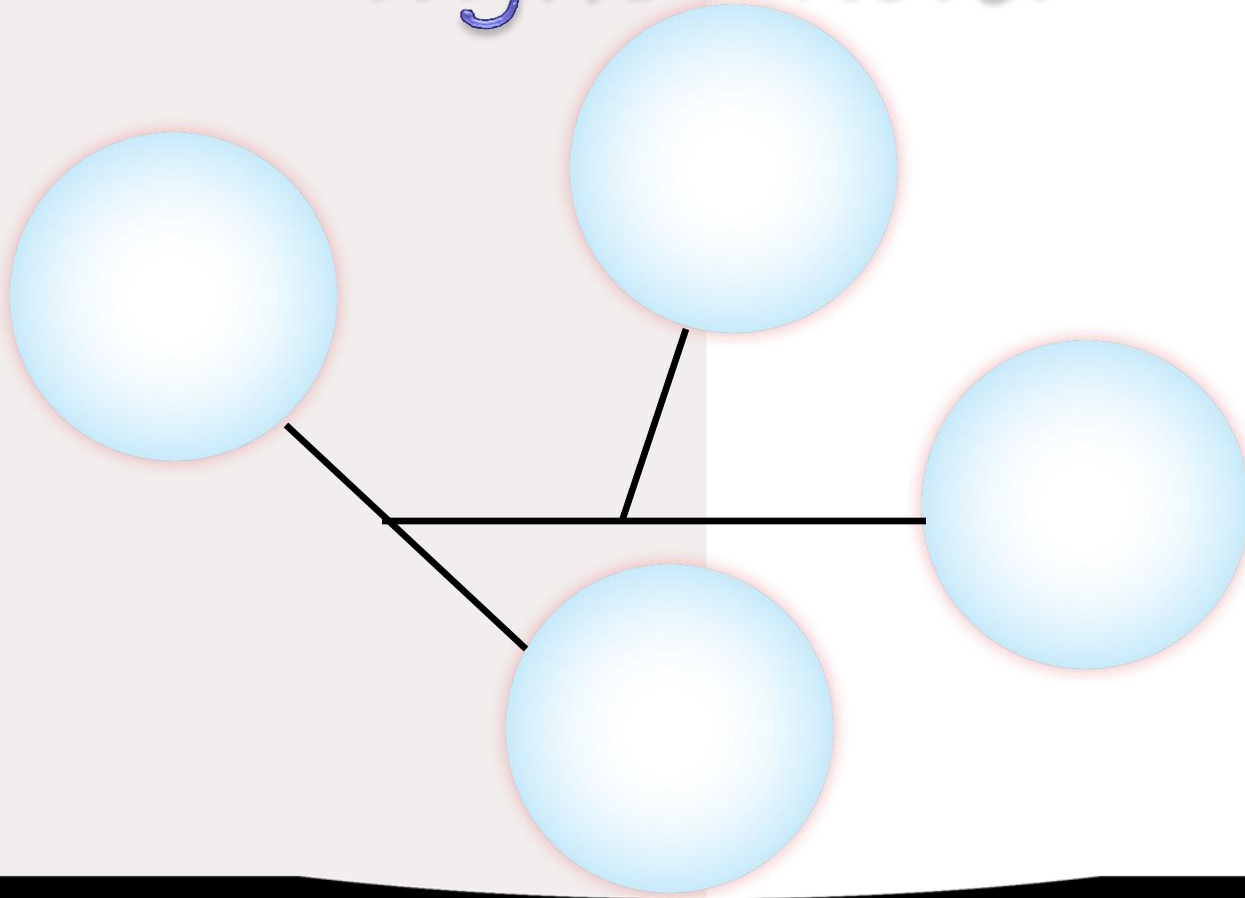


Description of neutron-rich light nuclei



4n experiment

As searching for Bigfoot (Hibagon): even though nobody have proved its existence, it does not prove contrary.



As in most experiments of this sort, however, a negative result cannot be regarded as conclusive and further experiments are needed to give additional weight to our result.

P. Schiffer and R. vandenbosch, "Search for a Particle-Stable TetraNeutron," *Phys. Lett.* 5 292 (1963)

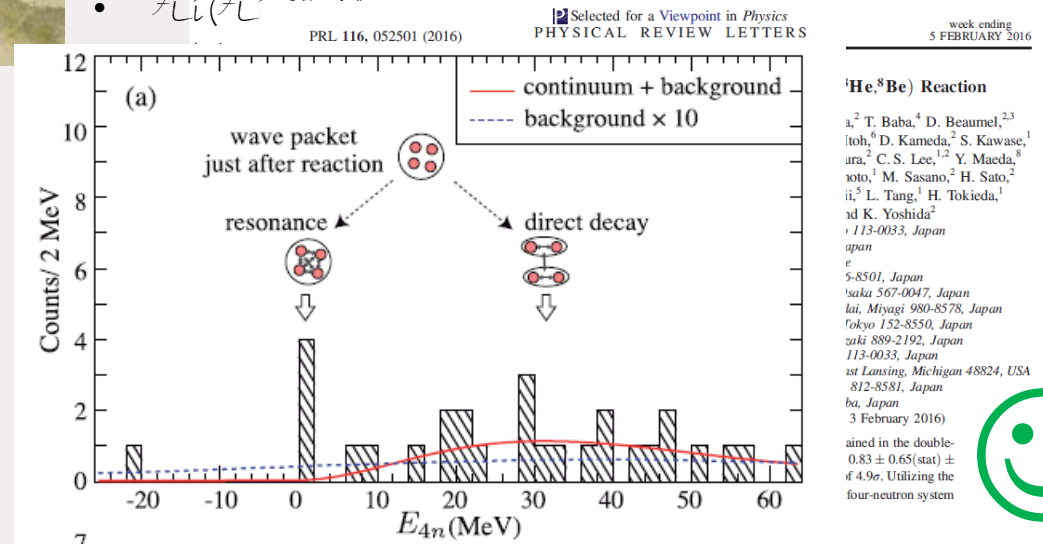
- ${}^4\text{He}(\gamma, 2\pi^+){}^4n$
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T. P. Gorringe et al., *Phys. Rev. C* 40, 2390

- ${}^7\text{Li}(\pi^-, {}^3\text{He}){}^4n$

Y.A. Batusov et al., *Sov. J. Nucl. Phys.* 26, 129 (1977)

- ${}^7\text{Li}({}^7\text{Li}^{\prime}, \dots)$



${}^4\text{He}({}^8\text{He}, {}^8\text{Be}){}^4n$:

K. Kísamori et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 116 (2016) 052501

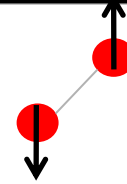
${}^{14}\text{Be} \rightarrow {}^{10}\text{Be} + {}^4n$: 6 events consistent with bound or resonant

F.M. Marqués et al: *Phys. Rev. C* 65 (2002) 044006 et arXiv:nucl-ex/0504009

4n to be or not to be?

