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# Breaking and restoration of rotational symmetry in the spectrum of $\alpha$ -conjugate nuclei on the lattice

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## Motivation

We investigate **rotational symmetry breaking** in the low-energy spectra of

light  $\alpha$ -conjugate nuclei:  ${}^8\text{Be}$ ,  ${}^{12}\text{C}$ ,  ${}^{16}\text{O}$ , ...

on a cubic lattice [G.S. et al. EPJ A 54, 232 \(2018\)](#). In particular, we aim at

- ♣ identifying lattice eigenstates in terms of  $\text{SO}(3)$  irreps  
 $\implies$  [Phys. Lett. B 114, 147-151 \(1982\)](#), [PRL 103, 261001 \(2009\)](#)
- ♣ exploring the dependence of physical observables on spacing and size  
 $\implies$  [PRD 90, 034507 \(2014\)](#), [PRD 92, 014506 \(2015\)](#)
- ♣ developing memory-saving and fast algorithms for the diagonalization of the lattice Hamiltonian  
 $\implies$  [Phys. Lett. B 768, 337 \(2017\)](#)
- ♣ testing techniques for the suppression of discretization artifacts  
 $\implies$  [Lect. Notes in Phys. 788 \(2010\)](#)

## Applications

Nuclear Lattice EFT: ab initio nuclear structure [PRL 104, 142501 \(2010\)](#), [PRL 112, 102501 \(2014\)](#), [PRL 117, 132501 \(2016\)](#) and scattering [Nature 528, 111-114 \(2015\)](#)

## The Hamiltonian of the system

The macroscopic  $\alpha$ -cluster model<sup>1</sup> of B. Lu et al. PR D 90, 034507 (2014) is adopted  
 $\implies$  nuclei are decomposed into  $M$  structureless  $\alpha$ -particles

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^M \nabla_i^2 + \sum_{i>j=1}^M [V_C(\mathbf{r}_{ij}) + V_{AB}(\mathbf{r}_{ij})] + \sum_{i>j>k=1}^M V_T(\mathbf{r}_{ij}, \mathbf{r}_{ik}, \mathbf{r}_{jk})$$

with  $r_{ij} = |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|$ . The potentials are of the type

### Coulomb<sup>2</sup>

$$\frac{4e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{r_{ij}} \operatorname{erf}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}r_{ij}}{2R_\alpha}\right)$$

with  $R_\alpha = 1.44$  fm  
 rms radius of the  ${}^4\text{He}$   
 NB: Erf adsorbs the  
 singularity at  $r = 0$

### Ali-Bodmer<sup>2</sup>

$$V_a f e^{-\eta_a^2 r_{ij}^2} + V_r e^{-\eta_r^2 r_{ij}^2}$$

with  $\eta_r^{-1} = 1.89036$  fm,  
 $V_r = 353.508$  MeV  
 and  $\eta_a^{-1} = 2.29358$  fm,  
 $V_a = -216.346$  MeV,  
 auxiliary param.  $f = 1$

### Gaussian

$$V_0 e^{-\lambda(r_{ij}^2 + r_{ik}^2 + r_{jk}^2)}$$

with  $\lambda = 0.00506$  fm<sup>-2</sup>,  
 $V_0 = -4.41$  MeV for  ${}^{12}\text{C}$ <sup>3</sup>  
 s.t.  $E_{g.s.} = -\Delta E_{\text{Hoyle}}$   
 and  $V_0 = -11.91$  MeV for  ${}^{16}\text{O}$ <sup>4</sup>  
 s.t.  $E_{g.s.} = -\Delta E_{4\alpha}$

<sup>1</sup>G.S. et al. JP G 43, 8 (2016), <sup>2</sup>NP 80, 99-112 (1966), <sup>3</sup>Z. Physik A 290, 93-105 (1979), <sup>4</sup>G.S. (2017)

## The lattice environment

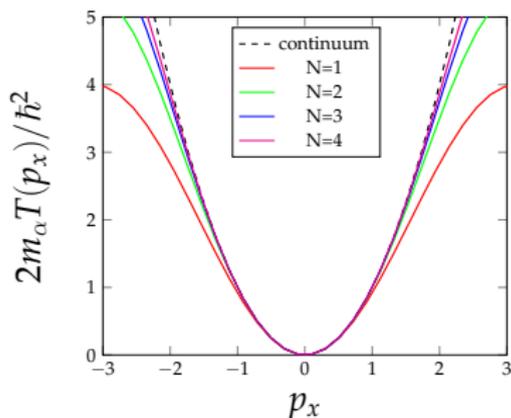
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where:  $N \implies$  number of points per dimension ( $\equiv$  **lattice size**)  
 $a \implies$  **lattice spacing** and  $L \equiv Na$

Consequences: **discretization effects**

1. the action of differential operators is represented via finite differences:  
 $\implies$  [Lect. Notes in Phys. 788 \(2010\)](#)
2. breaking of Galilean invariance
3. breaking of continuous translational invariance (free-particle case)



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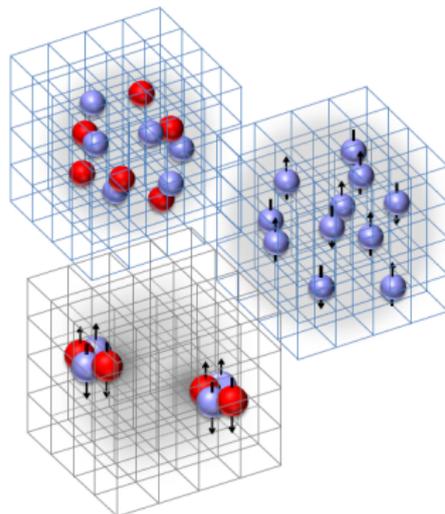
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and **finite-volume effects** on physical observables

With periodic boundary conditions:

1. configuration space becomes isomorphic to a torus in  $3M - 3$ -dimensions
2. lattice momenta become  $\mathbf{p} = \hbar \frac{2\pi \mathbf{n}}{Na}$  where  $\mathbf{n}$  is a vector of integers



## Symmetries

On the lattice SO(3) symmetry reduces to the invariance under the **cubic group**  $\mathcal{O}$ .

### Accordingly

«Only eight [five:  $A_1, A_2, E, T_1, T_2$ ] different possibilities exist for rotational classification of states on a cubic lattice. So, the question arises: how do these correspond to the angular momentum states in the continuum? [...] To be sure of higher spin assignments and mass predictions it seems necessary to follow all the relevant irreps simultaneously to the continuum limit. »

R.C. Johnson, *Phys. Lett. B* 114, 147-151, (1982).

Integer spin irreps  $D^\ell$  of SO(3) decompose into irreps of  $\mathcal{O}$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D^0 &= A_1 \\
 D^1 &= T_1 \\
 D^2 &= E \oplus T_2 \\
 D^3 &= A_2 \oplus T_1 \oplus T_2 \\
 D^4 &= A_1 \oplus E \oplus T_1 \oplus T_2 \\
 D^5 &= E \oplus T_1 \oplus T_1 \oplus T_2 \\
 D^6 &= A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus E \oplus T_1 \oplus T_2 \oplus T_2
 \end{aligned}$$

## Symmetries

Degenerate states belonging to the same  $\theta$  irrep can be labeled with the irreps  $I_z$  of the cyclic group  $\mathcal{C}_4$ , generated by an order-three element of  $\theta$  (e.g.  $\mathcal{R}_z^{\pi/2}$ ):

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \boxed{\begin{array}{cc} \text{SO}(3) & \supset & \text{SO}(2) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ l & & m, \end{array}} & \implies & \boxed{\begin{array}{cc} \mathcal{O} & \supset & \mathcal{C}_4 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \Gamma & & I_z, \end{array}}
 \end{array}$$

Conversely, the discrete symmetries of the Hamiltonian are preserved:

time reversal, parity, exchange symmetry

### Applications

Within an iterative approach for the diagonalization of  $\mathcal{H}$ , the states belonging to an irrep  $\Gamma$  of a point group  $\mathcal{G}$  can be extracted applying the projector

$$P_{\Gamma} = \sum_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \chi_{\Gamma}(g) D(g)$$

where  $D(g)$  is a representation of dimension  $3M - 3$  for the operation  $g \in \mathcal{G}$

