



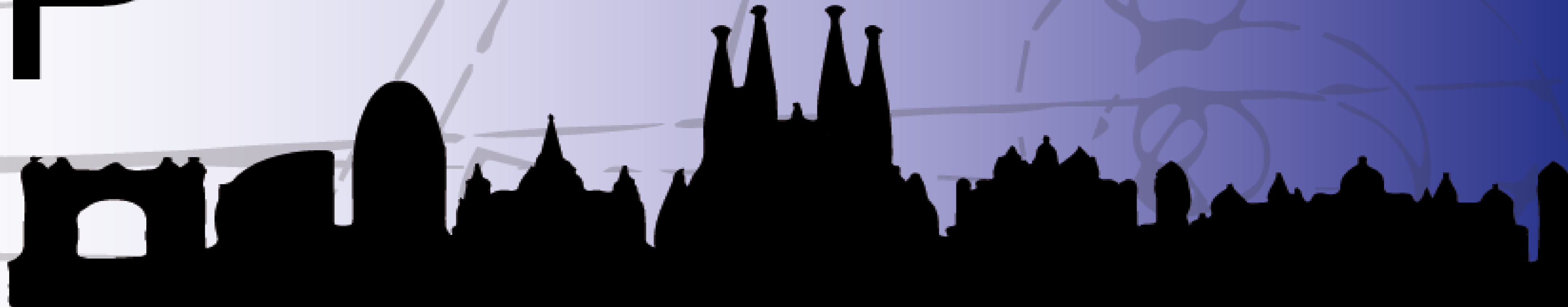
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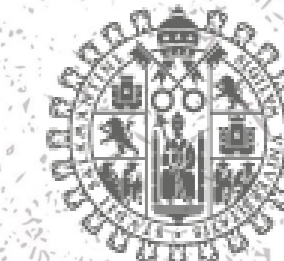
# Analyzing the $D^*D^*D^*$ system: Hexaquark states and the Efimov effect

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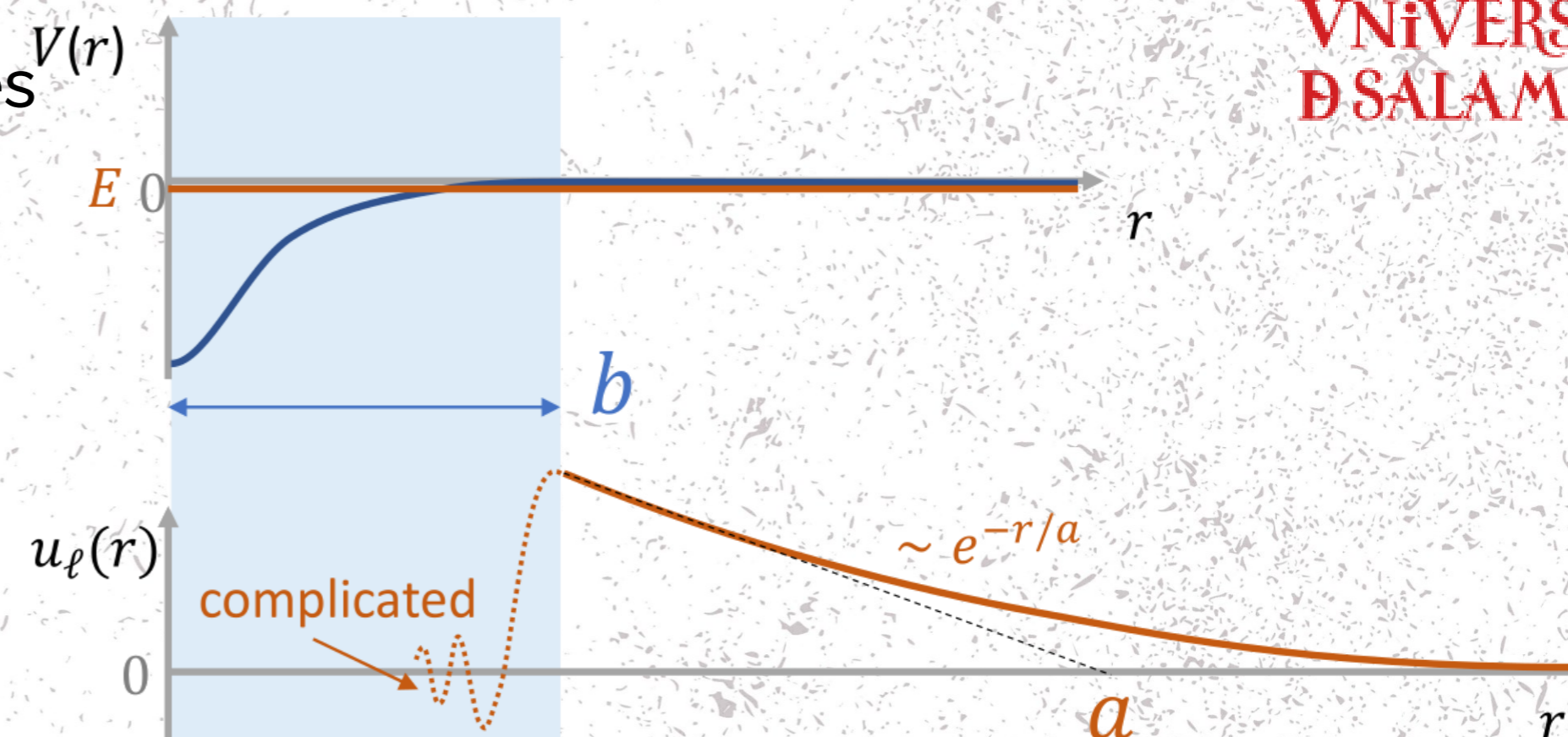




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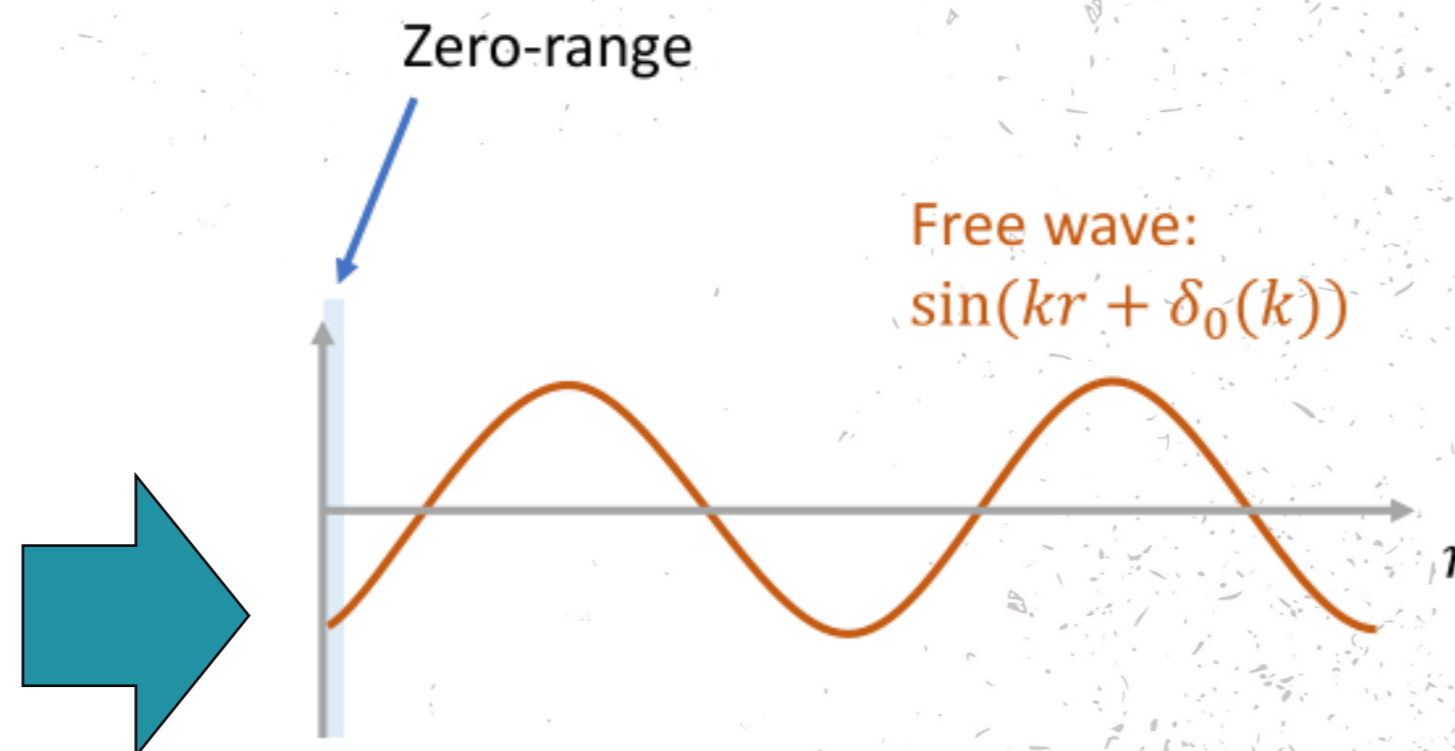
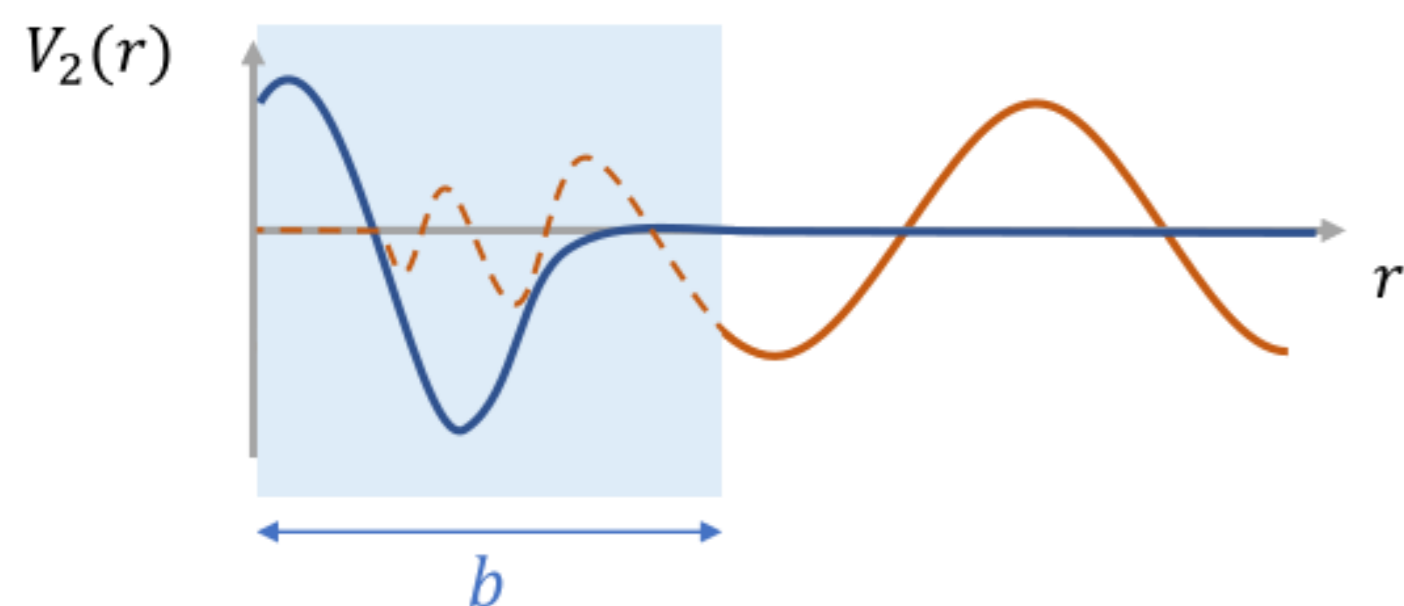
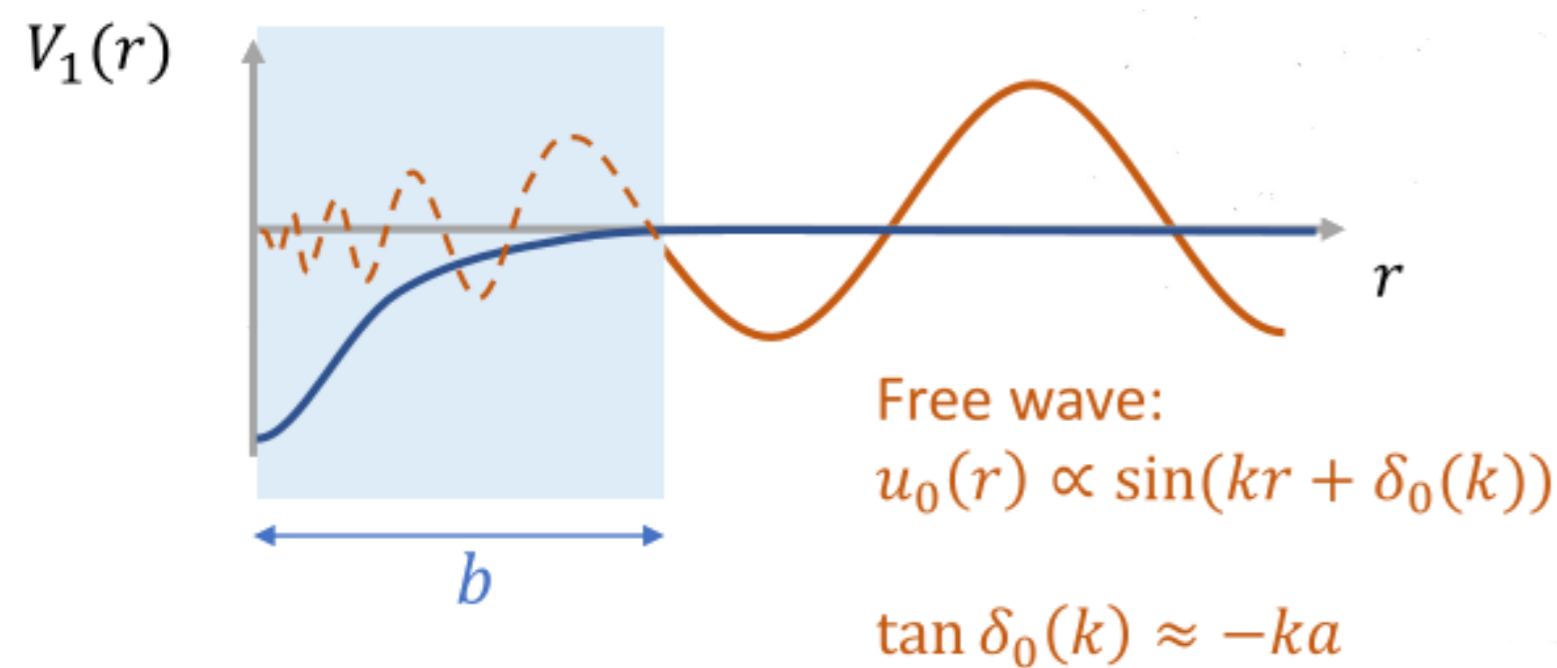
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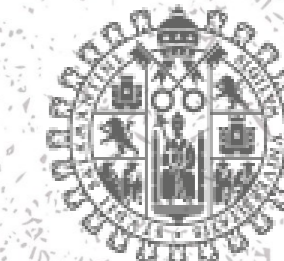
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 Extends beyond the classical turning point

- ✓ System becomes *universal* → Insensitive to short-range details



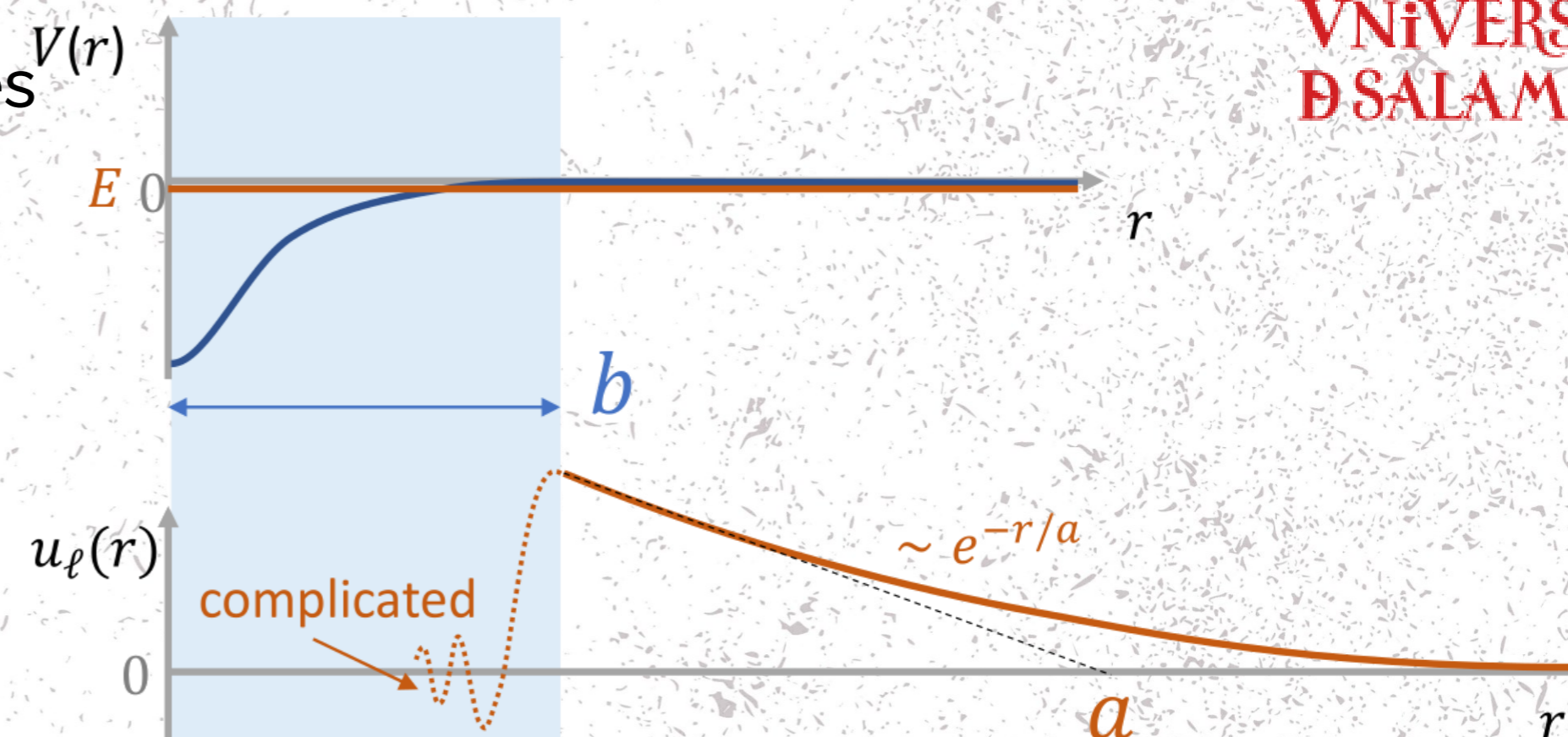


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- ✓ Effective long-range three-body force → *Efimov attraction*

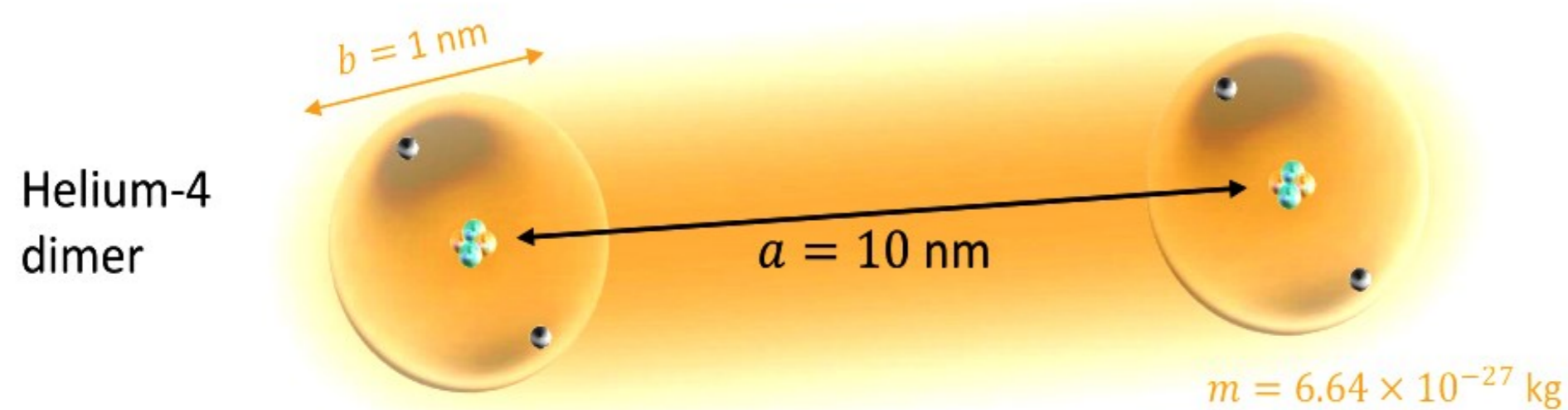


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$$V(R) \approx -\frac{\hbar^2}{mR^2}$$

