

# Mesoscopic few-body problem with short-range interactions

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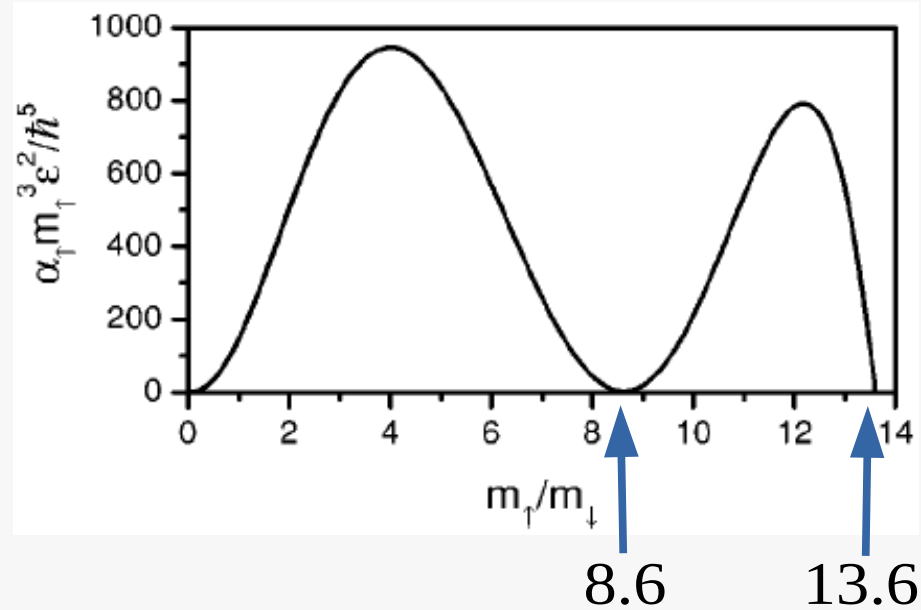
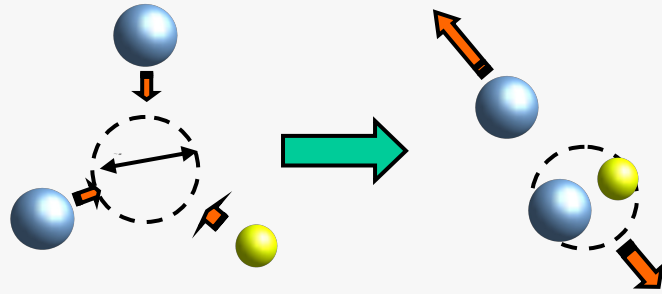
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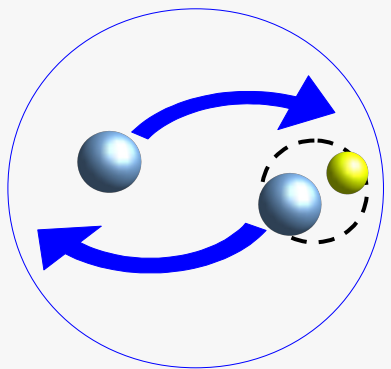
**Mass-imbalanced fermionic mixtures:  
4+1-body Efimov effect and  
universal pentamer**

# Heavy-heavy-light problem, magic mass ratios

3-body recombination to a weakly bound level DSP'03

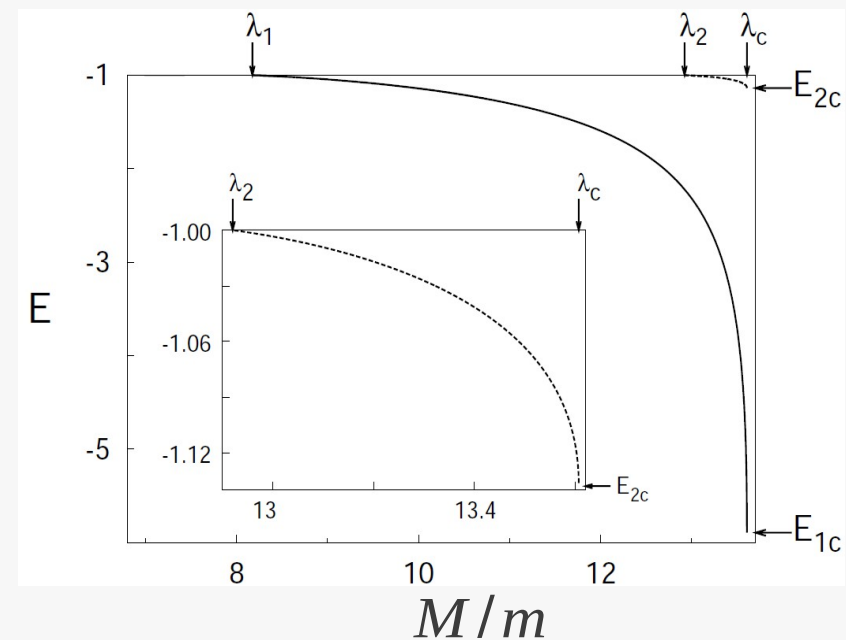


Emergence of a non-Efimovian trimer state for  $M/m > 8.2$  Kartavtsev&Malykh'06

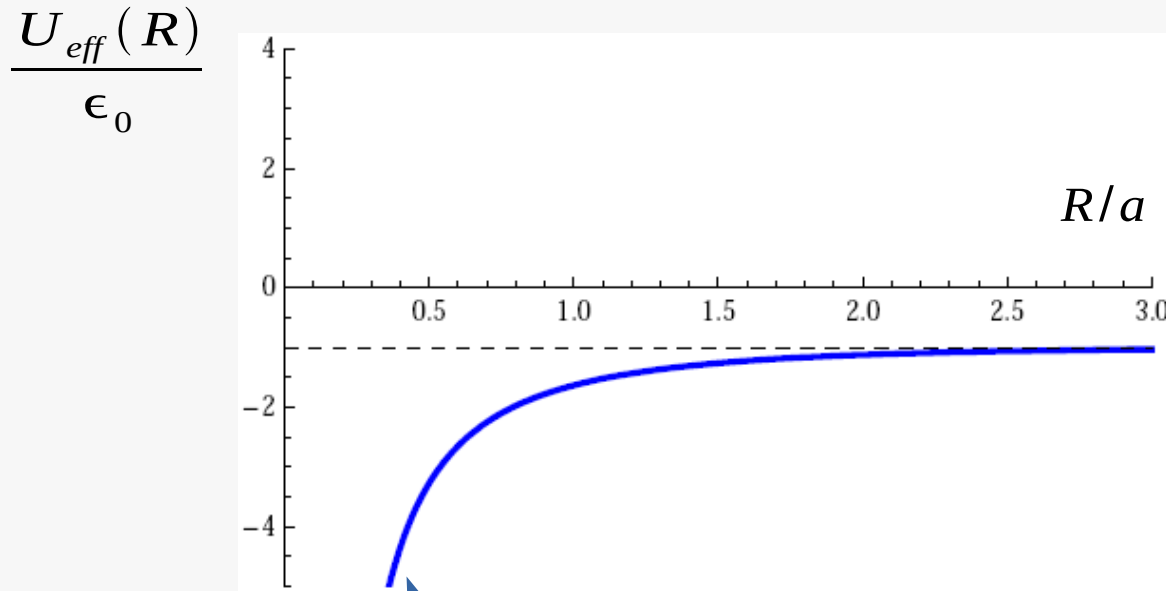
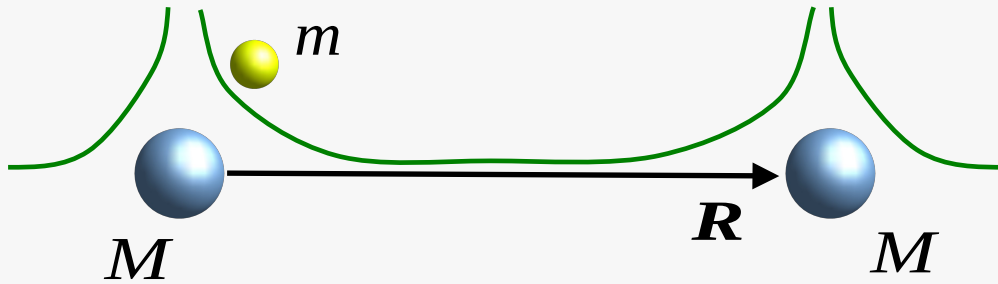