## Finite volume energy corrections

LO finite volume energy corrections for relative two-body bosonic states with reduced mass  $\mu$ , angular momentum  $\ell$  and belonging to the  $\Gamma$  irrep of  $\mathcal{O}$  are given by [PRL 107, 112011 \(2011\)](#)

$$\Delta E_B^{(\ell, \Gamma)} \equiv E_B^{(\ell, \Gamma)}(\infty) - E_B^{(\ell, \Gamma)}(L) = \beta \left( \frac{1}{\kappa_0 L} \right) |\gamma|^2 \frac{e^{-\kappa_0 L}}{\mu L} + \mathcal{O} \left( e^{-\sqrt{2}\kappa_0 N} \right)$$

with  $\gamma \Rightarrow$  asymptotic normalization constant  
 $\kappa_0 \Rightarrow$  binding momentum and  $\beta(x) \Rightarrow$  a polynomial

$\ell$	$\Gamma$	$\beta(x)$
0	$A_1^+$	-3
1	$T_1^-$	+3
2	$T_2^+$	$30x + 135x^2 + 315x^3 + 315x^4$
	$E^+$	$-\frac{1}{2}(15 + 90x + 405x^2 + 945x^3 + 945x^4)$
3	$A_2^-$	$315x^2 + 2835x^3 + 122285x^4 + 28350x^5 + 28350x^6$
	$T_2^-$	$-\frac{1}{2}(105x + 945x^2 + 5355x^3 + 19530x^4 + 42525x^5 + 42525x^6)$
	$T_1^-$	$-\frac{1}{2}(14 + 105x + 735x^2 + 3465x^3 + 11340x^4 + 23625x^5 + 23625x^6)$

Although no analytic LO FVEC formula for the three-body case exists, results for zero-range potentials [PRL 114, 091602 \(2015\)](#) and the asymptotic ( $\equiv$  large  $N$ ) behaviour are available [Phys. Lett. B 779, 9-15 \(2018\)](#).

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**Multiplet averaging** of the energies.  $\Rightarrow$  the finite volume energy corrections assume an universal form, independent in magnitude on the SO(3) irreps

$$E_\infty(\ell_A^P) - E_L(\ell_A^P) \Big|^{LO} = (-1)^{\ell+1} 3 |\gamma|^2 \frac{e^{-\kappa_0 L}}{\mu L} \quad \text{with} \quad E(\ell_A^P) \equiv \sum_{\Gamma \in \mathcal{O}} \frac{\chi^\Gamma(1)}{2\ell+1} E_B^{(\ell^P, \Gamma)}(L)$$

at LO, i.e. order  $\exp(-\kappa_0 L)$ .

where:

$\Gamma \Rightarrow$  irrep of the cubic group

$\chi^\Gamma(1) \Rightarrow$  character of  $\Gamma$  w.r.t. the identity conjugacy class ( $\equiv \dim \Gamma$ )

$P \Rightarrow$  eigenvalue of the inversion operator  $\mathcal{P}$

## Finite volume energy corrections including Coulomb interaction

Leading Coulomb corrections for the energies of states with  $\ell = 0$  ( $A_1$ ) describing two spinless singly-charged particles in a finite volume are given by

$$\Delta E_{B,\text{QED}}^{(0,A_1)} \equiv E_{B,\text{QED}}^{(0,A_1)}(\infty) - E_{B,\text{QED}}^{(0,A_1)}(L) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi L} \mathcal{I} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2) \quad \Rightarrow \text{PRD 90, 074511 (2014)}$$

$$\mathcal{I} = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \neq 0}^{\Lambda_n} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{n}|^2} - 4\pi\Lambda_n = -8.9136$$

where:

$\alpha = e^2/4\pi \Rightarrow$  fine structure constant

$\Lambda_n = N\Lambda/2\pi$  with  $\Lambda \Rightarrow$  UV lattice momentum cutoff

$\mathbf{n} \Rightarrow$  three-vector of integers

As in the case without QED, FV corrections for the  $\ell = 0$  state are negative

In presence of Coulomb interaction, the infinite-volume bound state energy  $E \equiv -E_B^{(0,A_1)}(\infty) = -\kappa_0^2/2\mu$  and binding momentum  $\kappa_0$  is modified into

$$E_{B,\text{QED}}^{(0,A_1)}(\infty) = \frac{\kappa_0^2}{2\mu} - \frac{2\alpha\kappa_0}{1 - \kappa_0 r_0} \left[ \gamma_E + \log \left( \frac{\alpha\mu}{2\kappa_0} \right) \right]$$

where:  $r_0 \Rightarrow$  effective range of strong interactions

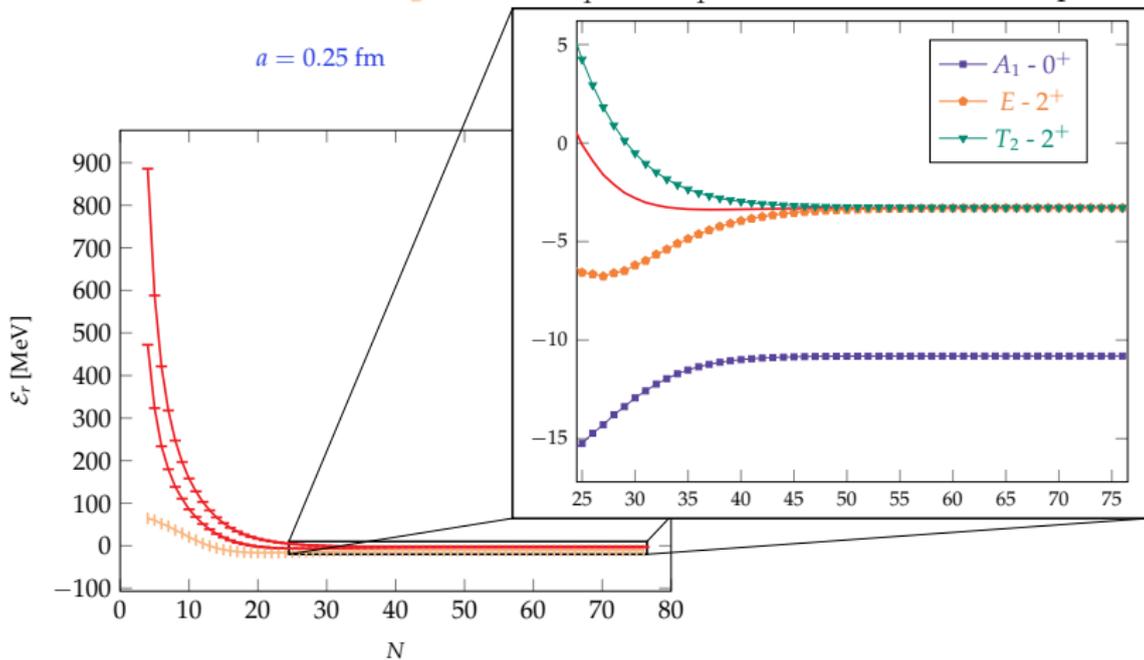
$\gamma_E \approx 0.57721 \Rightarrow$  Euler-Mascheroni constant

**Remark:** in absence of further forces there's no QED contribution at  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$