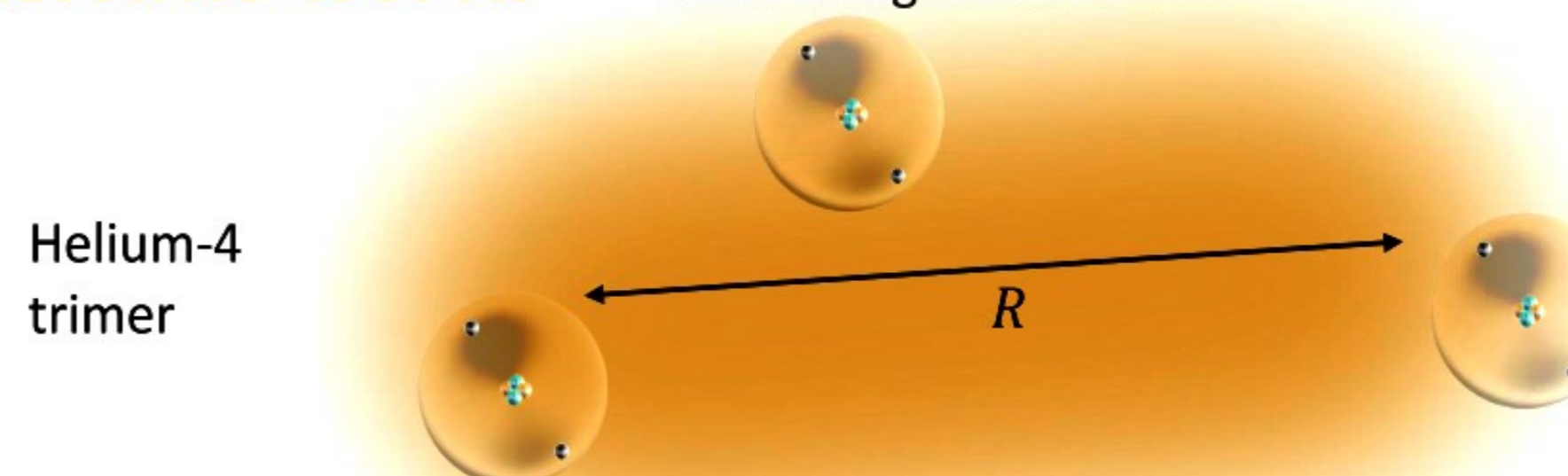
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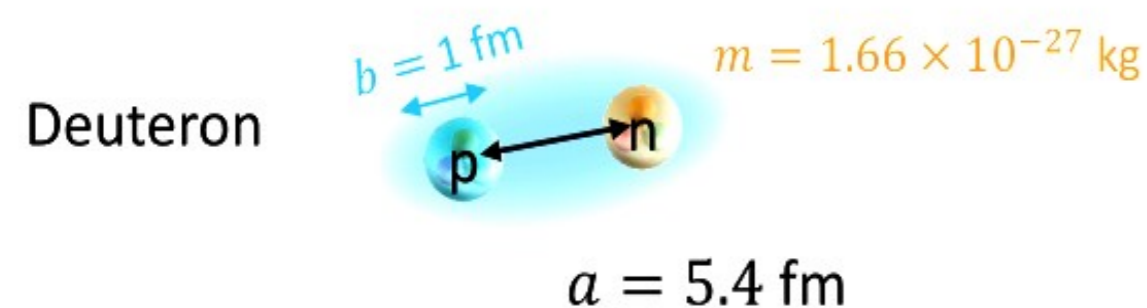
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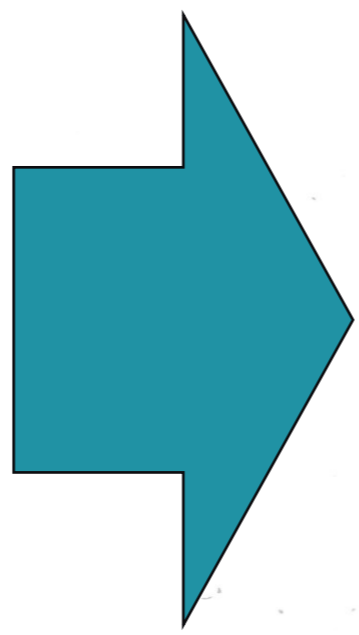
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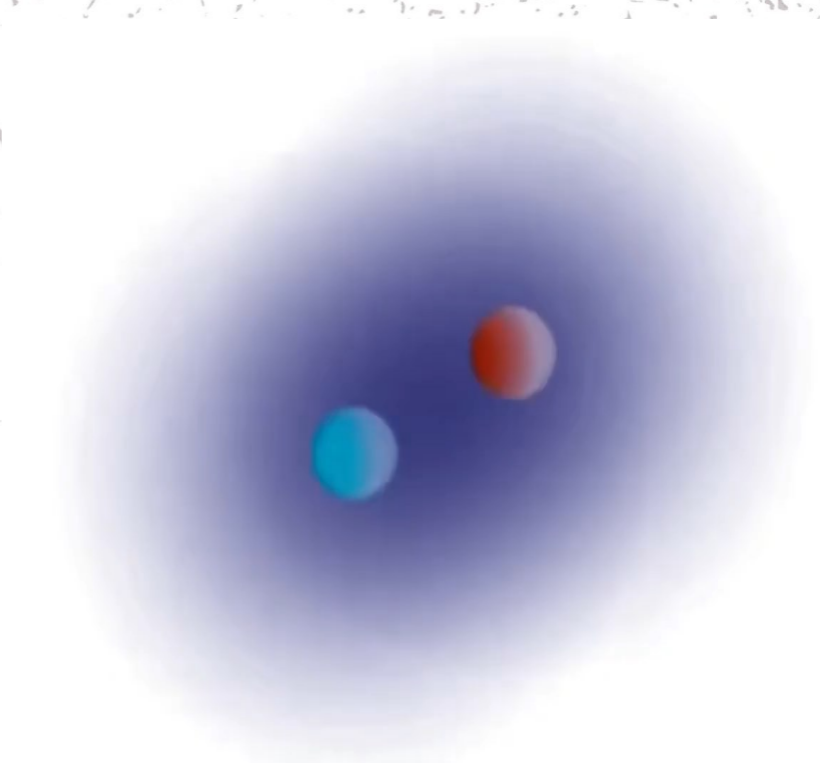
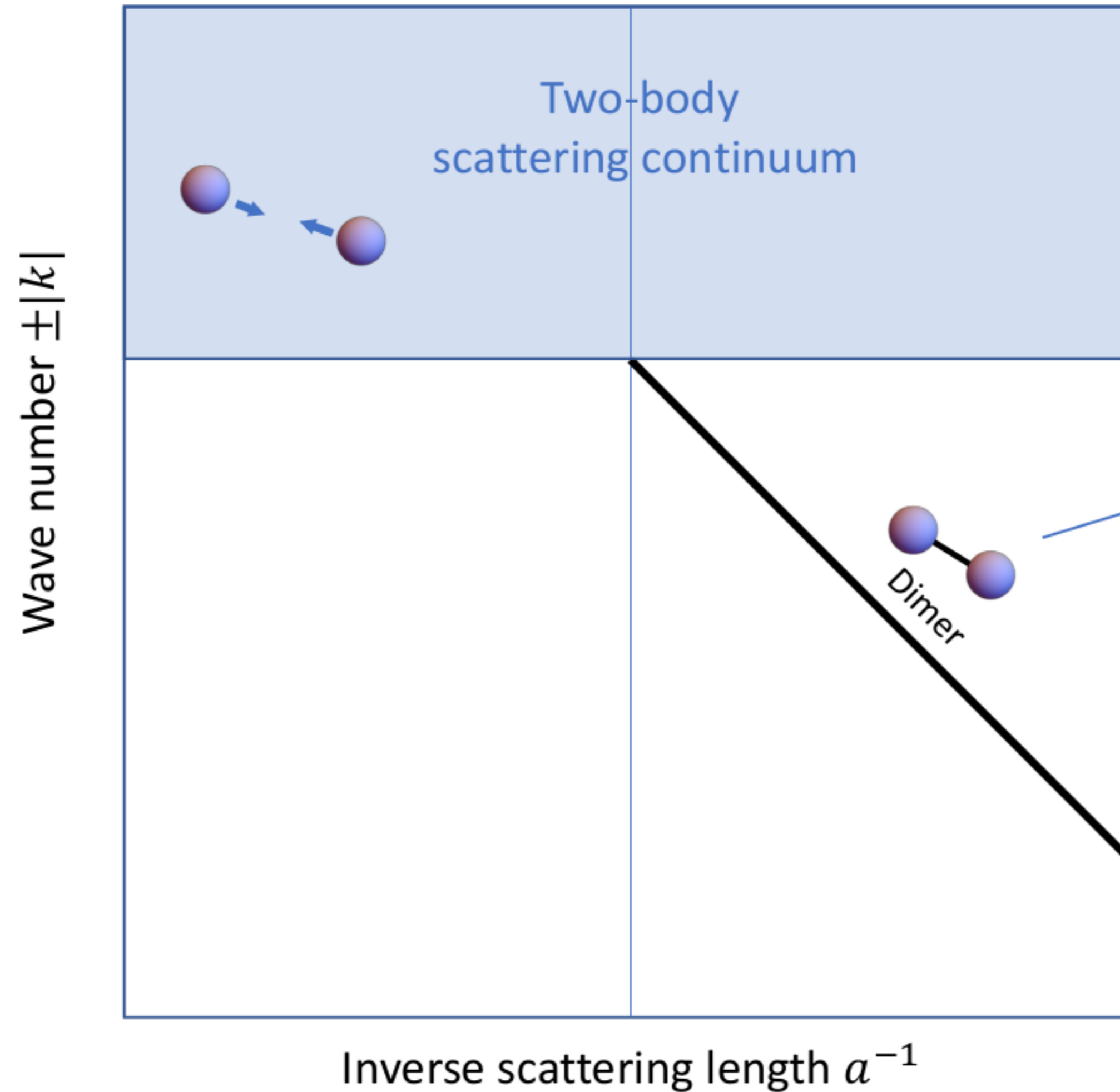


# Efimov effect



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- Two-body spectrum in the zero-range theory



$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi a r}} e^{-r/a}$$

$$E = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \kappa^2$$

With  
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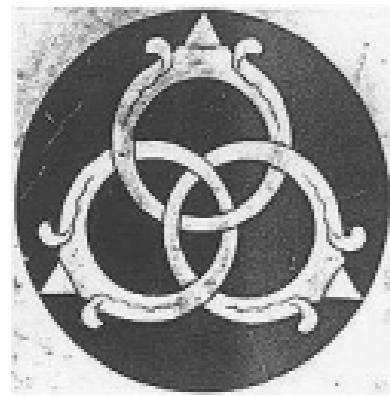


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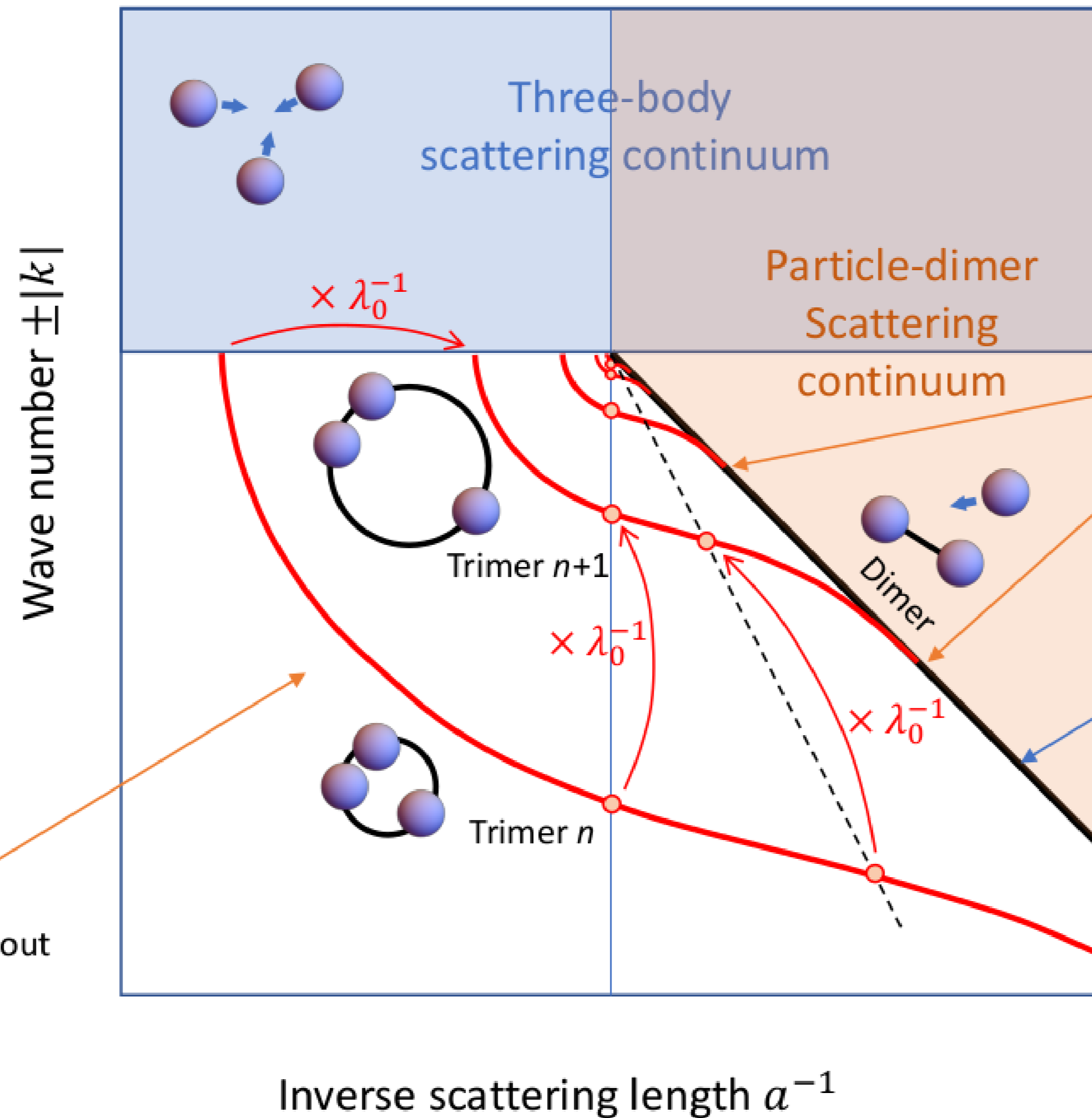
☑ Three-body spectrum in the zero-range theory



**1. Discrete scale invariance**  
Infinite number of three-body bound states.



**2. Borromean states**  
Three-body bound states without two-body bound states.



3. Trimer dissociation with increasing interaction

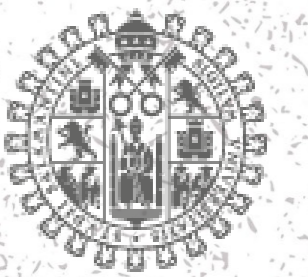
$$E_2 = -\frac{\hbar^2 \kappa^2}{m}$$

with  $\kappa = a^{-1}$

$$\frac{\Delta E^{(n+1)}}{\Delta E^{(n)}} \rightarrow \lambda^{-2} \approx \frac{1}{515}$$

$$\lambda_0 \sim \mathbf{22.7}$$

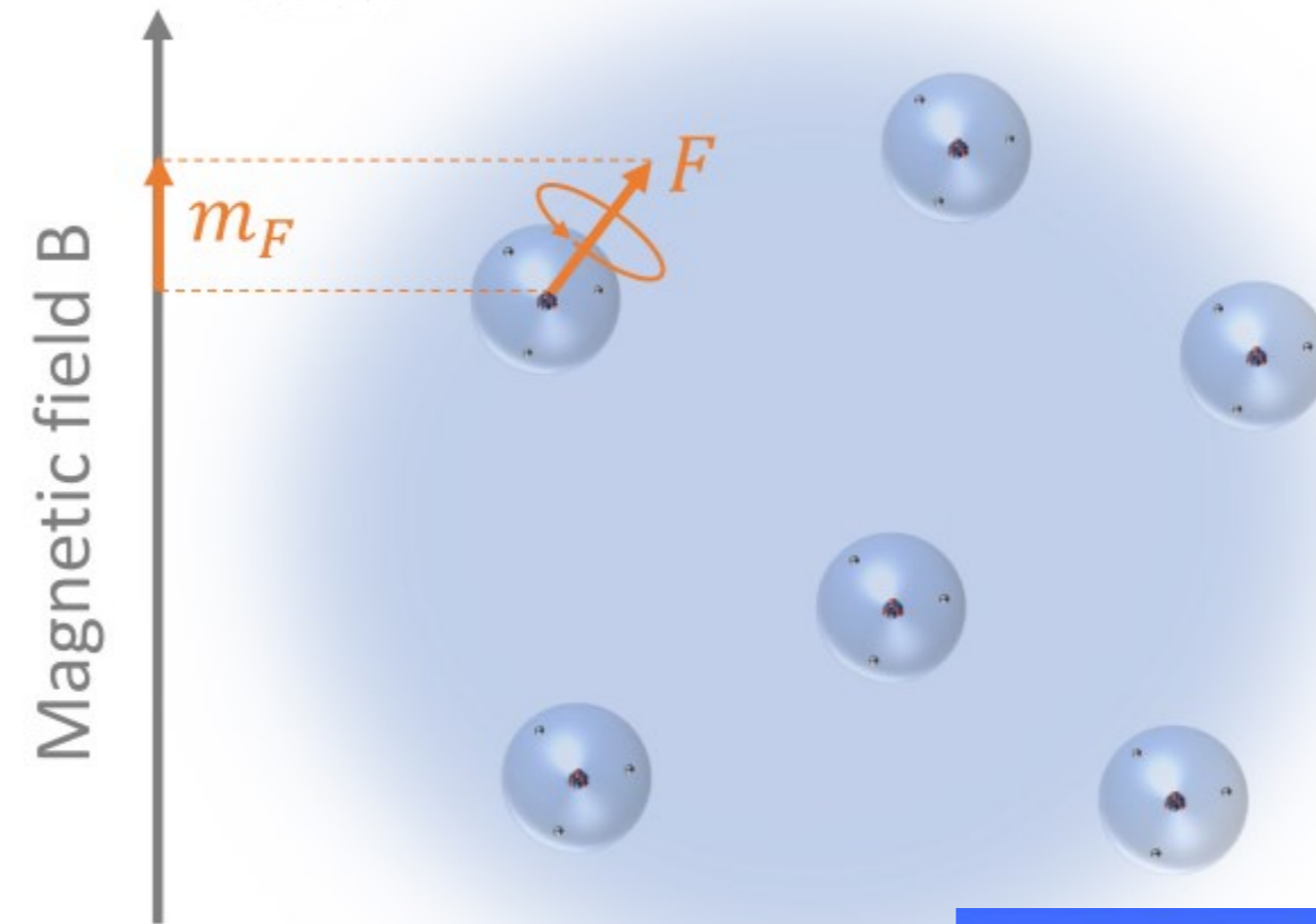
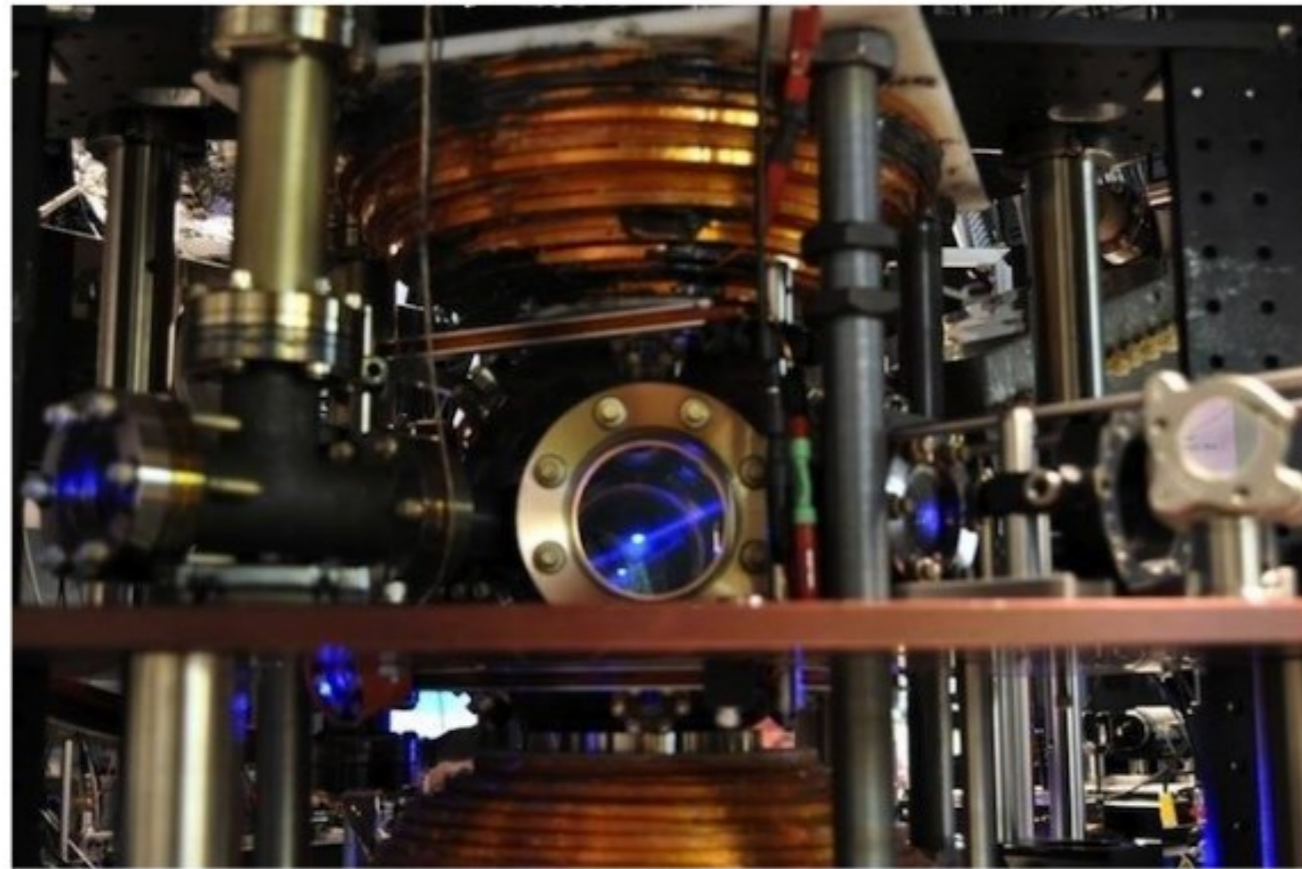
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- ✓ Ultra-cold atomic gasses: Cesium, Helium,...

