

Slow antiproton collisions with deuterium

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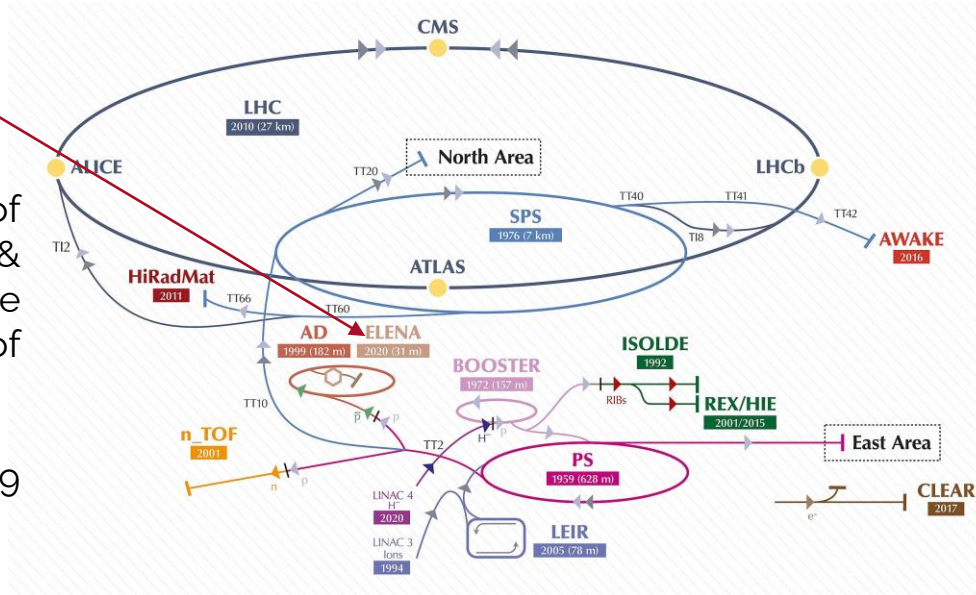
1. Introduction

Revival of Low-energy antiproton physics at CERN

ELENA

Introduction of ELENA antiproton decelerator revives the physics of interface between the antimatter & standard matter, and offers unique possibility to study properties of the antimatter.

Rich experimental program with 9 dedicated experimental programs



Antiproton interactions with atomic nucleus PUMA project

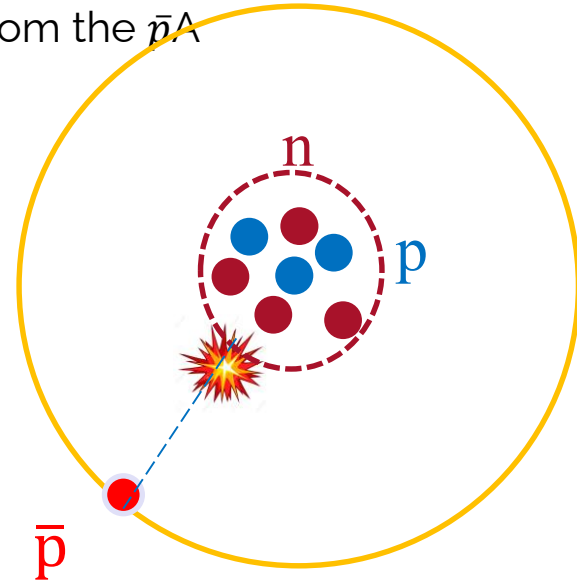
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- 1) $\bar{p}n/\bar{p}p$ annihilation ratio
- 2) Orbit from which \bar{p} is captured



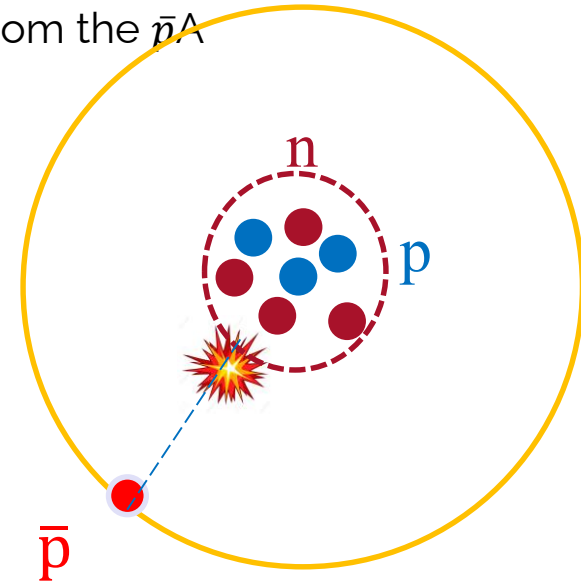
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The goal of PUMA project is to measure nuclear neutron skins from the $\bar{p}A$ annihilation data. We have to answer:

- If the exp. data lead to unambiguous conclusion?
- Can we interpret the data?
- If yes, how and how well?

Accuracy of the solutions, quality of the input, model dependence, ..



