

The heteronuclear Efimov scenario in an ultracold Bose-Fermi mixture



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Efimov's scenario

ENERGY LEVELS ARISING FROM RESONANT TWO-BODY FORCES IN A THREE-BODY SYSTEM

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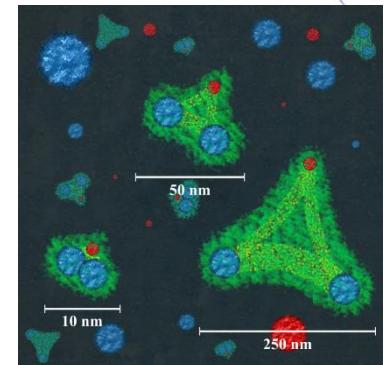
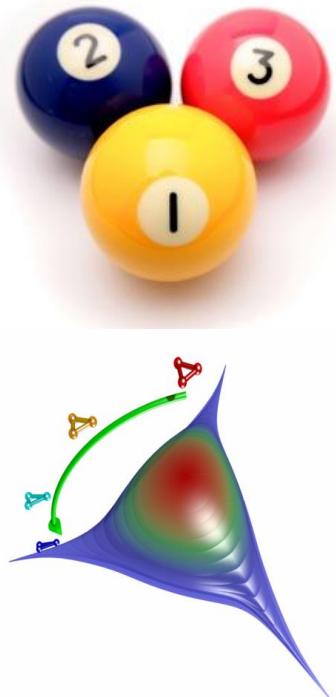
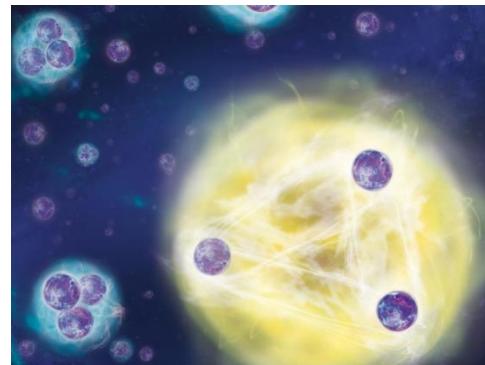
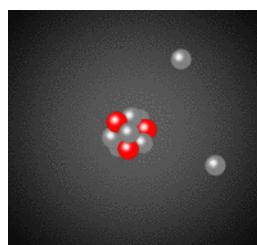
A.F.Ioffe Physico-Technical Institute, Leningrad, USSR

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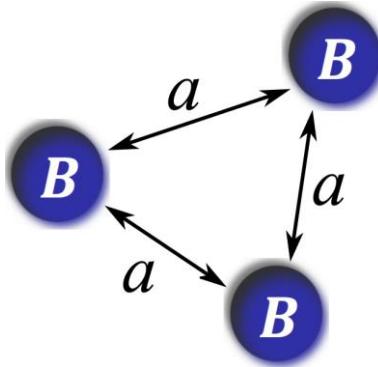
Resonant two-body forces are shown to give rise to a series of levels in three-particle systems. The number of such levels may be very large. Possibility of the existence of such levels in systems of three α -particles (^{12}C nucleus) and three nucleons (^3H) is discussed.

Phys. Lett. B **33**, 563–564 (1970)

universal trimers with relevance for
nuclear physics
molecular physics
atomic physics



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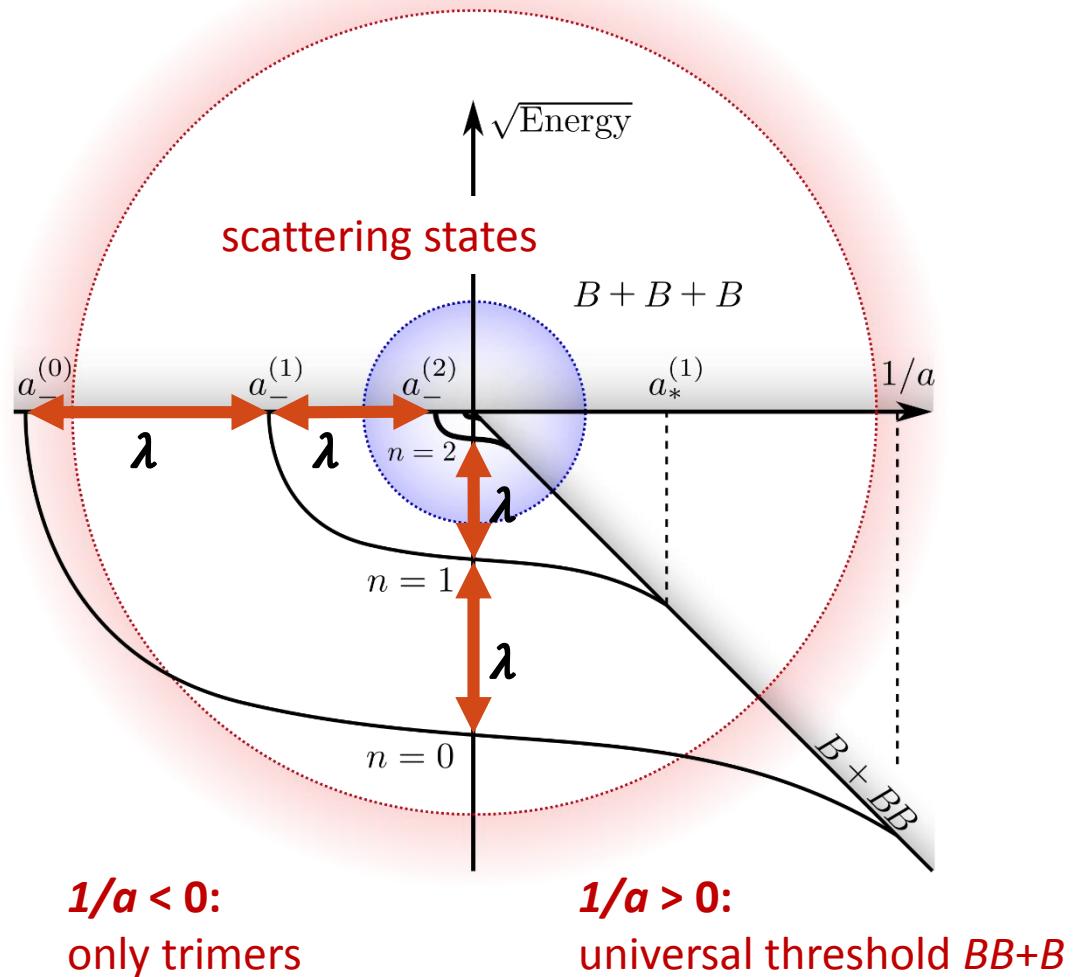
$$a \rightarrow \pm\infty \quad a \gg r_0 \\ \lambda = 22.7$$

effective $1/R^2$ potential

- infinite number of bound states
- discrete scaling symmetry

$$\psi_n(R) = \psi_{n-1}(\lambda R)$$

$$E_n = \lambda^{-2} E_{n-1}$$

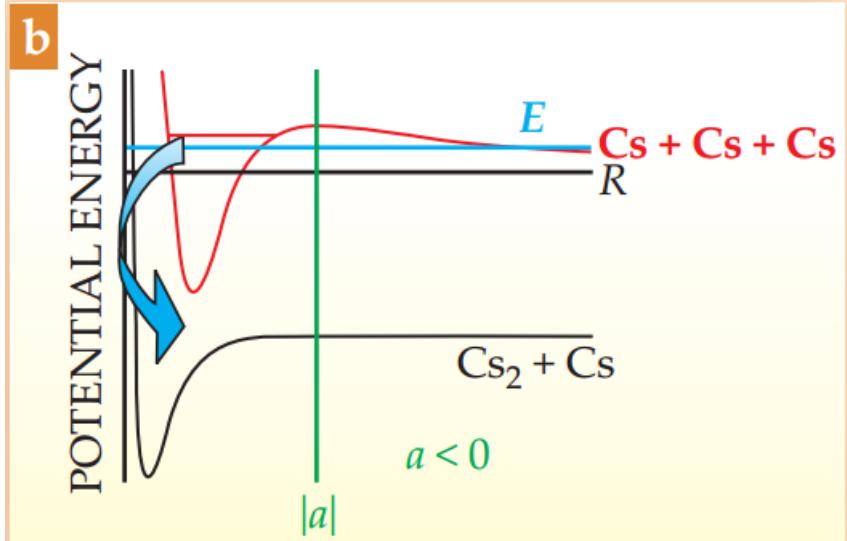


Experimental observation in ultracold gases

Universal insights from few-body land

Chris H. Greene

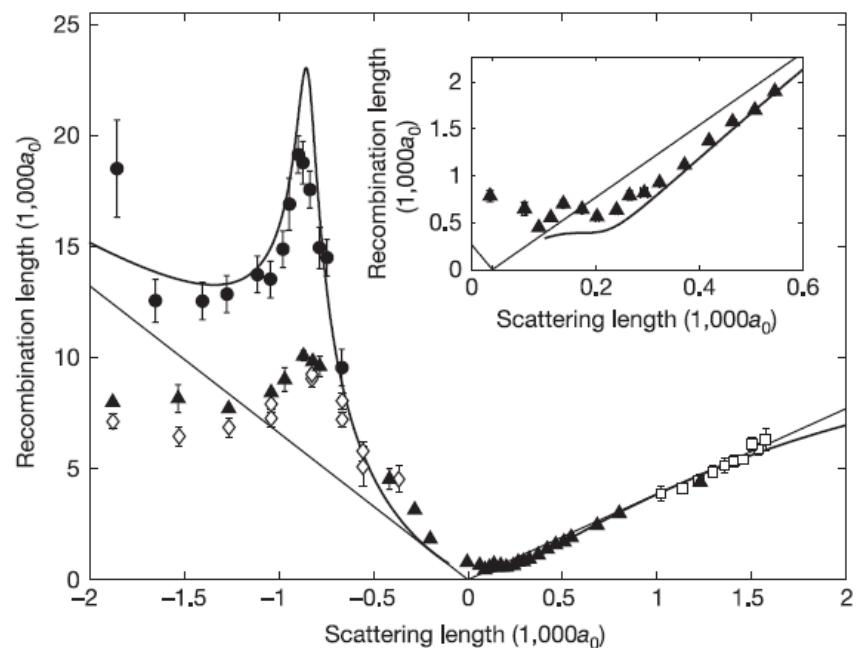
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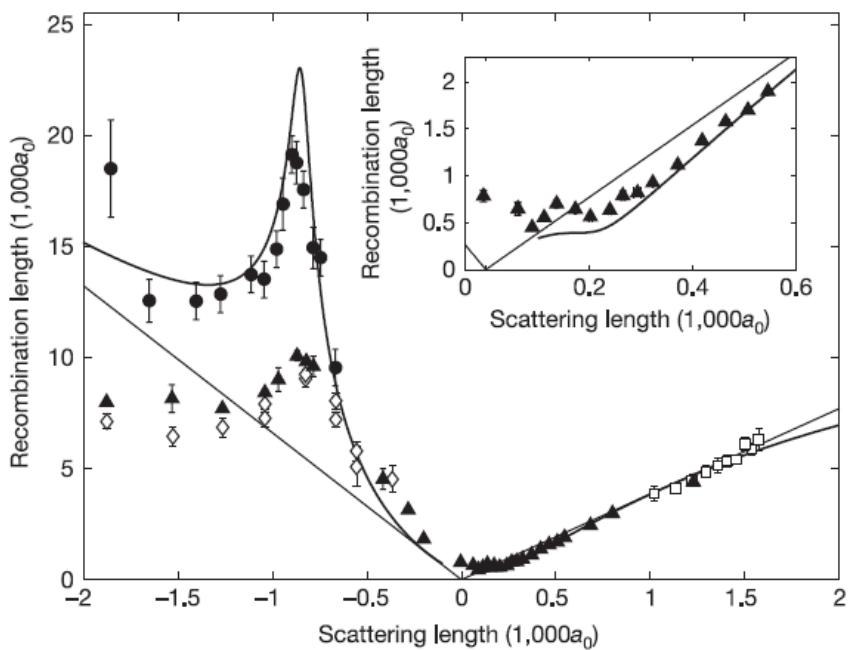


Recent experiments

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More experiments at (homo- and heteronuclear):

Aarhus, Chicago, ENS, Heidelberg, Houston, JILA, LENS, Pennsylvania, Ramat-Gan, Tokio, Tübingen ...

