

Finite-volume simulations of few-body bound states and resonances

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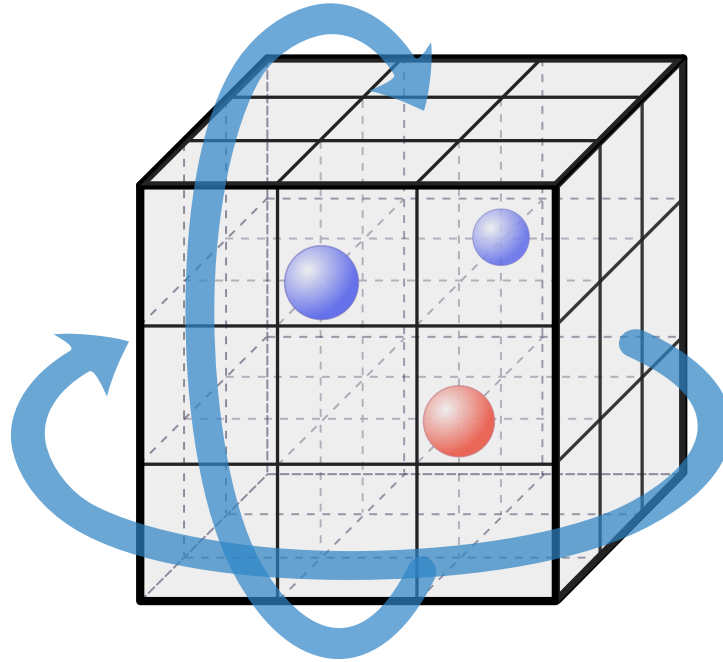
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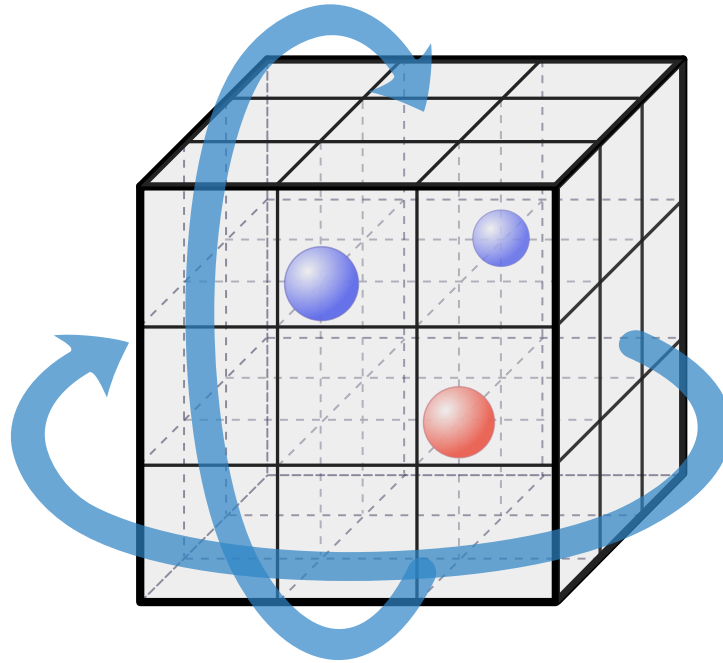
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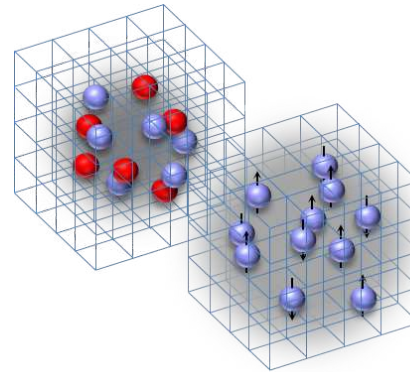
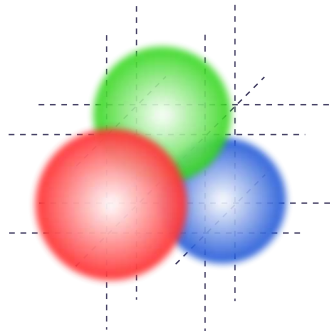
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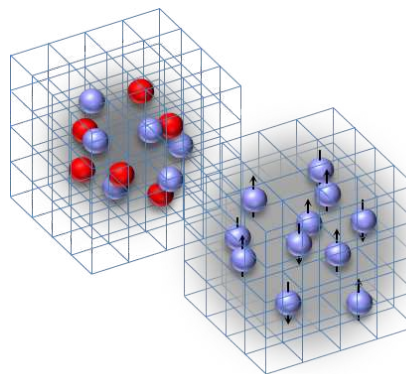
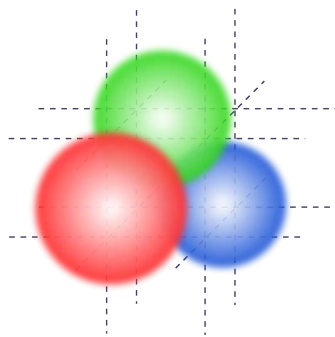
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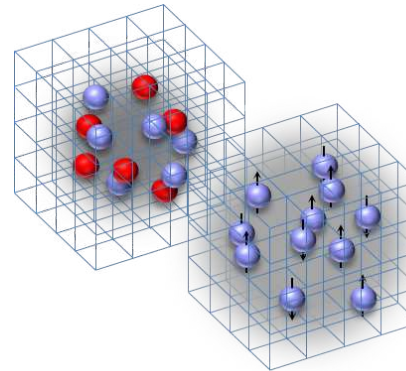
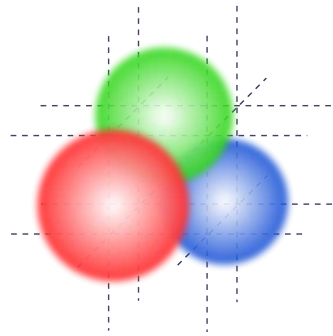
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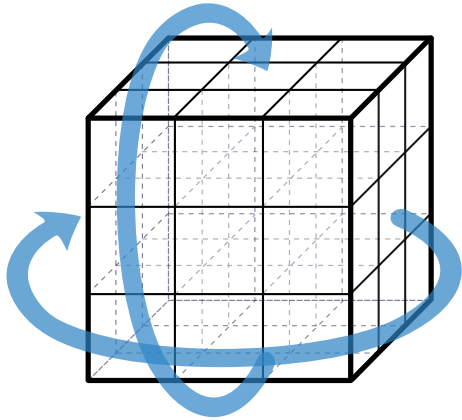
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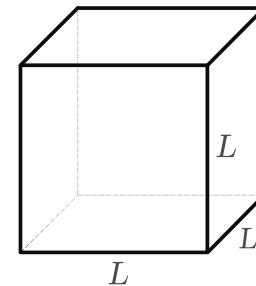
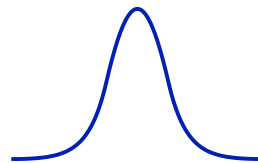
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Dedicated finite-volume few-body simulations

