

# Universality in low-dimensional three-body systems

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A photograph of the Earth's horizon from space, showing the blue atmosphere, white clouds, and green and brown landmasses.

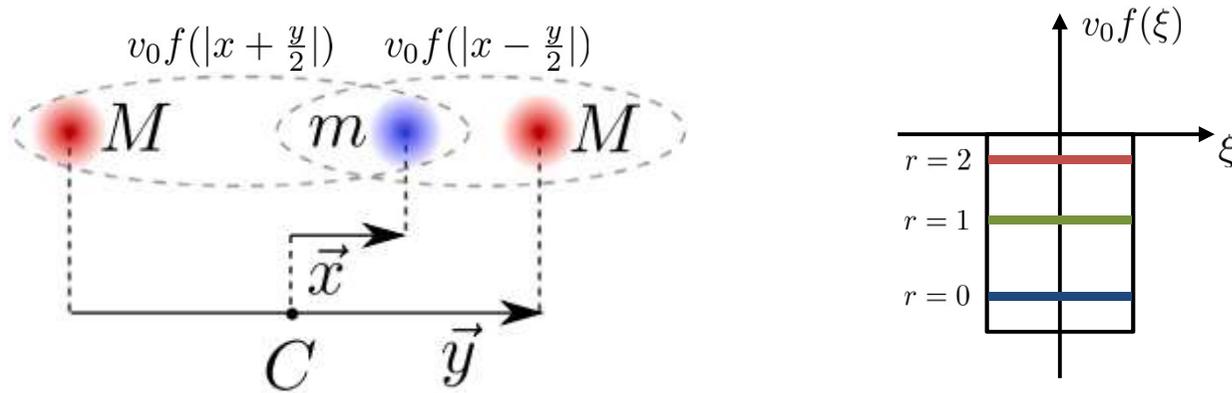
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# Outline

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- ❑ The ground-state resonance: universality for energy and wave-functions
- ❑ The excited-state resonance: universality for energy and wave-functions
- ❑ Universality in 2D three-body system
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# 1D three-body problem



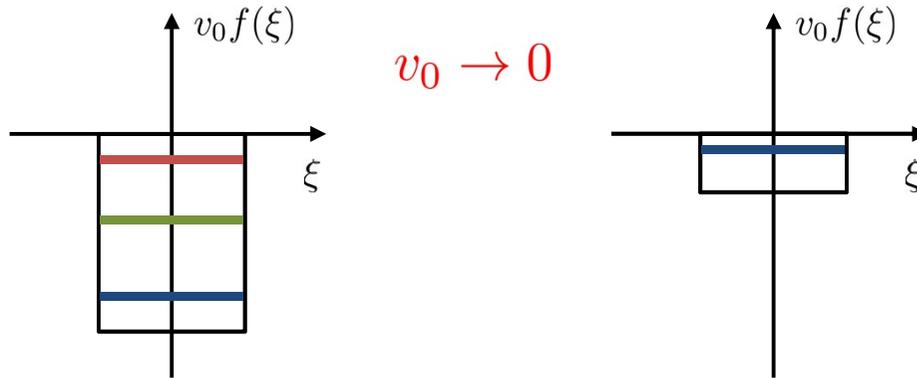
$$\left[ -\frac{\alpha_x}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\alpha_y}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + v_0 f\left(x + \frac{y}{2}\right) + v_0 f\left(x - \frac{y}{2}\right) \right] \psi_n = \mathcal{E}_n^{(3)} \psi_n$$

$$\alpha_x = \frac{m+2M}{2(m+M)} \quad \alpha_y = \frac{2m}{m+M}$$

Question: is there *universality*,  $f(\xi)$ -independence, in the system?