PRL 112, 190401 (2014)

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Observation of the Second Triatomic Resonance in Efimov's Scenario

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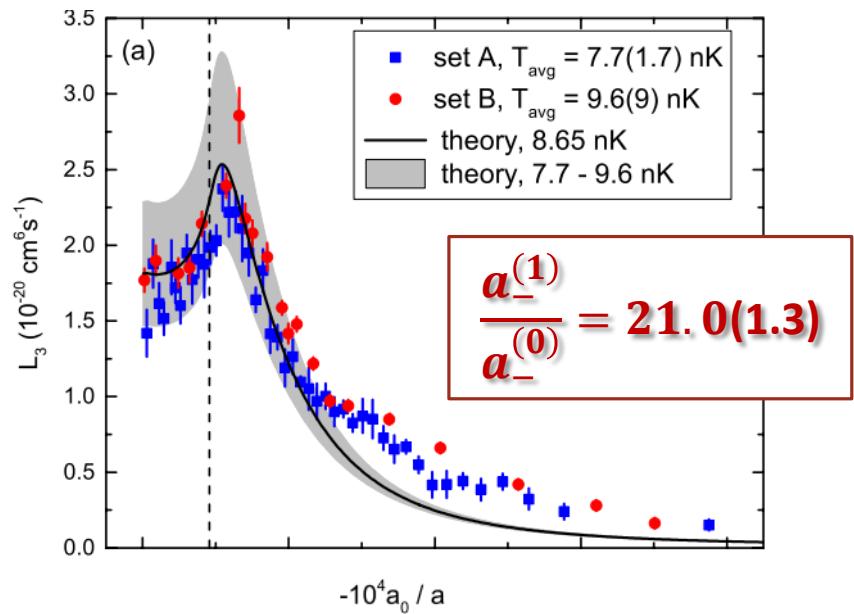
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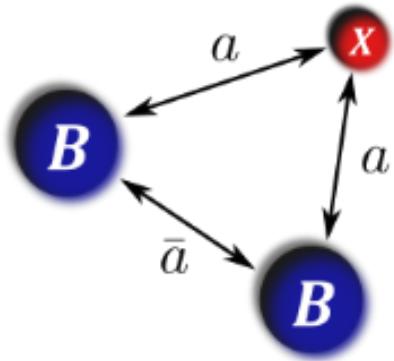
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Enhancing observability of Efimov's scenario



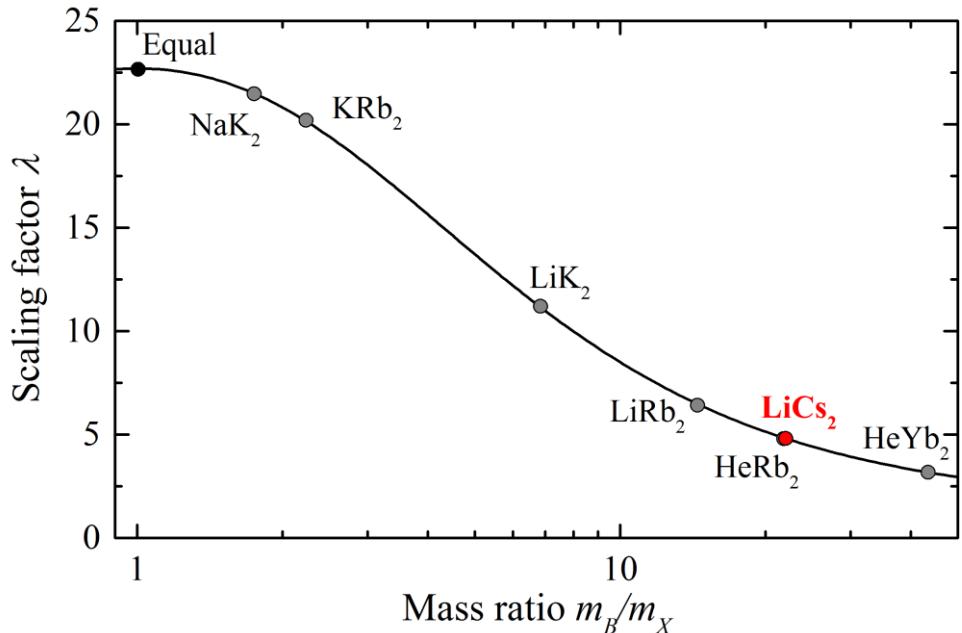
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$$a \gg r_0$$

$$\bar{a} \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

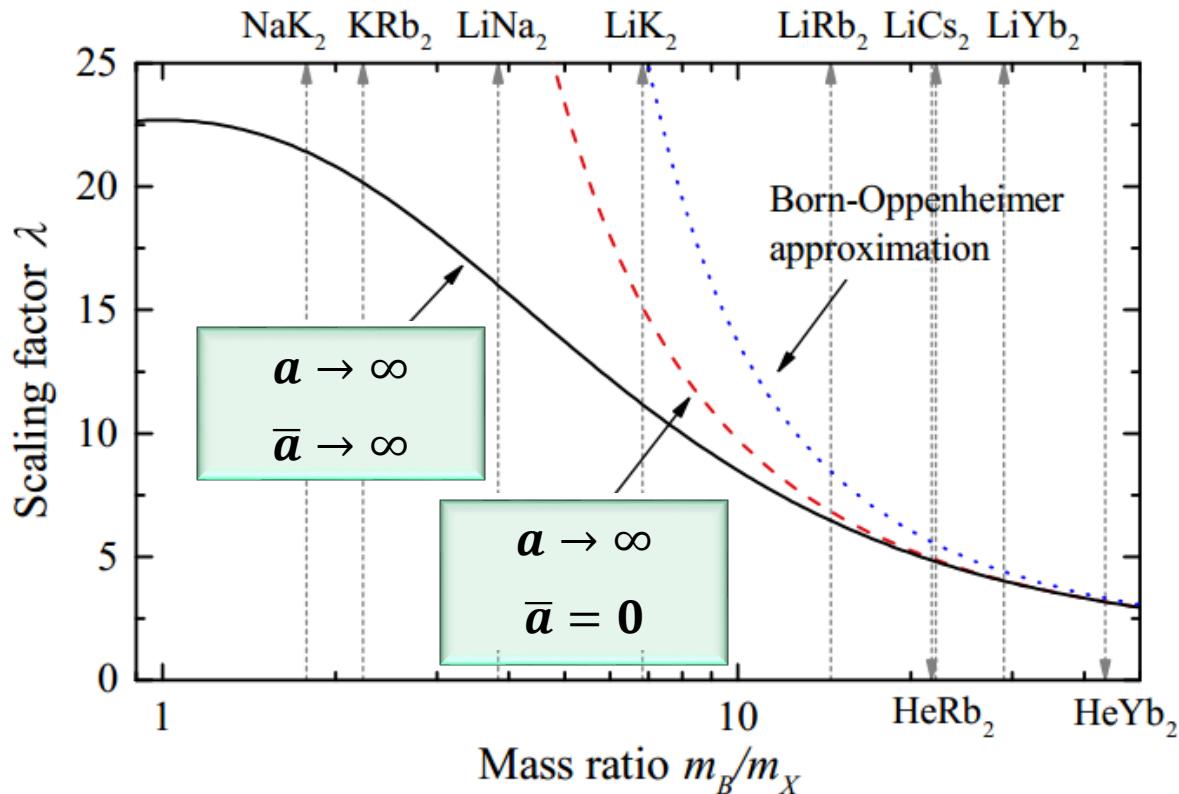
$$\bar{a} \gg \bar{r}_0$$

$$\lambda = \lambda \left(\frac{m_B}{m_X} \right)$$



System	λ
${}^6\text{Li} - \text{Cs}_2$	4.877
${}^6\text{Li} - \text{Rb}_2$	6.83
Equal masses	22.7

Finite intraparticle scattering lengths



Short-range effects

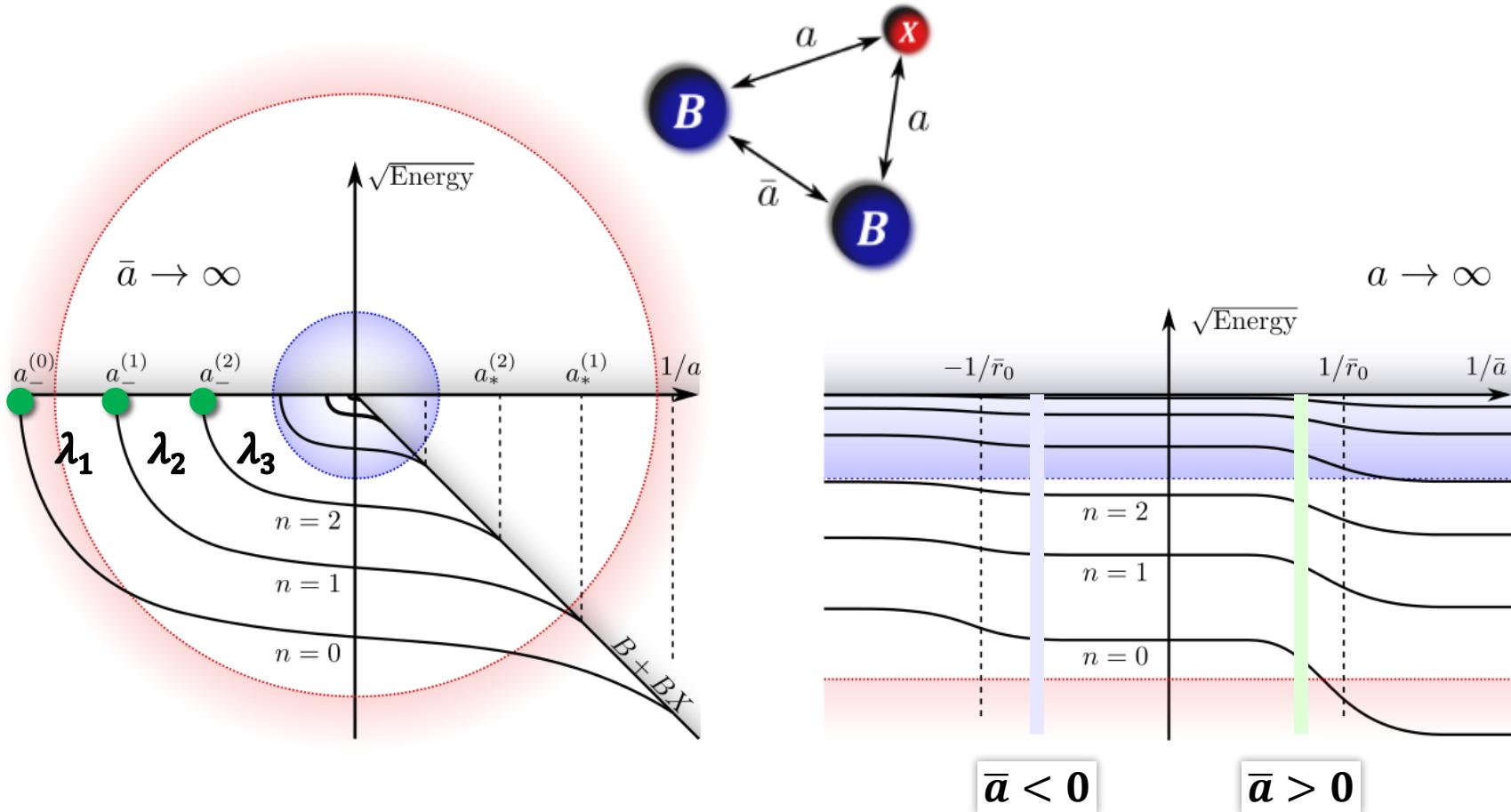
Finite intraspecies scattering lengths

Li-Cs system:

$$a \sim -3 r_0$$
$$\bar{a} \sim -15 \bar{r}_0$$

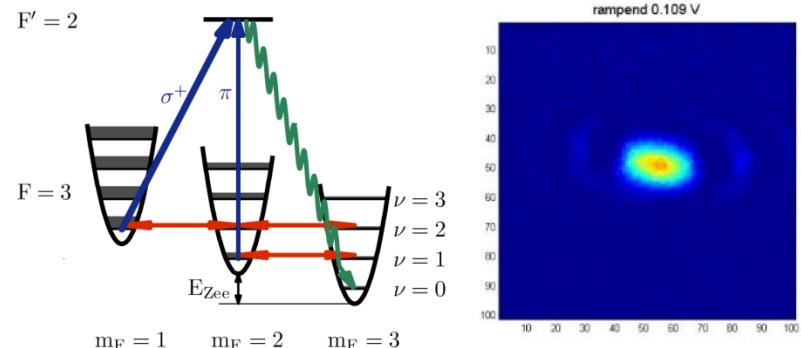
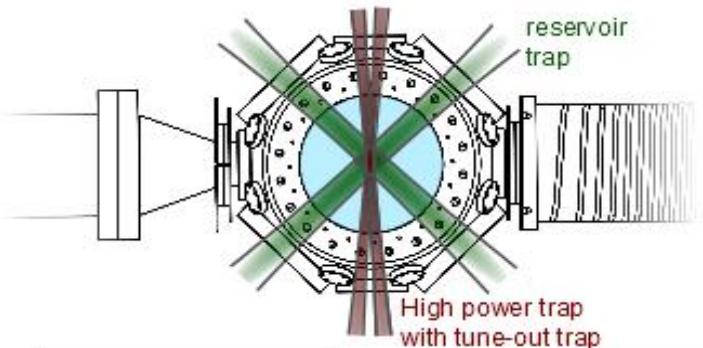
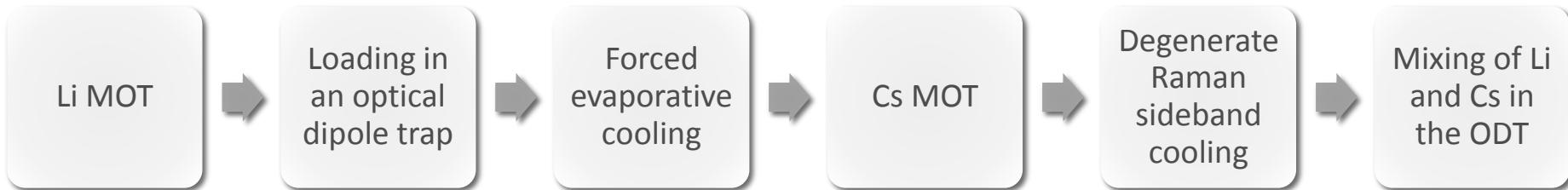
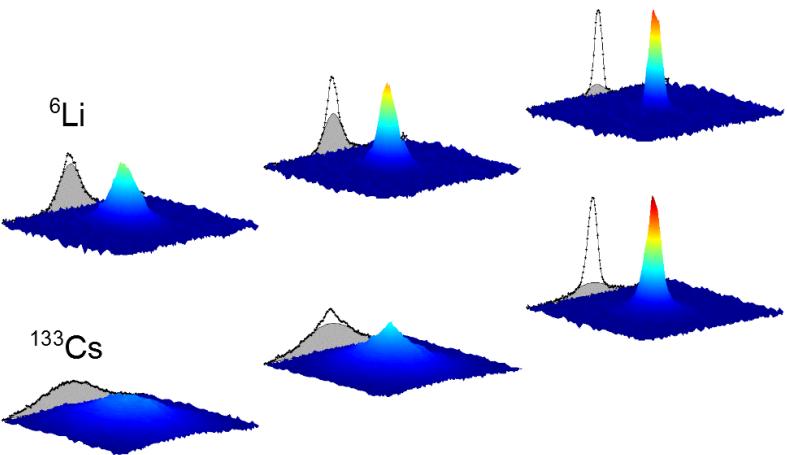
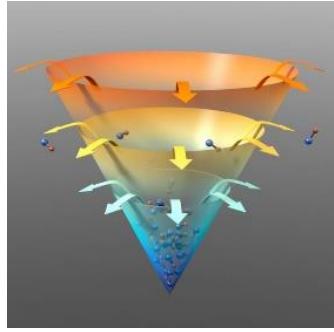
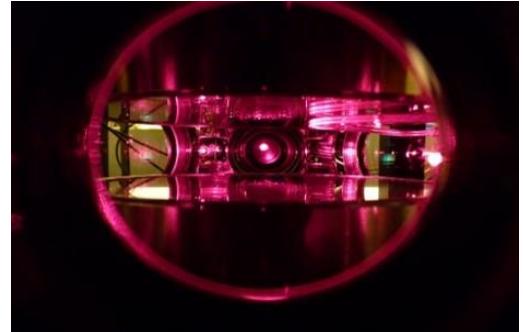
$$\lambda = ?$$