Finite periodic boxes



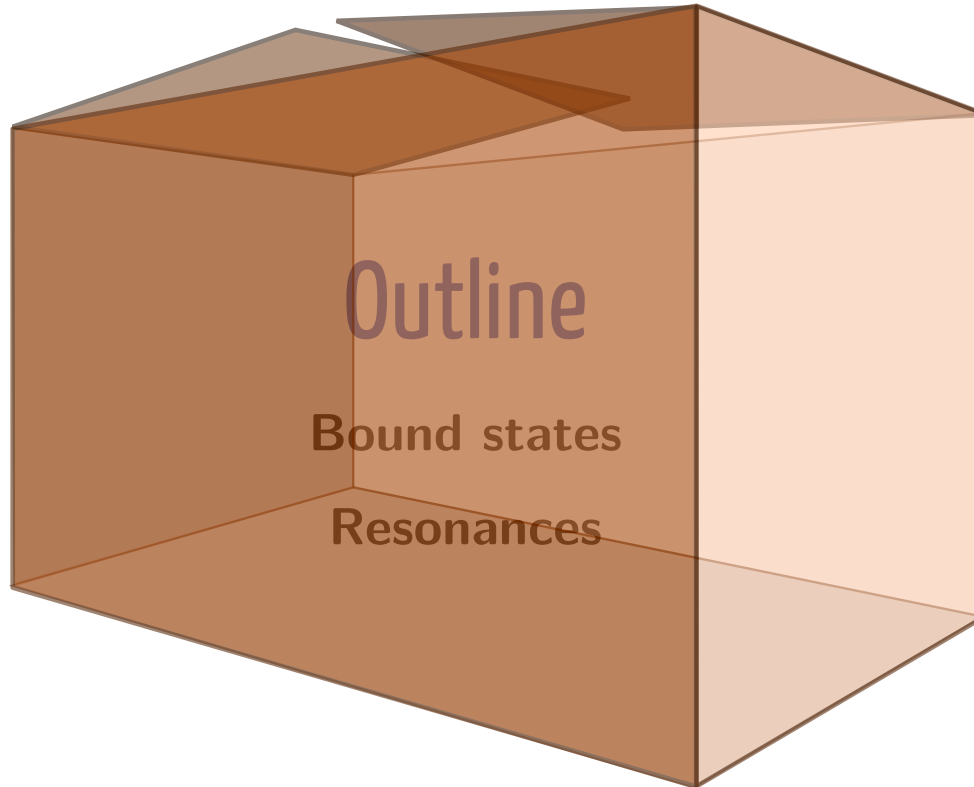
- physical system enclosed in finite volume (box)
- typically used: periodic boundary conditions
- **leads to volume-dependent energies**



Lüscher formalism

- physical properties encoded in the volume-dependent energy levels
- infinite-volume S -matrix governs **discrete** finite-volume spectrum
- **finite volume used as theoretical tool**

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Bound states

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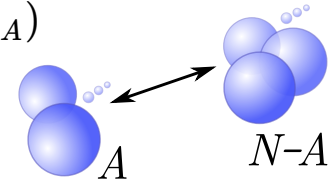
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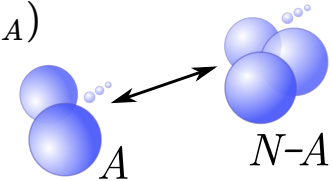
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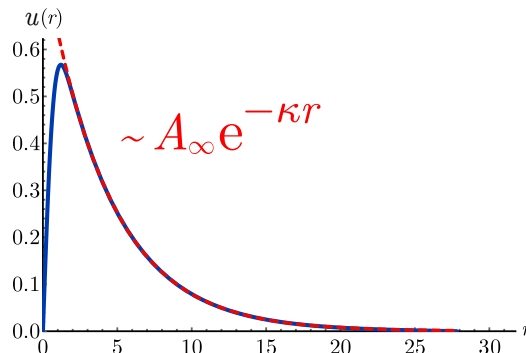
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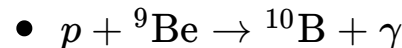
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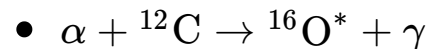
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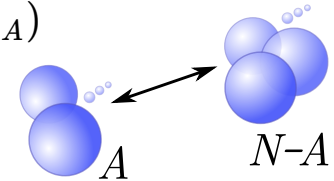
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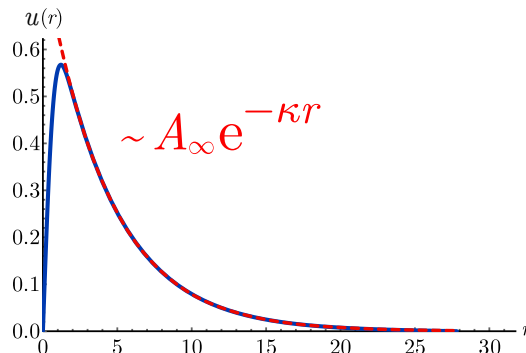
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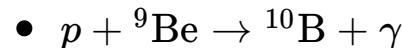
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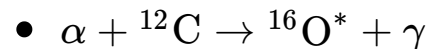
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- nonrelativistic description with **short-range interaction** + **long-range Coulomb force**

$$H = H_0 + V + V_C, \quad V_C(r) = \frac{\gamma}{r} = \frac{2\mu\alpha Z_1 Z_2}{r}$$

- charged bound-state wavefunctions have **Whittaker tails**:

$$\psi_\infty(r) \sim W_{-\bar{\eta}, \frac{1}{2}}(2\kappa r)/r \sim \frac{e^{-\kappa r}}{(\kappa r)^{\bar{\eta}}}$$

- ▶ these govern the asymptotic volume dependence
- ▶ **additional suppression at large distances**
- ▶ depends on Coulomb strength: $\bar{\eta} = \gamma/(2\kappa)$
- ▶ for $\alpha - \alpha$ system: $\gamma \approx 0.55 \text{ fm}^{-1}$
- **details worked out by Hang Yu** (\rightarrow **Tsukuba postdoc**)