- 2n is already resonant in 1S_0 state

$n-n$	AV18	INOY	Reid93	Exp
a_{nn} (fm)	-18.49	-18.60	-17.54	-18.5(4)
r_o (fm)	2.84	2.82	2.84	2.80(11)
$r(V_{min})$	0.874		0.930	-
γ_s	1.080	1.102	1.087	-



- $(^3\text{He})_N$ is bound for $N > 34$

R. Guardiola, J. Navarro, Phys. Rev. Lett. 84 (2001) 1144

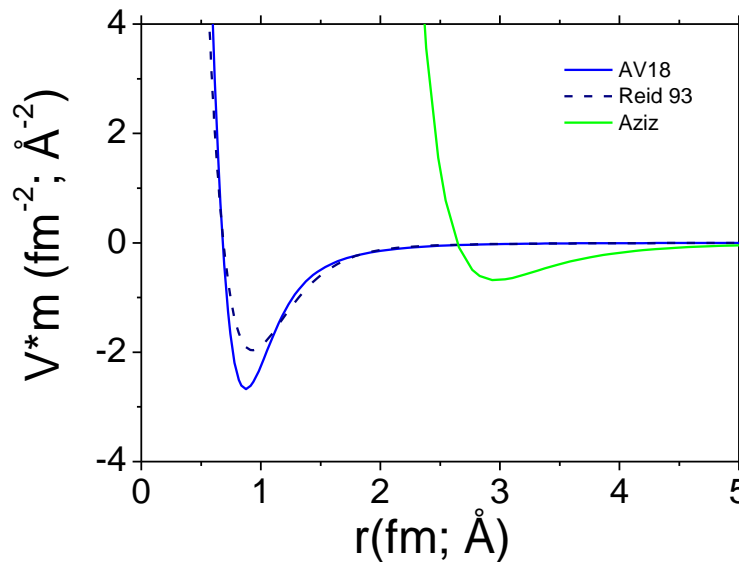
$^3\text{He}-^3\text{He}$	Aziz
$a(\text{\AA})$	-7.61

- Enhancement factor $\gamma_s \sim 1.09$ ($V_\gamma = \gamma V_{nn}$) is enough to bind 2n in 1S_0 state

- Pauli principle prevents binding! At t

$$a_{ff} \rightarrow +\infty: a.$$

D. S. Petrov, C. Salomon, arXiv:1504.09040
 Lett. 93, 090404
 G.V. Skorniakov and K.A. Brueckner, Phys. Teor. Phys. 31, 775 (1956)



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✓ Not-bound (almost in unison)

S. Pieper, PRL 90(2003):252501

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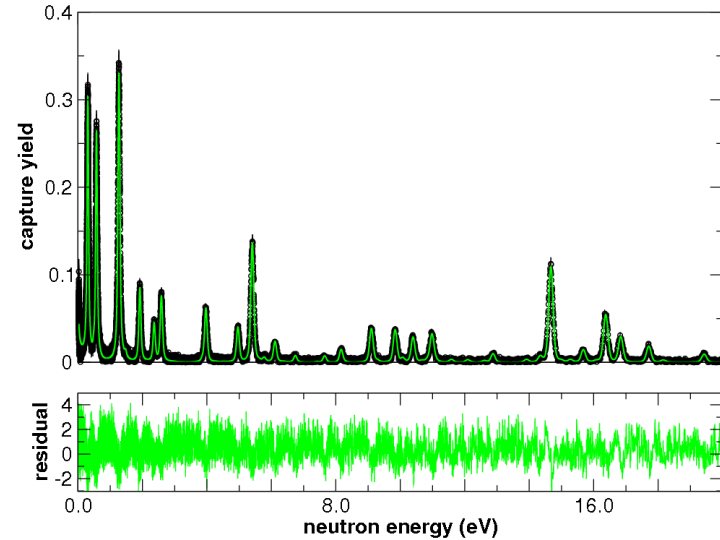
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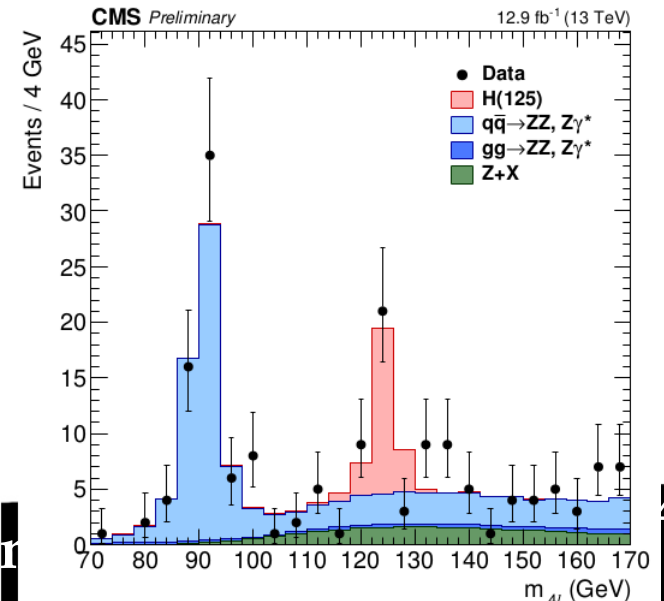
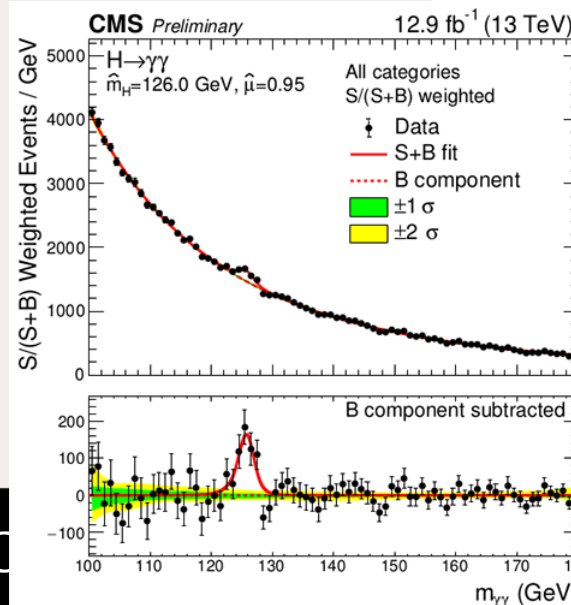
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Some are spectacular... $n+^{241}\text{Am}$ at nTOF (CERN)



Others get Nobel prize... CMS

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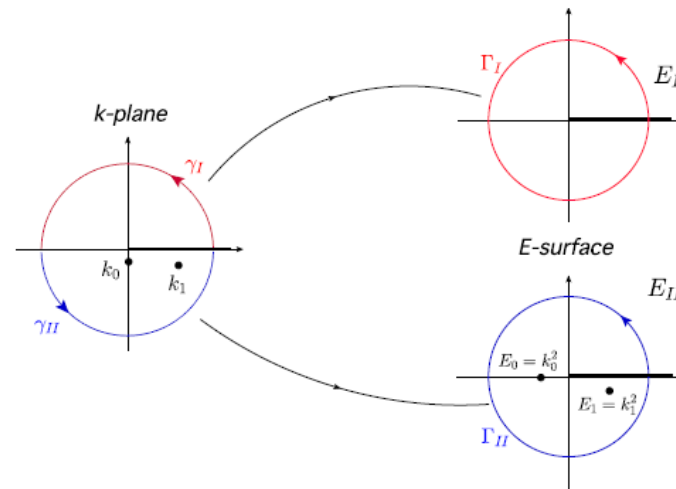
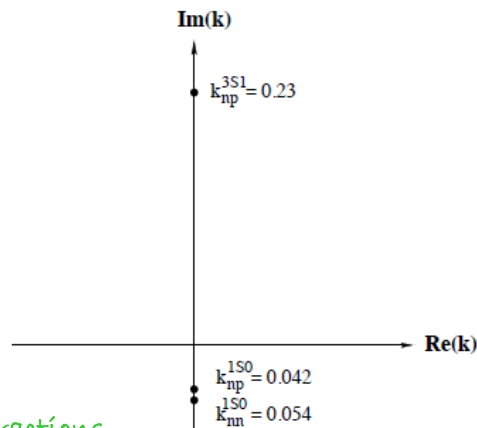
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Controversial models