**Outlook:** extension of the Coulomb FVEC formula to states with  $\ell \geq 1$

## The low-energy ${}^8\text{Be}$ spectrum

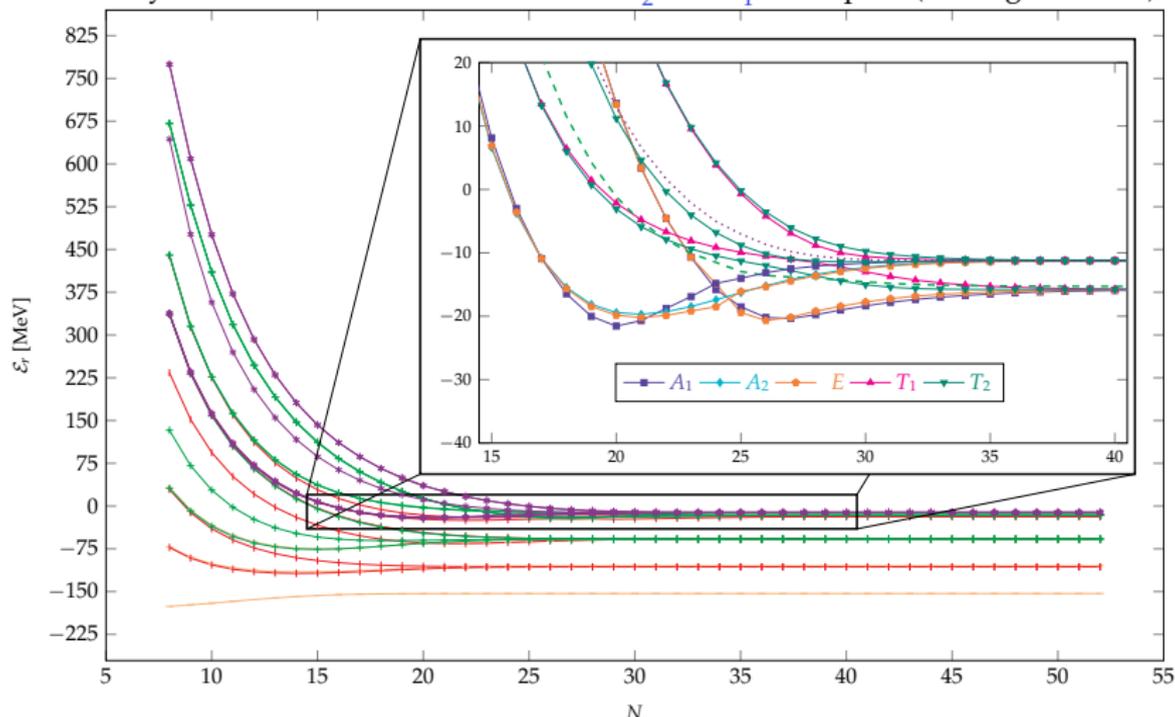
Increasing the parameter  $V_a$  of  $V_{AB}$  up to 130% of its eigenvalue ( $f = 1.3$ ), the finite volume behaviour of the energies of the  $0_1^+$  and  $2_1^+$  bound states can be inspected:



♣ **Remark:** for  $N \gtrsim 27$  the sign of the FVECs agrees with the  $\Delta E_B^{(\ell, \Gamma)}$  formulas for  $\ell = 0$  and 2, even if Coulomb corrections dominate outside the strong interaction region

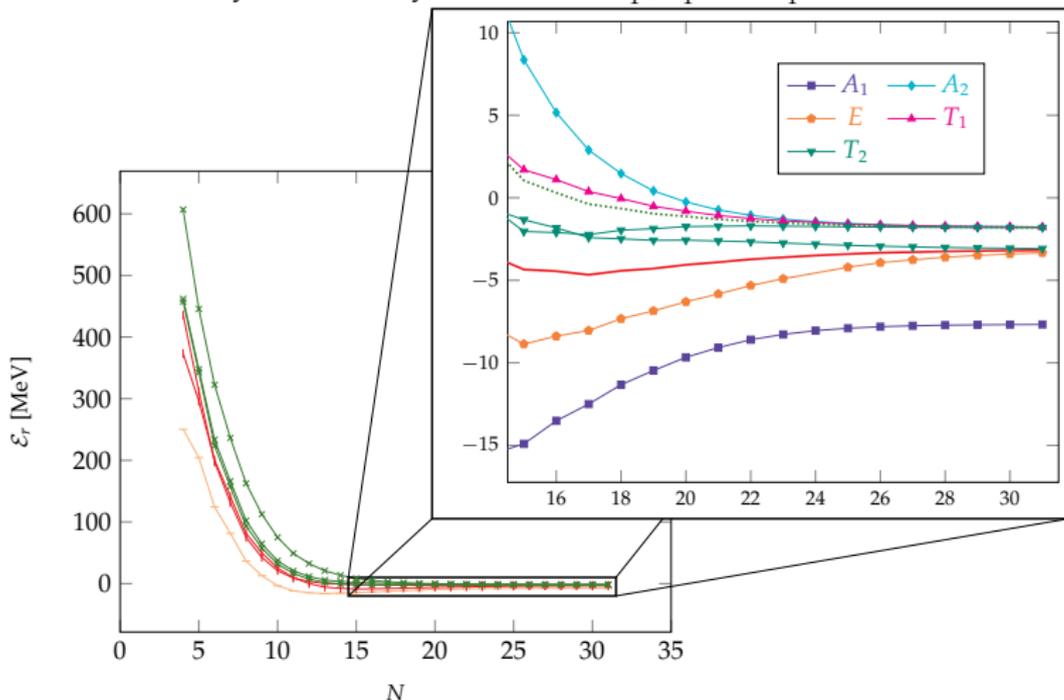
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The further increase of the parameter  $V_a$  of  $V_{AB}$  up to 250% ( $f = 2.5$ ) permits to extend the FV analysis to the  $\ell = 4$  and 6 states  $\implies$  the  $4_2^+$  and  $6_1^+$  multiplets (cf. magnification)



## The low-energy $^{12}\text{C}$ spectrum

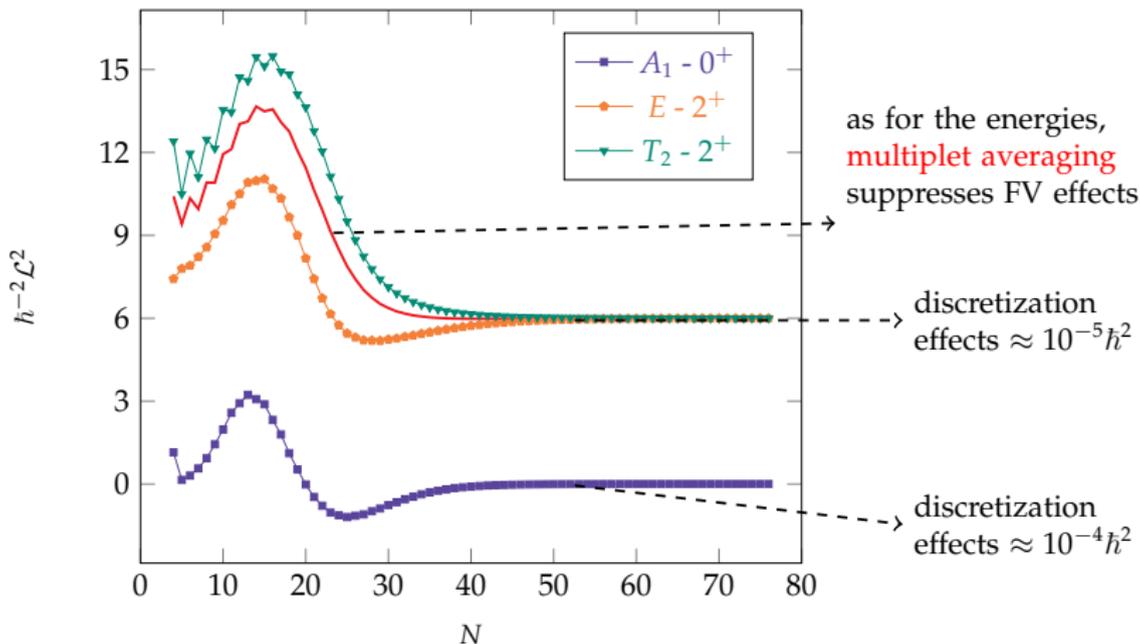
Since the nucleus is naturally bound, no artificial increase of the strength parameter  $V_0$  of  $V_{AB}$  is necessary for the study of the lowest  $0_1^+$ ,  $2_1^+$  and  $3_1^-$  states.



♣ Remark: the spacing is larger ( $a = 0.5$  fm)  $\implies$  discretization effects:  $10^{-2}$ - $10^{-3}$  MeV.