Cloud of atoms cooled to  $T < 1 \mu\text{K}$  in a vacuum chamber



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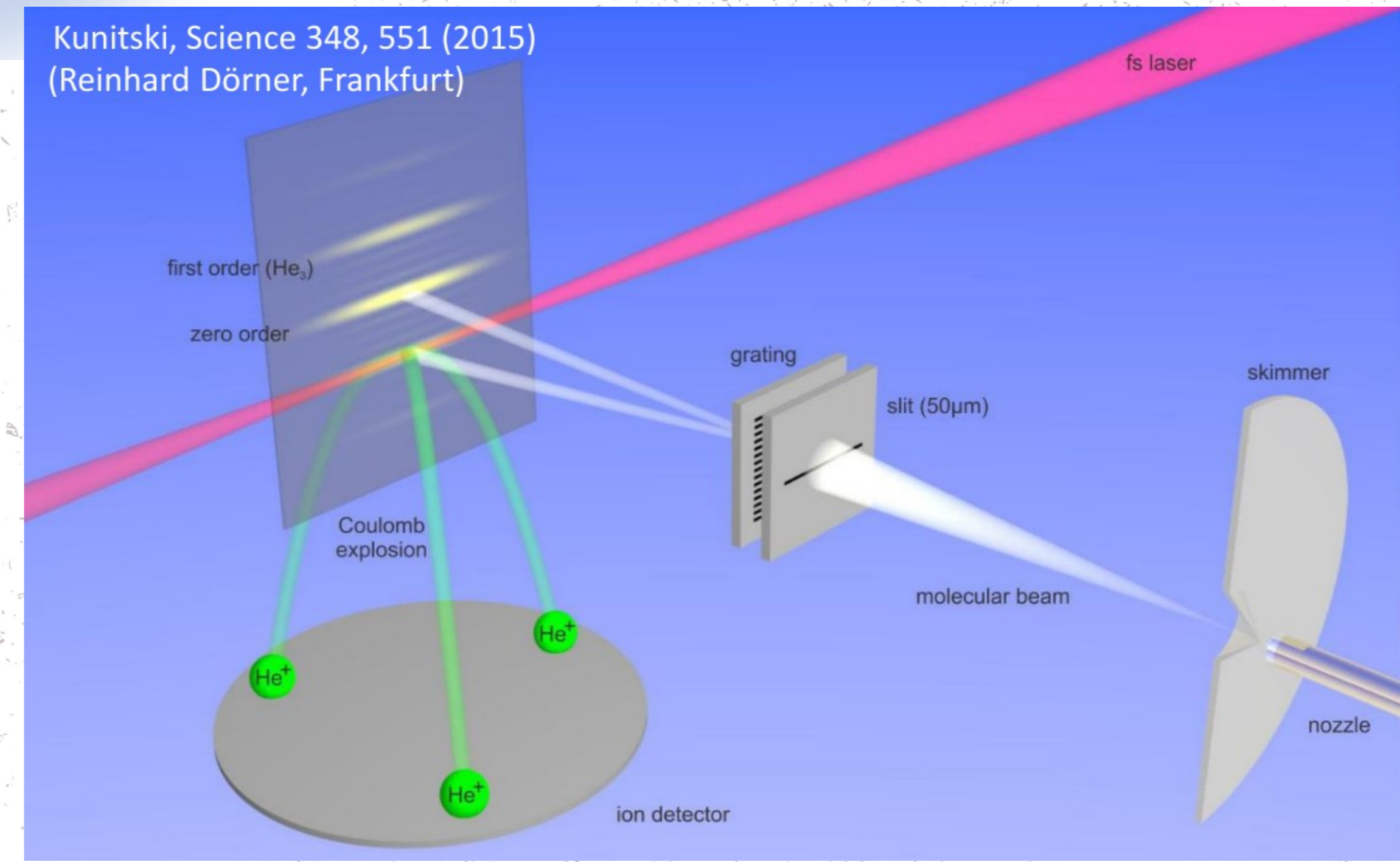
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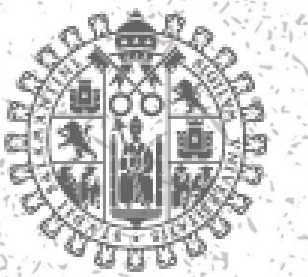
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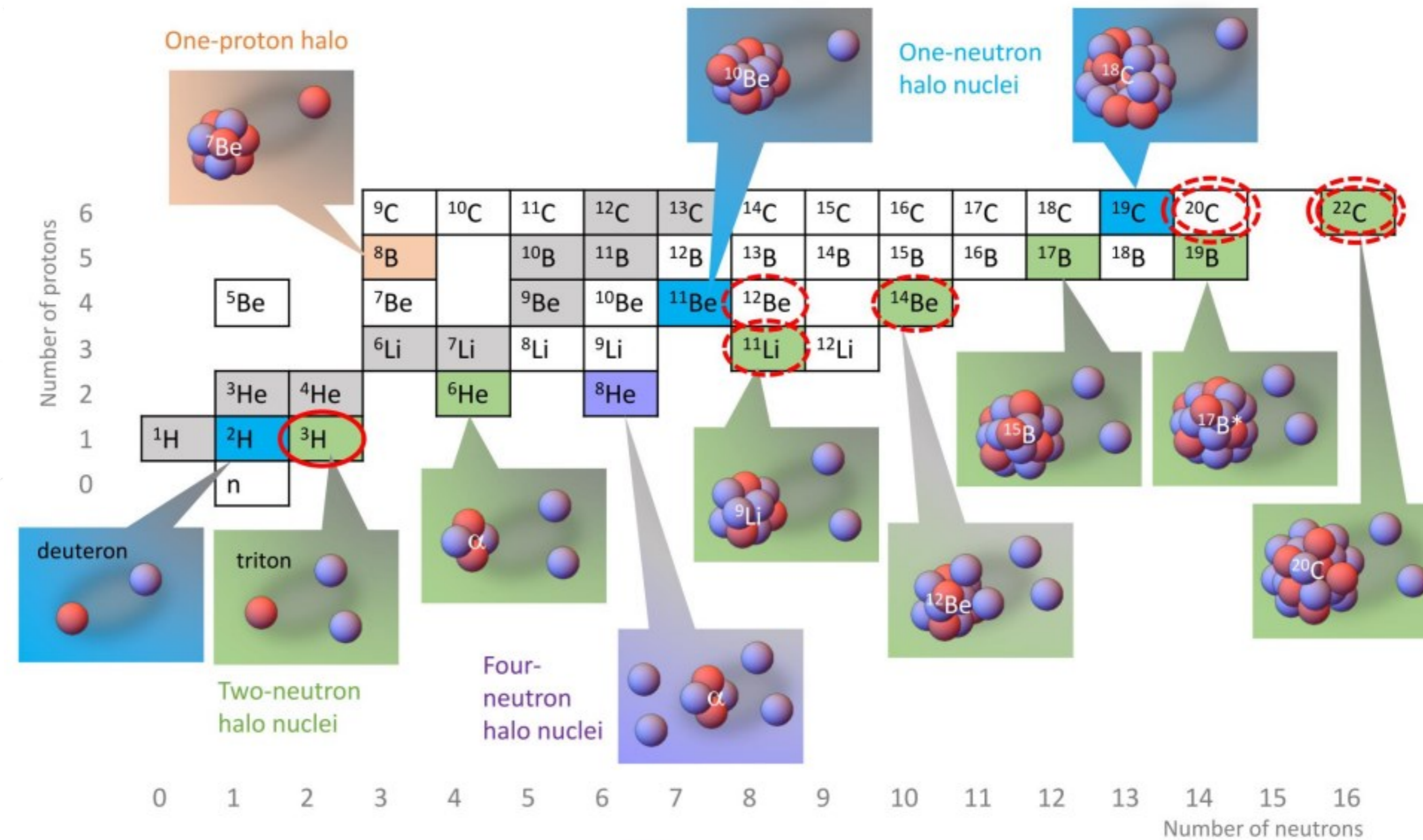
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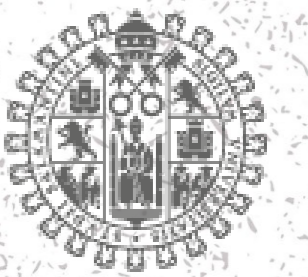
Efimov trimer candidates:

○ Ground state

○ First excited state

(to be confirmed)

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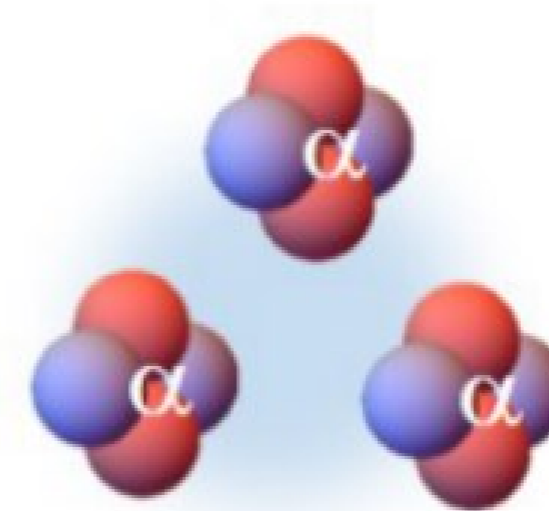
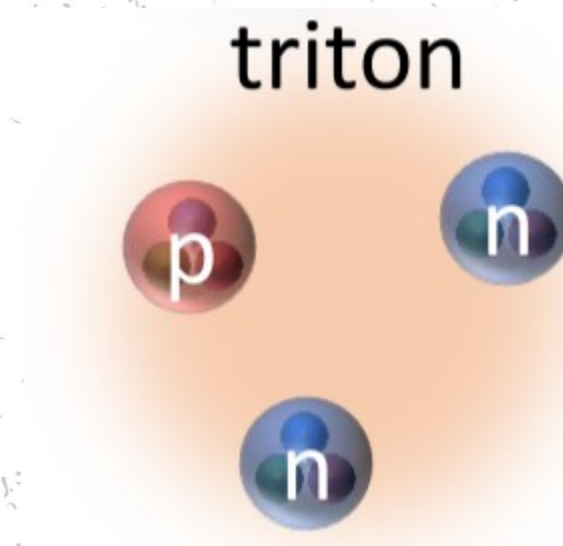
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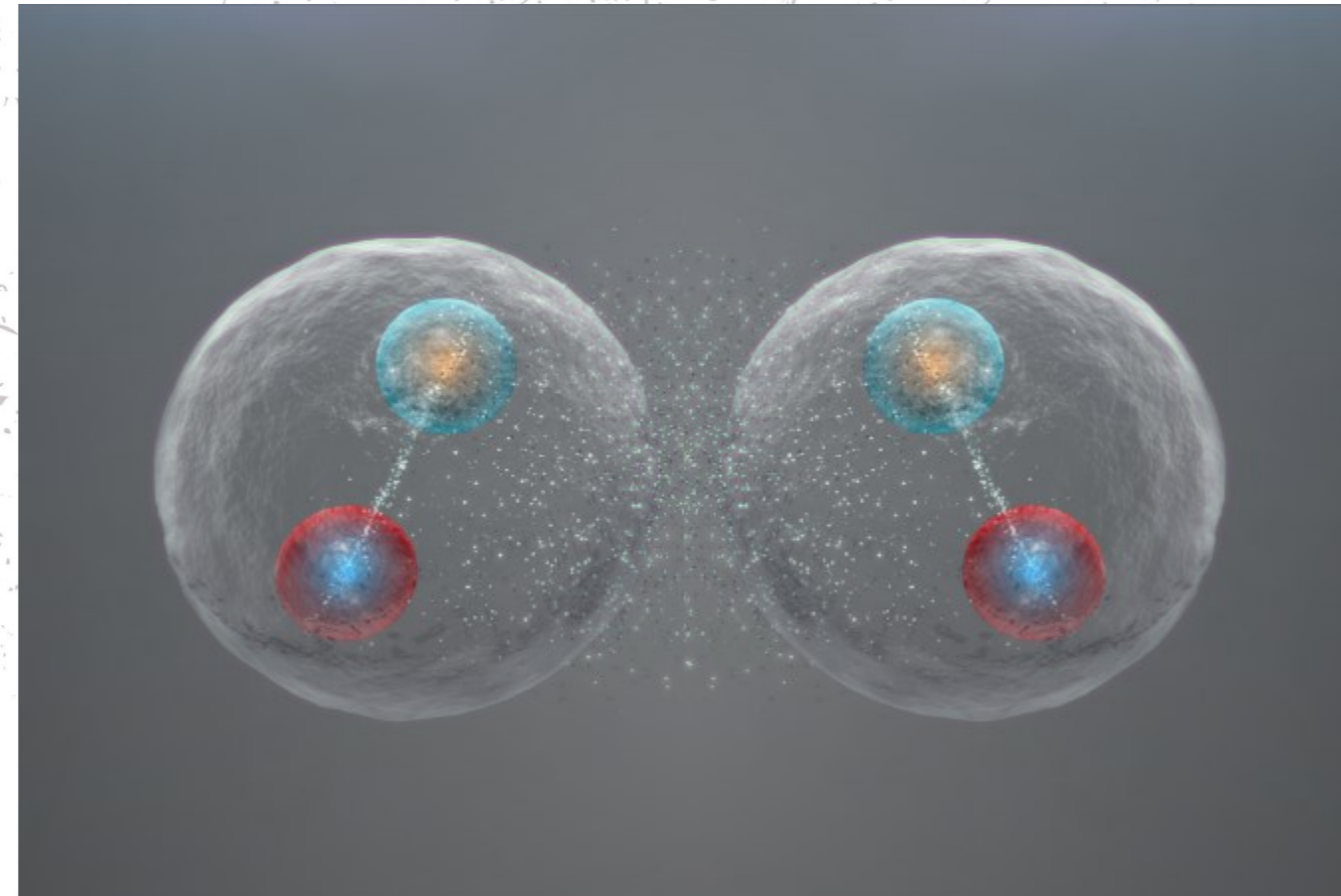
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✓ But, **what about Hadronic Physics?**  $\longrightarrow$   $X(3872)$  best candidate up to now

- $J^{PC}=1^{++}$  Shallow molecule  $\longrightarrow$   $\mathcal{B}_2 \sim 0.05$  MeV
- $D^0 \bar{D}^{*0} / \bar{D}^0 D^{*0}$  interaction in S-wave
- However, Efimov effect is **excluded** for the  $X(3872)$   
(E. Braaten, PRD69 (2004) 074005)

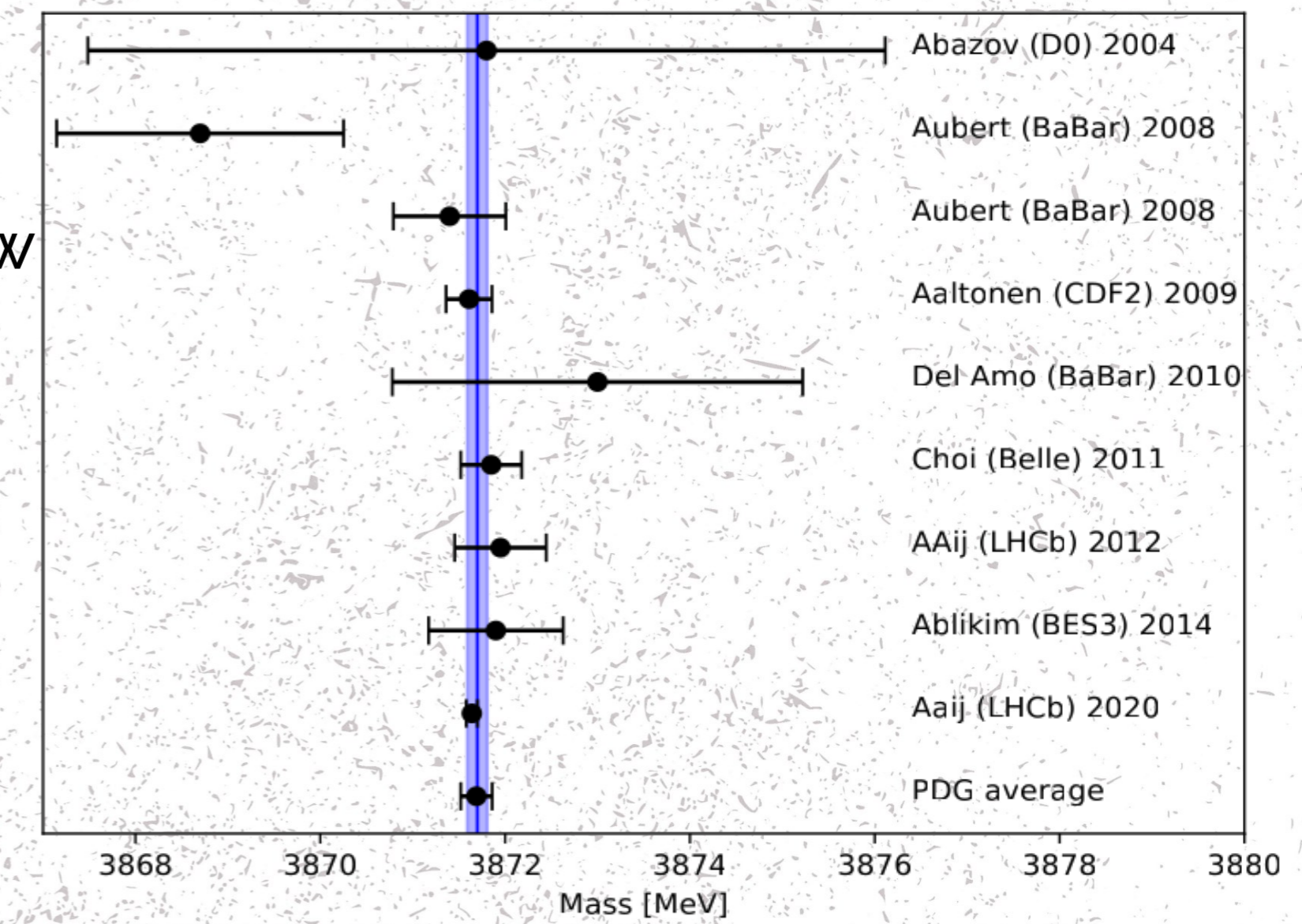


FIG. 1. Different  $X(3872)$  masses determinations with standard 68% confidence limits. The band corresponds to the current  $\bar{D}D^*$  threshold value with uncertainties.

# The landmark of 2021: Observation of $T_{cc}^+$



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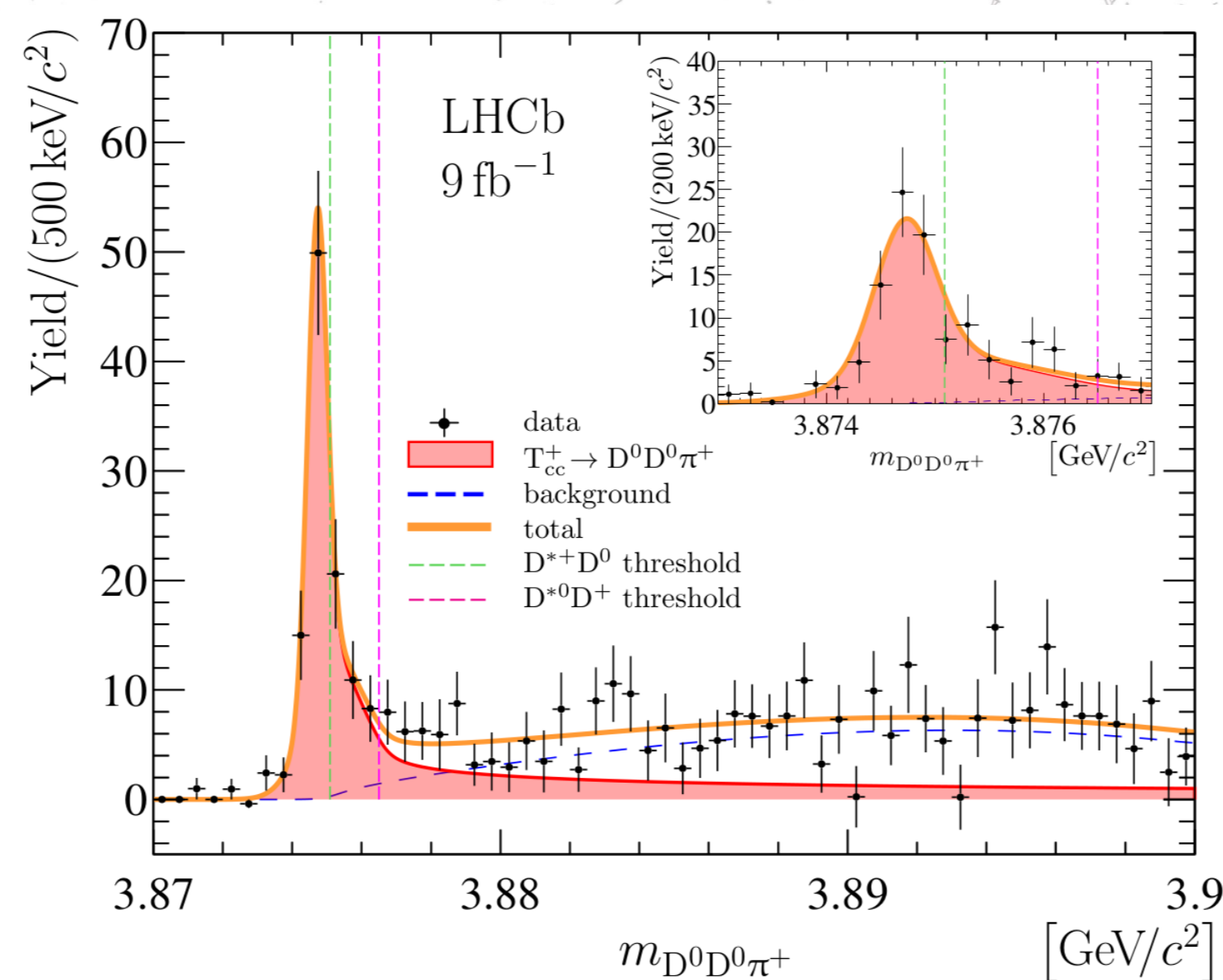
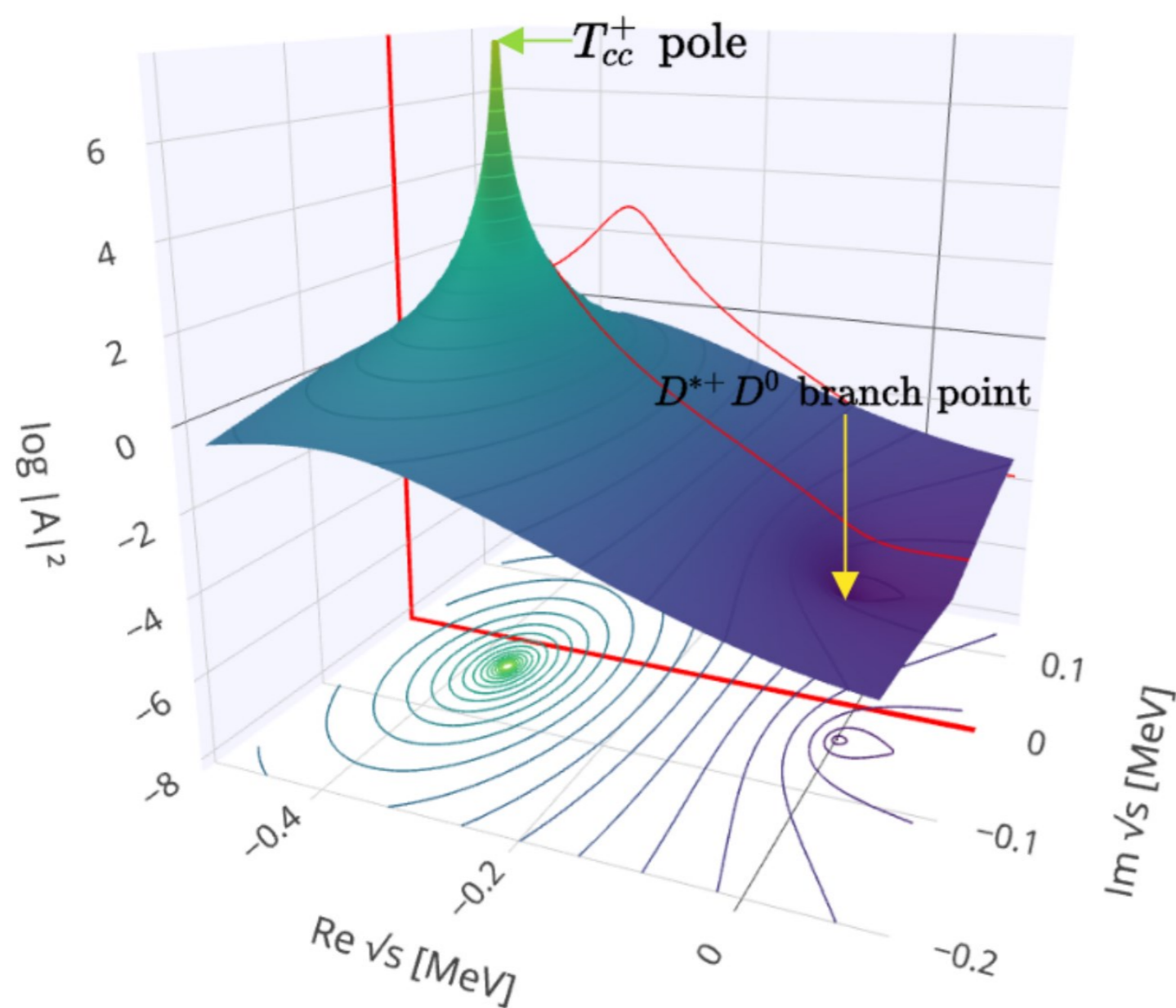
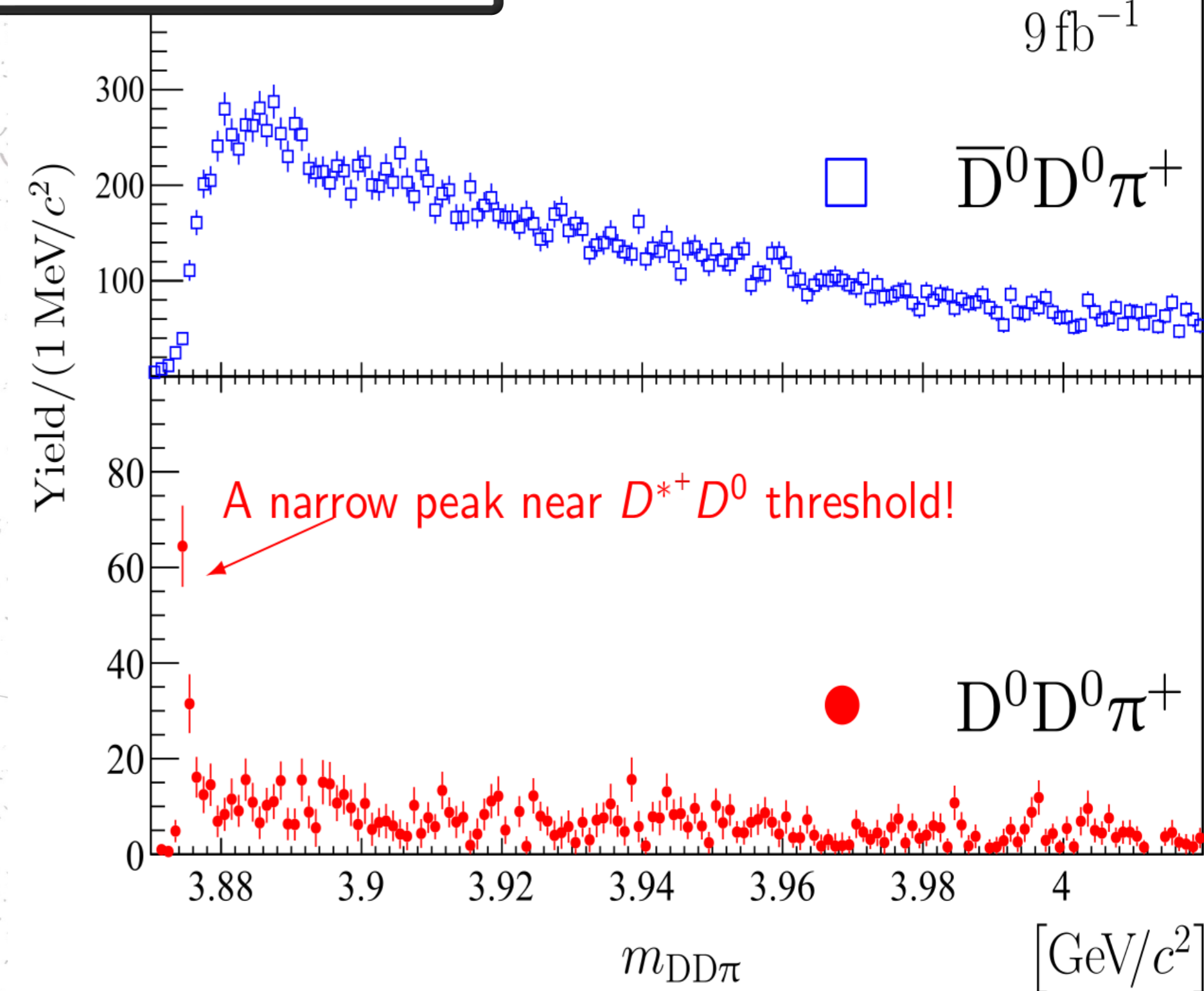
- ✓  $J^P=1^+$  state decaying to  $DD^*$  in S-wave
- ✓ Isoscalar due to absence of signal in  $D^0D^+$  and  $D^+D^0\pi^+$
- ✓ No isospin violation in couplings to  $D^{*+}D^0$  and  $D^{*0}D^+$