$M/m < 8.2$   $p$ -wave atom-dimer scattering resonance

$M/m > 8.2$  trimer state with  $l=1$



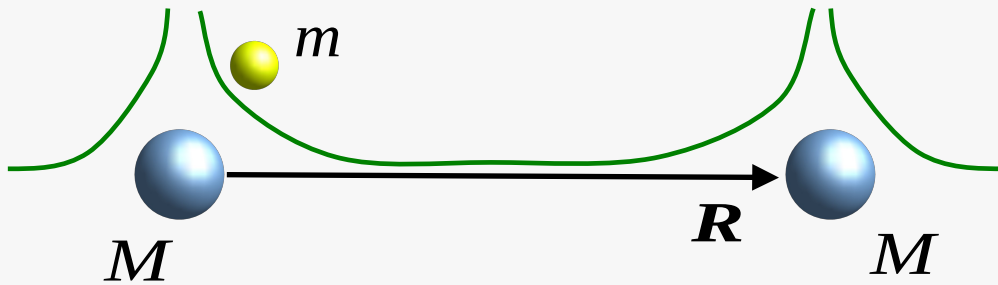
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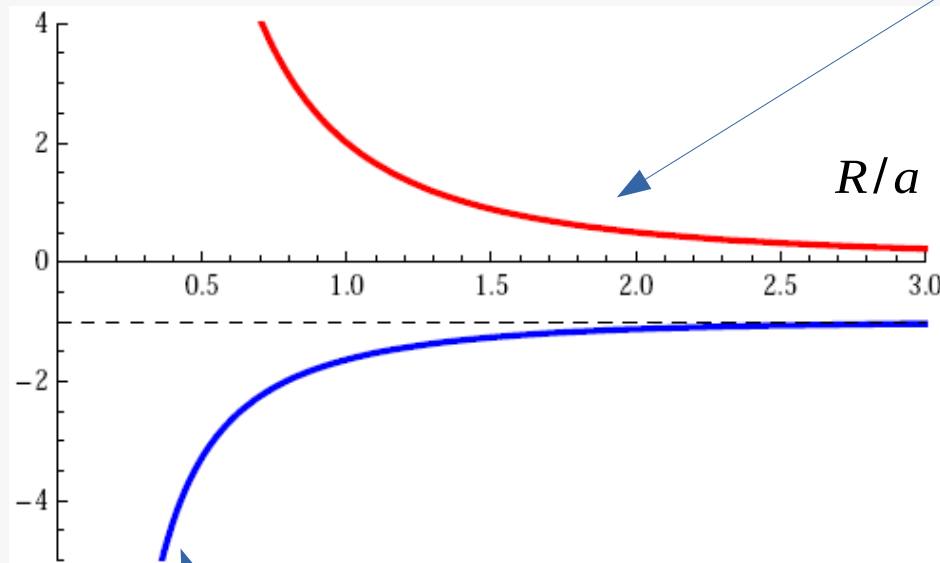
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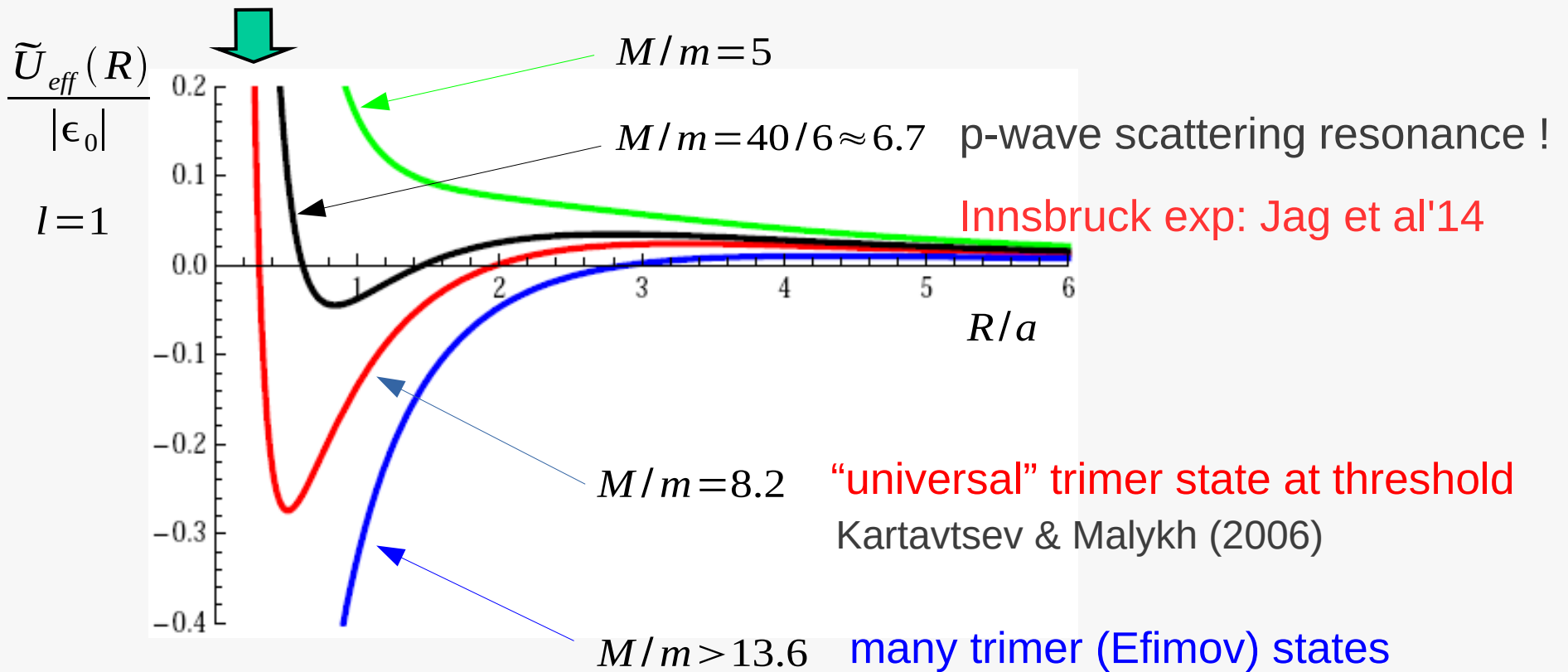
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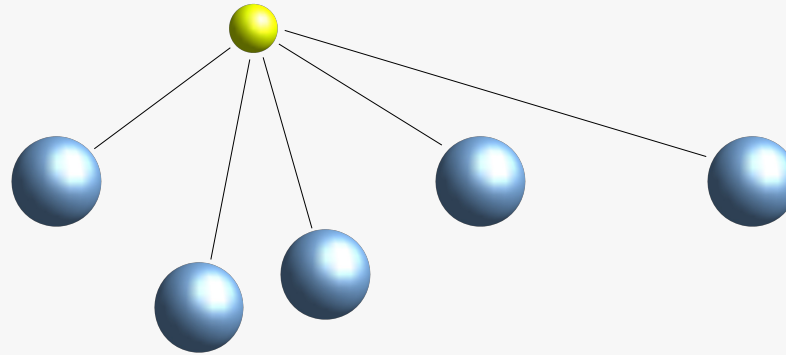
$$\frac{\hbar^2}{MR^2} \left( l(l+1) - 0.16 \frac{M}{m} \right)$$