The limit  $v_0 \rightarrow 0$ :  $f(\xi) = \delta(\xi)$



Common wisdom:

$$\mathcal{E}_0^{(2)} \rightarrow 0$$

$$f(\xi) \simeq \delta(\xi)$$

Universal constants:

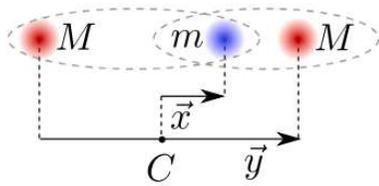
$$\epsilon_n^* = \frac{\mathcal{E}_n^{(3)}}{|\mathcal{E}_0^{(2)}|} = \epsilon_n^* \left( \frac{M}{m} \right)$$

	Atomic mixture ( $M/m$ )		
	$^{87}\text{Rb}-^{40}\text{K}$ (2.2)	$^{87}\text{Rb}-^7\text{Li}$ (12.4)	$^{133}\text{Cs}-^6\text{Li}$ (22.2)
$\epsilon_0^*$	-2.1966	-2.5963	-2.7515
$\epsilon_1^*$	-1.0520	-1.4818	-1.6904
$\epsilon_2^*$		-1.1970	-1.3604
$\epsilon_3^*$		-1.0377	-1.1479
$\epsilon_4^*$		-1.0002	-1.0525
$\epsilon_5^*$			-1.0040

*L Happ et al., Phys. Rev. A* **100**, 012709 (2019)

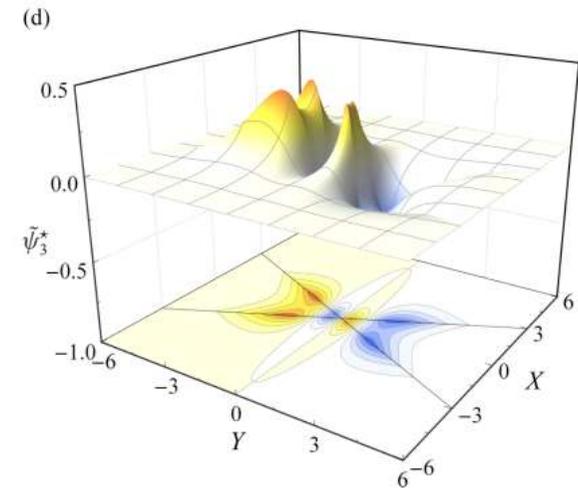
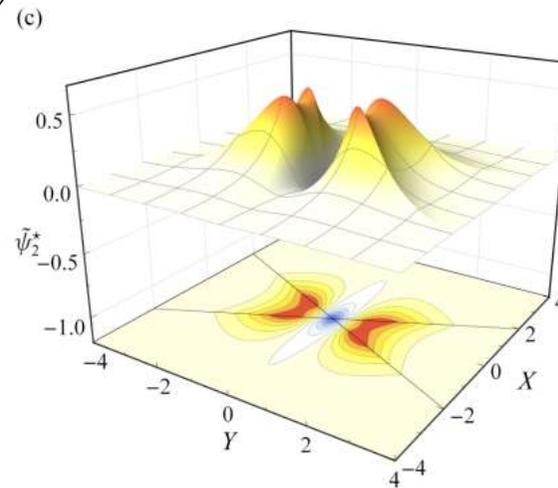
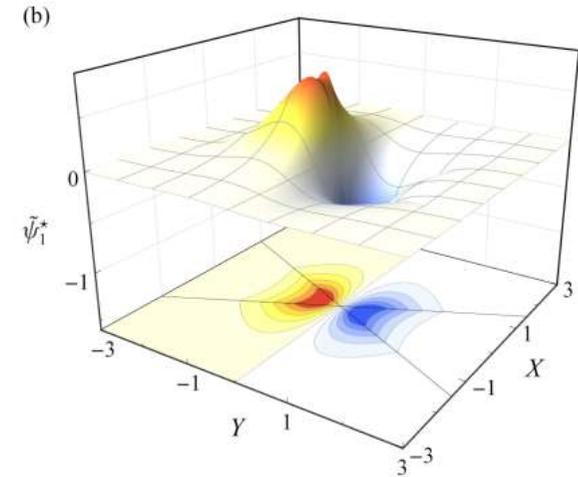
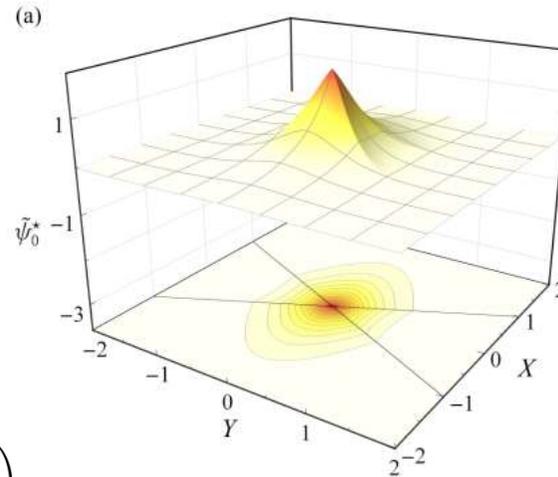


