Finite range effects in twobody and three-body interactions

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Where innovation starts

The Efimov effect and Three-body recombination

In 1970 predicted by Efimov

• Study of nuclear physics problem: tritium

Universal description

- Discrete scaling symmetry
- Insensitive to microscopic details



Not easy to change the nuclear forces..

- Interaction strength can be changed in atomic physics
- Observed via three-body recombination
- Several different species, mixtures

Efimov states

Short range two-body interactions

s-wave scattering length

$$a = -\lim_{k \to 0} \frac{\tan \delta(k)}{k}$$



Potential *just* **unbound** $\implies a \rightarrow -\infty$

- No dimer state
- ...but an infinite number of trimer states!



Borremean rings

Three-body recombination rate for ⁷Li

• **Recombination rate:** $K_3 = 3C(a)\hbar a^4/m$



Ref.: [N. Gross, Z. Shotan, S. Kokkelmans, L. Khaykovich, PRL 105, 103203 (2010)]

Universality

- Universal Few body physics: interactions insensitive to microscopic details interaction
- Efimov spectrum: depends only on two generic two-body parameters

difference in scattering length: $e^{\pi/s_0} \approx 22.7$

spacing bound states:

$$E_{n+1}/E_n \approx e^{-2\pi} \approx 1/515$$



Overview: [F. Ferlaino and R. Grimm, Physics 3, 9 (2010); C. Greene, Physics Today, march 2010] • Control over scattering length with magnetic field



Deviations from universality



- Finite range effects?
- Extreme non-universal limit: *a*=0
- What should replace $K_3 = 3C(a)\hbar a^4/m$?

Non-universal corrections

- Theoretical non-universal extensions
- Effective range R_e as additional parameter

$$k \cot \delta(k) = \frac{-1}{a} + \frac{1}{2} R_e k^2$$

• Connected to inverse width of resonance:

$$R^* = \hbar^2 / (m \, \delta \, \mu \, \Delta B \, a_{bg})$$

• How do we obtain this expression?

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$$E_{res} = \delta\mu(B-B_0)$$

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$$k \cot \delta(k) = \frac{-2k(E_{res} - E)}{\Gamma} = \frac{-2E_{res}}{\Gamma/k} + \frac{\hbar^2}{m\Gamma/k} k^2 = \frac{-1}{a} + \frac{1}{2}R^*k^2$$

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- Narrow Feshbach resonances: $R_e = -2R^*$
- But there are some problems with this length scale

What other length scales are important?

More length scales beyond scattering length:

$$a = a_{bg} \left| 1 - \frac{\Delta B}{B - B_0} \right|$$



• Width of resonance

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• Background scattering length

$$a_{bg}$$

Range of the potential

$$r_{0} \approx r_{vdW}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Van der Waals length} \quad r_{vdW} = \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{2\mu C_{6}}{\hbar^{2}} \right|^{1/4}$$

Potential range: universal three-body parameter

- Several systems: three-body recombination $C_+(a)\hbar a^4/m$
- Look for position first trimer resonance
- Same three-body parameter

 $a_{\sim} \approx -9.8 a_{vdW}$

- Experiments involved always Feshbach resonance
- Different system4He*
- No Feshbach resonance
- But large scattering length *a_{vdW}*=4.1

[J. Wang, J. P. D'Incao, B. D. Esry, and C. H. Greene, Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 263001 (2012).]
[P. Naidon, S. Endo, and M. Ueda, Phys. Rev. Lett. 112, 105301 (2014).]
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Analyze three-body recombination ⁴**He**^{*}

• Scattering length >0. Use $a_+/a_- = -0.96$

$$C_{+}(a) = 67.1 e^{-2\eta} \left| \cos^2 \left[s_0 \ln a / a_+ \right] + \sinh^2 \eta \right| + 16.8 \left(1 - e^{-4\eta} \right)$$



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Compare to other atomic systems



Cold collisions and the highest bound state



For the prediction and analysis of Feshbach resonances

- Simple model: Asymptotic Bound-state Model
- based on highest bound state
- Introduce highest bound state for each potential in Feshbach projection formalism

ABM model, see e.g.: [T. G. Tiecke et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 104, 053202 (2010)]

Feshbach resonance: coupled-channels mechanism



Non-universal physics in 2-body interactions: ⁷Li

Non-typical behavior effective range

- **Broad resonance***R*_{*e*}>0 (potential resonance)
- Narrow resonance $R_e = -2R^* < 0$

 $\implies R^*$, a_{bg} , r_0 all needed to describe this



Account also for highest bound state in open channel:



Shift and width of resonance:

Expansion into Gamow states

$$\Delta(E) - i\Gamma(E)/2 = \langle \varphi_b | H_{QP} \frac{1}{E - H_{PP}} H_{PQ} | \varphi_b \rangle$$

