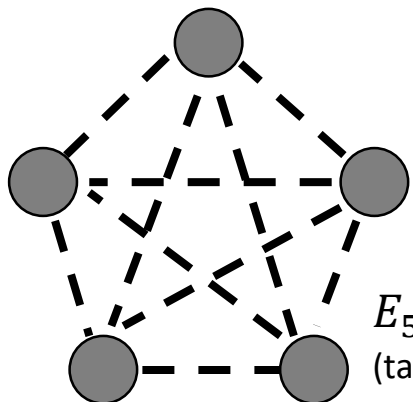


$$E_{\text{Stargate}} = 1.0 E_{\Delta}$$



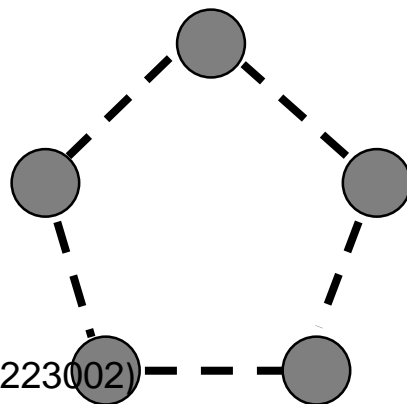
$$E_{\text{Circle}} = 0.2 E_{\Delta}$$

$$E_{5\text{-Circle}} = 0.06 E_{\Delta}$$



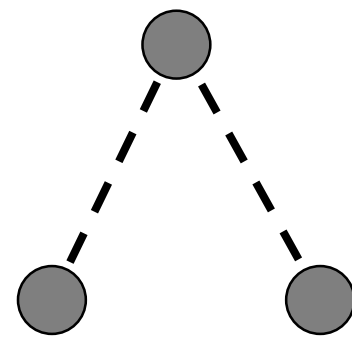
$$E_{5\text{-Complete}} \sim 10 E_{\Delta}$$

(taken from *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 119 (2017) 22, 223002)



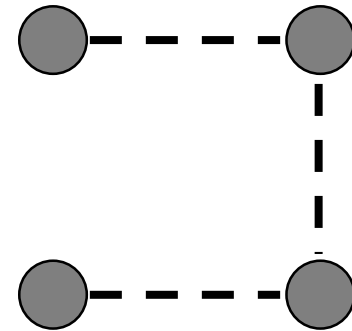
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Preliminary

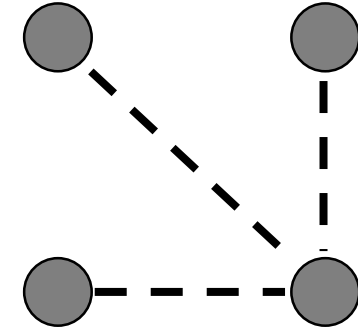


$$E_{\Lambda}$$

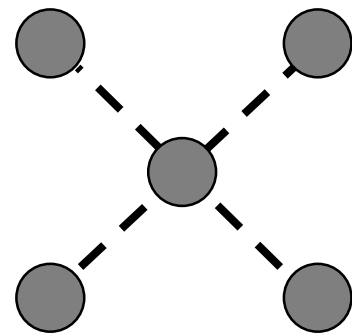
All simulations are done with SVM



$$E_{\text{snake}} = 8(1) E_{\Lambda}$$



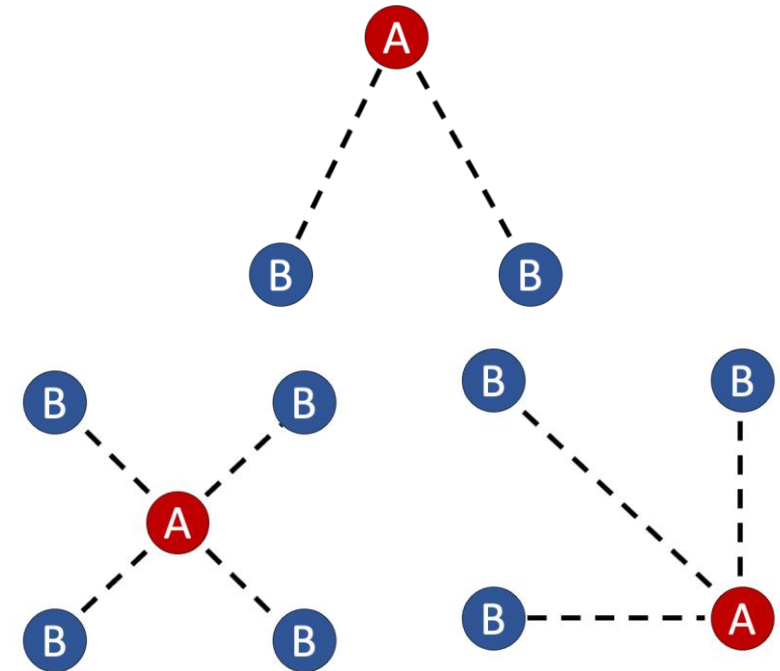
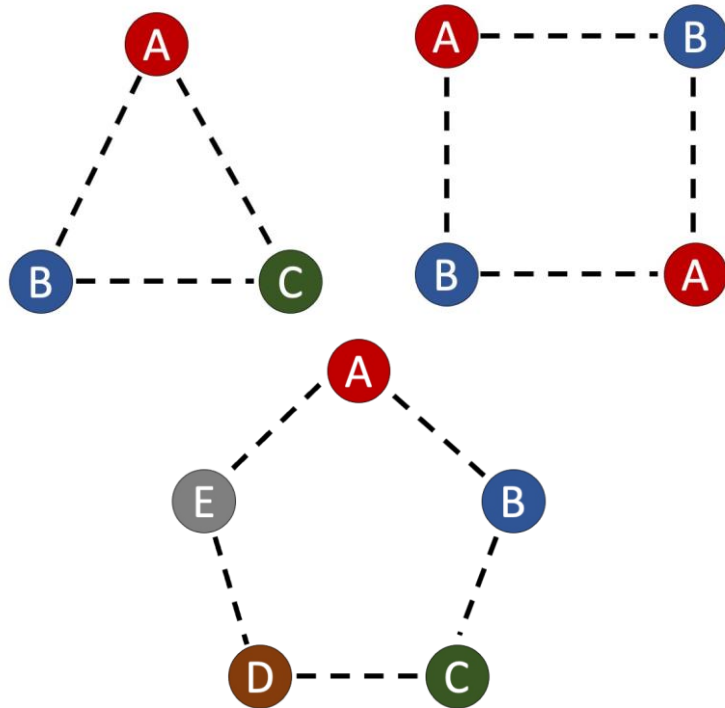
$$E_{4\text{-dandelion}} = 11(1) E_{\Lambda}$$