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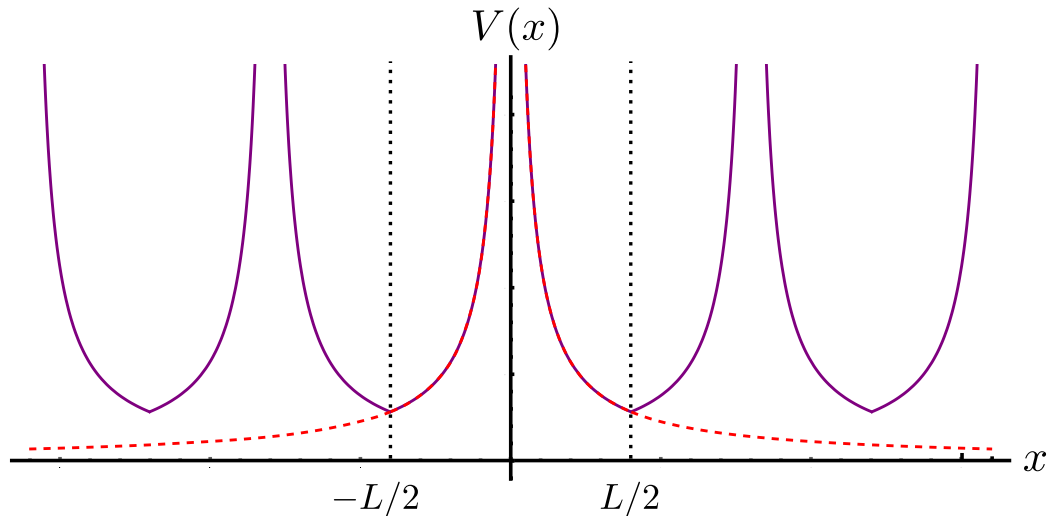
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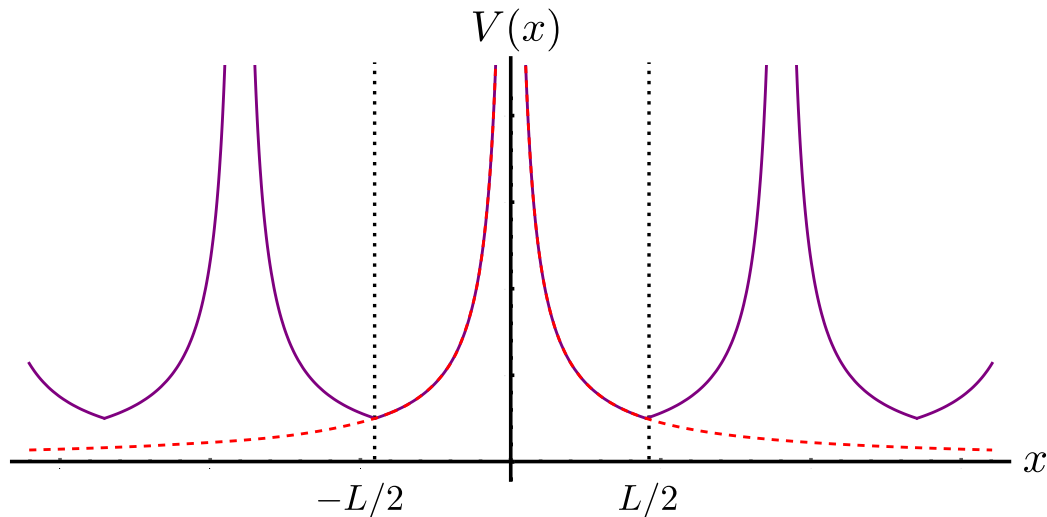


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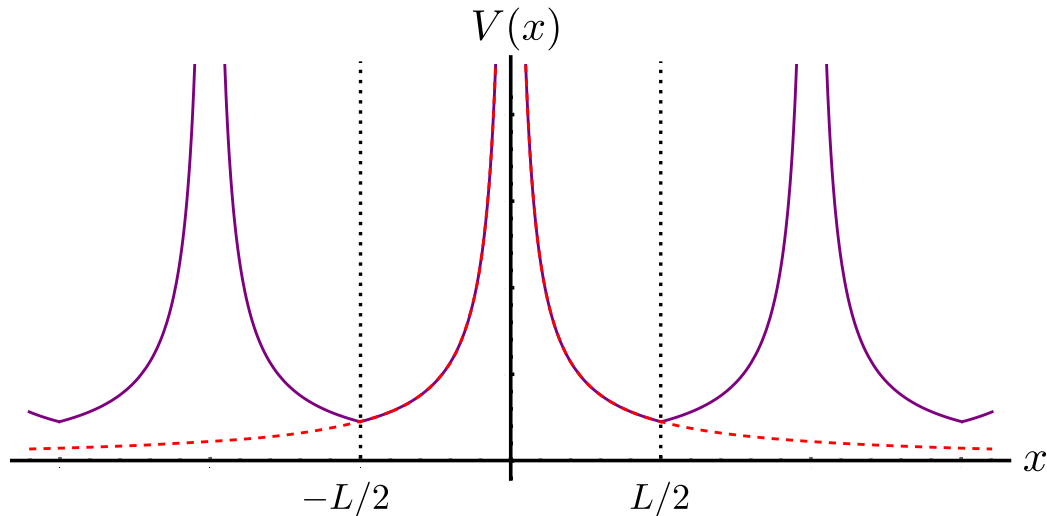


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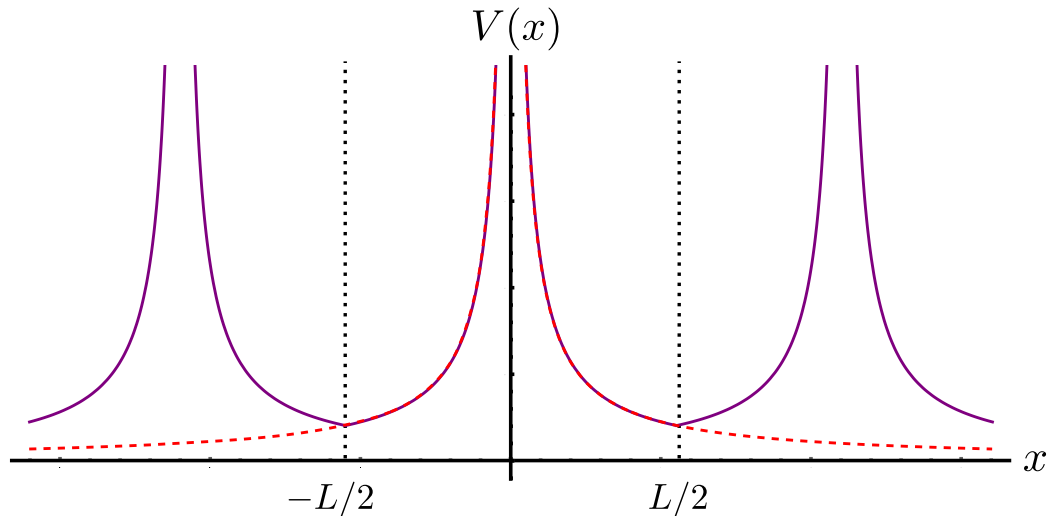


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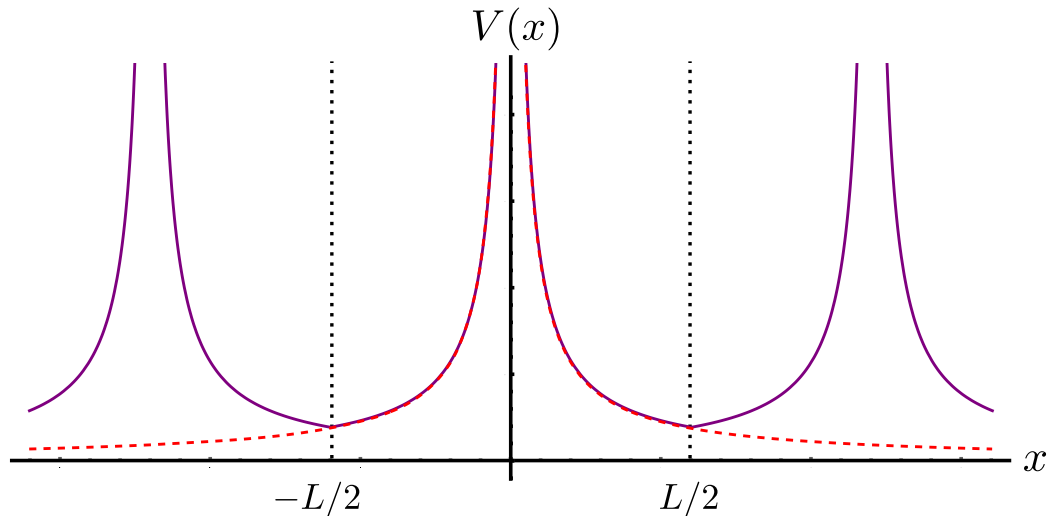


