# Faddeev calculations of three－neutron systems 

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## 1. Introduction

Isospin of three-nucleon ( 3 N ) systems $\frac{1}{2} \oplus \frac{1}{2} \oplus \frac{1}{2}=\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{2}$

|  | $\boldsymbol{n} \boldsymbol{n} \boldsymbol{n}$ | $\boldsymbol{n} \boldsymbol{n} \boldsymbol{p}$ | $\boldsymbol{n} \boldsymbol{p} \boldsymbol{p}$ | $\boldsymbol{p} \boldsymbol{p} \boldsymbol{p}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $T$ |  | $-\frac{1}{2}\left[{ }^{3} \mathrm{H}, n d\right]$ | $+\frac{1}{2}\left[{ }^{3} \mathrm{He}, p d\right]$ |  |
| $T=\frac{1}{2}$ |  | $-\frac{3}{2}$ |  |  |
| $T=\frac{3}{2}$ | $-\frac{3}{2}$ | $-\frac{1}{2}$ | $+\frac{1}{2}$ | $+\frac{3}{2}$ |

- Mostly studied 3 N systems: Examination of "bare" nucleon-nucleon ( $p p$ and $p n$ ) force models.
- Rigorous 3 N calculations assure the existence of 3 N forces
$\rightarrow$ applied to heavier nuclei
- What can we learn from the study of $T=\frac{3}{2} 3 \mathrm{~N}$ systems ( $n n n, p p p$ )?
-- direct information of $n n$-force and $T=\frac{3}{2} 3 \mathrm{~N}$ forces
$\rightarrow$ apply to neutron-rich nuclei, neutron matter (neutron star)
- How to study $T=\frac{3}{2} 3 \mathrm{~N}$ systems (nnn,ppp):
-- No bound state
-- Final state of reactions: e.g., $\quad{ }^{3} \mathrm{He}\left(\pi^{-}, \pi^{+}\right) 3 n,{ }^{3} \mathrm{H}(n, p) 3 n$
- Experimental search for $3 n$ resonance

$$
{ }^{3} \mathrm{He}\left(\pi^{-}, \pi^{+}\right) 3 n,{ }^{7} \mathrm{Li}(n, 3 n),{ }^{7} \mathrm{Li}\left({ }^{7} \mathrm{Li},{ }^{11} \mathrm{C}\right) 3 n,{ }^{7} \mathrm{Li}\left({ }^{11} \mathrm{~B},{ }^{15} \mathrm{O}\right) 3 n, \ldots
$$

Mostly negative, but a few positive results

- Experimental results that suggested the existence of $4 n$ resonant state:

$$
\left({ }^{14} \mathrm{Be},{ }^{10} \mathrm{Be}+4 n\right)[2002], \quad{ }^{4} \mathrm{He}\left({ }^{8} \mathrm{He},{ }^{8} \mathrm{Be}\right)[2016], \quad{ }^{7} \mathrm{Li}\left({ }^{7} \mathrm{Li},{ }^{10} \mathrm{C}\right)[2022], \quad{ }^{8} \mathrm{He}\left(p, p{ }^{4} \mathrm{He}\right)[2022]
$$

Refs:
Marqués et al., PRC65 (2002), Kisamori et al., PRL 116 (2016),

$$
\text { Faestermann et al., PLB } 824 \text { (2022), M. Duer et al., Nature } 606 \text { (2022) }
$$

- Theoretical studies on $3 n \& 4 n$ systems $\rightarrow$ contradictory results
- Review:

Marqués \& Carbonell (2021). Euro. Phys. J. A 57 (2021) 105.
https://doi.org/10.1140/epja/s10050-021-00417-8

In this presentation:

- Quick review of theoretical calculations of $3 n \& 4 n$ systems
- Theoretical method to study $3 n$ continuum state [Response function, Faddeev method]
- Results of $3 n$

Ref.: S. Ishikawa, Three-neutron bound and continuum states.
PRC 102 (2020) 034002
https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevC.102.034002

- Results of $3 p$

Ref.: S. Ishikawa, Spin-isospin excitation of ${ }^{3} \mathrm{He}$ with three-proton final state.
Prog. Theor. and Exp. Phys. 2018 (2018) 013D03
https://doi.org/10.1093/ptep/ptx183