**Extremely narrow state, very close to threshold  
Strong candidate for a pure  $DD^*$  molecular state!**

$$\delta m_{\text{pole}} = (-360 \pm 40_{-0}^{+4}) \text{keV},$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{pole}} = (48 \pm 2_{-14}^{+0}) \text{keV}.$$

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LHCb Coll, Nature Phys. 18 (2022), 751;  
Nature Commun. 13 (2022) 3351.

# Prediction of the $T_{cc}^*$ and $D^*D^*D^*$ system



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- ✓ Heavy-Quark Spin Symmetry predicts that the  $D^*D^*$  and  $DD^*$  interactions in  $I(J^P)$  are related:

$$\langle D^*D^*, 0(1^+) | \hat{V} | D^*D^*, 0(1^+) \rangle = \langle D^*D, 0(1^+) | \hat{V} | D^*D, 0(1^+) \rangle$$

- ✓ Then, if  $T_{cc}$  is a shallow  $DD^*$  molecule, a heavy partner should exist in the  $D^*D^*$  system  $\longrightarrow T_{cc}^*$

- ✓ **In this talk:** Explore the universality of the  $D^*D^*D^*$  systems in the  $J^P=0^-$  sector, with  $I=1/2$

- Identical bosons, simpler calculation
- In  $J^P=0^-$  all  $D^*D^*$  pairs are in relative  $(I)J^P=(0)1^+ \longrightarrow$  Nearly-resonant attractive interactions

- ✓ **Conditions for the Efimov effect are met in this system!**

- ✓ Other works that have explored 3-body systems with charmed mesons:

- $DDD^*$  state with  $\frac{1}{2}(1^-)$ : T.-W. Wu et al, PRD105, L031505 (2022)
- $DD^*D^*$  and  $D^*D^*D^*$  states: S.-Q. Luo et al, PRD105, 074033 (2022)
- $D^*D^*D^*$  states: M. Bayar et al, Eur. Phys. J. C 83, 46 (2023)



# Two-Body Interaction: The $T_{cc}^*$ state

✓ Two-body amplitude from Bethe-Salpeter equation:  $\mathcal{T}_2^{-1}(s) = \mathcal{V}^{-1}(s) - \mathcal{G}(s)$

✓ Two meson interaction:  
(Montesinos:2023qbx)  $\mathcal{V}^{-1}(s) = C_0 - C_1 \frac{1-\mathcal{P}}{\mathcal{P}} (s - m_*^2)$

$$\longrightarrow \begin{cases} m_* = 2m - \mathcal{B}_2 \\ C_0 \equiv \mathcal{G}(m_*^2) \\ C_1 \equiv \mathcal{G}'(m_*^2) \end{cases}$$

✓ Fixes the existence of a pole below the  $D^*D^*$  threshold, with variable composition:

$$\mathcal{V}^{-1}(s) = C_0 \quad \text{For pure molecular state, } \mathcal{P} = 1$$

$$\mathcal{V} \sim \frac{1}{s - m_*^2} \quad \text{For pure compact state, } \mathcal{P} \rightarrow 0$$

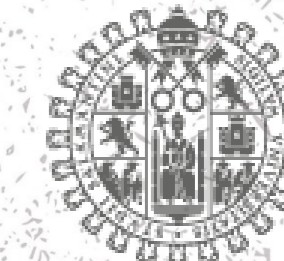
✓ Relativistic two-meson loop function. Regularized via sharp cutoff  $\Lambda$

$$\mathcal{G}(s) = i \int \frac{d^4q}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{q^2 - m_1^2 + i\epsilon} \frac{1}{(P - q)^2 - m_2^2 + i\epsilon} \longrightarrow \mathcal{G}(s) = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left\{ \sigma \log \frac{\sigma \sqrt{1 + \frac{m^2}{\Lambda^2}} + 1}{\sigma \sqrt{1 + \frac{m^2}{\Lambda^2}} - 1} - 2 \log \left[ \frac{\Lambda}{m} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{m^2}{\Lambda^2}} \right) \right] \right\}$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{1 - 4m^2/s}$$

✓ Parameters of the calculation:

- $\mathcal{B}_2$ : Two body binding energy  $\mathcal{B}_2 = \{0.01, 0.5, 1.0, 5.0\}$  MeV
- $\mathcal{P}$ : Molecular probability in the  $T_{cc}^*$  state  $\mathcal{P} = (0, 1]$
- $\Lambda$ : Sharp cutoff for loop function  $\Lambda = [0.5, 1]$  GeV



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✓ Three-body amplitude from Ladder amplitude formalism:  $\mathcal{M}_3(\vec{p}_i, \vec{p}_f) = \mathcal{D}(\vec{p}_i, \vec{p}_f) + \cancel{\mathcal{K}_3(\vec{p}_i, \vec{p}_f)}$

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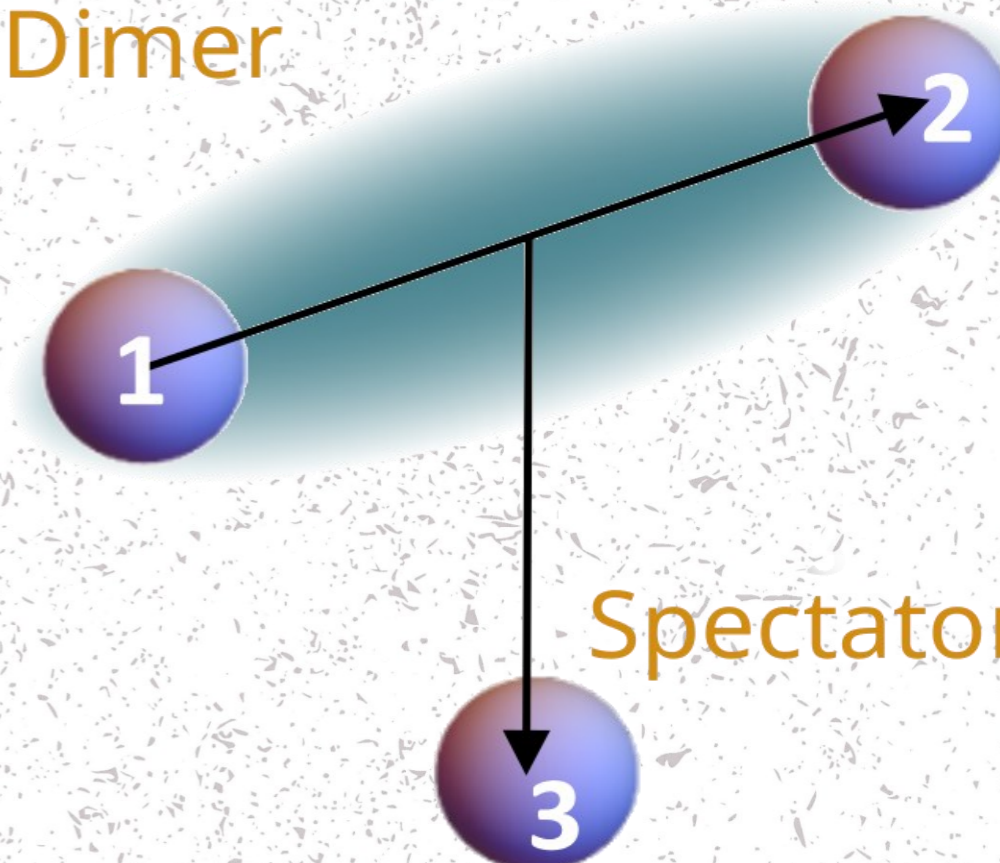
$$\mathcal{D}(\vec{p}_i, \vec{p}_f) = -\mathcal{M}_2(p_i)G(\vec{p}_i, \vec{p}_f)\mathcal{M}_2(p_f) - \mathcal{M}_2(p_i) \int \frac{d^3 \vec{q}}{(2\pi)^3 2\omega(q)} G(\vec{p}_i, \vec{q})\mathcal{D}(\vec{q}, \vec{p}_f)$$

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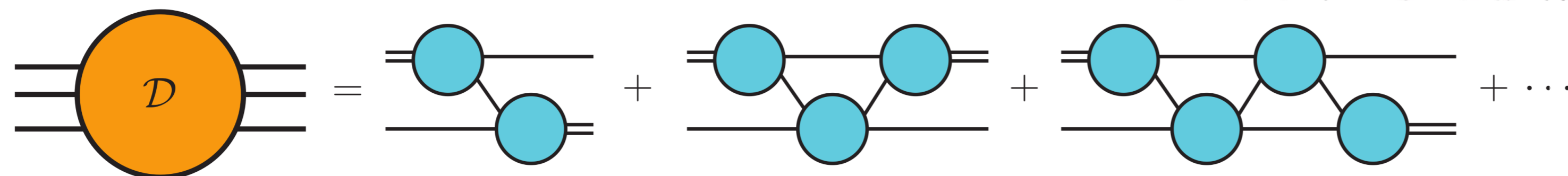
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with  $z(p, k) = (\sqrt{s} - \omega(p) - \omega(k))^2 - k^2 - p^2 - m^2$

Dimer



Spectator





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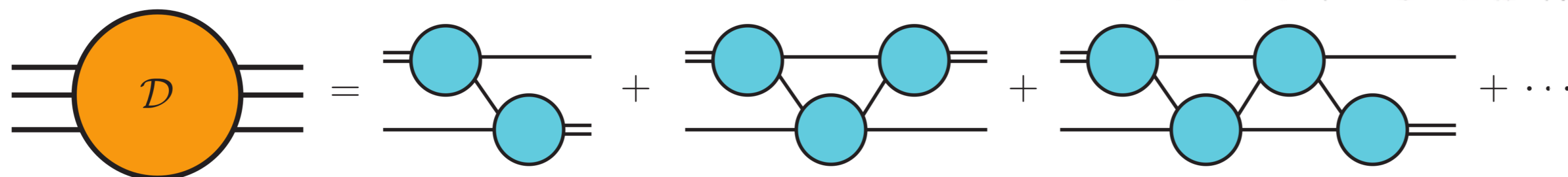
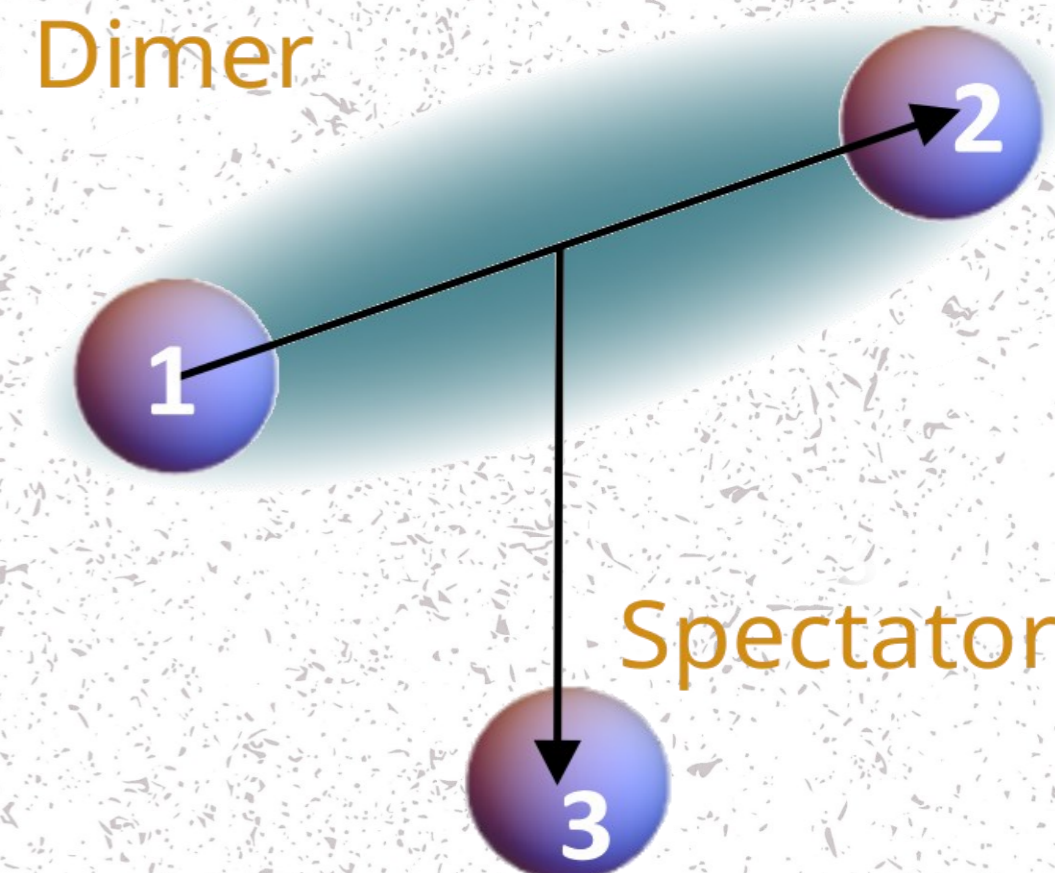
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**Long range despite short-range two-body interaction**  
 $\longrightarrow$  Interaction of two particles mediated by a third one



# Results for effective range expansion



- ✓ **First simple study:** Leading-order effective range expansion, that's it,

$$\mathcal{T}_2(p) = \frac{8\pi \sqrt{s_2(p)}}{iq_2(p) + 1/a_{sc}} \quad \text{With } q_2(p) = \sqrt{s_2(p)/4 - m^2} \quad \text{momentum of the particles in the dimer.}$$

- ✓ Phenomenology only depends on the  $D^*D^*$  scattering length

$$a_{sc} = \frac{2\hbar c}{\sqrt{4m^2 - m_*^2}}$$

- ✓ At least **two trimers** found for all  $\mathcal{B}_2$

➔ **Efimov effect can emerge in the  $D^*D^*D^*$  system**

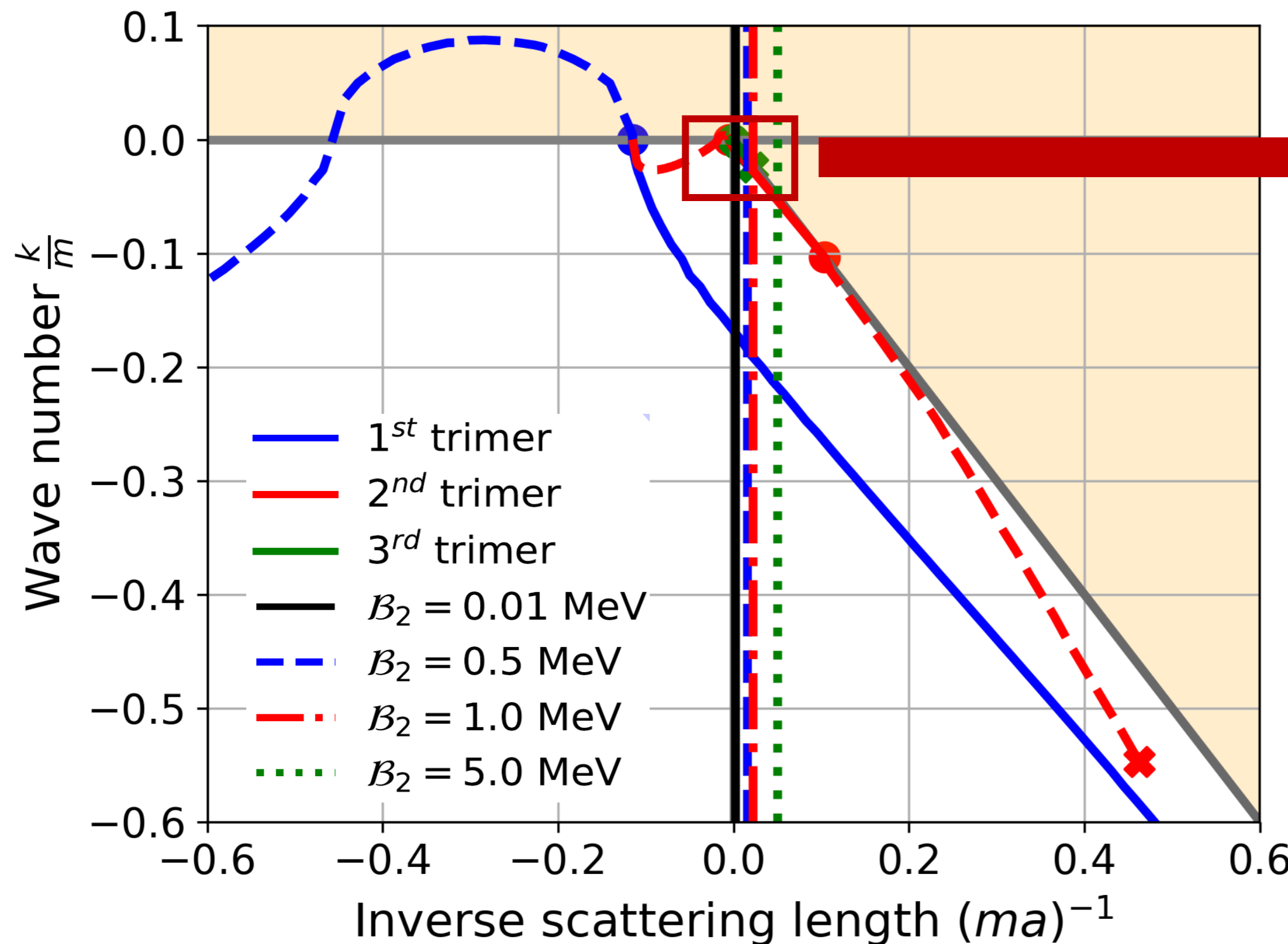
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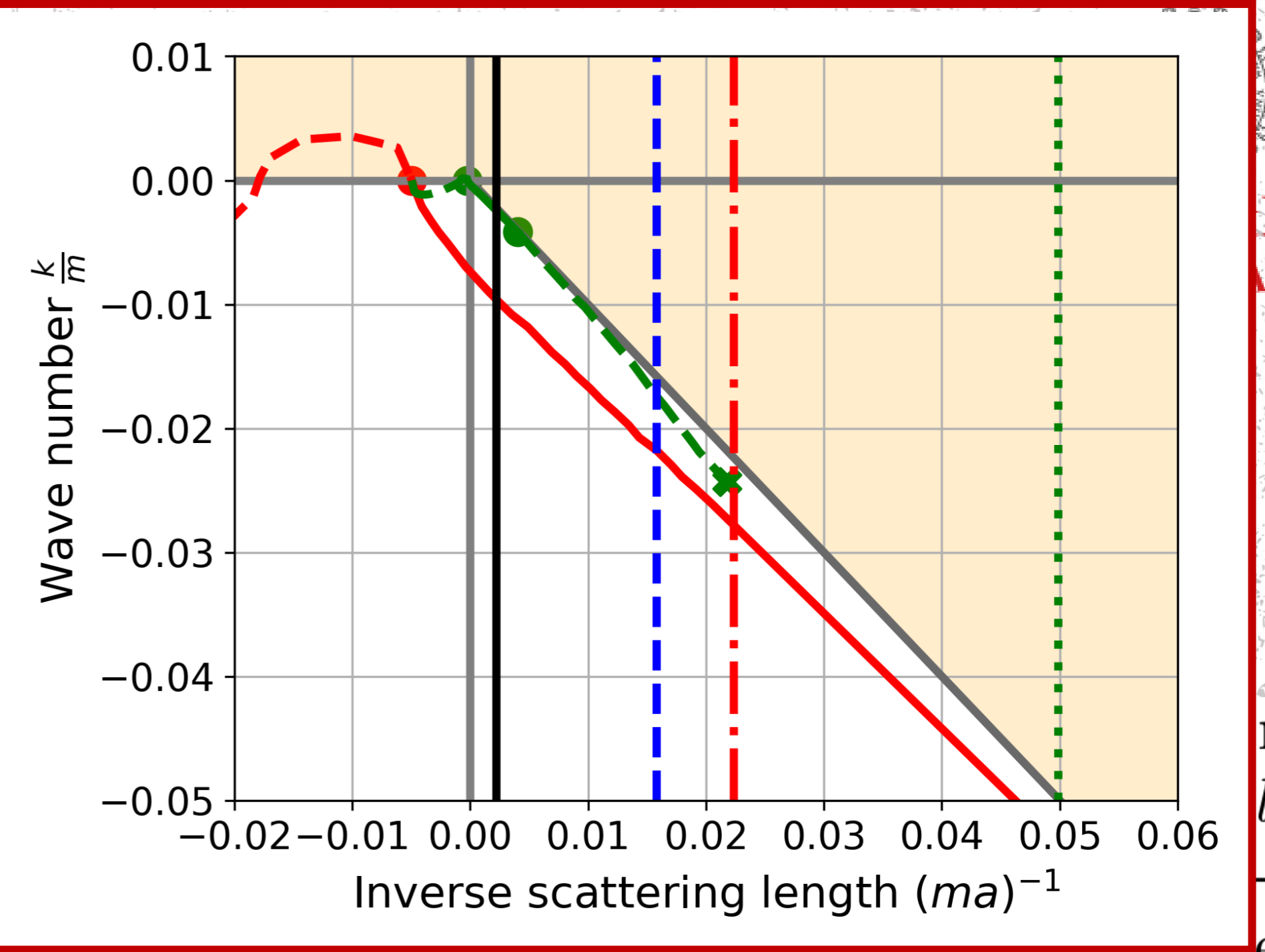
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# Trimer masses for full $\mathcal{T}_2$



