



Multichannel nature of the lithium few-body puzzle

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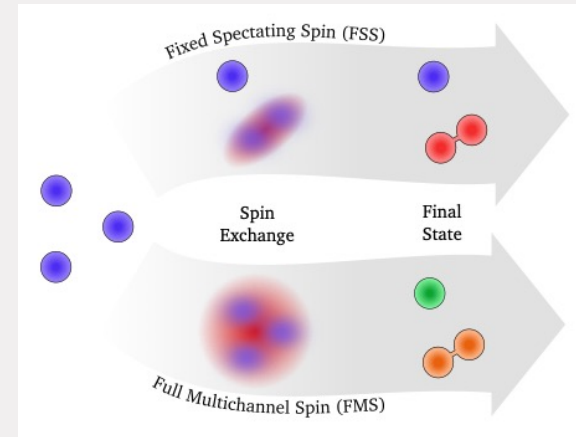
Use realistic two-body interaction potentials

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K-39 with Fixed Spectating Spin

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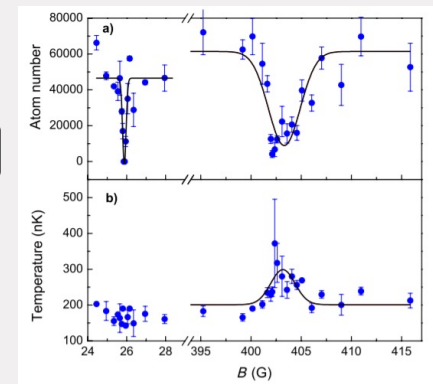
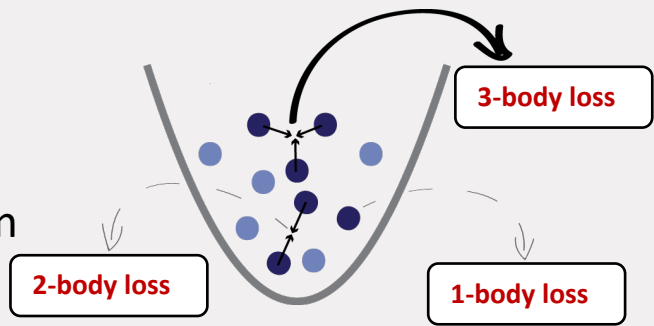
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Three-body collisions

Three-body inelastic collisions

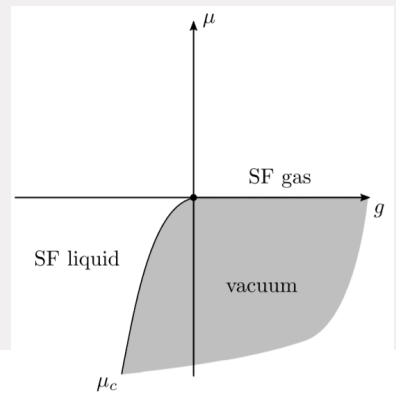
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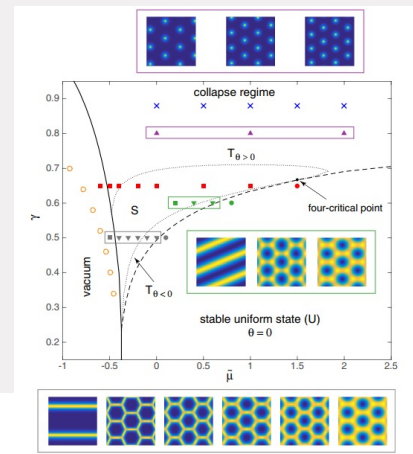
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Three-body elastic collisions

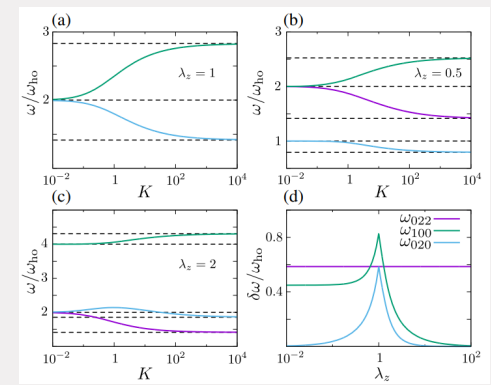
Phase diagram
 Exotic MB states
 Collective modes



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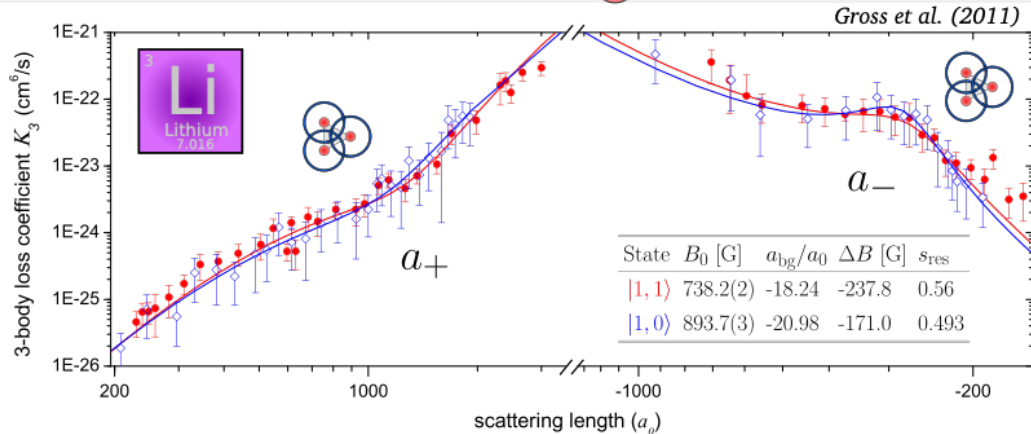
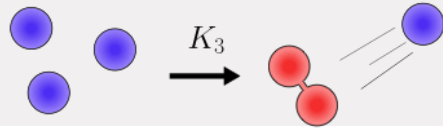


Mestrom *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. 124,143401(2020)

The “lithium few-body puzzle”

Three-body recombination

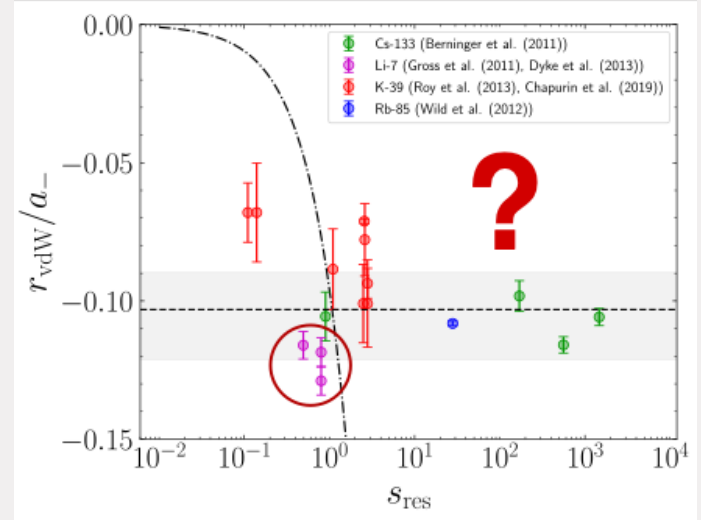
- Three identical bosons, Feshbach resonance