## 2. Theoretical study for $3 n-(\& 4 n-)$ resonance

- Realistic nucleon-nucleon potentials

No bound state for $3 n$ - \& $4 n$-systems

- Resonance is related to a pole of t-matrix in complex energy


Pole trajectory in complex energy plane

Scattering t-matrix for complex energy $\omega$

$$
t(\omega)=V+V \frac{1}{\omega-H_{0}} t(\omega)=V+V \frac{1}{\omega-H_{0}-V} V
$$

Discrete eigen value $\quad\left[H_{0}+V\right]|\Psi(z)\rangle=z|\Psi(z)\rangle$

$$
t(\omega)=V+V|\Psi(z)\rangle \frac{1}{\omega-z}\langle\Psi(z)| V+\cdots
$$

- Bound state: $z=E_{b}, \rightarrow$ pole at real energy $E_{b}<0$
- Complex energy: $z=E_{r}-\frac{i}{2} \Gamma \rightarrow$ pole at $\left(E_{r},-\frac{1}{2} \Gamma\right)$


## $3 n$ studies in complex energy

- Complex energy eigenvales (1)
- Analytic continuation with separable potentials
- Complex energy eigenvales (2)
- Complex scaling method $\quad x \rightarrow x e^{i \varphi}$
$\rightarrow$ Unphysically large attractive effect is required to obtaine $3 n$ bound state (or resonance)


## Pole trajectory for $3 n$ states with separable $n n$ potential

## PHYSICAL REVIEW C 66, 054001 (2002)

Indications for the nonexistence of three-neutron resonances near the physical region
A. Hemmdan, ${ }^{1,2, *}$ W. Glöckle, ${ }^{1, \dagger}$ and H. Kamada ${ }^{3, \dagger}$

Separable $n n$ potential: $\langle x| V\left|x^{\prime}\right\rangle=-\lambda v(x) v\left(x^{\prime}\right)$


FIG. 4. The resonance pole trajectory for the state $1 / 2^{-}$.

## Pole trajectory for $3 n$ states with additional $3 n$ potential

## PHYSICAL REVIEW C 71, 044004 (2005)

Three-neutron resonance trajectories for realistic interaction models

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$$
V_{i j k}\left(T=\frac{3}{2}\right)
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
V_{3 n}=-W \frac{e^{-\frac{\rho}{\rho_{0}}}}{\rho}, \quad \text { with } \rho=\sqrt{x_{i j}^{2}+y_{i j}^{2}} \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $\rho_{0}=2 \mathrm{fm}$. In this way, dineutron physics is not affected.

TABLE V. Critical strengths $W_{0}$ in MeV fm of the phenomenological Yukawa-type force of Eq. (13) required to bind the three neutron in various states. Parameter $\rho_{0}$ of this force was fixed to $2 \mathrm{fm} . W^{\prime}$ are the values at which three-neutron resonances become subthreshold ones, whereas $B_{\text {trit }}$ are such $3 N F$ corresponding triton binding energies in MeV .

| $J^{\pi}$ | $\frac{1}{2}^{+}$ | $\frac{3}{2}^{+}$ | $\frac{5}{2}^{+}$ | $\frac{1}{2}^{-}$ | $\frac{3}{2}^{-}$ | $\frac{5}{2}^{-}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $W_{0}$ | 307 | 1062 | 809 | 515 | 413 | 629 |
| $W^{\prime}$ | 152 | - | 329 | 118 | 146 | 277 |
| $B_{\text {trit }}$ | 21.35 | - | 44.55 | 17.72 | 20.69 | 37.05 |

## $3 n\left(J^{\pi}\right)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 3 n\left(\mathrm{~T}=\frac{3}{2}\right) \\
& n n p\left(\mathrm{~T}=\frac{1}{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

$\operatorname{Re}(E)(\mathrm{MeV})$


## $3 n$ and $4 n$ studies at real energy

- Neutrons confined in a trapping potential:

$$
\mathrm{W}\left(r_{i}\right)=V_{0} \frac{1}{1+e^{\left(r_{i}-R\right) / a_{\mathrm{WS}}}}
$$