The limit  $v_0 \rightarrow 0$ :  $f(\xi) = \delta(\xi)$



Universal wave functions:

$$\psi_n(x, y) = \psi_n^* \left( \sqrt{2|\mathcal{E}_0^{(2)}|} x, \sqrt{2|\mathcal{E}_0^{(2)}|} y \right)$$

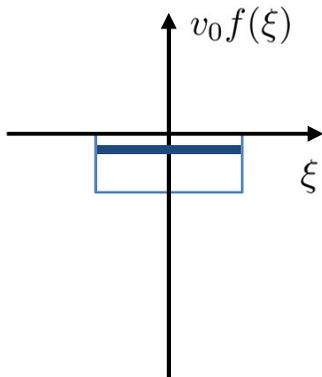


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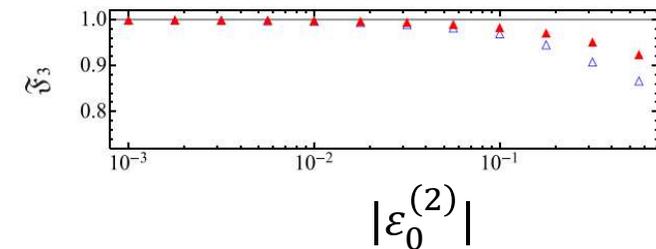
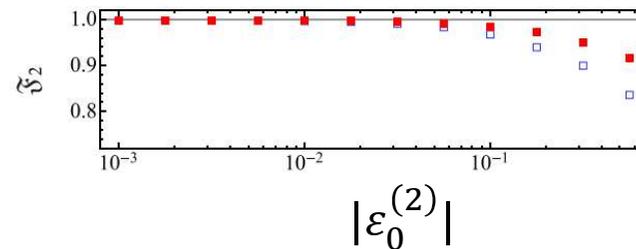
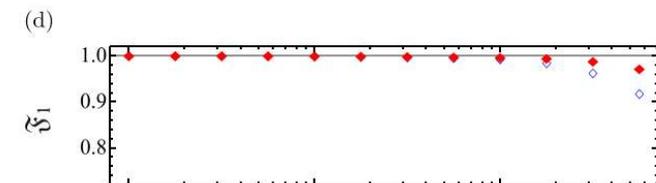
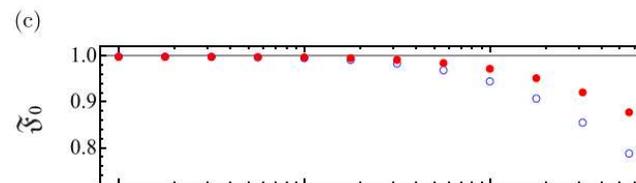
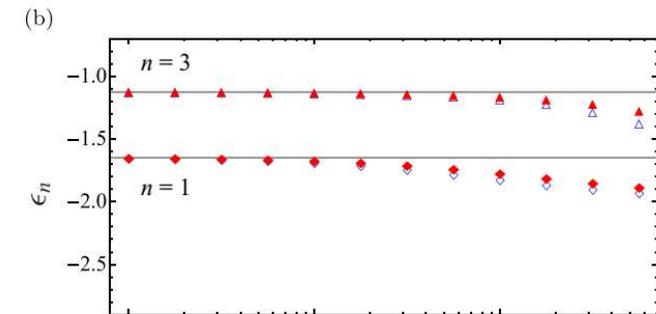
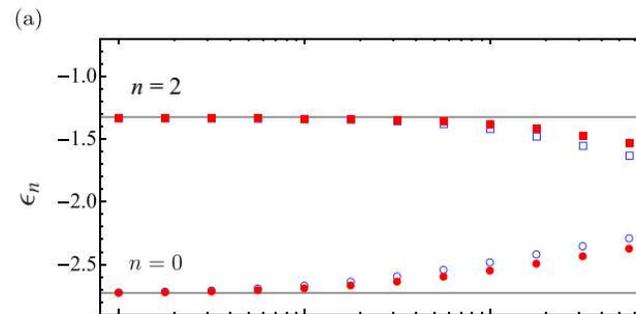
# General potential $f(\xi)$