$$\tilde{U}_{eff}(R) = U_{eff}(R) + |\epsilon_0| + \frac{\hbar^2 l(l+1)}{MR^2}$$



# (N+1)-body problem

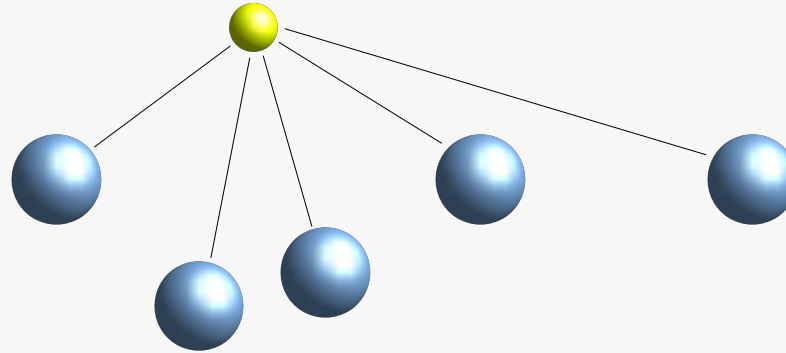
How many heavy fermions can be bound by a single light atom?







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4+1 pentamer 	$?^?$	?	?
:	?	?	?
N+1-mer 	?	?	?

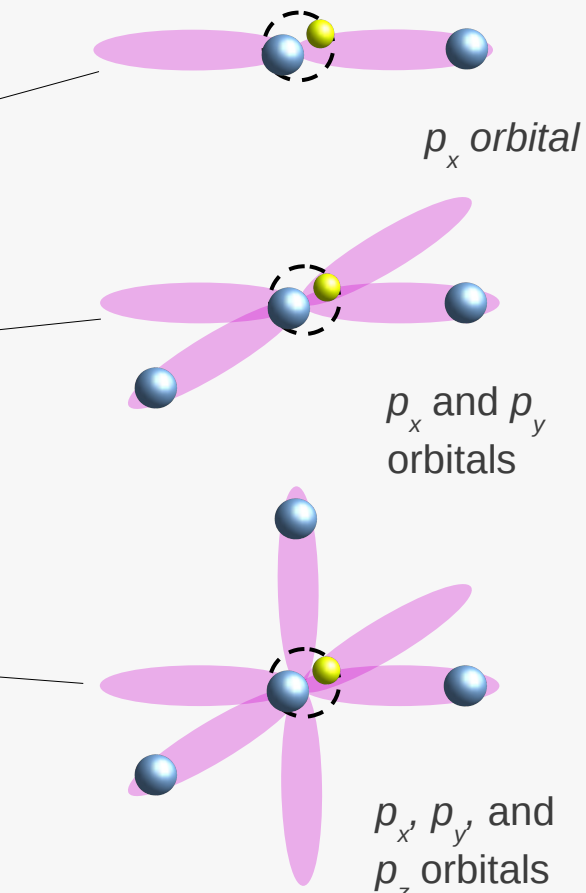
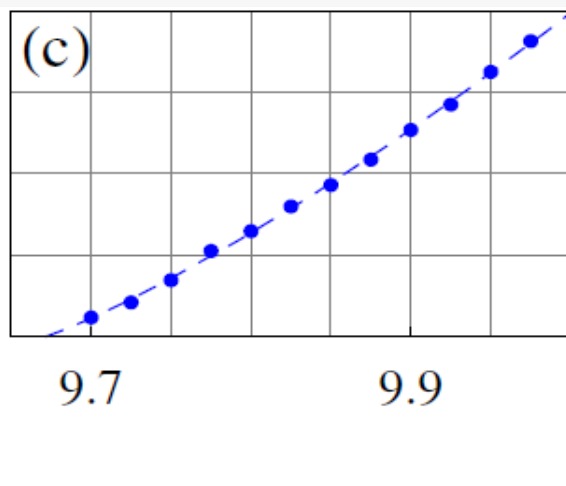
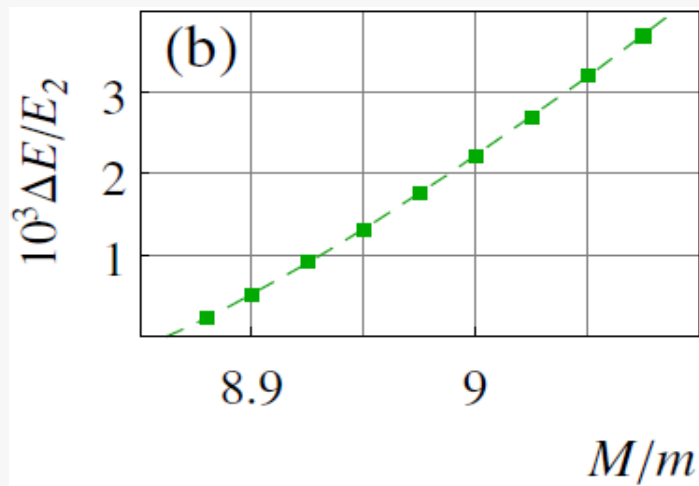
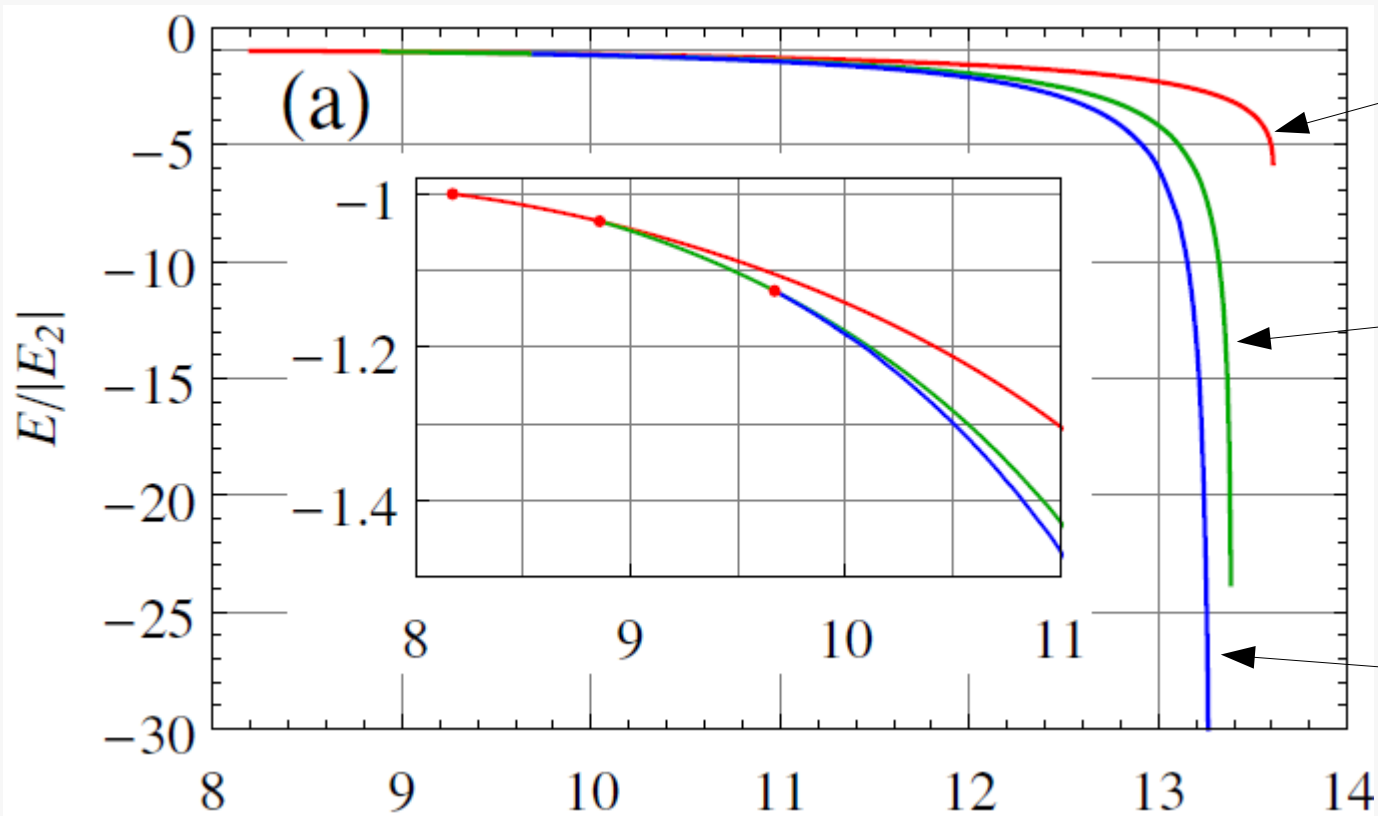
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:	?	?	?
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pentamer = closed  $p$ -shell