Extrapolate to real world [Strength $V_{0} \rightarrow 0$ ]
$\rightarrow$ Existence of $3 n$ and $4 n$ resonance

## Energy for $4 n\left(0^{+}\right)$states

## Can Modern Nuclear Hamiltonians Tolerate a Bound Tetraneutron?

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## $4 n$

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Artificial external wells of Woods-Saxon with (range, strength) $=\left(R, V_{0}\right)$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathrm{W}\left(r_{i}\right)=V_{0} \frac{1}{1+e^{\left(r_{i}-R\right) / a_{\mathrm{WS}}}} \\
a_{\mathrm{WS}}=0.65 \mathrm{fm}
\end{gathered}
$$

## Energies for $3 n$ and $4 n$ states



Is a Trineutron Resonance Lower in Energy than a Tetraneutron Resonance?
S. Gandolfi, ${ }^{1, *}$ H.-W. Hammer, ${ }^{2,3, \uparrow}$ P. Klos, ${ }^{2,3, *}$ J. E. Lynn, ${ }^{2,3,8}$ and A. Schwenk ${ }^{2,3,4, \|}$

$\begin{array}{ll}4 n & E_{4 n} \sim 2 \mathrm{MeV} \\ 3 n & E_{3 n}<E_{4 n} \\ & \\ & \text { Monte Carlo method: } \\ \left.\begin{array}{l}\left\langle\mathbf{R} S \mid \Psi_{v}\right\rangle \\ =\langle\mathbf{R} S| \\ \end{array} \prod_{i=1}^{f^{c}\left(r_{i j}\right)}\right)\left(1+\sum_{i<1} F_{i j}+\sum_{i \ll k} F_{i j k}\right)\left|\Phi_{J M}\right\rangle,\end{array}$

## Energies for $3 n$ and $4 n$ states

Ab initio no-core Gamow shell-model calculations of multineutron systems
J. G. Li, ${ }^{1}$ N. Michel $\odot,{ }^{2,3}$ B. S. Hu $\odot,{ }^{1}$ W. Zuo, ${ }^{2,3}$ and F. R. Xu $\odot^{1, *}$


$$
E_{4 n}=3 \sim 5 \mathrm{MeV}
$$

Ab initio no-core Gamow shell model

## 3. How to study 3-body system without 2-body bound state

Notations:

- Total Hamiltonian (only 2NF for simplicity)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& H=H_{0}+V_{1}+V_{2}+V_{3} \\
& \quad V_{1}=V_{23} \quad \text { etc. (odd man out notation) }
\end{aligned}
$$



- (Asymptotic) 3-body states are specified by momentum-variables $\vec{q}, \vec{p} \quad|\vec{q}, \vec{p}\rangle$

$$
H_{0}|E ; \vec{q}, \vec{p}\rangle=E|E ; \vec{q}, \vec{p}\rangle, \quad E=\frac{\hbar^{2}}{m} q^{2}+\frac{3 \hbar^{2}}{4 m} p^{2}=E_{q}+E_{p}
$$

- Eigenstate of 3-body Hamiltonian with going (+) / incoming ( - ) boundary conditions:

$$
H\left|\Psi_{\vec{q} \vec{p}}^{( \pm)}(E)\right\rangle=E\left|\Psi_{\vec{q} \vec{p}}^{( \pm)}(E)\right\rangle
$$

## Reactions to study $3 n \& 3 p$ states

- Reactions to produce $3 n$ (or $3 p$ ) state with simple reaction mechanism

$$
\text { e.g., }{ }^{3} \mathrm{H}(n, p) 3 n \quad{ }^{3} \mathrm{He}(p, n) 3 p
$$

- In PWIA

Two processes: $n+p \rightarrow p+n,{ }^{3} \mathrm{H} \rightarrow n n n$ (or ${ }^{3} \mathrm{He} \rightarrow p p p$ )
Transition amplitude: $\quad T \propto t_{n p \rightarrow p n} \times\left\langle\Psi_{\vec{q} \vec{p}}^{(-)}(E)\right| \hat{O}\left|\Psi_{b}\right\rangle$