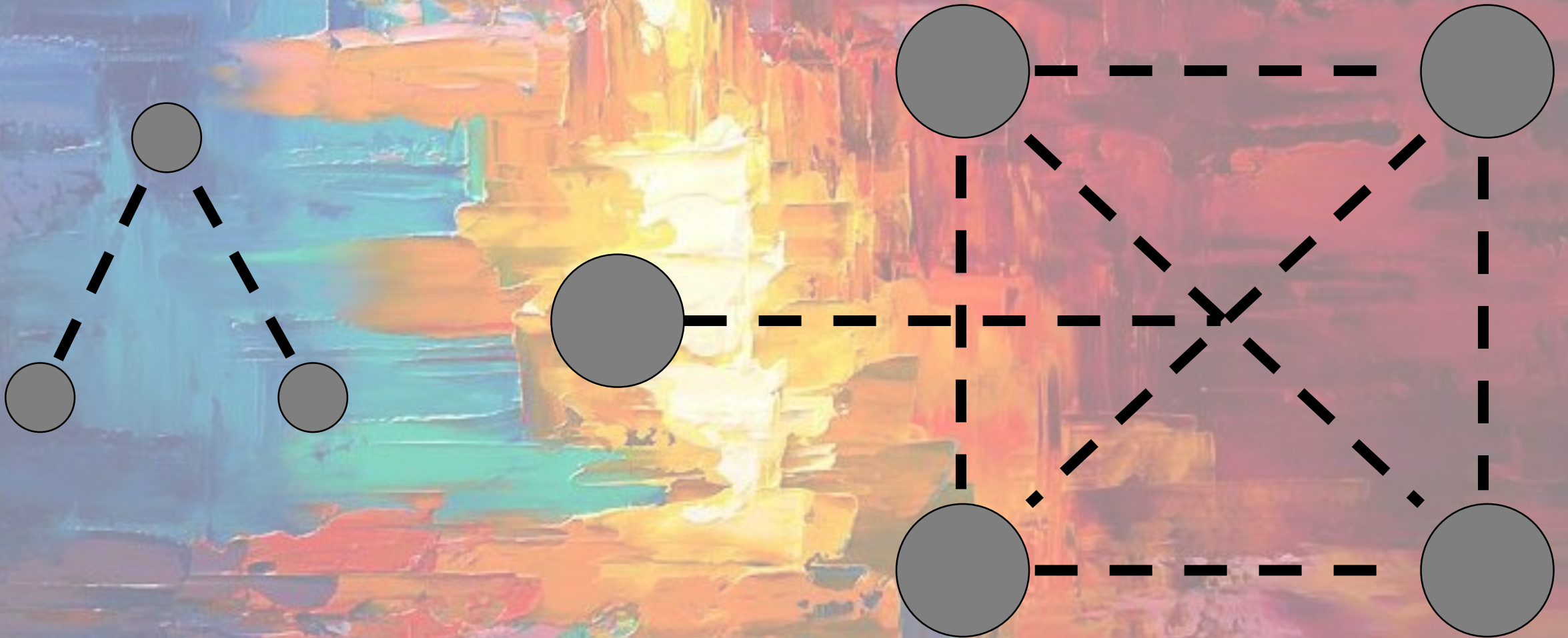
$$E_{5\text{-dandelion}} = 30 E_{\Lambda}$$

Partial Conclusions

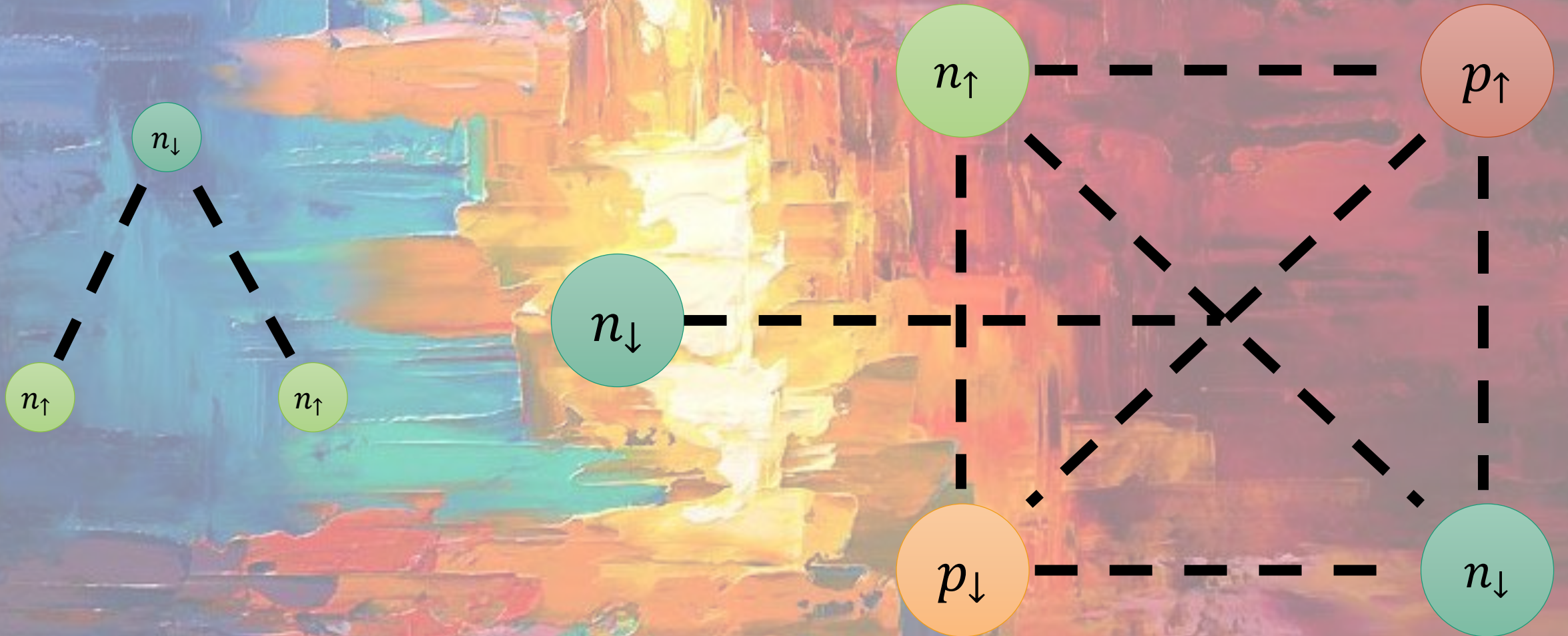
- If there is at least **one close loop**, the system universality class is the «**Delta**» one.
In this case, the energy for few-bodies can be calculated **approximatively as the number of deltas in the system**.
- It follows that a **four-body scale** appears in 2-specie bosonic 4-circle (AABB).
Many questions on this scale and renormalization are still to be answered.
- **Renormalizability** depends also on the **geometry**, not only on the **kind of particle present**.
- This can be, in principle, reproduced in **atomic systems**.