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- three-dimensional derivation is complicated due to **nontrivial boundary condition**
 - ▶ can be done with two-step procedure based on formal perturbation theory
 - ▶ intricate details worked out by Hang Yu
 - ▶ \rightsquigarrow leading result for S-wave states (cubic A_1^+ representation)

$$\Delta E(L) = \underbrace{-\frac{3A_\infty^2}{\mu L} \left[W'_{-\bar{\eta}, \frac{1}{2}}(\kappa L) \right]^2}_{\equiv \Delta E_0(L)} + \Delta \tilde{E}(L) + \Delta \tilde{E}'(L) + \mathcal{O} \left[e^{-\sqrt{2}\kappa L} \right] \quad (3D, A_1^+)$$

Correction terms

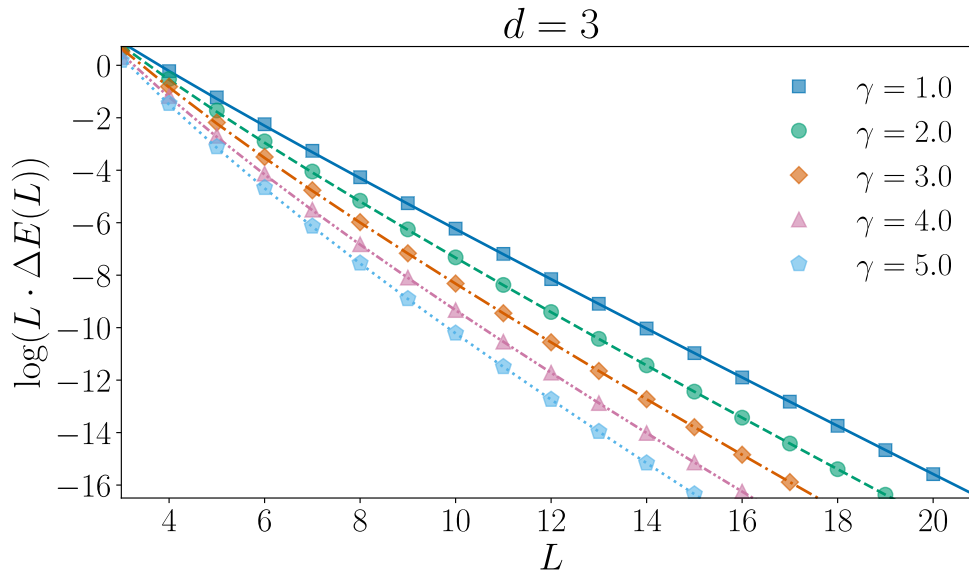
- in addition to exponentially suppressed corrections, there are **two other terms**
- these arise from the Coulomb potential and vanish for $\gamma \rightarrow 0$
- the perturbative approach makes it possible to derive their behavior

$$\Delta \tilde{E}(L), \Delta \tilde{E}'(L) = \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\bar{\eta}}{(\kappa L)^2} \right) \times \Delta E_0(L)$$

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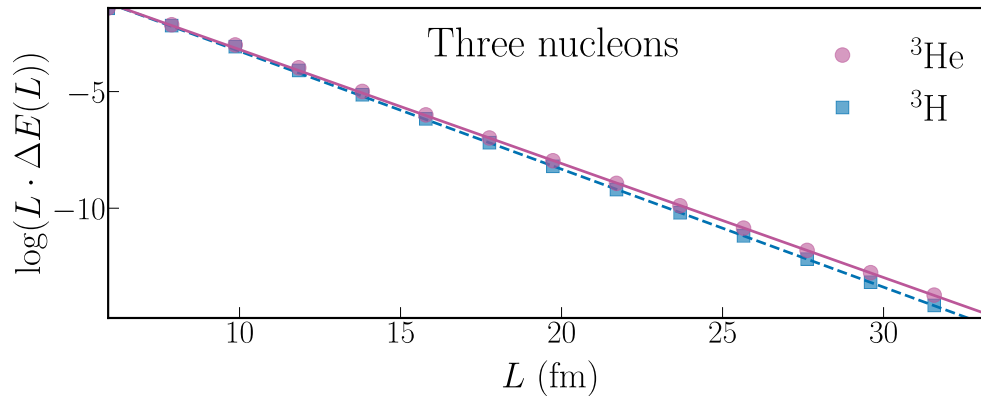
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 - ▶ obtained by solving the radial Schrödinger equation

Three-nucleon system: ${}^3\text{He}$ vs. ${}^3\text{H}$

- consider pionless EFT with $\text{SU}(4)$ symmetric contact interaction
- parameters tuned in infinite volume (very large box)
 - ▶ two-body interaction to produce 1 MeV deuteron
 - ▶ three-body interaction to produce physical triton
 - ▶ add Coulomb and short-range pp counterterm to also produce physical ${}^3\text{He}$



- extract proton-deuteron ANC as $A_\infty = 1.44(1) \text{ fm}^{-1/2}$
- would be off by 5% with pure short-range volume dependence fit
 - ▶ significant effect given that Coulomb strength $\gamma \sim 0.05 \text{ fm}^{-1}$ is pretty small here!

Resonances

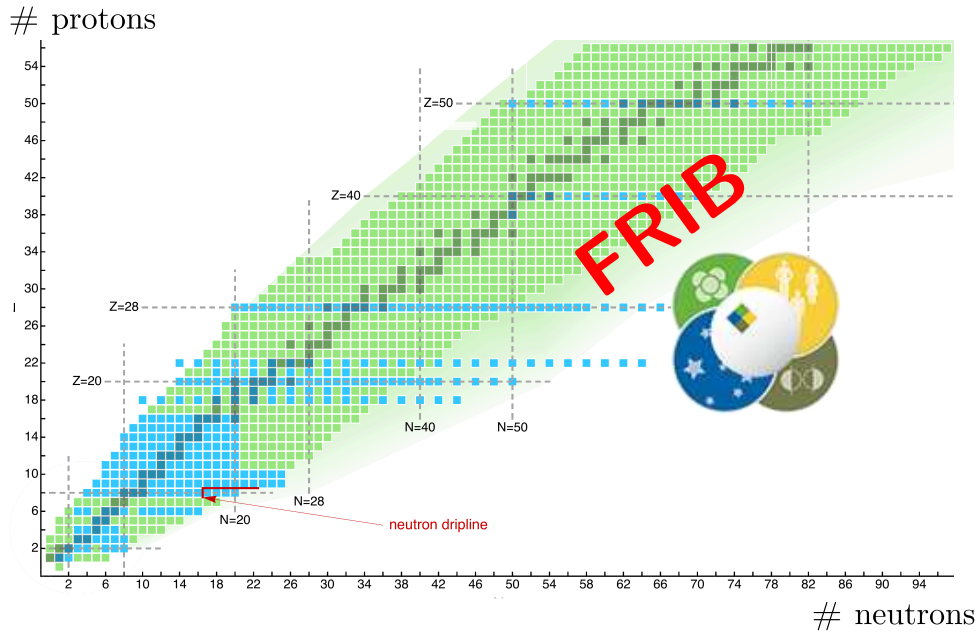
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Motivation



