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Using pseudopotentials to study strongly correlated phases

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QMC study of the ground state

$$H = KE + V_{\text{e-i}} + V_{\text{e-e}}$$

$$E = \frac{\int \bar{\psi} H \psi \, \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{r}}{\int \bar{\psi} \psi \, \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{r}}$$

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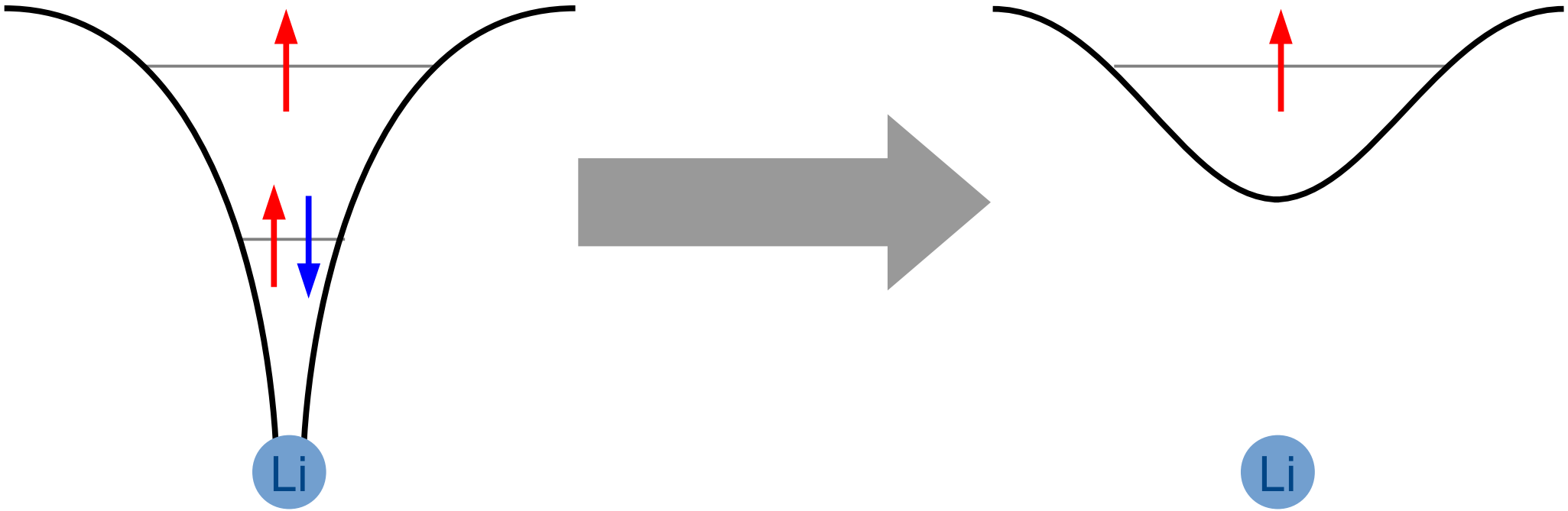

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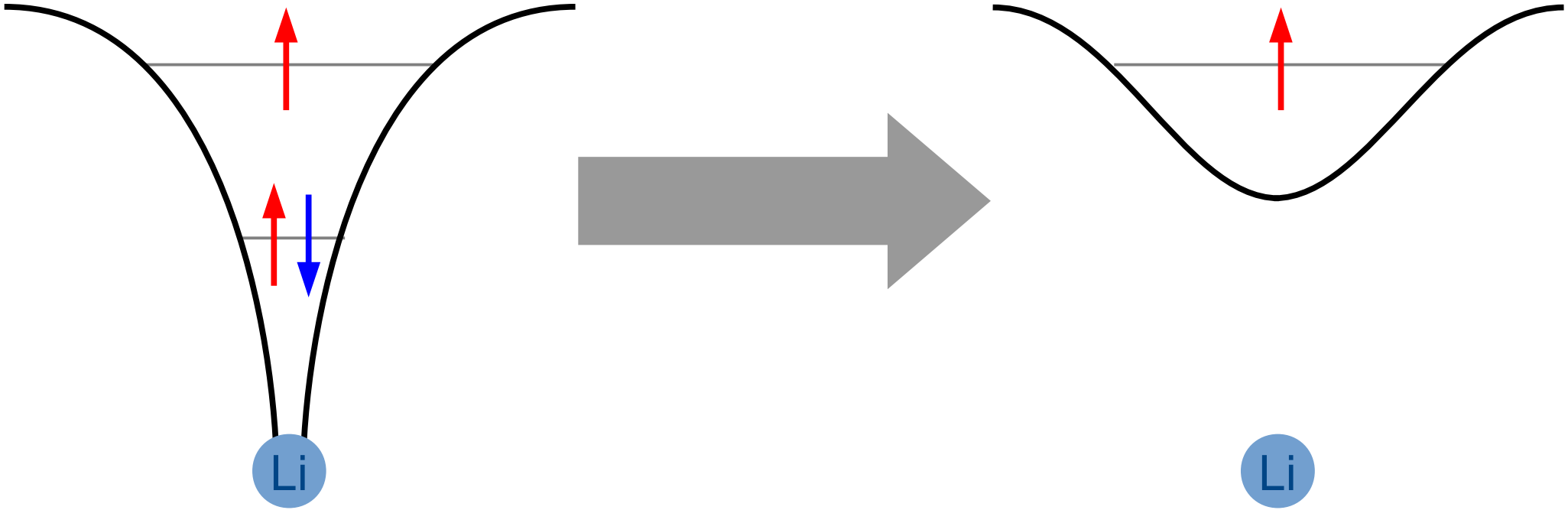
Fewer electrons



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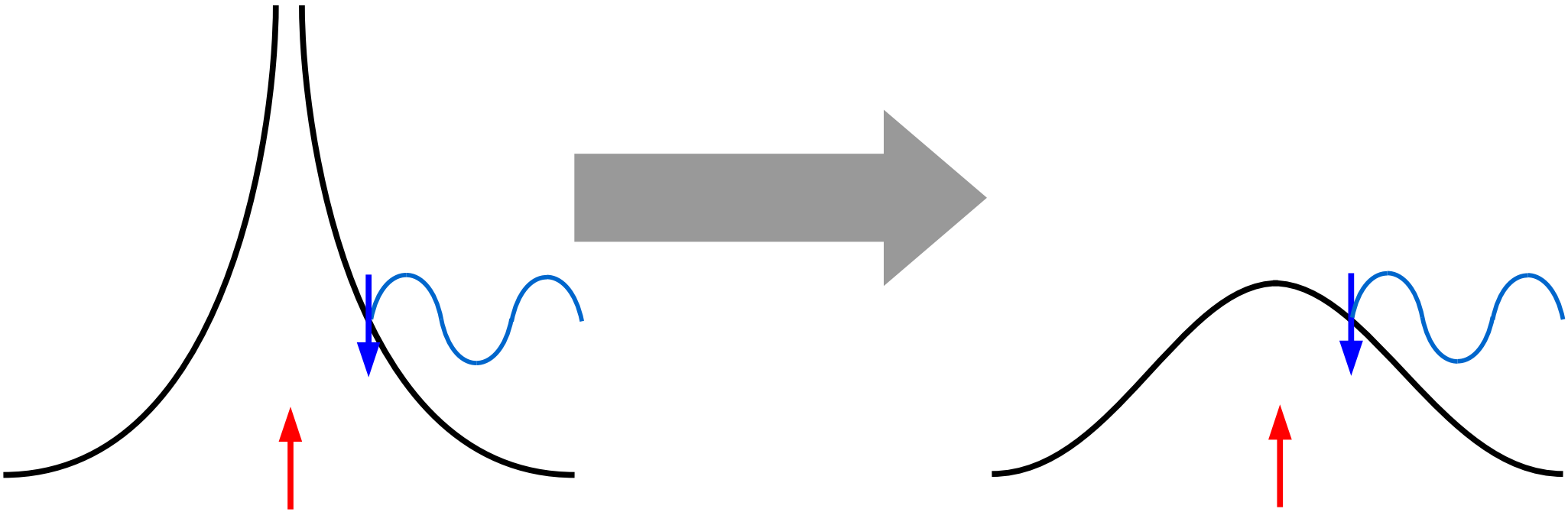

Pseudo kinetic energy

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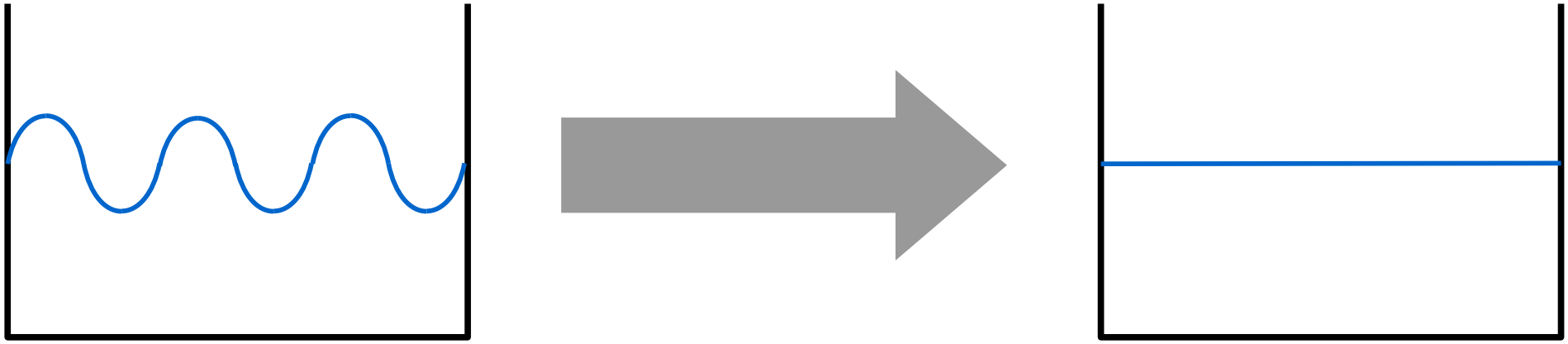
Smooth integrand



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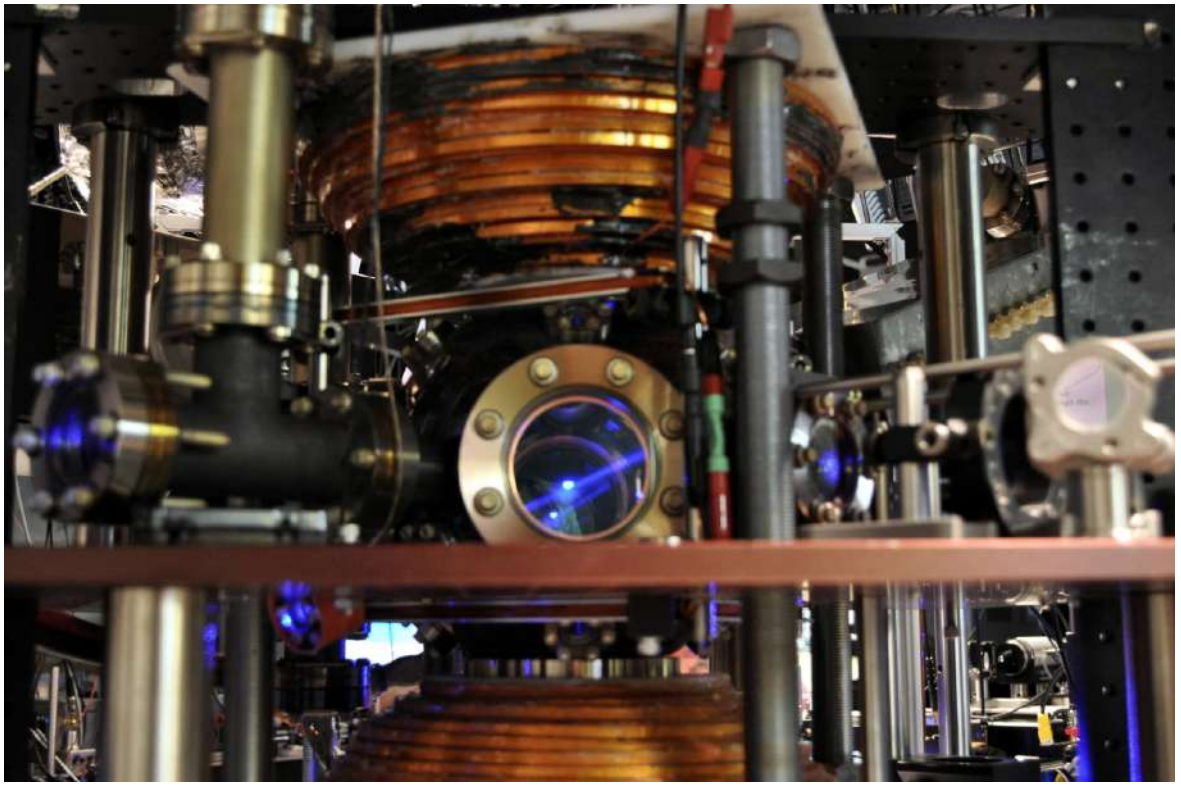
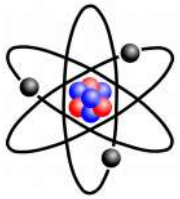