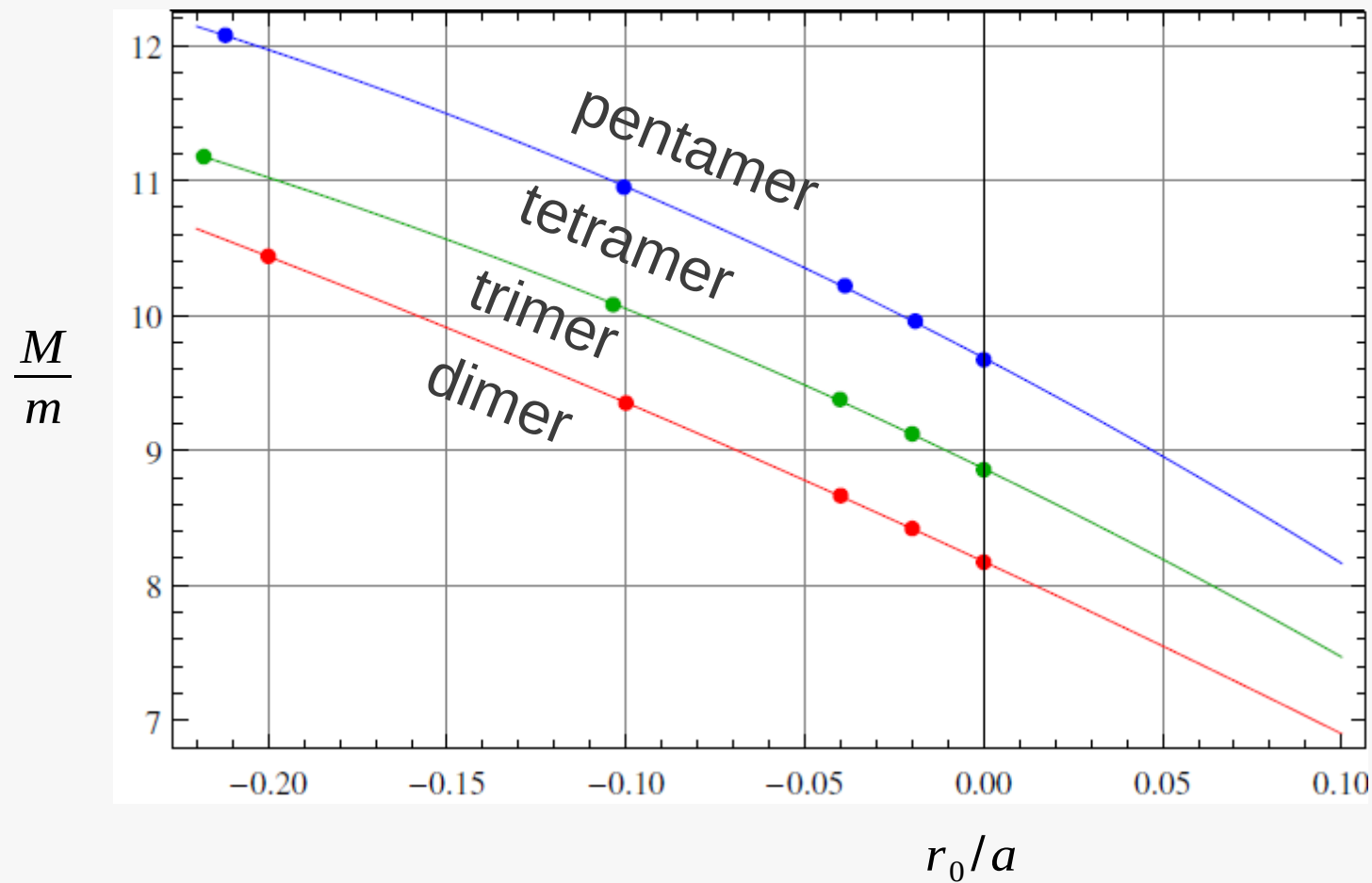
CONJECTURE:

No hexamer!