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✓  $D^*D^*D^*$  binding energies ( $B_3=3m-E_3$ ) as a function of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

✓  $\mathcal{P}=100\%$ : Pure molecular  $Tcc^*$  state

$\mathcal{P}=0\%$ : Pure compact  $Tcc^*$  state

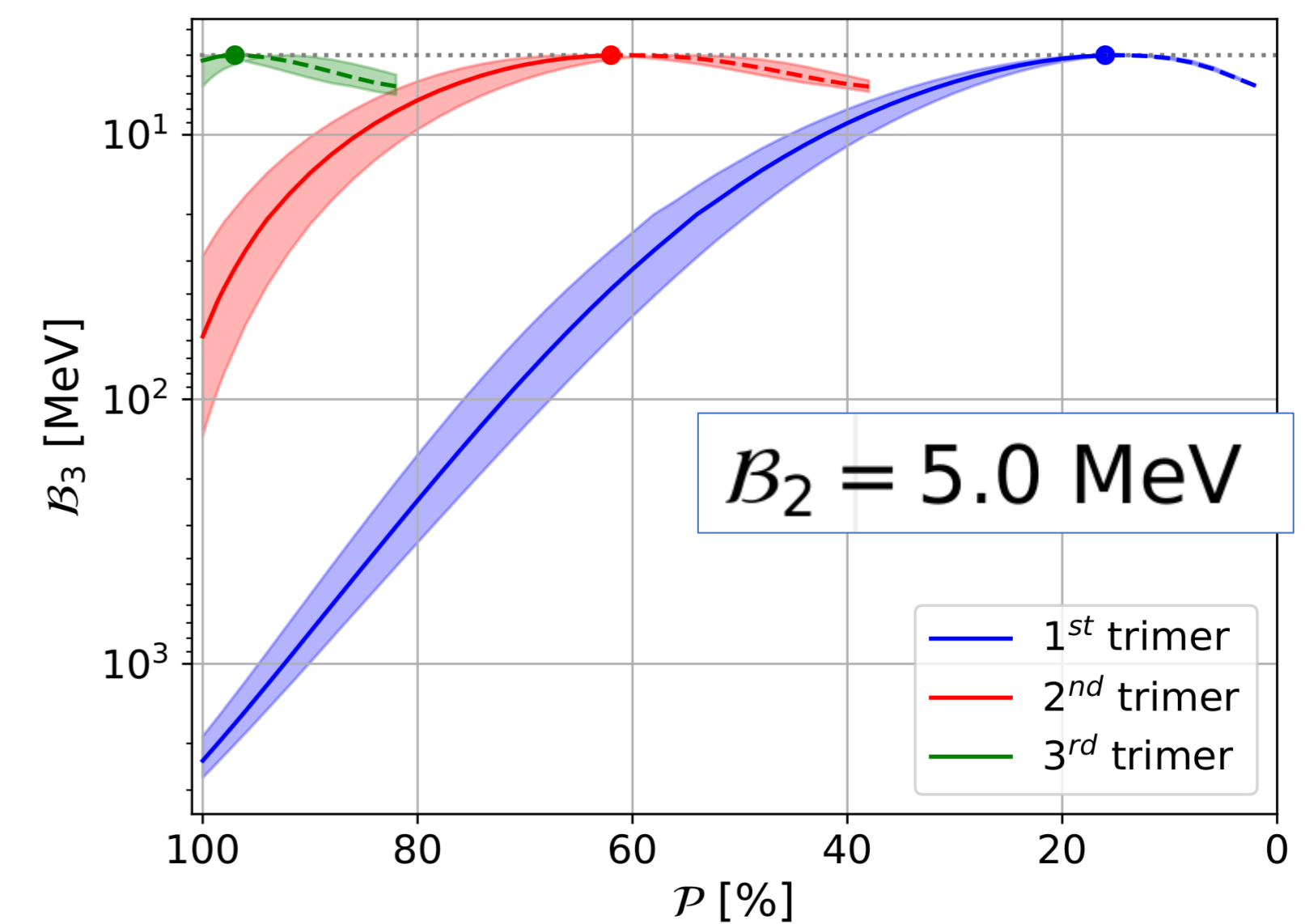
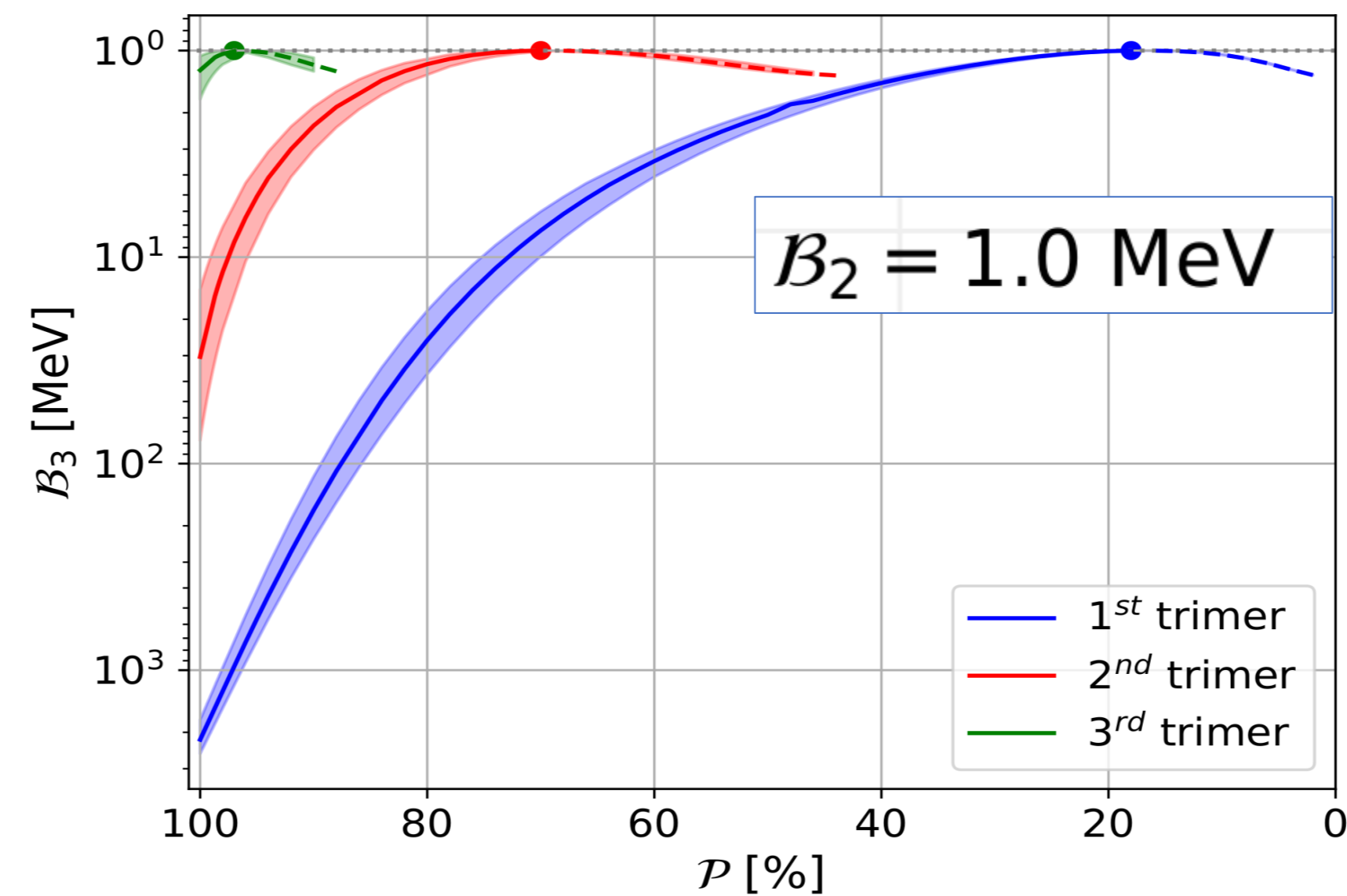
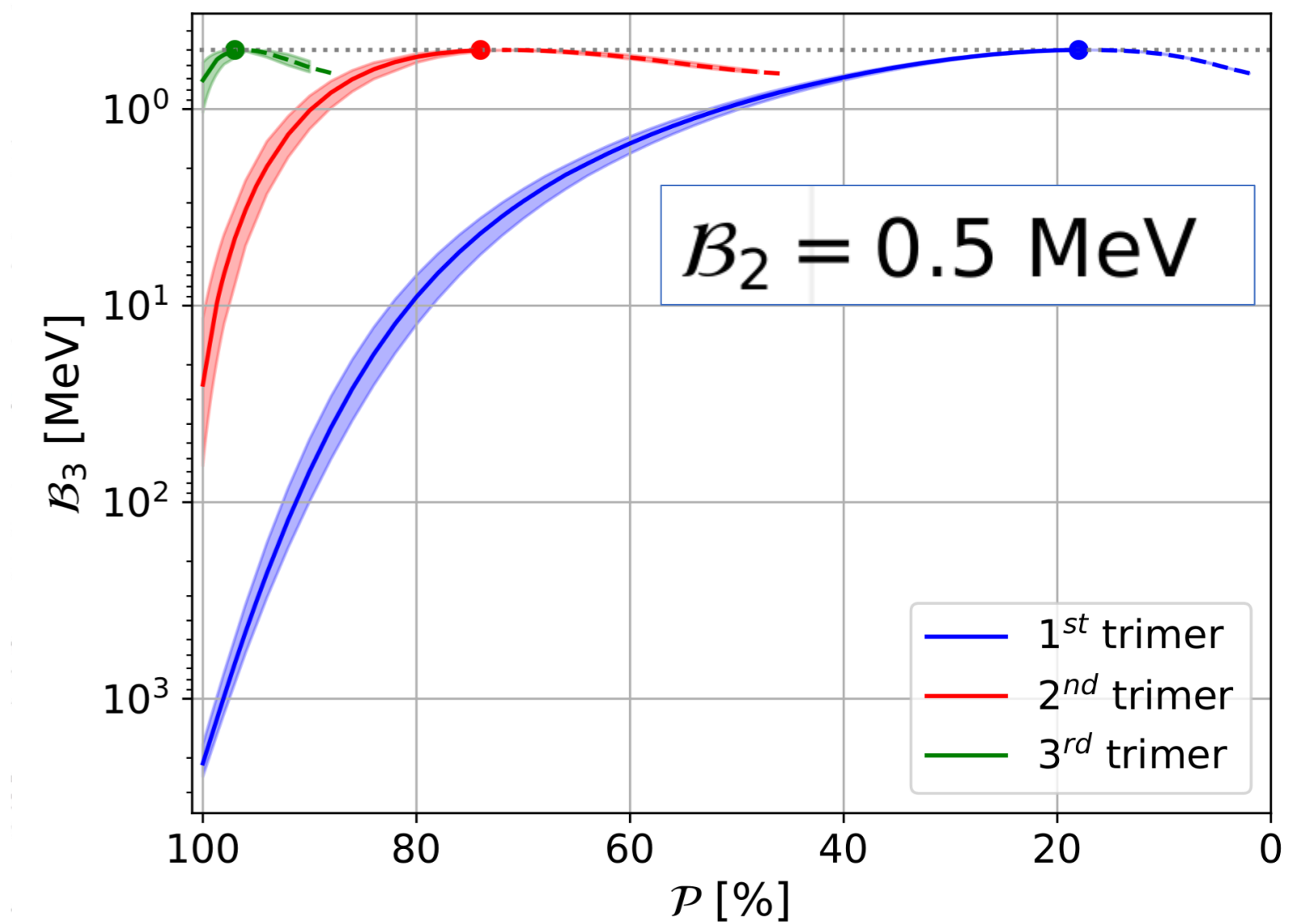
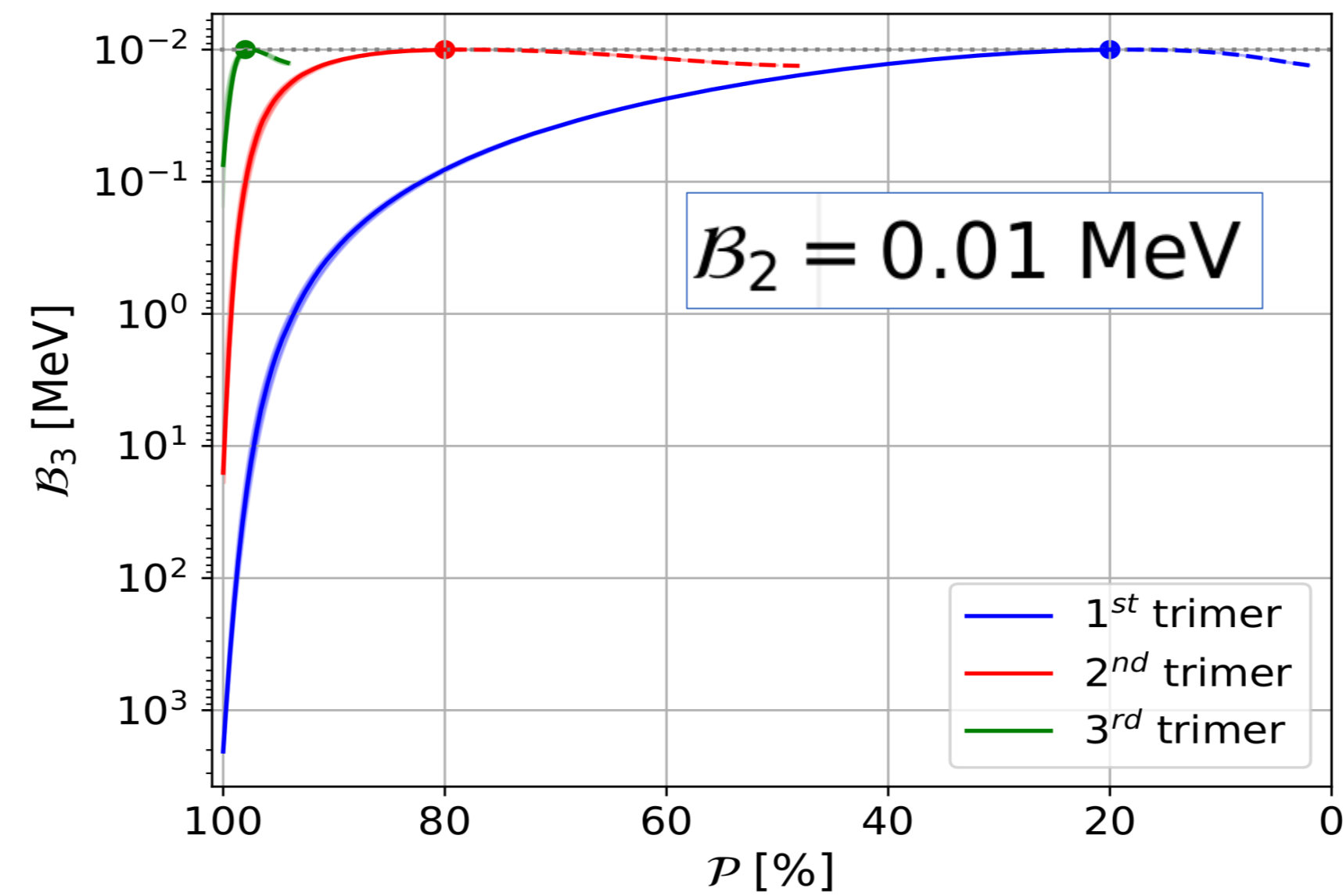
✓ Central line:  $\Lambda = 0.7$  GeV.

Shadow band:  $\Lambda = [0.5, 1]$  GeV

✓ Solid lines: Bound states.

Dashed lines: Virtual states

Dots: Riemann sheet change



# Second to first trimer ratio



- ✓ The ratio increases as  $T_{cc}^*$  becomes more compact.
  - ✓ It shows a small valley that gets shallower as  $\mathcal{B}_2$  increases.
  - ✓ The bottom of this valley approaches the *Efimov scaling law* the smaller  $\mathcal{B}_2$
- $\lambda^{-2} \sim 1/515 \sim 0.0019$  for  $\mathcal{B}_2 \rightarrow 0$

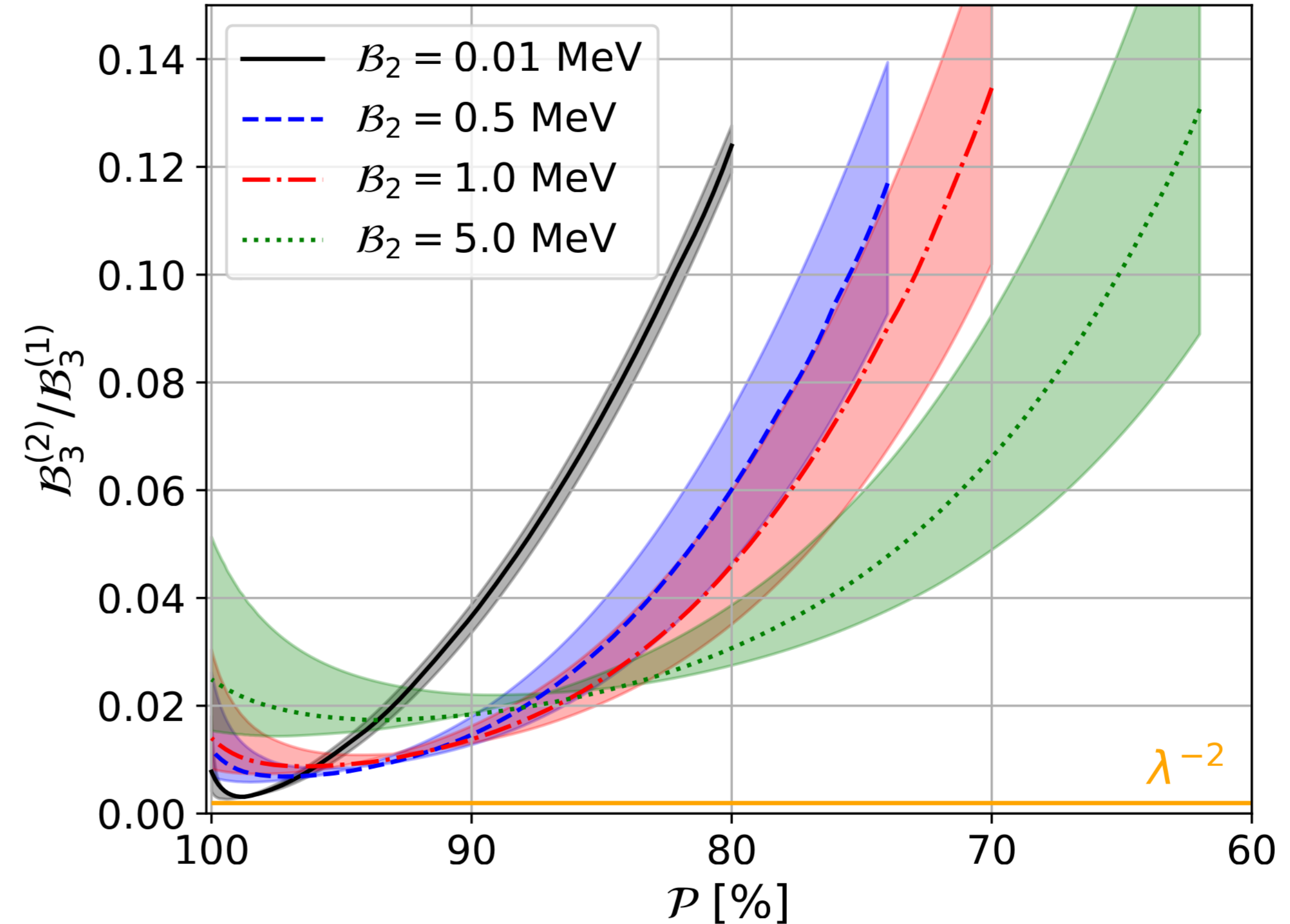
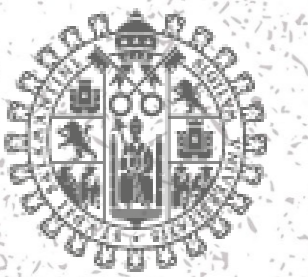


FIG. 3. Ratio of the second to first trimer binding energies for different  $\mathcal{B}_2$  as a function of the  $T_{cc}^*$  composition, where  $\mathcal{P} = 100\%$  denotes a pure two-body  $T_{cc}^*$  molecule and  $\mathcal{P} = 0\%$  a pure compact state. The horizontal orange line represents the Efimov scaling factor  $\lambda^{-2} \sim 1/515$  at the unitary limit  $a_{sc} \rightarrow \infty$ . A cutoff of  $\Lambda = 0.7$  GeV has been used in Eq. (4) for the central line, while the color error bands indicate the results for the cutoff range  $\Lambda = [0.5, 1]$  GeV.