Heteronuclear Efimov scenario



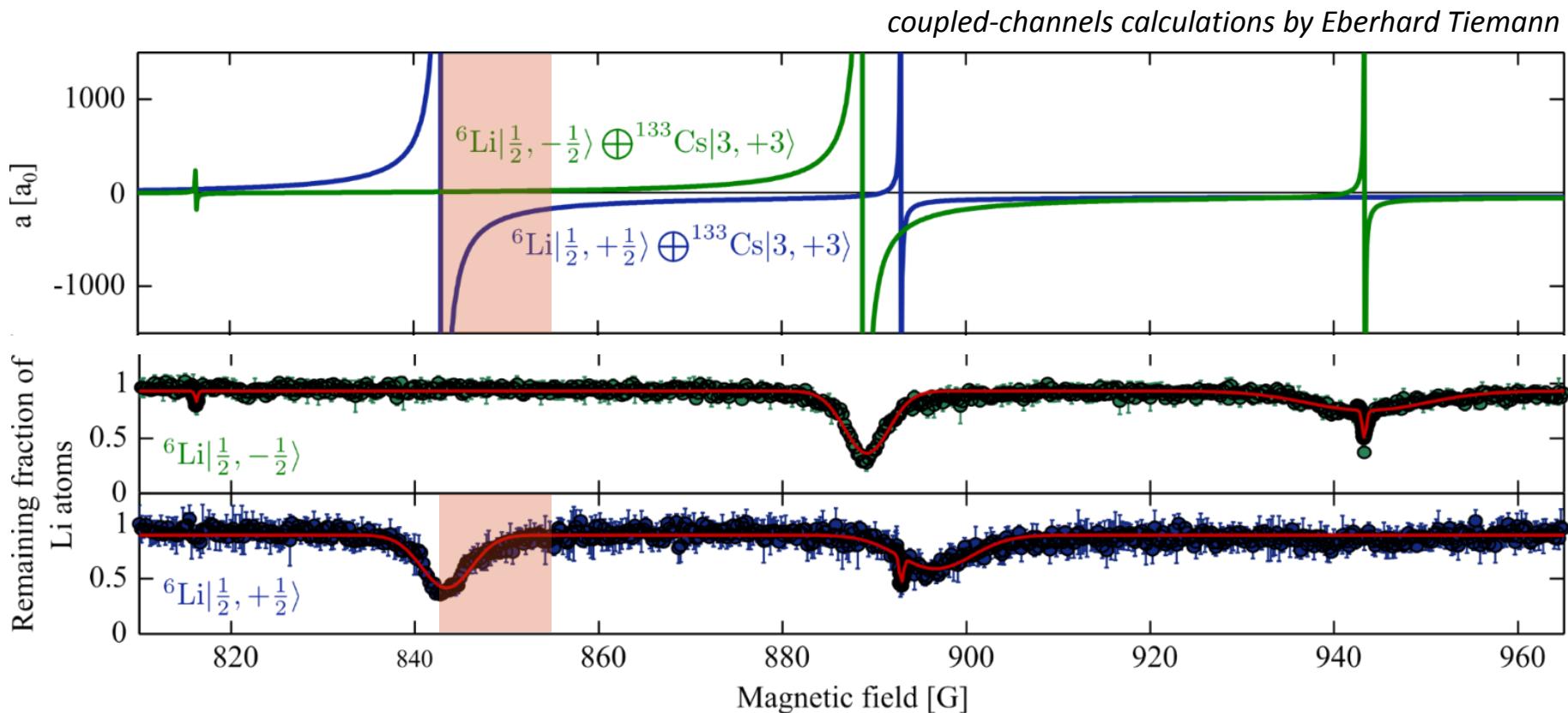
Initial concept with vdW potentials: Wang *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 109 243201 (2012)

Mixing Li and Cs at nK temperatures



Tuning scattering length in Li-Cs

Feshbach resonances:



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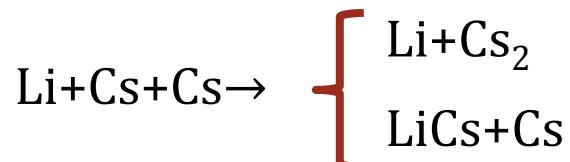
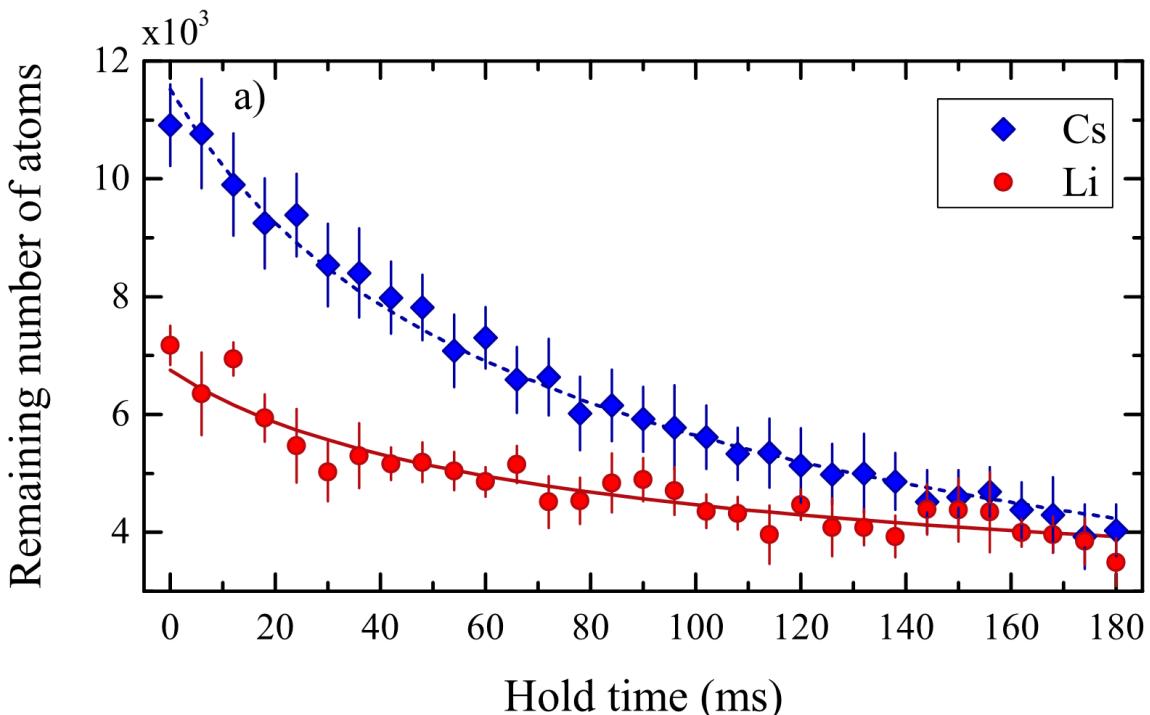
Three-body loss rate coefficient

Rate equations:

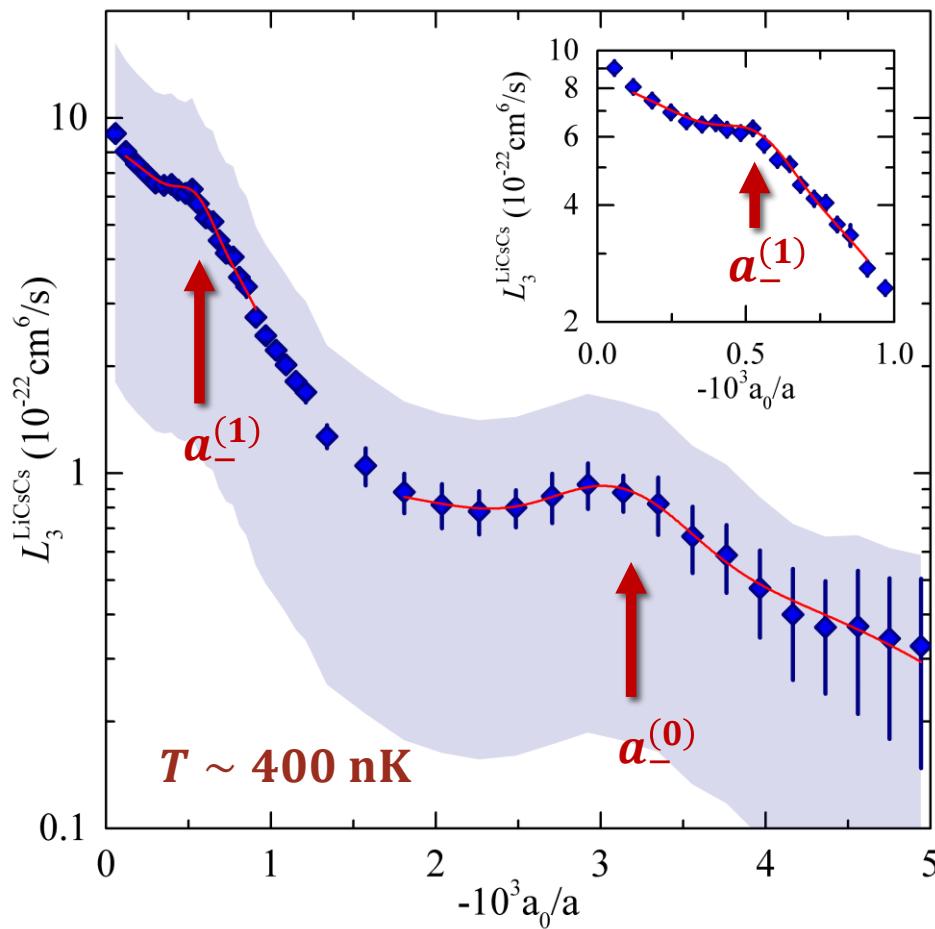
$$\dot{n}_{Cs} = -L_1^{Cs} n_{Cs} - 2L_3^{Cs} n_{Li} n_{Cs}^2 - 2L_3^{LiLiCs} n_{Li}^2 n_{Cs} - L_3^{Cs} n_{Cs}^3$$
$$\dot{n}_{Li} = -L_1^{Li} n_{Li} - L_3^{Li} n_{Li} n_{Cs}^2 - 2L_3^{LiLiCs} n_{Li}^2 n_{Cs} - L_3^{Li} n_{Li}^3$$

Assumptions:

- Fermionic Li
→ suppression of L_3^{LiLiCs} and L_3^{Li}
- constant temperature
- $L_3^{Cs} \rightarrow$ constant