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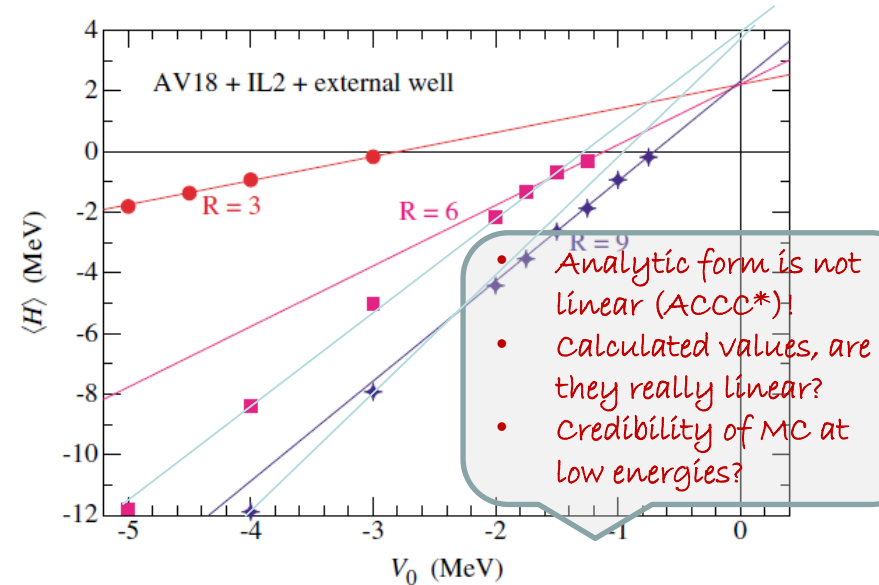
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S. Gandolfi et al., arXiv:1612.01502 -realistic interaction

M. Shirokov et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 182502 (2016) -
questionable models and stability of the results!!!

- Simplistic NN interactions
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“This suggests that there might be a 4n resonance near 2 MeV, but since the GFMC calculation with no external well shows no indication of stabilizing at that energy, the resonance, if it exists at all, must be very broad.”

*ACCC: Analytic Continuation in the coupling constant
V. I. Kukulín, V. M. Krasnopol'sky, J. Horáček: “Theory of Resonances_ Principles and Applications”

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A. Csóto et al., Phys. Rev. C 53, 1589 (1996)

H. Witala et al., Phys. Rev. C 60, 024002 (1999)

A. Hemmudan et al., Phys. Rev. C 66, 054001 (2002)

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S. A. Sofianos et al., J. Phys. G 23, 1619 (1997).

Arai, K, Phys. Rev. C 68 (2003): 034303

R.L et al., Phys. Rev. C 93, 044004 (2016) , Phys.

Rev. C 72, 034003 (2005)

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R. L. & Jaume Carbonell

- ✓ Faddeev-Yakubovsky equations in configuration space

Solution technique

- ✓ FY equations in configuration space

- ✓ Partial-wave expansion in angular momentum, spin, isospin

- ✓ Expansion in Lagrange-mesh basis

D. Baye, Physics Reports 565 (2015) 1

- ✓ CS method for resonances

J. Nuttal and H. L. Cohen, Phys. Rev. **188** (1969) 1542

T. Myo, Y. Kikuchi et al.: Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. **79** (2014) 1

☺ Well-adapted for the scattering process

☹ Non-variational, slow convergence

- ✓ Iterative linear algebra methods

Matrix size $\sim 10^7$

Emiko Hiyama & Masayasu Kamimura

- ✓ Gaussian expansion method

- ✓ Schrodinger equation

- ✓ Expansion in Gaussians with ranges in geometric progression

M. Kamimura, Phys. Rev. A **38**, 621 (1988); E. Hiyama et al., Progress in Particle and Nuclear Physics **51** (2003) 223

- ✓ Full matrix diagonalisation,

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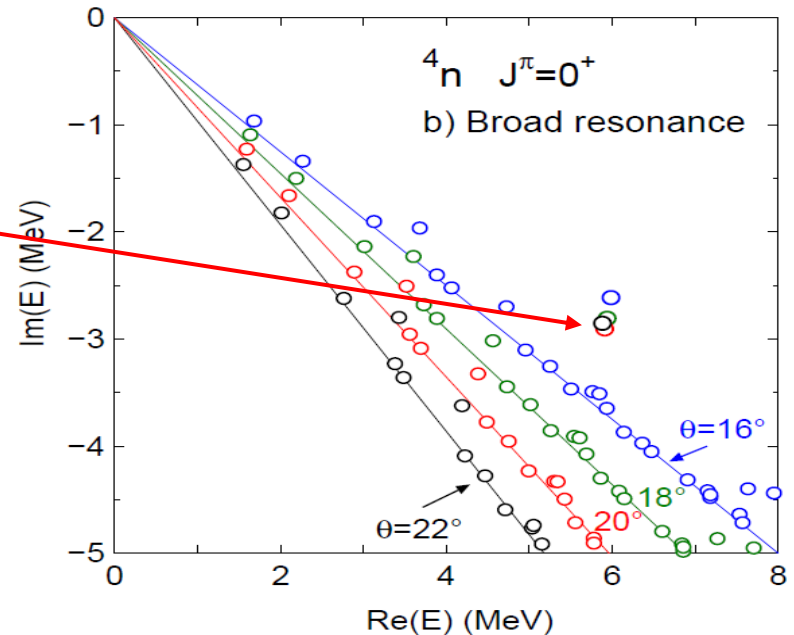
CS method

E. H. and M.K. technique due to diagonalisation of full matrix allows to identify also resonances in a vicinity of real-E axis, which does not necessarily evolve from b.s.

But *we have not observed such!*

Within CS method and according Balslev and Combes theorem. The energy pole is stable with respect to θ . $\text{Re}(E)$ corresponds to energy with respect to $4n$ breakup threshold. $\text{Im}(E)$ corresponds to $\Gamma/2$.