Pristine

Contact interaction

High level of control

Scattering in ultracold atom gases



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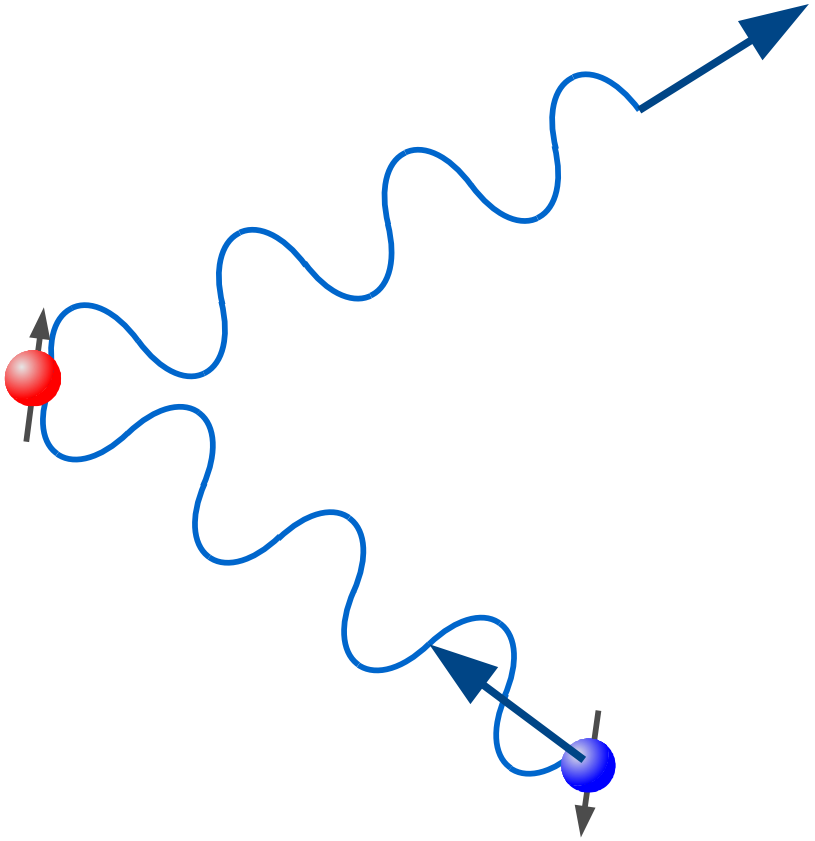

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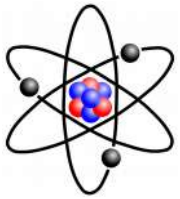

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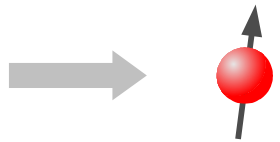

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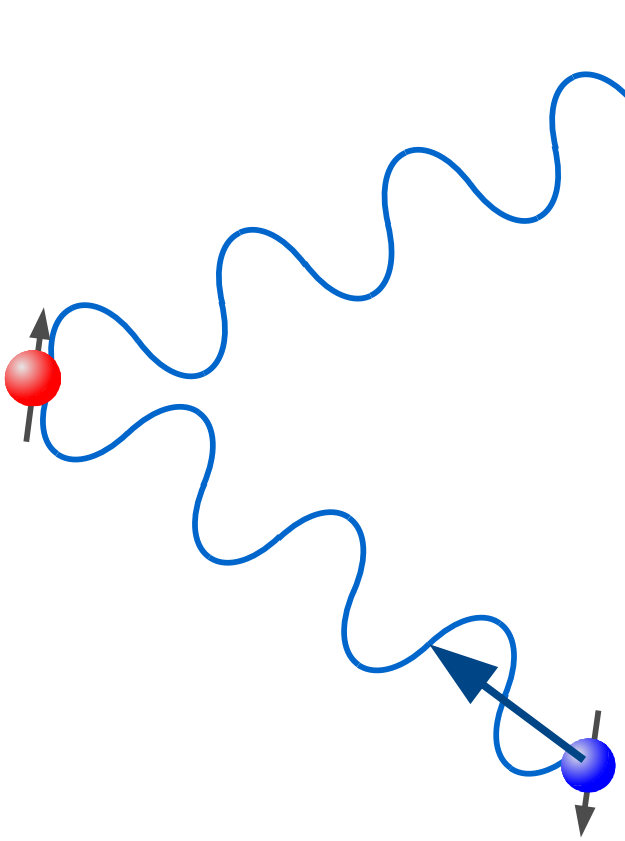


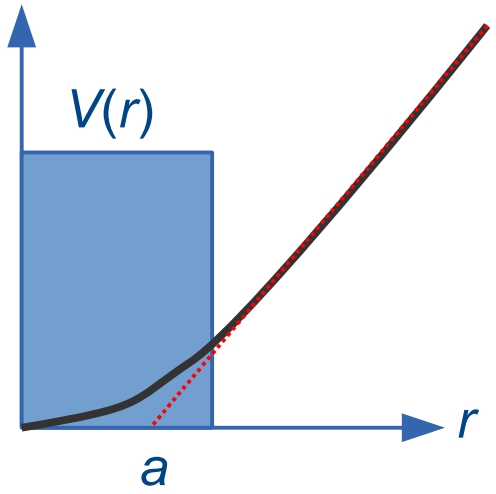
$$\psi = \frac{\sin(k r + \delta_0)}{kr}$$

$$\cot \delta_0 = -\frac{1}{ka}$$

Scattering potentials

Underlying repulsive

Effective repulsive



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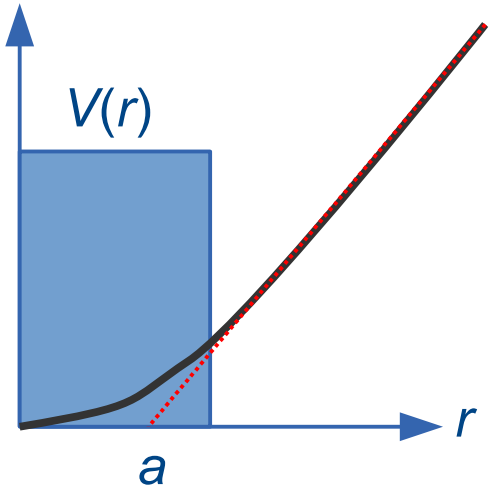

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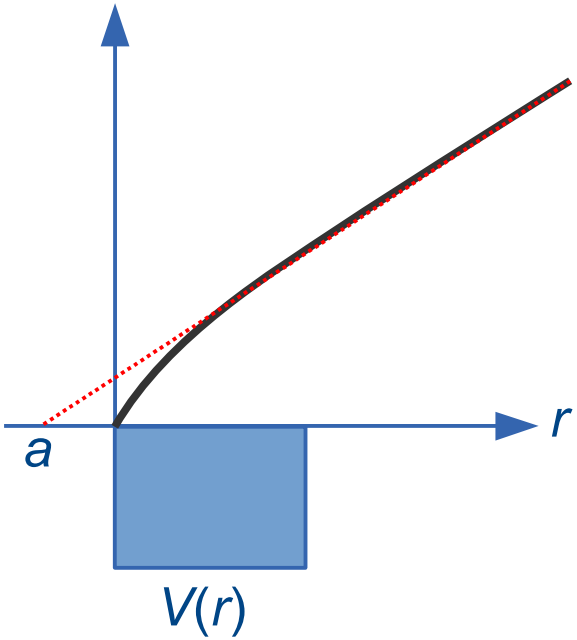

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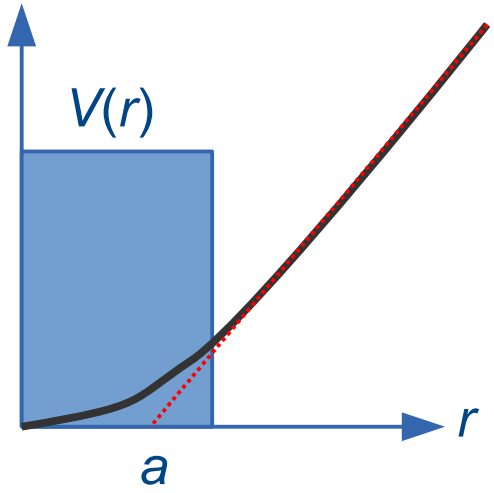

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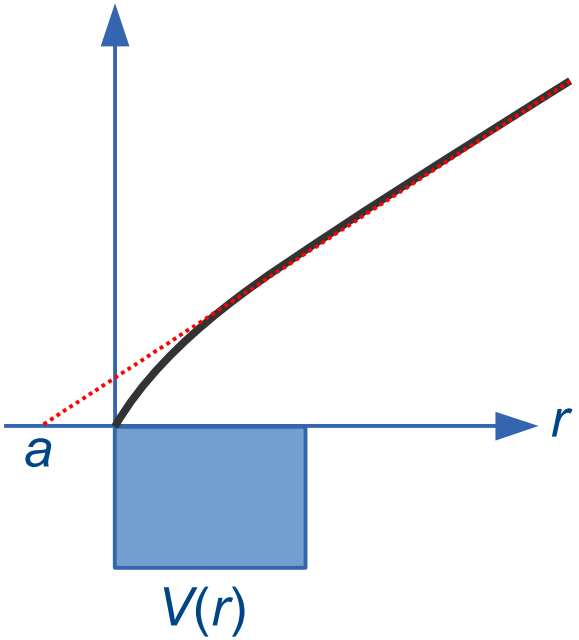

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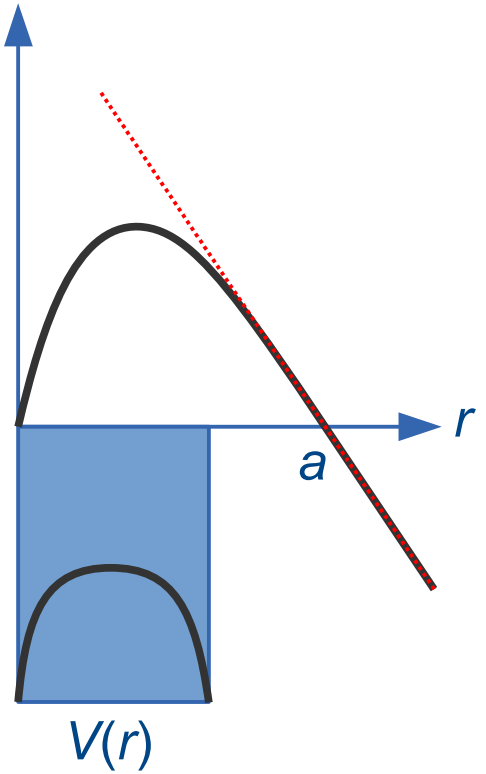

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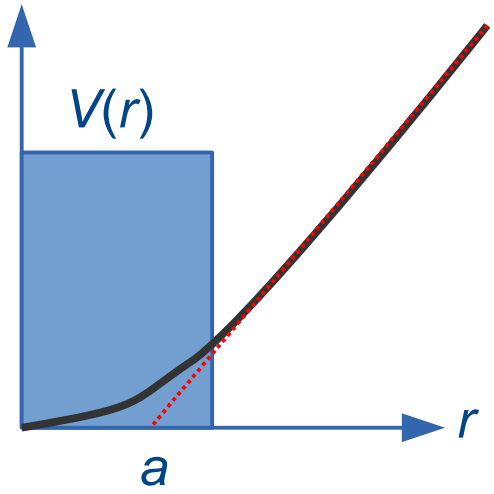

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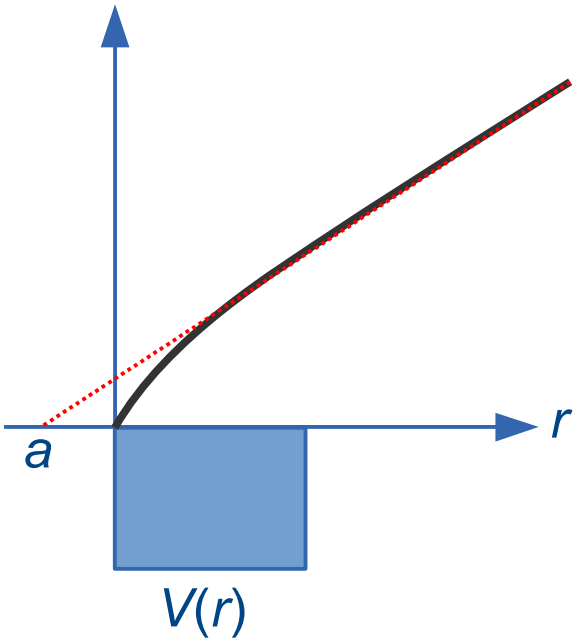

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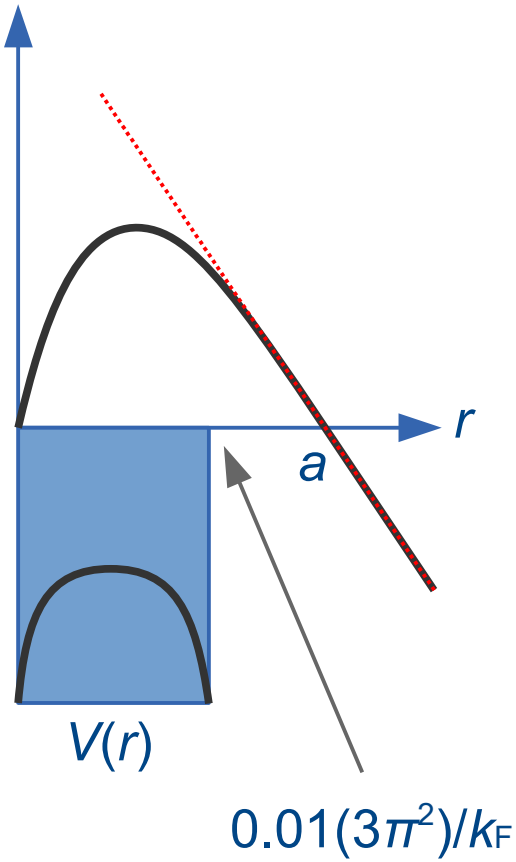