Successive Efimov resonances



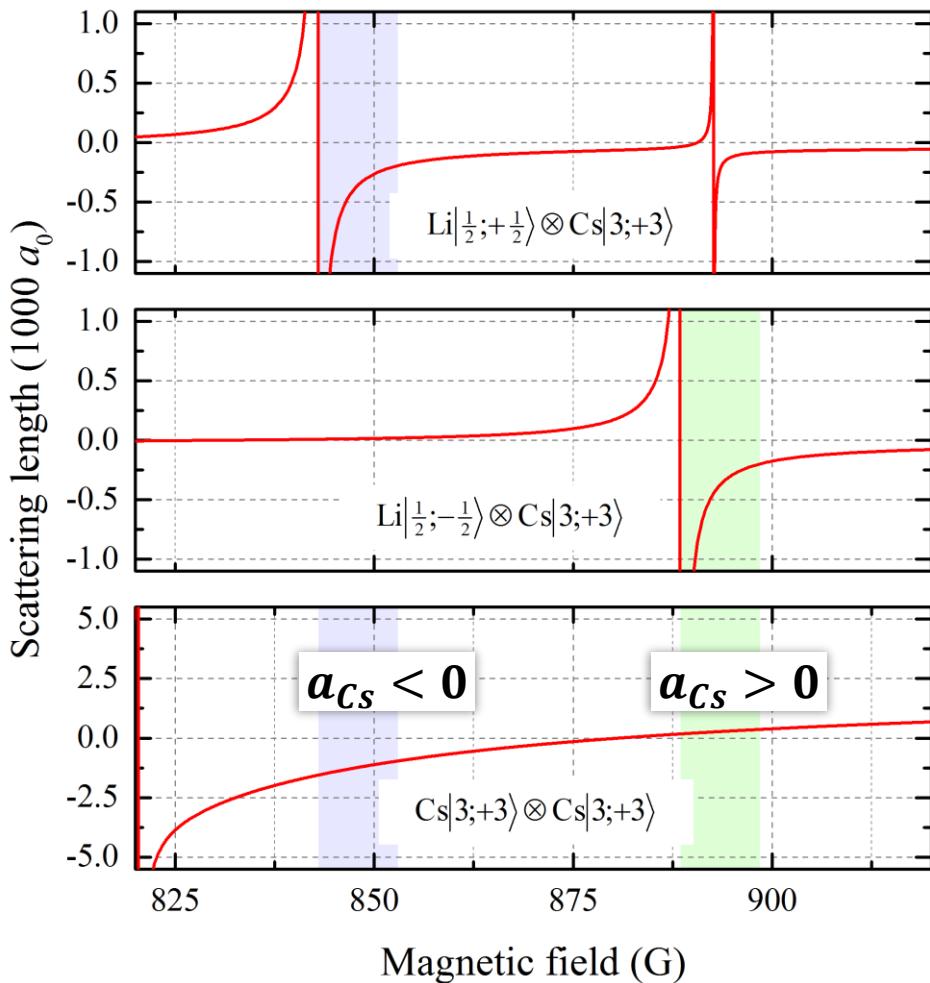
$$\frac{a_-^{(1)}}{a_-^{(0)}} = 5.8(0.1)_{\text{stat}}(0.2)_{\text{sys}}(1.0)_{\text{rf}}$$

$\approx 4.88 ?$

R. Pires *et al.*, PRL **112**, 250404 (2014); see also: S. Tung *et al.* (Chin group), PRL **113**, 240402 (2014)
Single Efimov resonance in Li-Rb: R.A.W. Mayer *et al.*, PRL **115**, 043201 (2015)

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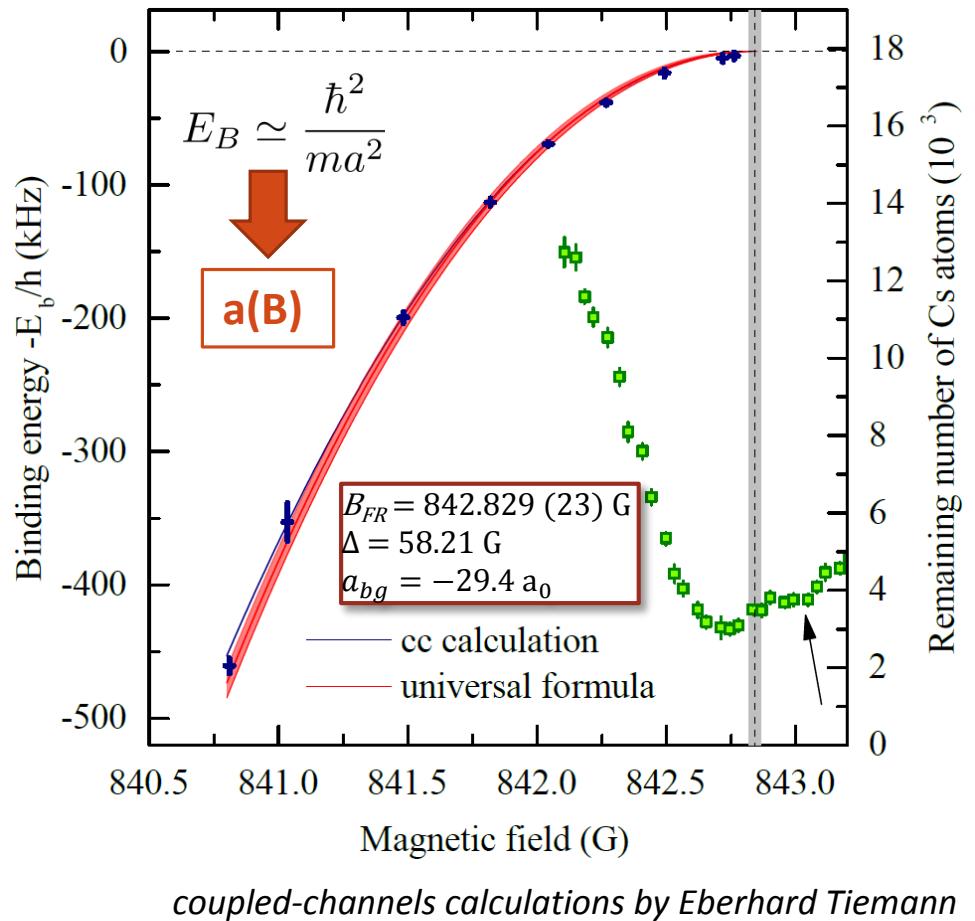
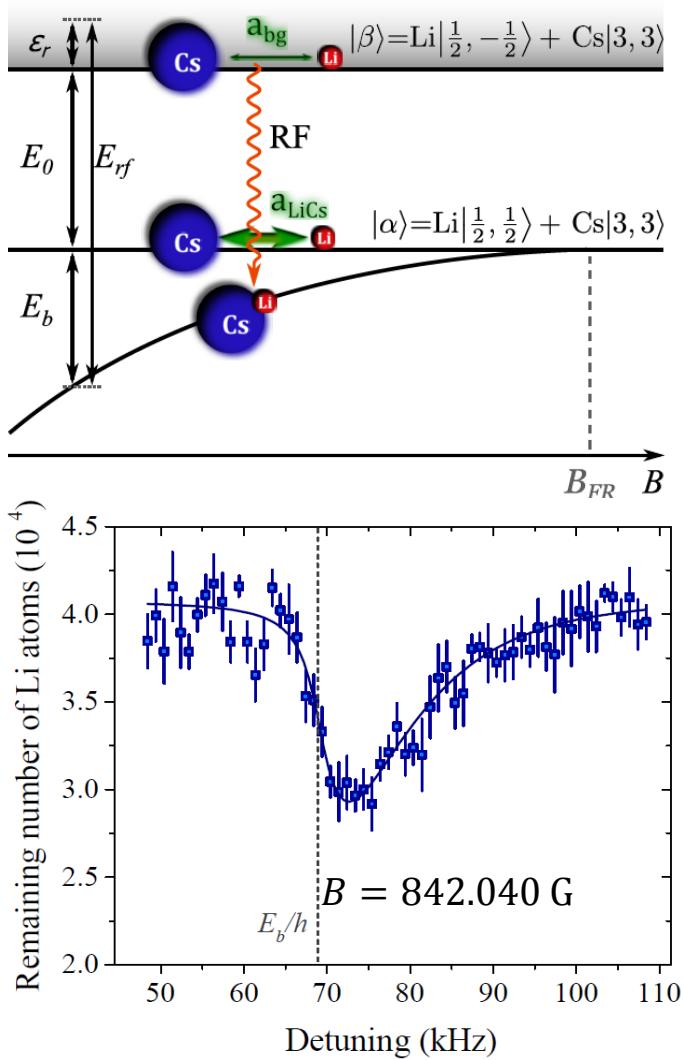
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rf association of (universal) LiCs dimers

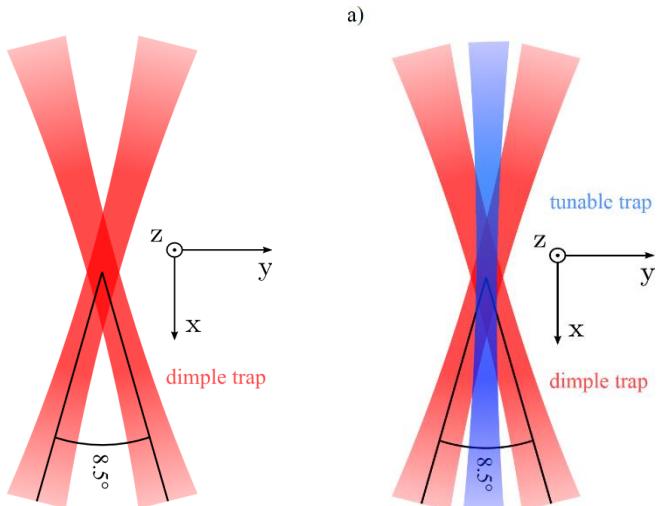


coupled-channels calculations by Eberhard Tiemann

Reaching lower temperatures

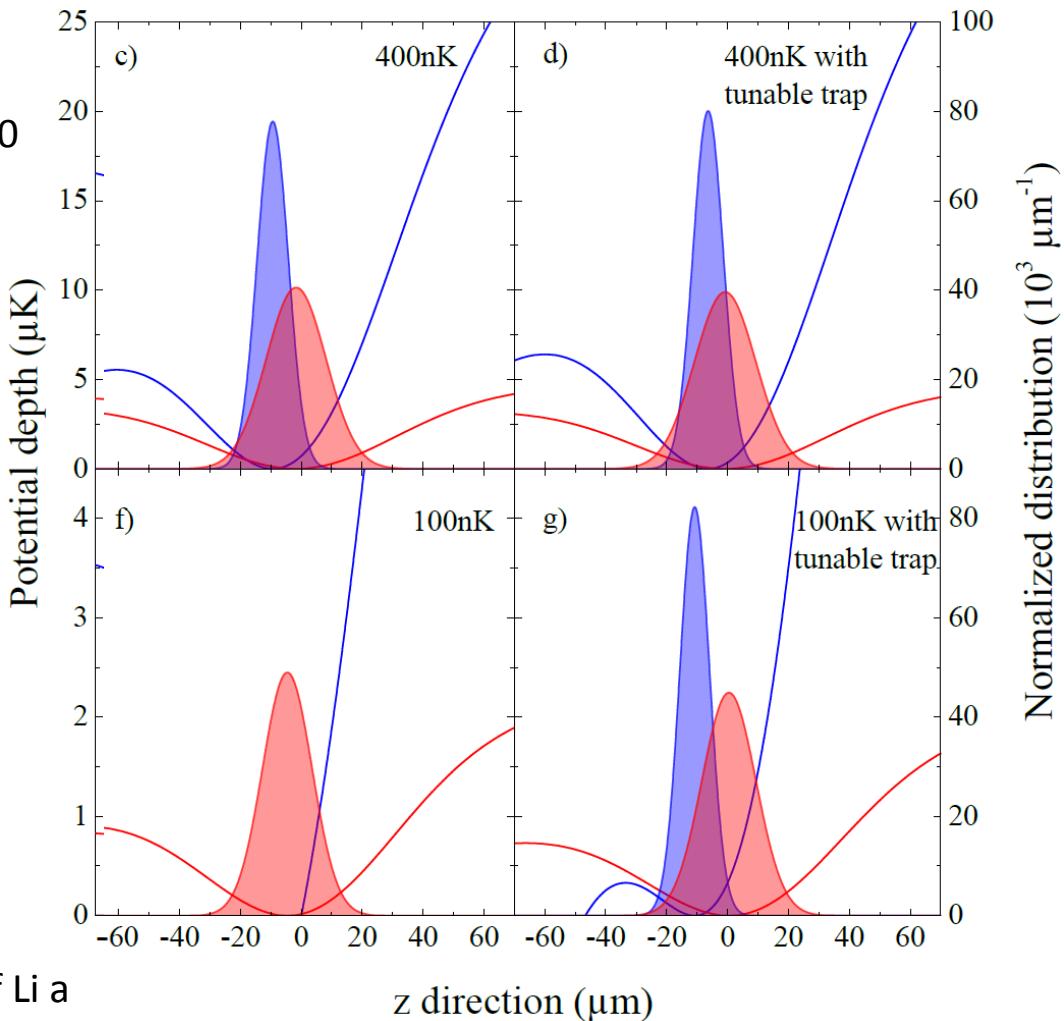
Mixed species condensation

- Gravitational sag due to large Cs mass
 - Factor of 4 difference in polarizability at 1070 nm
- Solution: bichromatic dipole trap