## Response functions

- In PWIA, the cross section can be written in terms of response function:

$$
\begin{aligned}
R_{\hat{O}}(E) & \left.=\int d \vec{q} d \vec{p}\left|\left\langle\Psi_{\vec{q} \vec{p}}^{(-)}\left(E_{q}+E_{p}\right)\right| \hat{O}\right| \Psi_{b}\right\rangle\left.\right|^{2} \delta\left(E-E_{q}-E_{p}\right) \\
& =-\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im}\left\langle\Psi_{b}\right| \hat{O}^{\dagger} \frac{1}{E+i \varepsilon-H} \hat{O}\left|\Psi_{b}\right\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$

- If the system has a complex energy eigen value, $E_{r}-\frac{i}{2} \Gamma$ :

$$
H|\Psi\rangle=\left(E_{r}-\frac{i}{2} \Gamma\right)|\Psi\rangle \quad \rightarrow R_{\hat{O}}(E)=\frac{R_{r}}{\pi} \frac{\frac{\Gamma}{2}}{\left(E-E_{r}\right)^{2}+\left(\frac{1}{2} \Gamma\right)^{2}}
$$

- When the complex energy is close to real axis (i.e. $\Gamma$ is small enough) so that $R_{\hat{O}}(E)$ has a peak around $E=E_{r}$, it is called as a resonance peak.

Note: $\hat{o}_{c}=\sum_{i=1}^{3} e^{i \vec{Q} \cdot \vec{r}_{i}} t_{i}^{(-)}, \widehat{o}_{L}=\sum_{i=1}^{3} e^{i \vec{a} \cdot \vec{r}_{i}}\left(\hat{Q} \cdot \hat{\sigma}_{i}\right) t_{i}^{(-)}, \hat{o}_{T}=\sum_{i=1}^{3} e^{i \vec{a} \cdot \vec{r}_{i}}\left(\hat{Q} \times \hat{\sigma}_{i}\right) t_{i}^{(-)}$

## Calculation of the Response functions

$$
\left.R_{\hat{O}}(E)=\int d \vec{q} d \vec{p}\left|\left\langle\Psi_{\vec{q} \vec{p}}^{(-)}\left(E_{q}+E_{p}\right)\right| \hat{O}\right| \Psi_{b}\right\rangle\left.\right|^{2} \delta\left(E-E_{q}-E_{p}\right)
$$

- Use the Green's function method to avoid to calculate $\Psi_{\vec{q} \vec{p}}^{(-)}\left(E=E_{q}+E_{p}\right)$ for all possible combinations of $E_{q}$ and $E_{p}$ for a given $E$ :

$$
R_{\hat{O}}(E)=-\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im}\left\langle\Psi_{b}\right| \hat{O}^{\dagger} \frac{1}{E+i \varepsilon-H} \hat{O}\left|\Psi_{b}\right\rangle
$$

- Def. $|\Psi(E)\rangle$ : wave function corresponding to the process ${ }^{3} \mathrm{H} \rightarrow 3 n$ :

$$
|\Psi(E)\rangle=\frac{1}{E+i \varepsilon-H} \hat{O}\left|\Psi_{b}\right\rangle
$$

## Calculation of the Response functions

- Asymptotic form of $|\Psi(E)\rangle$

$$
\langle\vec{x} \vec{y} \mid \Psi\rangle=\langle\vec{x} \vec{y}| \frac{1}{E+i \varepsilon-H} \hat{O}\left|\Psi_{b}\right\rangle \rightarrow N \frac{e^{i K R}}{R^{5 / 2}}\left\langle\Psi_{\vec{q} \vec{p}}^{(-)}\right| \hat{O}\left|\Psi_{b}\right\rangle
$$

$$
R=\sqrt{x^{2}+\frac{4}{3} y^{2}} \quad K=\sqrt{\frac{m}{\hbar^{2}} E}
$$

- Once the function $|\Psi(E)\rangle$ is obtained, all of the 3-body breakup amplitudes $\left\langle\Psi_{\vec{q} \vec{p}}^{(-)}\right| \hat{O}\left|\Psi_{b}\right\rangle$ are calculated from $|\Psi(E)\rangle$.