(requires justification)

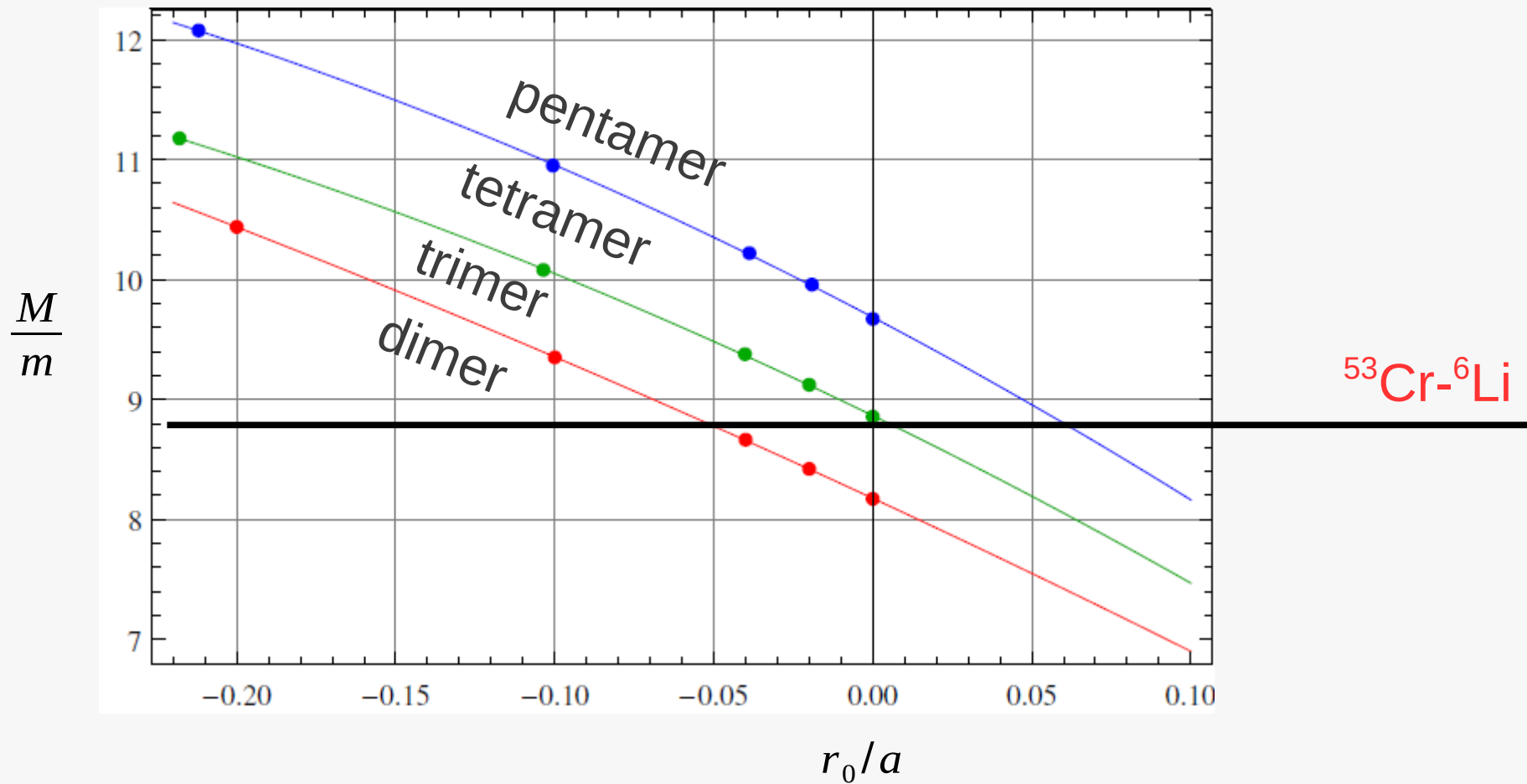
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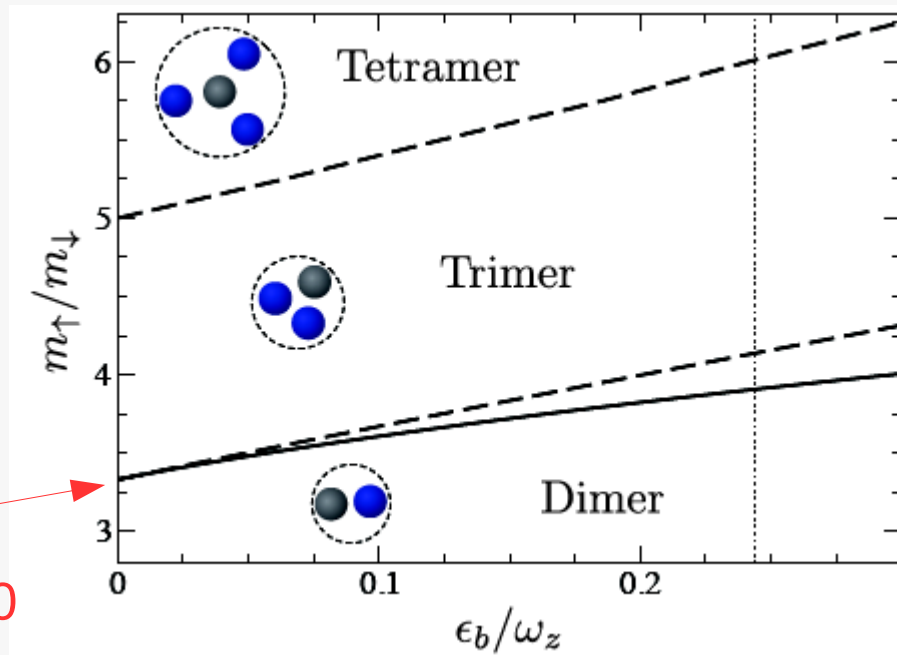
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# Quasi-2D case

Levinsen&Parish'13



Pricoupenko&Pedri'10

In 2D:

- smaller mass ratio is needed
- tetramer = closed  $p$ -shell

# Physics at $a=\infty$ (& zero range)

Small-hyperradius behavior of the  $(N+1)$ -body wave function:

$$\left[ -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} - \frac{3N-1}{R^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial R} + \frac{s^2 - (3N/2 - 1)^2}{R^2} \right] \Psi(R) = 0$$



$$\Psi(R) \propto R^{-3N/2+1 \pm s}$$

$$s^2 > 0 \quad (s > 0)$$



$$\Psi(R) \propto R^{-3N/2+1+s}$$



“Universal” regime in the sense that one needs no three-body parameter

Non-Efimovian regime

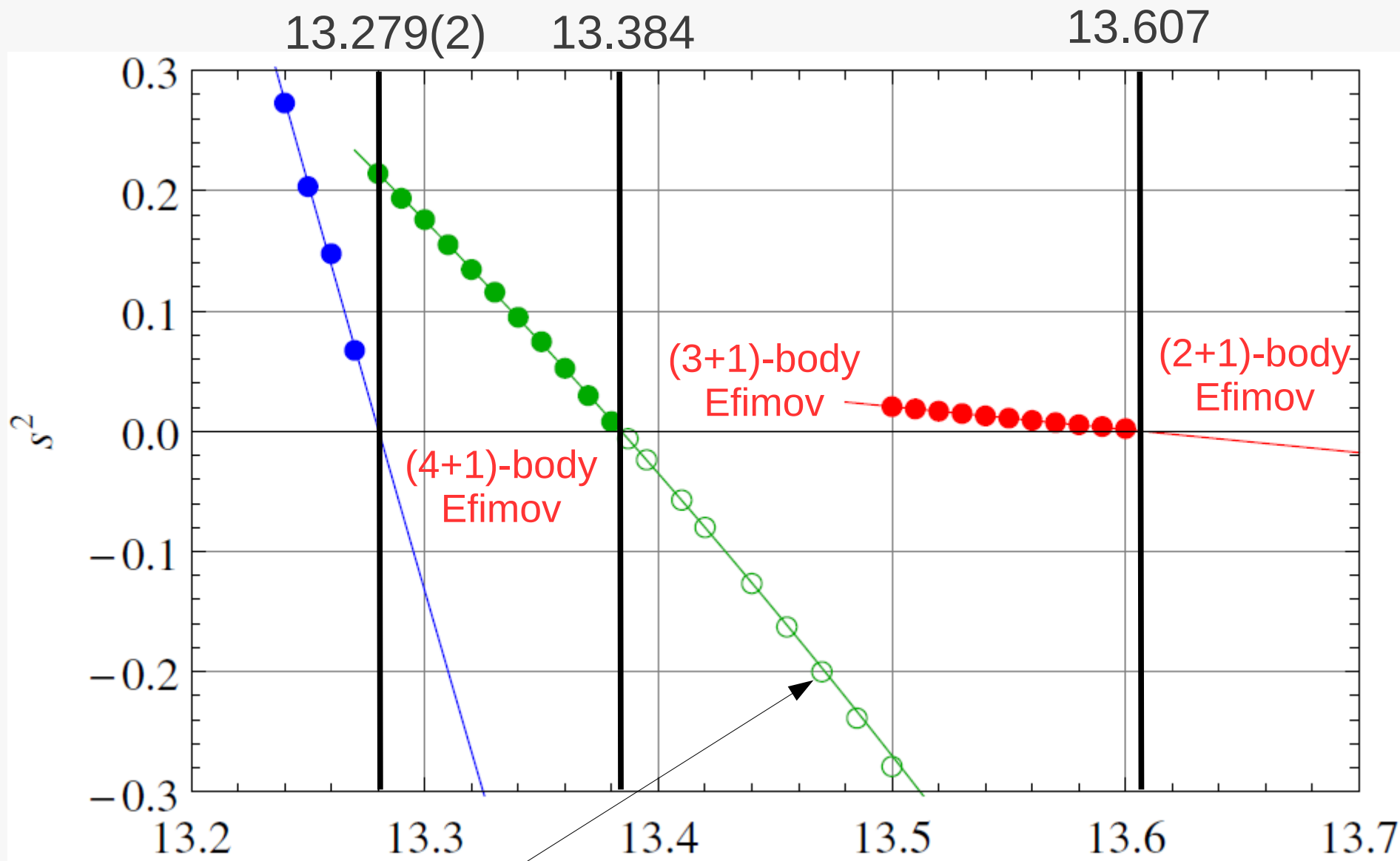
$$s^2 < 0 \quad (s = is_0)$$



$$\Psi(R) \propto R^{-3N/2+1} \sin(s_0 \ln R/R_0)$$



“Fall of a particle to the center in  $R^{-2}$  potential”. Infinite number of zeros of the wave function. Infinite number of trimer states. Efimov effect



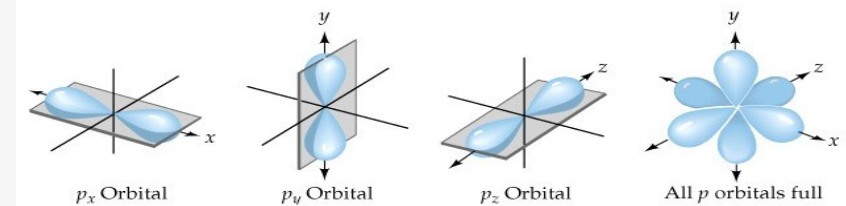
○ Castin, Mora, Pricoupenko'10

$M/m$

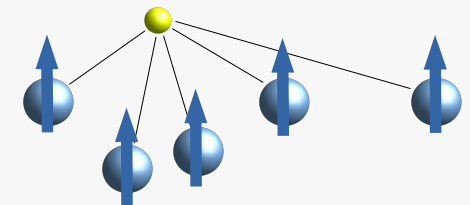
# Summary

- One light atom seems to provide an almost equal binding strength to all three additional heavy fermions?!

- pentamer = closed p-shell
  - no-go theorem for hexamer and six-body Efimov effect?



- Cr-Li ( $M/m=8.80$ ) promising mixture
  - many-body physics with  $(N+1)$ -mers  
**Endo, Garcia-Garcia&Naidon'16**
  - few-body: include Cr-Cr dipole interaction?



# **Two-dimensional bosons with zero-range interactions**



# 2D bosons

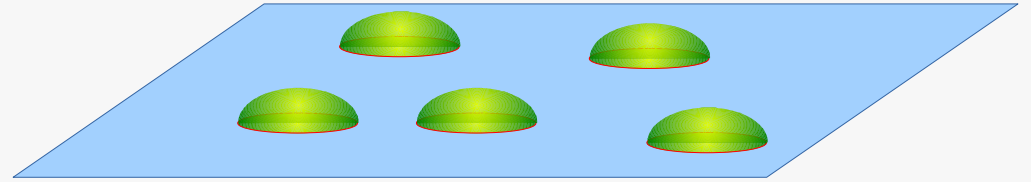
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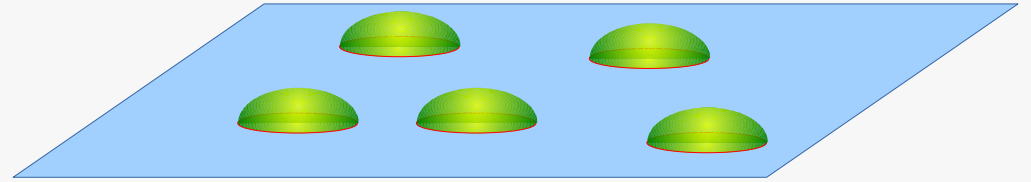
$N/R^2$   $g N^2/R^2$



Assumption  $g = 2\pi / \ln(\Lambda R)$   
+ minimization wrt shape of  $f(\rho)$