E. Balslev and J. M. Combes, *Commun. Math. Phys* 22, 1971, 280



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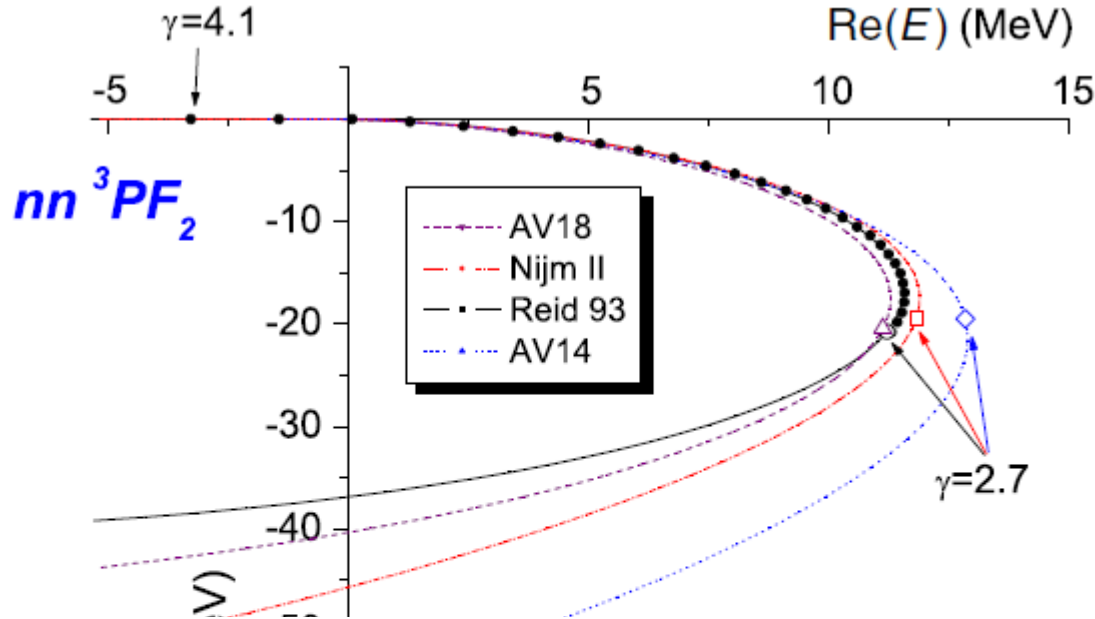
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TABLE III. Enhancement factor values (γ'_c) at which dineutron resonances become subthreshold ($\varepsilon_{\text{res}} = 0$), and imaginary energy values $\text{Im}(E)(\gamma'_c)$ at this point (MeV). Resonance energy E_{res} for physical nn interaction (i.e., at $\gamma = 1$) obtained using ACCC method.

	3P_0				3PF_2			
	Nijm II	Reid 93	AV14	AV18	Nijm II	Reid 93	AV14	AV18
γ'_c	2.27	2.26	2.08	2.24	1.64	1.71	1.46	1.73
$\text{Im}(E)(\gamma'_c)$	-10.2	-10.3	-10.6	-10.2	-45.6	-36.9	-56.2	-40.3
$E_{\text{res}}(\gamma = 1)$	-14.1-17.2i	-14.2-18.5i	-10.3-18.1i	-12.1-18.0i	-20.5-64.8i	-15.9-39.9i	-17.9-80.1i	-34.1-45.4i

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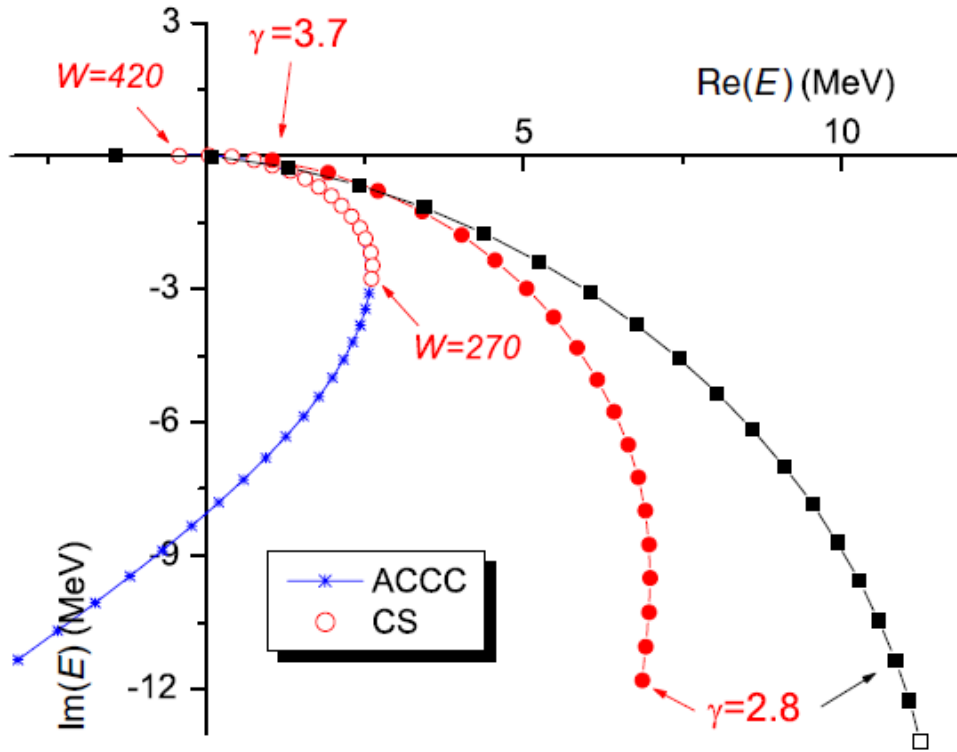


FIG. 6. (Color online) $J^\pi = 3/2^-$ three-neutron state resonance trajectory obtained when reducing the strength W of phenomenological Yukawa-type force (open circles for CS and solid line+star points for ACCC methods). The trajectory depicted by full circles represents one obtained using CS, when reducing enhancement factor γ for ${}^3P_2-{}^3F_2$ nn interaction. The trajectory depicted by full squares is the dineutron resonance path in the ${}^3P_2-{}^3F_2$ channel, obtained by enhancing nn interaction in these waves. Presented results are based on the Reid 93 model.

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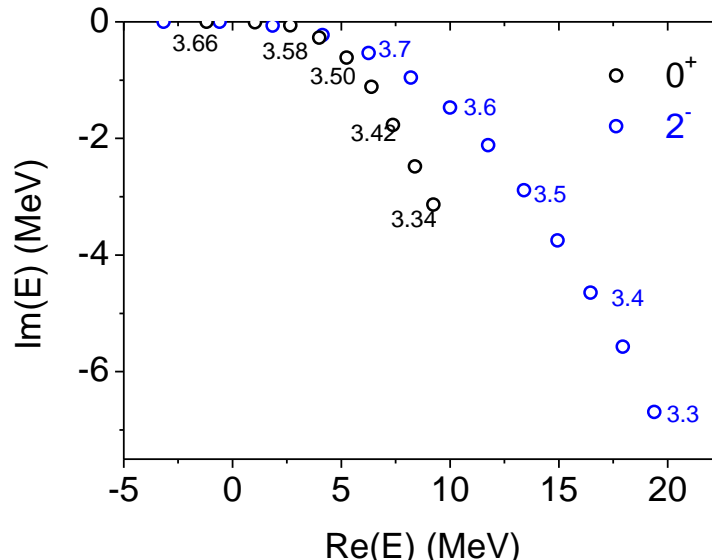
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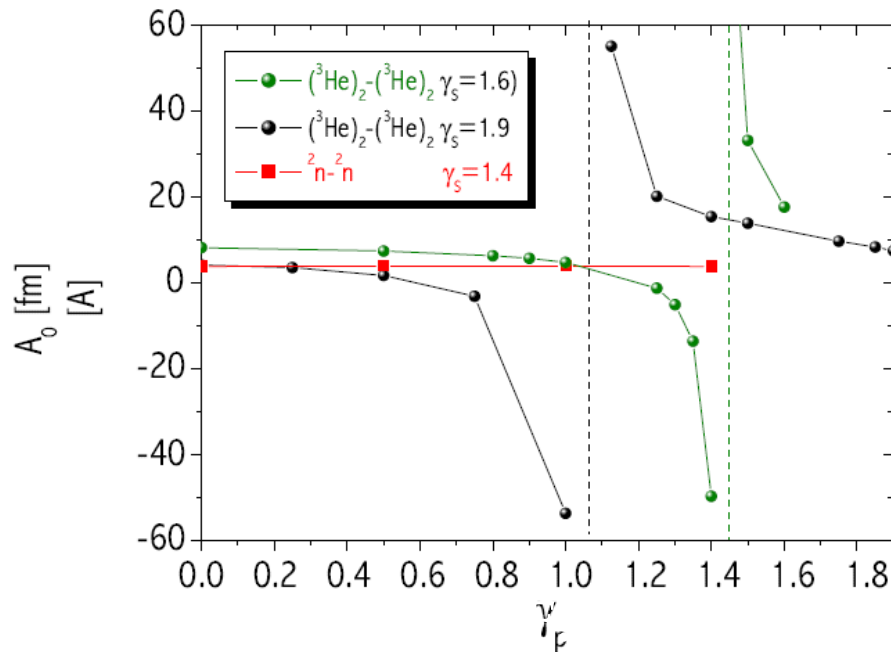
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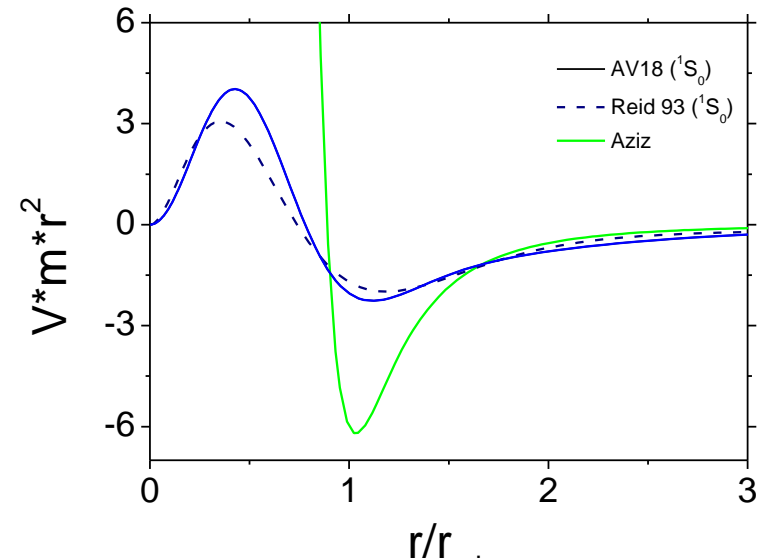
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dencies in nuclear scattering.