## How to calculate the wave function $|\Psi(E)\rangle$

- Three-body problem under the 3-body Hamiltonian $H$
- Expression by the diagram

$$
|\Psi(E)\rangle=\frac{1}{E+i \varepsilon-H} \widehat{O}\left|\Psi_{b}\right\rangle=
$$



- $\rightarrow$ full 3-body dynamics including 3-body T-matrix $T(E)$
- Faddeev (1961) :

Decompose the T-matrix with respect to interaction pair in the final state

$$
T(E)=T^{(1)}(E)+T^{(2)}(E)+T^{(3)}(E)
$$

## Apply the Faddeev theory to calculate $|\Psi(E)\rangle$

- Ref. L.D. Faddeev, "Scattering Theory for a Three-Particle System" Soviet Phys. JETP 12 (1961) 1014:
Decompose the T-matrix with respect to interaction pair in the final state



## Faddeev equations for T-matrix

- Multiple scattering with rearrangements for the Faddeev components $T^{(i)}(E)(i=1,2,3)$

$$
T^{(1)}(E)=t_{1}(E)+t_{1}(E) G_{0}(E)\left[T^{(2)}(E)+T^{(3)}(E)\right]
$$



## Faddeev equations for $|\Psi(E)\rangle$

- Channel Hamiltonian

$$
H_{i}=H_{0}+V_{i}, \quad H=H_{i}+V_{j}+V_{k}
$$

- In general

$$
\widehat{O}=\hat{O}_{1}+\hat{O}_{2}+\hat{O}_{3}
$$

- Faddeev decomposition

$$
|\Psi\rangle=\frac{1}{E+i \varepsilon-H} \hat{O}\left|\Psi_{b}\right\rangle=\left|\Phi_{1}\right\rangle+\left|\Phi_{2}\right\rangle+\left|\Phi_{3}\right\rangle
$$

- Faddeev equations for the Faddeev components

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left|\Phi_{1}\right\rangle=\frac{1}{E+i \varepsilon-H_{1}} \widehat{o}_{1}\left|\Psi_{b}\right\rangle+\frac{1}{E+i \varepsilon-H_{1}} V_{1}\left(\left|\Phi_{2}\right\rangle+\left|\Phi_{3}\right\rangle\right) \\
& (1,2,3) \rightarrow(2,3,1) \rightarrow(3,1,2)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Multiple scattering with rearrangement

$$
\left|\Phi_{1}\right\rangle=\frac{1}{E+i \varepsilon-H_{1}} \hat{o}_{1}\left|\Psi_{b}\right\rangle+\frac{1}{E+i \varepsilon-H_{1}} V_{1}\left(\left|\Phi_{2}\right\rangle+\left|\Phi_{3}\right\rangle\right)
$$



## 4. Calculations of the response functions

Response function $R_{\hat{O}}(E, Q)$ for the transition from the ${ }^{3} \mathrm{H}$ ground state to
$3 n\left(\frac{3^{-}}{2}\right)$ continuum state with $\hat{O}=\sum_{i=1}^{3} e^{i \vec{Q} \cdot \vec{r}_{i}} t_{i}^{(-)}$.
[0] Calculations with Argonne V18-nn potential

Extrapolation procedures with giving additional attractions to the $3 n$ Hamiltonian
[1] Multiplying a factor to the $n n$ potential
[2] Introducing a 3BP
[3] Additional trapping potential

## [0] Calculations with AV18-nn potential



Arrows:

$$
E=\frac{Q^{2}}{2 m}-B\left({ }^{3} \mathrm{H}\right)-\frac{Q^{2}}{6 m}
$$

Quasifree process that the momentum $Q$ is absorbed by one neutron.