# $T_{cc}^*-D^*$ scattering



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- ✓  $\mathcal{D}$  has poles at the values of the dimer's energies equal to the  $T_{cc}^*$  bound state.
- ✓ The residue of the three-body amplitude is proportional to the dimer-spectator amplitude  $\mathcal{M}_{TD}$

$$\mathcal{D}(p_i, p_f) = \frac{g^2 \mathcal{M}_{TD}(s)}{(s_2(p_i) - m_*^2)(s_2(p_f) - m_*^2)} + \dots$$

- ✓ The  $T_{cc}^*-D^*$  scattering length  $a_{TD}$  can help to discover the shallowest trimers

$$-\frac{1}{a_{TD}} = \lim_{s \rightarrow m_{TD}^2} 8\pi\sqrt{s} \text{Re}(\mathcal{M}_{TD}^{-1}(s))$$

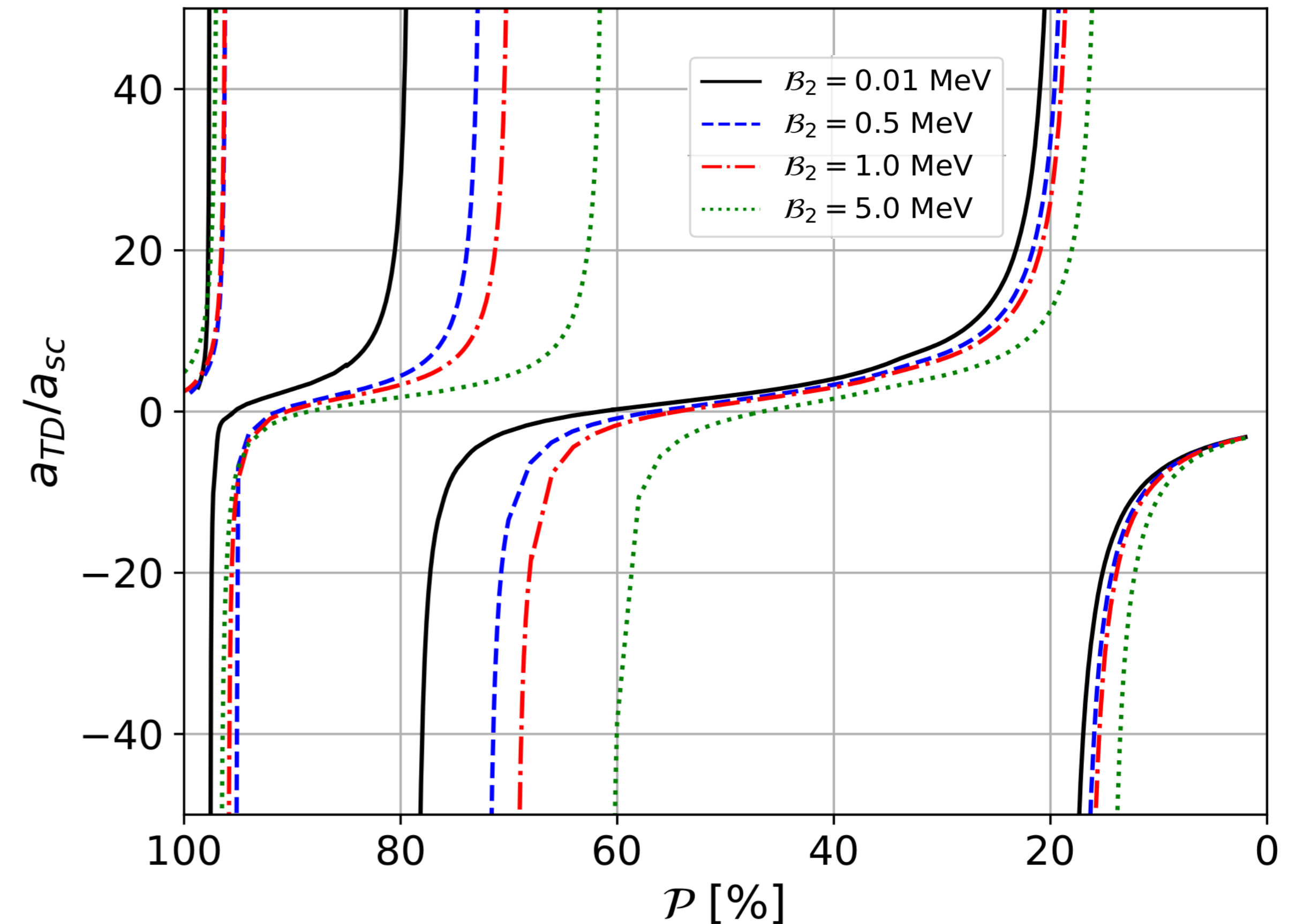
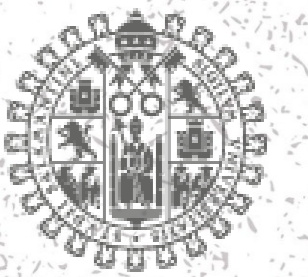


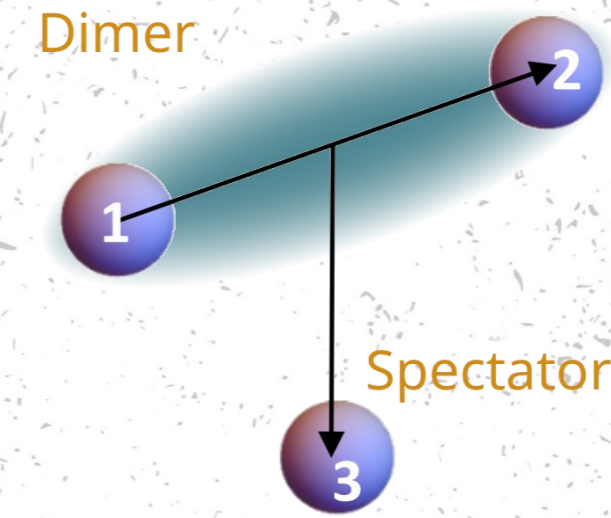
FIG. 4.  $T_{cc}^*D^*$  scattering length normalized over the  $D^*D^*$  scattering length as a function of the  $T_{cc}^*$  composition for different binding energies  $B_2$ , using  $\Lambda = 0.7$  GeV. Same legend as in Fig. 3.

# Summary

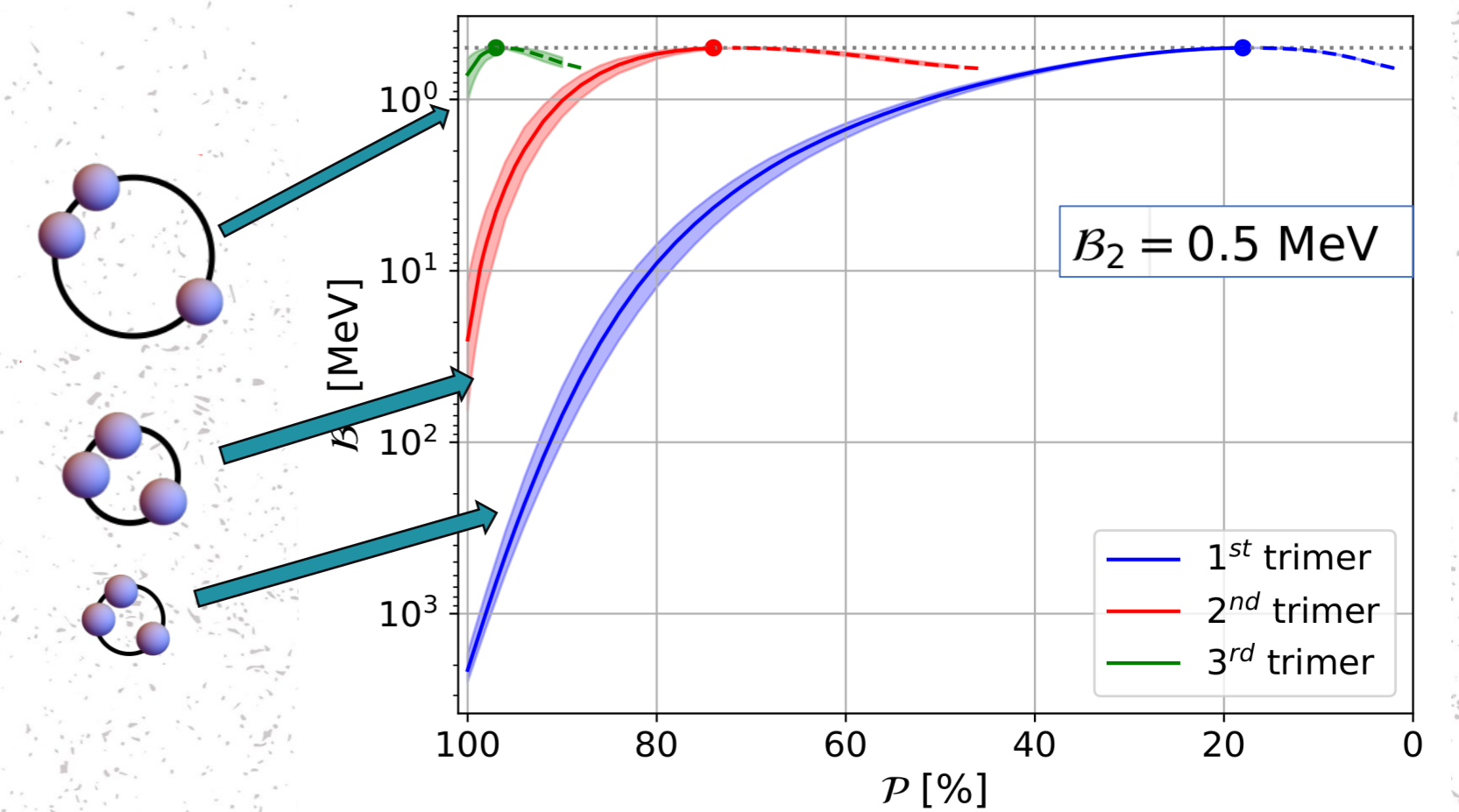


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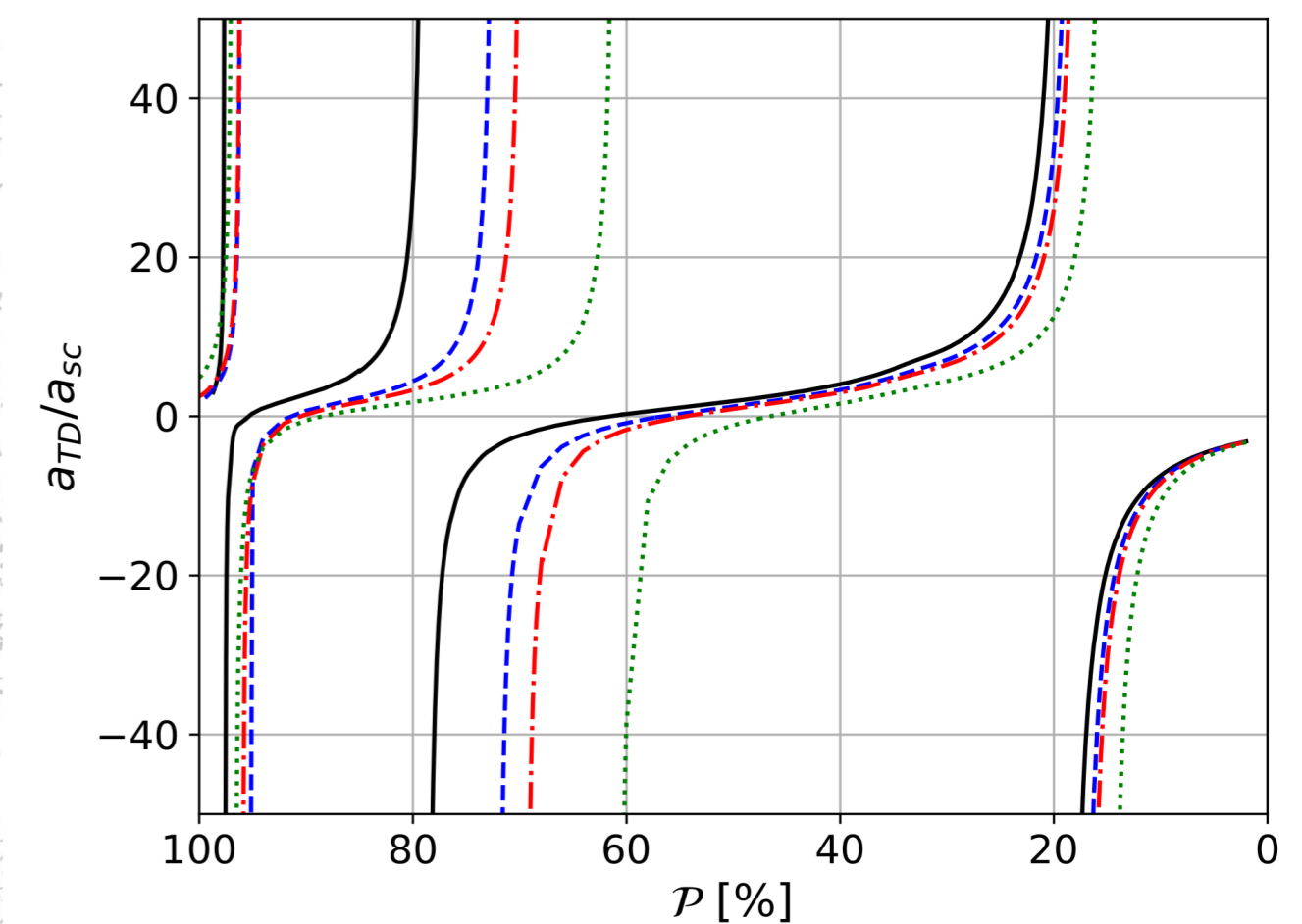
- Analysis of the  $D^*D^*D^*$  system in the  $(I)J^P=(\frac{1}{2})0^-$  sector, assuming the  $T_{cc}^*$  exists



- Efimov effect can emerge  $\longrightarrow$  Up to three trimers can be formed, depending on  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{B}_2$



- The shallowest state can be seen in the  $T_{cc}^*D^*$  scattering





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# Two-body state properties

✓ Weinberg's compositeness:  $a_{sc} \approx \frac{2\hbar c}{\sqrt{m\mathcal{B}_2}} \frac{\mathcal{P}}{1+\mathcal{P}}$      $r_{\text{eff}} \approx \frac{\mathcal{P}-1}{\mathcal{P}} \frac{\hbar c}{\sqrt{m\mathcal{B}_2}}$

✓  $T_{cc^*}$  coupling to  $D^*D^*$  ( $g$ ) and scattering length ( $a$ ) drop to zero for  $\mathcal{P} \longrightarrow 0$

✓ Shallow bound states with purely attractive potential gives  $r_{\text{eff}} > 0$

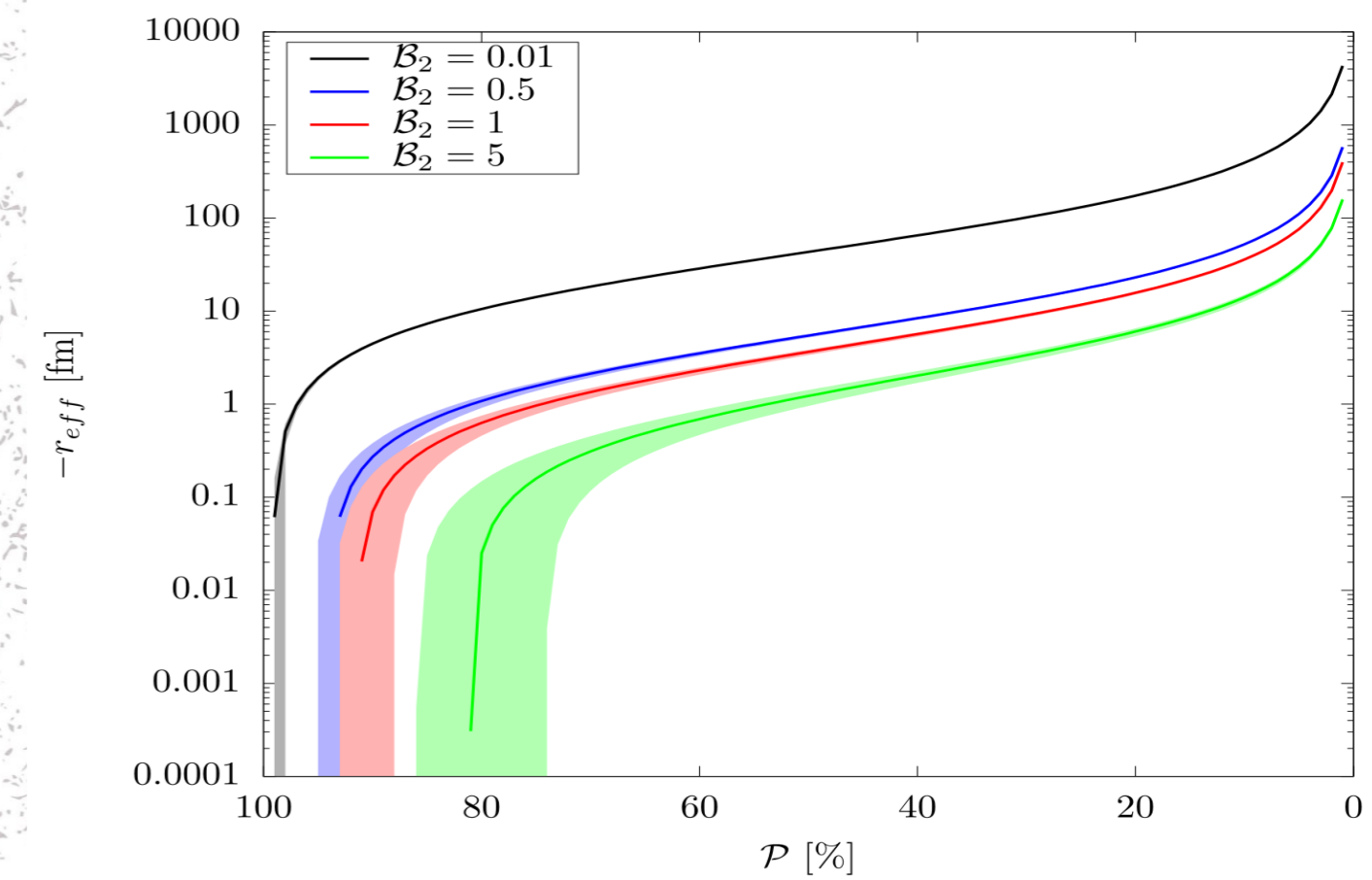
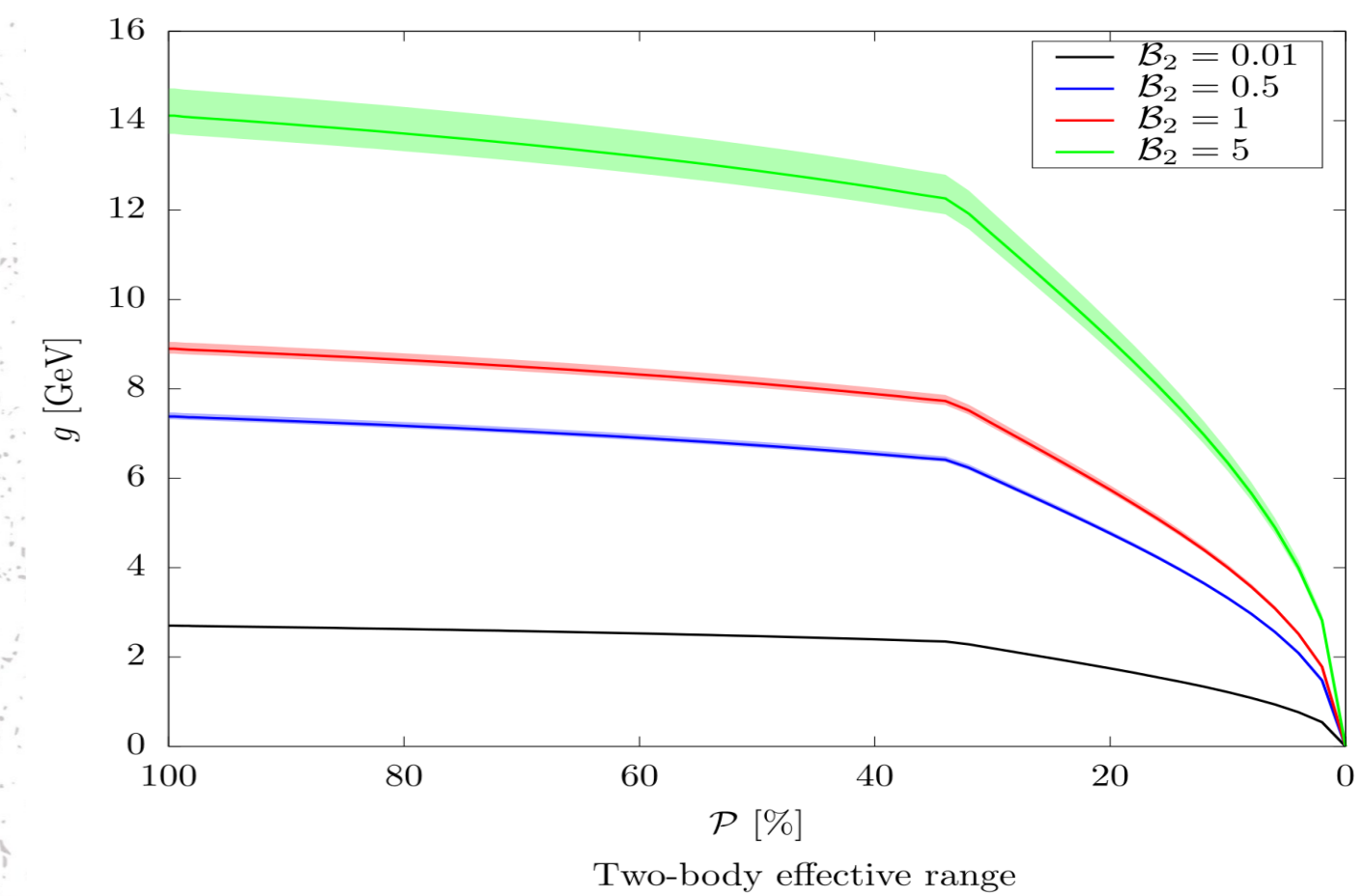
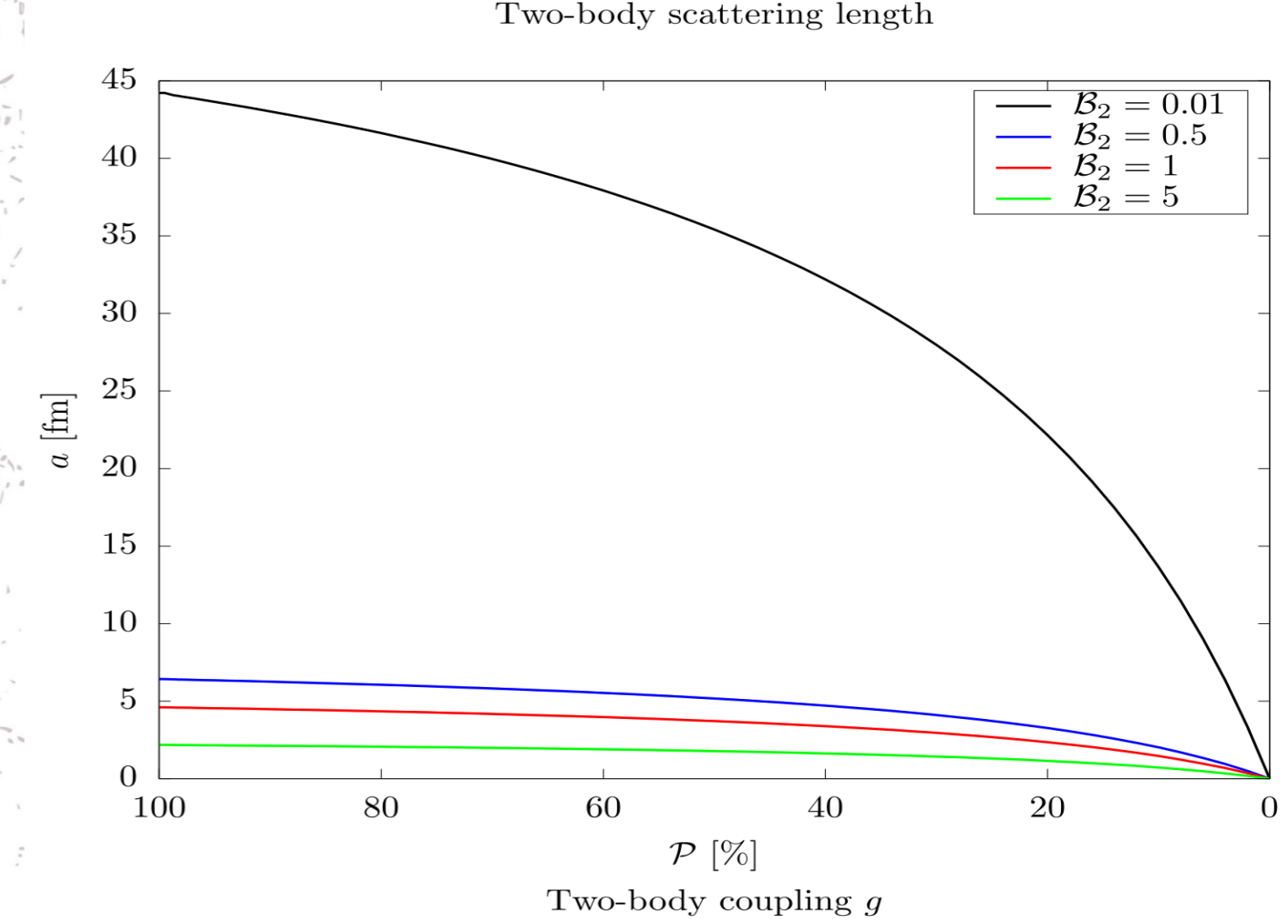
✓ The effective range is mostly negative, but for  $\mathcal{P} \longrightarrow 1$   
➡ Usual when a compact component is present