Our aim is to provide the «best» solutions for the accessible systems and use this knowledge to build «antiproton-nucleus» potentials for the rich-neutron systems of experimental realm

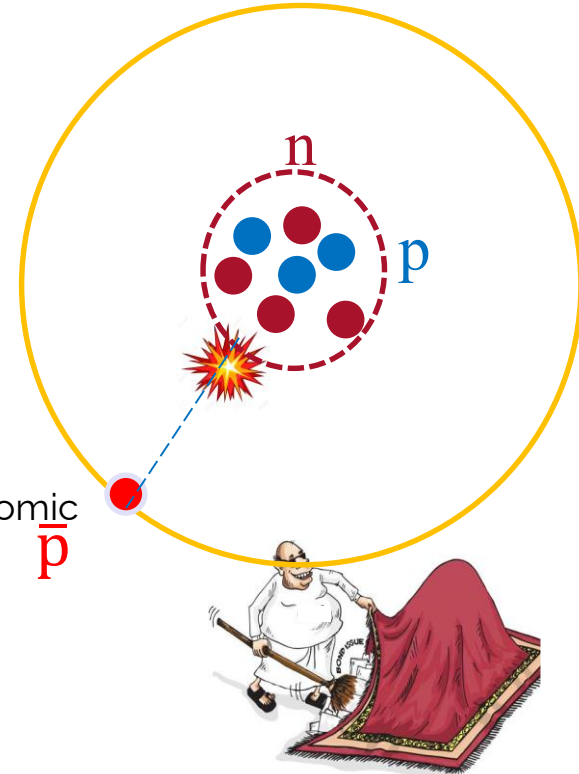
PUMA project

Provide the « best possible » solution for the NR Schrödinger eq.

$$\hat{H}|\Psi\rangle = E|\Psi\rangle; \quad \hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + V$$

The problem is extremely complex:

- — **Relativity** and **annihilation dynamics**
- Complexity of the $\bar{p}N$ interaction and $\bar{p}A$ dynamics
- Presence and coupling between the very different physical scales: atomic (Coulomb), nuclear ($\bar{p}A$), subatomic (annihilation) !!



$\bar{N}N$ interaction

THE FACTS

There are two main sources of experimental info: **scattering and protonium**

SCATTERING

from $\bar{p}p$ one can measure three contributions to the total cross section

$$\sigma_t = \sigma_e + \sigma_a + \sigma_{ce}$$

- σ_e elastic
- σ_a annihilation: everything produced beyond $\bar{p}p$ ($\bar{n}n$) channels
- σ_{ce} charge-exchange

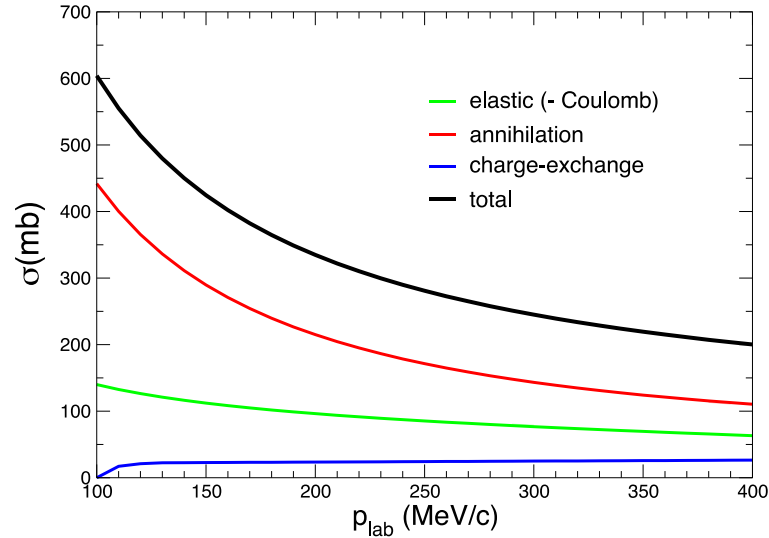


from $\bar{n}p$ one gain some interesting low energy results on σ_e and σ_a . One is able to isolate the isospin T=1 component of the interaction and study it by avoiding complications brought by Coulomb interaction.

Difficult measurement for it uses the ce to produce the secondary antineutron beam.

$\bar{N}N$ interaction

THE FACTS



- At low energy ($p_L < 400$ MeV/c) dominated by annihilation $\sigma_a / \sigma_e \approx 2$
- Partial wave cross sections close to unitary limit $\sigma_a^{(L)} = (2L+1)\pi / k_{\text{cm}}^2$
- Cannot be reduced to a black sphere model (for which $\sigma_a = \sigma_e$): the strong force of nuclear origin plays a crucial role

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PROTONIUM

In absence of strong interaction $\bar{p}p$ would form an H-like

$$E_c = -\frac{1}{4} \frac{m_p \alpha^2}{n^2} = -\frac{12.5 \text{ keV}}{n^2}$$

with Bohr radius $a_0 = 57 \text{ fm}$ (a 1000x reduced H-atom)