## [1] Multiplying a factor to the $n n$ potential

- Modify the $n n$ potential by multiplying a factor $(1-\alpha)$

$$
V\left({ }^{2 S+1} L_{J}\right) \rightarrow(1-\alpha) \times V\left({ }^{2 S+1} L_{J}\right)
$$

- Note: $n n\left({ }^{1} S_{0}\right)$-state has a bound state for $\alpha<-0.08$
- The factor will be multiplied only to $V\left({ }^{3} P_{2}-{ }^{3} F_{2}\right)$ [attractive]
$n n\left({ }^{3} P_{2}-{ }^{3} F_{2}\right)$ bound state exists for $\alpha<-3.39$
$3 n\left(\frac{3^{-}}{2}\right)$ bound state exists for $\alpha<-2.98$


## [1] Multiplying a factor to the $n n$ potential

$$
Q=300,400, \text { and } 500 \mathrm{MeV} / \mathrm{c}
$$



- Fitting of the response function

$$
\begin{gathered}
R(E)=\frac{b\left(E-E_{r}\right)+c \Gamma}{\left(E-E_{r}\right)^{2}+\Gamma^{2} / 4} \\
+a_{0}+a_{1}\left(E-E_{r}\right) \\
+a_{2}\left(E-E_{r}\right)^{2}
\end{gathered}
$$

- Extracted values of $E_{r}$ and $\Gamma$ are $Q$ independent for $-2.7 \leq \alpha \leq-1.6$


## [1] Multiplying a factor to the $n n$ potential



## [2] Introducing a 3BP

- Three-body potential

$$
W(T)=\sum_{n=1}^{2} W_{n} e^{-\left(r_{12}^{2}+r_{23}^{2}+r_{31}^{2}\right) / b_{n}^{2}} \hat{P}(T)
$$

- Range parameters: $b_{1}=4.0 \mathrm{fm}, b_{2}=0.75 \mathrm{fm}$ Short range repulsive term $W_{2}=+35.0 \mathrm{MeV}$
[Hiyama et al., PRC93 (2016) 044004]
Required value of $W_{1}$ for $4 n\left(0^{+}\right)$state to bind: $W_{1}=-36.14 \mathrm{MeV}$
- $n\left(\frac{3}{2}^{-}\right)$bound state exists for $W_{1}<-80 \mathrm{MeV}$
$\Leftrightarrow W_{1}=-2.55 \mathrm{MeV}$ to reproduce ${ }^{3} \mathrm{H}$ binding energy

Pole trajectory for $3 n$ states and energy for $4 n\left(0^{+}\right)$states
PHYSICAL REVIEW C 93, 044004 (2016)
Possibility of generating a 4-neutron resonance with a $T=3 / 2$ isospin 3-neutron force
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$$
V_{i j k}\left(T=\frac{3}{2}\right)
$$

$4 n$

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
120^{-} & \text {(b) }{ }^{4} n \quad \text { resonance } \\
J^{\pi}=0^{+}
\end{array}
$$

RIKEN2016 experiment ${ }^{4} \mathrm{He}\left({ }^{8} \mathrm{He},{ }^{8} \mathrm{Be}\right)$

## [2] Introducing a 3BP




- $3 n$ binding energy
-     - Fitted to $3 n$ binding energy
- Extracted $E_{r}\left( \pm \frac{\Gamma}{2}\right)$
- Peak energy

$$
W_{1} \rightarrow 0
$$

No pole close to the real axis

$$
\left[E_{r} \sim 4 \mathrm{MeV},\lceil\sim 10 \mathrm{MeV}] \text { for } W_{1}=-36 \mathrm{MeV}\right.
$$

## [3] Additional trapping potential

$$
\mathrm{W}\left(r_{i}\right)=W_{\mathrm{WS}} \frac{1}{1+e^{\left(r_{i}-R_{\mathrm{WS}}\right) / a_{\mathrm{WS}}}}, \quad a_{\mathrm{WS}}=0.65 \mathrm{fm}
$$



## $3 n$ resonance ?

Similar result with Gandolfi(2019) \& Li(2019), which suggest the existence of $3 n$ resonance.
[0] Calculations with Argonne V18-nn potential No resonance peak

Extrapolation methods
[1] Multiplying a factor to the $n n$ potential
[2] Introducing a 3BP
Complex pole energy is far from real axis $\rightarrow$ nonexistence of $3 n$ resonance
[3] Additional trapping potential
$\rightarrow$ existence of $3 n$ resonance


## "2n" system with Gaussian + trapping potential

- $3 n\left(\frac{3}{2}^{-}\right)$state $\sim n$-dineutron in $P$-wave $(\mathrm{L}=1)$
- 2-body (" $2 n$ ") P-wave state in trapping-potential
- Effective potential:

$$
V_{\mathrm{eff}}(x)=v_{G} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{r_{G}}\right)^{2}}+\frac{\hbar^{2} L(L+1)}{m x^{2}}+\sum_{i=1,2} W\left(r_{i}\right)
$$