$$\epsilon_n = \frac{\epsilon_n^{(3)}}{|\epsilon_0^{(2)}|} \quad \mathfrak{F}_n = (\langle \psi_n | \psi_n^* \rangle)^2$$



$$f_G(\xi) = e^{-\xi^2}$$

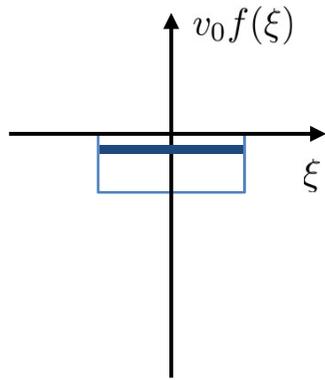
$$f_L(\xi) = \frac{1}{(1 + \xi^2)^3}$$



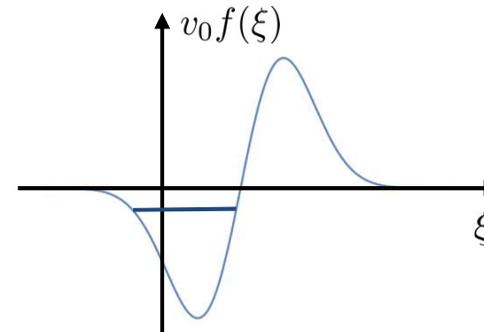
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# The limit $v_0 \rightarrow 0$ : general $f(\xi)$



$$F(p) \equiv \int e^{-ip\xi} f(\xi) d\xi$$



$$\int v_0 f(\xi) d\xi < 0$$

$$\int v_0 f(\xi) d\xi = 0$$

$$\mathcal{E}_0^{(2)}(v_0 \rightarrow 0) = -v_0^2 [F(0)]^2$$

$$\mathcal{E}_0^{(2)}(v_0 \rightarrow 0) = -v_0^4 \left[ \int \frac{dp}{\pi} \frac{|F(p)|^2}{p^2} \right]^2$$

*B. Simon, Ann. Phys. 97, 279 (1976)*

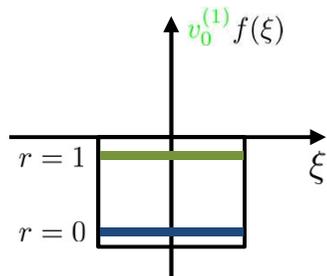
Universality:  $\mathcal{E}_n^{(3)} = -\epsilon_n^* |\mathcal{E}_0^{(2)}|$   
 $(v_0 \rightarrow 0)$

$$\psi_n(x, y) = \psi_n^* \left( \sqrt{2|\mathcal{E}_0^{(2)}|} x, \sqrt{2|\mathcal{E}_0^{(2)}|} y \right)$$

*L Happ and M Efremov, J. Phys. B 54, 21LT01 (2021)*

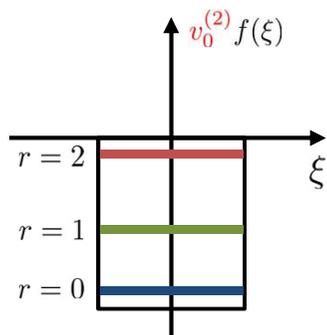


# 1D three-body problem: excited states



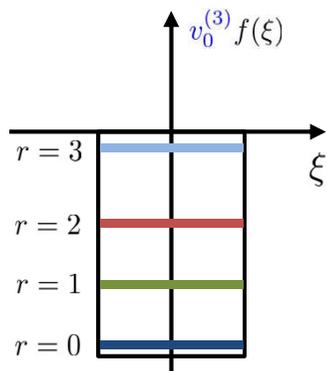
$$\mathcal{E}_{r=1}^{(2)}(v_0^{(1)} \rightarrow v_1) \rightarrow 0$$