Strong interaction shifts and broadens the pure Coulomb levels

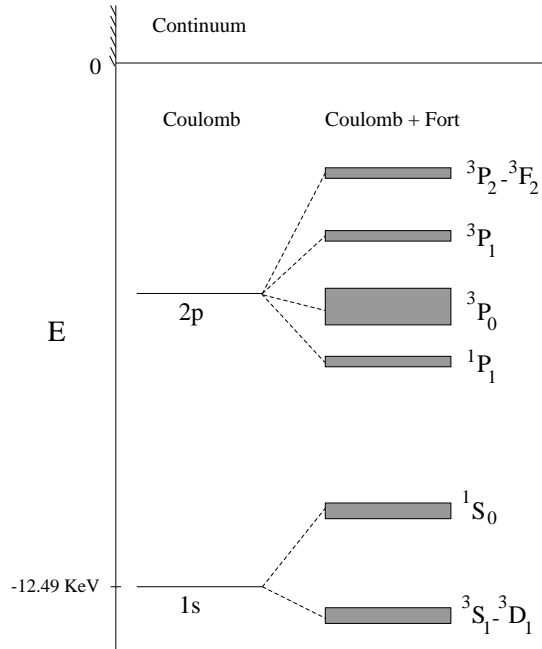
- Difference $\Delta E = \Delta E_R + i\Gamma/2$ is measured for low lying states (1s,2p)
- This difference is related to the scattering length $a_{\bar{p}p} = f_{\bar{p}p}(E=0)$

A privileged open door to $\bar{N}N$ forces at low energy (controlled initial state)

Many other $\bar{p}A$ atoms have been measured. It is however very difficult to extract useful information to construct $\bar{p}N$ models;

$\bar{N}N$ interaction

THE FACTS



- Coulomb levels are shifted up/down w.r.t. QED, depending on the state:
- Energy shifts $\Delta E = \Delta E_R$ and lifetime $i\Gamma/2$ (energy spread) are measured

$\bar{N}N$ interaction: theory

There are two approaches for $\bar{N}N$ interaction:

- « traditional » meson exchange approach of Nuclear Physics
- χ EFT

In order to account for $\bar{N}N$ annihilation

- Add phenomenological negative imaginary part (optical potential)
- Introduce coupled $\bar{N}N/\bar{X}X$ channels

$\bar{N}N$ interaction: theory

The « traditional » meson exchange approach in Nuclear Physics

$$V_{NN} = +V_{\pi} + V_{\eta} + V_{\rho} + V_{\omega} + V_{\sigma_0} + V_{\sigma_1}$$

Though outfashioned – it still remains the most employed model (most of existing calculations are performed based on these models).

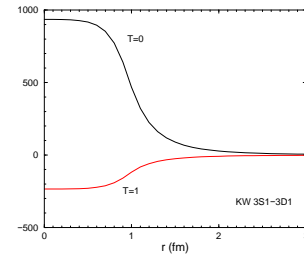
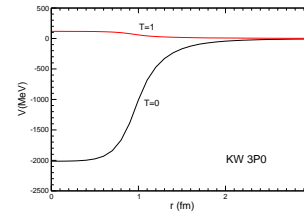
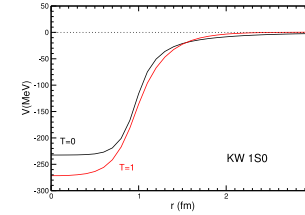
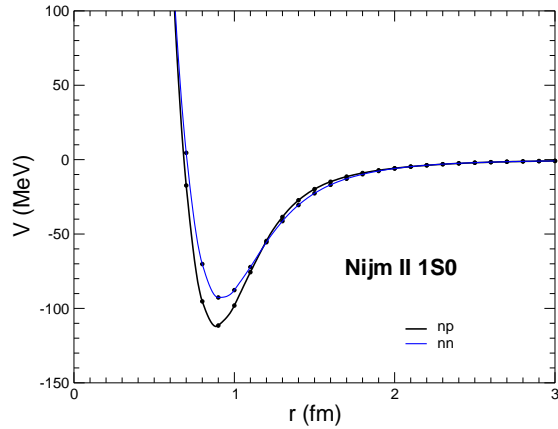
$V_{N\bar{N}}$ (real part, T-symmetry) follows from V_{NN} by a G-parity transformation of the meson-N vertex, providing multiplicative factor:

$$G = \mathcal{C}(-)^T$$
$$V_{N\bar{N}} = -V_{\pi} + V_{\eta} + V_{\rho} - V_{\omega} + V_{\sigma_0} - V_{\sigma_1}$$

Consequences are dramatic: V_{NN} repulsive core – due to ω - change its sign and becomes strongly attractive (in most of the S-T channels) and the tensor force becomes huge There should exist a rich « quasi-bound » and resonant states ...that have never been directly observed during LEAR time (specifically built to this aim !!!) despite some intriguing « evidences » ..just before it closes.

$\bar{N}N$ interaction: theory

PW examples of G-parity transform for a meson exchange V_{NN}



$\bar{N}N$ interaction: theory

χ EFT approach: at first glance EFT philosophy seems to contradict $V_{\bar{N}N}$ physics ($Q > M$), still some models based on χ EFT have been successfully developed in the recent years:

X. W. Kang, J. Haidenbauer and U.-G. Meißner, JHEP 1402 (2014) 113 (N₂LO)

L.Y.. Dai, J. Haidenbauer, Ulf-G. Meißner, JHEP 2017 (2017) 78 (N₃LO)

These potentials are built in p-space and are strongly non-local what makes difficult direct comparison.