mimura (Riken), R. L.

R.L. Jaume Carbonell; Physical Review C 72 (2005) 034003

- V_{nn} interaction Reid 93
- No V_{nnn}
- Collective interaction is added and then gradually removed:

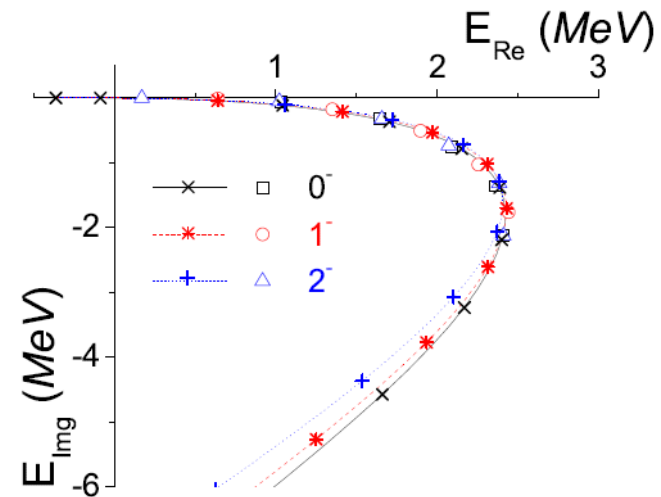
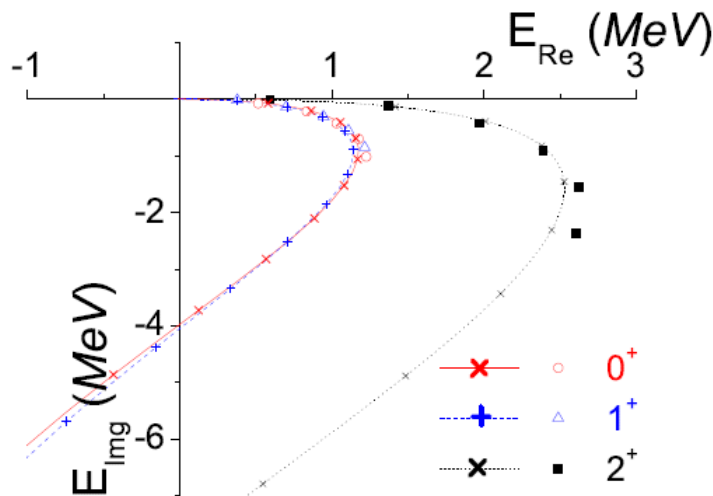
$$V_{4n} = We^{-\rho/\rho_0}; \rho = \sqrt{2(r_1^2 + r_2^2 + r_3^2 + r_4^2)}$$

$$\rho_0 = 2.5 \text{ fm}$$

Not answered:

- 1) If there is a S-matrix pole, which does not evolve from b.s.
- 2) Effect of uncertainty in nn interaction, presence of 3NF
- 3) If resonance is not related to S-matrix pole

J^π	0^-	1^-	2^-	0^+	1^+	2^+
W_0	38.70	38.67	38.68	22.90	22.92	40.38
W'	3.0	3.2	3.9	3.5	3.6	4.1
$E_{res}(W=0)$	-1.0-9.9i	-1.1-9.8i	-1.4-9.7i	-1.1-6.3i	-1.1-6.5i	-1.4-10.9i



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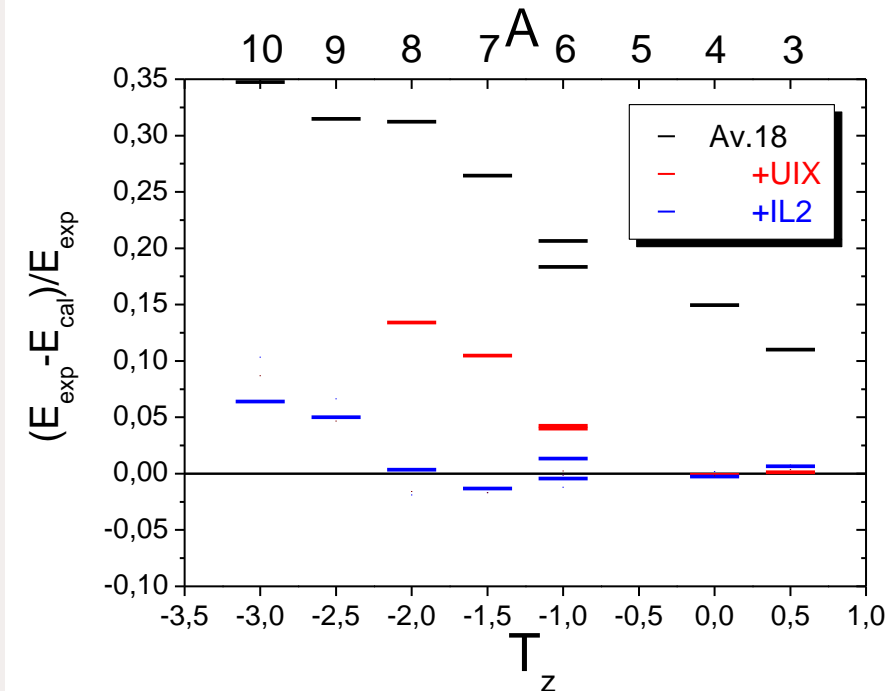
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$\gamma_P \sim 1.1$ is enough to account for the disappearance of 4n near scattering.