3-body energies  
(Faddeev equations):  $\mathcal{E}_{n,1}^{(3)}$



$$\mathcal{E}_{r=2}^{(2)}(v_0^{(2)} \rightarrow v_2) \rightarrow 0$$

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$$\mathcal{E}_{r=3}^{(2)}(v_0^{(3)} \rightarrow v_3) \rightarrow 0$$

3-body energies  
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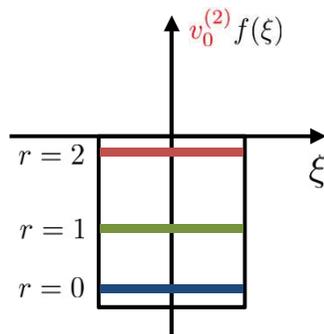
Universality:

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}_{n,r}^{(3)}}{|\mathcal{E}_r^{(2)}|} = -\epsilon_n^*$$

as for  $f^*(\xi) = \delta(\xi)$



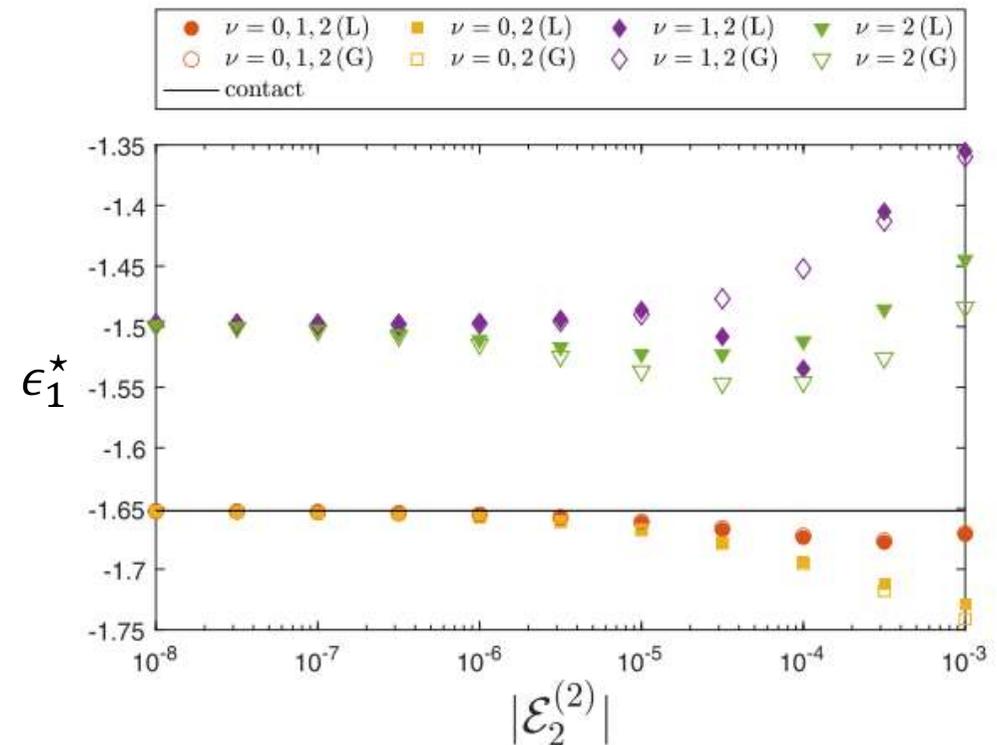
# Role of the deeply-bound two-body states