N. Gross, et al., *C. R. Phys.* **12**, 4 (2011)

Narrow resonance

Broad resonance



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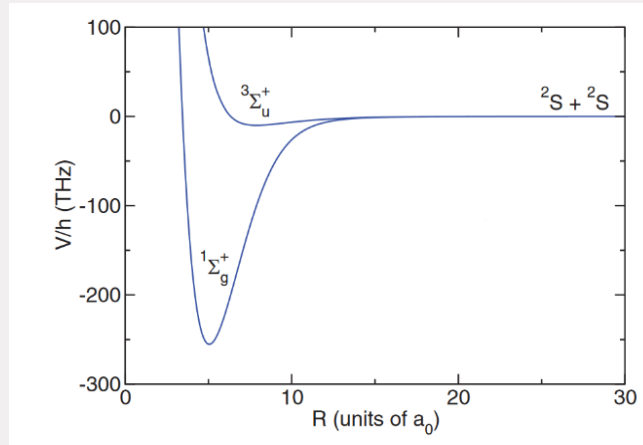
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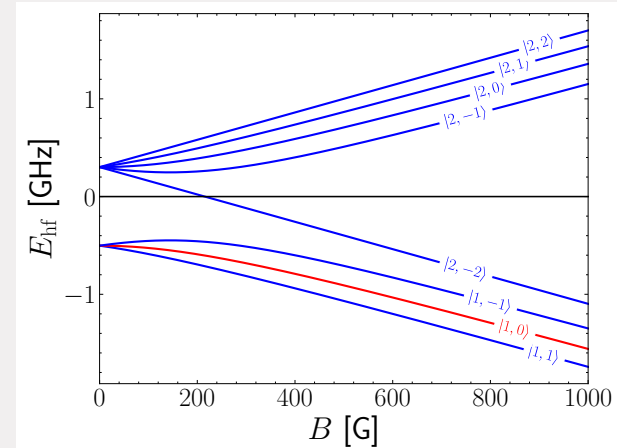
Multichannel three-body simulation

What is missing from our current theoretical and numerical approaches?

Realistic finite range molecular interactions with many vibrational states



Atoms have also spin: $\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{s}$



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Alt-Grassberger-Sandhas (AGS) equations

Two-body transition operator $T \rightarrow a$

Three-body transition operators $U_{fi} \rightarrow D$

$$\begin{cases} U_{00}(z) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 T_{\alpha}(z)G_0(z)U_{\alpha 0}(z) \\ U_{\alpha 0}(z) = G_0^{-1}(z) + \sum_{\substack{\beta=1 \\ \beta \neq \alpha}}^3 T_{\beta}(z)G_0(z)U_{\beta 0}(z) \\ \text{for } \alpha = 1, 2, 3, \end{cases}$$

| α | configuration |
|----------|---------------|
| 0 | A + B + C |
| 1 | A + BC |
| 2 | B + CA |
| 3 | C + AB |

- $G_0(E) = (E - H_0)^{-1}$ where H_0 is the three-body kinetic energy operator
- T_{α} is the transition operator of a two-particle subsystem
E.g. $T_1(E) = V_{23} + V_{23}G_0(E)T_1(E)$

[E. Alt, P. Grassberger, and W. Sandhas, Nucl. Phys. B **2**, 167 (1967)]

Multichannel spin models

AGS equation : $U = Pt(1 + P) + PtG_0U$

$$t = V + VG_0t$$

$$V = V_S P_S + V_T P_T$$

$$G_0 = (E - T - H_c)^{-1}$$

V : pairwise interaction

$V_{S/T}$: singlet/triplet interaction potential

H_c : **multichannel spin Hamiltonian**

Multichannel spin models

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{s} \quad M_{\text{tot}} = m_{f_1} + m_{f_2} + m_{f_3} \quad \text{Constant}$$

^{39}K in the $|f=1, m_f=-1\rangle$ state, for instance

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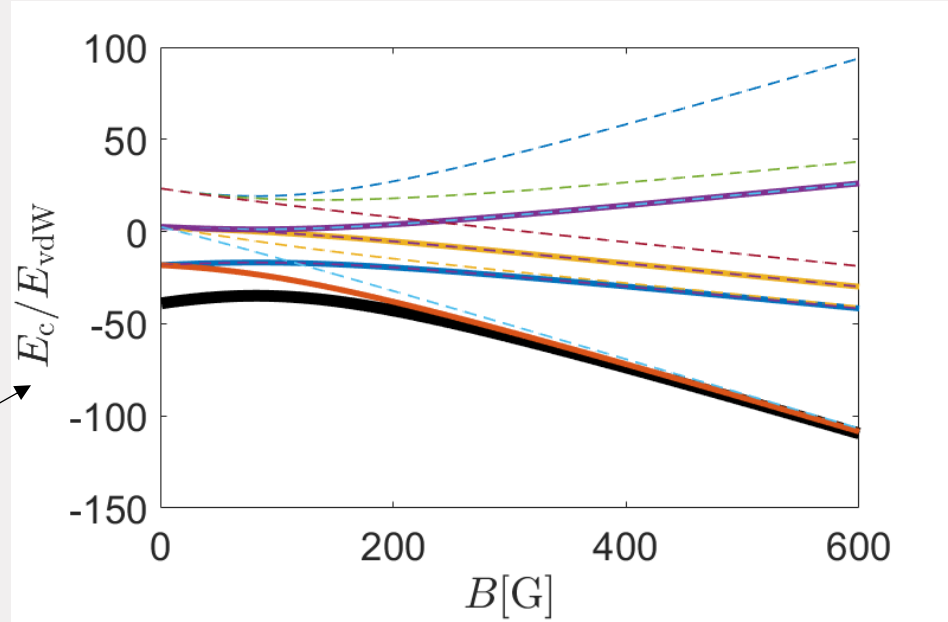
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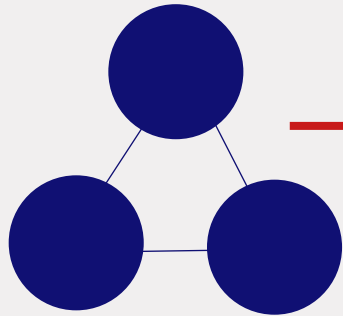
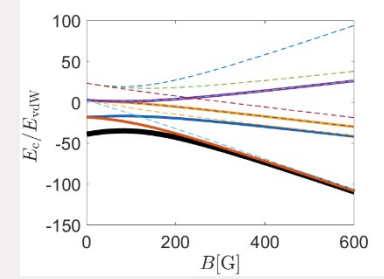
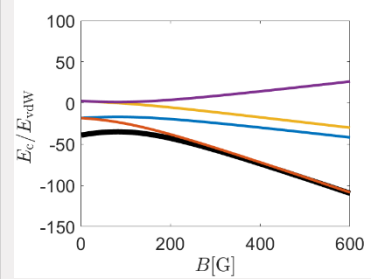
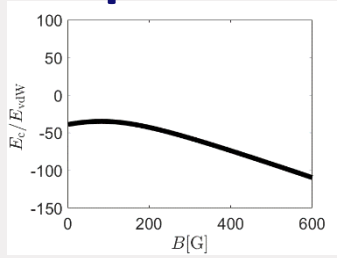
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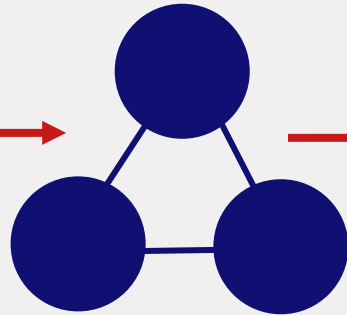
$$H_c = \sum_{i=1}^3 H_i^{\text{hf}} + H_i^{\text{zm}}$$



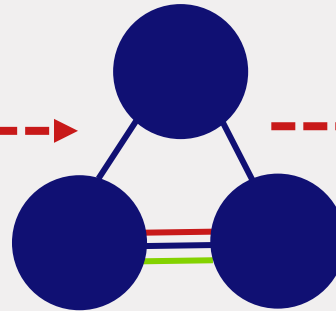
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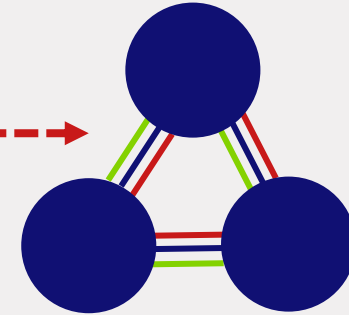
Single-channel (SC) model