- But 4n system still has the last Trump card:



Sisyphus effect of the traditional 3NF's
in neutron rich systems:



Explore an effect of 3nF

$AV8'$ + Coulomb force

B.E. (^3H) : -7.76 MeV
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B.E. (^4He) = -25.1 MeV

$AV8'$ + Coulomb force +

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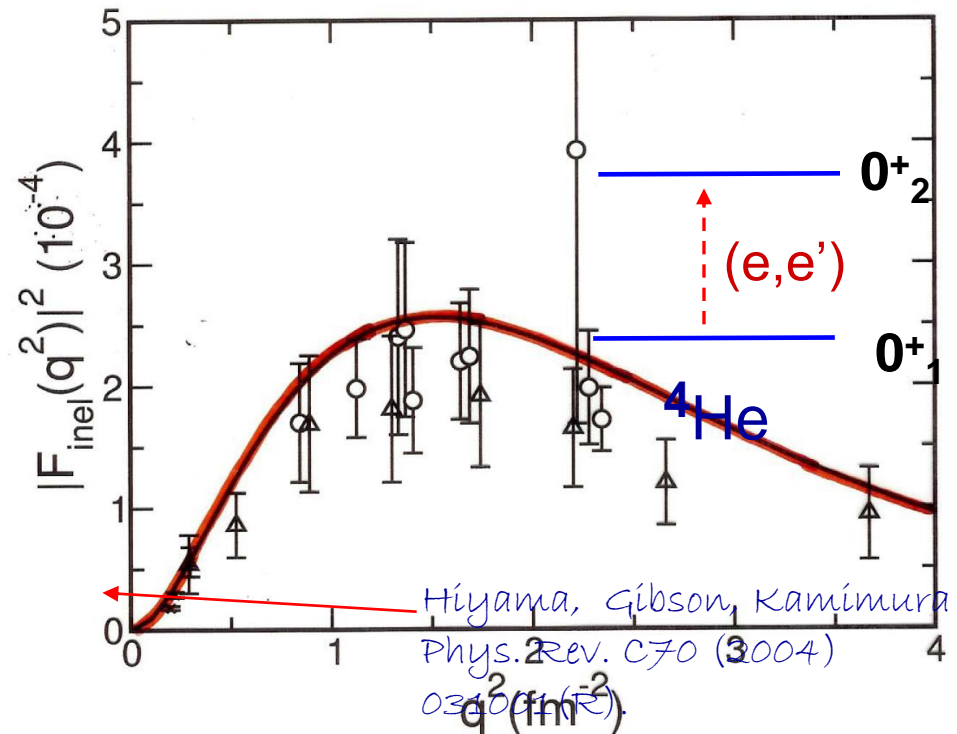
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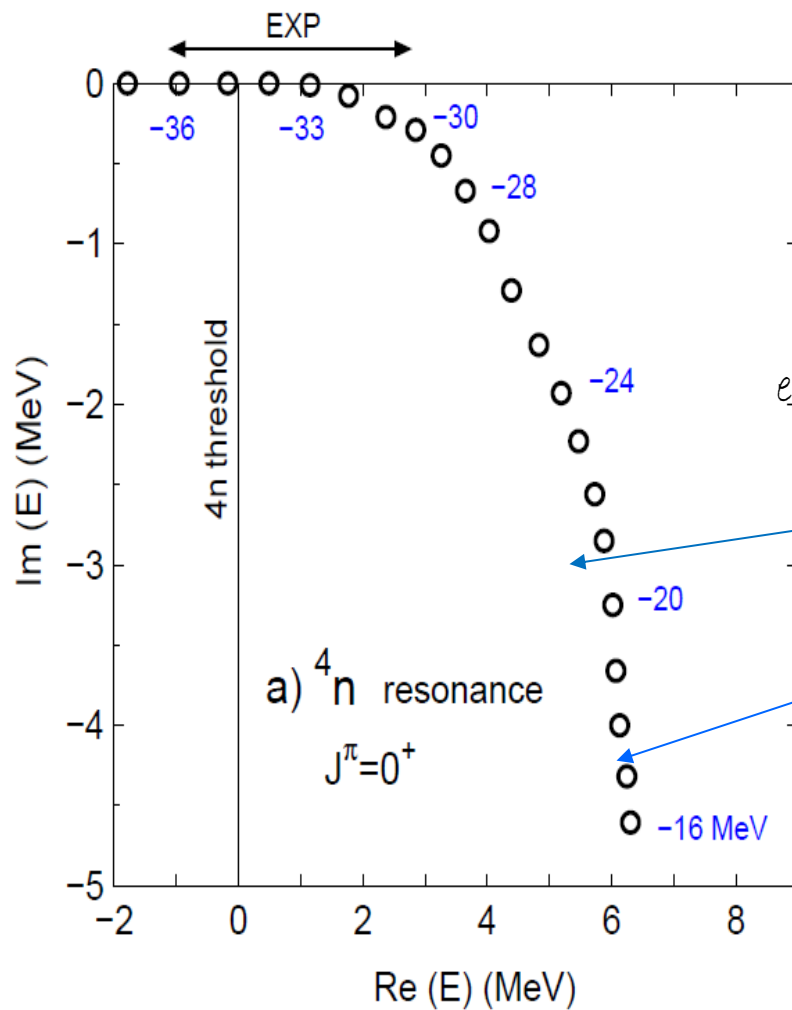