## The low-energy ${}^8\text{Be}$ spectrum: the $0_1^+$ and $2_1^+$ multiplets

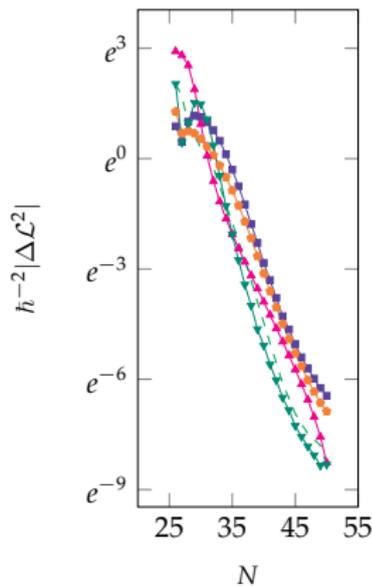
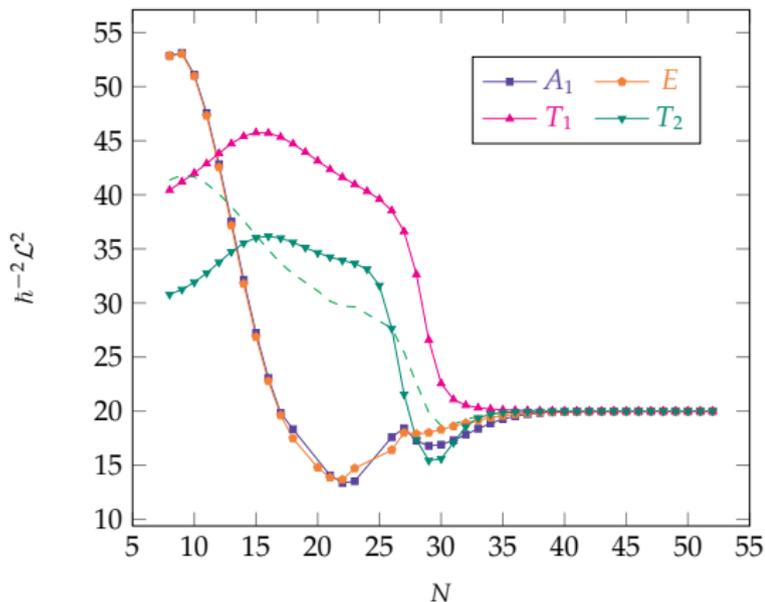
Now we consider the average values of the squared total angular momentum operator  $\mathcal{L}^2$ , in relative coordinates. Fixing  $a = 0.5 \text{ fm}$ , for the  $0_1^+$  and  $2_1^+$  states ( $f = 1.3$ ) we find:



♣ **Remark:** The average values of  $\mathcal{L}^2$  for the  $0_{A_1}^+$ ,  $2_E^+$  and  $2_{T_2}^+$  states smoothly converge to the eigenvalues equal to 0 and  $6\hbar^2$ , modulo residual discretization errors.

## The low-energy ${}^8\text{Be}$ spectrum: the $4_2^+$ multiplet

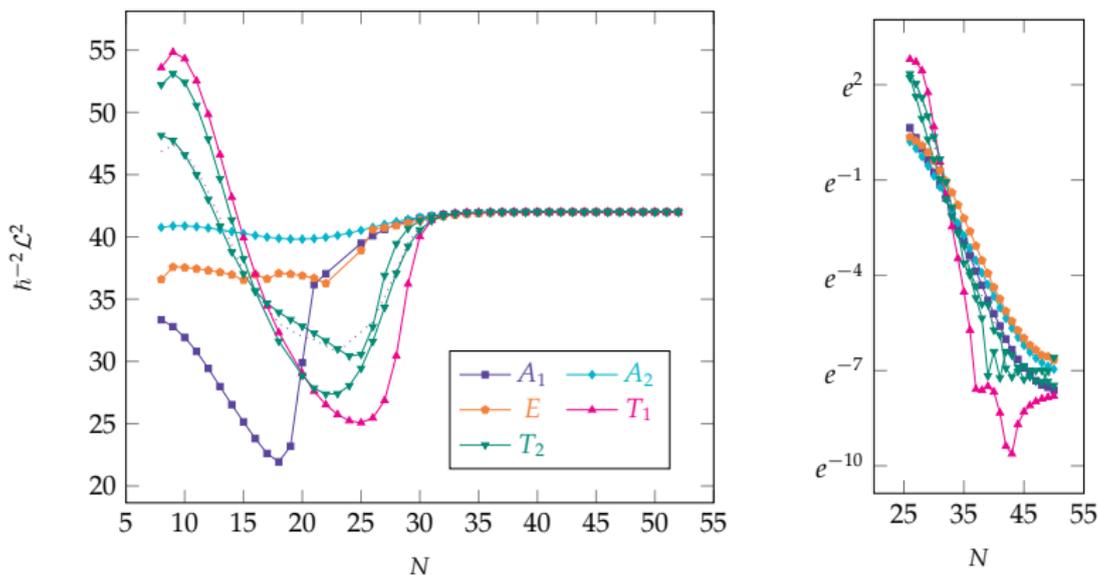
In the  $f = 2.5$  case, by fixing  $a = 0.25$  fm discretization effects for the  $4_2^+$  multiplets reduce to  $\approx 10^{-4}\hbar^2$ . Multiplet-averaging enhances convergence.



**Remark:** for  $L \gtrsim 25$   $|\Delta\mathcal{L}^2| \propto \exp(m_\kappa L)$  with  $m_\kappa < 0$

## The low-energy ${}^8\text{Be}$ spectrum: the $6_1^+$ multiplet

In the  $f = 2.5$  case, fixing  $a = 0.25$  fm residual discretization effects for the  $6_1^+$  multiplets amount to  $\approx 10^{-4}h^2$ . Multiplet-averaging enhances convergence.

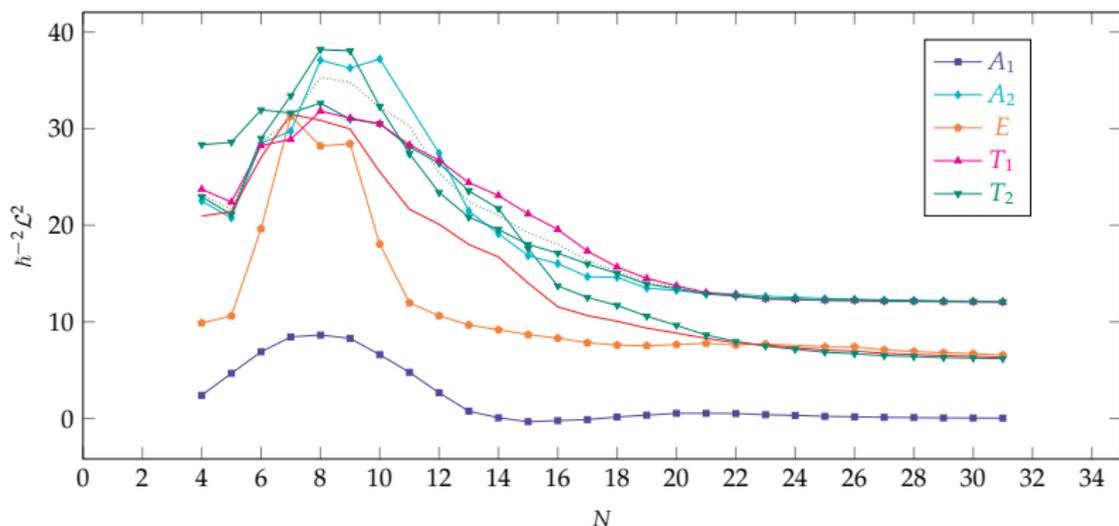


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## The low-energy $^{12}\text{C}$ spectrum

As a consequence of the isotropy of the potentials, the nucleus has an **equilateral triangular** equilibrium configuration, i.e.  $\langle r_{12} \rangle = \langle r_{23} \rangle = \langle r_{13} \rangle \equiv \mathcal{R}$ .

Restoring the  $V_a$  parameter of the Ali-Bodmer potential to its default value ( $f = 1.0$ ) and fixing the spacing to  $a = 0.50$  fm, we compute the average values of  $\mathcal{L}^2$  on the  $0_1^+$ ,  $2_1^+$  and  $3_1^-$  multiplets of states.