Pilati, Bertaina, Giorgini, and Troyer, PRL 105, 030405 (2010)

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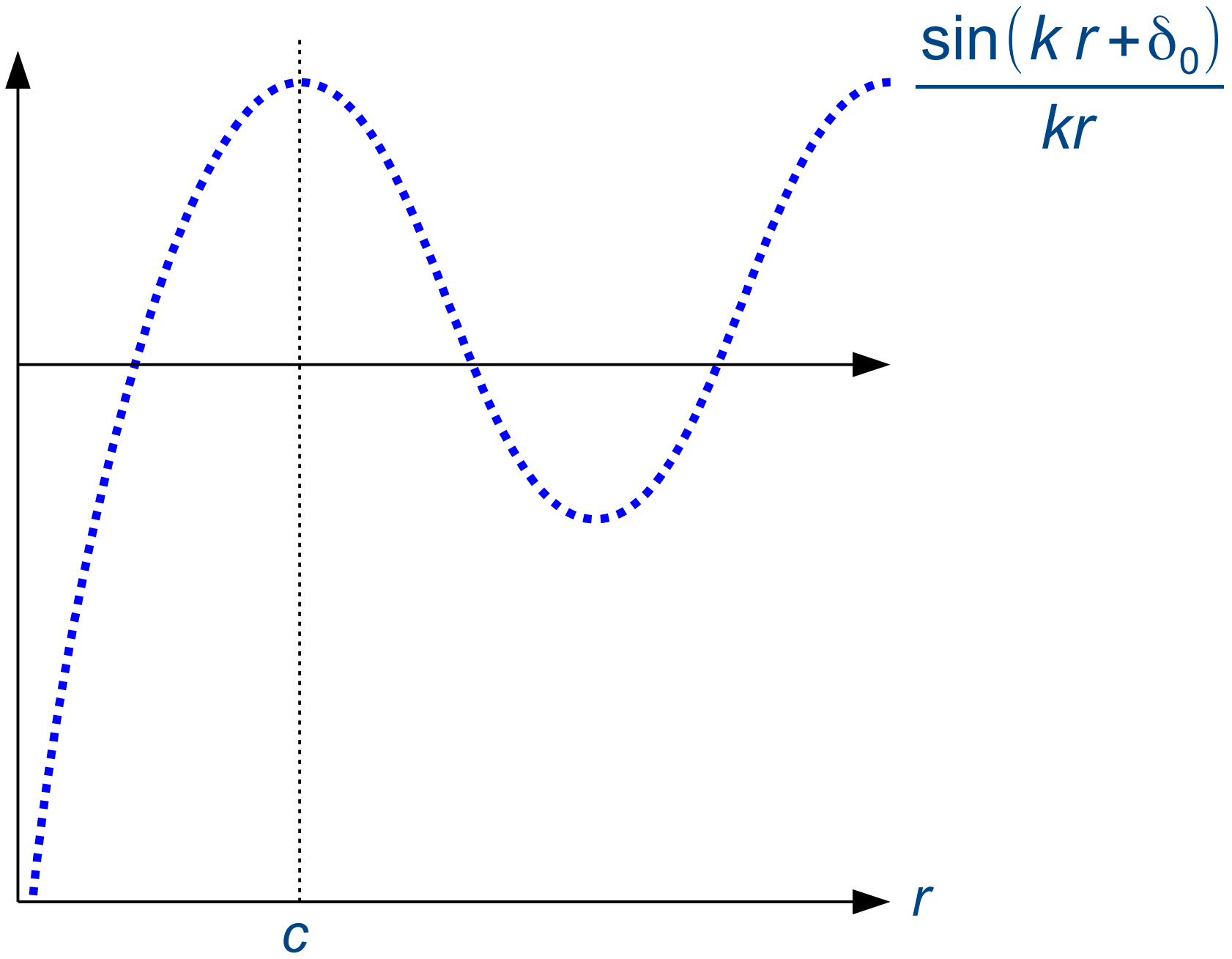

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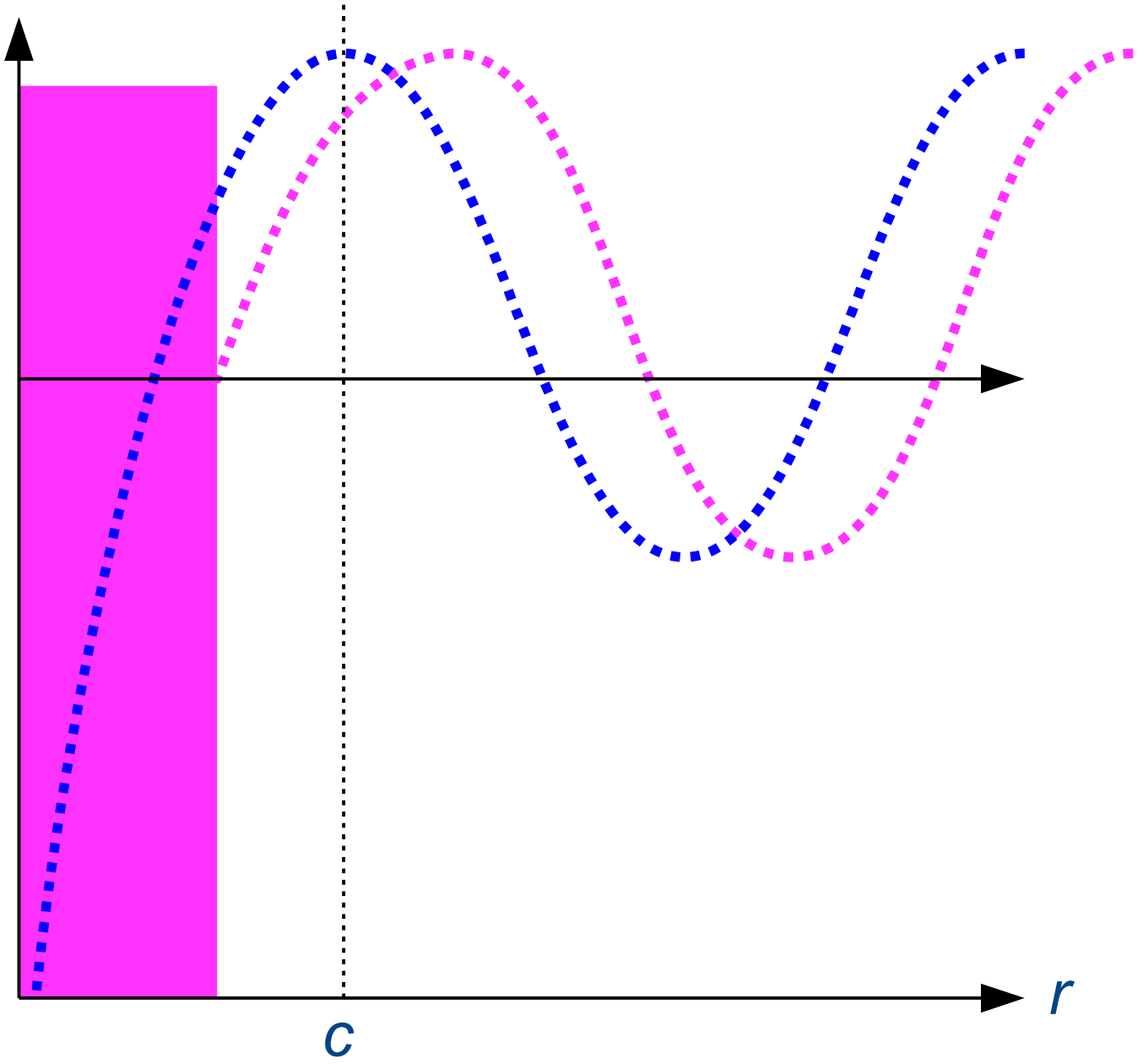

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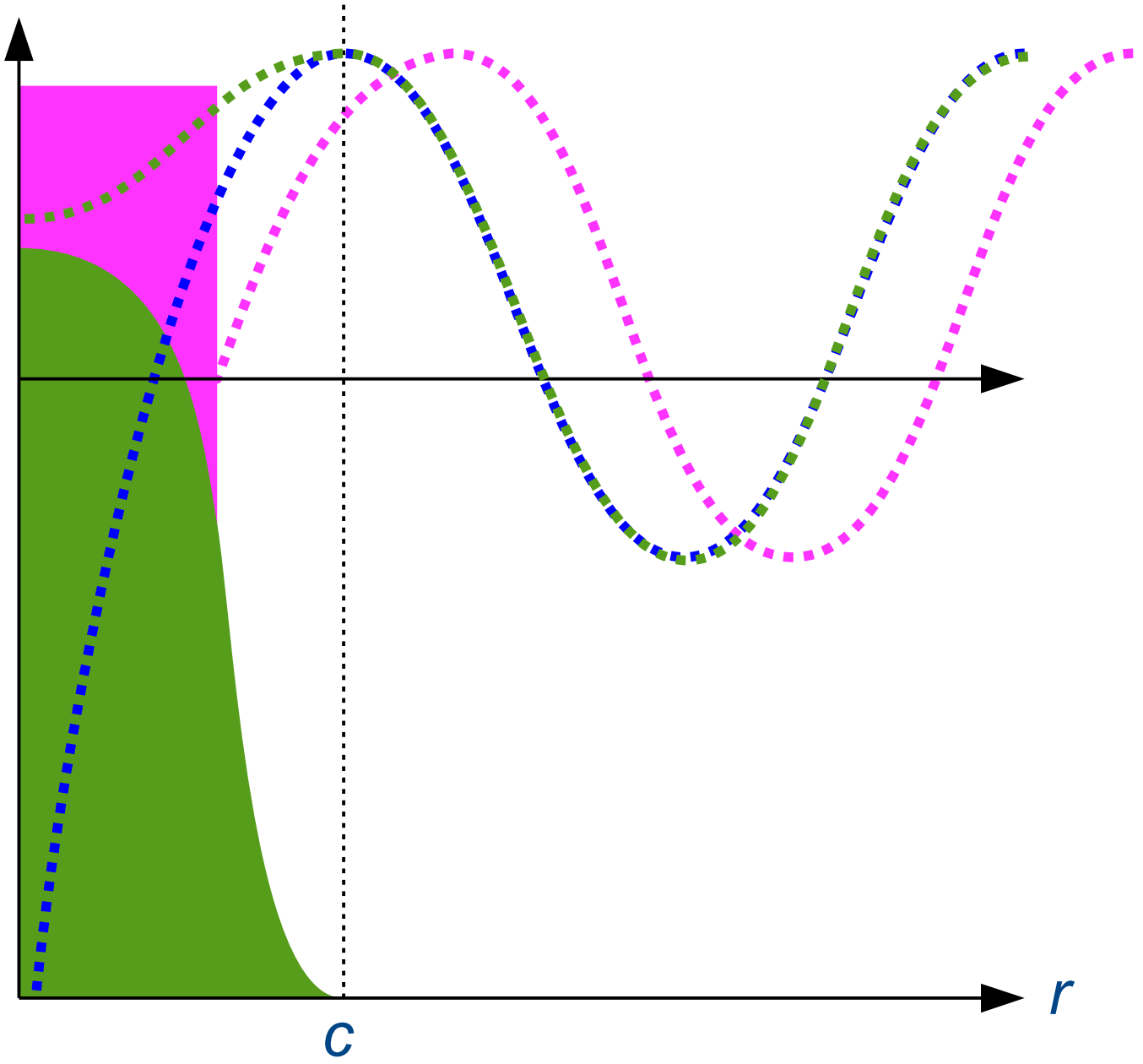