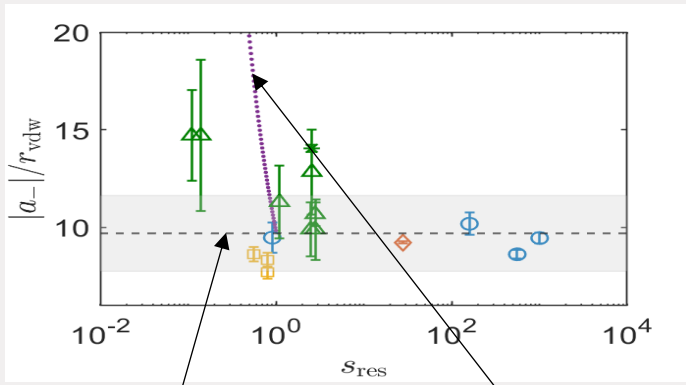
Effective single-channel (ESC) model



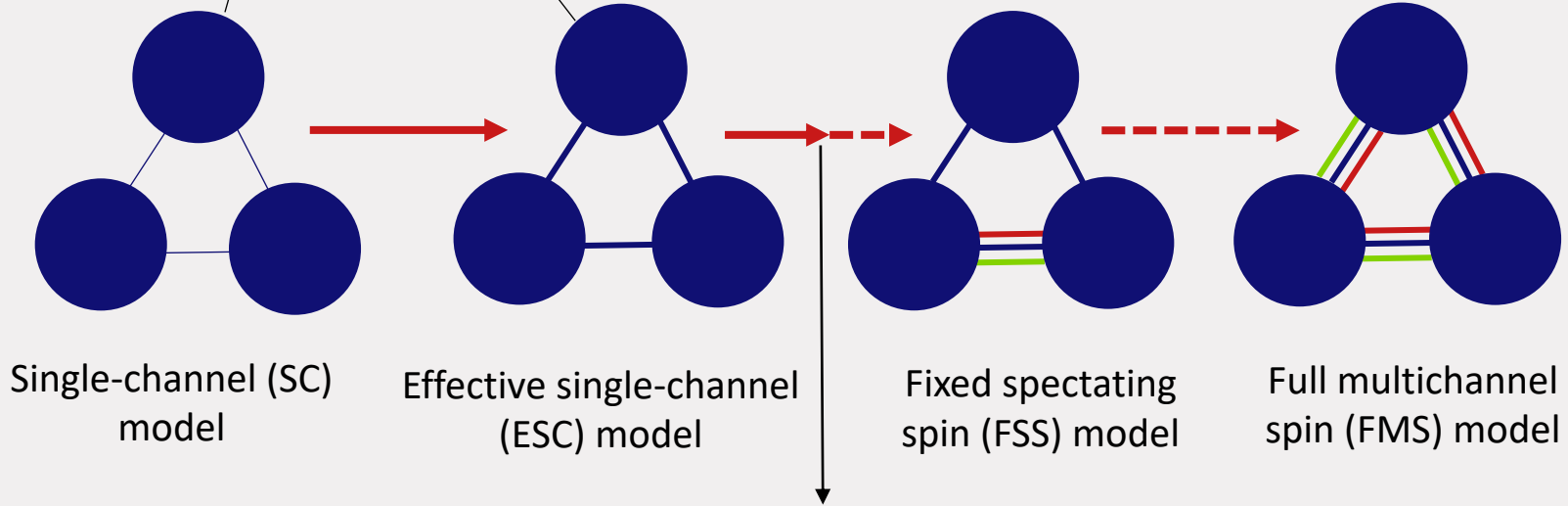
Fixed spectating spin (FSS) model



Full multichannel spin (FMS) model



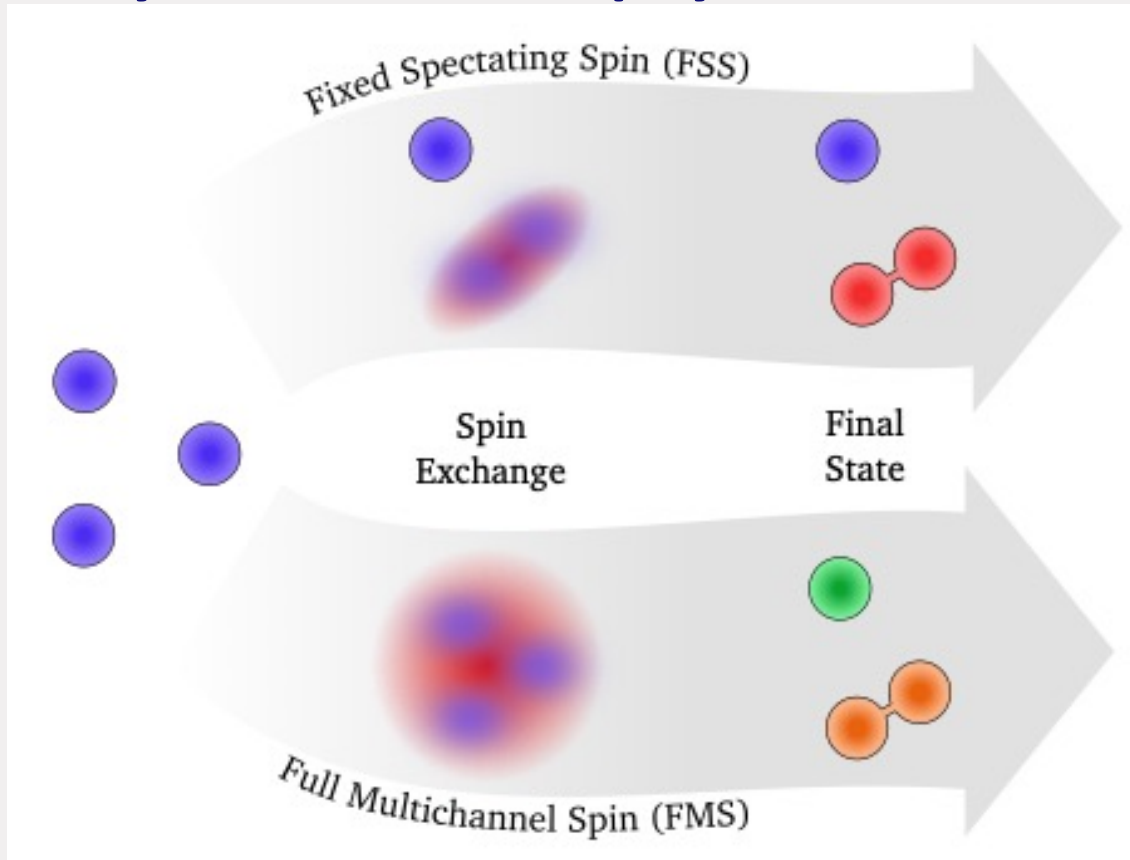
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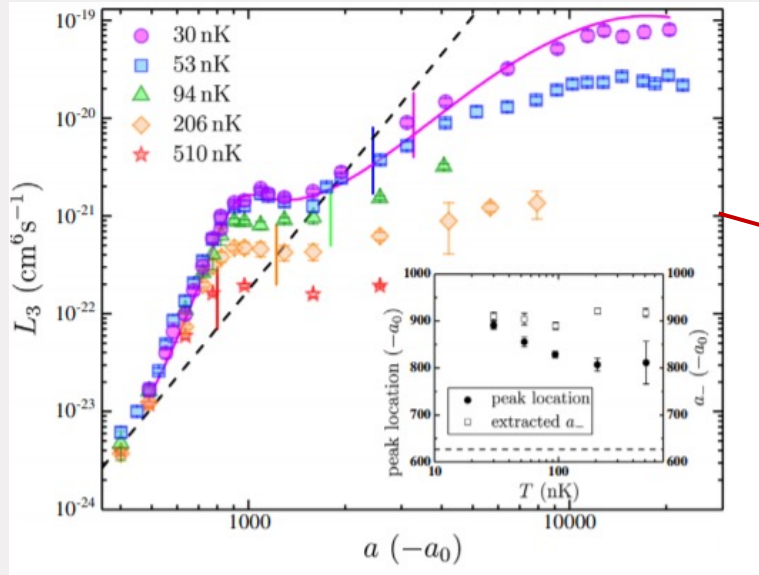
Three-body multi-channel physics