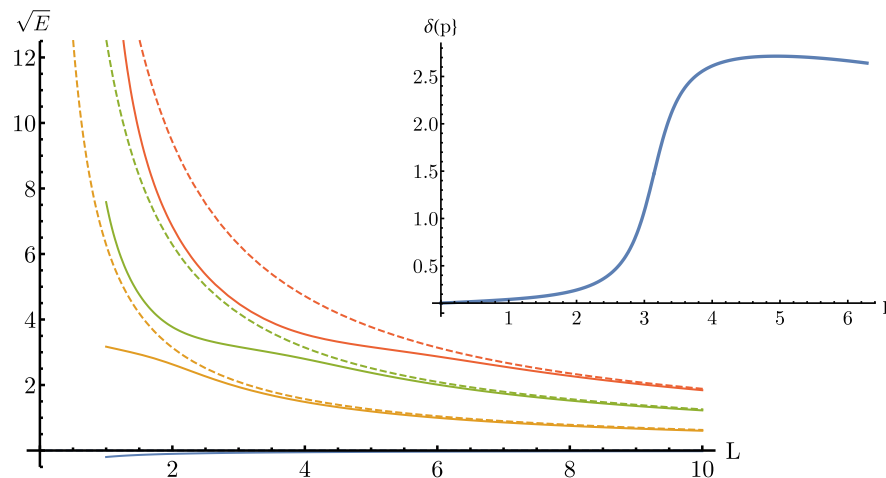
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- **FRIB will discover a host of unknown nuclei near the edge of stability**
 - ▶ among those there are likely exotic states
 - ▶ halos, clusters \rightsquigarrow few-body resonances

Finite-volume resonance signatures

Lüscher formalism

- finite volume \rightarrow discrete energy levels $\rightarrow p \cot \delta_0(p) = \frac{1}{\pi L} S(E(L)) \rightarrow$ phase shift
- **resonance contribution** \leftrightarrow **avoided level crossing** Lüscher, NPB **354** 531 (1991); ...
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- direct correspondence between phase-shift jump and avoided crossing only for two-body systems, but the **spectrum signature carries over to few-body systems**

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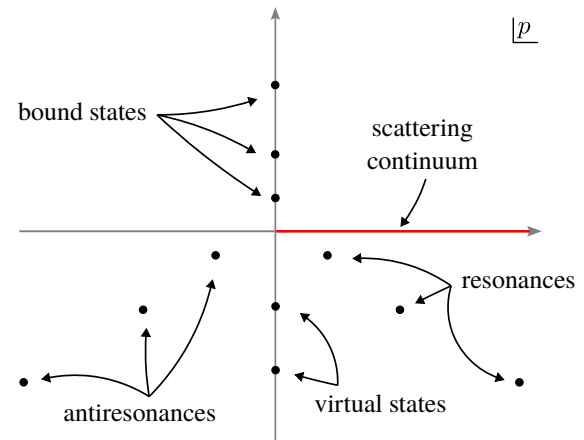
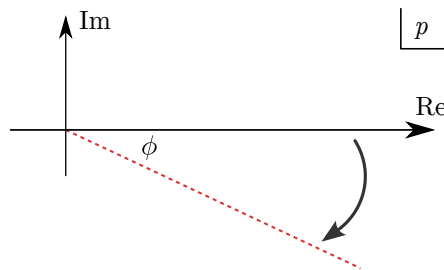
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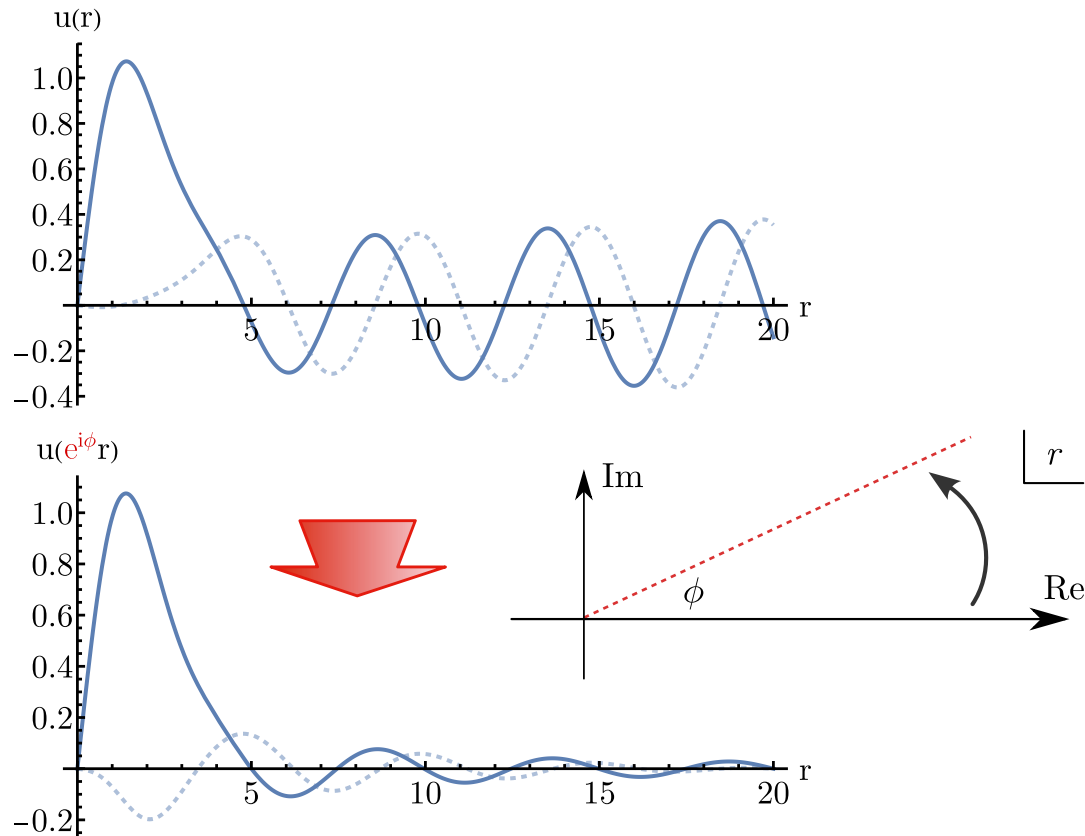
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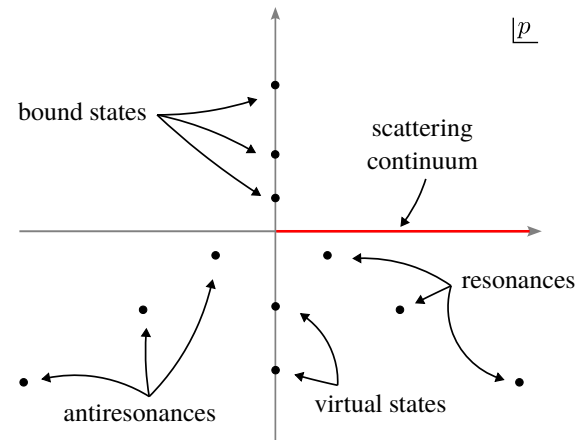
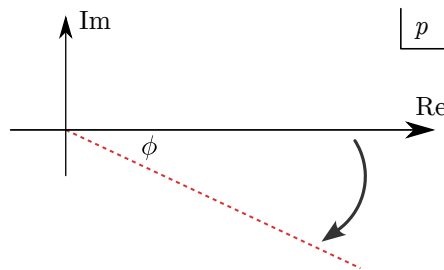
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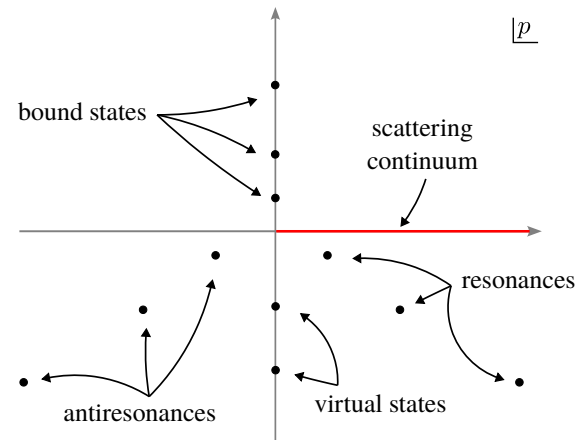
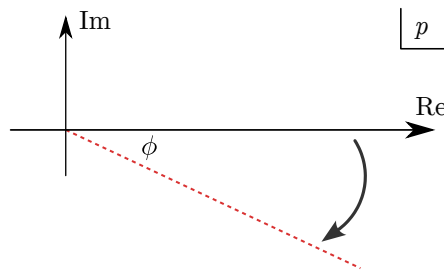
- in stationary scattering theory, resonances are described as **generalized eigenstates**
 - ▶ S-matrix **poles at complex energies** $E = E_R - i\Gamma/2$ (lifetime $\sim 1/\Gamma$)
 - ▶ wave functions are **not normalizable** (exponentially growing in r -space)