$$\mathcal{E}_{r=2}^{(2)}(v_0^{(2)} \rightarrow v_2) \rightarrow 0$$

$$f_G(\xi) = e^{-\xi^2}$$

$$f_L(\xi) = \frac{1}{(1 + \xi^2)^3}$$

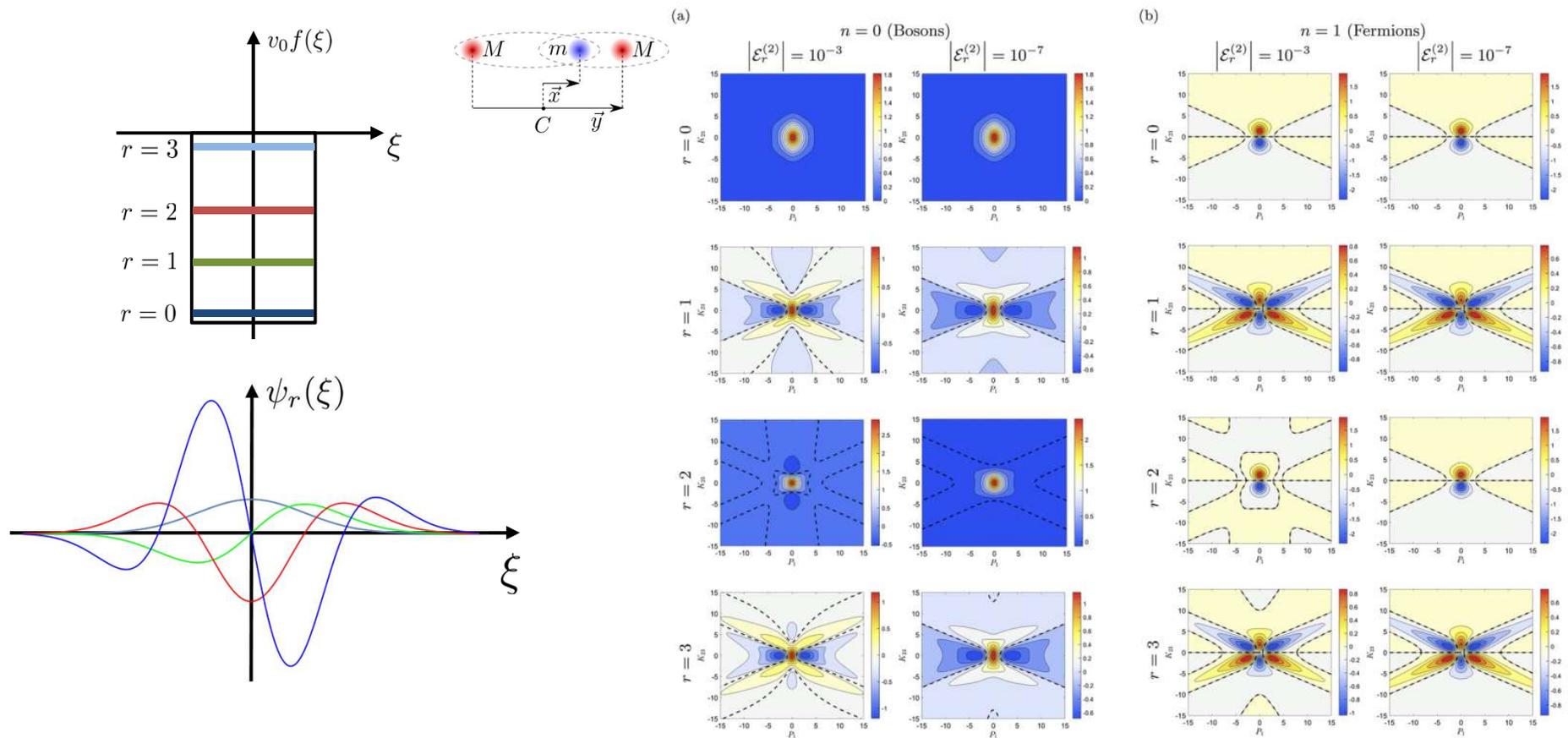


**3D case:**

*P. M. A. Mestrom, T. Secker, R. M. Kroeze, and S. J. J. M. F. Kokkelmans, Phys. Rev. A **99**, 012702 (2019)*



# 1D three-body problem: excited states



Universality for even or odd  $r$ :  $\mathcal{E}_{n,r}^{(3)} = -\epsilon_n^* |\mathcal{E}_r^{(2)}|$ ,  $\psi_{n,2l}(x, y) = \psi_n^* \left( \sqrt{2|\mathcal{E}_{2l}^{(2)}|} x, \sqrt{2|\mathcal{E}_{2l}^{(2)}|} y \right)$   
 $\psi_{n,2l+1}(x, y) = \psi_{n,2l+3}(x, y)$