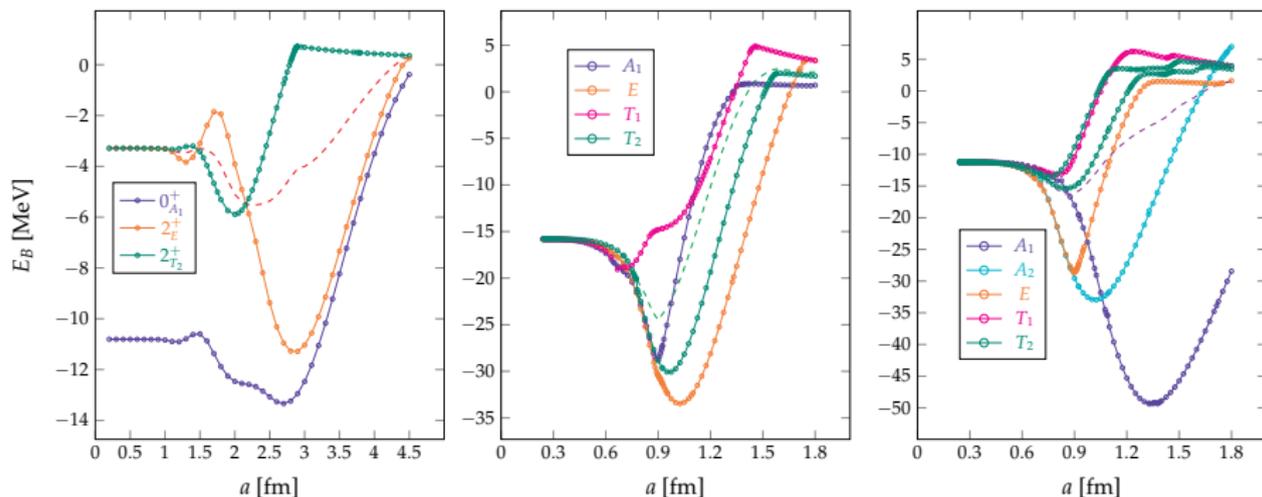


**Remark:** residual discretization errors are sensibly larger ( $\approx 10^{-1} - 10^{-2} \hbar^2$ ).



## Discretization effects on energy

Unlike finite-volume effects, the dominant behaviour of discretization corrections on energy,  $\Delta E_B(a)$ , is unknown.



**Nevertheless:** some extrema of  $E_B(a)$  can be associated to the maxima of the probability density function corresponding to the given energy eigenstate.

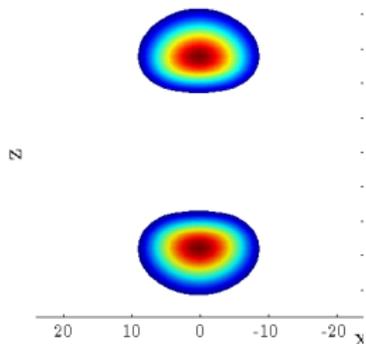
NB: If the primary maxima of the pdf lie at distance  $d^*$  w.r.t. the origin, the most probable  $\alpha - \alpha$  separation  $\mathcal{R}^*$  is given by  $d^*$

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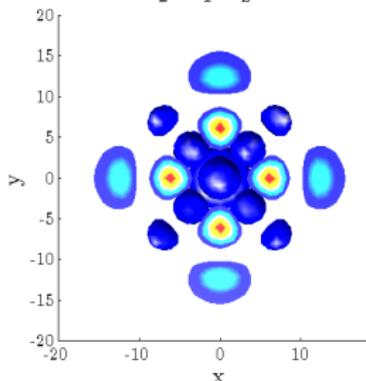
If the all pdf maxima are absolute and lie along the coordinate axes,  $\exists$  a value of  $a$  s.t. all the maxima of the pdf are included in the cubic lattice.

In particular: for  $a = d^* \implies E_B(a)$  is minimized and  
 if  $|\Psi_B^{\text{Max}}|^2 \gg |\Psi_B(\mathbf{r})|^2$  where  $|\mathbf{r}| = nd^*$  and  $n \geq 2 \implies \langle \mathcal{R} \rangle \approx d^*$  and  $\langle V \rangle$  is  
 approximately minimized

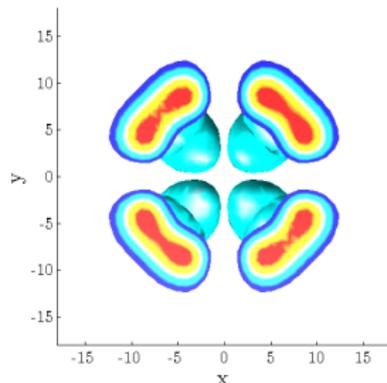
$2_1^+ E (I_z = 0)$



$4_2^+ A_1 (I_z = 0)$



$6_1^+ T_2 \Pi (I_z = 2)$



✓ conditions fulfilled

✗ secondary maxima

✗ maxima off the axes

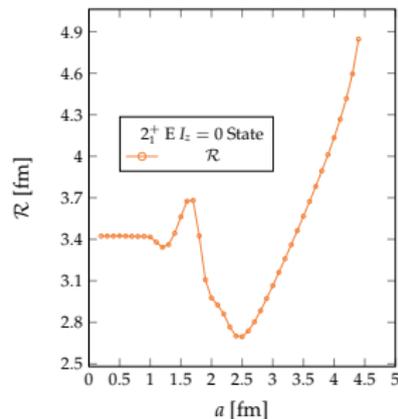
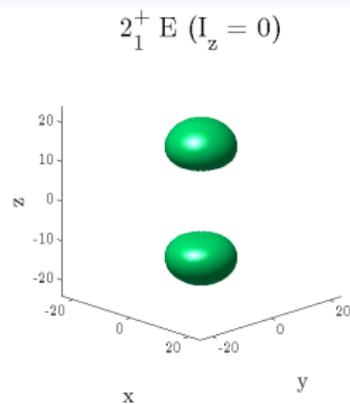
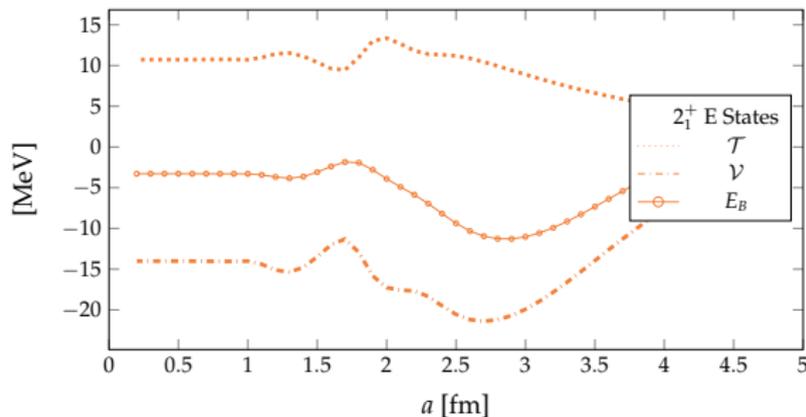
## Discretization on ${}^8\text{Be}$ : the $2_1^+$ E states

$I_z = 0$  Pdf: two principal maxima along the z axis, located at a distance  $d^* = 2.83$  fm from the origin.

$\Rightarrow E_B(a)$  minima are, then, predicted to lie at

$$a = \frac{d^*}{n} \text{ with } n \geq 1, \text{ i.e. } a \approx 2.83, 1.42, 0.94, \dots$$

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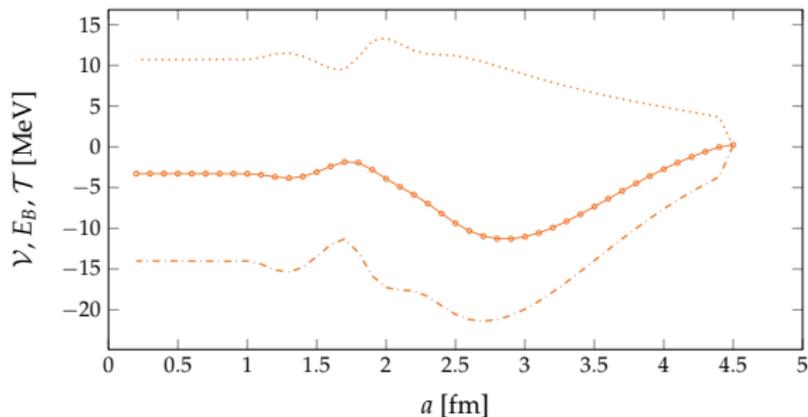
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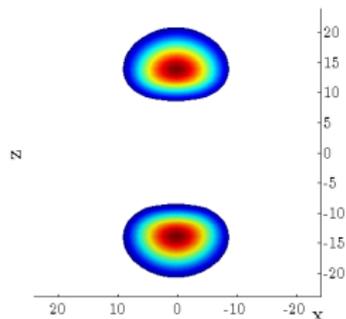
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$2_1^+ E (I_z = 0)$