✓ LHCb measured a non-positive  $r$  for  $T_{cc}$  with an upper limit (LHCb:2021auc):

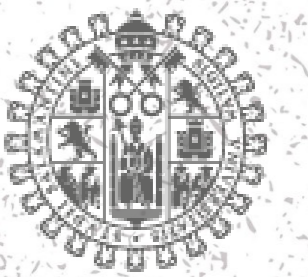
$$0 \leq -r < 11.9 \text{ (16.9) fm at 90 (95)\% CL.}$$

✓ And a Weinberg factor ( $Z=1-\mathcal{P}$ ) and coupling:

$$Z < 0.52 \text{ (0.58) at 90 (95)\% CL.} \quad |g| > 5.1 \text{ (4.3) GeV at 90 (95) \% CL.}$$



# Discrete scale invariance

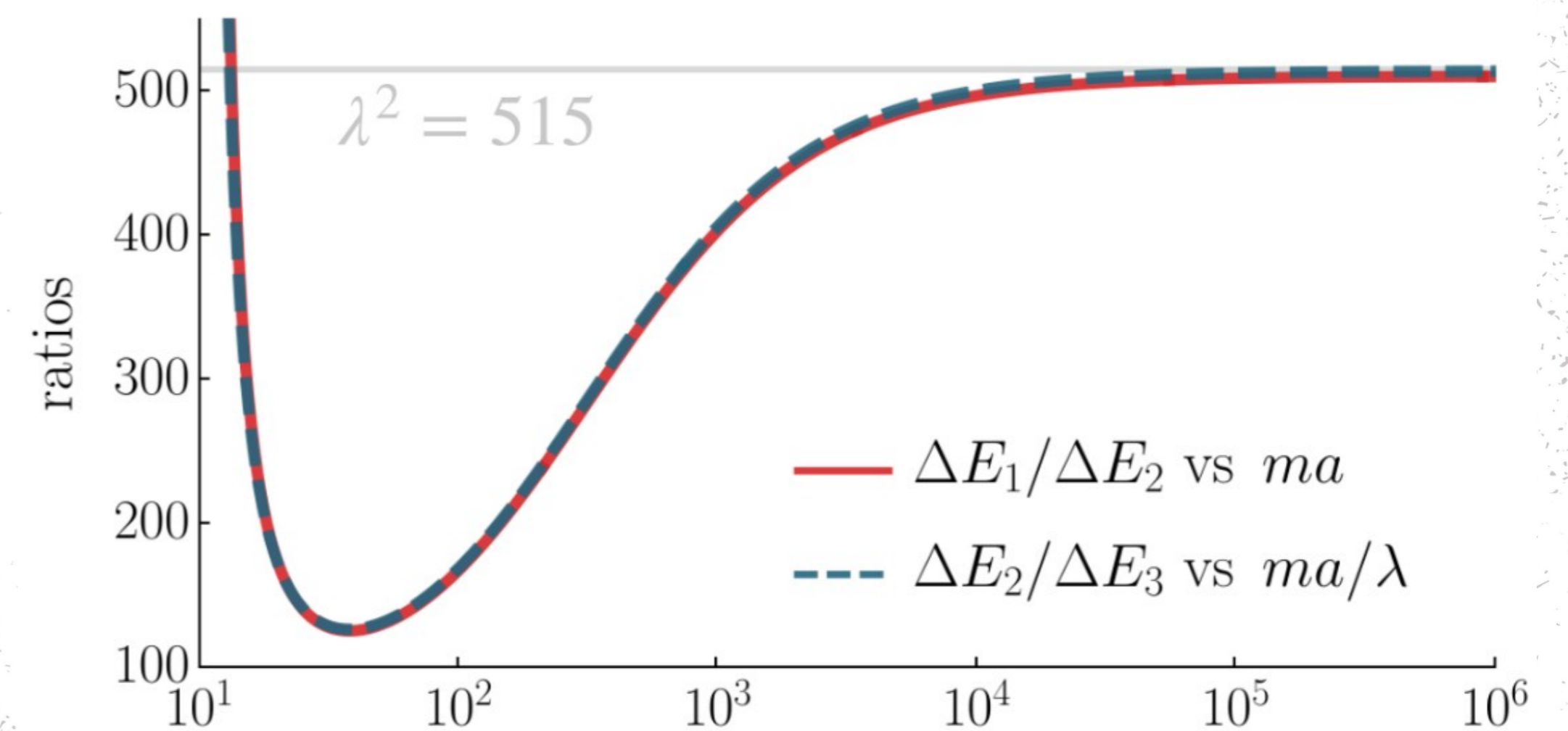
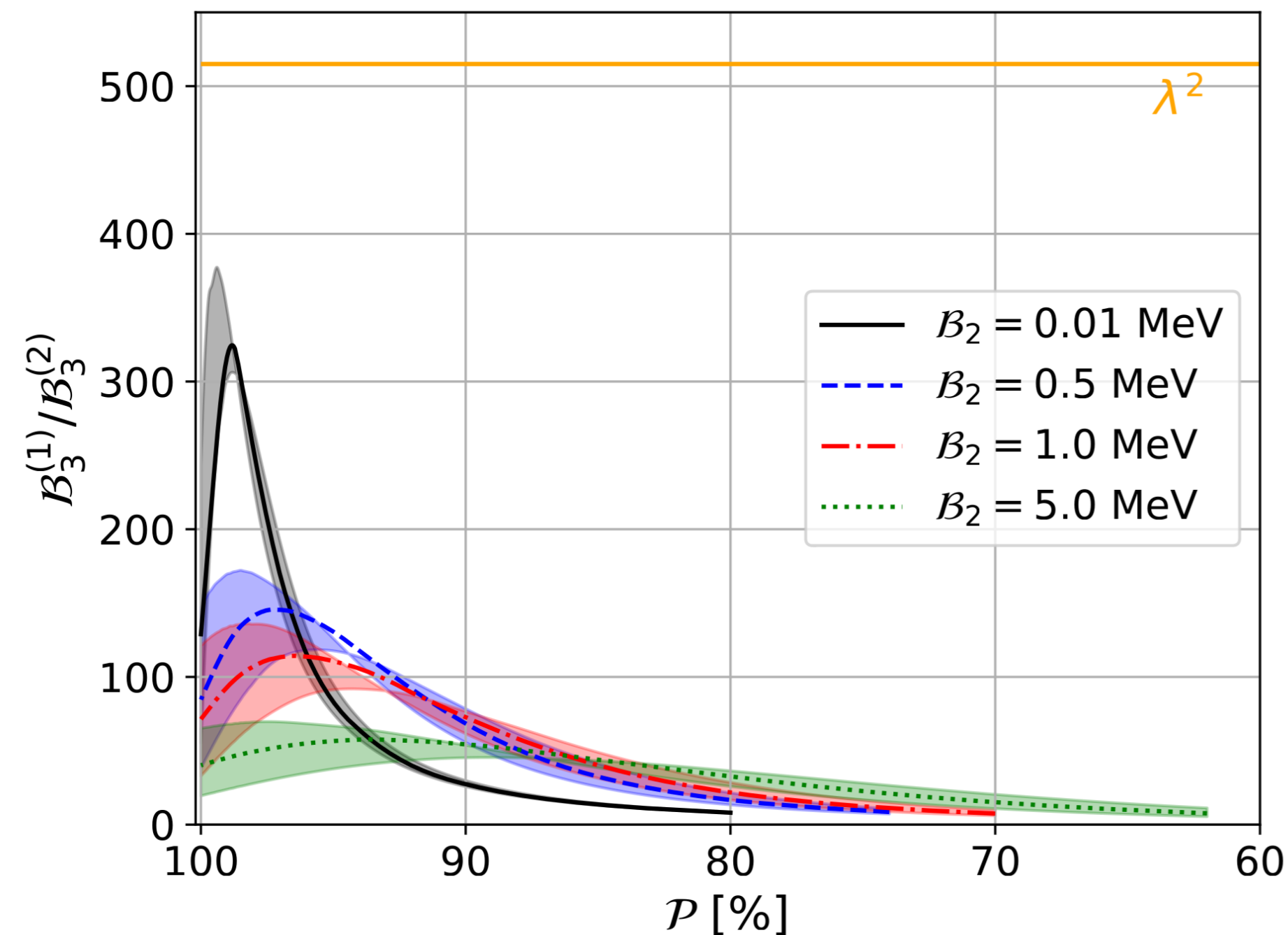


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Scaling law predicts  $\frac{\Delta E^{(n+1)}}{\Delta E^{(n)}} \rightarrow \lambda^{-2} \approx \frac{1}{515}$  But only in the resonant limit

For finite binding energies the scaling is reduced.

This also happens in the zero-range theory



Ratios of binding energies vs  $ma$  (x-axis). Dawid:2023kxu



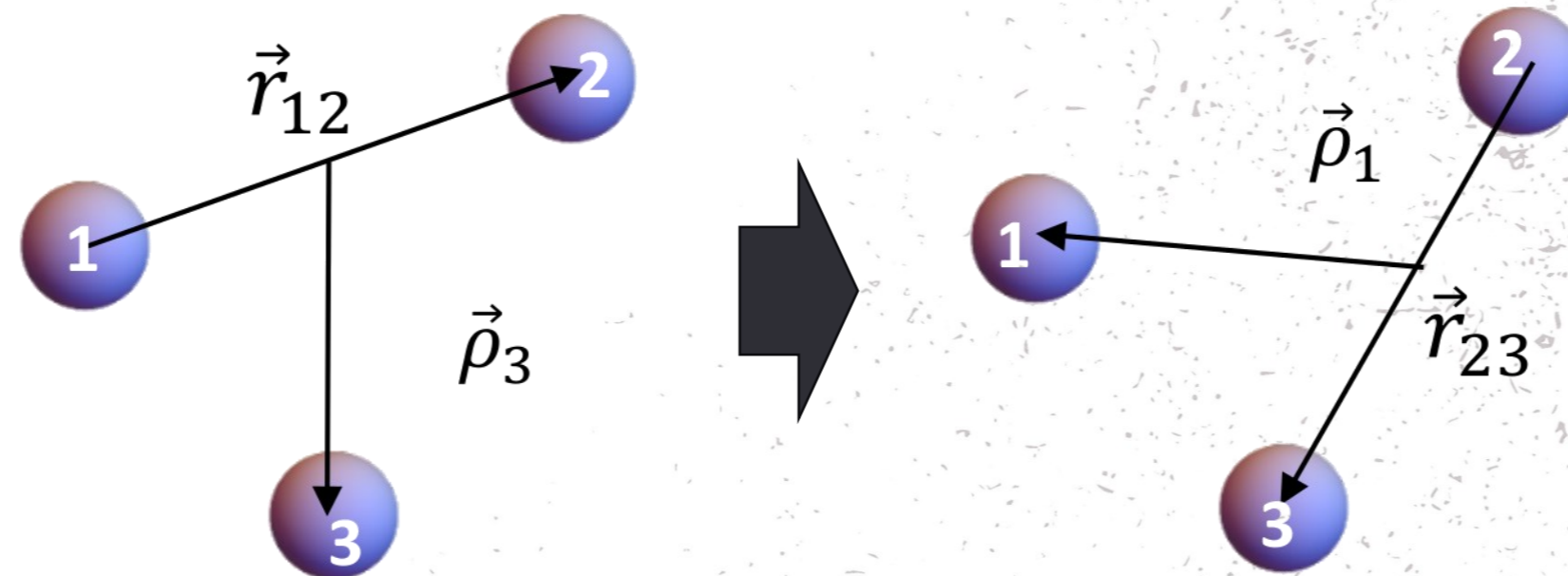
# Why $D^*D^*D^*$ in $(I)J^P=(\frac{1}{2})0^-$ sector?



- ✓ Three possible resonant pairs: **Three identical bosons**
- ✓  $D^*D^*$  wave function totally symmetric
- ✓  $J=0$  implies  $s_{12}=1_{\mathcal{A}}$  necessarily  $\longrightarrow$  Needs  $t_{12}=0_{\mathcal{A}}$ , so  $I=\frac{1}{2}$ .
- ✓ If we rotate the coordinate system  $(12)3 \longrightarrow (23)1$ , then, the  $|I, J\rangle_{23}$  state is

$$|0, 1\rangle_{12} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}|0, 1\rangle_{23} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}|1, 1\rangle_{23}$$

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# Possible in DD\*D\* in $(I)J^P=(\frac{1}{2})1^-$ sector?

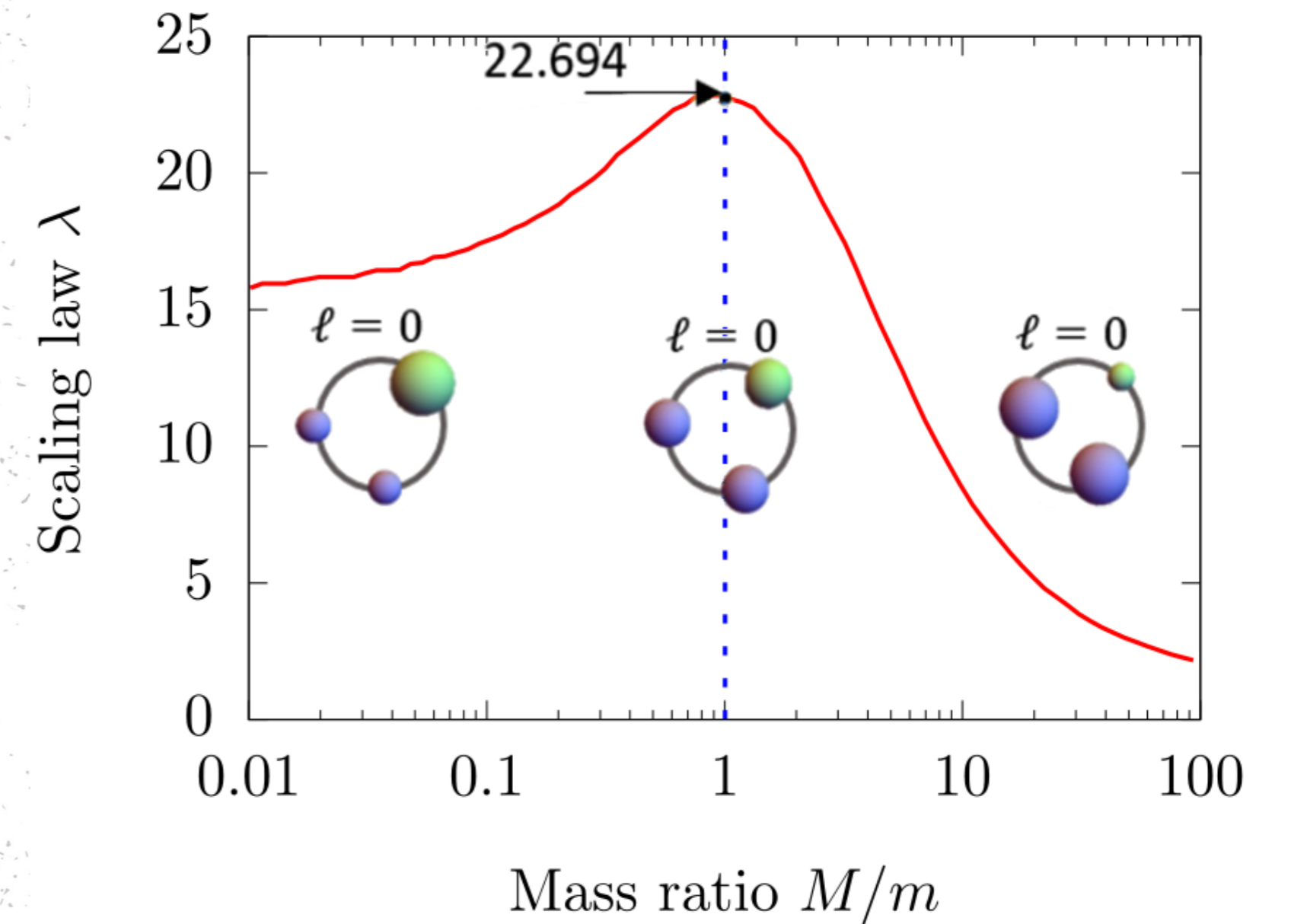


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✓ Three possible resonant pairs: **Two identical bosons plus one.**

✓  $M/m \sim 1.08 \longrightarrow$  Scaling law  $\sim 22.7$  again

**Possible Efimov states in  $T_{cc}D^* - T_{cc}^*D$  system?**

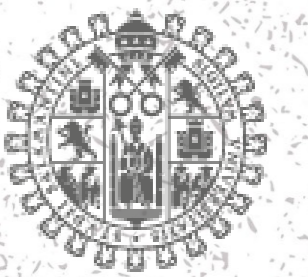


✓  $J=1$  implies  $s_{12}=1_{\mathcal{A}}$  for  $D^*D^* \longrightarrow$  Needs  $t_{12}=0_{\mathcal{A}}$ , so  $I=\frac{1}{2}$ .