In χ EFT, one retains only π (at most!) and so the G-parity rule does not apply here in its full glory. The other terms are regularized contact terms whose constants are fitted to $N\bar{N}$ phase shifts.

As in traditional models fully phenomenological imaginary part (optical pot.) is added in order to account for $N\bar{N}$ annihilation

Big advantage: possibility of the **systematic error estimation**

$\bar{N}N$ interaction: theory

$V_{\bar{N}N}$ constructed in this way does not account the annihilation part.: There are two phenomenological ways to incorporate it: **optical** and/or **coupled channel** models

Optical models:

Add to V_{NN} a complex potential $V \rightarrow V_{NN} + W_R - iW_i$

Which allows us to compute the « annihilation density »

In this description, $N\bar{N}$ particles disappear from the flux, go nowhere and never return: **$SS^* < 1$** (not unitary approach)

The form of W is « guessed » and its parameters determined by phenomenology.

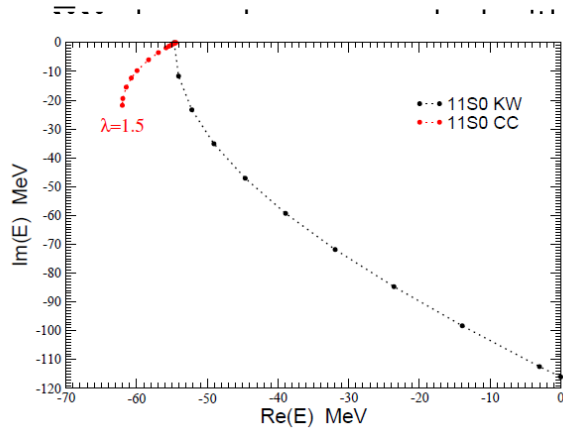
Quite successful despite its bare simplicity (probably thanks to the poor data)

- Annihilation dynamics is the same for all (T,S,L,J) states !
- Bad analytic properties (mainly in resonances)
- Depressed wave function due to absence of « re-annihilation »

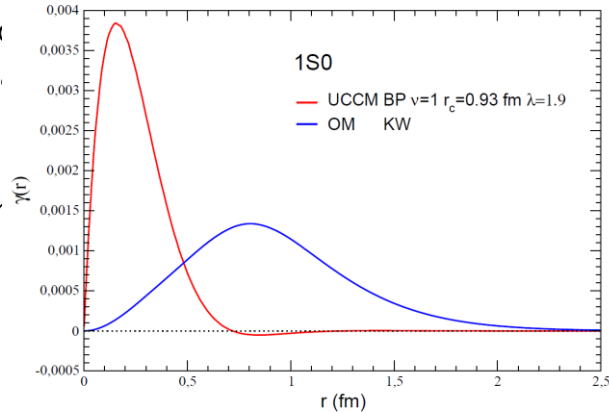
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Coupled channel models:



resonance production
possible channels
different dynamics



introduce

Fig. 4 Complex energy trajectory of a 1S_0 state as a function of the annihilation strength in optical and unitary coupled channel models

Fig. 14 Protonium annihilation density for the 1S_0 state described with the UCCM (in red) and with OM (in blue). Both models reproduce the same experimental complex level shift ΔE value of Table 3.

Protonium: level shifts/widths

	1S0		3SD1		1P1		3P0		3P1		3PF2	
	keV		keV		meV		meV		meV		meV	
	DER	-EI	DER	-EI	DER	-EI						
DR1	0.54	0.51	0.77	0.45	-26	13	-74	57	36	10	-4.8	15
DR2	0.58	0.52	0.82	0.46	-24	14	-62	40	36	9	-5.9	16
KW	0.50	0.63	0.78	0.49	-29	13	-69	48	29	11	-8.5	18
Paris 09	0.78	0.52	0.69	0.39	-29	13	-67	60	64	45	+7.2	13
EFT	0.44	0.59	0.77	0.58	/		-8	188	/		/	

Quite good agreement within the models!! And an acceptable comparison with data

S-waves (eV) (*)

	Exp [34]	KW	DR1	DR2
ΔE_{1S_0}	440±075	500	540	580
Γ_{1S_0}	1200±250	1260	1020	1040
ΔE_{3S_1}	785±035	780	770	820
Γ_{3S_1}	940±080	980	900	920

*J. Carbonell, G. Ihle, J.M. Richard, Z. Phys. A **334** (1989) 329

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P-waves (meV) (*)

State	KW		DR1		DR2		Exp	
	ΔE_R	$\frac{\Gamma}{2}$	ΔE_R	$\frac{\Gamma}{2}$	ΔE_R	$\frac{\Gamma}{2}$	ΔE_R	$\frac{\Gamma}{2}$
1P_1	-29.	13.	-26.	13.	-24.	14.		
3P_0	-69	48	-74	57	-62	40	-139 ± 28	60 ± 13
3P_1	+29.	11.	+36.	10.	+36.	8.8		
3PF_2	-8.5	18.	-4.8	15.	-5.9	16.		