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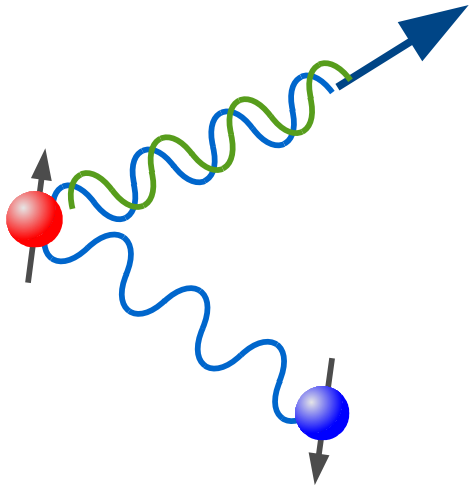
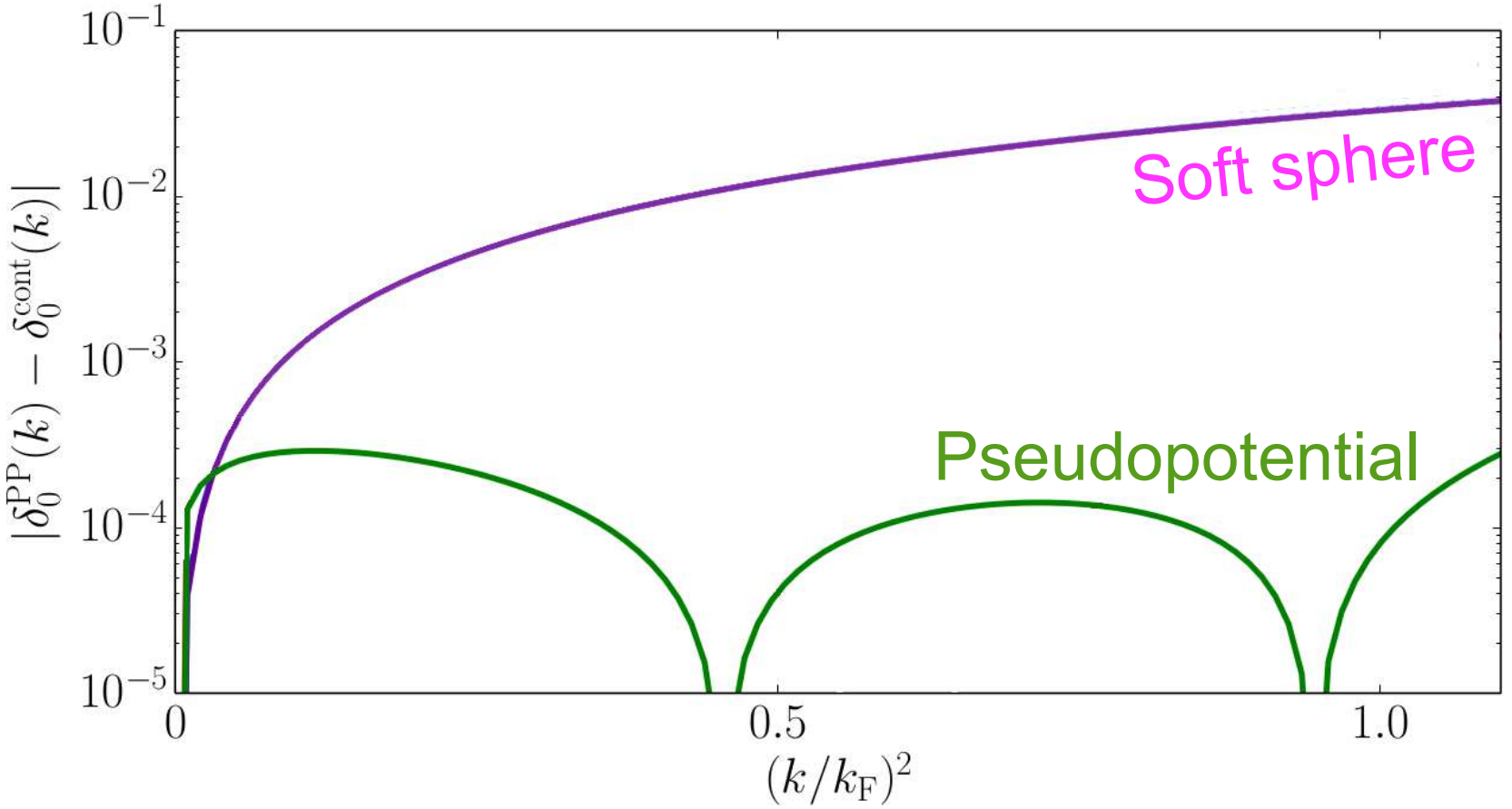
$$V_{\mathrm{PP}}(r)=\begin{cases}\left(1-\dfrac{r}{c}\right)^2\left[v_1\left(\dfrac{1}{2}+\dfrac{r}{c}\right)+\sum_{i=2}^{N_\mathrm{v}} v_i\left(\dfrac{r}{c}\right)^i\right] & r<c \\ 0 & r>c\end{cases}$$

$$\sum_{l=0}^{l_{\max}}\int_0^{k_\mathrm{F}}\left[\delta_{0,\mathrm{PP}}-\delta_{0,\mathrm{cont}}\right]^2\mathrm{d}k$$

Pseudopotential: scattering properties





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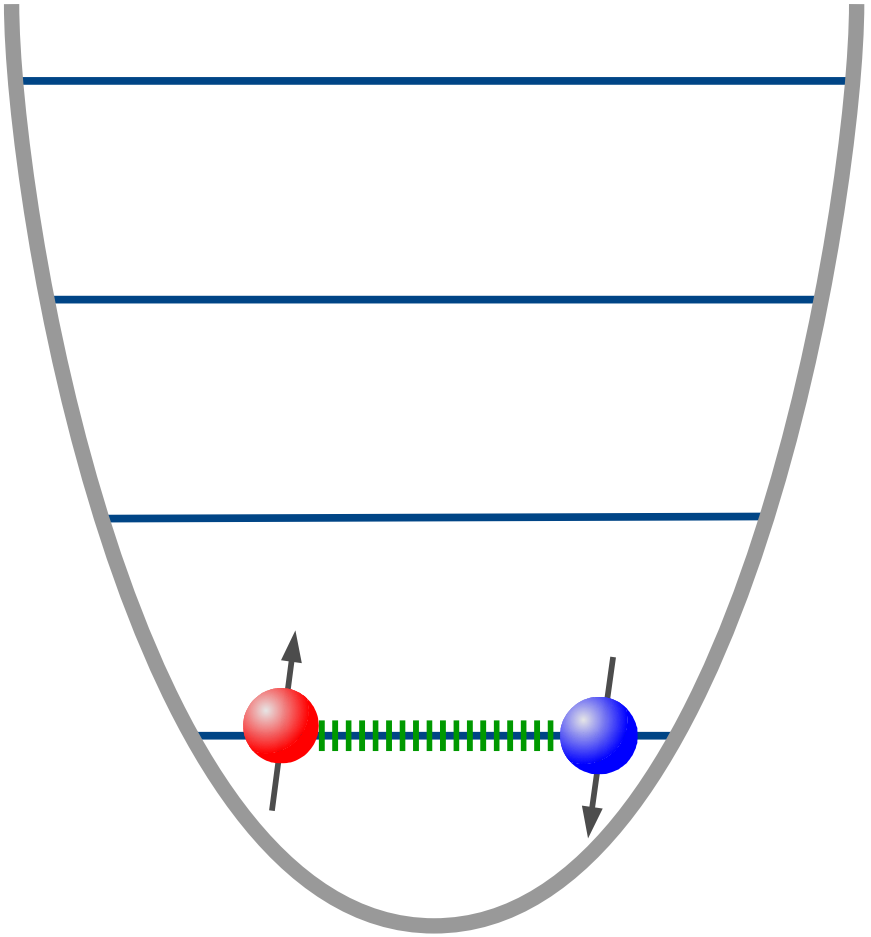

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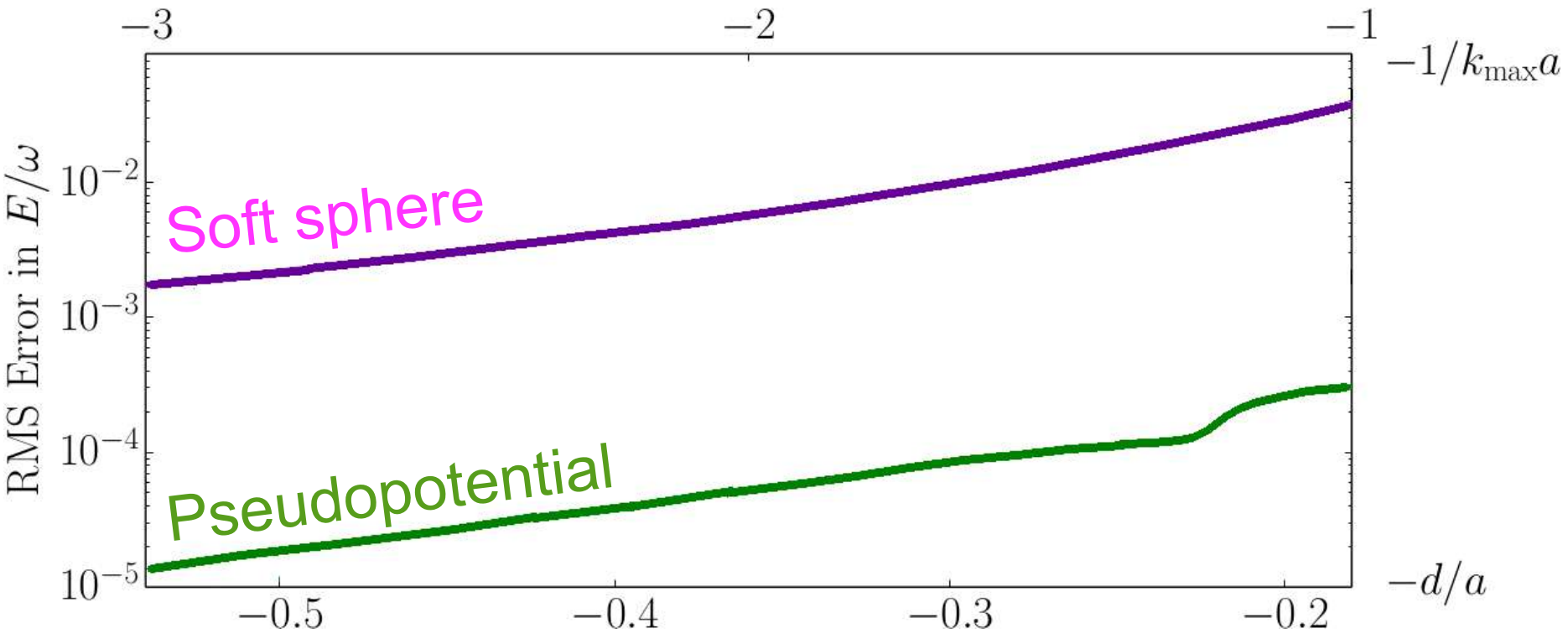

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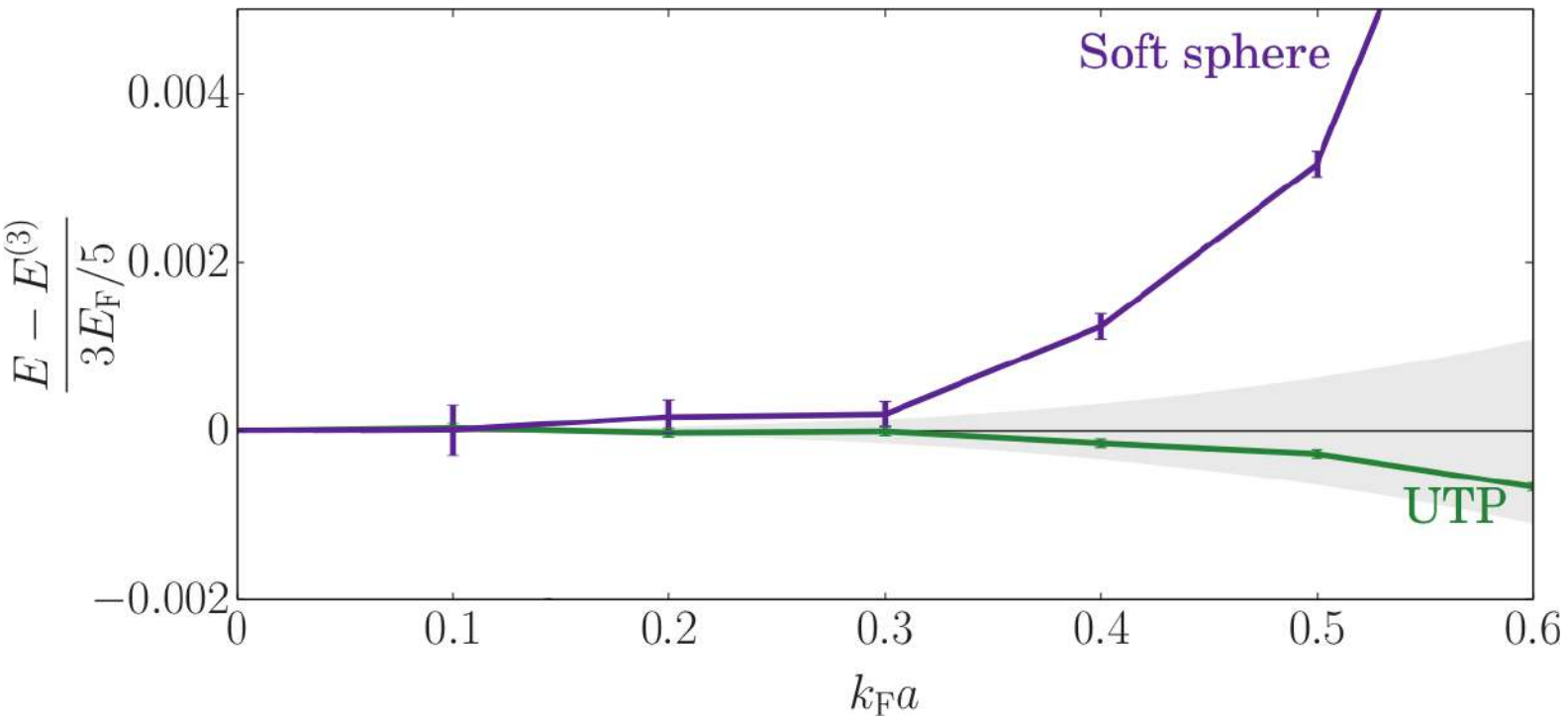

Mohling, Phys Rev 122 1043 (1961)