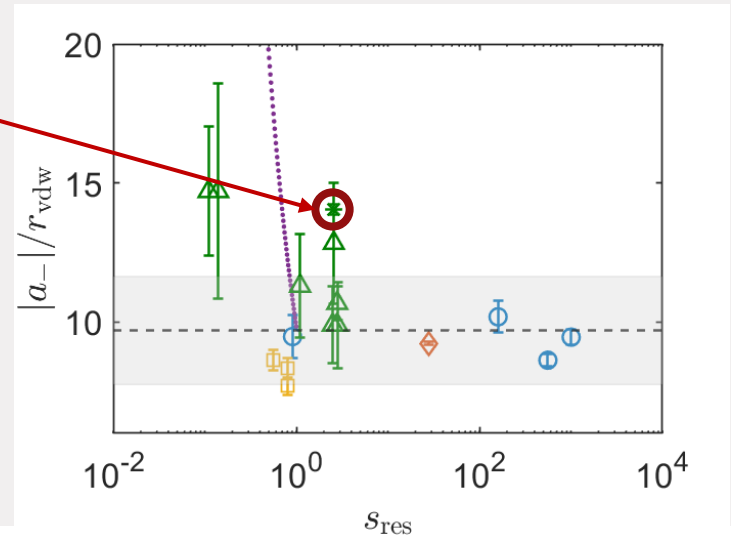
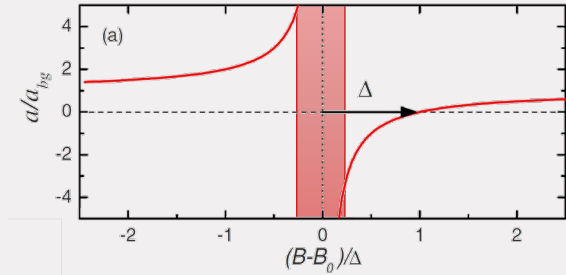
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Strongly interacting regime

^{39}K in the $|1,-1\rangle$ state



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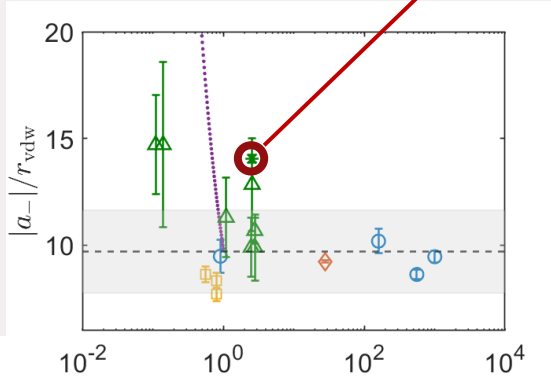
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Strongly interacting regime

| | $a_- [r_{\text{vdW}}]$ | |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------|
| | this work | Ref. [18] |
| $N=2$, LJ | -13.51 | -7.61 |
| $N=3$, LJ | -14.33 | -11.20 |
| $N=4$, LJ | -14.16 | -12.27 |
| $N=5$, LJ | -14.60 | -12.69 |
| full | -14.12 | - |
| full40 | -14.03 | - |
| measurement | -14.05 (17) | |

$V_{S/T}$ is modeled by a Lennard-Jones (LJ) potential with N s-wave bound states or taken as full molecular potential (**full**) from *Phys. Rev. A* 78 012503(2008)

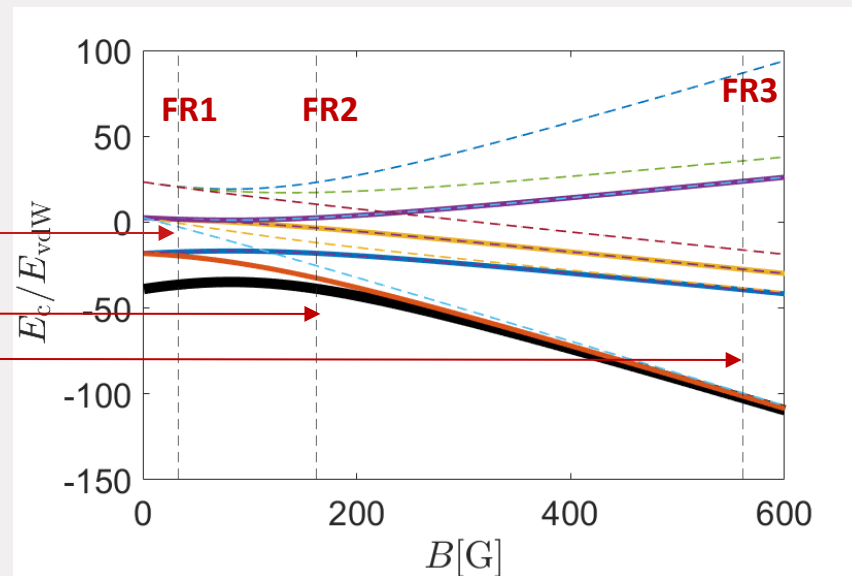
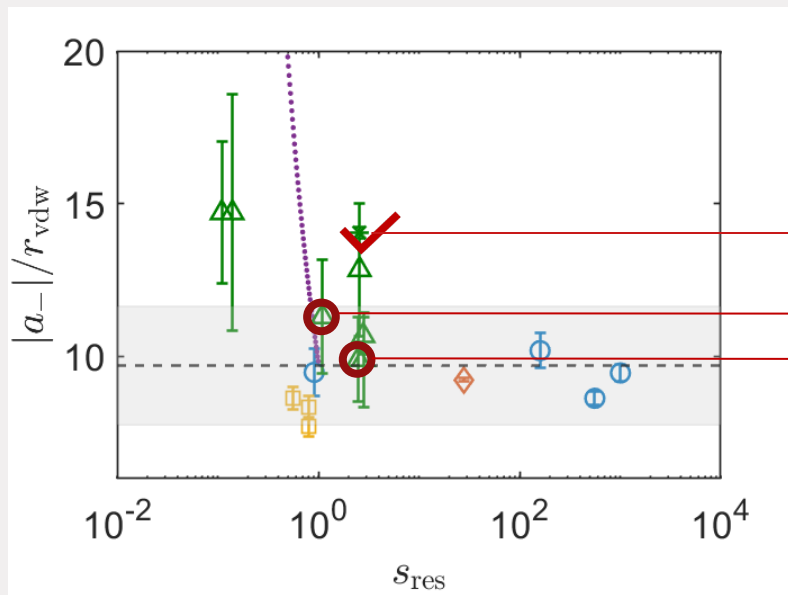
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Strongly interacting regime



| | FSS(full) | Expt. |
|-----|-----------|--------|
| FR2 | -29.76 | -11.30 |
| FR3 | -16.33 | -9.90 |

small energy separation leads to strong multichannel coupling

[T. Secker D. J. M. Ahmed-Braun, P. M. A. Mestrom, S. J. J. M. F. Kokkelmans, Phys. Rev. A **103**, 022825(2021)]