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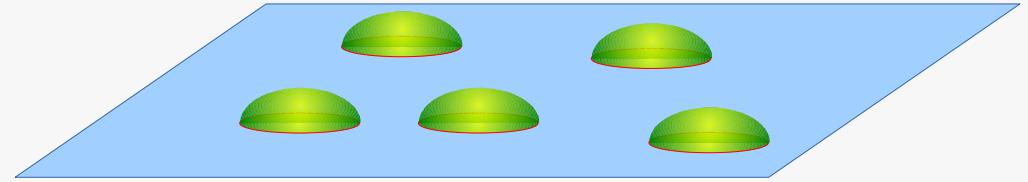
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$$B_4 = 197.3(1) B_2$$

Platter, Hammer&Meissner'04;  
Brodsky et al'06

$N \leq 7$  finite-range calculations  
Blume'05 (inconclusive)

$N \leq 10$  lattice EFT

Lee'06  $B_N / B_{N-1} \rightarrow 8.3(6)$

Few-to-many body crossover question remains open !

$$B_N = B_2 e^{\ln(8.567)N + c_1 + c_2/N + \dots}$$

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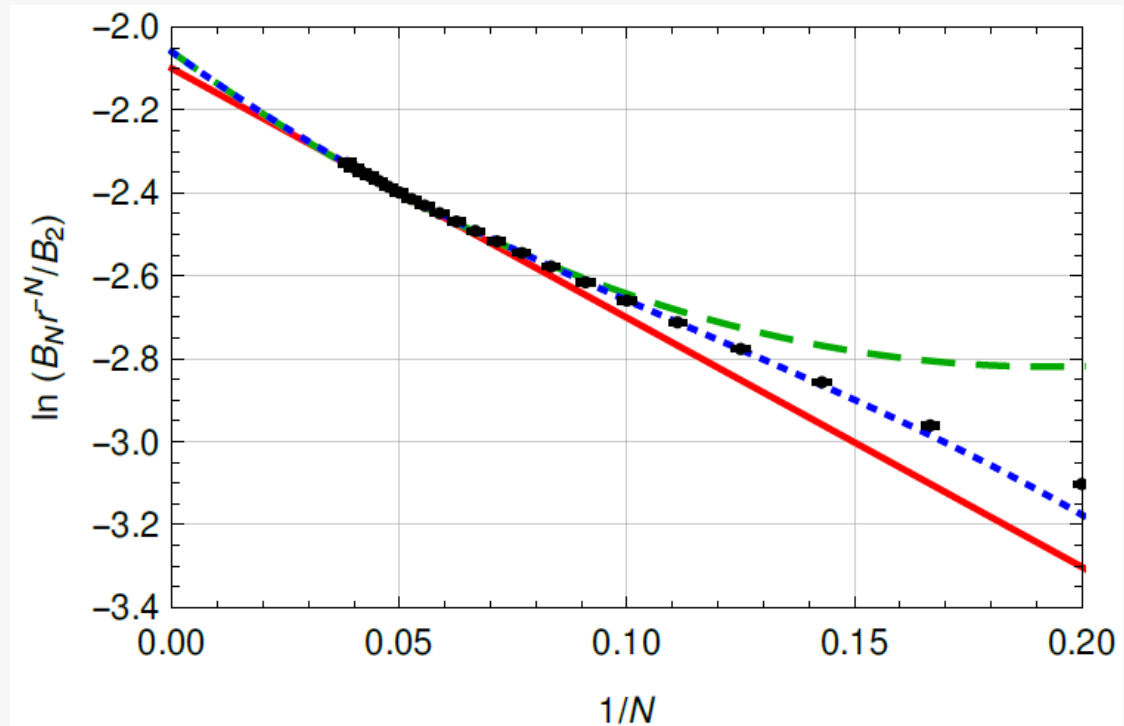
# Our results

$N$	$B_N/B_2$	$N$	$B_N/B_2$
3	$1.65225(2) \times 10^1$	15	$8.135(2) \times 10^{12}$
4	$1.9720(1) \times 10^2$	16	$7.129(4) \times 10^{13}$
5	$2.0745(1) \times 10^3$	17	$6.232(2) \times 10^{14}$
6	$2.0471(1) \times 10^4$	18	$5.438(3) \times 10^{15}$
7	$1.9462(1) \times 10^5$	19	$4.734(2) \times 10^{16}$
8	$1.8070(1) \times 10^6$	20	$4.119(2) \times 10^{17}$
9	$1.6508(4) \times 10^7$	21	$3.577(2) \times 10^{18}$
10	$1.4905(2) \times 10^8$	22	$3.108(4) \times 10^{19}$
11	$1.3345(2) \times 10^9$	23	$2.694(5) \times 10^{20}$
12	$1.1873(4) \times 10^{10}$	24	$2.332(4) \times 10^{21}$
13	$1.0508(3) \times 10^{11}$	25	$2.018(4) \times 10^{22}$
14	$9.2596(9) \times 10^{11}$	26	$1.748(4) \times 10^{23}$

$$B_N = B_2 e^{\ln(8.567)N + c_1 + c_2/N + \dots}$$



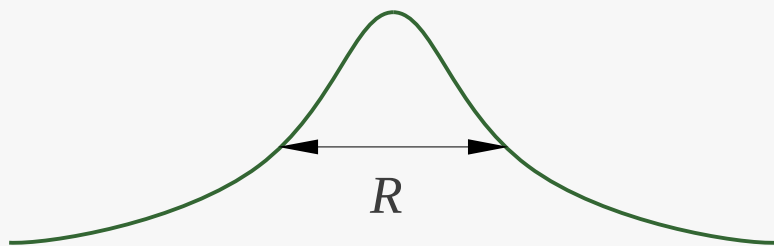
$$\ln(B_N 8.567^{-N} / B_2) = c_1 + c_2/N + \dots$$



Fits:  $\{c_1, c_2, \dots\} = \{-2.1, -6.01\}$   
 $\{-2.06, -7.88, 20.45\}$   
 $\{-2.06, -7.94, 27.2, -77\}$

# Prospects

- beyond-Hammer&Son theory = **Bogoliubov theory** in the inhomogeneous case, i.e., **beyond LDA**, since healing length  $\sim$  droplet size



$$n \sim N/R^2$$

$$g \sim 1/\ln(\Lambda R_N) \sim 1/N \ll 1$$

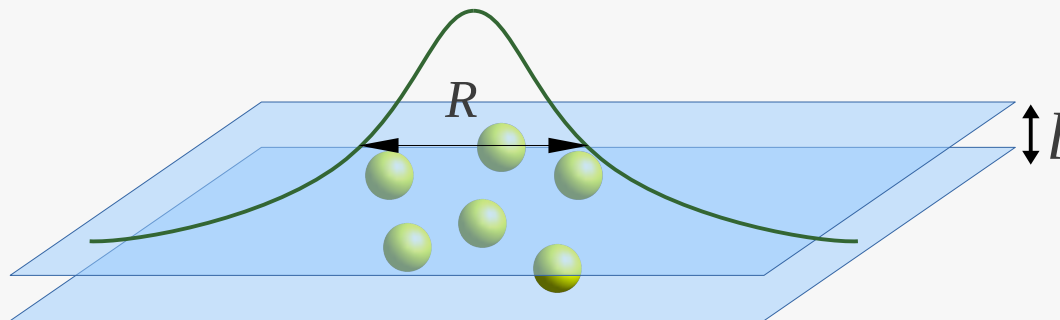
$$\xi = 1/\sqrt{gn} \sim R$$

- theory for dynamics + excitations for large  $N$ ?