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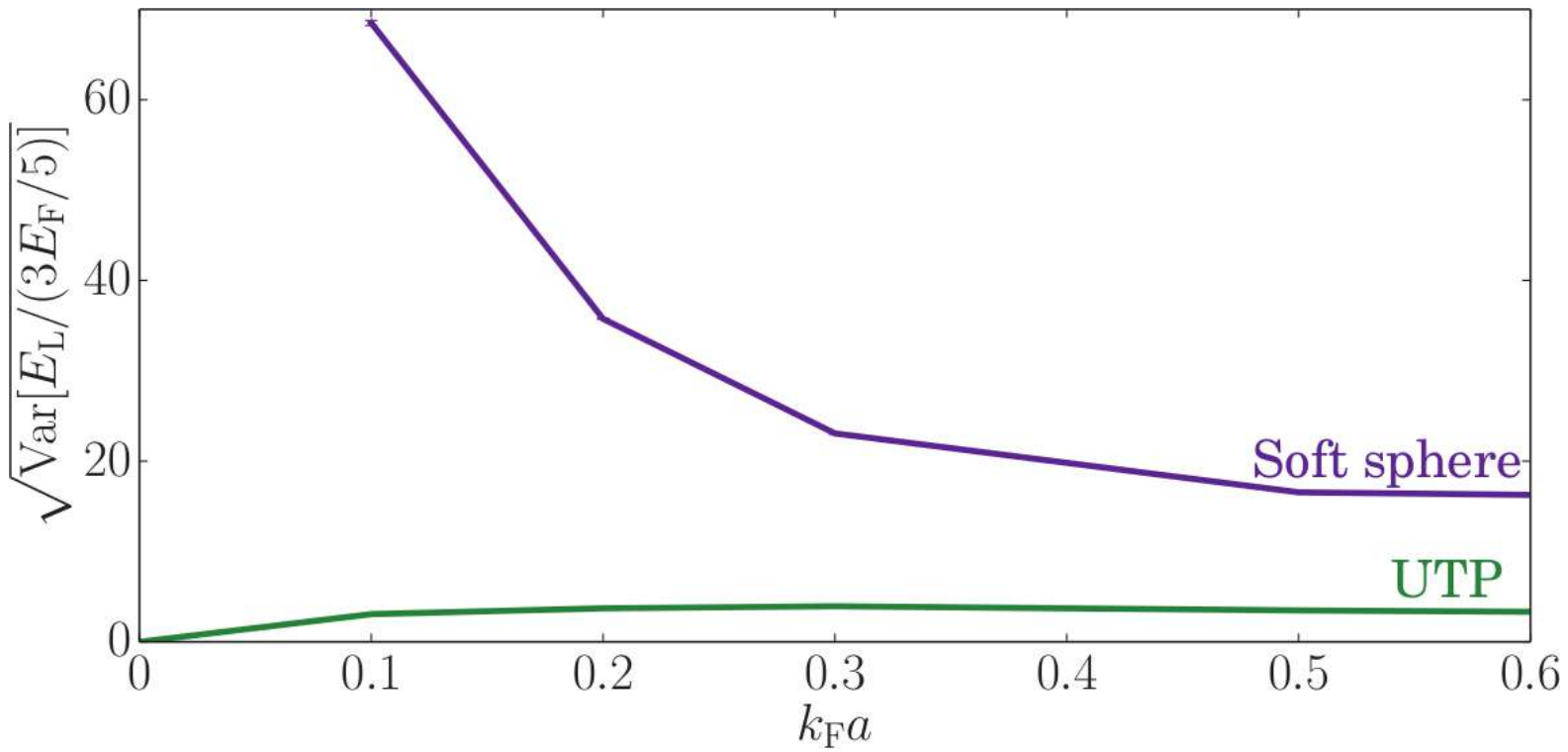

Pseudopotential: bound state

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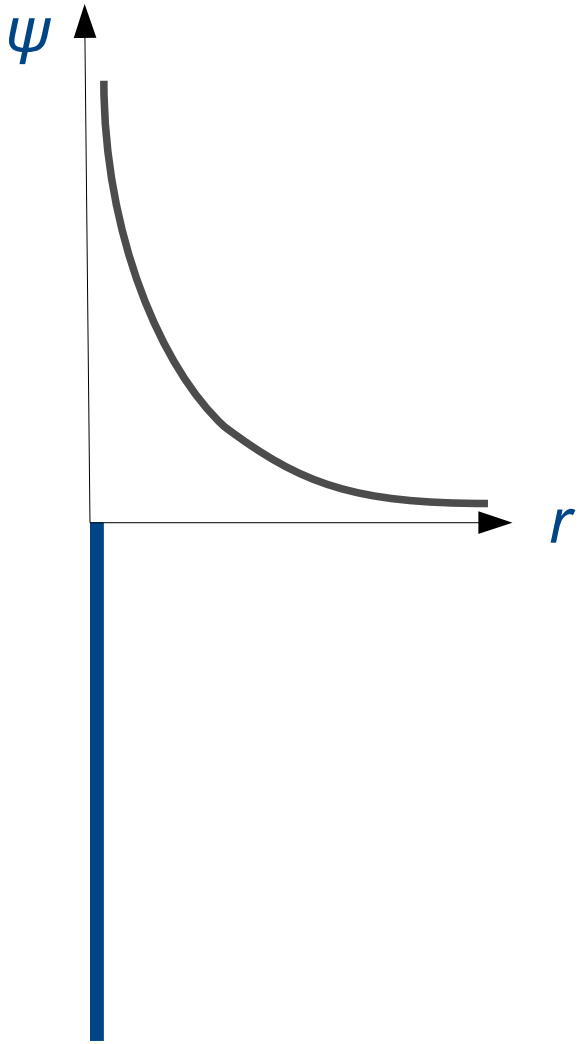
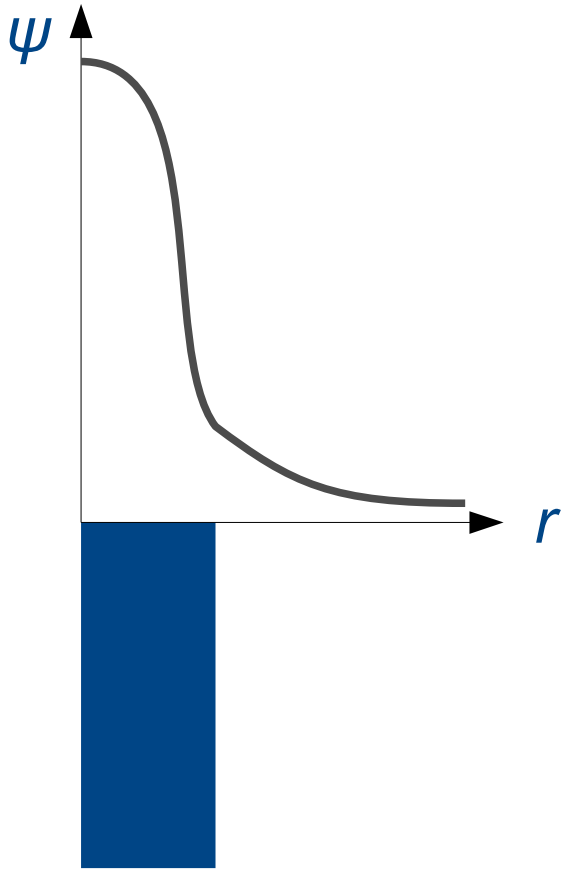


Square well



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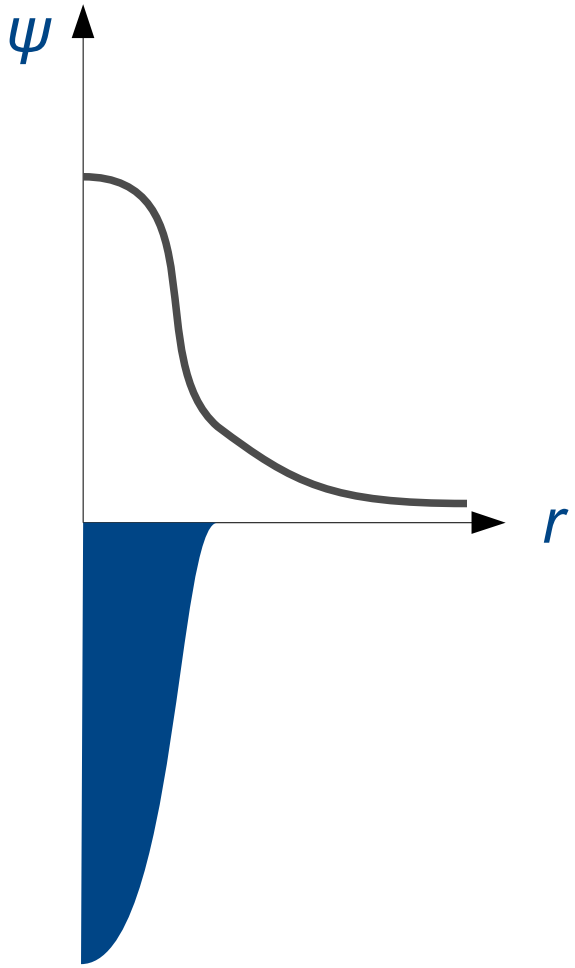

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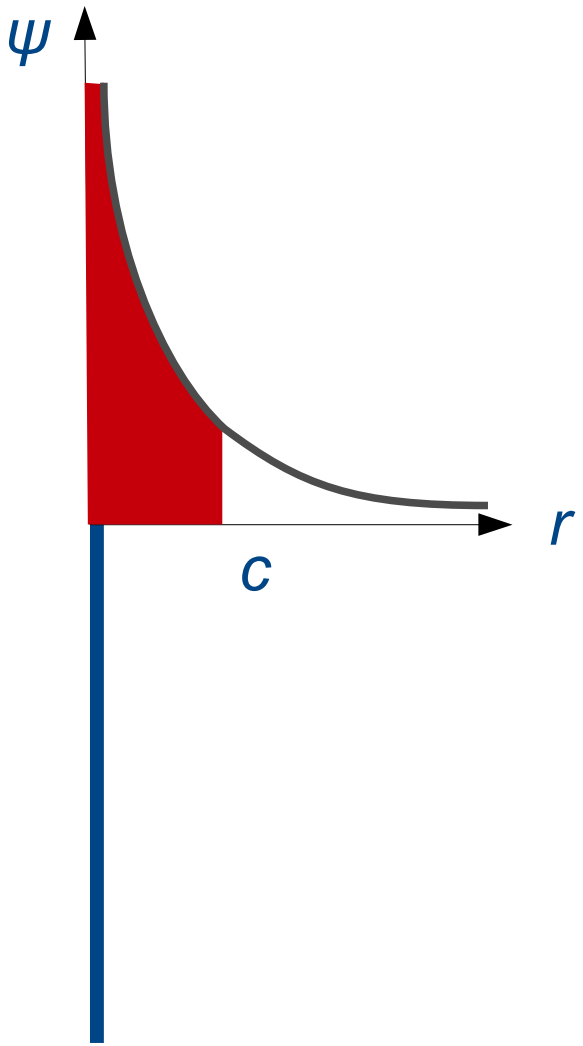

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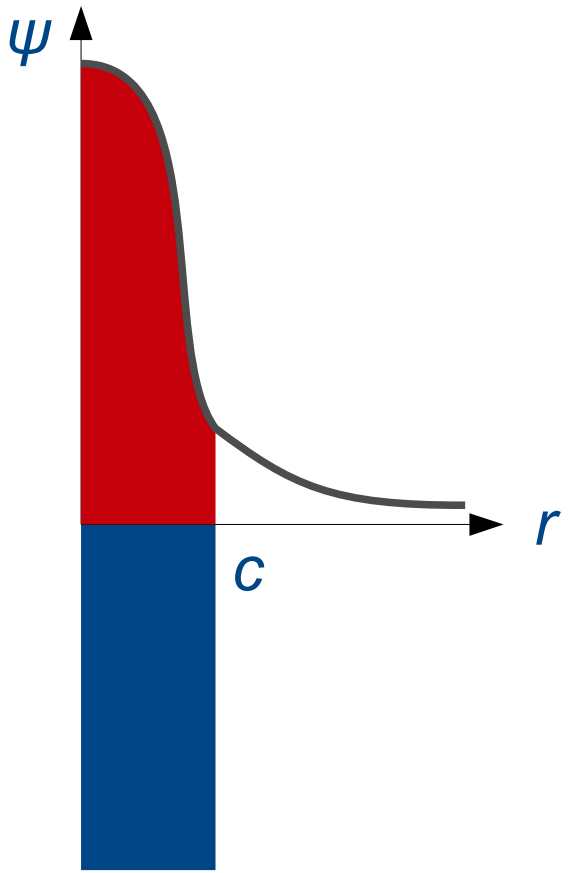

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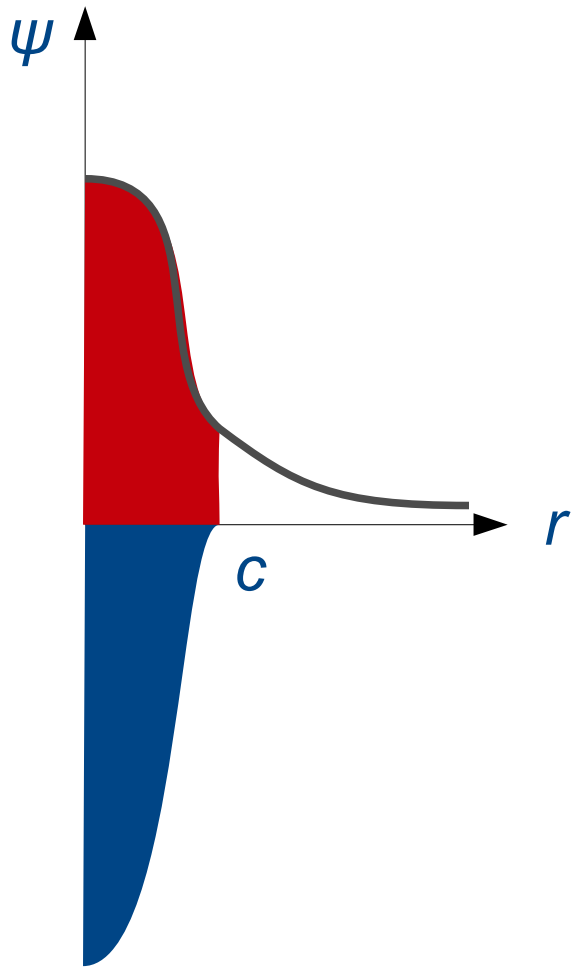

$$E = \int_0^c |\psi|^2 \, \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{r}$$ Troullier & Martins PRB 43 1993 (1991)