Li-7 – Three-body recombination

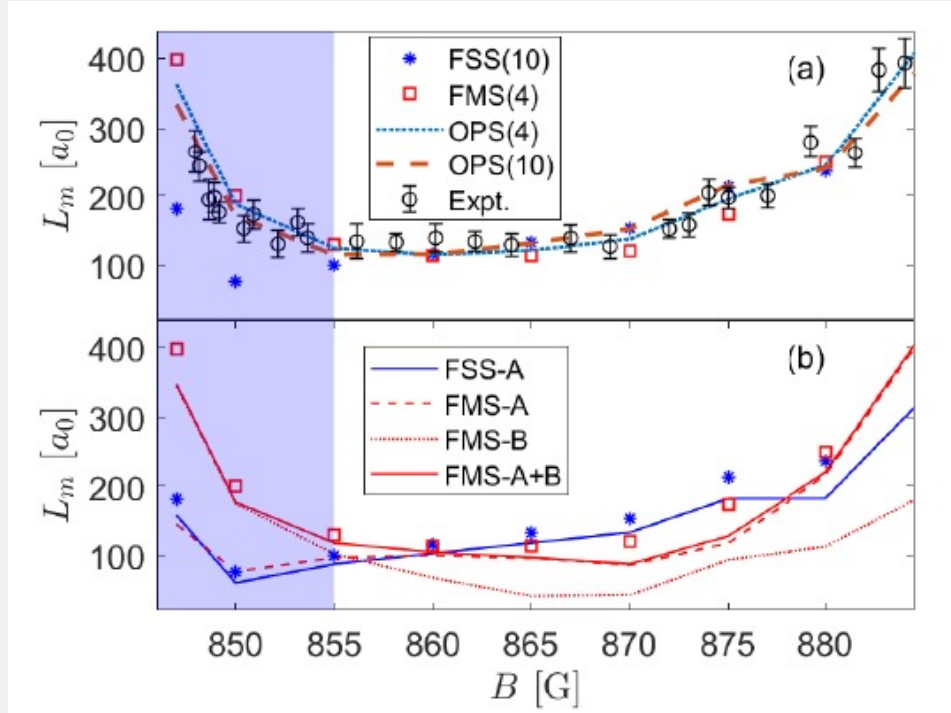
⁷Li in the |1,0> state around B=850 G

Weakly interacting regime

$$K_3 \propto L_m^4$$

$$M_{2b} = m_{f1} + m_{f2}$$

| | f_3 | m_{f3} | M_{2b} |
|---|-------|----------|----------|
| A | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| B | 1 | 1 | -1 |

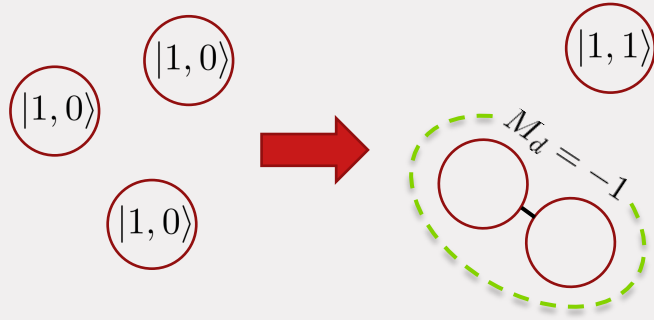


→B: Spin-exchange process, cannot be described by the FSS model

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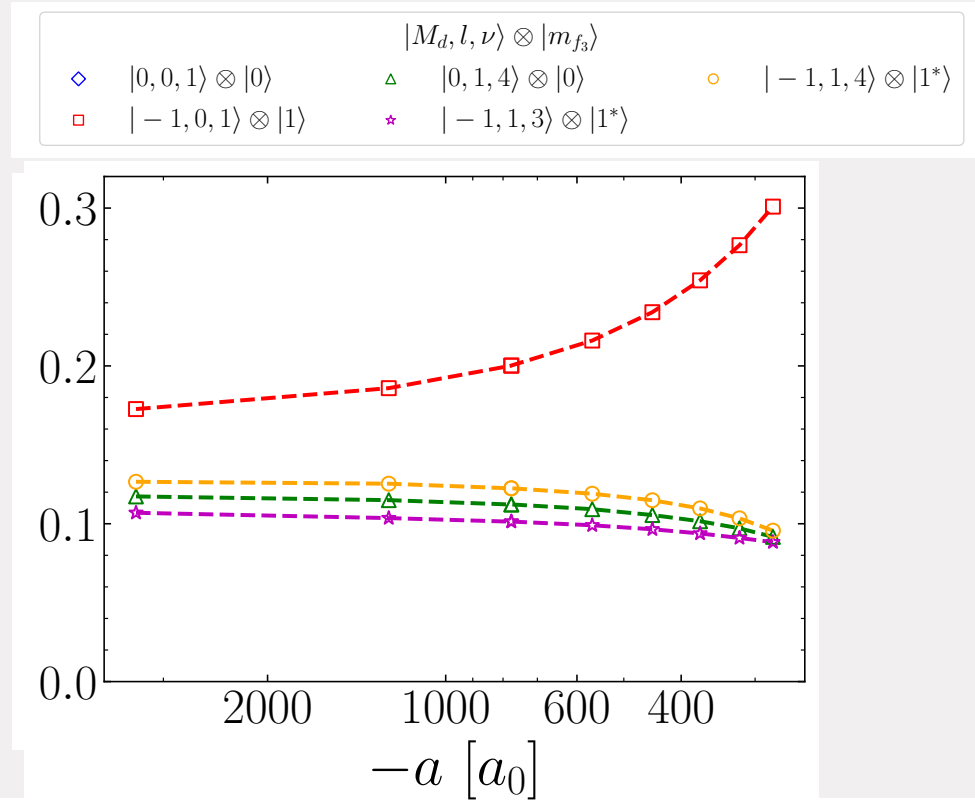
[Z. Shotan, O. Machtey, S. Kokkelmans, and L. Khaykovich, Phys. Rev. Lett. **113**, 053202 (2014)]

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Importance of specific FMS channel,
also seen in earlier studies!

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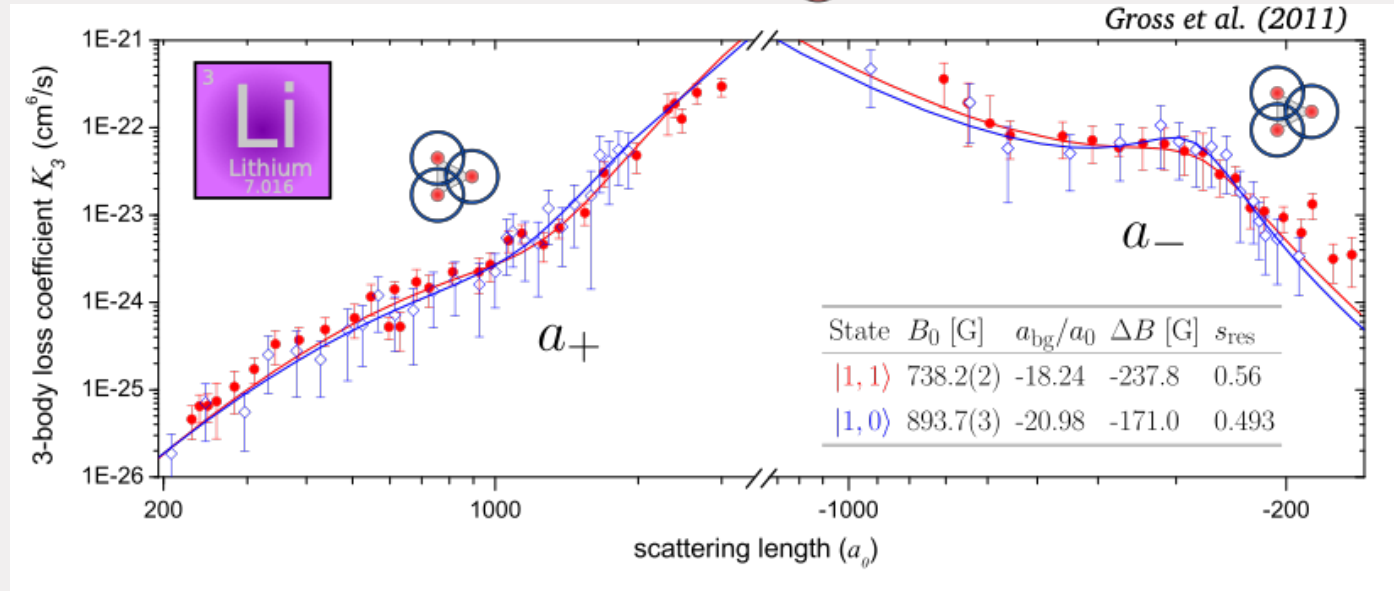
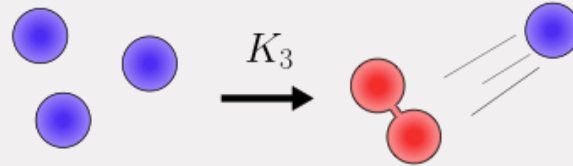