excited trimer and tetramer states are known **Bruch&Tjon'79; Platter et al'04; Brodsky et al'06**

our method (so far) does not work for excited states :(

- experimental realization: droplets with  $N \sim 10$  to 100 are realistic in quasi 2D



$$l \ll R \sim l e^{\sqrt{\pi/2} l |a| - N \ln \sqrt{8.576}} < \text{trap size}$$

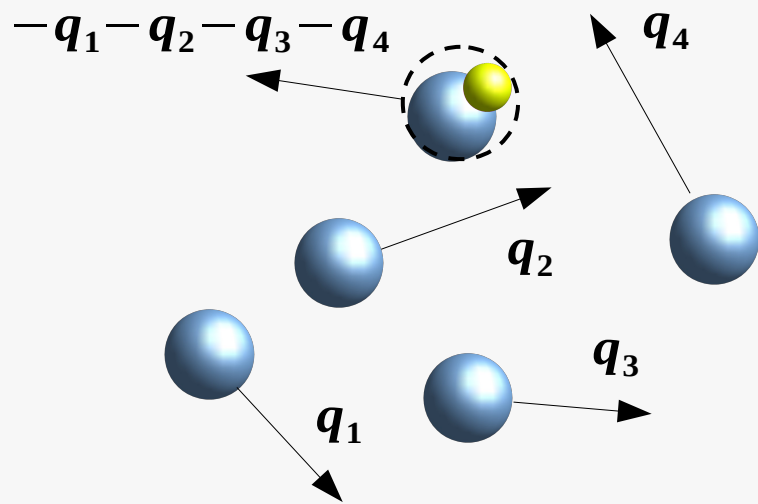
# **Method of calculations (STM-DMC)**

# STM part

(N+1)-body Skorniakov – Ter-Martirosian equation (STM) [Pricoupenko'11]:

$$\frac{1}{4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{a} + \frac{r_0 \kappa^2}{2} - \kappa \right) F(\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_{N-1}) = \int \frac{d^3 q_N}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} F(\mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_{i-1}, \mathbf{q}_N, \mathbf{q}_{i+1}, \dots, \mathbf{q}_{N-1})}{-\frac{2\mu E}{\hbar^2} + \frac{\mu}{M} \sum_{i=1}^N q_i^2 + \frac{\mu}{m} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{q}_i \right)^2}$$

where  $\kappa = \sqrt{-\frac{2\mu E}{\hbar^2} + \frac{\mu}{M} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} q_i^2 + \frac{\mu}{M+m} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \mathbf{q}_i \right)^2}$



$N=2: F(\mathbf{q}_1) = \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{z}} f(q_1)$

$N=3$  [Castin, Mora, Pricoupenko'10]:

$$F(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2) = \hat{\mathbf{z}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 \times \hat{\mathbf{q}}_2 f(q_1, q_2, \mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{q}_2)$$

$N=4:$

$$F(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_3) = \hat{\mathbf{q}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{q}}_2 \times \hat{\mathbf{q}}_3 f(q_1, q_2, q_3, \mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_1 \cdot \mathbf{q}_3, \mathbf{q}_2 \cdot \mathbf{q}_3)$$

Advantages of STM (versus Schroedinger):

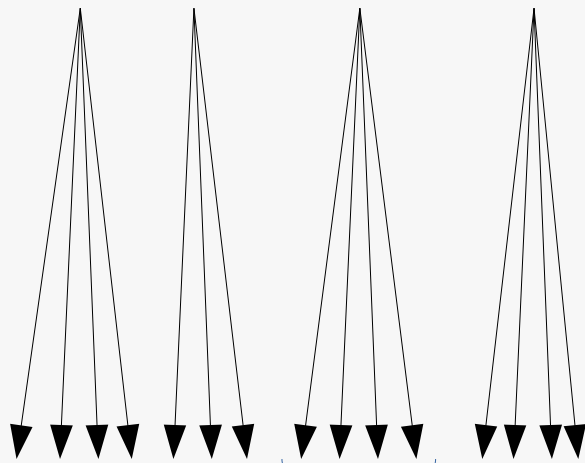
- zero-range interactions are treated naturally
- removes three coordinates
- reduces the problem to symmetric  $f$  (at least, for  $N < 5$ )

# DMC part

$f$  – symmetric  $\rightarrow$  ground state  $\rightarrow f > 0 \rightarrow$  dens. distr. function  $\rightarrow$  organize a diffusion process for which STM is the detailed balance equation

STM equation: 
$$f(\vec{Q}) = \int K(\vec{Q}, \vec{Q}') f(\vec{Q}') d^{3(N-1)} Q'$$

Iteration # j  $\{ \vec{Q}_1, \vec{Q}_2, \dots, \vec{Q}_i, \dots, \vec{Q}_{N_w} \}$



each walker is assigned weight

$$W(\vec{Q}_i) = \int K(\vec{Q}, \vec{Q}_i) d^{3(N-1)} Q$$

according to which it is branched and the new position of each child is drawn from

$$PDD(\vec{Q}_i) = K(\vec{Q}, \vec{Q}_i) / W(\vec{Q}_i)$$

Iteration # j+1

$$\sim \sum_i W(\vec{Q}_i)$$

new walkers

Detailed balance equation for this process is the STM equation!

Requirements:

- fast branching/sampling scheme (OK, the structure of STM is simple)
- $f(Q)$  should be normalizable (if not, introduce a weight function)



# Overall characteristics

- + works directly in the zero-range limit (extrapolation procedure not needed)
- + can treat large configurational spaces
- + can be generalized to mixtures, to mixed-dimensional systems, to unitary trapped case, etc.

- extrapolation in the number of walkers can become necessary for larger  $N$

solution: use large number of walkers :) possible because of relatively small thermalization time of the algorithm

- zero range cannot model repulsive interactions (for  $D > 1$ )

possible solution: remove the high-momentum pole of the corresponding scattering amplitude, extrapolate from weak attraction to weak repulsion, etc.

- **SIGN PROBLEM!** the method cannot automatically determine nodes of the wave function (they should be known in advance or assumed). Examples: 5+1-body fermions (hexamer), Efimov states, excited states, etc.

possible solution (usual stuff): fixed nodes, annihilation of walkers, semi-deterministic methods based on finite grid, etc.

± requires ad hoc approaches to accelerate sampling and branching for each particular system, the equilibrium walker distribution should be normalizable (requires a weight function and some knowledge of underlying physics)

**THANK YOU!**