In addition:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{V} &\approx -21.21 \text{ MeV} @ a = d^* \\ \mathcal{V}^{\min} &\approx -21.40 \text{ MeV} @ a \approx 2.70 \text{ fm} \\ &\text{and} \\ \mathcal{R} &\approx 2.88 \text{ fm} @ a = d^* \\ \mathcal{R}^{\min} &\approx 2.70 \text{ fm} @ a \approx 2.50 \text{ fm} \end{aligned}$$

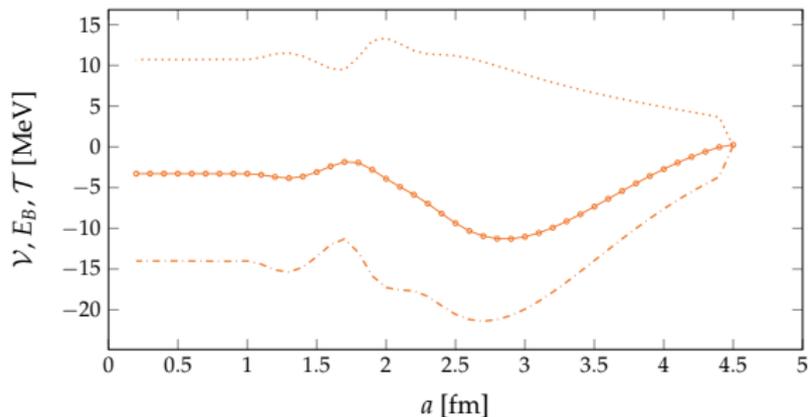
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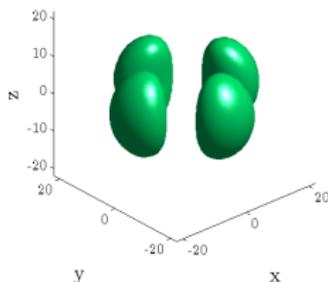
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$2_1^+$  E ( $I_z = 2$ )



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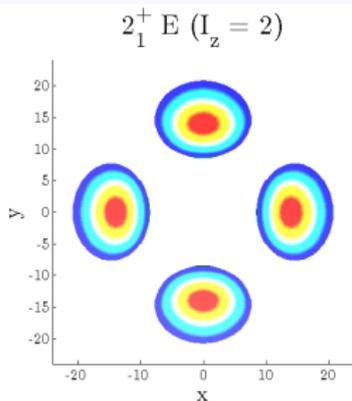
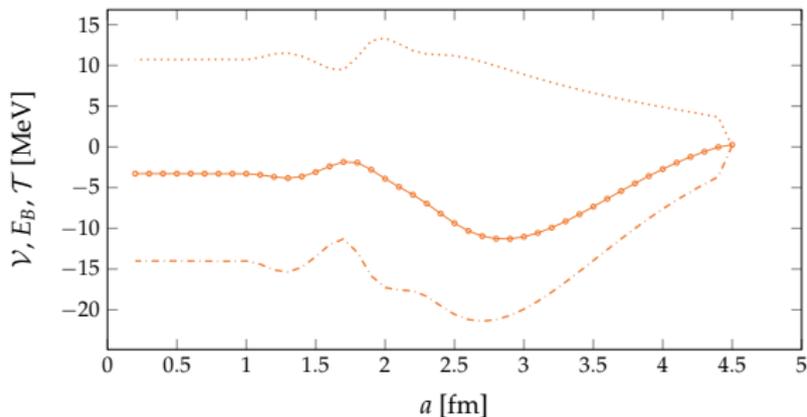
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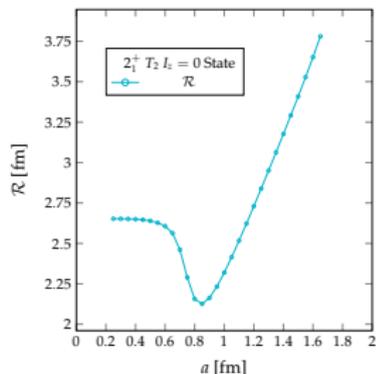
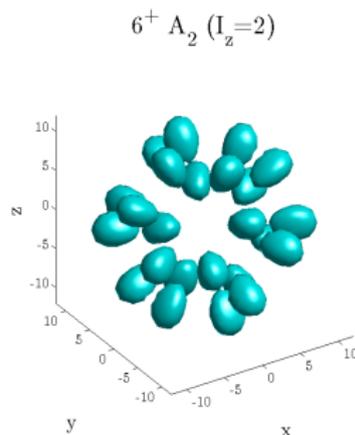
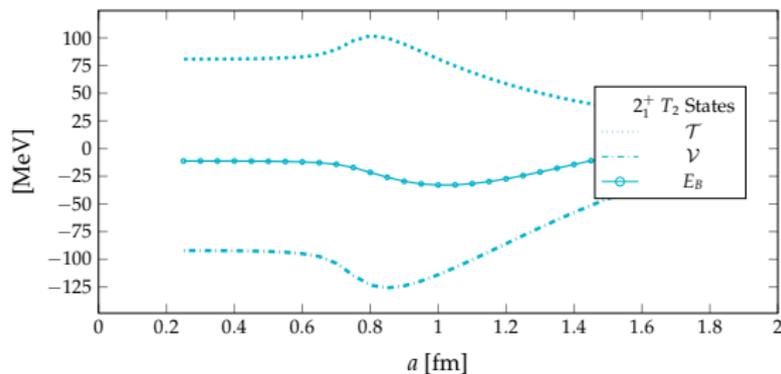
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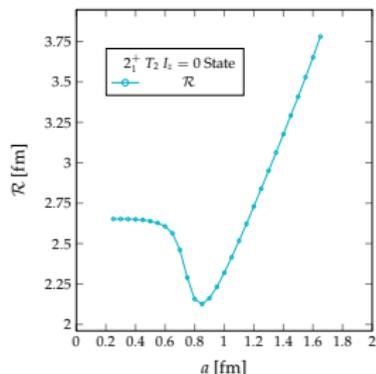
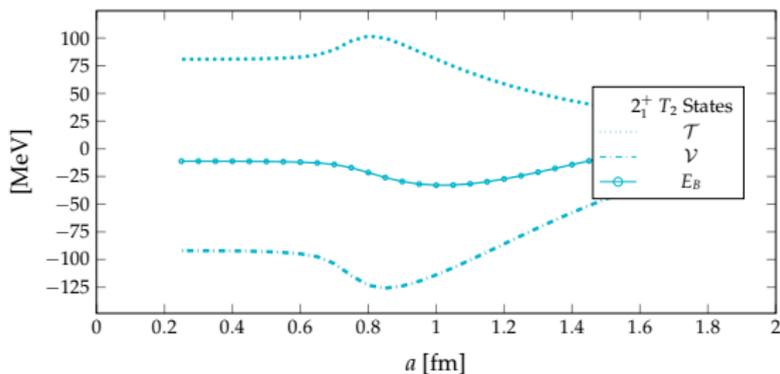
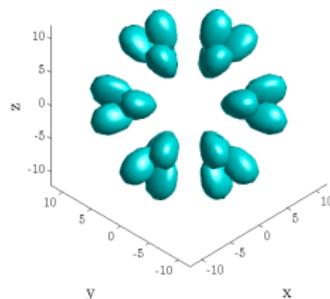
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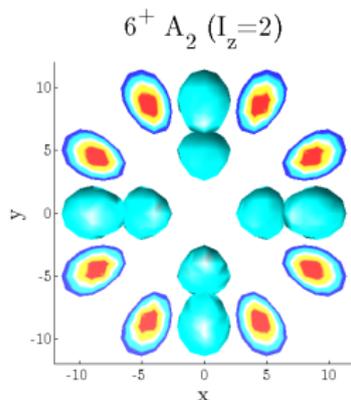
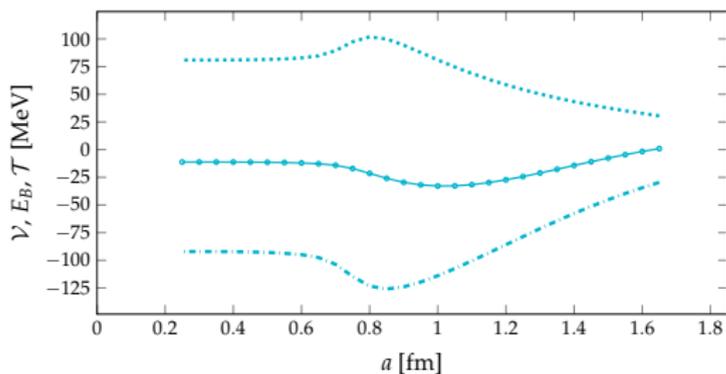
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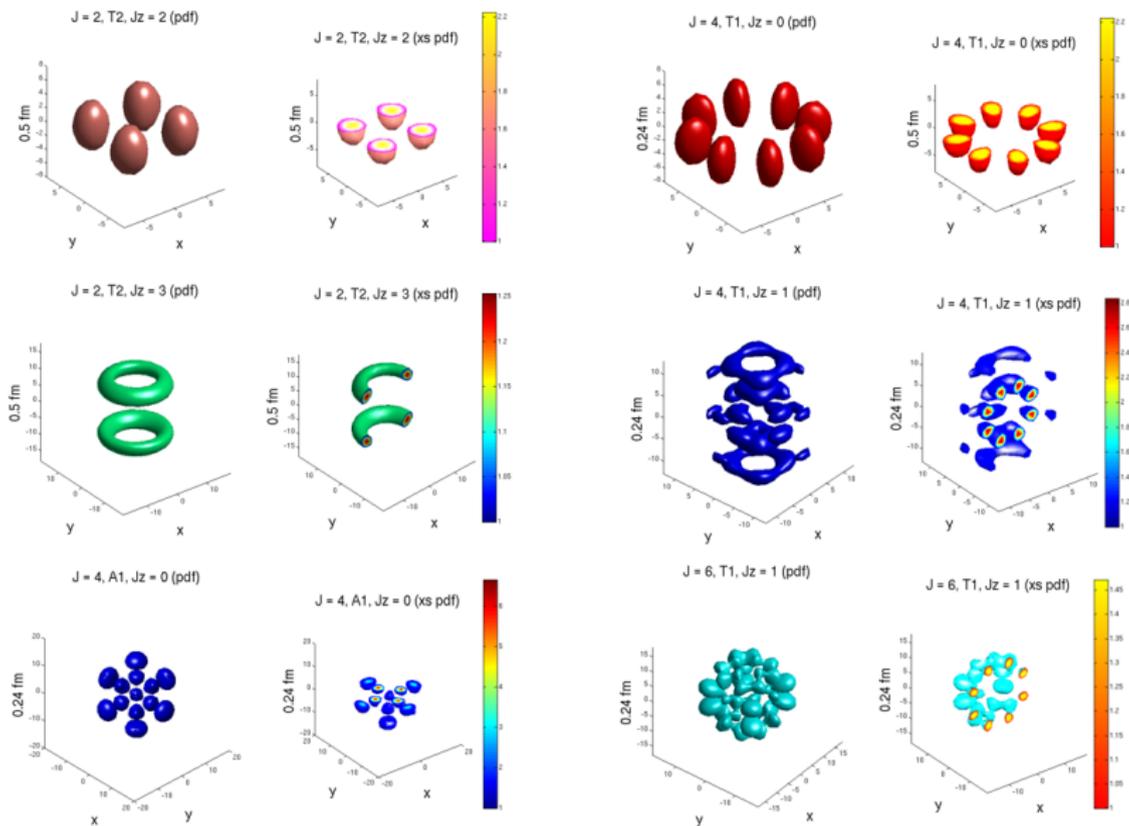
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# Other low-energy $^8\text{Be}$ wavefunctions