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Three-body recombination

$$K_3(a) = 3C_-(a) \frac{\hbar a^4}{m}$$



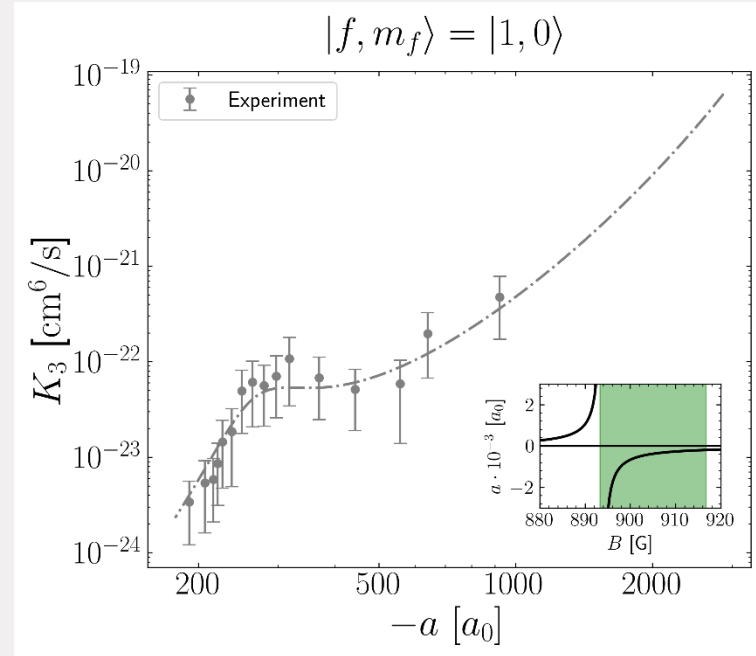
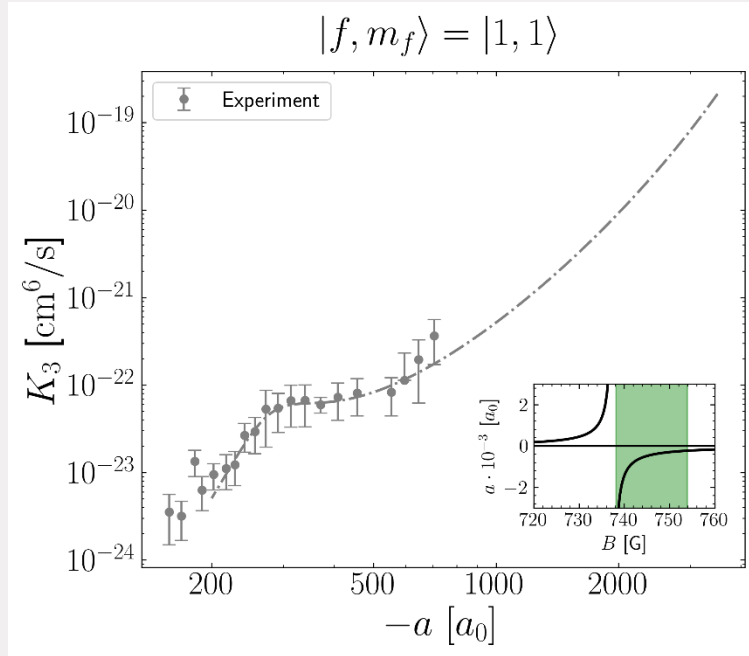
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Three-body recombination

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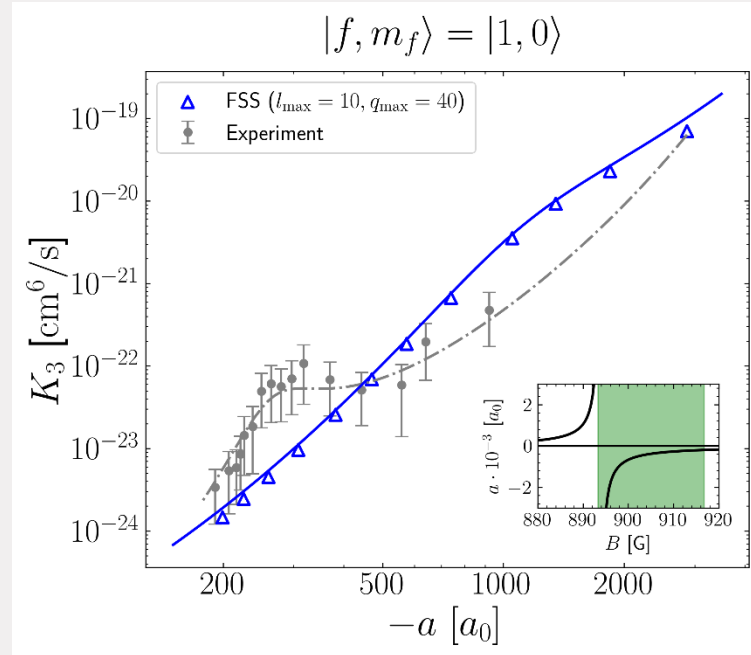
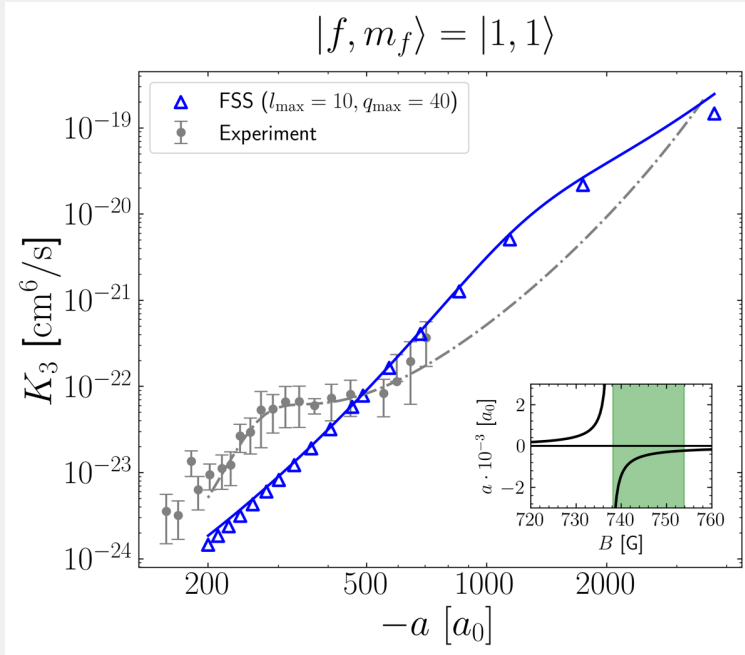