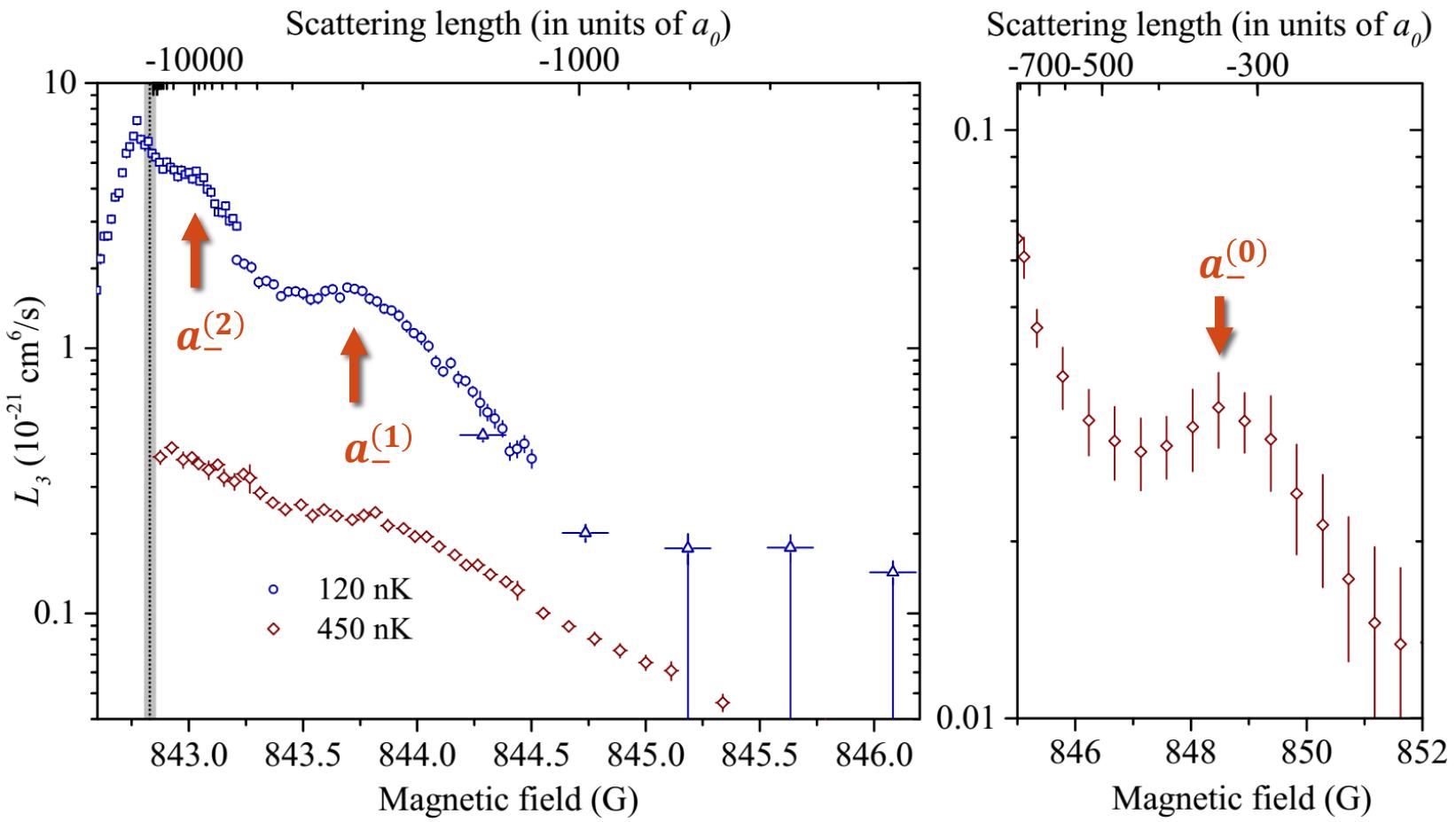


Tunable optical dipole trap @ 921 nm

- Polarizability $\alpha_{Cs} = 12 \times \alpha_{Li}$
- Almost independent spatial control of Li and Cs
- Compensation of gravitational sag



Observation of three Efimov resonances



Zero-range model

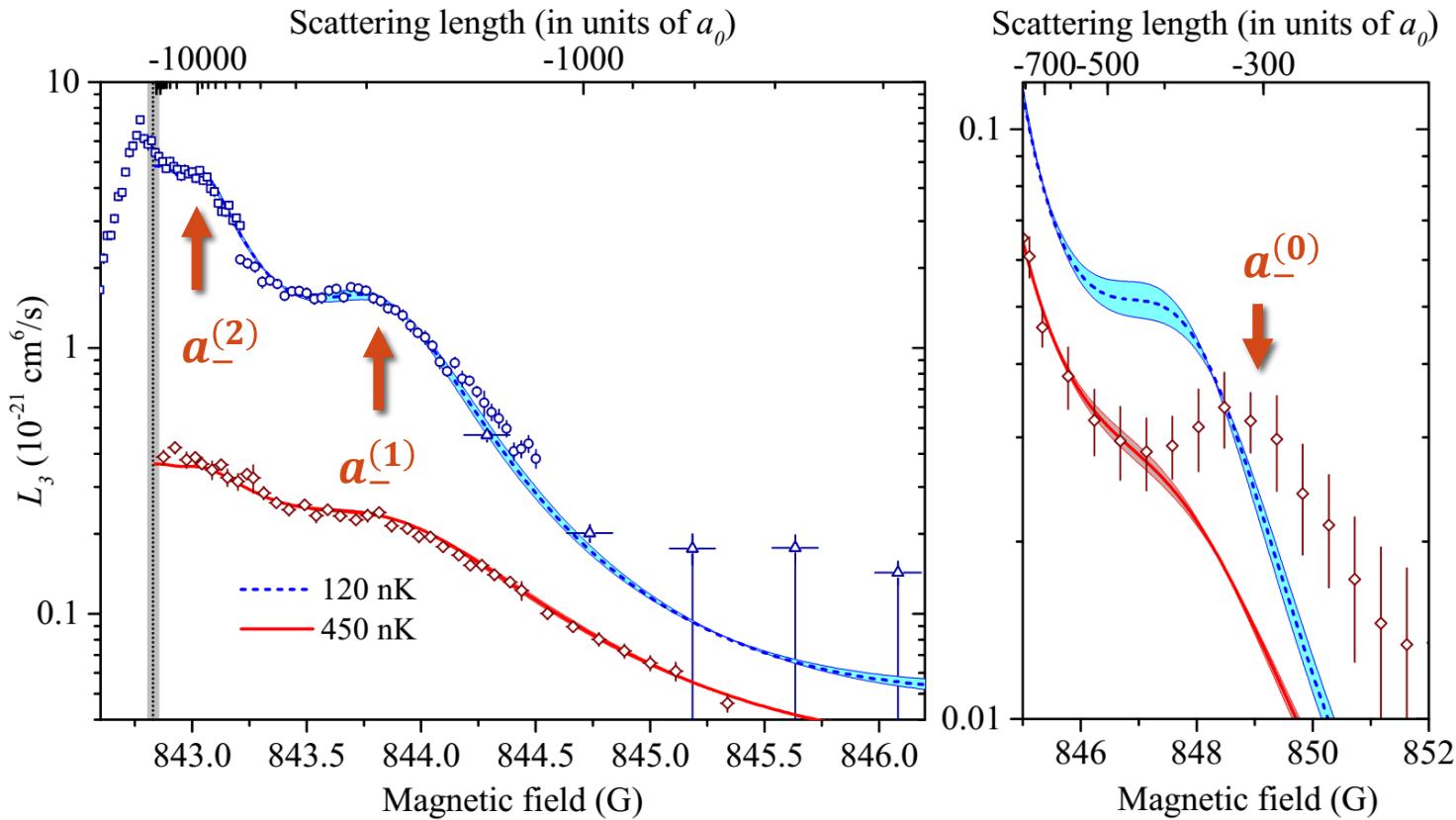
zero-range finite temperature model: D. Petrov and F. Werner, PRA 92, 022704 (2015)

- *S-Matrix* formalism

$$L_3 = 4\pi^2 \cos^3 \phi \frac{\hbar^7}{\mu^4 (k_B T)^3} (1 - e^{-4\eta})$$
$$\times \int_0^\infty \frac{1 - |s_{11}|^2}{|1 + (kR_0)^{-2is_0} e^{-2\eta} s_{11}|^2} e^{-\hbar^2 k^2 / 2\mu k_B T} k dk$$

- Parameters:
 - s_{11} dependent on $\mathbf{k}a_{LiCs}$, $\mathbf{k}a_{Cs}$ and mass ratio
 - Scaling factor $\exp(\pi/s_0)$
 - Temperature T
 - Inelasticity parameter η
 - Three-body parameter R_0

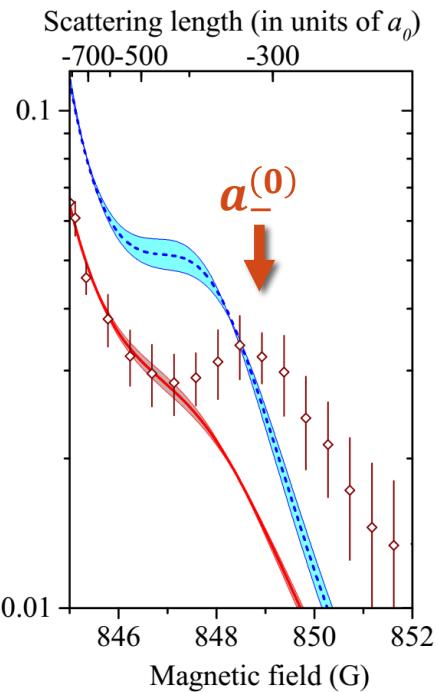
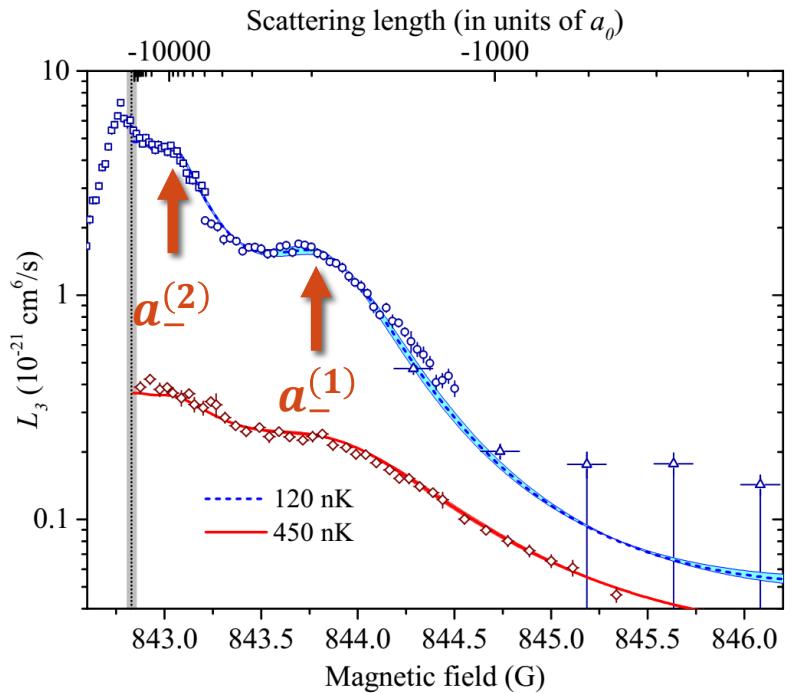
Comparison with zero-range model



Fit of zero-range theory

- Resonance width $\eta = 0.6 - 0.8$
- Three-body parameter $R_0 = 125 a_0$
- Absolute loss-rate

Comparison with zero-range model



Extraction of resonance positions and scaling factors from zero-range theory by setting $T \rightarrow 0$, $\eta \rightarrow 0$:

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{a_-^{(1)}}{a_-^{(0)}} = \frac{-1777 a_0}{-350 a_0} = 5.08$$

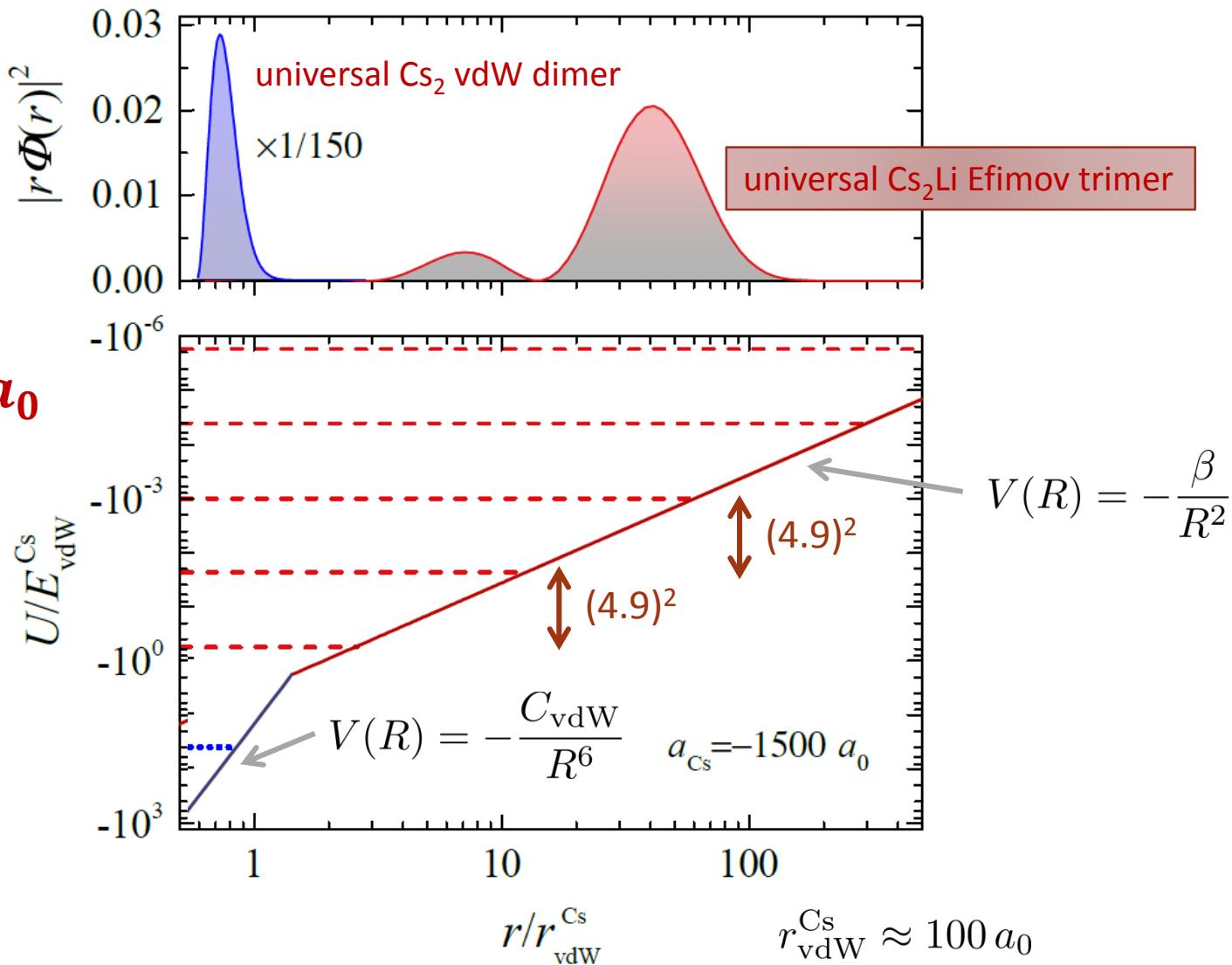
$$\lambda_2 = \frac{a_-^{(2)}}{a_-^{(1)}} = \frac{-9210 a_0}{-1777 a_0} = 5.18$$