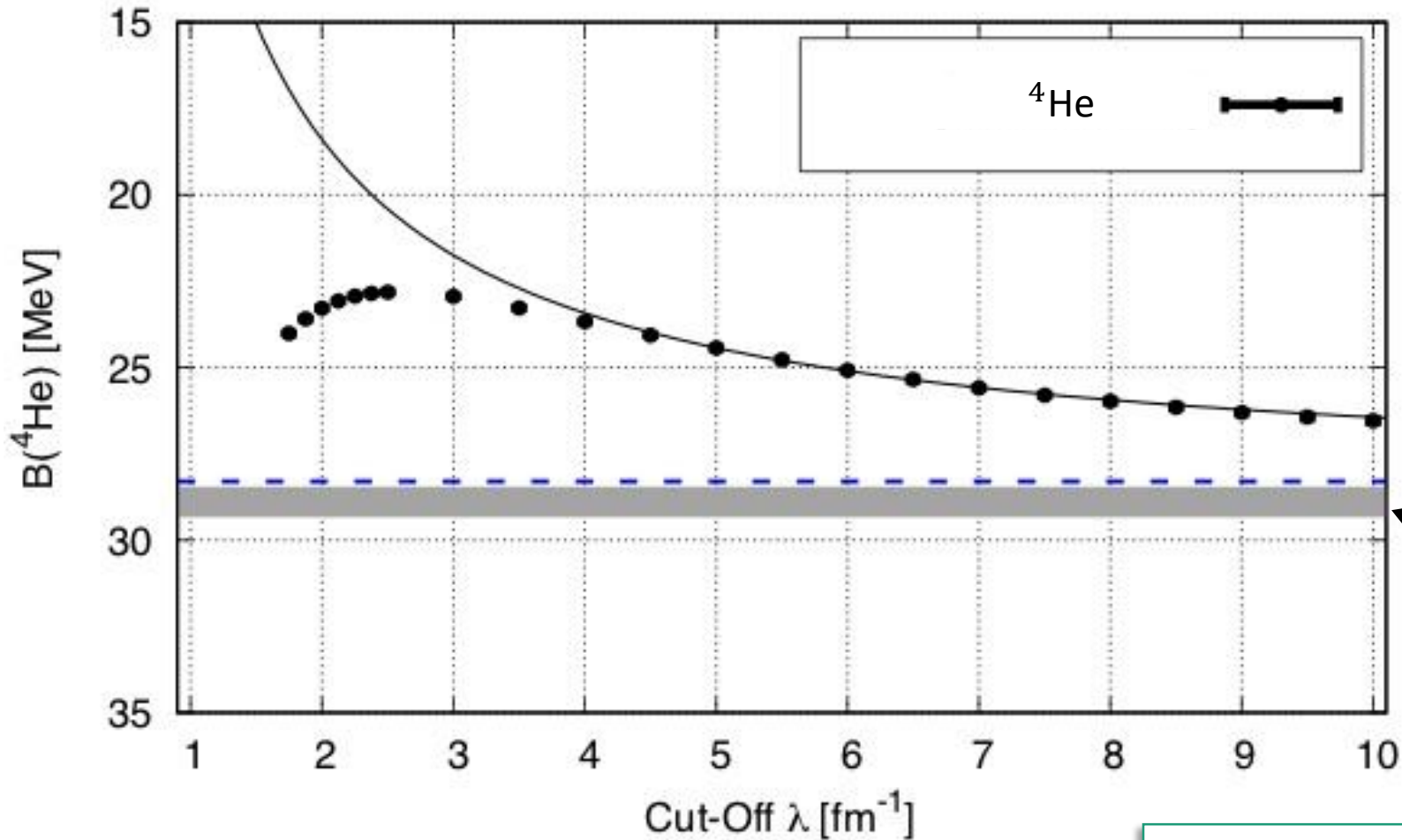
Nuclear systems and P-wave



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A practical example: few nucleons



LO pionless EFT theory fitted on **two- and three-body** observables predicts well ^4He energy!

Fitted on: $a_{n-n} = -18.63$ fm

$B_d = -2.22$ MeV

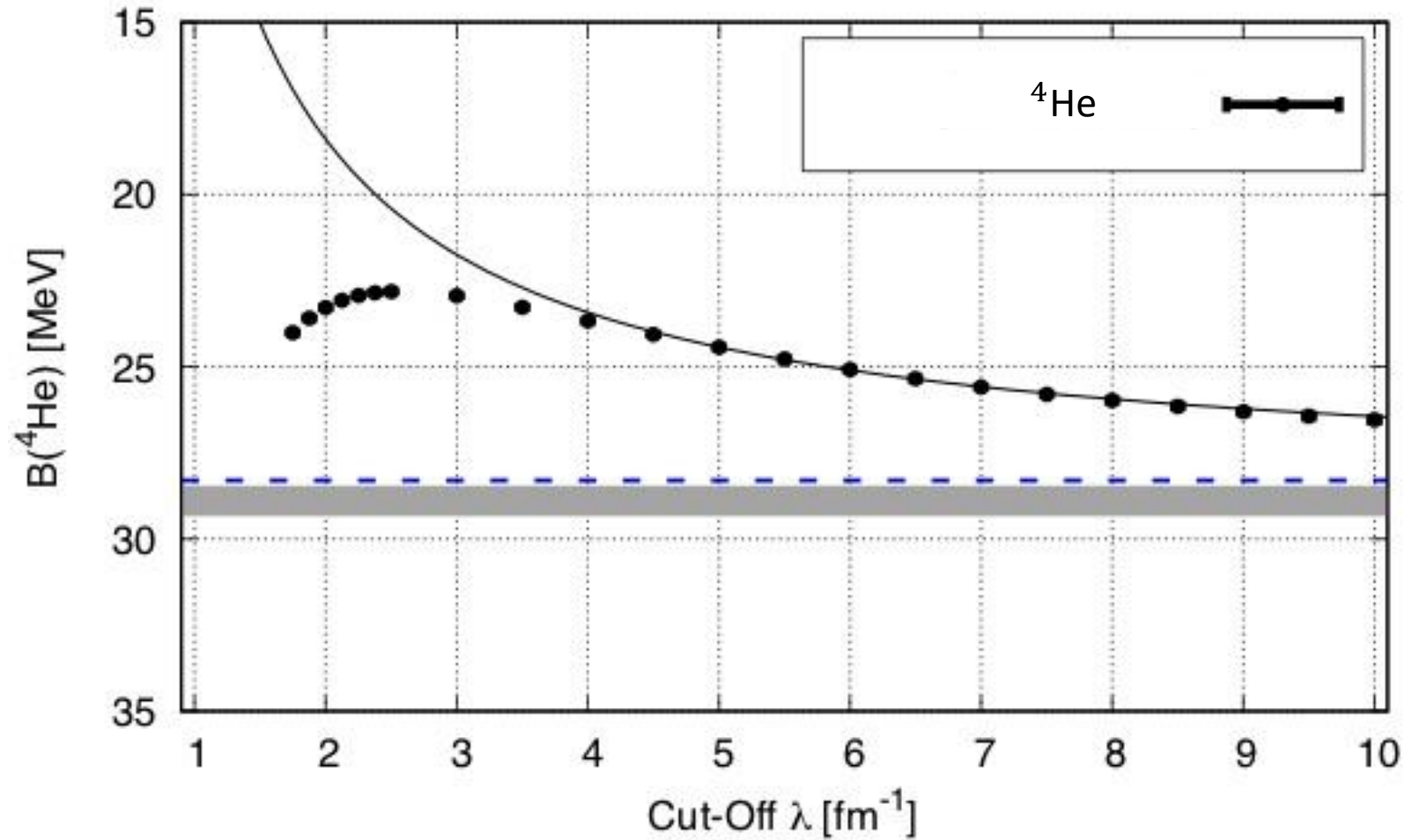
$B_t = -8.48$ MeV

--- Experimental data: 28.3 MeV

— Extrapolation: 29.2 ± 0.5 MeV

Calculations done with **few-body stochastic variational diagonalization method**: Y. Suzuki, K. Varga (2003)

A practical example: few nucleons



Everything works great with Pionless EFT up to 4-nucleons.

