# Photo Reactions in Few-Body Systems - From Nuclei to Cold-Atoms

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#### The Wave Functions

- We solve the A-body non-realtivistic Schroedinger equation.
- The Hamiltonian

$$H = T + \sum_{ij} V_{ij}^{(2)} + \sum_{ijk} V_{ijk}^{(3)} + \dots$$

High precision two-nucleon potentials, well constraint by NN phases hifts Less established  $3\mathrm{NF}$ 

• EFT provides a solid theoretical framework for construction of the potentials.

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• Phenomenological potential models are not that bad either.

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- Classically, the convection current  $J_c = \sum_i Z_i v_i$  is the flow of the charged particles.
- In nuclei  $J_c(x)$  is mainly due to proton movement.
- Meson exchange between nucleons leads to 2, 3, . . .-body currents  $J = J_1 + J_2 + \ldots$
- Cold atoms are neutral  $J_c(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  and the current  $\mu(\mathbf{x})$  is dominated by the electronic spins.

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- AV18+UBIX Argonne V18 NN force + Urbana IX NNN force
- JISP16 J-matrix Inverse Scattering Potential, Shirokov *et* al.

#### **Binding Energies**

	AV18+UBIX	JISP16	Nature
D	2.24	2.24	2.24
$^{3}H$	8.48	8.35	8.48
$^{3}\mathrm{He}$	7.74	7.65	7.72
$^{4}\mathrm{He}$	28.5	28.3	28.3

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The s-wave and d-wave components in the response function

- upper panel  $a/r_{eff} = 2$
- lower pannel  $a/r_{eff} = 200$
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#### Comparison to the Khaykovich group data

• The fitted values of  $a_s$  and T are in reasonable agreement with the estimates of the experimental group.

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- Effect of RF field on dimers not included.
- Finite time effect
- Disagreement are due to 3-body (4-body?) association.
- Effects of  $\delta_2 \neq 0$  are negligible.

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# **Naive Scaling**

• Using simple dimensional arguments we expect that

$$r\sim 1/\sqrt{E}$$

• The Quadrupole operator behaves as  $r^2$  so

$$R(\omega) \sim r^4/E \sim 1/E^3$$

• It follows that the sum rules should fulfill

$$S_n \sim 1/E^{2-n}$$

• or

$$S_0 \sim 1/E^2$$
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$$S_0/S_{-1} \sim E$$

# Calculated Sum Rules



- Squares Gauss Potential
- Triangles Yukawa Potential

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Fitted lines

$$S_{-1} = A_{-1}E^{-2.13}$$
$$S_0 = A_0E^{-1.34}$$
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# Naive scaling doesn't work !!!

- A For  $S_1$  we got a power of 0.55 instead of 1.
- B For  $S_0$  we got a power of 1.33 instead of 2.
- C For  $S_{-1}$  we got a power of 2.13 instead of 3.
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- E The results seems to be independent of the short range specifications of the potential.



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