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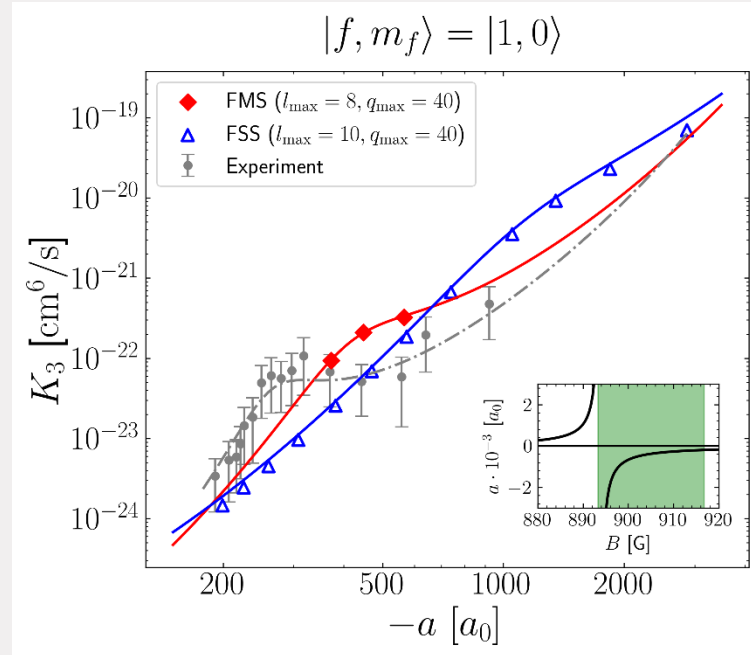
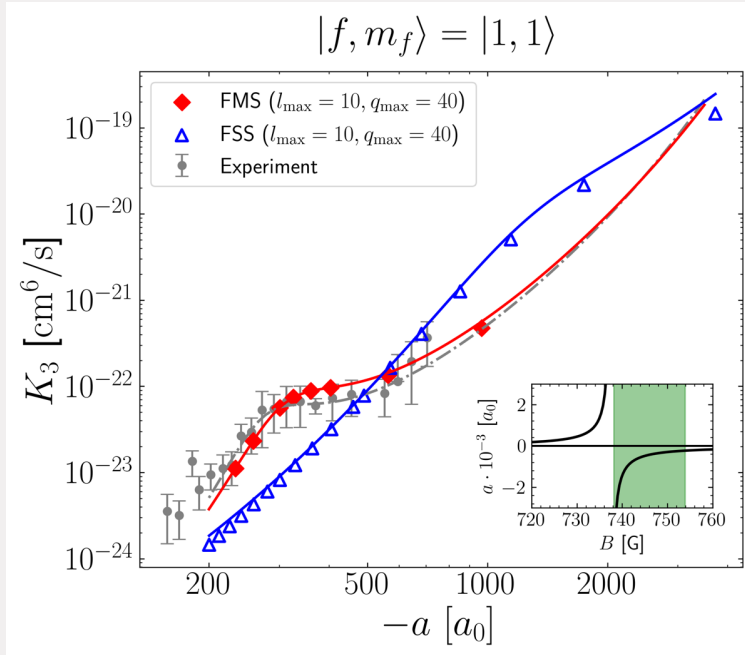


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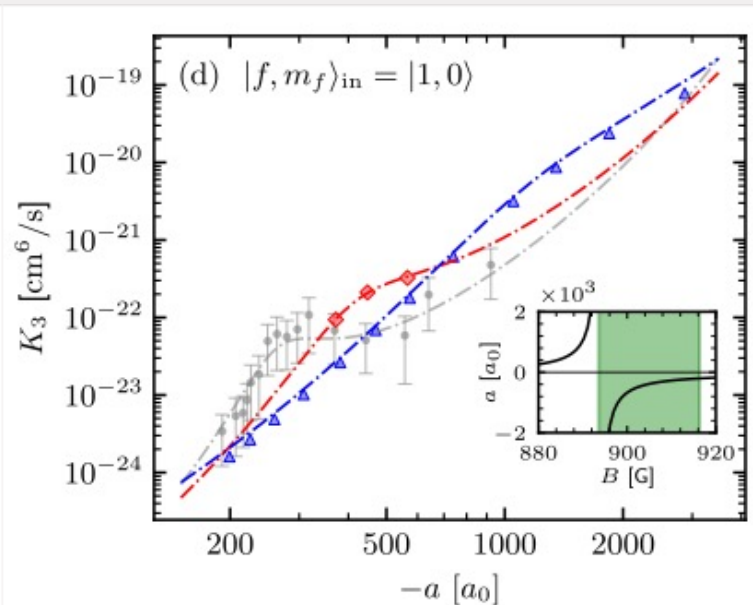
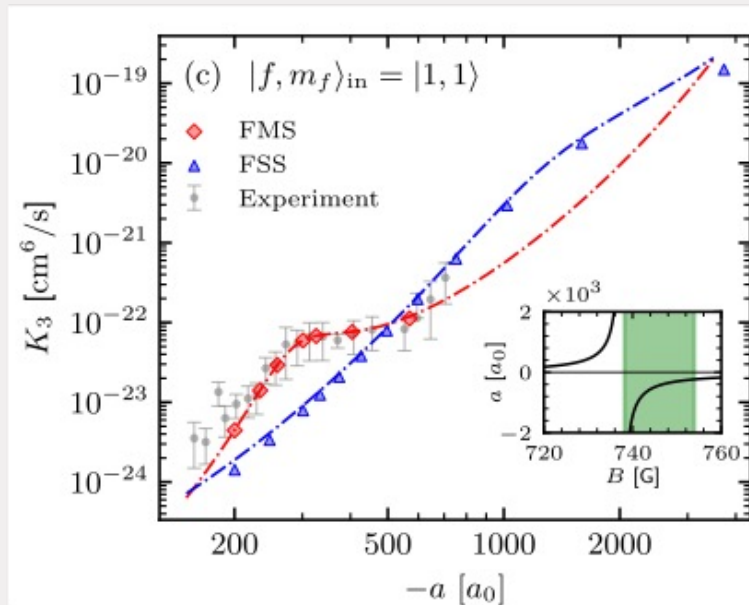


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Li-7 Three-body parameter

| (a) | | | a_-/r_{vdW} | |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| | FSS | FMS | Gross et. al. (2011) | Dyke et. al. (2013) |
| $ 1, 1\rangle$ | -41.1 | -8.79 | -8.43(49) | -7.76(31) |
| $ 1, 0\rangle$ | -36.3 | -12.7 | -8.13(34) | - |

| (b) | | | η_- | |
|----------------|------|------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| | FSS | FMS | Gross et. al. (2011) | Dyke et. al. (2013) |
| $ 1, 1\rangle$ | 0.66 | 0.27 | 0.253(62) | 0.17 |
| $ 1, 0\rangle$ | 0.78 | 0.38 | 0.236(43) | - |



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Main challenge: non-trivial convergence with maximum partial wave and third-particle momentum:

Significant numerical effort required

$|1,1\rangle$

| l_{\max} | a_-/r_{vdW} | | η_- | |
|------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | FSS | FMS | FSS | FMS |
| 4* | -40.4 | -15.6 | 0.76 | 0.32 |
| 6* | -46.5 | -11.1 | 0.78 | 0.38 |
| 8* | -43.1 | -10.1 | 0.71 | 0.32 |
| 10* | -39.4 | -9.39 | 0.68 | 0.29 |
| 12* | -41.1 | -8.79 | 0.66 | 0.27 |
| 10 | -33.1 | -11.2 | 0.64 | 0.36 |
| 12 | -33.3 | -10.8 | 0.65 | 0.36 |

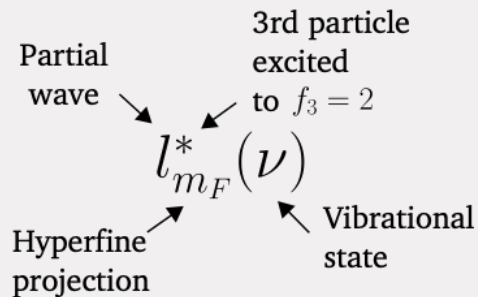
$|1,0\rangle$

| l_{\max} | a_-/r_{vdW} | | η_- | |
|------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| | FSS | FMS | FSS | FMS |
| 4 | -19.6 | -17.6 | 0.43 | 0.34 |
| 6 | -35.6 | -15.1 | 0.48 | 0.38 |
| 8 | -30.5 | -14.2 | 0.62 | 0.38 |
| 8* | -36.3 | -12.7 | 0.78 | 0.38 |
| 10 | -31.3 | -13.7 | 0.57 | 0.41 |