^{16}O - Monte Carlo calculation

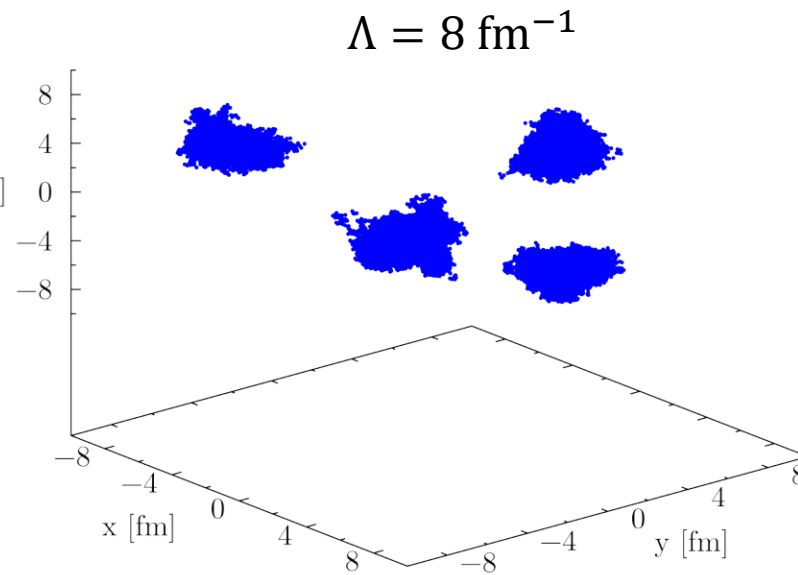
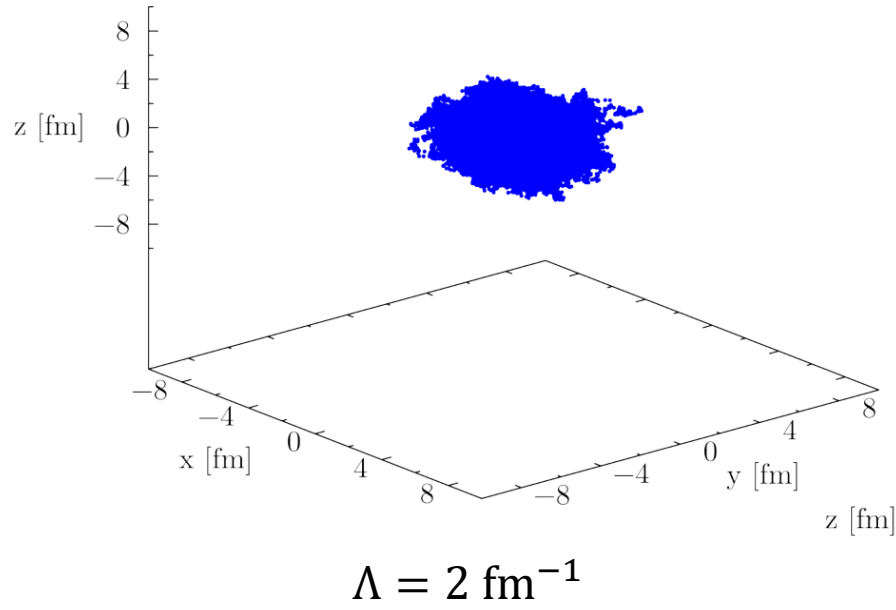
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S-wave system		P-wave system		
Λ [fm ⁻¹]	⁴ He Energy [MeV]	Λ [fm ⁻¹]	¹⁶ O Energy [MeV]	4 α treshold [MeV]
2	-23.17(2)	2	-97.19(6)	-92.68(8)
4	-23.63(3)	4	-92.23(14)	-94.52(9)
6	-24.06(2)	6	-97.51(14)	-100.24(8)
8	-26.04(5)	8	-100.97(20)	-104.2(2)
∞	-30 ^{0.3(sys)} 2.0(stat)	∞	-115 ^{1(sys)} 8(stat)	-120 ^{1(sys)} 8(stat)
Exp	-28.296			

- All the errors shown are statistical errors from Monte Carlo method.

Be(¹⁶O) ~ 127 MeV
 Be(4 α) ~ 113 MeV
 It is only 10% difference!

Oxygen density ($m_\pi = 140$ MeV)



5He 6He

J. Kirscher, H. W. Griesshammer, D. Shukla, H. M. Hofmann: arXiv:0909.5606

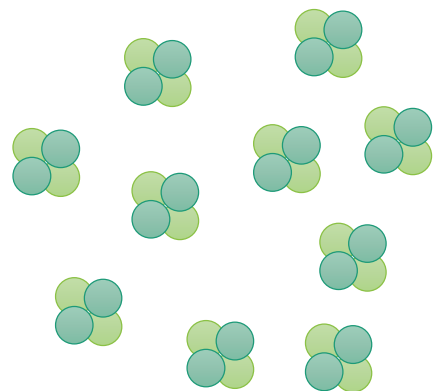
Breaks in $\alpha + n$ and $\alpha + n + n$



40Ca

QMC calculation suggests the breaking in:

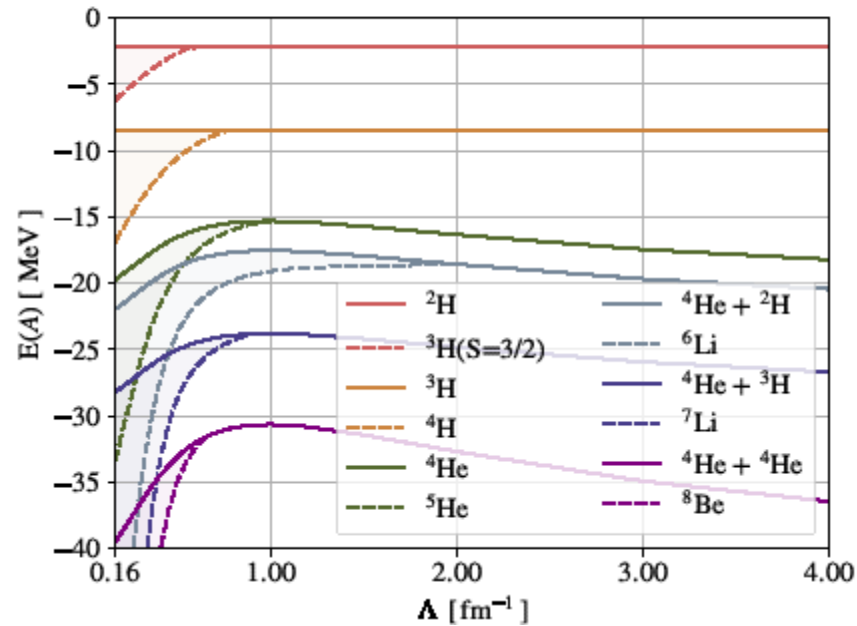
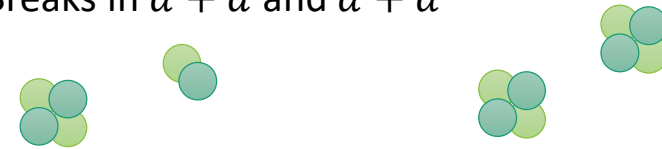
Breaks in $\alpha + \alpha + \alpha + \dots$