- Consistent description of excited state recombination resonances
- Deviation from universal scaling factor of 4.877
- Non-universal ground state resonance $a_-^{(0)}$

Simplistic Born-Oppenheimer picture

$$a \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

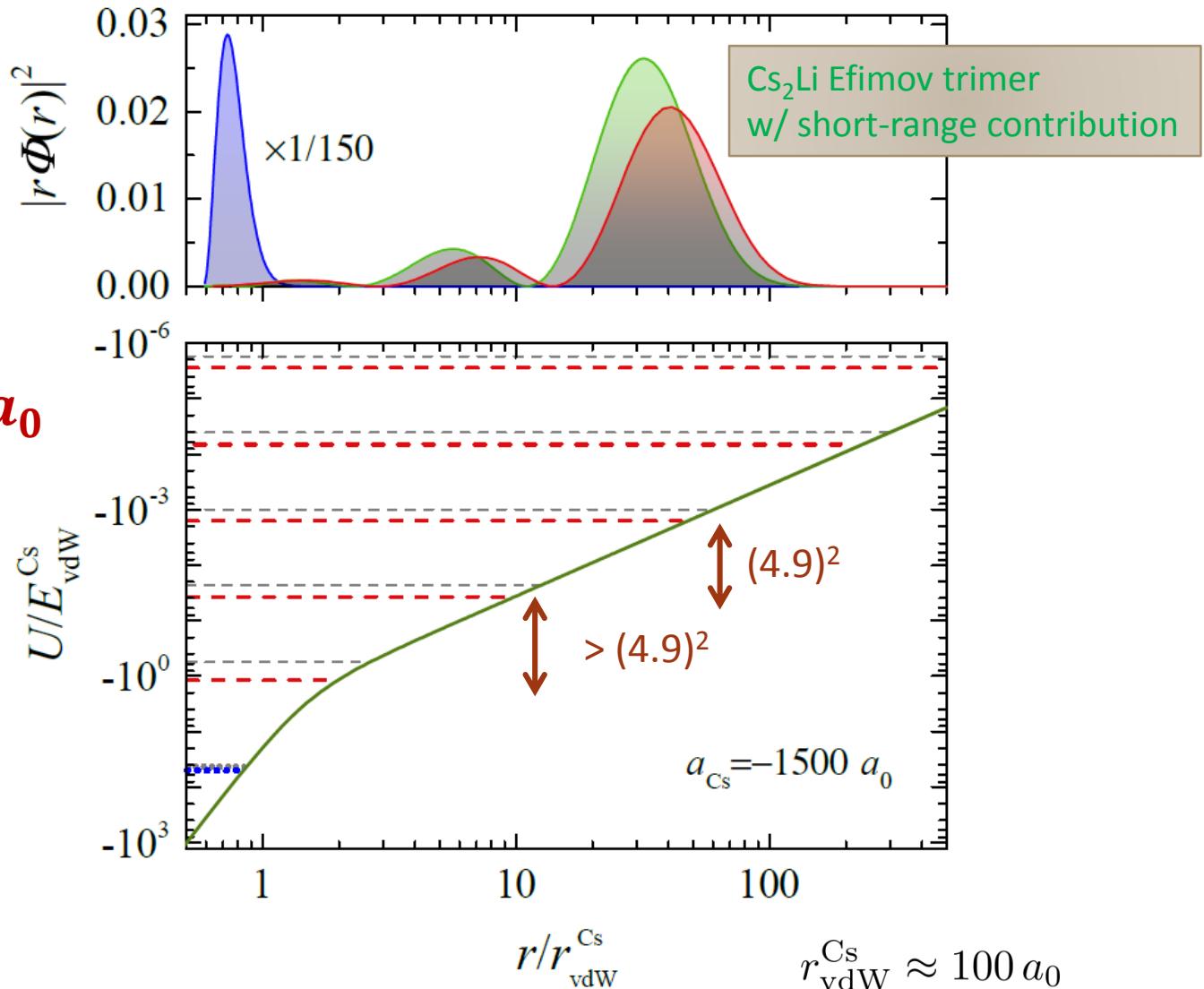
$$a_{Cs} = -1500 a_0$$



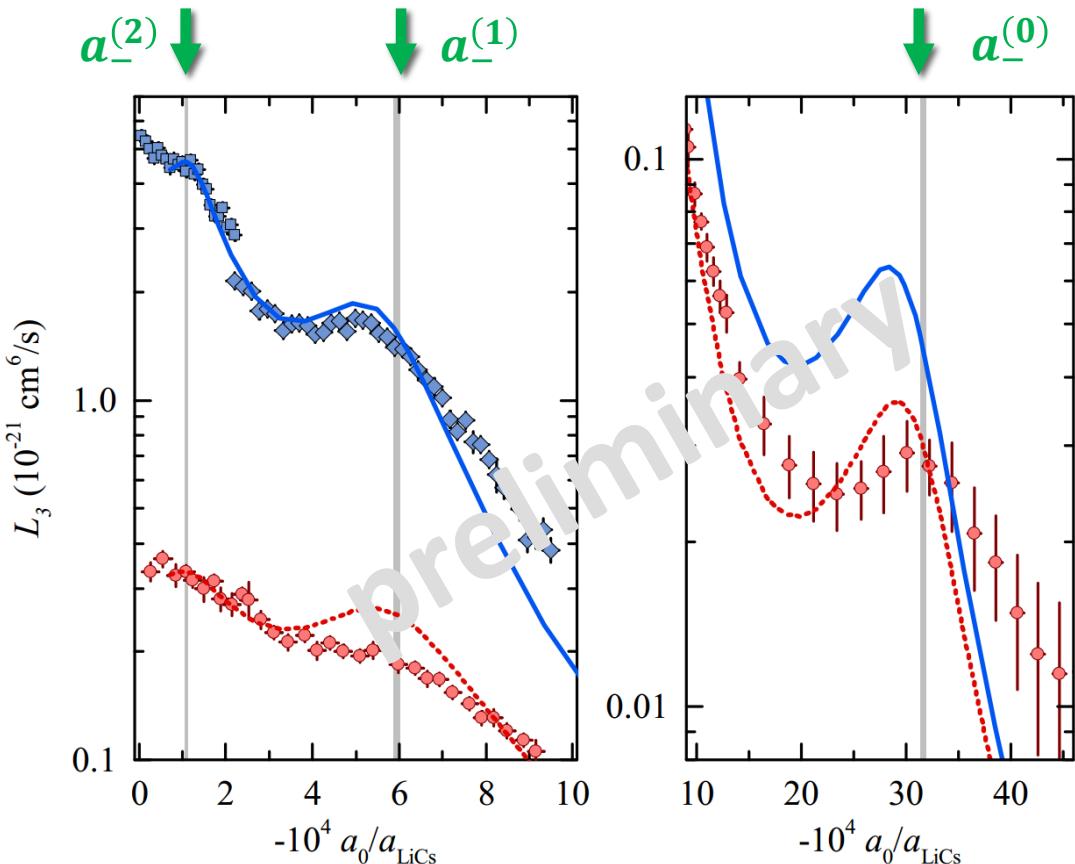
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Three-body recombination: $\bar{a} < 0$



vdW scaling factors:

$$\lambda_1 = 5.3 \pm 0.1$$

$$\lambda_2 = 5.1 \pm 0.2$$

Universal zero-range theory:

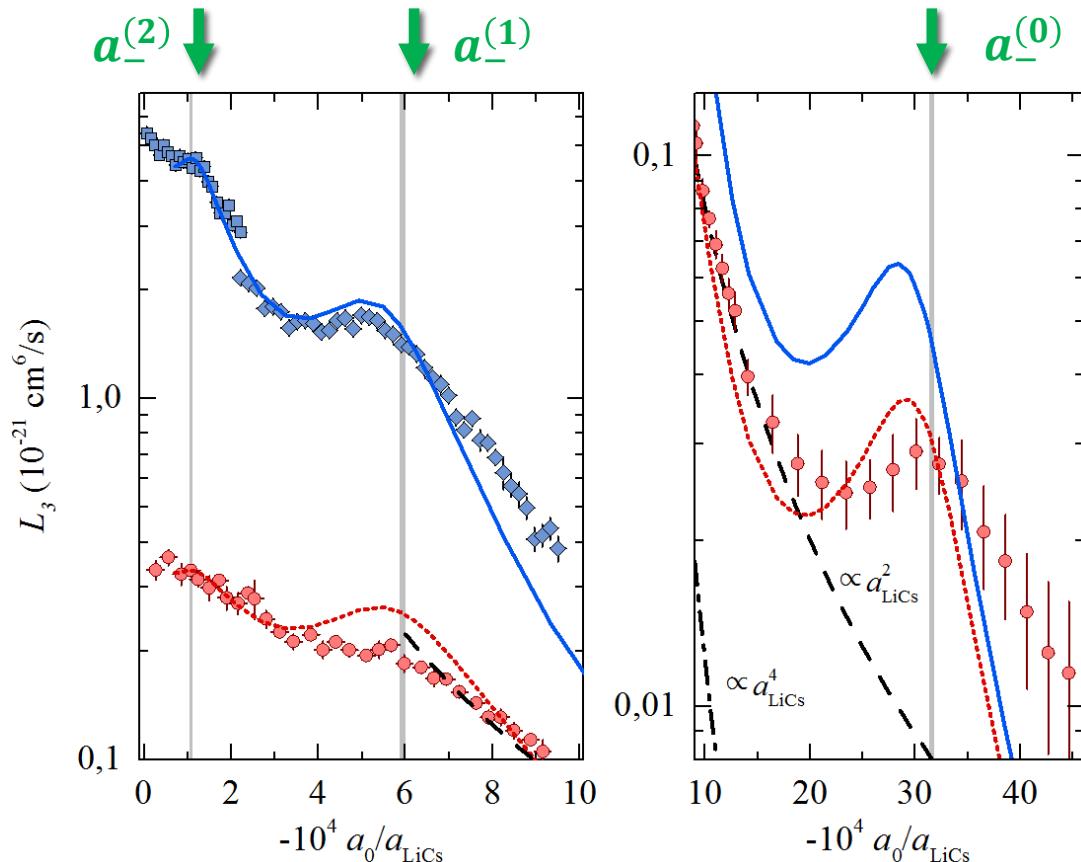
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Universal van der Waals model: Yujun Wang and Chris Greene

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Power law for $|a_{\text{LiCs}}| \ll |a_{\text{Cs}}|$