General remarks

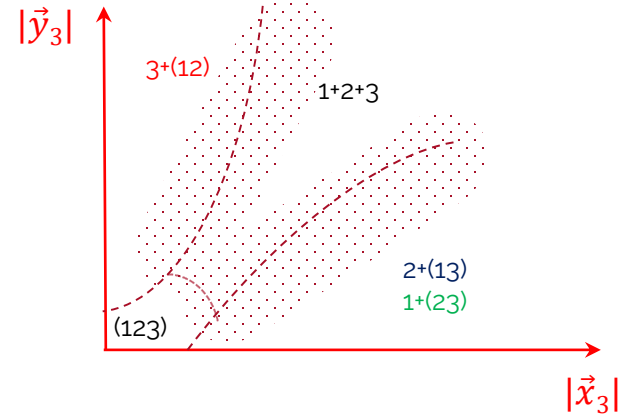
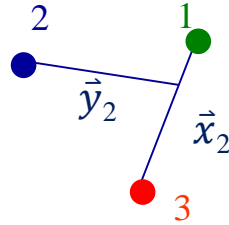
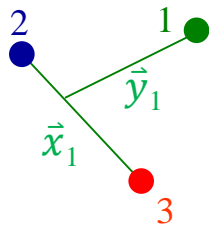
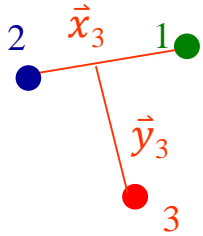
- Trueman** (Nucl. Phys. **26** (1961) 57) relation allows to express $\bar{p}A$ level shifts in terms of $\bar{p}A$ scattering lengths
 Simple and practical. Energy shifts of excited orbits are interrelated
 This relation supposes $r_{strong} \sim a_{\bar{p}A} \ll a_{Coulomb}$: might be easily broken for heavy nuclei but perfectly holds for protonium.
- The $\bar{n}n$ component is present together with $\bar{p}p$ one in wave function. But its effect on the energy is usually small.
- Non-perturbative!** Despite the fact $\Delta E \ll E_{Coulomb}$ the strength of the annihilation potential strongly modifies the Coulomb wave function in the overlap region with nucleus ($r_{strong} \sim a_{\bar{p}A}$ domain).

	Exact	Perturbative
1S_0 (eV) n=1	524-602i	-3030-3150i
n=2	65.1-77.8i	-379.-394i
n=3	19.3-23.3i	-112-117i
1P_1 (meV) n=2	-28.1-13.0i	-34.5-7.3i
n=3	-9.9-4.6i	-12.1-2.6i
1D2 (neV) n=3	-378.-9.9i	-363-6.1i

Perturbative result is given by the overlap with the pure Coulomb wf.: $\Delta E = \langle \Psi_c | V_{\bar{p}N}^{st} | \Psi_c \rangle$

2. Formalism

Formalism (3-body)

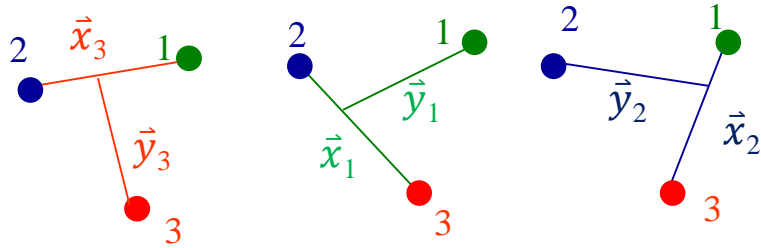


$$\begin{cases} \psi_1 = G_0 V_1 \Psi \\ \psi_2 = G_0 V_2 \Psi \\ \psi_3 = G_0 V_3 \Psi \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad (E - H_0 - V_i) \psi_i = V_i (\psi_j + \psi_k); \quad (ijk) = (123)$$

Faddeev equations: [L.D. Faddeev, Sov. Phys.—JETP 12, 1014 (1961)]

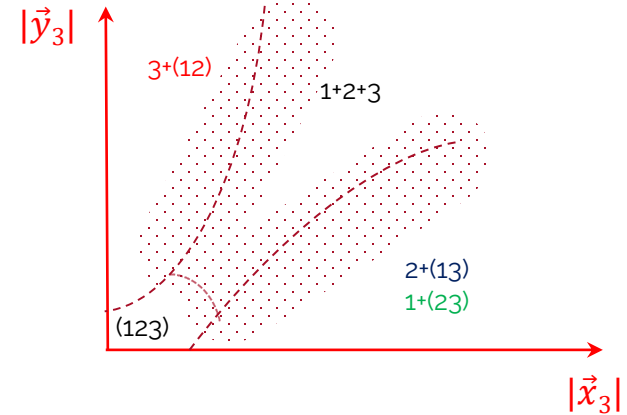
- One gets Schrödinger equation by summing these three eqs with $\Psi = \psi_1 + \psi_2 + \psi_3$
 - If particle 3 goes away V_2 & $V_1 \rightarrow 0$ and thus ψ_2 & $\psi_1 \rightarrow 0$; therefore $\psi_3 \rightarrow \Psi$.
- Adapted for scattering problems, since allows to separate asymptotes of (2)+1 particle channels
- Should be modified, when long range interactions are present