7Li 8Be

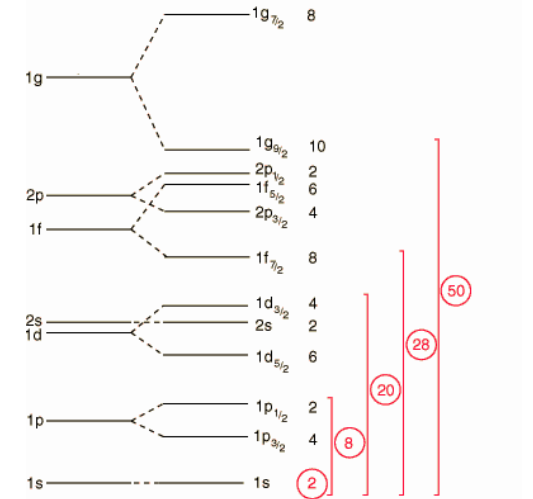
Our calculations in SU(4) symmetry

Breaks in $\alpha + d$ and $\alpha + \alpha$



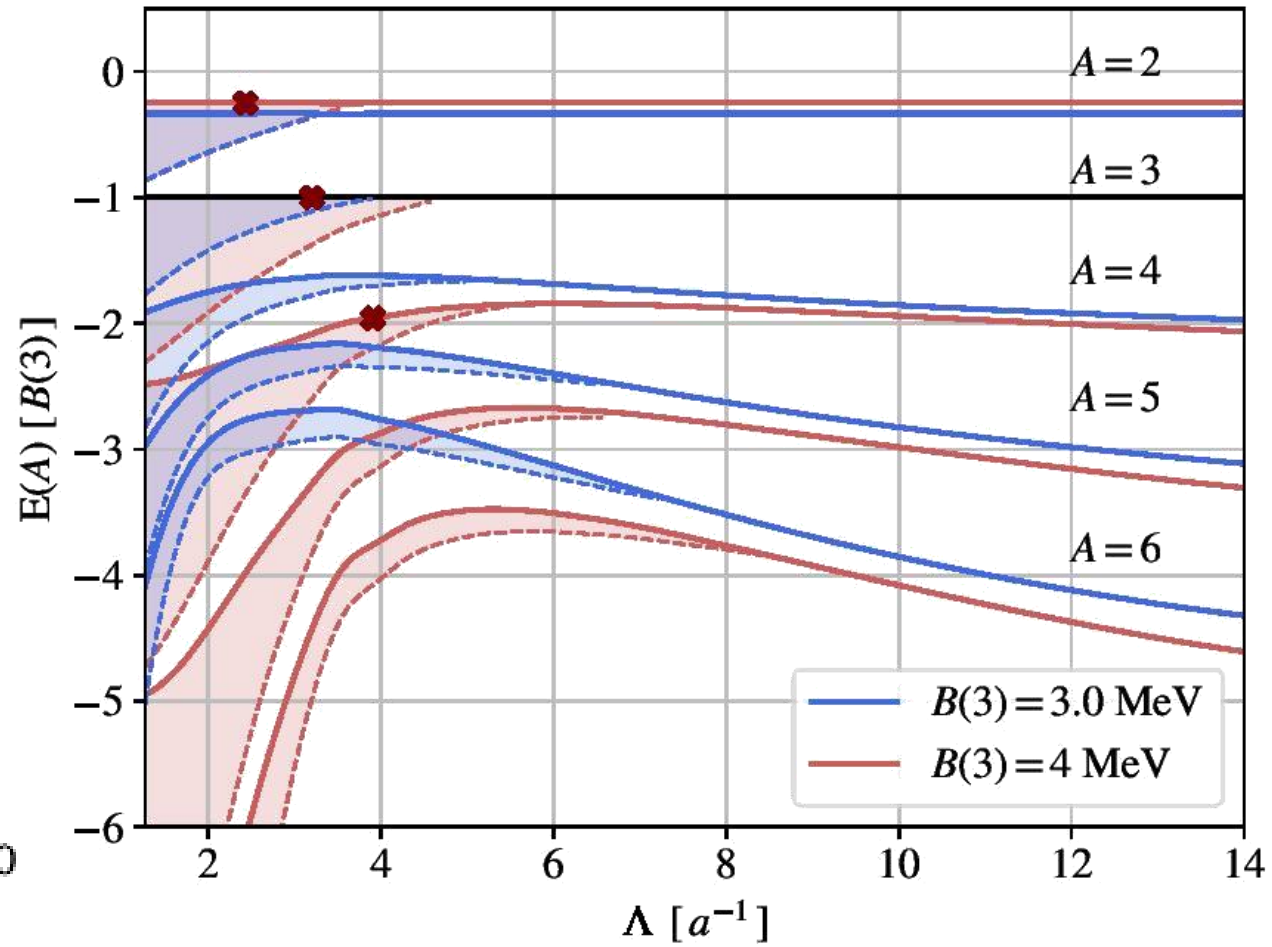
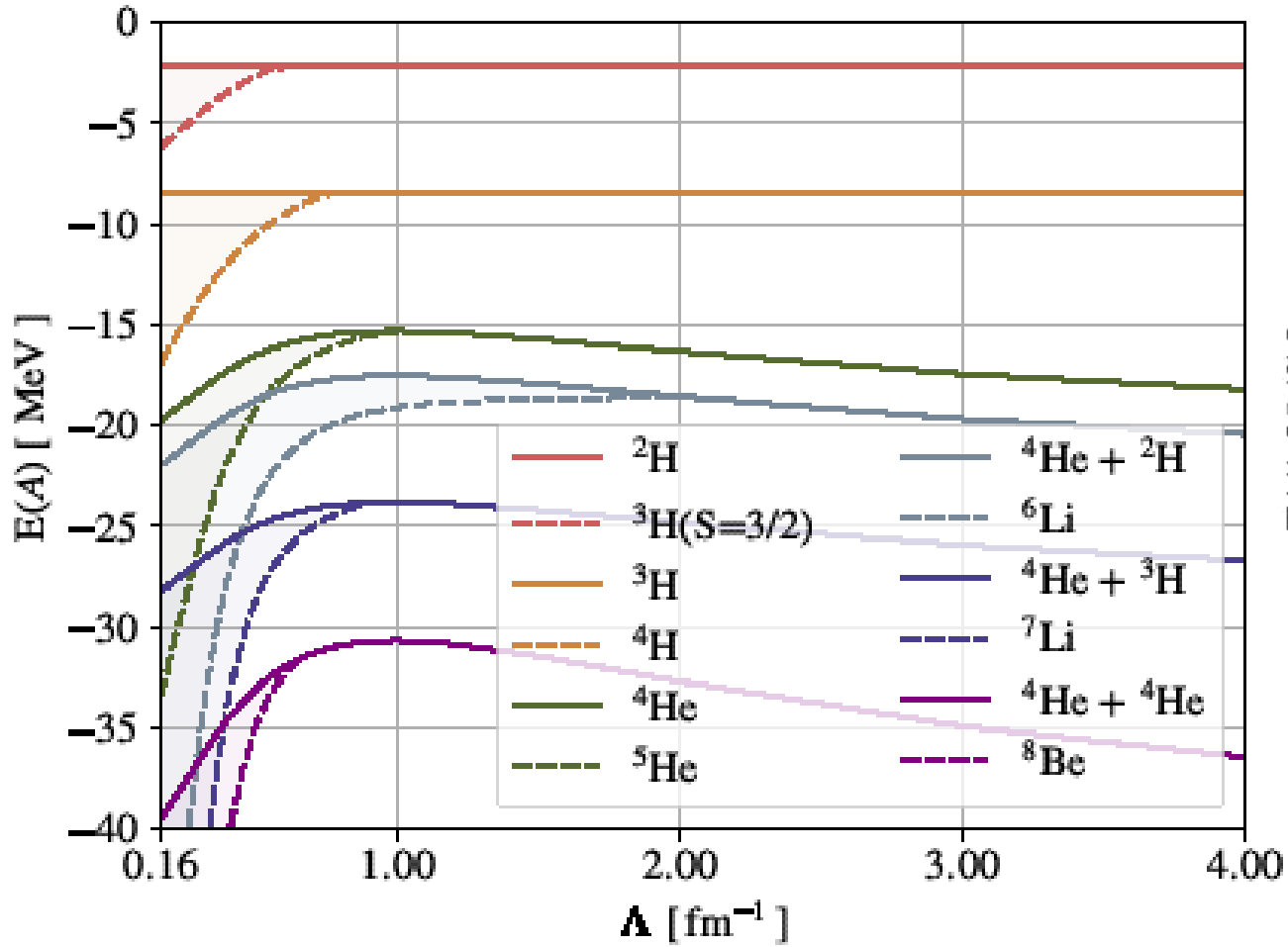
P-wave systems
In a shell model representation

Relation between shell model and magic numbers



Will they ever bind?