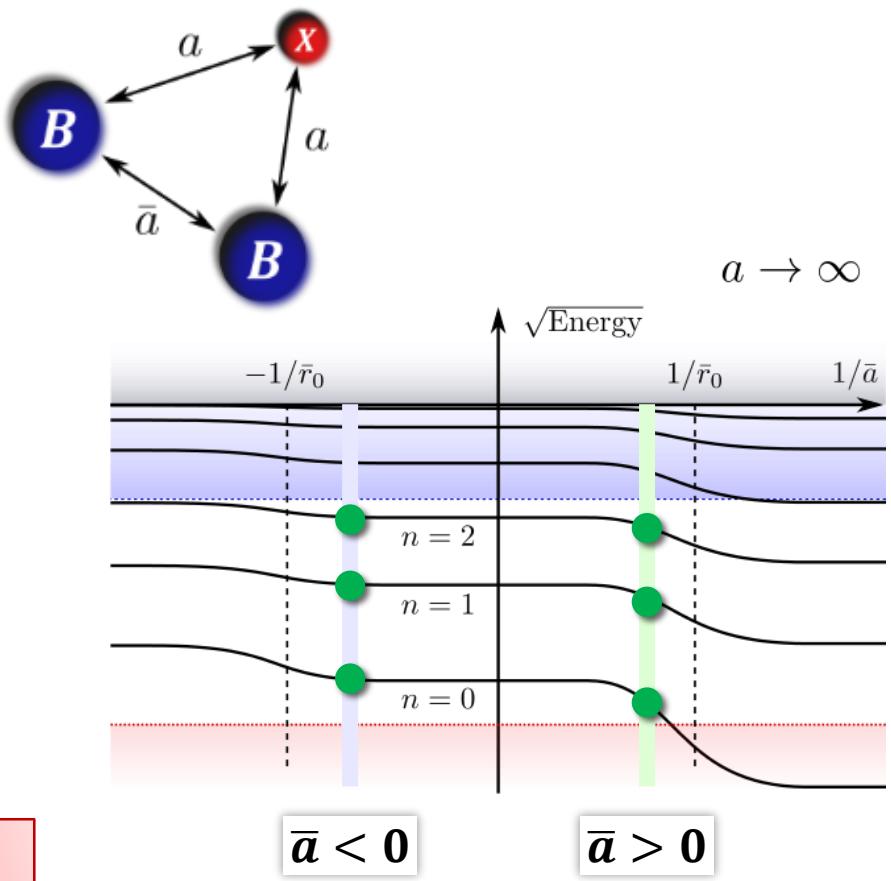
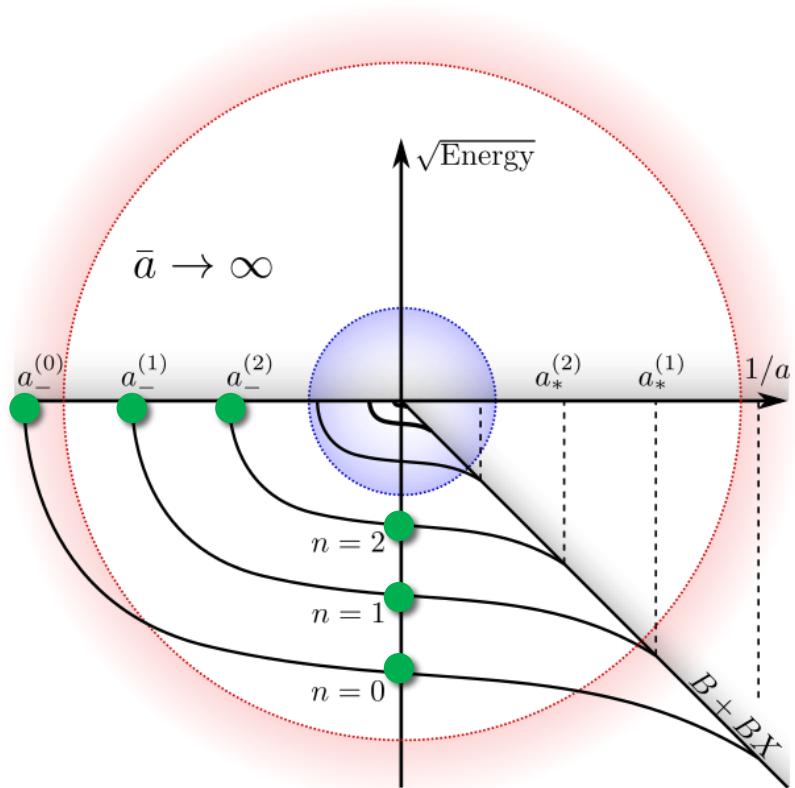
$$L_3 \propto a_{\text{LiCs}}^2 a_{\text{Cs}}^2$$

Here: $a_{\text{Cs}} \approx -1500 a_0$

Power laws for XXY and XYZ systems:

J. D'Incao and B. Esry, Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 083202 (2009)

Efimov's universal function



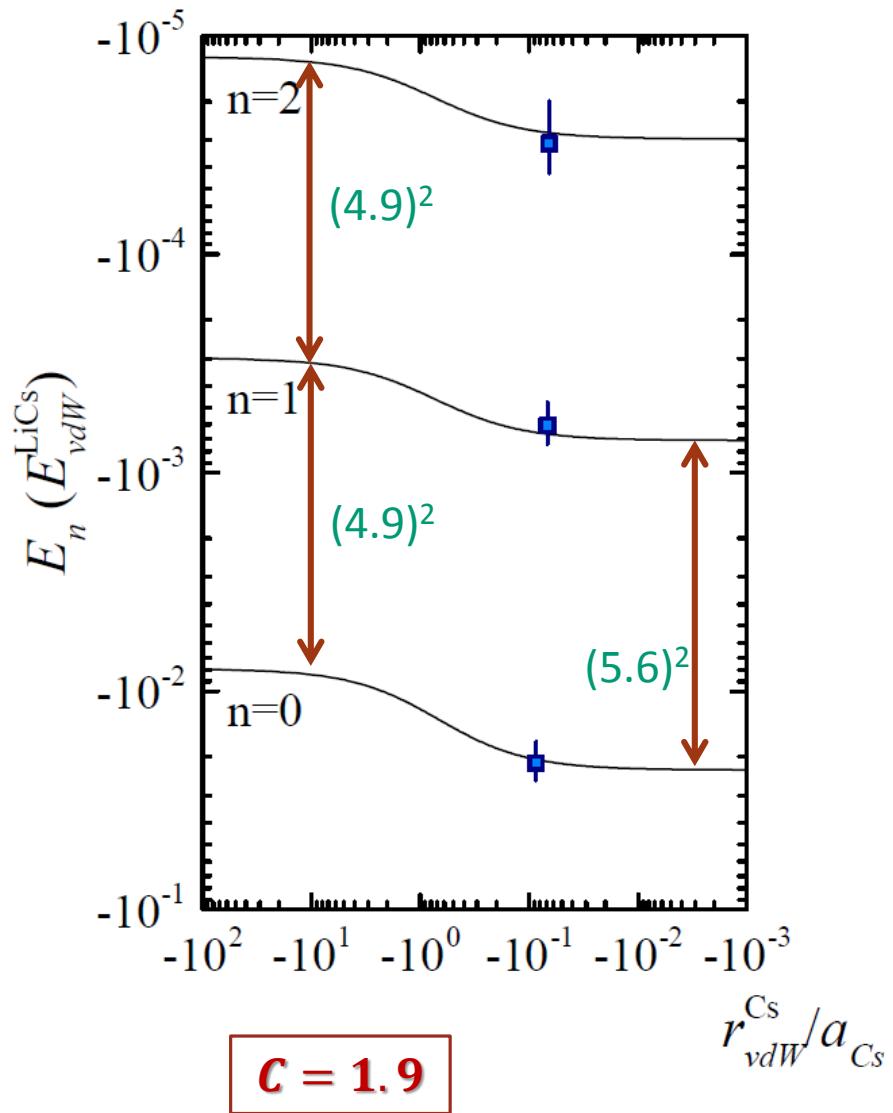
Trimer energies at the unitarity are universally related to the recombination

$$E_T = \frac{\hbar^2 k_*^2}{m}$$

$$a_- = C k_* \\ C = 1.56$$

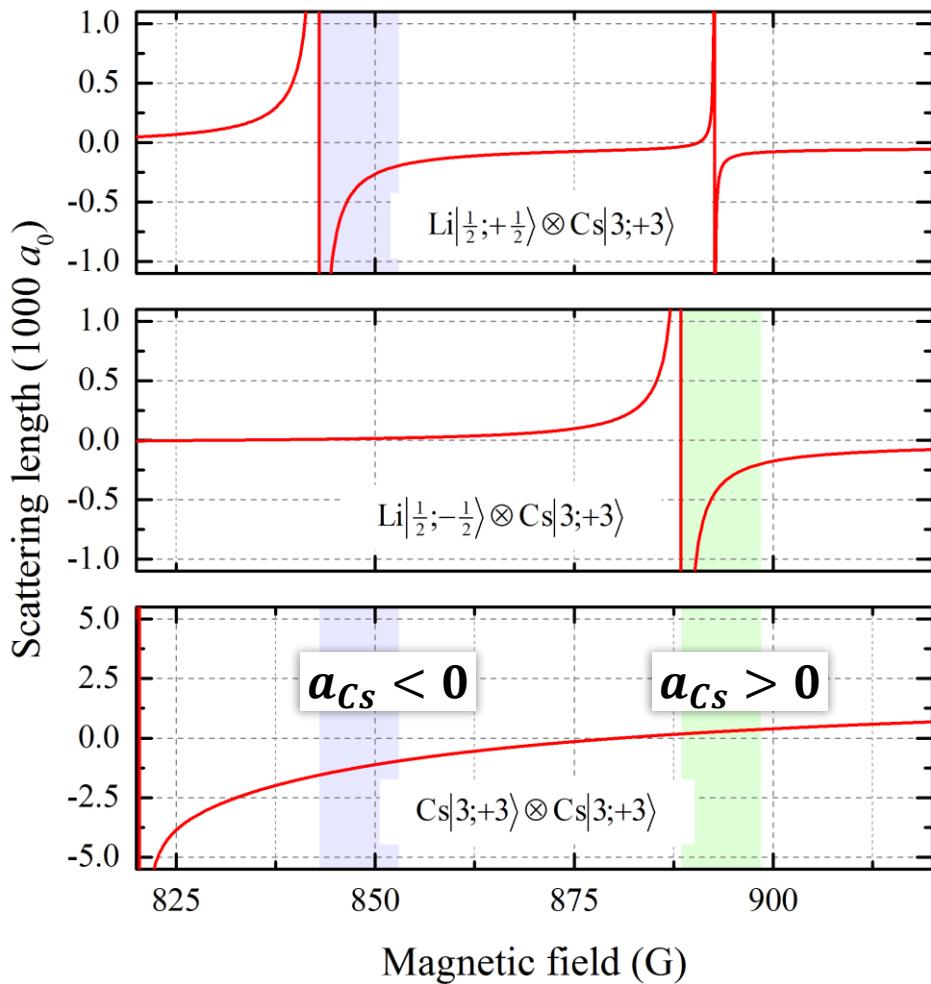
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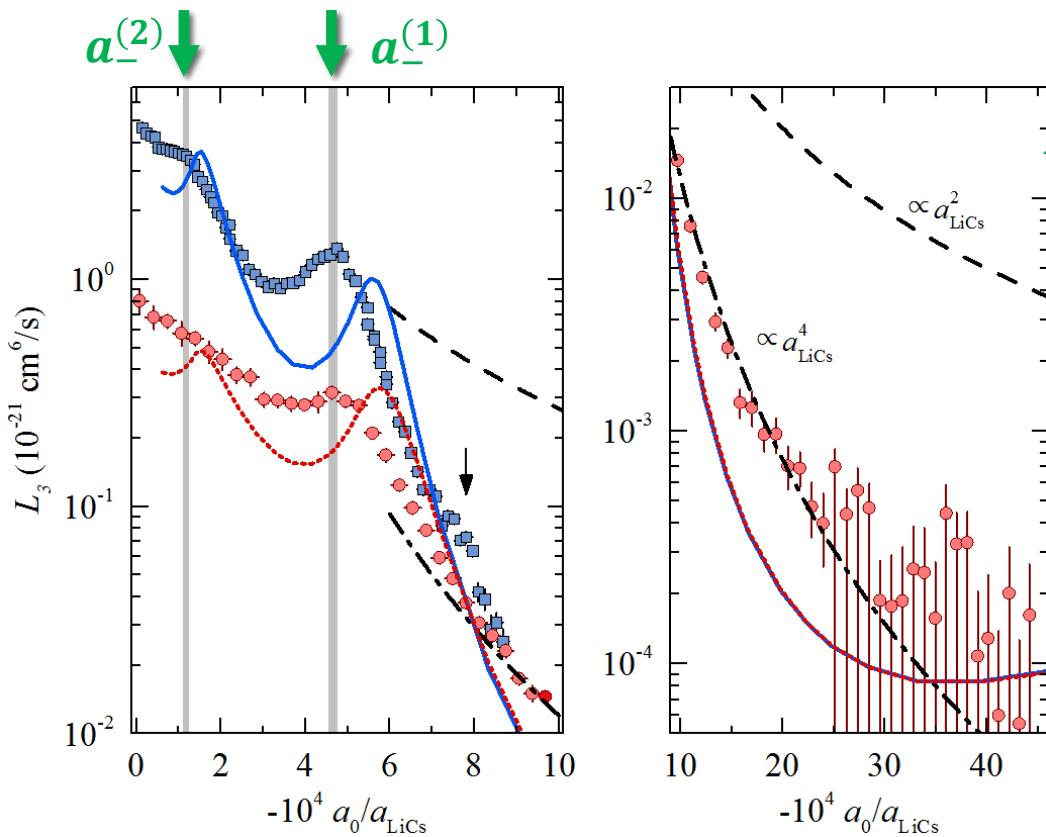
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Three-body recombination: $\bar{a} > 0$



Ground state
resonance missing!