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### Perspectives and hints

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Thanks for your attention!  
Grazie per l'attenzione!

## Rotational Symmetry

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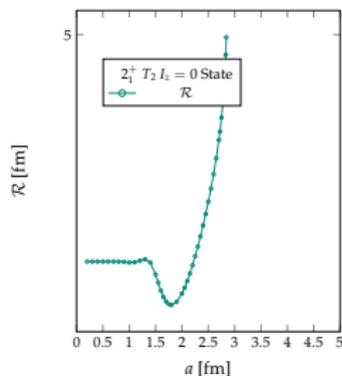
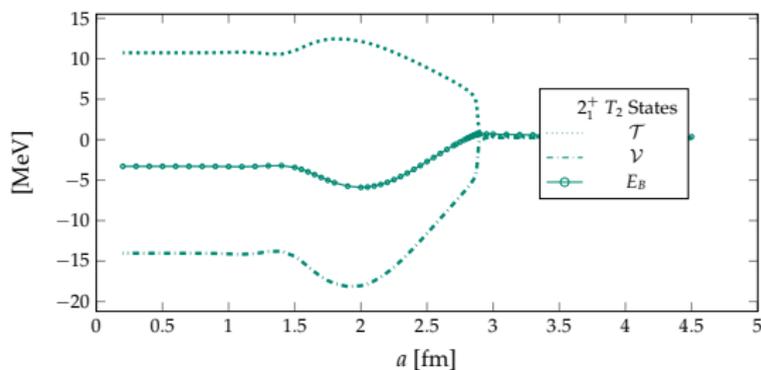
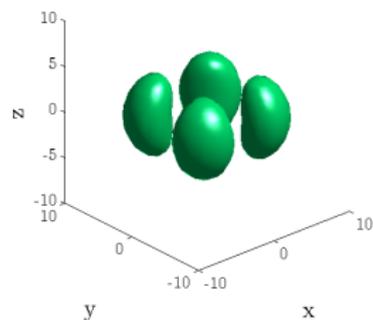
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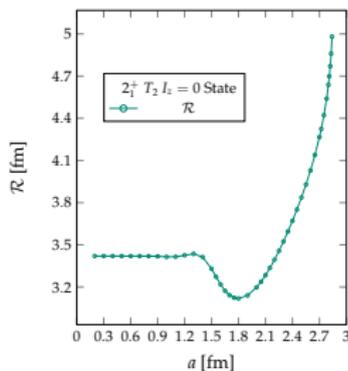
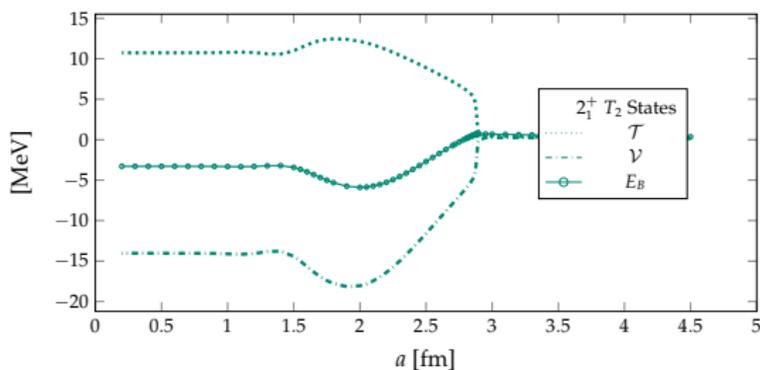
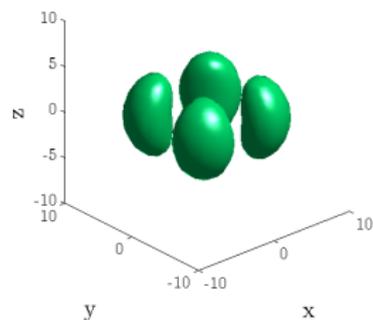
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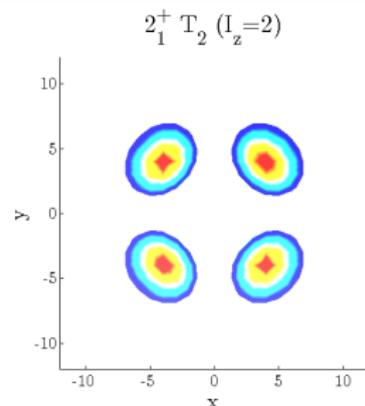