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- one way to circumvent this problem is the **complex scaling method**:

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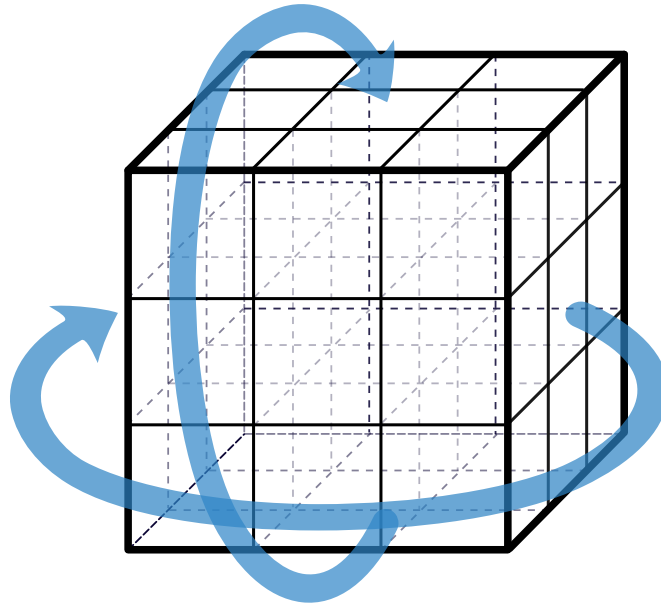


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- this particular method is also called "uniform" complex scaling
- essentially, one uses a basis of complex momentum modes

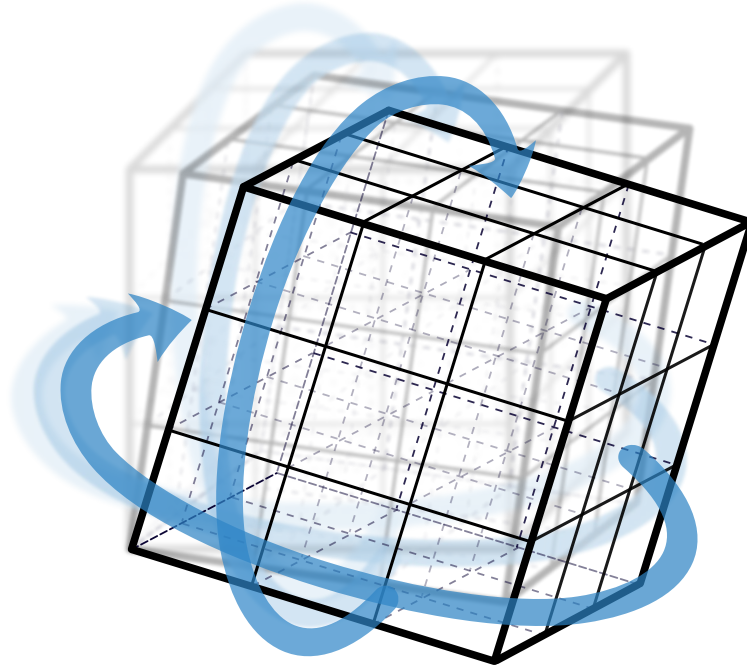
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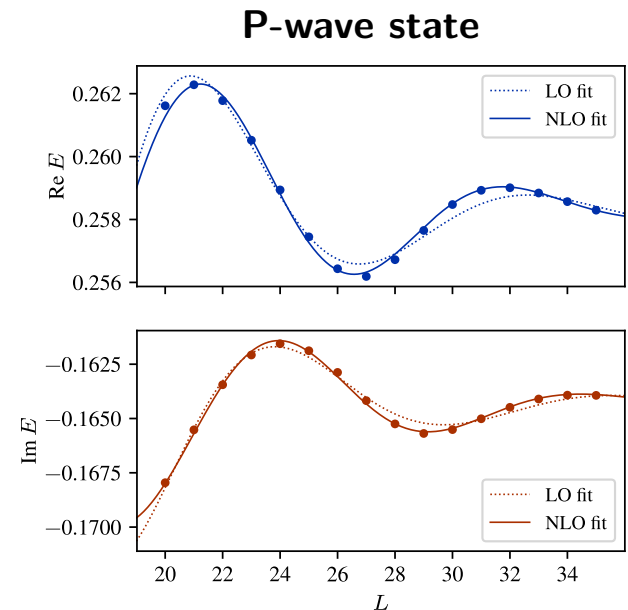
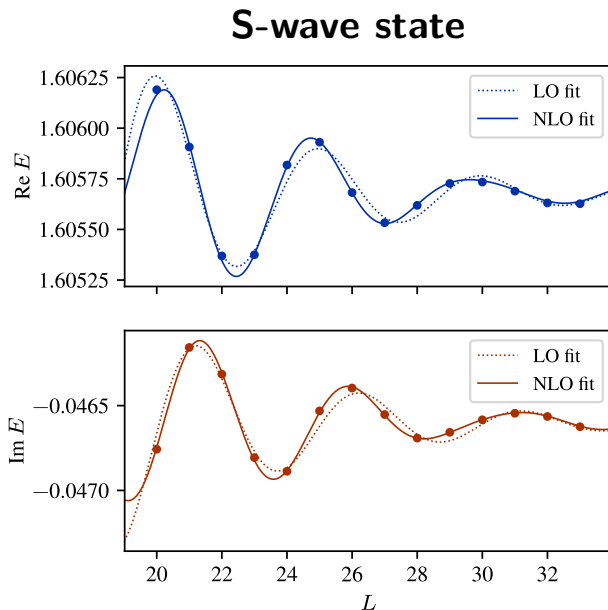
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Numerical implementation

- DVR method can be adapted to this scenario (scaling of $x, y, z \rightsquigarrow$ scaling of r)

Resonance examples

- two-body calculations are in **excellent agreement** with derived volume dependence
 - ▶ S-wave resonance generated via explicit barrier
 - ▶ P-wave resonance from purely attractive potential

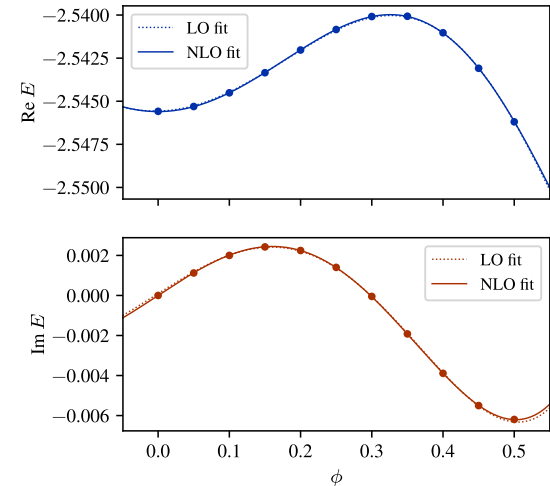


- fitting the L dependence yields physical resonance position and lifetime!