Parameters: $r_{G}=2.5 \mathrm{fm}, v_{G}=-50 \mathrm{MeV}$ "no resonance state"

$$
\mathrm{W}\left(r_{i}\right)=W_{\mathrm{Ws}} \frac{1}{1+e^{\left(r_{i}-R_{\mathrm{Ws}}\right) / a_{\mathrm{Ws}}}}, \quad a_{\mathrm{WS}}=0.65 \mathrm{fm}
$$

## " $2 n$ " system with Gaussian + trapping potential

$$
V_{\mathrm{eff}}(x)=v_{G} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{r_{G}}\right)^{2}}+\frac{\hbar^{2} L(L+1)}{m x^{2}}+\sum_{i=1,2} W\left(r_{i}\right), \quad L=1
$$



As the attractive effect is reduced, the barrier appears at positive energy.
$\rightarrow$
An extra repulsive effect that does not exist for the bound states.
solid curves $\rightarrow$ no bound state exists

## " $2 n$ " energies with trapping potential



- $\square$ Bound state
$\bigcirc \square \triangle$ Resonance (phase shift= $90^{\circ}$ )

Extrapolation of bound state energies
Positive energy at $W_{\mathrm{Ws}}=0 \mathrm{MeV}$

However, soon after getting into the continuum region, the $W_{\text {Ws }}$ dependence is quite different from that in the bound state region.

The extrapolation is no longer reliable.

## 5. ${ }^{3} \mathrm{He}(p, n) p p p$

## PHYSICAL REVIEW C 77, 054611 (2008)

Complete set of polarization transfer coefficients for the ${ }^{3} \mathrm{He}(p, n)$ reaction at 346 MeV and 0 degrees
T. Wakasa, ${ }^{1, *}$ E. Ihara, ${ }^{1}$ M. Dozono, ${ }^{1}$ K. Hatanaka, ${ }^{2}$ T. Imamura, ${ }^{1}$ M. Kato, ${ }^{2}$ S. Kuroita, ${ }^{1}$ H. Matsubara, ${ }^{2}$ T. Noro, ${ }^{1}$ H. Okamura, ${ }^{2}$ K. Sagara, ${ }^{1}$ Y. Sakemi, ${ }^{3}$ K. Sekiguchi, ${ }^{4}$ K. Suda, ${ }^{2}$ T. Sueta, ${ }^{1}$ Y. Tameshige, ${ }^{2}$ A. Tamii, ${ }^{2}$ H. Tanabe, ${ }^{1}$ and Y. Yamada

PWIA


## ${ }^{3} \mathrm{He}(p, n) p p p$



$$
D_{L L}\left(0^{\circ}\right) ?
$$

## Horizontal lines:

$D_{N N}\left(0^{\circ}\right), D_{L L}\left(0^{\circ}\right)$ in $p, n$ scattering

$$
\begin{aligned}
& { }^{3} \mathrm{He}(p, n) p p p\left(\theta_{n}=0^{\circ}\right) \quad T_{p}=346 \mathrm{MeV} \\
& \frac{d \sigma}{d \omega d \Omega}\left(0^{\circ}\right), D_{N N}\left(0^{\circ}\right), D_{L L}\left(0^{\circ}\right) \\
& \left.0^{\circ}\right) ? \\
& \omega_{0}=16 \pm 1 \mathrm{MeV} \quad \Gamma=11 \pm 3 \mathrm{MeV}
\end{aligned}
$$