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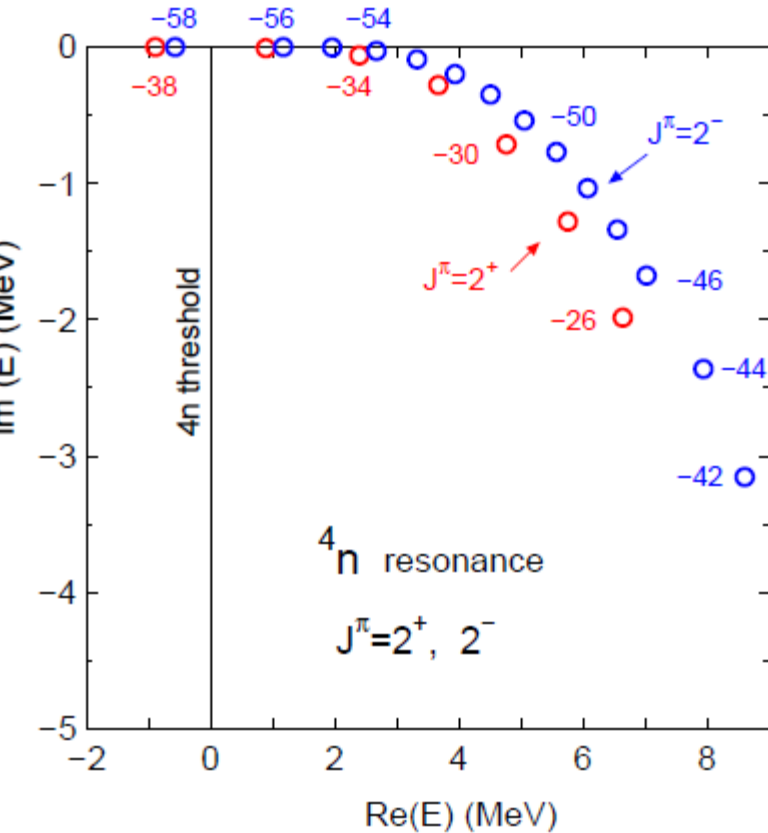
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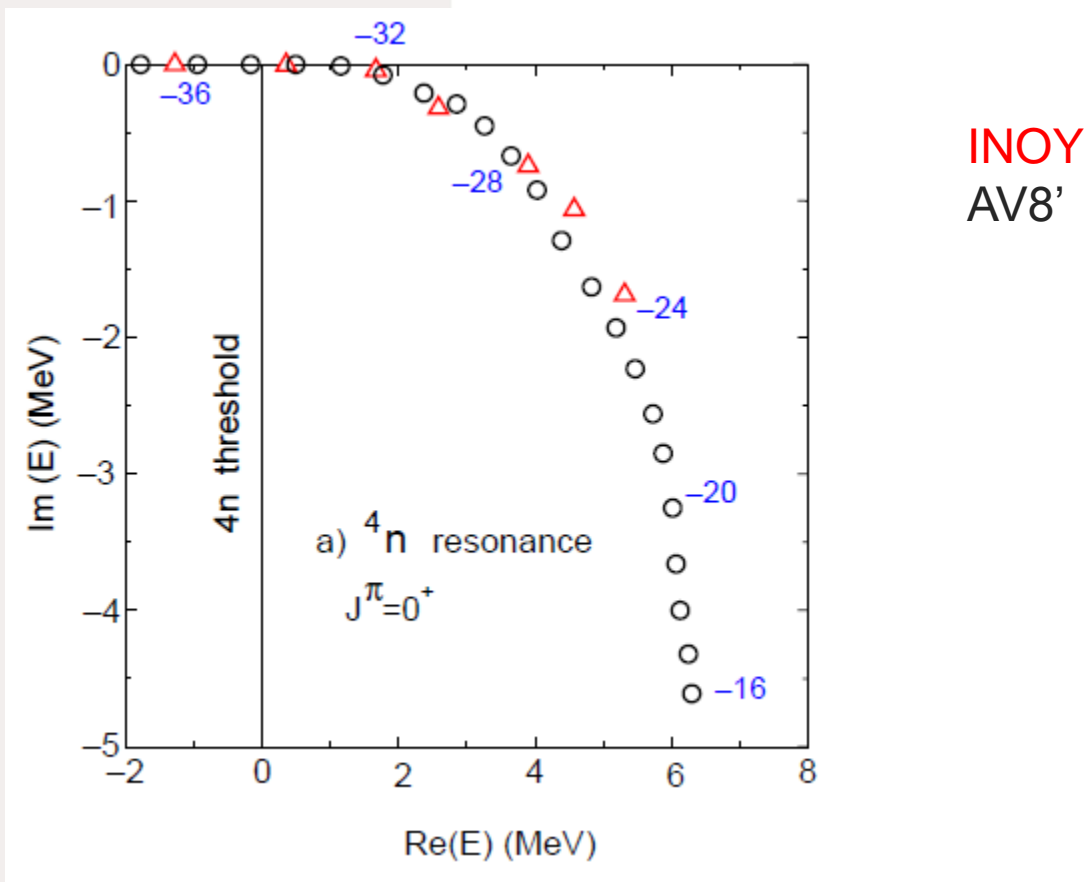
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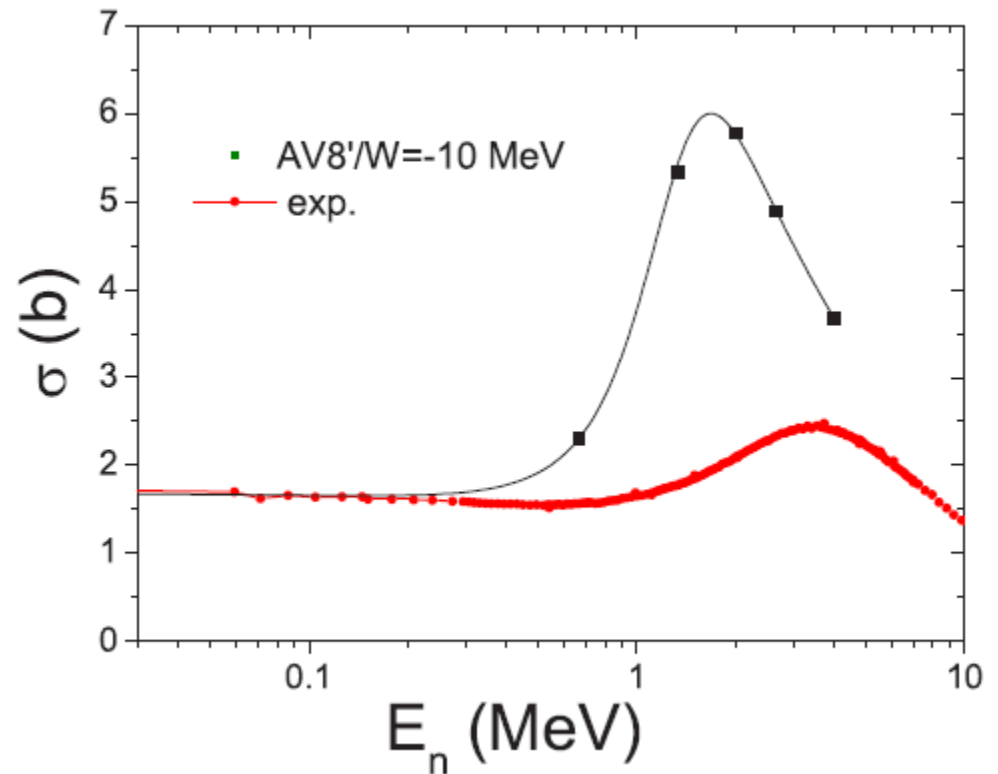
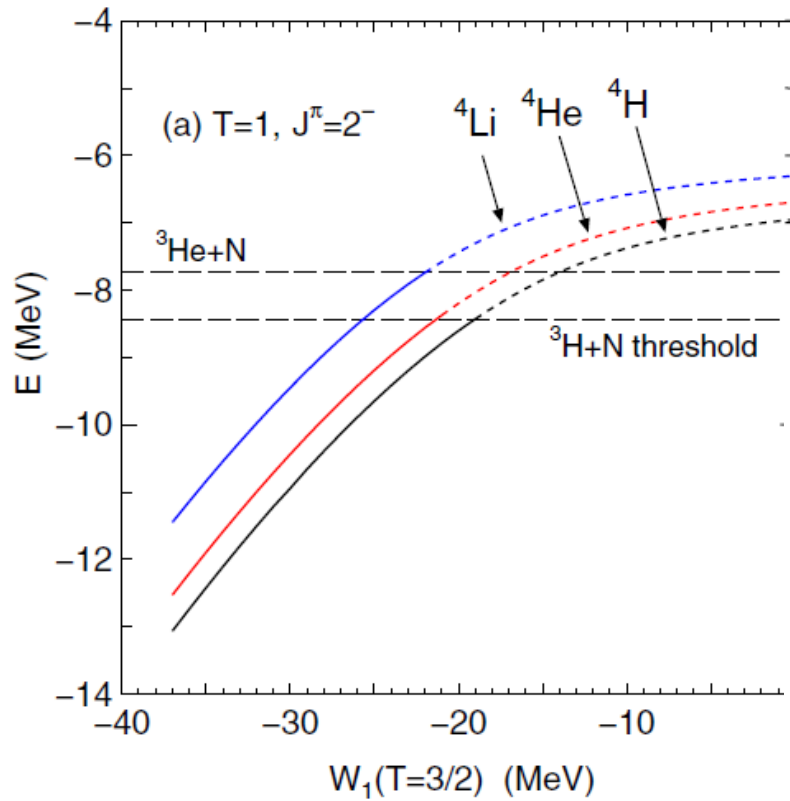


energy trajectories for $J = 2^-$ & $J = 2^+$ states, qualitatively the same, but even larger W_1 are involved