More applications

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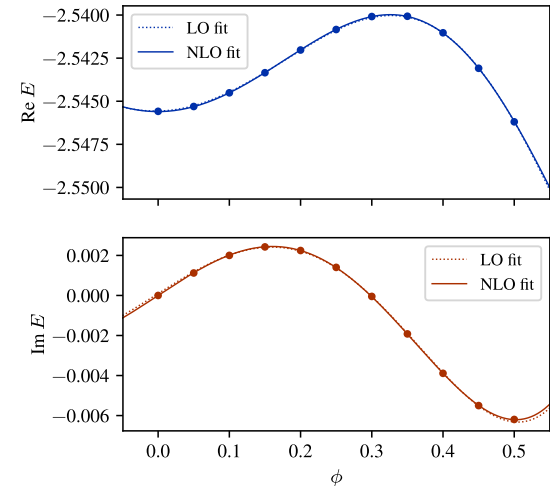
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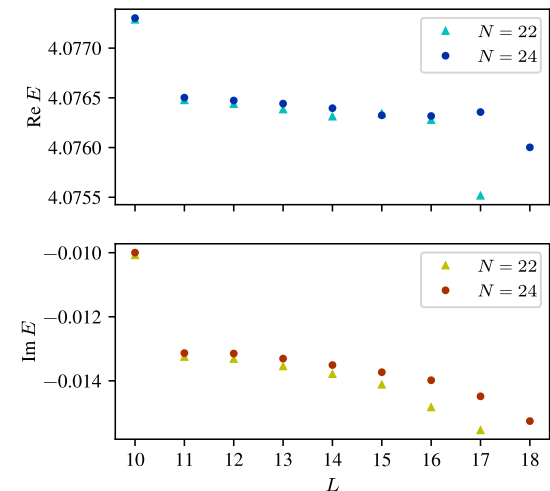
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Three-body resonance

- the exact volume dependence is only known for two-body system
- the complex scaled FV-DVR can however be used to study more particles
- **three-boson example in decent agreement with previous avoided-crossings analysis**

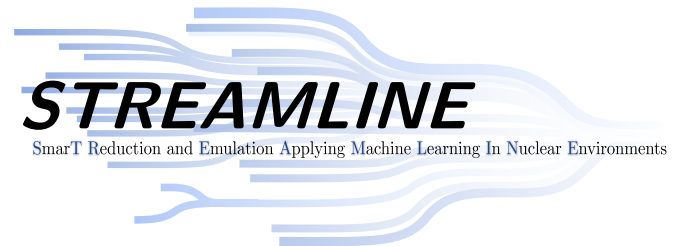
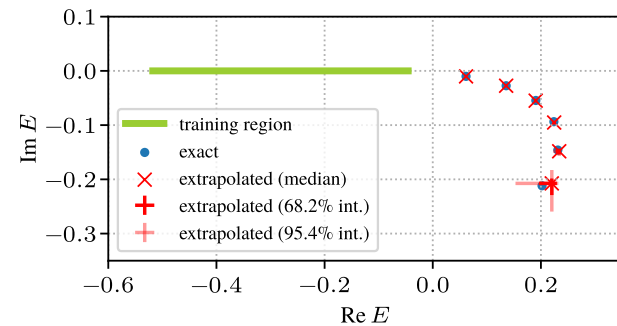
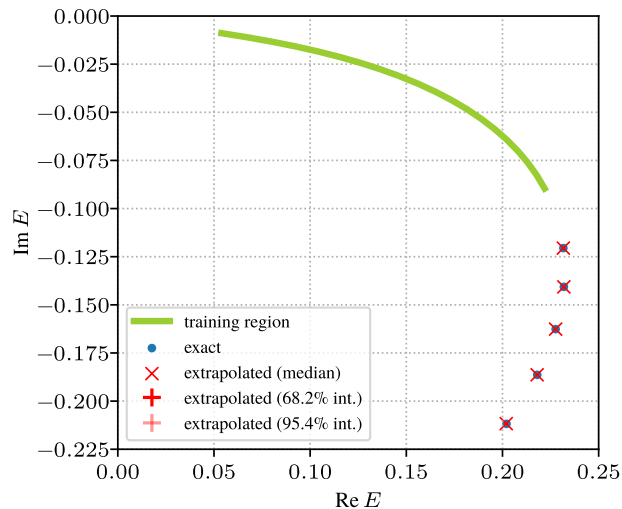


Resonance eigenvector continuation

- as the interaction changes, bound states can evolve into resonances
- **resonance eigenvector continuation** enables extrapolations along such trajectories

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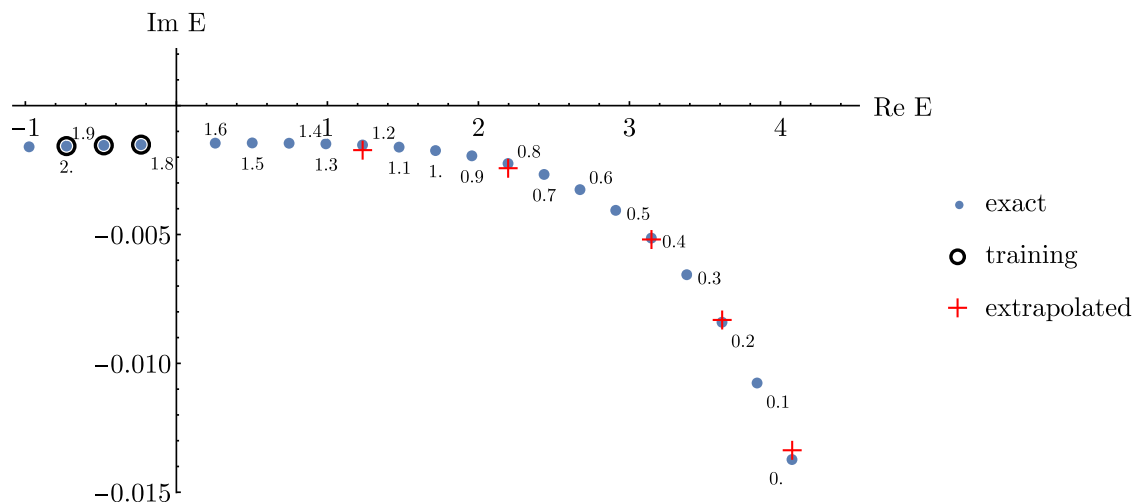
Work in progress

- **extensions of the method to few- and many-body systems** with N. Yapa and K. Fosseuz
 - ▶ **Berggren basis** can be used to replace simple uniform complex scaling
 - ▶ **complex scaling in finite volume** enables few-body studies