## Response functions

- Spin-isospin response function for the transition process: ${ }^{3} \mathrm{He} \rightarrow 3 p$

$$
R_{C}(E), R_{L}(E), R_{T}(E)
$$

- $\left|\Phi_{b}\right\rangle:{ }^{3} \mathrm{He}$ wave function

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left.R_{C}(E)=\int d E^{\prime} \sum_{f}\left|\left\langle\Psi_{f}\left(E^{\prime}\right)\right| \sum_{i} e^{i \vec{Q} \cdot \vec{r}_{i}} \tau_{i}^{+}\right| \Phi_{b}\right\rangle\left.\right|^{2} \delta\left(E-E^{\prime}\right) \\
\left.R_{L}(E)=\int d E^{\prime} \sum_{f}\left|\left\langle\Psi_{f}\left(E^{\prime}\right)\right| \sum_{i} e^{i \vec{q} \cdot \overrightarrow{r_{i}}}\left(\hat{Q} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{i}\right) \tau_{i}^{+}\right| \Phi_{b}\right\rangle\left.\right|^{2} \delta\left(E-E^{\prime}\right) \\
\left.R_{T}(E)=\int d E^{\prime} \sum_{f}\left|\left\langle\Psi_{f}\left(E^{\prime}\right)\right| \sum_{i} e^{i \vec{q} \cdot \vec{r}_{i}}\left(\hat{Q} \times \vec{\sigma}_{i}\right) \tau_{i}^{+}\right| \Phi_{b}\right\rangle\left.\right|^{2} \delta\left(E-E^{\prime}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

- Observables

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sigma & \propto\left|t_{c}(Q)\right|^{2} R_{C}+\left|t_{L}(Q)\right|^{2} R_{L}+2\left|t_{T}(Q)\right|^{2} R_{T} \\
D_{L L} & =\frac{\left|t_{c}(Q)\right|^{2} R_{C}+\left|t_{L}(Q)\right|^{2} R_{L}-2\left|t_{T}(Q)\right|^{2} R_{T}}{\left|t_{c}(Q)\right|^{2} R_{C}+\left|t_{L}(Q)\right|^{2} R_{L}+2\left|t_{T}(Q)\right|^{2} R_{T}} \\
D_{T T} & =\frac{\left|t_{c}(Q)\right|^{2} R_{C}-\left|t_{L}(Q)\right|^{2} R_{L}}{\left|t_{c}(Q)\right|^{2} R_{C}+\left|t_{L}(Q)\right|^{2} R_{L}+2\left|t_{T}(Q)\right|^{2} R_{T}}
\end{aligned}
$$

## ${ }^{3} \mathrm{He}(\vec{p}, \vec{n}) p p p \quad T_{p}=346 \mathrm{MeV} \quad \theta_{n}=0^{\circ}$

 NN-potentials: AV18, AV14, AV8', dTRS

Momentum transfer $Q \sim 10-50 \mathrm{MeV} / \mathrm{c}$

Scattering amplitude of $p n \rightarrow n p \quad$ [SAID, NN-online]
$t(\vec{Q})=t_{c}(Q)+t_{L}(Q)\left(\hat{Q} \cdot \vec{\sigma}^{0}\right)\left(\hat{Q} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{i}\right)+t_{T}(Q)\left(\hat{Q} \times \vec{\sigma}^{0}\right)\left(\hat{Q} \times \vec{\sigma}_{i}\right)$

NN-amplitude online database
SAID Program,
http://gwdac.phys.gwu.edu/
NN-OnLine
http://nn-online.org/

## Only $2 N F$ vs. $2 N F+3 N F\left(W_{1}=-36 \mathrm{MeV}\right)$



Required value of $W_{1}$ for $4 n\left(0^{+}\right)$state to bind:
$W_{1}=-36.14 \mathrm{MeV}$

Three-body potential

$$
W(T)=\sum_{n=1}^{2} W_{n} e^{-\left(r_{12}^{2}+r_{23}^{2}+r_{31}^{2}\right) / b_{n}^{2}} \hat{P}(T)
$$

## 6. Summary

- Three different extrapolating methods from $3 n$ bound state energies to continuum states:
(i) to enhance component of the $n n$ potential [No 3n resonance state]
(ii) to introduce a three-body force [No 3n resonance state]
(iii) to add an external attractive trapping potential [3n resonance state]
- This discrepancy occurs due to the longer range trapping potential, which destroys the potential barrier.
- This defect occurs in general, and the trapping method should be used carefully in studies of resonance states of few- and many-body systems.
- Precise calculations for reactions to study 3n or 3p systems (e.g,. $\left.{ }^{3} \mathrm{He}(\vec{p}, \vec{n}) p p p\right)$ are now available.