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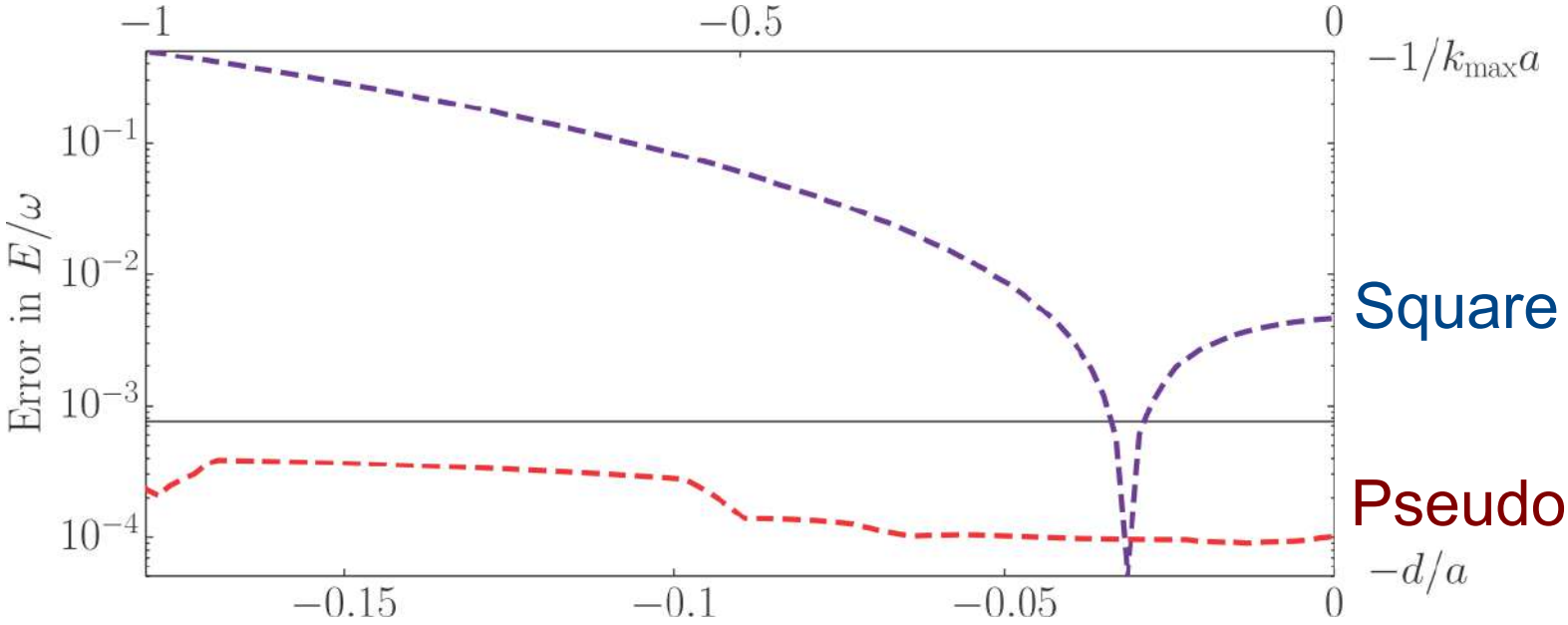

Contact interaction pseudopotential summary

Pseudopotential for repulsive, attractive, and bound state: 100 times more accurate, 1000 times faster

Formalism is systematically improvable, trading accuracy for speedup

Python tool: https://pypi.python.org/pypi/contactpp

Stoner Hamiltonian

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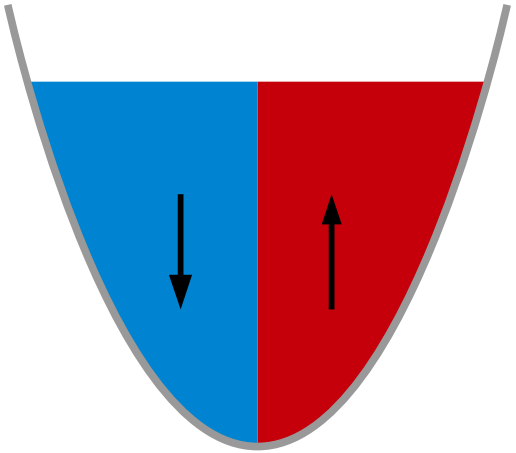

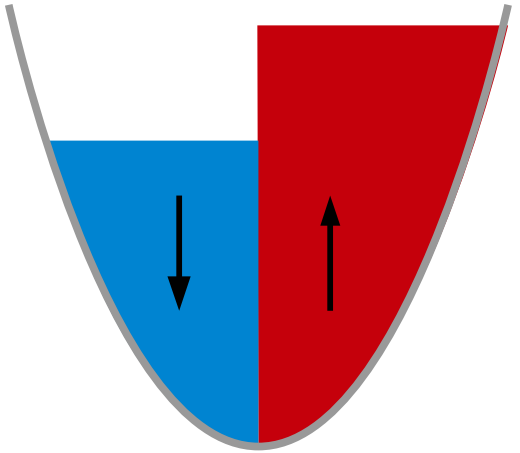

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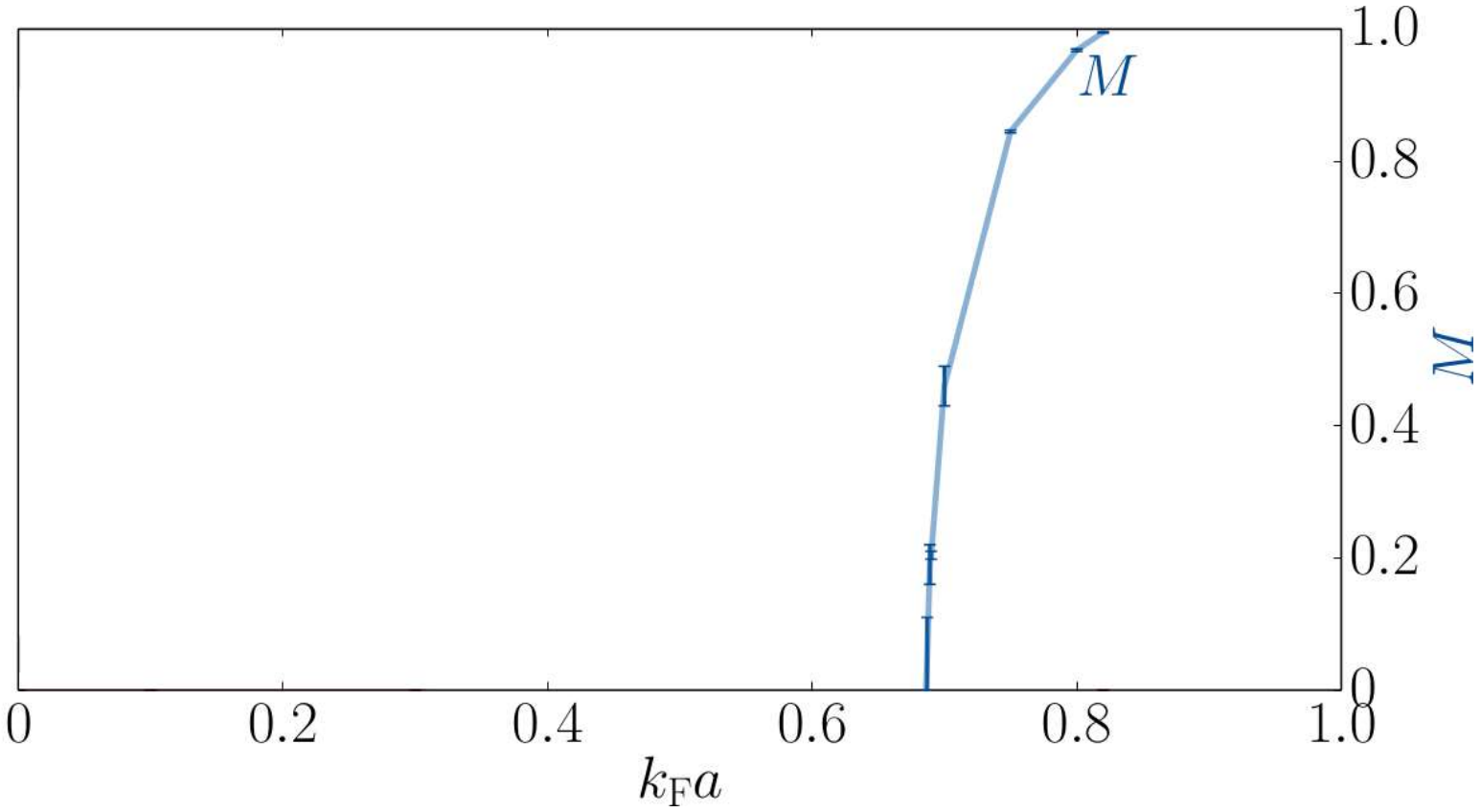

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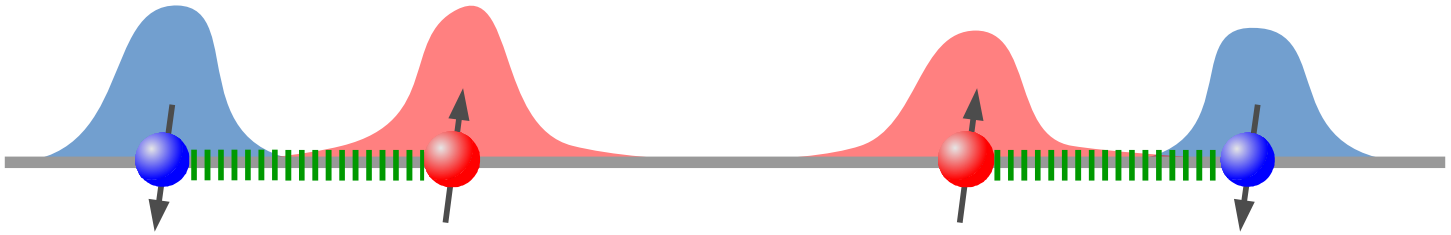

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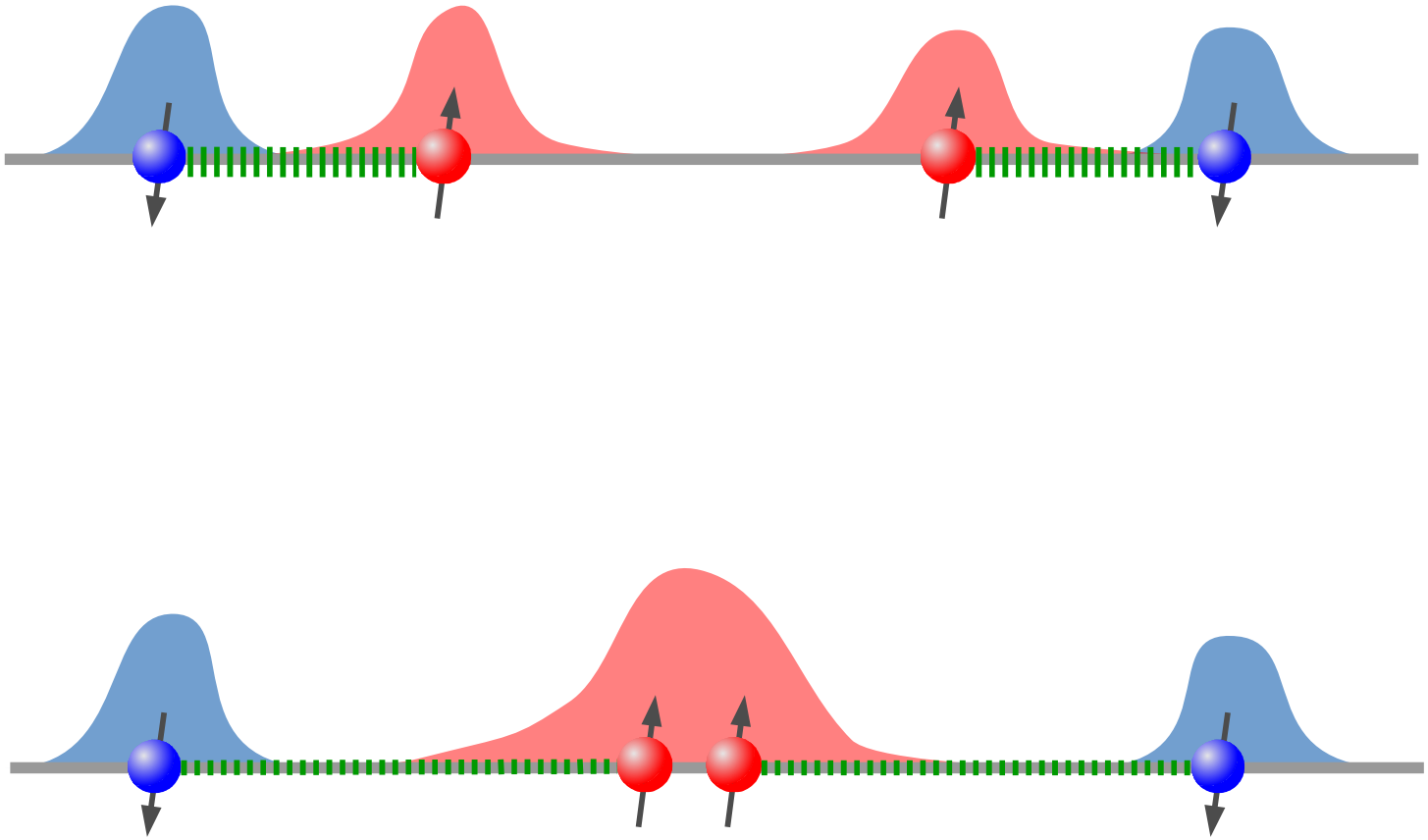