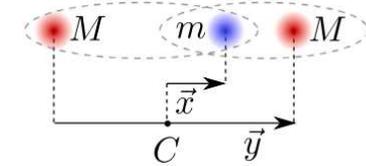


# Summary and outlook

## 1D $M$ - $m$ - $M$ system:

□ If  $M$ - $m$  subsystem has a shallow ground state:

$$\text{As } \mathcal{E}_0^{(2)} \rightarrow 0: \quad \mathcal{E}_{n,0}^{(3)} = -\epsilon_n^* |\mathcal{E}_0^{(2)}|, \quad \psi_{n,0}(x, y) = \psi_n^* \left( \sqrt{2|\mathcal{E}_0^{(2)}|} x, \sqrt{2|\mathcal{E}_0^{(2)}|} y \right)$$



□ If  $M$ - $m$  subsystem has a shallow excited state:

$$\text{As } \mathcal{E}_{2l}^{(2)} \rightarrow 0: \quad \mathcal{E}_{n,2l}^{(3)} = -\epsilon_n^* |\mathcal{E}_{2l}^{(2)}|, \quad \psi_{n,2l}(x, y) = \psi_n^* \left( \sqrt{2|\mathcal{E}_{2l}^{(2)}|} x, \sqrt{2|\mathcal{E}_{2l}^{(2)}|} y \right)$$

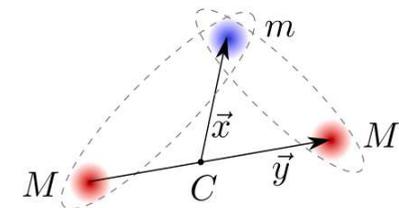
$$\text{As } \mathcal{E}_{2l+1}^{(2)} \rightarrow 0: \quad \mathcal{E}_{n,2l+1}^{(3)} = -\epsilon_n^* |\mathcal{E}_{2l+1}^{(2)}|, \quad \psi_{n,2l+1}(x, y) = ?$$

$$f^*(\xi) = \frac{d}{d\xi} \delta(\xi)?$$

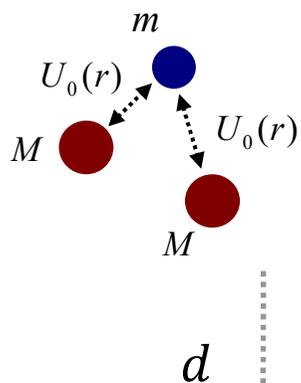
## 2D $M$ - $m$ - $M$ system:

□ If  $M$ - $m$  subsystem has a shallow ground state: *universality for energies and wave-functions*

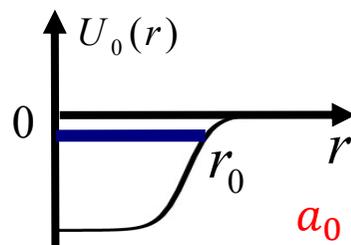
*J Thies, MT Hof, M Zimmermann and M Efremov, J. Comp. Science 64, 101859 (2022)*



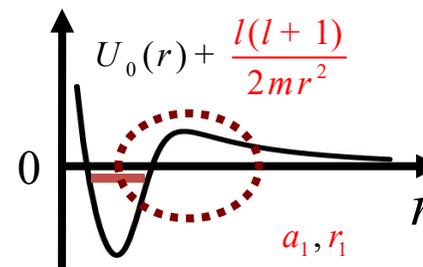
# Summary and outlook



$l = 0$



$l = 1$



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$$E_n \sim \frac{1}{(n - \delta)^2}; \quad N_b < \infty$$

$$V_{\text{eff}}(R) \sim -\frac{1}{mR}; \quad r_0 \ll R \ll a_0^{(2)}$$

1)  $L = 0: E_n \sim ?; N_b < \infty$

2)  $L = \pm 1: E_n \sim \exp\left(-2\exp(2\pi \frac{m}{M} n + \theta)\right)$   
 $N_b = \infty$

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$$E_n \sim \exp(-\alpha n); \quad N_b = \infty$$

$$V_{\text{eff}}(R) \sim -\frac{1}{mR^2}$$

$$E_n \sim (n - n_*)^6; \quad N_b < \infty$$

$$V_{\text{eff}}(R) \sim -\frac{1}{mR^3}$$

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