Electric Properties of One-Neutron Halo Nuclei in Halo EFT

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- ► exploit separation of scales in weakly-bound nuclei ⇒ R_{core} ≪ R_{halo}
- ► compute observables in a Halo EFT in powers of R_{core}/R_{halo} ≈ 0.4
- relevant degrees of freedom: core and halo neutron





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$$- g_{0} \left[c^{\dagger} n^{\dagger} \sigma + \sigma^{\dagger} nc \right] - g_{2} \left[d^{\dagger} n \stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{\nabla}^{2} c + c^{\dagger} \stackrel{\leftrightarrow}{\nabla}^{2} n^{\dagger} d \right]$$

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- match scattering amplitude to the effective-range expansion (ERE)

$$t_2(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{p}; E) = \frac{15\pi}{m_R} \frac{\left(\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{p}'\right)^2 - \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{p}^2\mathbf{p}'^2}{1/a_2 - \frac{1}{2}r_2k^2 + \frac{1}{4}\mathcal{P}_2k^4 + ik^4}$$



$$D_d(p) = Z_d \frac{1}{p_0 - \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2M_{nc}} + B_2} + R_d(p)$$

Power-Counting Scheme for Shallow Bound States



- power-counting scheme for arbitrary I-th partial wave shallow bound states
- (I + 1) ERE parameters needed at LO for matching due to higher divergences
- minimal number of fine tunings \rightarrow I fine tunings for $l \ge 1$
- ► every additional fine tuning less likely in nature → proof that shallow bound states for higher partial waves less likely to occur in nature

$$\begin{split} \gamma_{l} &\sim 1/R_{halo} & a_{l} \sim \begin{cases} R_{halo}, & l = 0 \\ R_{halo}^{2l} & R_{core}, & l > 0 \end{cases} \\ r_{l} &\sim \begin{cases} R_{loore}^{1-2l}, & l = 0 \\ 1/\left(R_{halo}^{2l-2} & R_{core}\right), & l > 0 \end{cases} & \mathcal{P}_{l} \sim \begin{cases} R_{loore}^{3-2l}, & l \leq 1 \\ 1/\left(R_{halo}^{2l-4} & R_{core}\right), & l > 1 \end{cases} \end{split}$$

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- compute electric form factors in the Breit frame q = (0, q)
- ▶ for *d*-wave obtain G_E(|**q**|), G_Q(|**q**|) & G_H(|**q**|) form factors



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• obtain correlations between different electric observables: $\langle r_Q^2 \rangle^{(d)} \sim \mu_H^{(d)}$

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$$\mathsf{B}(\mathsf{E2}) = \frac{6}{\pi} \left(\frac{\bar{\Gamma}_{E}}{\omega}\right)^{2} = \frac{6}{15\pi} Z_{eff}^{2} e^{2} \frac{\gamma_{0}}{-r_{2} - \mathcal{P}_{2}\gamma_{2}^{2} + 5\gamma_{2}^{3}} \left[\frac{3\gamma_{0}^{2} + 9\gamma_{0}\gamma_{2} + 8\gamma_{2}^{2}}{(\gamma_{0} + \gamma_{2})^{3}}\right]^{2}$$

- ► experimental result for B(E2) = 0.967(22) e^2 fm⁴ → extract 1/ $(r_2 + P_2\gamma_2^2 - 5\gamma_2^3)$
- numerical predictions for $\langle r_Q^2 \rangle^{(d)} = -0.578 \text{ fm}^4$ and $\mu_H^{(d)} = 0.030 \text{ fm}^4$

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Outlook

- compute magnetic observables
- compare results with ab initio calculations





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