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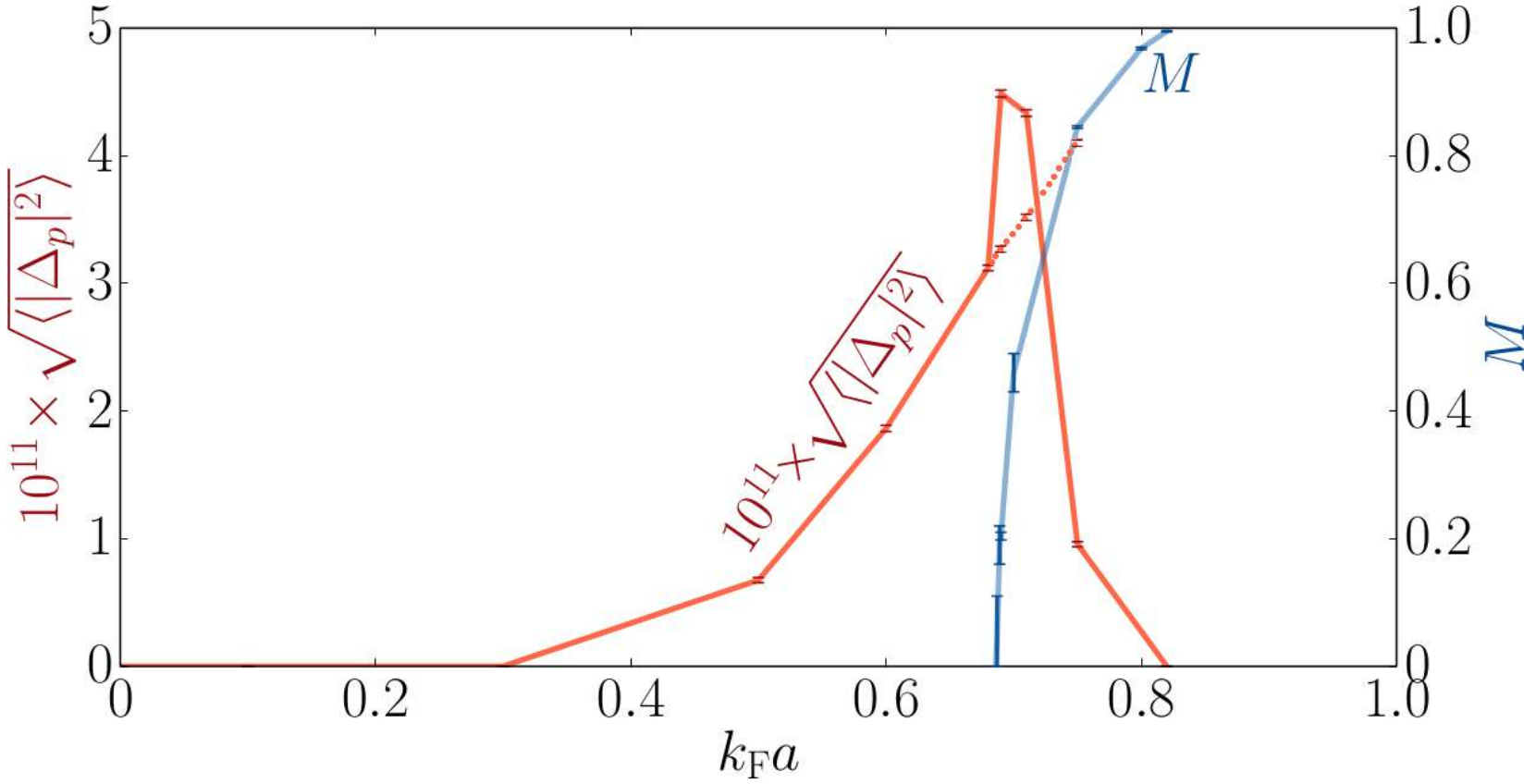

Finite ranged interactions

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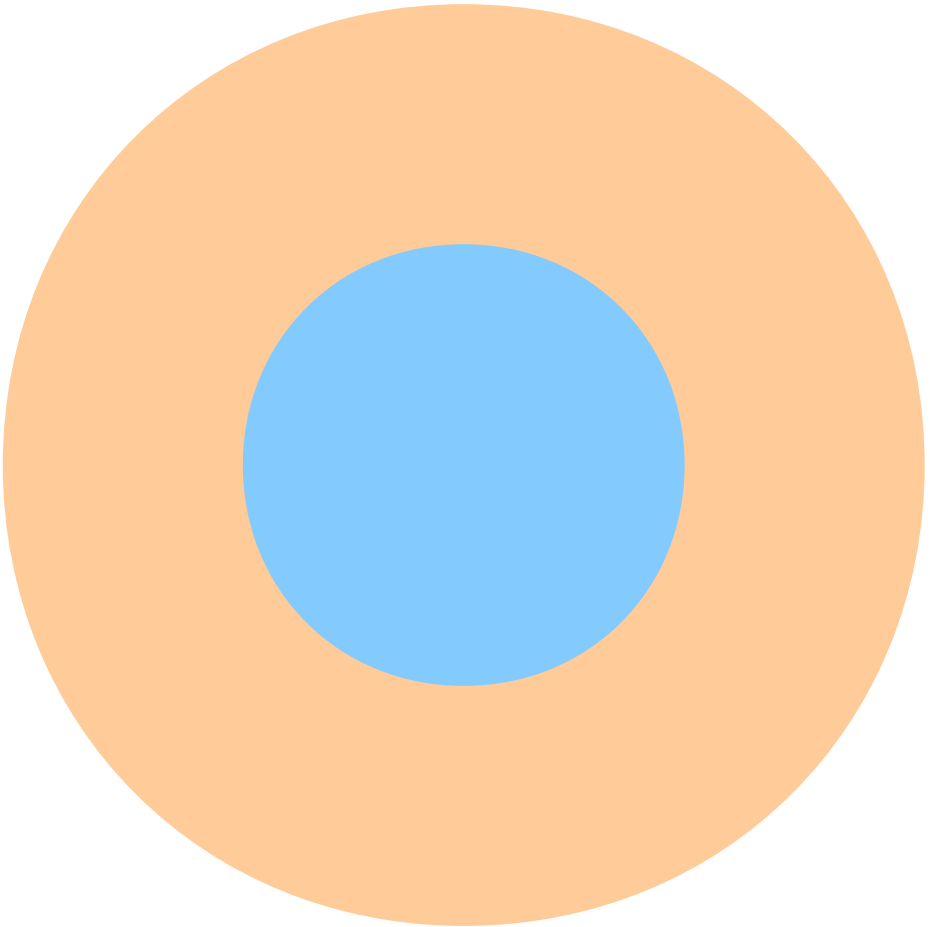
Imbalanced superfluid



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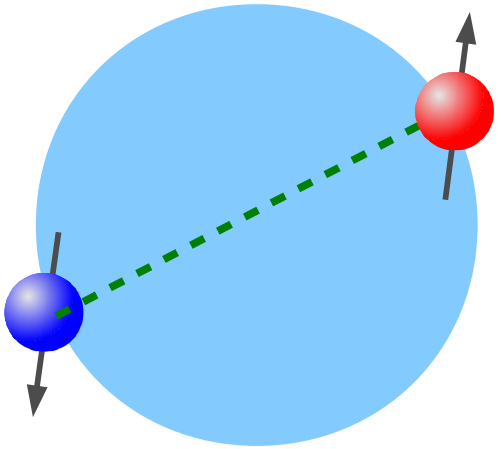
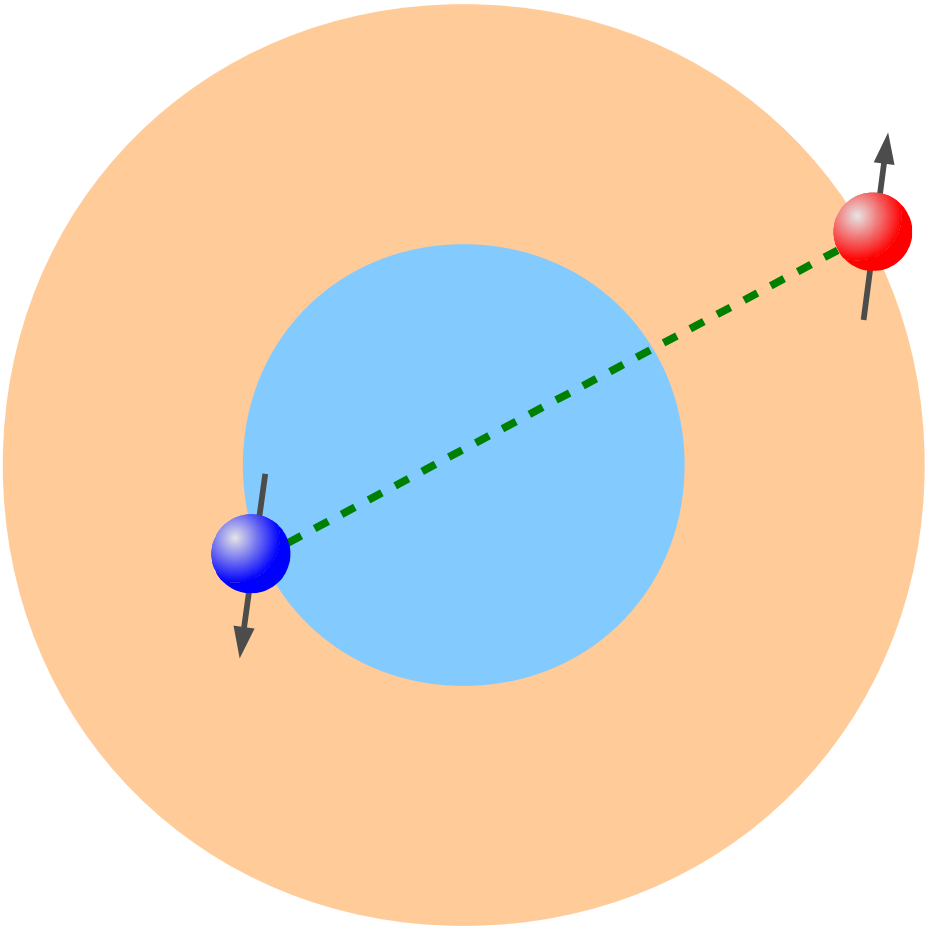


FFLO superfluid



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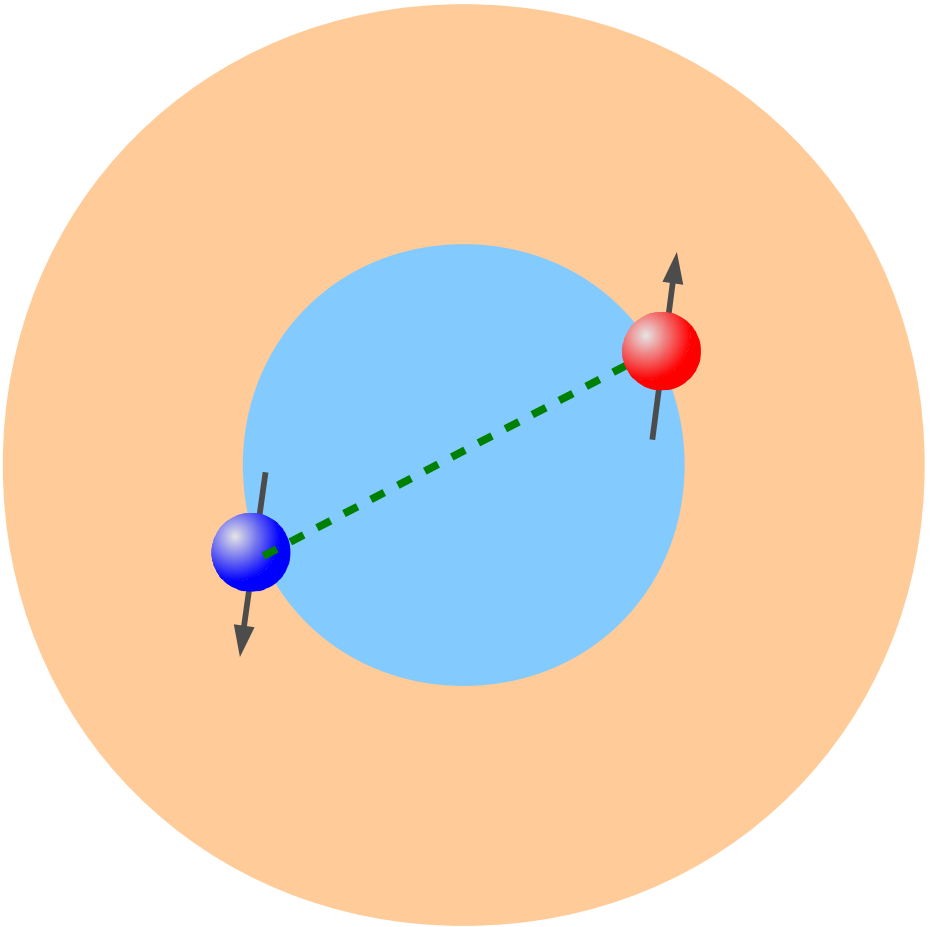