vdW scaling factor:

$$\lambda_2 = 4.3^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$$

Power law for $|a_{\text{LiCs}}| \gg a_{\text{Cs}}$

$$L_3 \propto a_{\text{LiCs}}^4$$

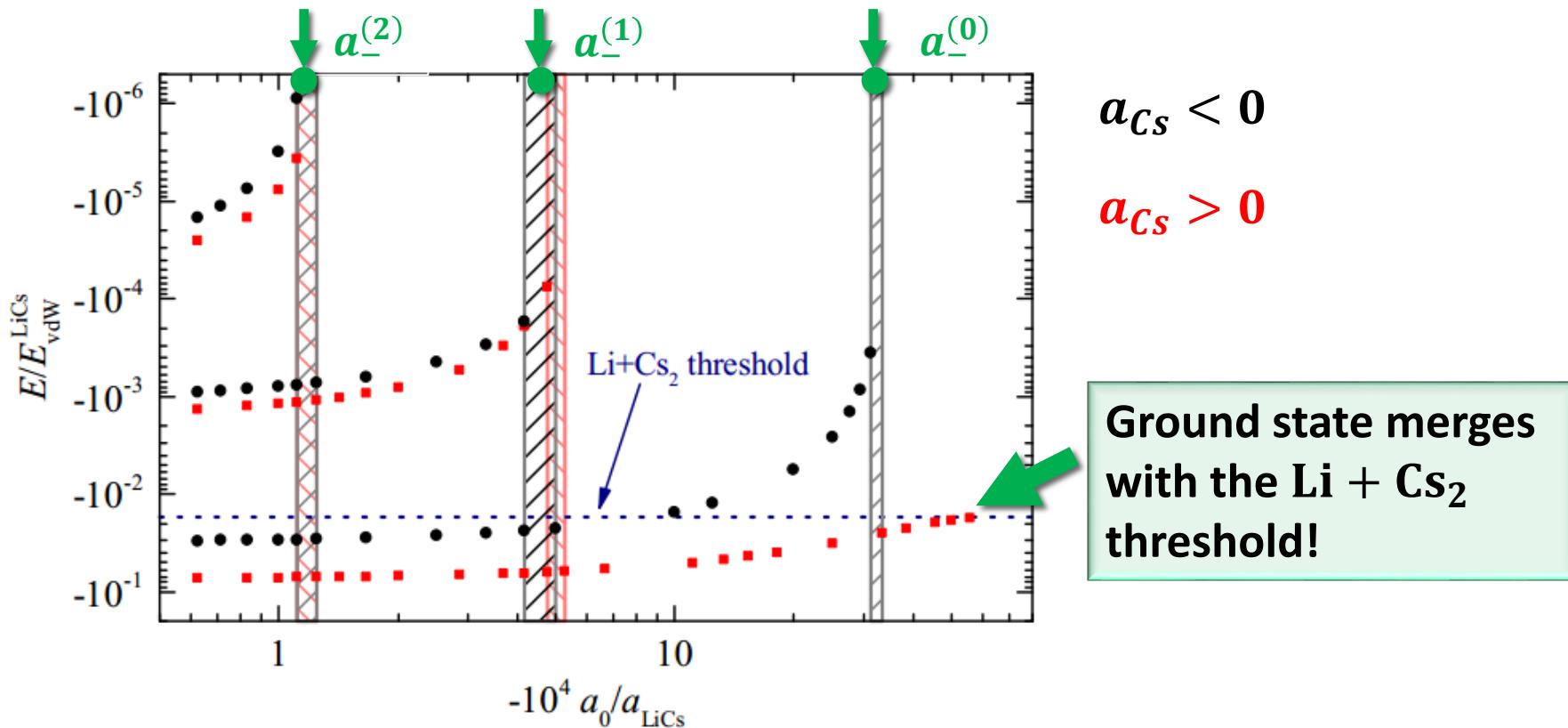
Here: $a_{\text{Cs}} \approx 200 a_0$

preliminary

Efimov spectrum for Li-Cs-Cs

Three-body energy spectrum for attractive Li-Cs interactions ($a_{LiCs} < 0$)

Universal van der Waals model: Y. Wang et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 109 243201 (2012)

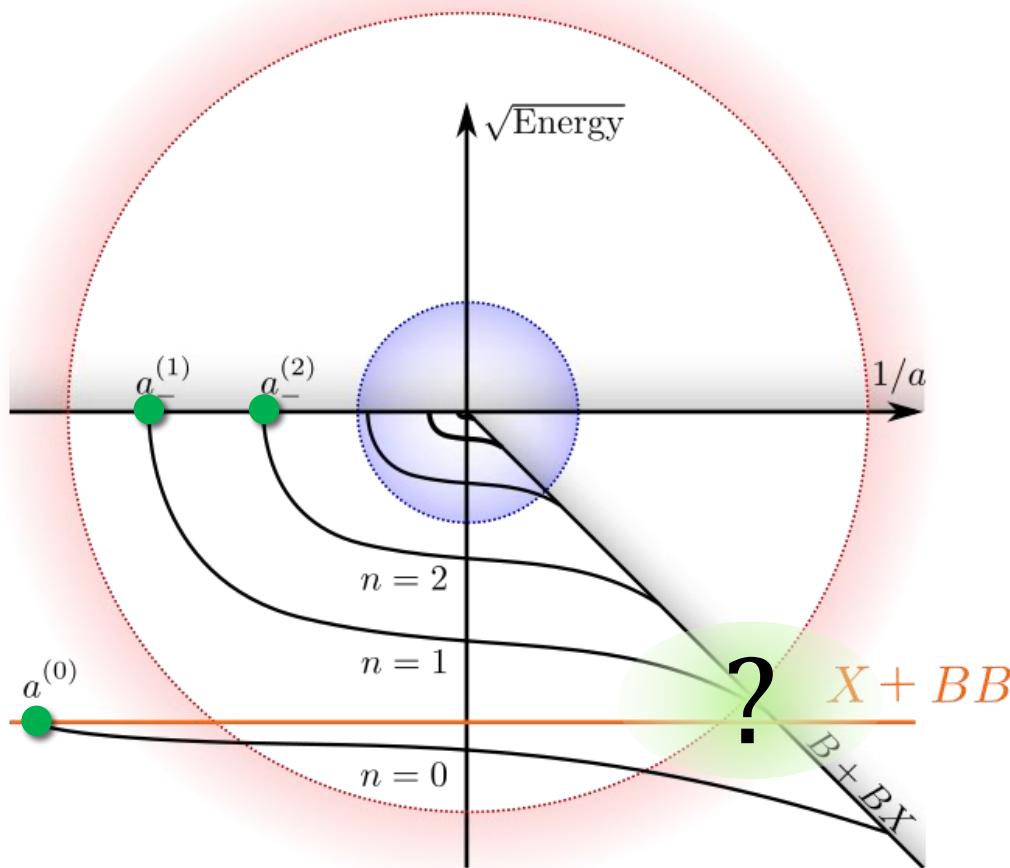


Calculations with the hyperspherical formalism by Chris Greene and Yujun Wang

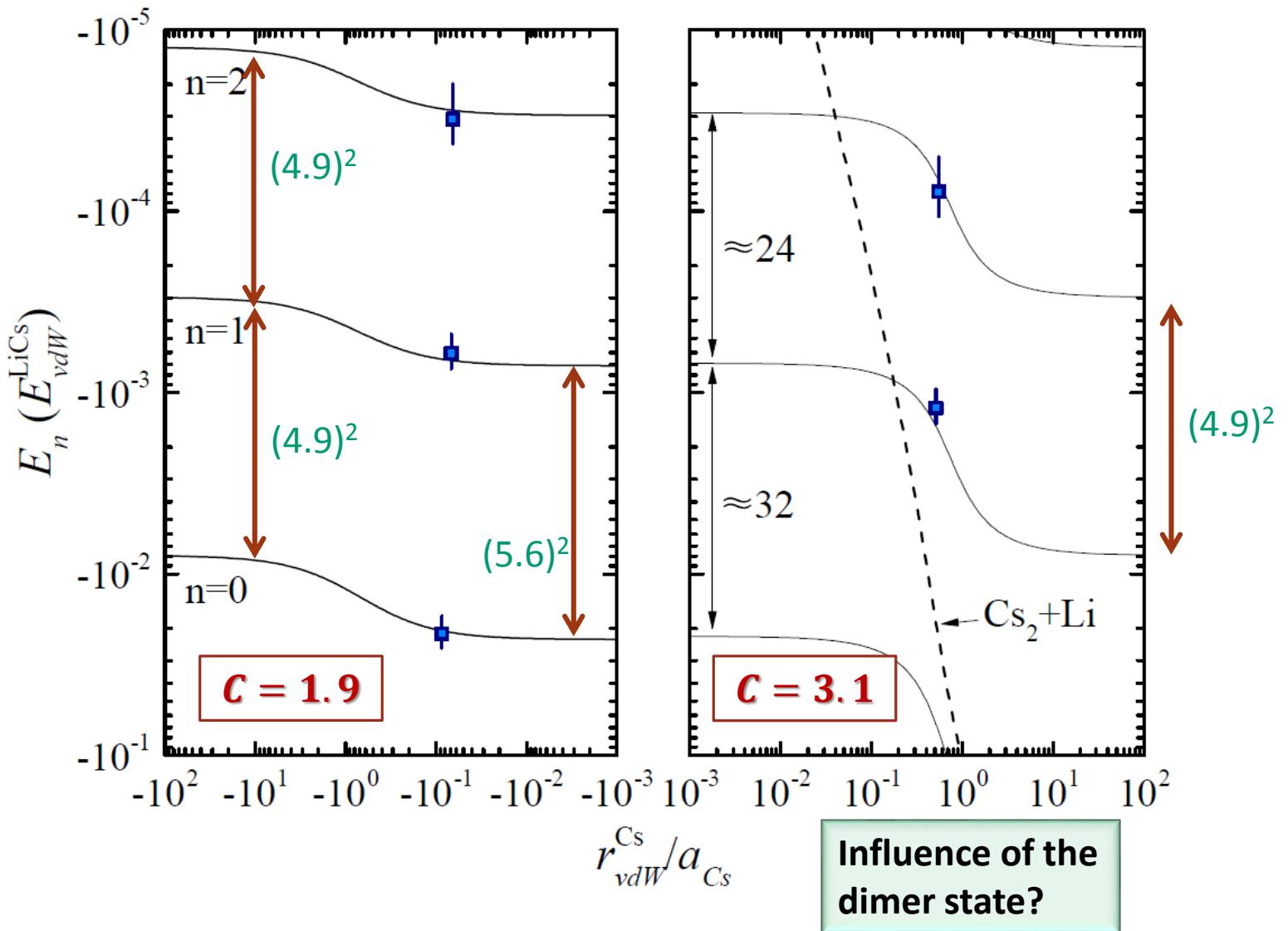
Dissappearance of the resonance

$$a \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

$$\bar{a} \approx 200 a_0$$



Simplistic Born-Oppenheimer picture



Summary

- Heteronuclear Efimov physics with large mass imbalance
- Observation of a series of 3 consecutive heteronuclear Efimov resonances in three-body losses for negative Cs scattering length
- Observation of two Efimov resonances and missing lowest resonance for positive Cs scattering length
- Role of short-range interactions (universal and nonuniversal regimes)
- Influence of the heavy-heavy scattering length

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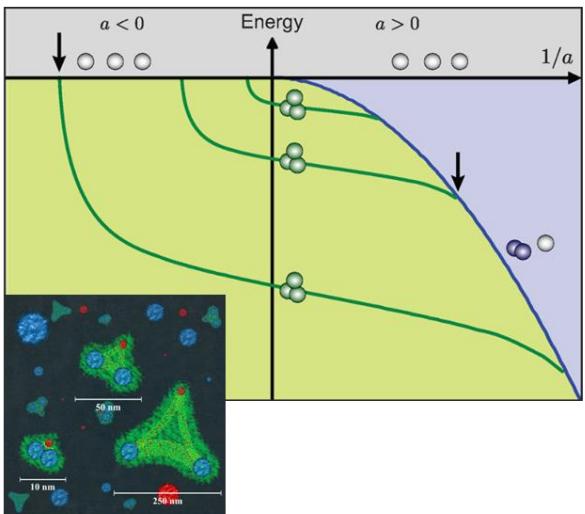
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Ulmanis *et al.*, National Science Reviews, in press

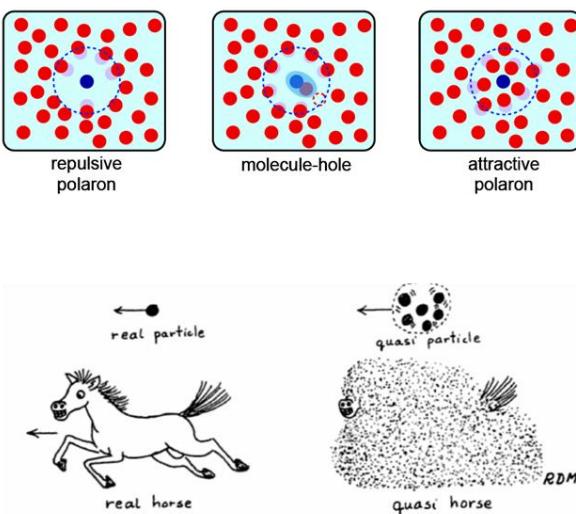
Ulmanis *et al.*, to be published

Outlook

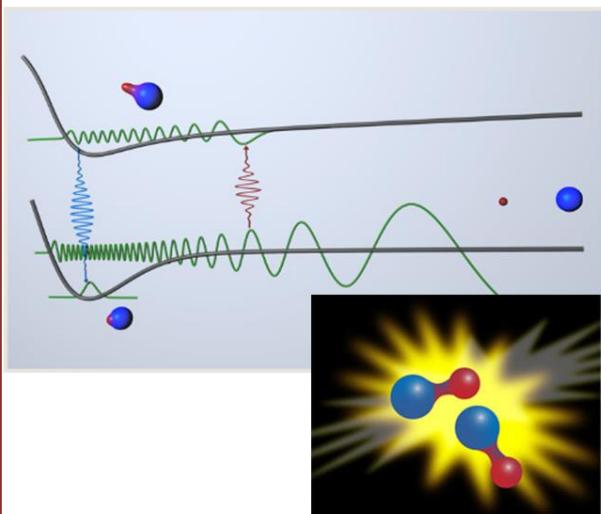
Few-to many bound states: Efimov effect, N-body states ...



Impurity in a bath:
Polarons, simulation of solid-state systems ...



Polar ground state molecules:
Dipolar interactions, ultracold chemistry ...



Li-Cs team



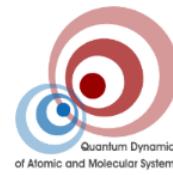
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