= $\frac{-A/2}{k^2 + (1/a^P)^2} + i \frac{Ak/2}{(k^2 + (1/a^P)^2)/a^P}$

→ Non-trivial energy dependence



See: [Feshbach resonances in ultracold gases, S. J. J. M. F. Kokkelmans, Chapter 4 in "Quantum gas experiments - exploring many-body states" (Imperial College Press, London, 2014)]

Scattering phase-shift



⁷Li – intermediate Feshbach resonance

Effective range depends on other length scales



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$$= -k^{3} R_{e} a^{2} / 2 \qquad (a \to 0)$$

Also noticed as relevant quantity for BEC near *a*=0, and in treatment of resonance approximations

[Zav Shotan, Olga Machtey, Servaas Kokkelmans, Lev Khaykovich, PRL 113, 053202 (2014)]
[N. T. Zinner and M. Thøgersen, Phys. Rev. A 80, 023607 (2009).]
[M. Thøgersen, N. T. Zinner, and A. S. Jensen, Phys. Rev. A 80, 043625 (2009).]
[C. L. Blackley, P. S. Julienne, and J. M. Hutson, Phys. Rev. A 89, 042701 (2014).]

Define new length scale

• **Phase shift around** $a=0: \delta(k) = -ka - k^3 R_e a^2 / 2 + k^3 a^3 / 3$

Define effective length as:
$$L'_{e} = \left| \frac{a^{3}}{3} - \frac{R_{e}a^{2}}{2} \right|^{1/3}$$



[Three-body recombination at vanishing scattering lengths in an ultracold Bose gas, Zav Shotan, Olga Machtey, Servaas Kokkelmans, Lev Khaykovich, PRL 2014PRL 113, 053202 (2014)]

Recombination rate at zero crossing

• Now use same rate expression with new length scale

$$K_3 = 3C\frac{\hbar}{m}L_e^{\prime_4}$$

- Rate is temperature-independent
- No fitting parameters

Same value for *C* **as measured for Efimov physics**

• Compare with experimental recombination length from atom number decay

Measurement of recombination length

- Comparison to calculated length scales
- Measurements for two different temperatures

>>> No evidence for temp.-dependent recombination length



Improvements analytic Feshbach model

- Situation more complicated with 7Li
- Two resonances close together



• Numerics work fine, but...

→ Analytic expressions better for understanding:

• **Dependence on** R^* , a_{bg} , r_0

Double resonance system

- Go to a double resonance system!
- Apply Feshbach projection to two different molecular states
- Two resonant contributions to scattering length



Analytical double-res. expression effective length

Derive effective volume from phase-shift



Could be improved by small variation in r₀

Effective length over large field range

- Two resonances: one zero
- Does not coincide with zero in scattering length



2nd zero crossing in scattering length

• Smaller value L_e



- Recombination rate is two orders of magnitude smaller Consistent with experiment (only upper limit)
- Predict suppressed field value three-body recombination

Theory of three-body recombination at *a***=0?**

- Can K₃ be derived over full range of scattering length?
- Feshbach model is on-shell, well-behaved in k-space
- Possible approach: calculate three-body T-matrix



- Already interesting results obtained with separable potential for finite range effects
- Link between three-body parameter and potential range

[M. Jona-Lasinio and L. Pricoupenko, Phys. Rev. Lett **104**, 023201 (2010).] [L. Pricoupenko and M. Jona-Lasinio, Phys. Rev. A **84**, 062712 (2011).] Also, [J. Levinsen et al.]

Off-shell two-body T-matrix

Skorniakov Ter-Martirosian equation

$$\frac{1}{t(E-3\epsilon_k/2)}T_3(k) = 2\int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\xi(|\vec{k}-\vec{p}/2|)\xi(|\vec{p}-\vec{k}/2|)}{E-k^2/m-p^2/m-\vec{k}\cdot\vec{p}/m}T_3(p)$$

Need off-shell^{*}₂-matrix:easy with separable potential

$$\langle k_f | T_2(E) | k_i \rangle = \xi(k_f) \xi(k_i) t(E)$$

• Should satisfy on-shell condition

 $\langle k | T_2(E) | k \rangle = \xi(k) \xi(k) t(E) = \frac{-1}{k \cot \delta(k) - ik}$

• Is it possible? Potential is non-local!

Extreme limit non-universal regime three-body recombination

- → At vanishing scattering length
- **Other length scales become important**
- Width resonance, potential range, background scattering length



- Can be expressed as combination of a and R_e
- Rate energy-independent

Cover whole range from weak to strong two-body interactions

• Predict non-trivial magnetic field value where three-body recombination is suppressed

• How to derive this quantity from three-body physics?

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Experimental determination zero crossing

Use evaporative cooling: not obvious

Cross section strongly energy-dependent