Formalism (3-body)



$$V_i = V_i^{short} + V_i^{long}$$

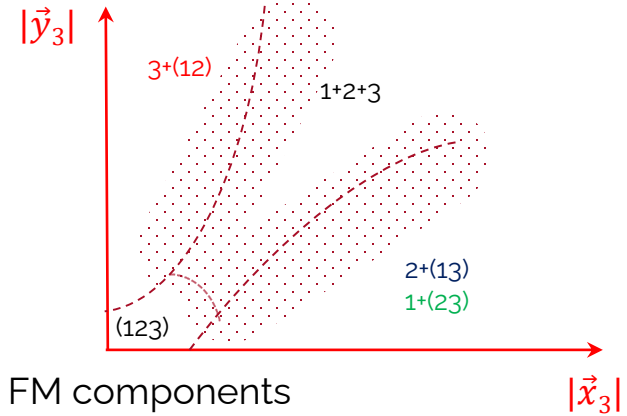
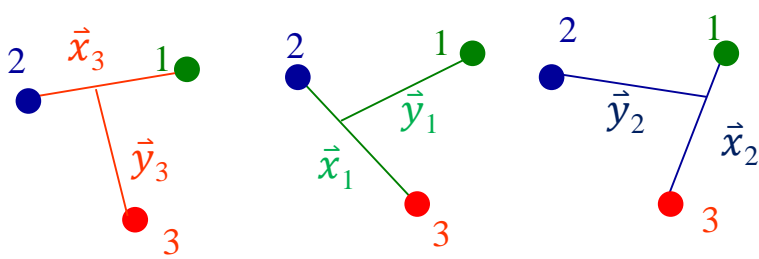
$$\psi_i = \left(H_0 + \sum_{j \neq i} V_j^{long} \right)^{-1} V_i^{short} \Psi; \quad (ijk) = (123)$$



Faddeev-Merkuriev equations: [S.P Merkuriev, S. P., *Annals of Physics* 130.2 (1980): 395-426]

- Specific separation of Coulomb interaction into long and short range parts, in order to guarantee separability of channel asymptotes
- One gets Schrödinger equation by summing these three eqs with $\Psi = \psi_1 + \psi_2 + \psi_3$
- FM equations allow to separate asymptotes of the binary scattering channels
- In general, FM components ψ_i are smoother functions than Ψ

Numerical procedure



- Partial wave expansion to express angular dependence of FM components

$$\psi_i(\vec{x}_i, \vec{y}_i) = \frac{f_{i,l_x l_y}(x_i, y_i)}{x_i y_i} \left[Y_{l_x}(\hat{x}_i) \otimes Y_{l_y}(\hat{y}_i) \right]_{LM}$$

- Lagrange-mesh method to express radial dependence $f_{i,l_x l_y}(x_i, y_i)$ and impose proper boundary conditions
- **Iterative linear algebra** methods to solve resulting large scale problem of linear equations
- Resonance positions might be found directly by applying complex-scaling method

3-body problem: ${}^2\text{H} - \bar{p}$

NN model dependence:

	MT13	AV18	INOY	I-N3LO	$-\epsilon_n^{(0)}$ (keV)
S-waves	ΔE (keV)				
${}^2S_{1/2}, n=1$	2.251-1.0045i	2.147-1.0440i	2.214-0.99433i	2.209-1.0509i	16.6662
${}^2S_{1/2}, n=2$	0.294-0.1406i	0.279-0.1454i	0.289-0.13892i	0.288-0.1468i	4.16655
${}^2S_{1/2}, n=3$	0.088-0.0433i	0.084-0.0446i	0.087-0.04271i	0.086-0.0451i	1.85180
P-waves	ΔE (meV)				
${}^2P_{1/2}, n=2$	49.1-258.0i	-55.3-239.2i	-56.2-241.1i	-58.5-244.0i	4.16655
${}^4P_{1/2}, n=2$	24.4-194.8i	200.2-186.4i	200.2-188.2i	200.3-186.1i	4.16655
${}^2P_{1/2}, n=3$	16.1-90.6i	-14.0-83.94i	-14.2-84.57i	-15.0-85.61i	1.85180
${}^4P_{1/2}, n=3$	8.62-68.4i	59.4-65.51i	59.0-66.14i	58.4-65.36i	1.85180

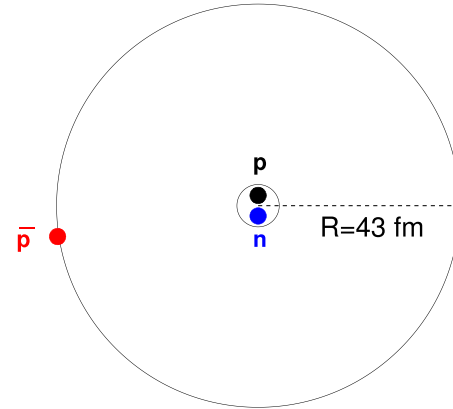


Table 1: Complex $\bar{p}d$ energy shifts ΔE_n obtained for different NN interactions and the KW $\bar{N}N$ model.

