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Efimov trimers in Lithium 6 PASCAL NAIDON, JST, MASAHITO UEDA, The University of Tokyo — Three atoms can form unusual three-body bound states called Efimov trimers due to a universal attraction arising whenever the scattering lengths between the atoms are much larger than the range of their interactions. Various indirect signatures and first-time direct spectroscopy of such Efimov trimers have been demonstrated in recent experiments [1] using lithium 6 in three different spin states, where the scattering lengths are enhanced by magnetic Feshbach resonances. We found that all these measurements are indeed consistent with the universal Efimov effect, but non-universal deviations at negative energy remain to be understood and have been quantified by a variation of a short-range 3-body parameter [2].

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