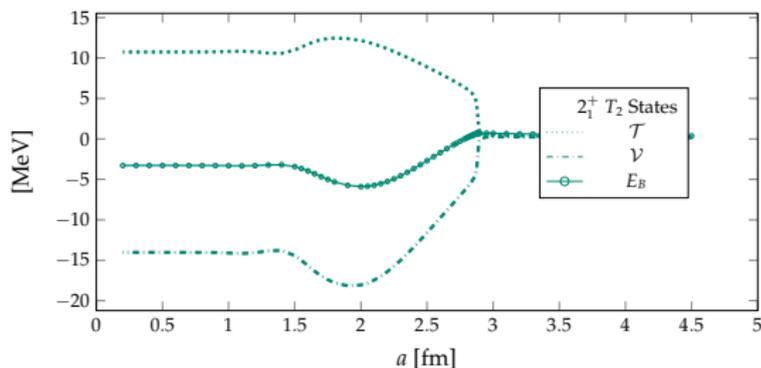
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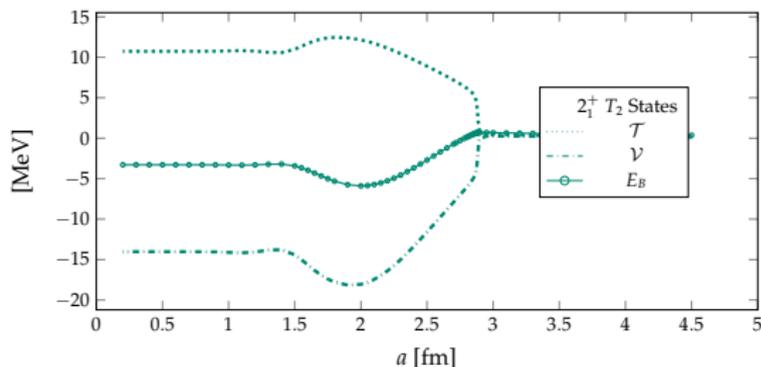
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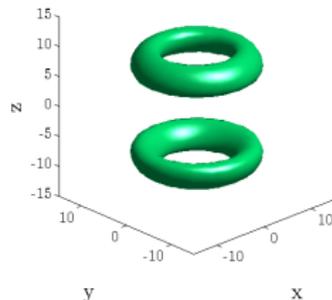
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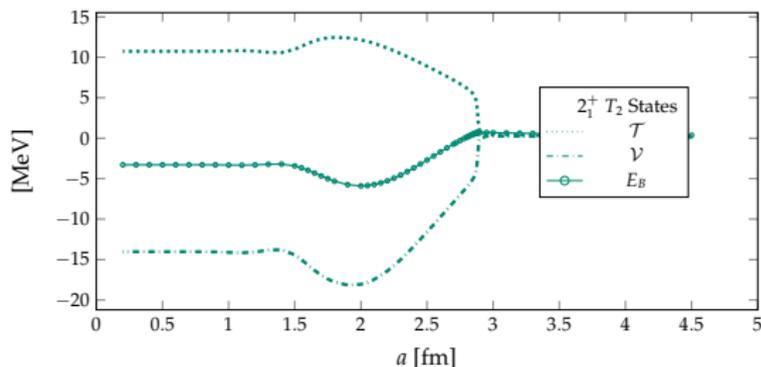
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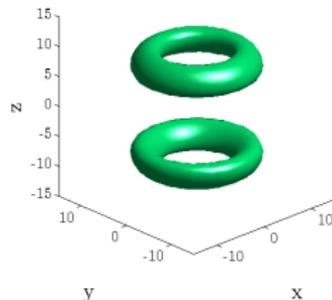
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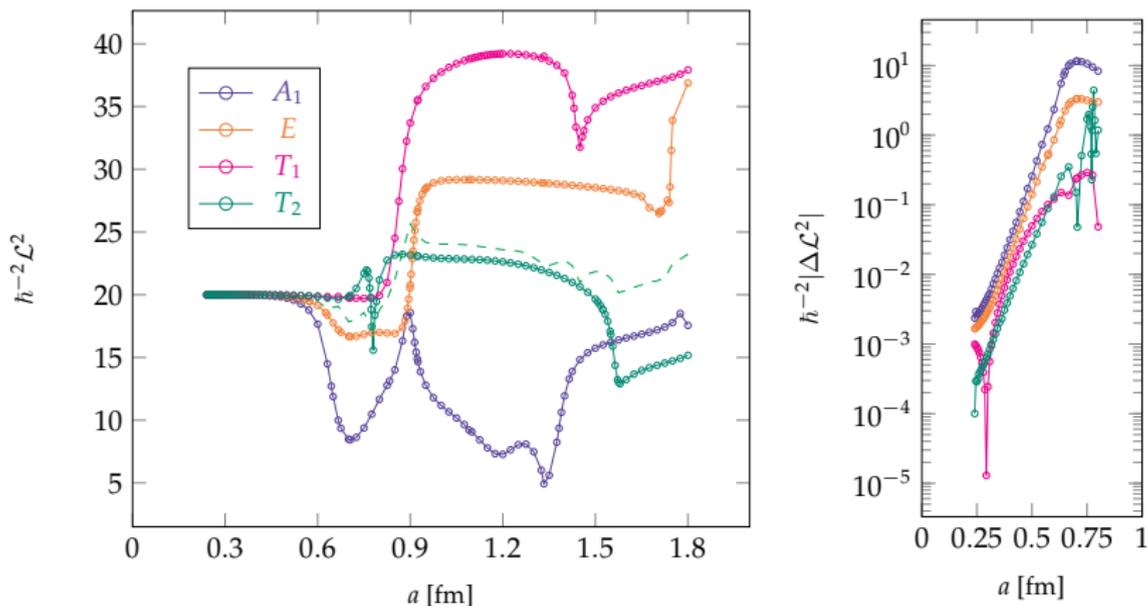
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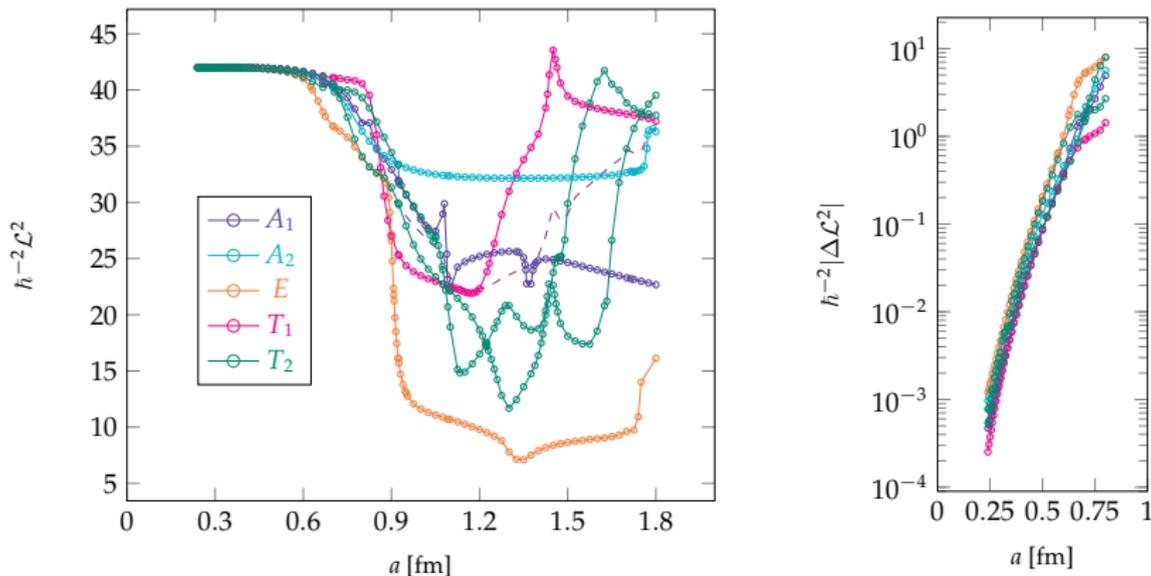
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