- Quite good agreement between the realistic interaction NN model predictions
- MT13 lacks tensor force (ignoring presence of deuterons quadrupole moment) falls short for P-states

3-body problem: ${}^2\text{H} - \bar{p}$

Comparison with experiment:

		MT13/ KW	AV18/ KW	Wycech ¹	Exp ^{2,3}
L=0	ΔE (eV)	2297	2194	2170	1050+/-250
	Γ (eV)	1982	2129	1250	
L=1	ΔE (meV)	26.6	22.5	52	
	Γ (meV)	428	414	422	

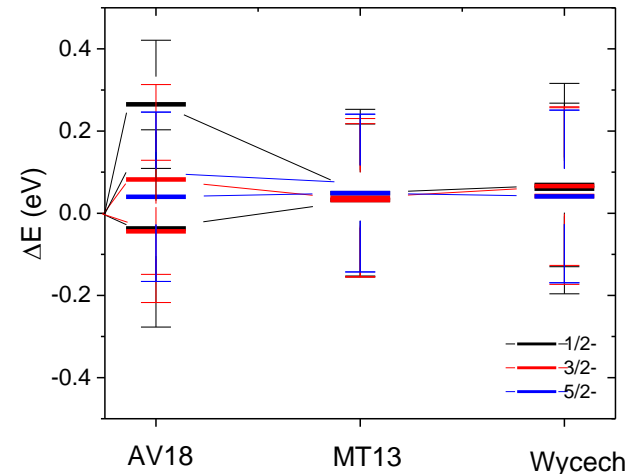
Comparison with pionner work (separable approxim

¹S. Wycech et al, Phys. Lett B152 (1985) 308

Experiment:

²D. Gotta et al., Nucl. Phys. A660 (1999) 283

³M. Augsburger et al., Phys. Lett. B461 (1999) 417



3-body problem: ${}^2\text{H} - \bar{p}$

$\bar{N}N$ model dependence :

	I-N3LO +KW		I-N3LO +Jülich	
	$\bar{p}p$	$\bar{p}p + \bar{n}n$	$\bar{p}p$	$\bar{p}p + \bar{n}n$
${}^2S_{1/2}, n=1$ (keV)	2.179-1.024i	2.209-1.050 i	2.028-0.928i	2.108-1.085i
${}^2S_{1/2}, n=2$ (eV)	284-143i	288-147 i	264-128i	274- 151i
${}^2S_{1/2}, n=3$ (eV)	85.3-43.9i	86.4-45.1 i	79.1-39.3	82.0-46.3i
${}^4S_{3/2}, n=1$ (keV)	2.206-0.970i	2.306-1.045i	2.027-0.916i	2.321-1.216i
${}^4S_{3/2}, n=2$ (eV)	288-136i	302-147i	264-127i	302- 171i
${}^4S_{3/2}, n=3$ (eV)	86.6-41.7i	90.7-45.2i	79.1-38.8	90.7-52.6i
${}^2P_{1/2}, n=2$ (meV)	-61.6-210i	-58.5-244i	-105-194i	18.7-329i
${}^4P_{1/2}, n=2$ (meV)	214-158i	200-186 i	200-124	171-194i
${}^2P_{1/2}, n=3$ (meV)	-16.3-73.8i	-15.0-85.6 i	-31.9-68.3	13.2-120i
${}^4P_{1/2}, n=3$ (meV)	63.5-55.5i	58.4-65.4 i	59.1-43.5i	47.0-63.7i
${}^2P_{3/2}, n=2$ (meV)	-60.3-201i	-76.2-226i	-81.2-144i	-108-207i
${}^4P_{3/2}, n=2$ (meV)	43.6-180i	35.0-191i	55.0-137i	40.4-160i
${}^2P_{3/2}, n=3$ (meV)	-17.3-68.6i	-21.4-79.5i	-23.3-50.6i	-32.7-72.7i
${}^4P_{3/2}, n=3$ (meV)	13.8-63.2i	10.7-67.0i	17.8-48.3i	12.7-56.3i
${}^4P_{5/2}, n=2$ (meV)	57.6-185i	34.7-208i	7.1-132i	-21.6-205i
${}^4P_{5/2}, n=3$ (meV)	18.7-64.8i	10.7-72.9i	1.1-46.2i	-9.1-72.1i

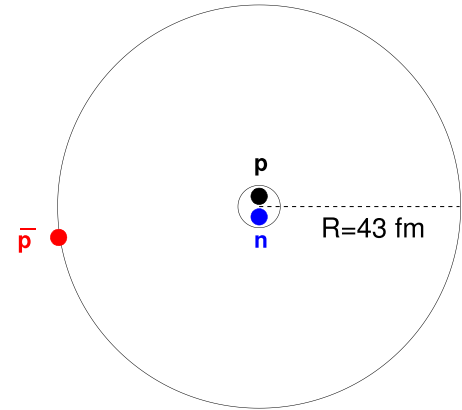


Table 2: Complex level shifts (18) of atomic $\bar{p}d$ states calculated with the same I-N3LO NN interaction (for deuteron) and two different $\bar{N}N$ models: KW [15] and Jülich [17].