Three-boson resonance trajectory

- take potential from before that generates a (genuine) three-body resonance
- add **attractive two-body potential** to bind system
- use **eigenvector continuation (via complex scaling in FV) to extrapolate**

$$V(r) = 2 \exp\left[-\left(\frac{r-3}{1.5}\right)\right] + V_0 \exp(-(r/3)^2)$$



- confirmed with harmonic oscillator calculation (by N. Yapa)

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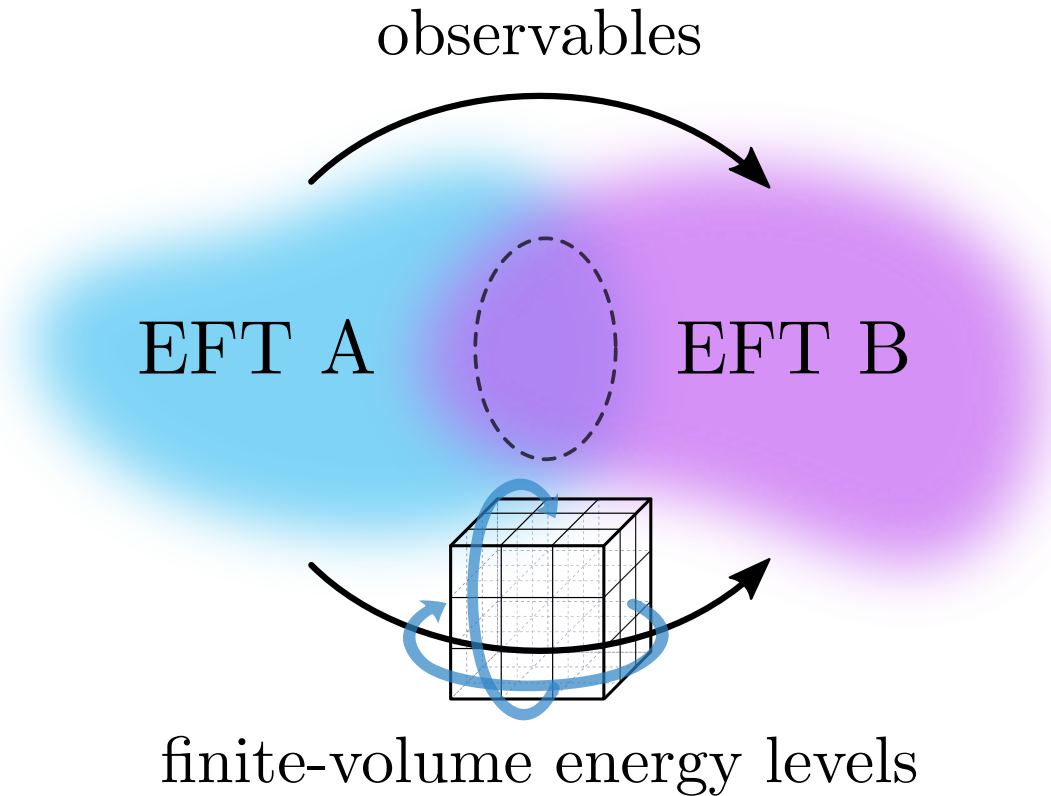
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- **complex scaling method** can be implemented in finite volume
 - ▶ gives direct access to **resonance positions and lifetimes**
 - ▶ **leading volume dependence** derived for two-cluster resonances
- promising numerical results also for **three-body resonances**
- complex scaling also enables **single-volume extrapolations**
- eigenvector continuation can be used to **extrapolate few-body resonances**

Outlook: EFT matching



- (E)FTs can be **matched** in their **overlapping regime of applicability**
 - ▶ "analytic continuation" of theories related work: Detmold+Shanahan, PRD **103** 074503 (2021)
- specifically, the **Chiral EFT** (Lattice) input can inform **Halo/Cluster EFT** (FV DVR)

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Backup slides

Radius volume dependence

- binding energy volume dependence is **governed by asymptotic tails**
- other observables can be more **sensitive to details of the wave function**
- simplest example: **mean squared radius**

$$\langle r^2 \rangle(L) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\langle \psi_L | \mathbf{r}^2 \chi_C(\mathbf{r}) | \psi_L \rangle}{\langle \psi_L | \chi_C(\mathbf{r}) | \psi_L \rangle} = \langle r_\infty^2 \rangle + \Delta \langle r^2 \rangle(L)$$

- ▶ $|\psi_L\rangle$ is the periodic state at volume L
- ▶ χ_C projects onto the central box
- $\Delta \langle r^2 \rangle(L)$ has been worked out by undergraduate student Anderson Taurence
 - ▶ explicit expressions for S- and P-wave states, e.g.: [Taurence + SK, arXiv:2401.00107 \[nucl-th\]](#)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \langle r^2 \rangle_0^{A_1^+}(L) = & \\ & |A_\infty|^2 e^{-\kappa L} \left(\frac{L^2}{2\kappa} + \frac{3(1 - 4\kappa^2 \langle r_\infty^2 \rangle)}{4\kappa^3} + \frac{a}{\kappa^4 L} \right) \\ & + \frac{3}{8} |\gamma|^2 L^3 \text{Ei}(-\kappa L) + \mathcal{O}(e^{-\sqrt{2}\kappa L}) \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$



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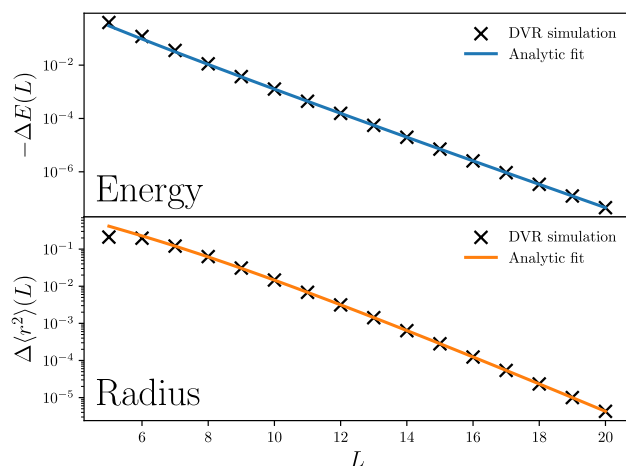
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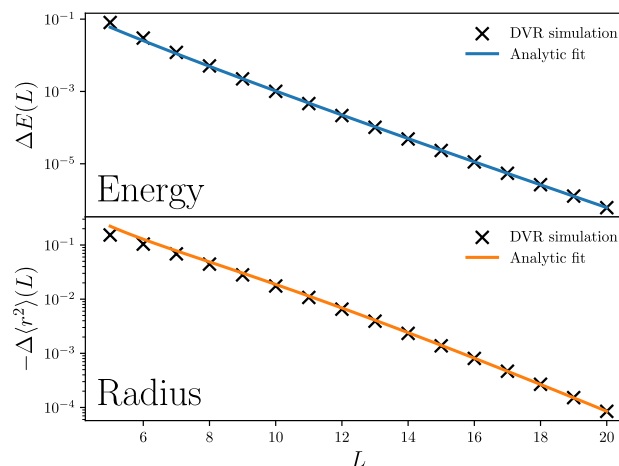
Numerical checks

- consider again bound states generated by attractive Gaussian potentials
- calculate radius in finite volume, **fit known functional form**
 - ▶ **one-parameter radius fit** when ANC and κ are extracted from energy fit

S-wave state



P-wave state



- radius fits work as well as energy fits
- extracted infinite-volume radii agree well with direct benchmark calculations