✓ If we rotate the coordinate system  $(12)3 \longrightarrow (23)1$ , then, the  $|I, J\rangle_{23}$  state is  $|0, 1\rangle_{12} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}|0, 1\rangle_{23} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}|1, 1\rangle_{23}$

✓ **It can mix with a non-resonant repulsive pair...** Similar to the triton case? Dependence on the scattering length of  $DD^*$  for  $l=1$

# DD\*-D\*D\* coupling

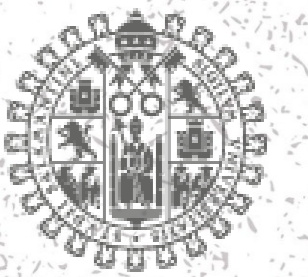


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- ✓ The DD\*-D\*D\* coupling is ignored  $\longrightarrow$  It can be modeled as a source of width for the  $T_{cc}^*$  and the D\*D\*D\* trimers (Dai:2021vgf, Bayar:2022bnc, Luo:2021ggs)
- ✓ This coupling reduces as  $\mathcal{B}_2$  tends to zero  $\longrightarrow$  D\*D\* component dominates at threshold.
- ✓ Small effect expected  $\longrightarrow$  Estimated total  $T_{cc}^*$  width including DD\* and D\*\pi rescatterings: (Jia:2022qwr)  
$$\Gamma = 41 \pm 2 \text{ keV for a } \mathcal{B}_2 = 503 \pm 40 \text{ keV}$$
- ✓ For the same reason, the D\* width is neglected  $\longrightarrow$  Small contribution to  $T_{cc}^*$  width and small correction to OPE

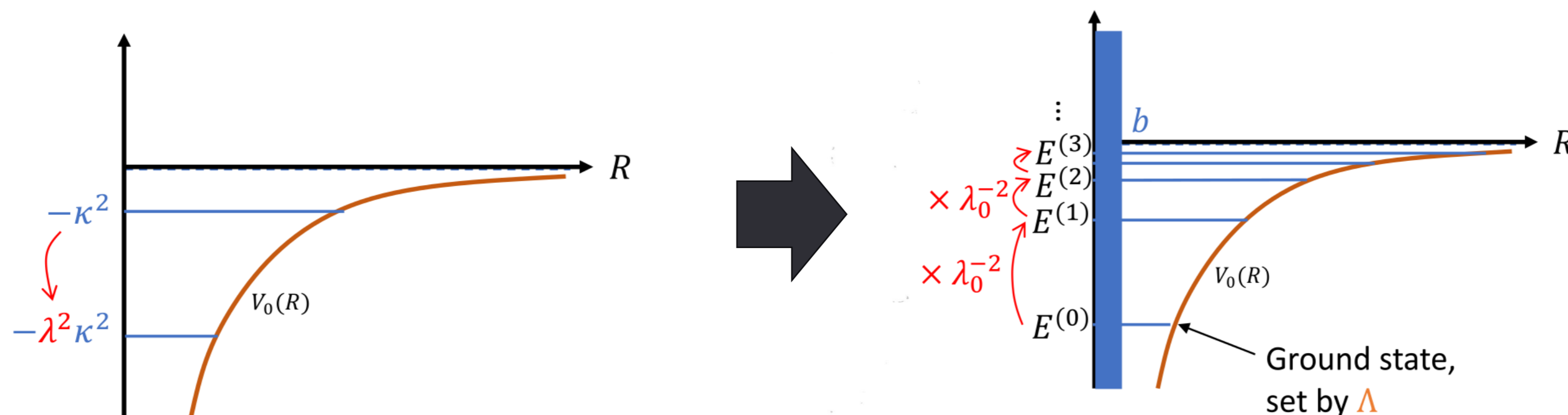
$$m \rightarrow m - \frac{\Gamma_{D^*}}{2} i \rightarrow (1 - 1.7 \cdot 10^{-5} i) m$$

# Three-body forces



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- ✓ We make explicit use of  $\mathcal{K}_3=0$   $\longrightarrow$  No fundamental short-range 3b forces included
- ✓ Clean cancellation between the off-shell parts of the  $\mathcal{T}_2$  and three-body forces in chiral Lagrangians (MartinezTorres:2008gy,Khemchandani:2008rk)
- ✓ But there is a **three-body parameter** induced from the two-body interaction  $\longrightarrow$   $\Lambda$  and  $\mathcal{P}$
- ✓ Provides a non-zero range for the two-body interaction and modifies the energy of the first trimer.
- ✓ Prevents the Thomas collapse  $\longrightarrow$  Infinitely close 3 particles with infinite binding energy in zero-range theory



# Higher partial waves



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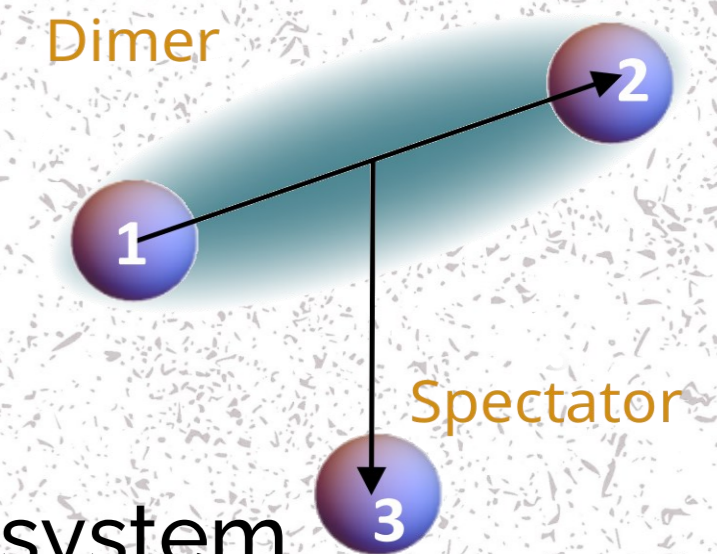
✓ Only S-wave interactions are considered for the two-body and particle-dimer system

✓ The proximity of the  $T_{cc}^*$  to the  $D^*D^*$  threshold suppresses partial waves  $L > 0$  in the dimer.

✓ The dominance of S-wave in the dimer also suppress higher partial waves in the particle-dimer system

✓ Same approach taken in, e.g., [Bayar:2022bnc](#) and [Luo:2021ggs](#) for the study of  $D^*D^*D^*$

✓ [Luo:2021ggs](#) studied  $D^*D^*D^*$  for all  $L \leq 2$  configurations



*"Turning on the S-D mixing only has a small effect but, in general, slightly increases the binding energy of the system of interest (for the same cutoff)."*

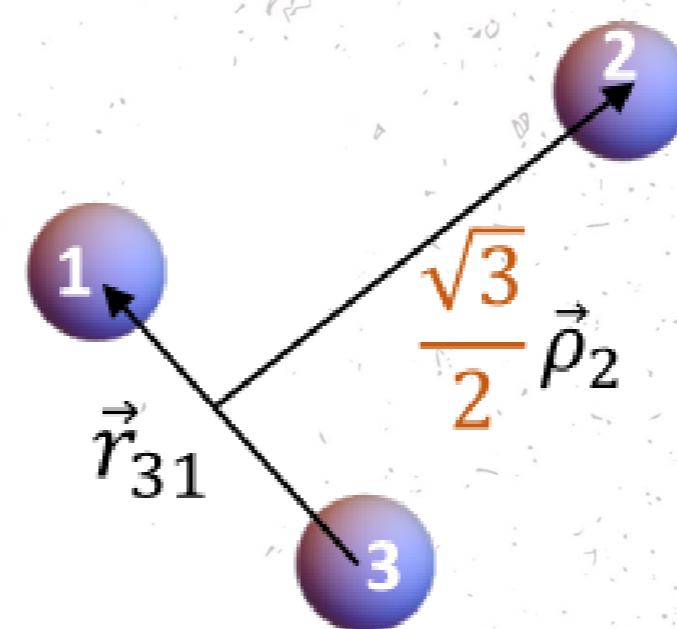
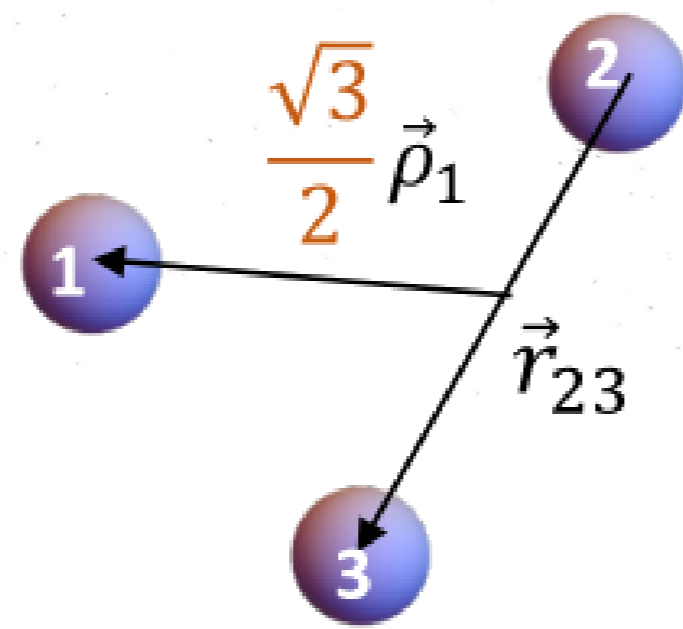
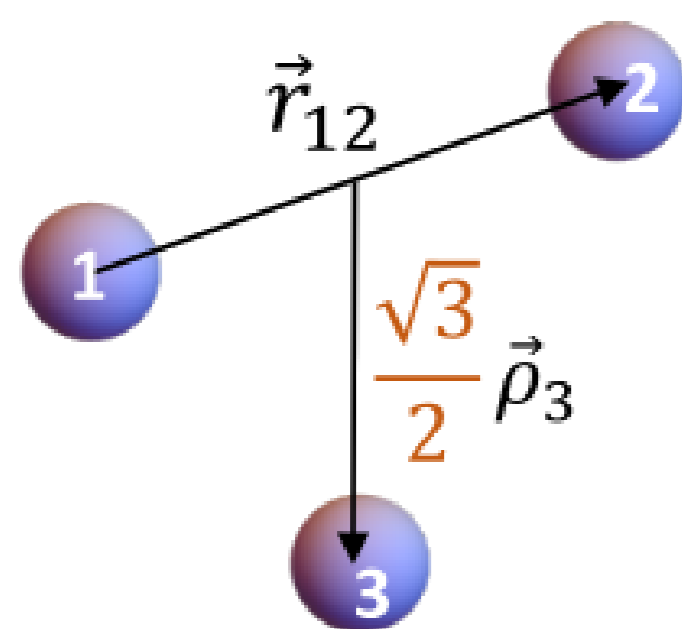
$\zeta_{12}$	$L_3$	$L$	$t_{12}$	$s_{12}$	$S$
0	0	0	0	1	0
0	2	2	0	1	2
0	2	2	1	2	2
2	0	2	0	1	2
2	0	2	1	2	2

# Derivation for three identical bosons

Hamiltonian in coordinate representation:

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_1^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_2^2 - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla_3^2 \quad \text{with the two-body condition } \Psi \xrightarrow{r_{ij} \rightarrow 0} \propto \frac{1}{r_{ij}} - \frac{1}{a}$$

1. Eliminate the centre of mass  $\vec{R} = \vec{x}_1 + \vec{x}_2 + \vec{x}_3$
2. Express the remaining coordinates in terms of Jacobi coordinates:



$$\begin{aligned} \vec{r}_{ij} &= \vec{x}_j - \vec{x}_i \\ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \vec{\rho}_k &= \vec{x}_k - \frac{\vec{x}_i + \vec{x}_j}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Schrödinger equation:

$$(-\nabla_{r_{12}}^2 - \nabla_{\rho_3}^2 - k^2)\Psi = 0$$

For a total energy  
 $E = \hbar^2 k^2 / m$

# Derivation for three identical bosons



3. Make the Faddeev decomposition:

$$\Psi = \chi(\vec{r}_{12}, \vec{\rho}_3) + \chi(\vec{r}_{23}, \vec{\rho}_1) + \chi(\vec{r}_{31}, \vec{\rho}_2)$$

$$= \chi(\vec{r}, \vec{\rho}) + \chi\left(-\frac{1}{2}\vec{r} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{\rho}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{r} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{\rho}\right) + \chi\left(-\frac{1}{2}\vec{r} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{\rho}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{r} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{\rho}\right)$$

Where  $\chi$  satisfies

$$(-\nabla_r^2 - \nabla_\rho^2 - k^2)\chi(\vec{r}, \vec{\rho}) = 0$$

4. Apply the two-body condition  $\Psi \xrightarrow{r_{ij} \rightarrow 0} \propto \frac{1}{r_{ij}} - \frac{1}{a} \iff \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r\Psi) = -\frac{1}{a}(r\Psi)$  for  $r \rightarrow 0$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r\chi(\vec{r}, \vec{\rho})) \right]_{r \rightarrow 0} + \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r\chi\left(-\frac{1}{2}\vec{r} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{\rho}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{r} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{\rho}\right)\right) \right]_{r \rightarrow 0} + \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r}\left(r\chi\left(-\frac{1}{2}\vec{r} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{\rho}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{r} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{\rho}\right)\right) \right]_{r \rightarrow 0}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{a} \left[ r \left( \chi(\vec{r}, \vec{\rho}) + \chi\left(-\frac{1}{2}\vec{r} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{\rho}, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{r} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{\rho}\right) + \chi\left(-\frac{1}{2}\vec{r} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{\rho}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{r} - \frac{1}{2}\vec{\rho}\right) \right) \right]_{r \rightarrow 0}$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(r\chi(\vec{r}, \vec{\rho})) \right]_{r \rightarrow 0} + \chi\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{\rho}, -\frac{1}{2}\vec{\rho}\right) + \chi\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{\rho}, -\frac{1}{2}\vec{\rho}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{a} \left[ r \left( \chi(\vec{r}, \vec{\rho}) + \chi\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{\rho}, -\frac{1}{2}\vec{\rho}\right) + \chi\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{\rho}, -\frac{1}{2}\vec{\rho}\right) \right) \right]_{r \rightarrow 0}$$

# Derivation for three identical bosons



Equation:

$$(-\nabla_r^2 - \nabla_\rho^2 - k^2)\chi(\vec{r}, \vec{\rho}) = 0$$

Boundary condition  $r \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} (r\chi(\vec{r}, \vec{\rho})) \right]_{r \rightarrow 0} + \chi\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{\rho}, -\frac{1}{2}\vec{\rho}\right) + \chi\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\vec{\rho}, -\frac{1}{2}\vec{\rho}\right) = -\frac{1}{a} [r\chi(\vec{r}, \vec{\rho})]_{r \rightarrow 0}$$

5. Expand  $\chi$  in partial waves. For a total angular momentum  $L = 0$ ,

$$\chi(\vec{r}, \vec{\rho}) = \frac{\chi_0(r, \rho)}{r\rho}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} r - \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \rho^2} \rho - k^2 \right) \frac{\chi_0(r, \rho)}{r\rho} = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \frac{\chi_0(r, \rho)}{\rho} \right]_{r \rightarrow 0} + 2 \times \frac{\chi_0\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\rho, \frac{1}{2}\rho\right)}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\rho \cdot \frac{1}{2}\rho} = -\frac{1}{a} \frac{\chi_0(0, \rho)}{\rho}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \rho^2} - k^2 \right) \chi_0(r, \rho) = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \chi_0(r, \rho) \right]_{r \rightarrow 0} + \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}\rho} \chi_0\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\rho, \frac{1}{2}\rho\right) = -\frac{1}{a} \chi_0(0, \rho)$$



# Derivation for three identical bosons



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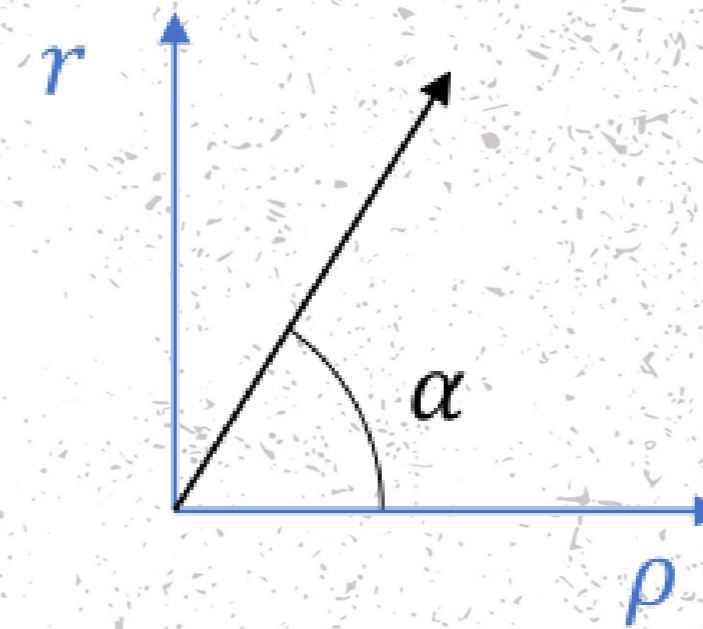
6. Change the coordinates  $(r, \rho)$  to polar coordinates  $(R, \alpha)$

$$r = R \sin \alpha$$

$$\rho = R \cos \alpha$$

$$R = \sqrt{r^2 + \rho^2} \quad (\text{hyper-radius})$$

$$\alpha = \arctan r/\rho \quad (\text{hyper-angle})$$



$$\left( -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} - \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} - \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \alpha^2} - k^2 \right) \chi_0(R, \alpha) = 0$$

$$\text{with } \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \chi_0(R, \alpha) \right]_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} + \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}} \chi_0\left(R, \frac{\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{R}{a} \chi_0(R, 0)$$

# Derivation for three identical bosons



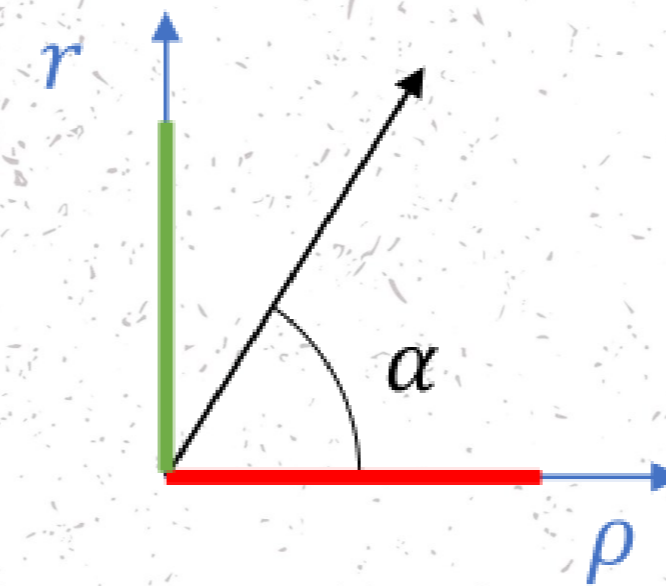
Equation:

$$\left( -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} - \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} - \frac{1}{R^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \alpha^2} - k^2 \right) \chi_0(R, \alpha) = 0$$

Solutions of the form:  $\chi_0(R, \alpha) = F_n(R) \phi_n(\alpha)$

Eigenfunctions of  $-\partial^2/\partial\alpha^2$ :

$$-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \alpha^2} \phi_n(\alpha) = s_n^2 \phi_n(\alpha) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \phi_n(\alpha) = \sin \left( s_n \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha \right) \right) \quad s_n \cos \left( \frac{s_n \pi}{2} \right) + \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}} \sin \left( \frac{s_n \pi}{6} \right) = 0$$



$$\left( -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} - \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} + \frac{s_n^2}{R^2} - k^2 \right) F_n(R) = 0$$

$$\left( -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} + \frac{s_n^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{R^2} - k^2 \right) \sqrt{R} F_n(R) = 0$$

$V_n(R)$

# Derivation for three identical bosons



Effective Schrödinger equation for the hyper-radius  $R$

$$\left( -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} + \boxed{\frac{s_n^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{R^2}} - k^2 \right) \sqrt{R} F_n(R) = 0$$

$V_n(R)$

$$s_n \cos\left(\frac{s_n \pi}{2}\right) + \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}} \sin\left(\frac{s_n \pi}{6}\right) = 0$$

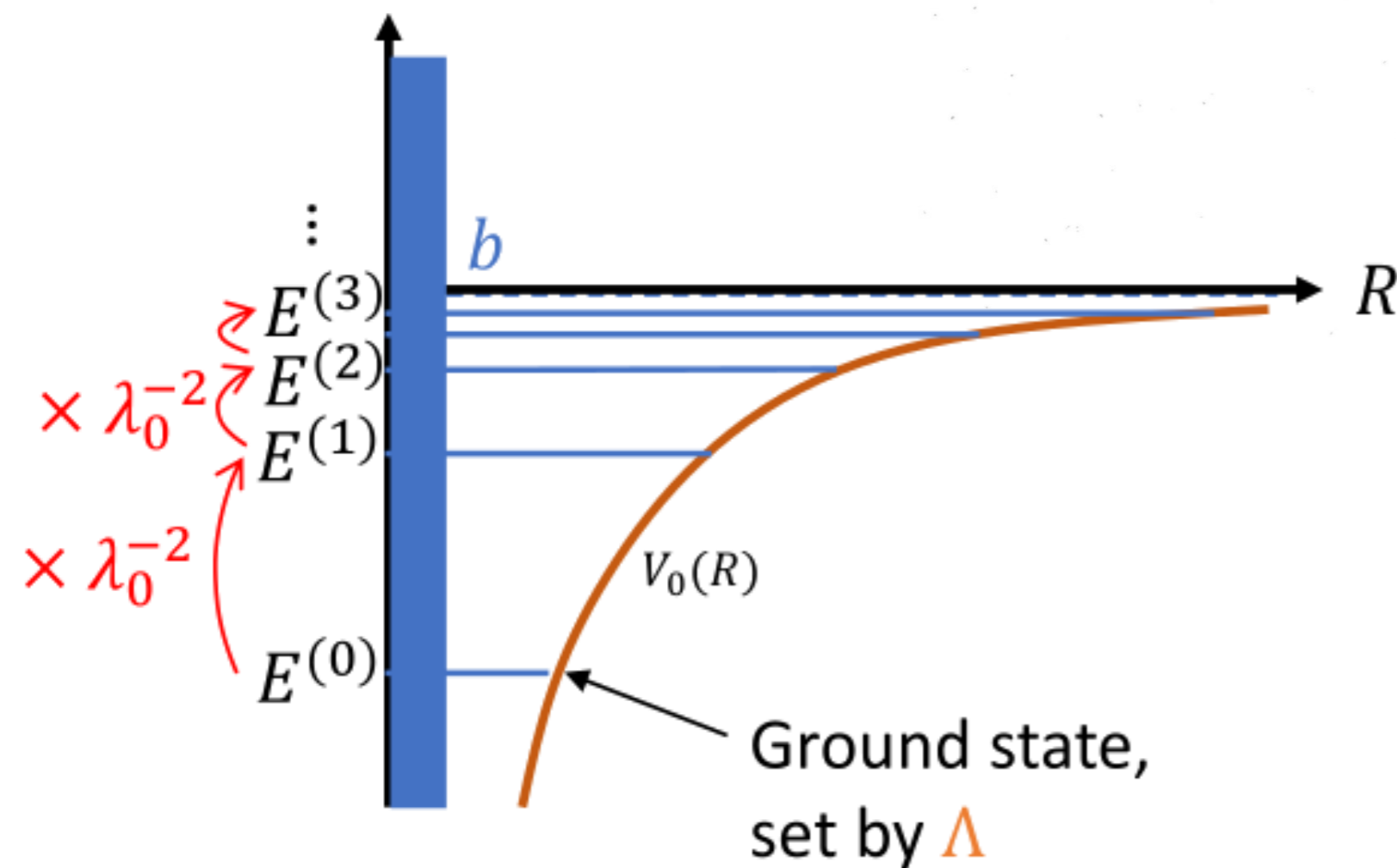
All  $s_n$  are real, except one:  $s_0 = \pm i1.00624$

For  $n = 0$ , one gets the **Efimov attractive potential**

$$V_0(R) = -\frac{|s_0|^2 + \frac{1}{4}}{R^2}$$

**Scale invariance**

$$R \rightarrow \lambda R$$



Solution  $F$  at energy  $-\kappa^2$

$$\left( -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} + \frac{s_n^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{R^2} + \kappa^2 \right) \sqrt{R} F_n(R) = 0$$

Solution  $F$  at energy  $-\lambda^2 \kappa^2$

$$\left( -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} + \frac{s_n^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{R^2} + \lambda^2 \kappa^2 \right) \sqrt{\lambda R} F_n(\lambda R) = 0$$

For small  $R$ ,  $F_0(R) = \alpha R^{i|s_0|} + \beta R^{-i|s_0|} \propto \cos(|s_0| \ln \Lambda R)$

Three-body parameter

$$F_0(\lambda R) \propto \cos(|s_0| \ln \Lambda \lambda R) = \cos(|s_0| \ln \Lambda R + \underbrace{|s_0| \ln \lambda}_{\pi}) \propto F_0(R)$$

$$\lambda_0 = e^{\pi/|s_0|} \approx 22.7$$

$$E^{(n)} = E^{(0)} \lambda_0^{-2n}$$