Long story short: no



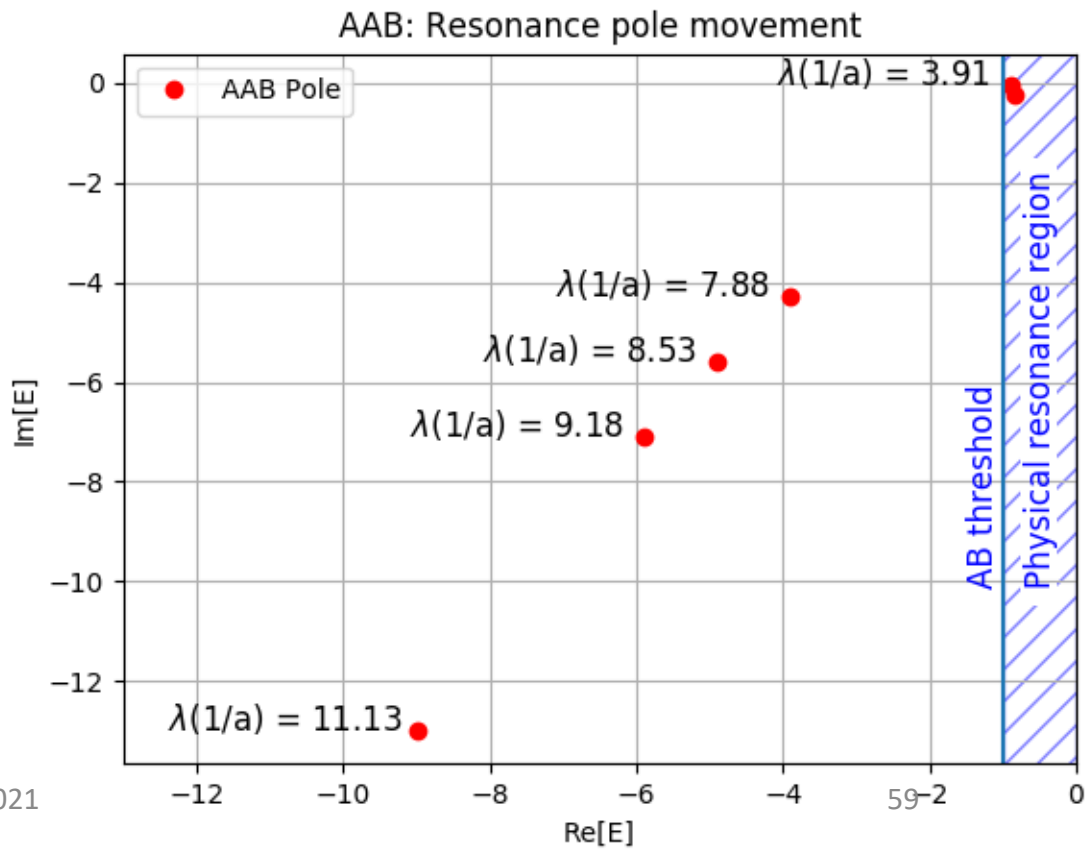
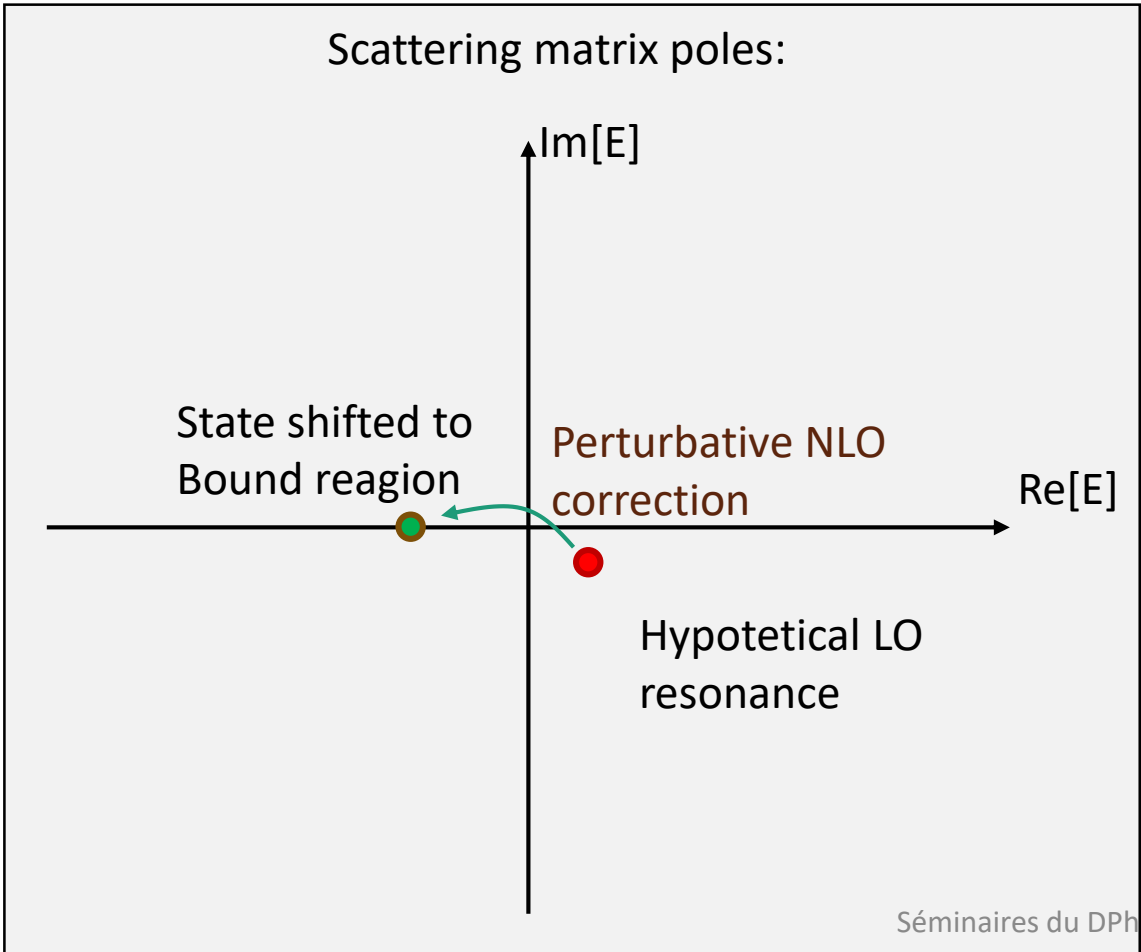
Multi-fermion systems with contact theories, PLB 816 (2021)

One little step further is necessary:

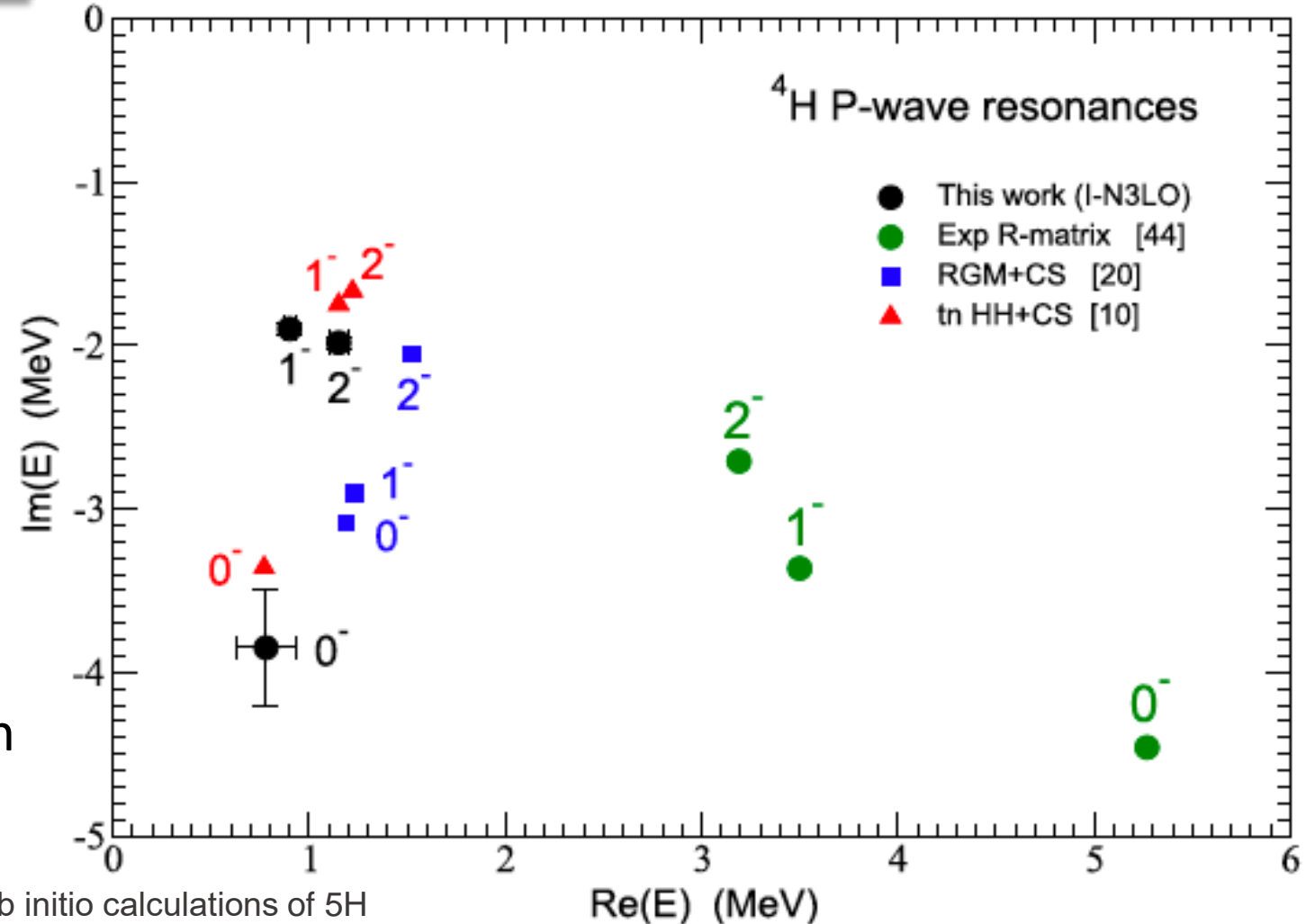
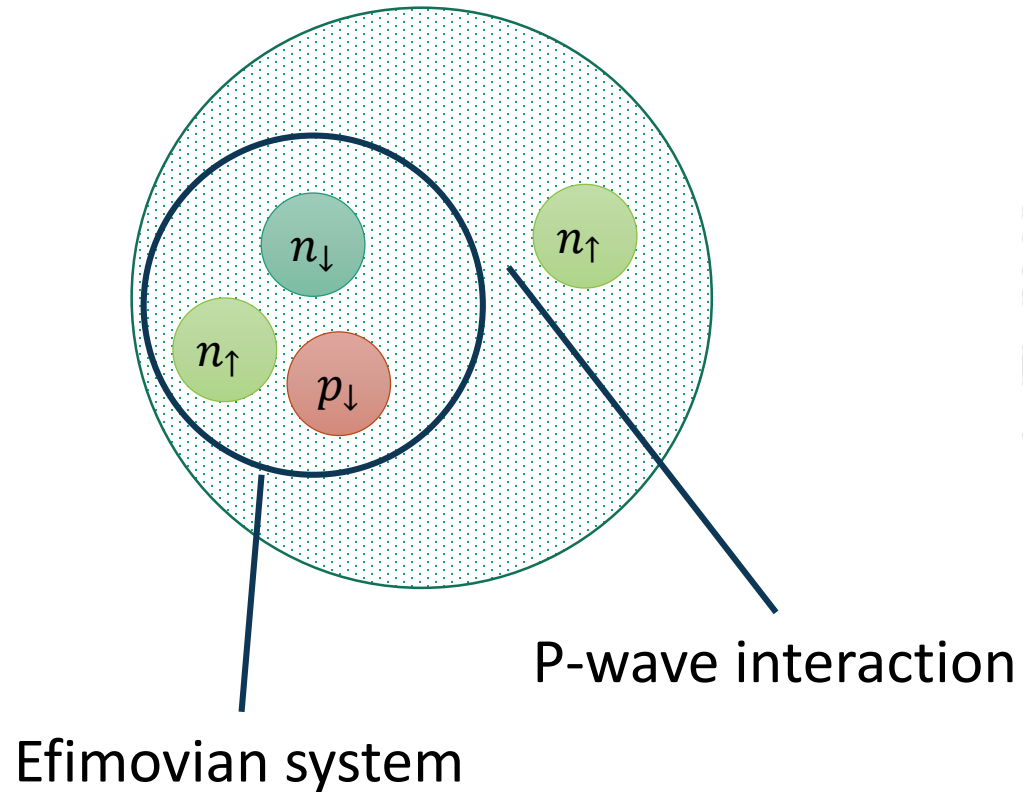
If a resonance is close to the **threshold**, it might be possible to move it with a **subleading correction** (there is no proof this is possible, nor proof this is not possible)

Known **three-fermion** case:
No physical resonance is found.

No scale invariance breaking,
Three-body force might change picture.



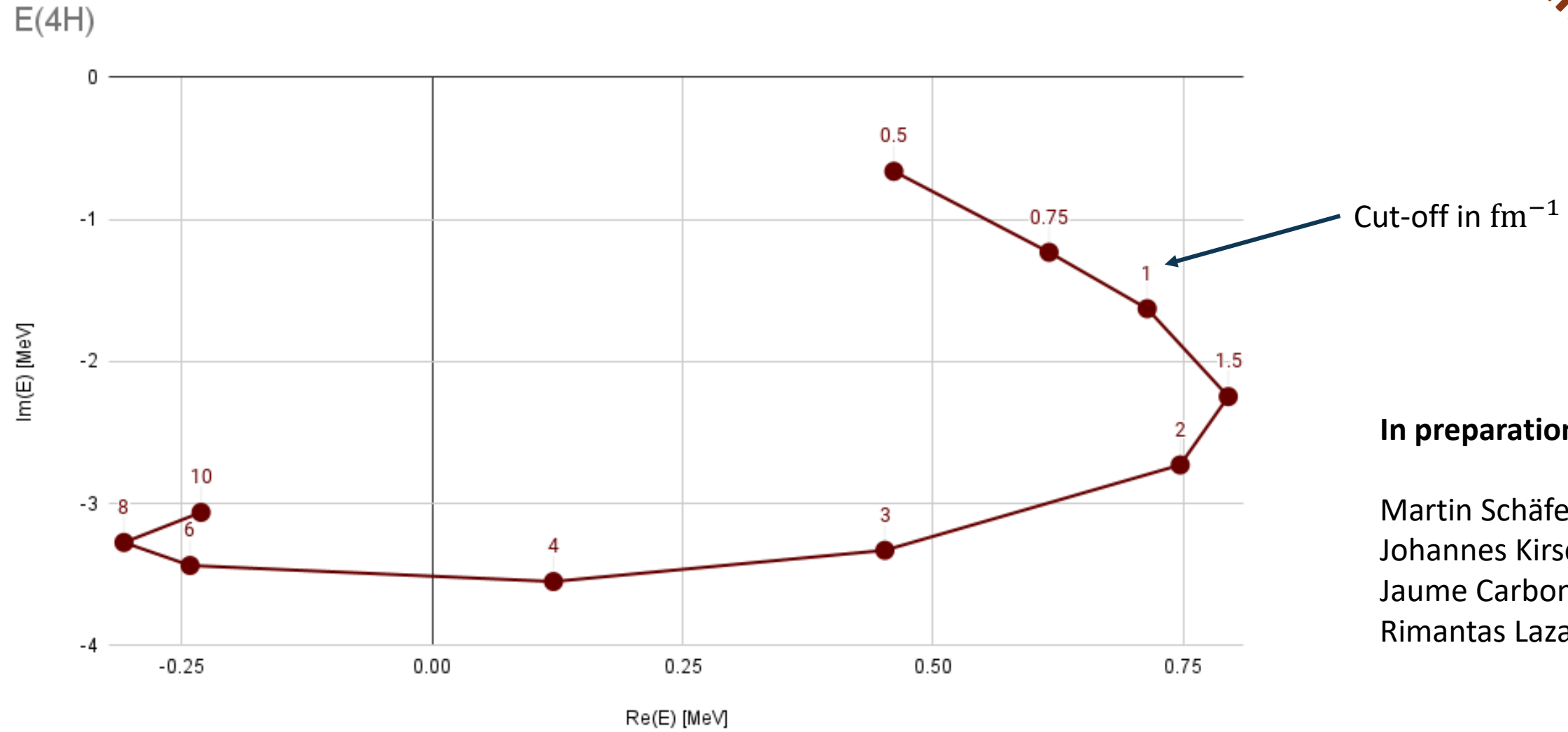
4H resonance: the minimal nuclear system with an Efimovian component