3-body problem: ${}^2\text{H} - \bar{p}$

	MT13 +KW	AV18 +KW	INOY +KW	I-N3LO +KW	I-N3LO +Jülich	Ref. [30]	Exp.
L=0 ΔE (eV)	2297	2194	2268	2274	2250	2170	1050±250 [24, 25, 26]
L=0 Γ (eV)	1982	2129	1971	2095	2344	1250	1100±750 [24, 25, 26] 2270±260 [25]
L=1 ΔE (meV)	26.6	22.5	20.7	18.2	-1.1	52	243±26 [25]
L=1 Γ (meV)	428	414	420	420	416	422	489±30 [25]

Table 4: Spin-averaged level shifts (ΔE_R) and widths (Γ) compared to LEAR experimental results

- Coupling $\bar{p}p \leftrightarrow \bar{n}n$ has strong contribution for Jülich χ EFT compared to meson exchange potentials
- There is significant $\bar{N}N$ interaction model dependence

Trueman relation: ${}^2\text{H} - \bar{p}$

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MT13 +KW				
	a_0 (fm)	ΔE_1 (keV)	ΔE_2 (keV)	ΔE (keV)
${}^2S_{1/2}$ n=1	1.596-0.8569i	2.463-1.322i	2.259-1.014i	2.251-1.004i
${}^4S_{3/2}$ n=1	1.647-0.8419i	2.541-1.299i	2.316-0.987i	2.321-0.984i
	a_1 (fm ³)	ΔE_1 (meV)	ΔE_2 (meV)	ΔE (meV)
${}^4P_{5/2}$ n=2	0.450-2.68i	34.8-207i	34.8-207i	26.2-215i
AV18 +KW				
	a_0 (fm)	ΔE_1 (keV)	ΔE_2 (keV)	ΔE (keV)
${}^2S_{1/2}$ n=1	1.505-0.8779i	2.323-1.355i	2.155-1.057i	2.147-1.044i
${}^4S_{3/2}$ n=1	1.59-0.8771i	2.541-1.354i	2.257-1.039i	2.218-1.075i
	a_1 (fm ³)	ΔE_1 (meV)	ΔE_2 (meV)	ΔE (meV)
${}^4P_{5/2}$ n=2	0.469-2.57i	36.4-199i	36.4-199i	39.9-204i

Table 5: Atomic level shifts, calculated from $\bar{p}d$ scattering lengths (a_0 and a_1) employing Trueman relations at first order (ΔE_1) and second order (ΔE_2) are compared with the values obtained from direct binding energy calculations (ΔE).

- **Trueman** relation works well for spin uncoupled states, but is broken by long-ranged r^{-3} interactions (quadrupole & magnetic moment) for spin-coupled states.
- Magnetic Moment interaction terms should be considered to describe level shifts in $l > 0$ states.

Annihilation densities: ${}^2\text{H} - \bar{p}$

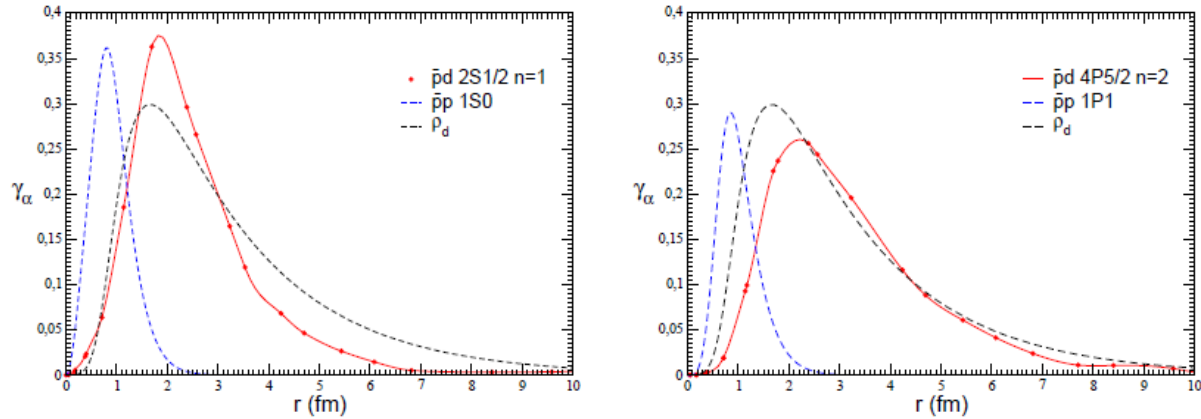


Figure 3: $\bar{p}d$ annihilation densities γ_α for the $2S_{1/2}$ (left panel) and $4P_{5/2}$ (right panel) states calculated with the MT13+KW model. They are compared with the $\bar{p}p$ 1S_0 and 1P_1 γ_α 's in protonium and with corresponding deuteron matter density ρ_d .

- Annihilation is peripheral for P-wave, however it is not a case for S-wave.

Conclusions perspectives

- Antiproton interface with matter is little explored and open field for exploration of new phenomena
- There are vast space for improving our understanding of $\bar{N}A$ interactions & dynamics, startind by $\bar{N}N$ interaction:
 - ✓ Inclusion of EM interaction in current models
 - ✓ Curing model dependence
 - ✓ More advanced models for annihilation
- Trueman relation might be applied to simplify calculation of level broadenings/shifts, but should be modified to take into account secondary EM long range interactions : quadrupole-charge, magnetic moments, ..
- **Annihilation is peripheral for $L>0$ waves**, however it is not a case for S-wave.