Little dependence on NN interaction



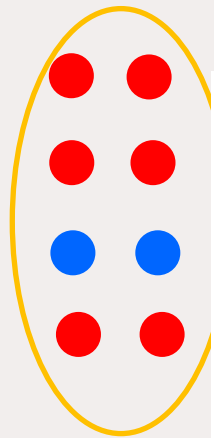
Reality of strongly attractive $3nF$: n - ^3H scattering



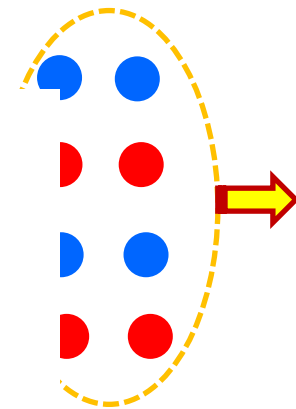
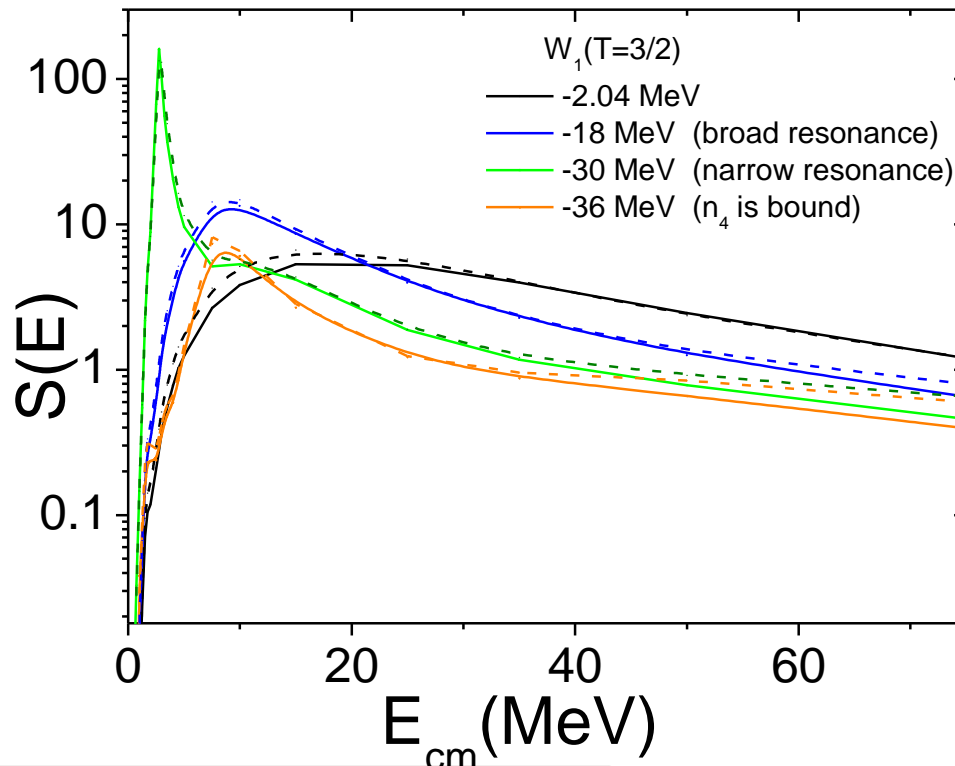
Approximation of the experimental observable

b. *And if rapid variation of observables without presence of S-matrix poles in the vicinity?*

Calucci G., Ghirardini C, Phys. Rev. 169 (1968) 1339



${}^8\text{He}$



${}^8\text{Be}$

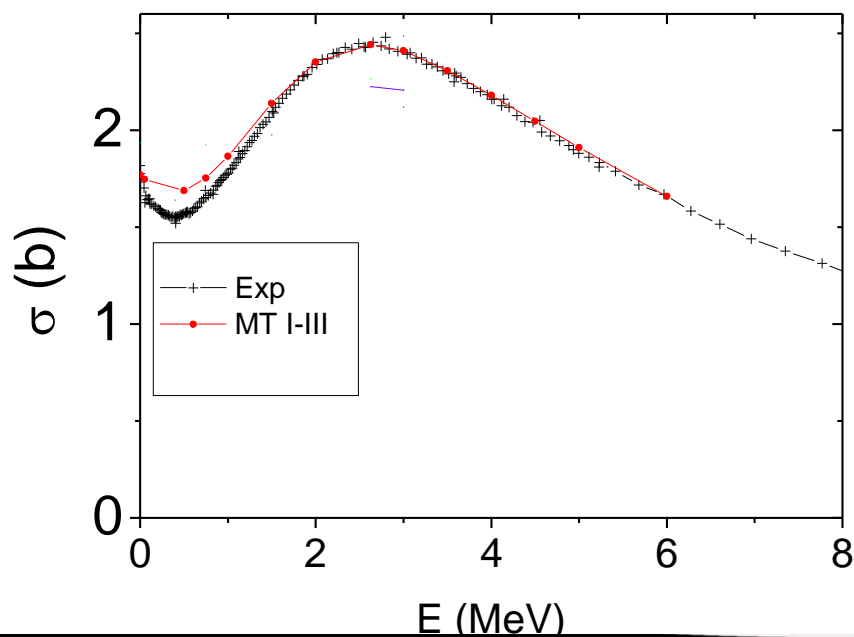
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Reference	Method	E_R (MeV)	Γ (MeV)
[7]	Cluster, model with source	2–3	4–6
[23]	Three-body cluster	2.5–3	3–4
[31,35]	Cluster, J -matrix, resonating group model	1.39	1.60
[36]	Cluster, complex scaling adiabatic expansion	1.57	1.53
[32]	Cluster, generator coordinate method	≈ 3	≈ 1 –4
[33]	Cluster, complex scaling	1.59	2.48
[34]	Cluster, analytic coupling in continuum constant	1.9 ± 0.2	0.6 ± 0.2

5H system

3P_F_2 wave enhancement factor needed to bind

2n	3n	4n	4H	5H	Pot.
4.39	3.99	3.55	2.50	~ 2.40	AV18
4.42	3.98	3.53	2.35		INOY
5.38	4.80	4.20	2.76	2.68	N3LO



- Existence of the bound ${}^4\text{n}$ system is not consistent with the modern nuclear interaction models
- Presence of the observable resonant ${}^4\text{n}$ states also seems to be inconsistent with our current understanding of nuclear interaction
- If this resonance reconfirmed experimentally there remain three possibilities with increasing theoretical challenge to unveil the underlying phenomena:
 - ✓ The observed resonant behavior is not artifact of resonant ${}^4\text{n}$, but some complex reaction mechanism involving 12-nucleons
 - ✓ We have non-standard resonance in ${}^4\text{n}$, which appears without presence of S-matrix pole in vicinity of real energy axis
 - ✓ We fail to understand nuclear dynamics based on nucleon degrees of freedom

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