Results with * have $q_{\max}r_{\text{vdW}} = 40$, otherwise $q_{\max}r_{\text{vdW}} = 20$

Results show importance of multichannel physics in the lithium few-body puzzle

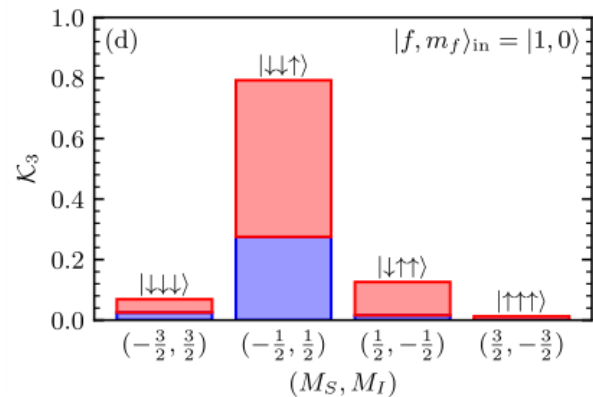
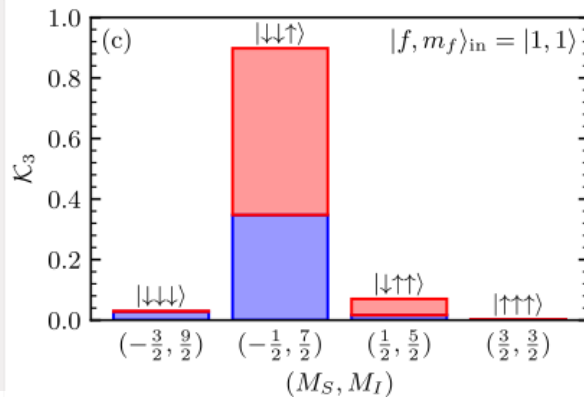
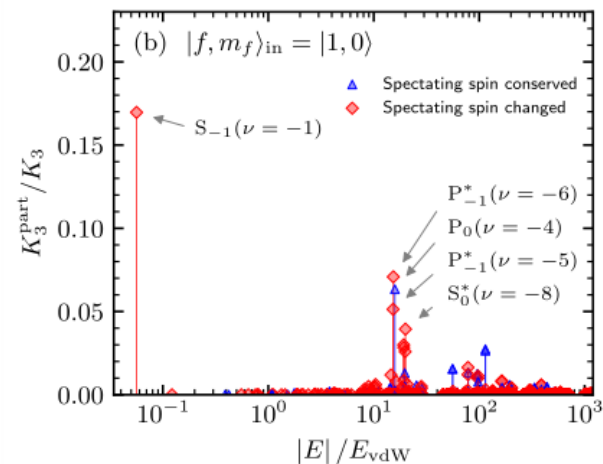
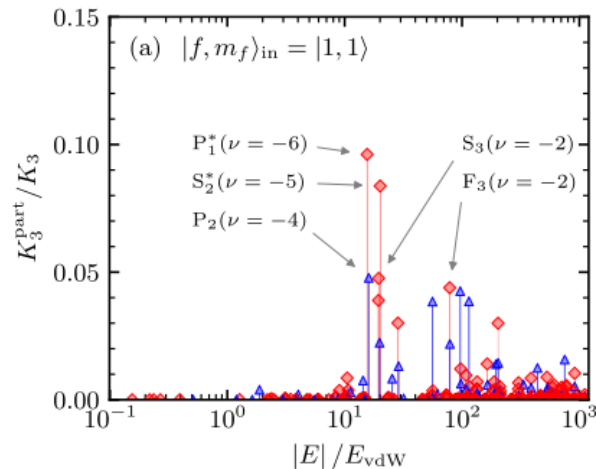
Analysis partial recombination rates



$$m_F = m_{f1} + m_{f2}$$

FMS channels dominate
 The final state distribution

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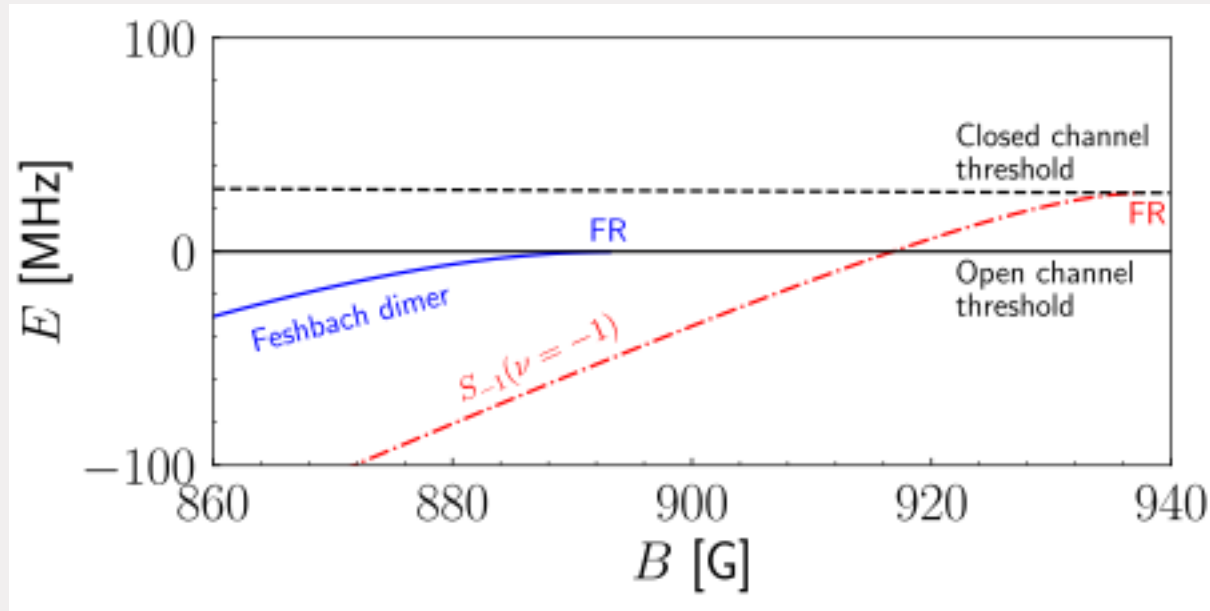


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Analysis partial recombination rates

In the $|1,0\rangle$ state we find a single dominant FMS channel

- Originates from closed-channel Feshbach resonance

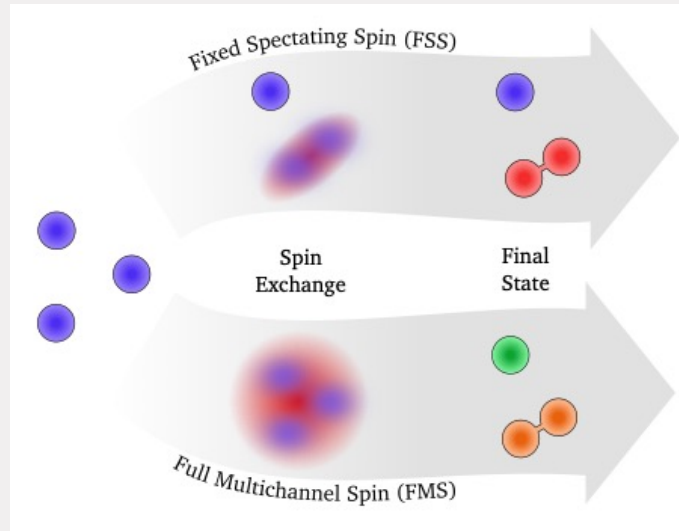


Conclusions/outlook

Three-body recombination Li-7

Three-body physics in Lithium-7 is strongly influenced by multichannel effects

Strong coupling to specific three-body hyperfine channels, which have often been neglected in earlier studies



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Go back to simplified models, investigate approximations based on physical effects

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