R. Lazauskas, E. Hiyama, and J. Carbonell, "Ab initio calculations of 5H resonant states," Phys. Lett. B, vol. 791, pp. 335–341, 2019.

Contact EFT: a sub-threshold resonance is present

Preliminary



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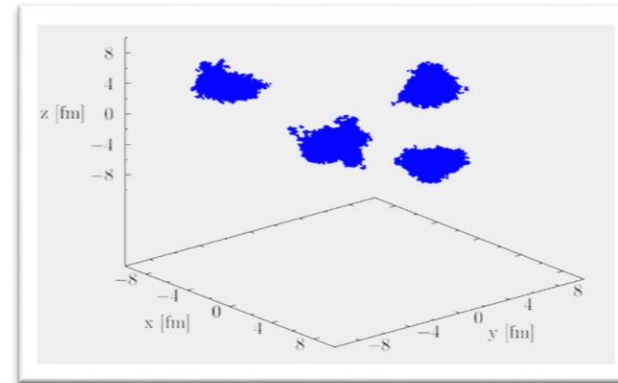
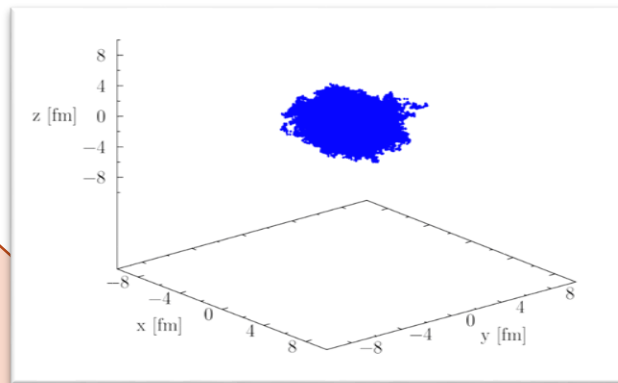
Contact theory

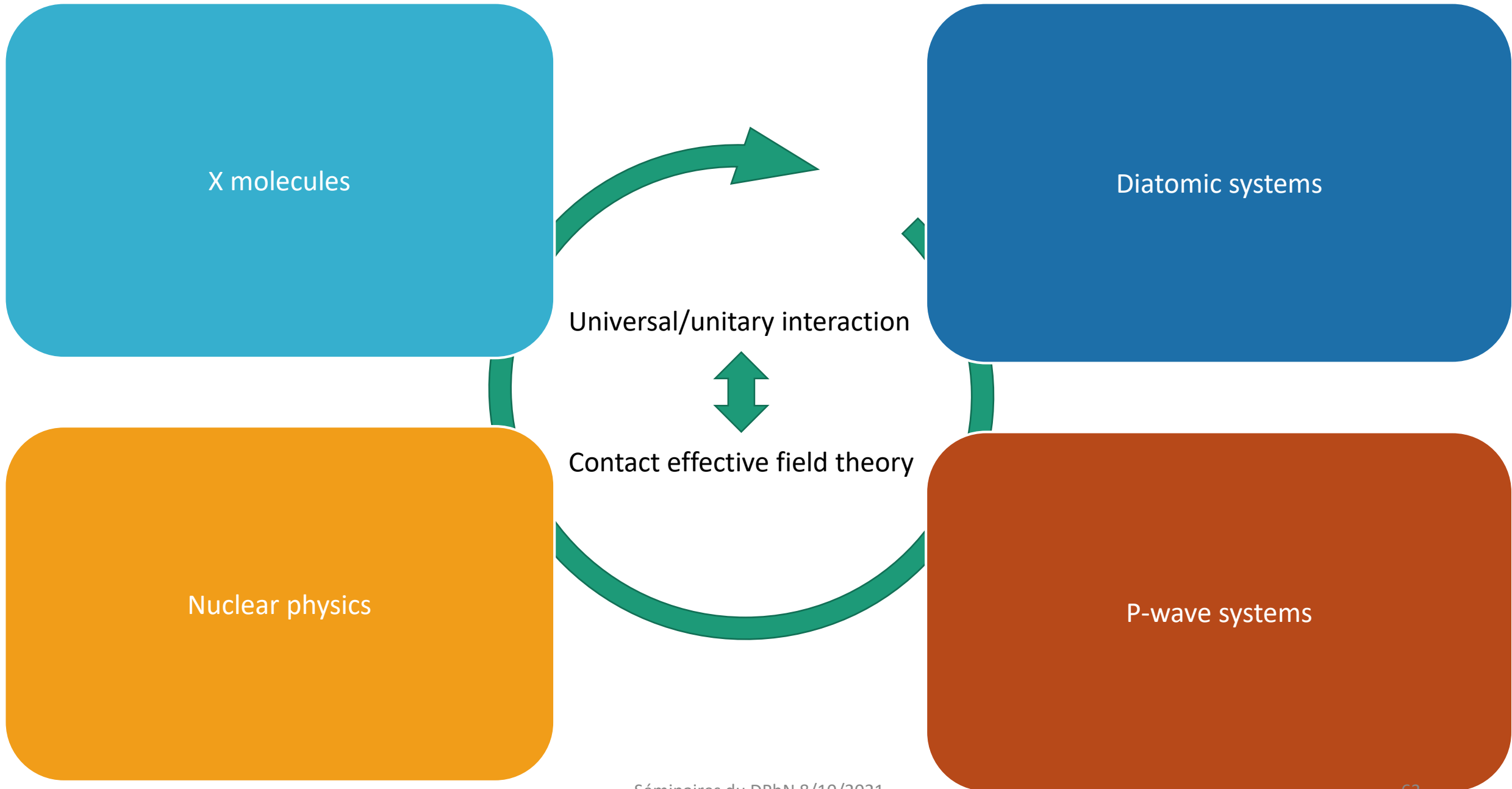
- everything fine in **S-wave**
- **no P-wave boundstates**

A resonance is found in ${}^4\text{H}$
(not in the correct physical position)

- many-body **P-shell poles can be created**

Can the resonant pole be moved to the bounded region with a **perturbative NLO** insertion?





X molecules

Diatomic systems

Nuclear physics

P-wave systems

Universal/unitary interaction

Contact effective field theory

Thank you for your patience