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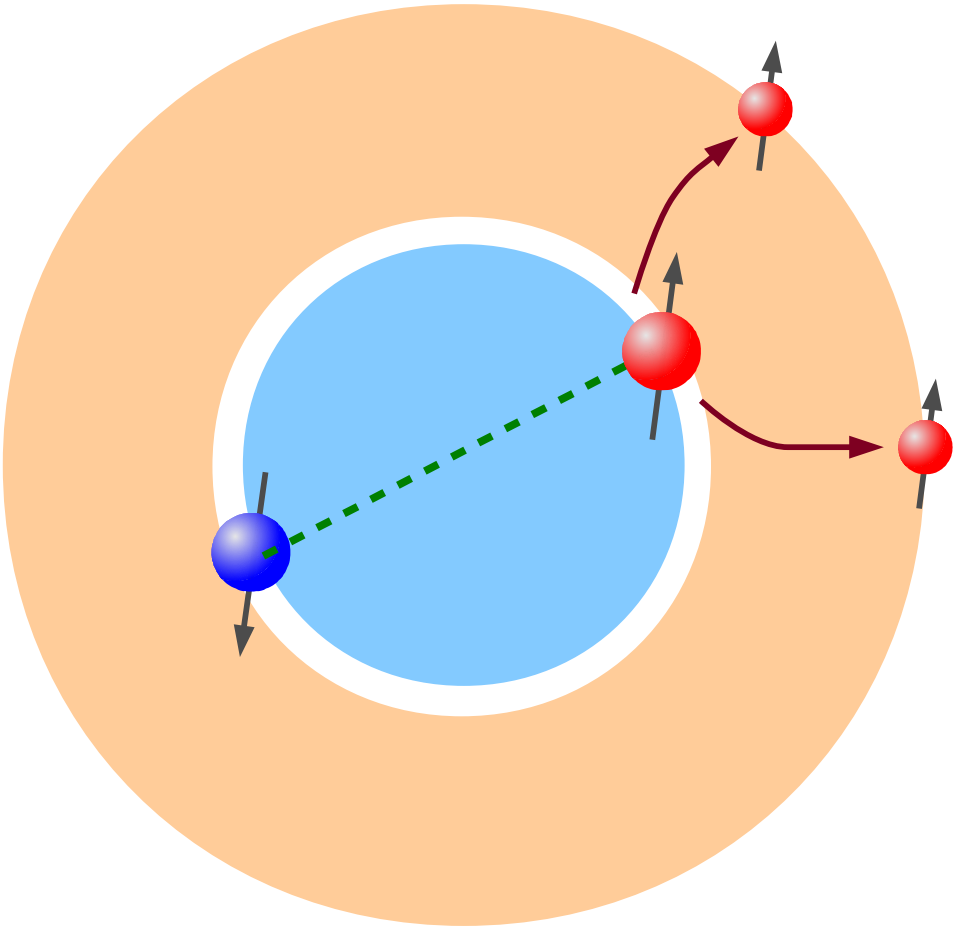

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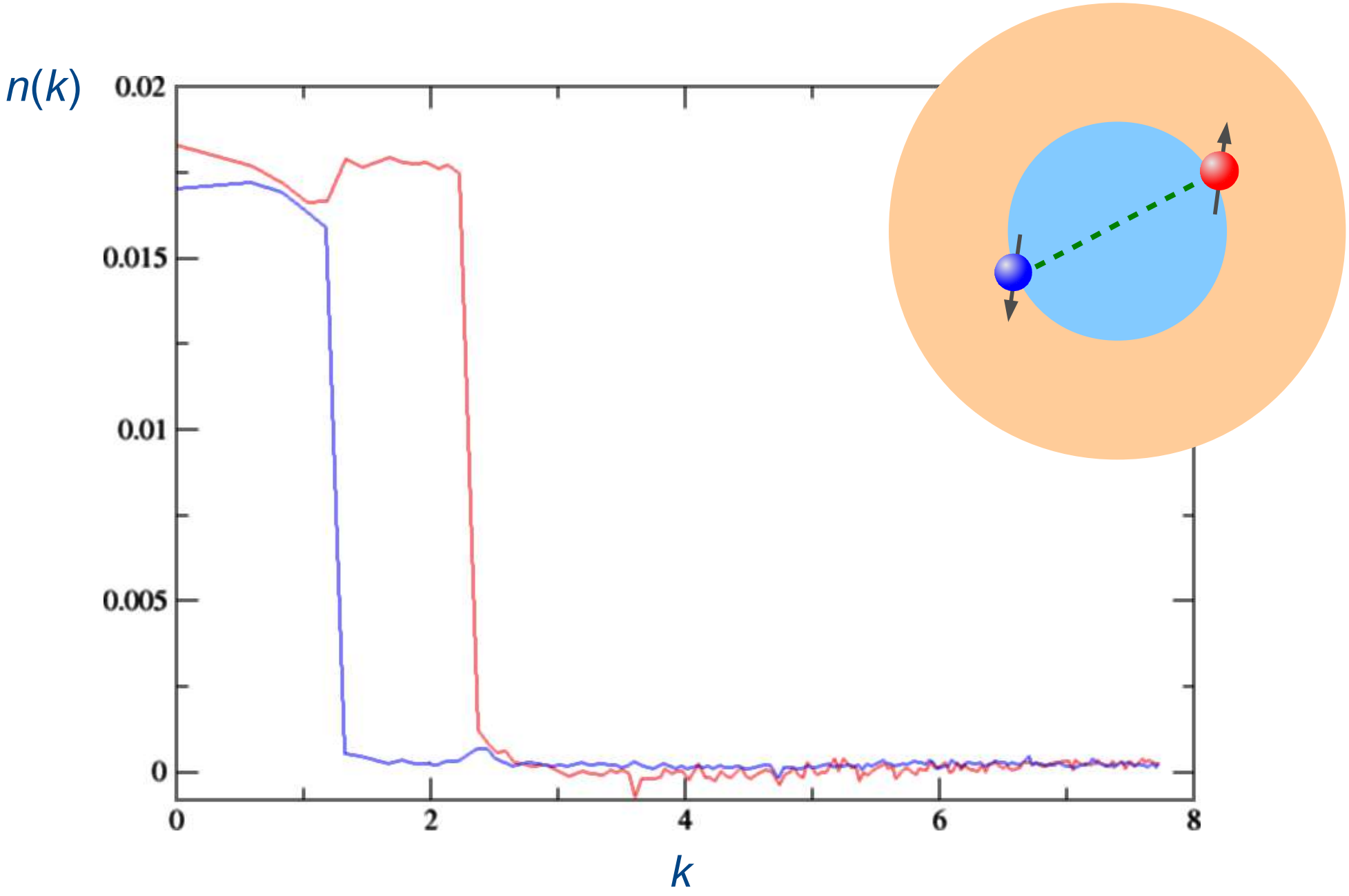
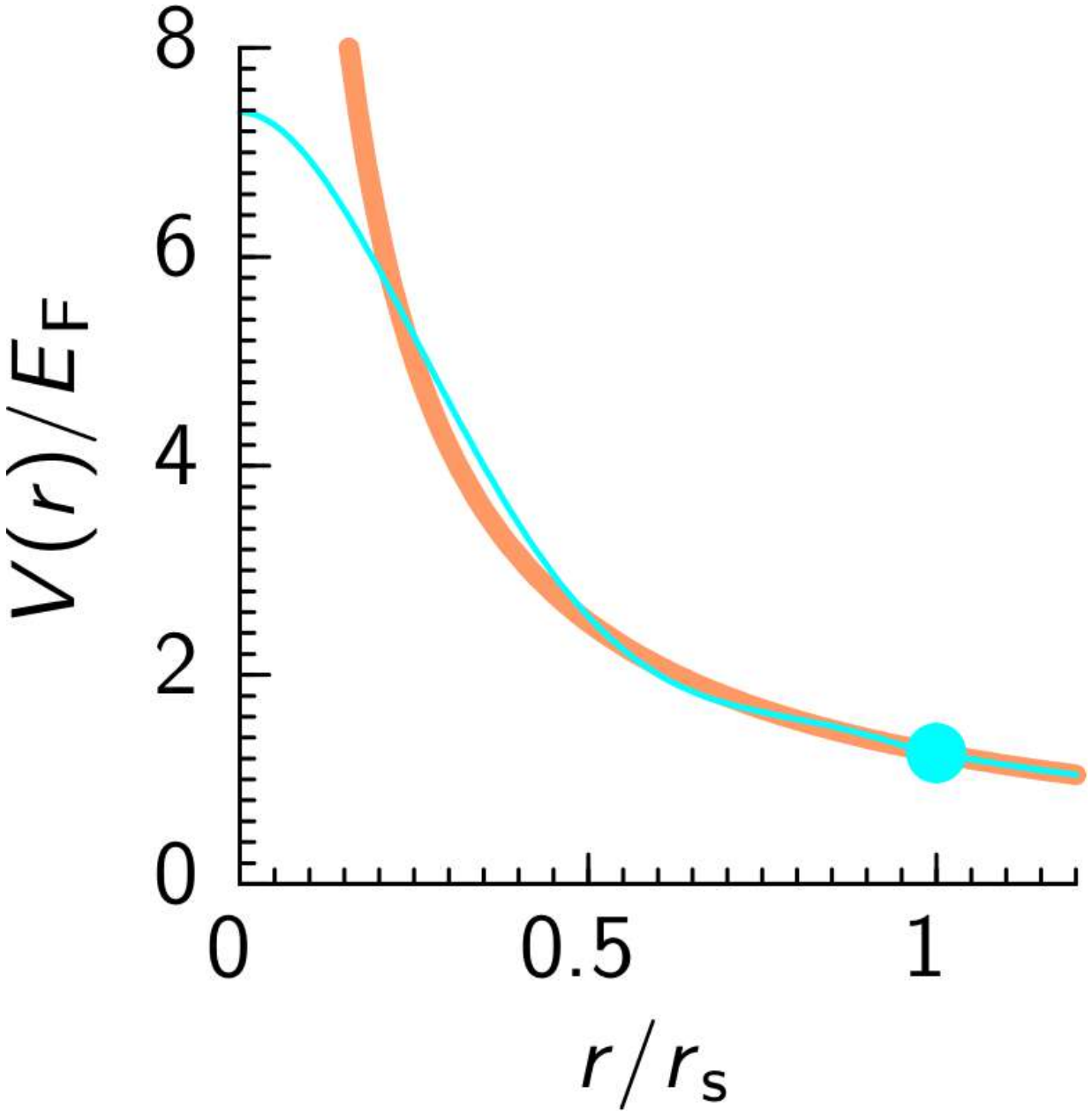


Coulomb pseudopotential



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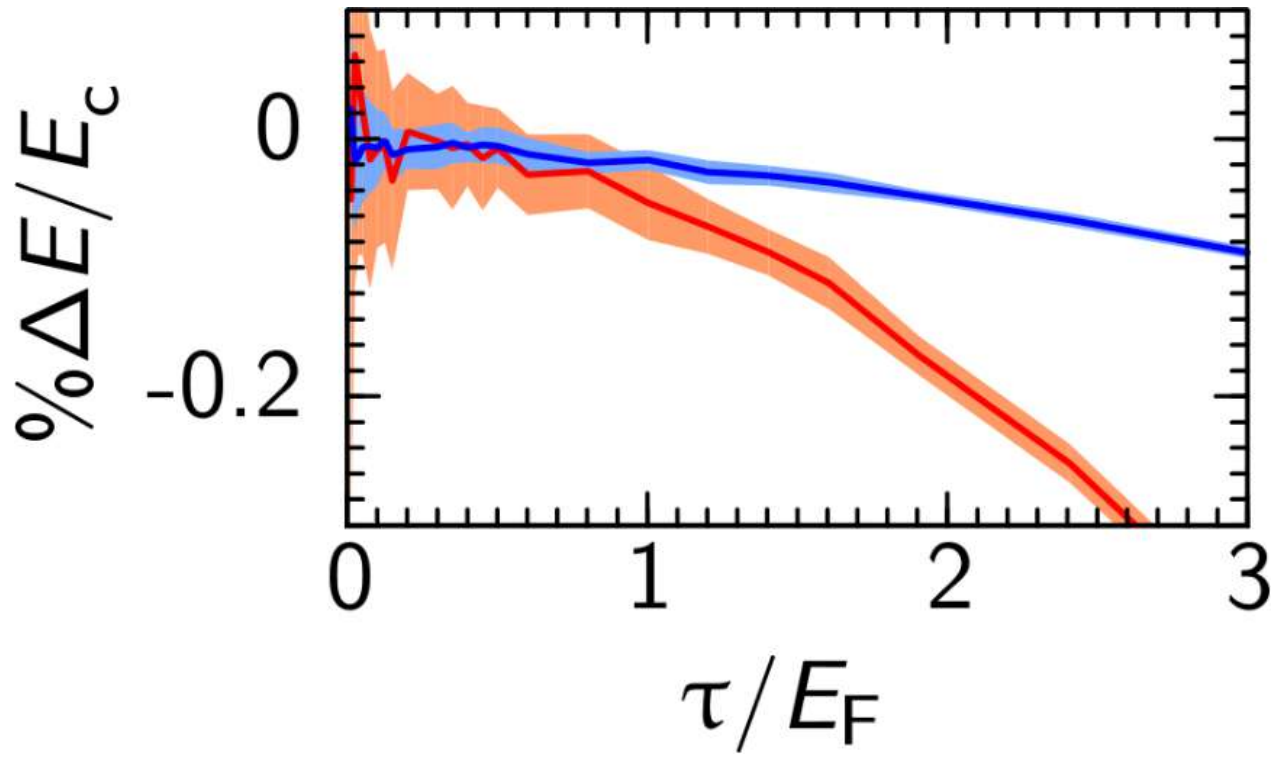

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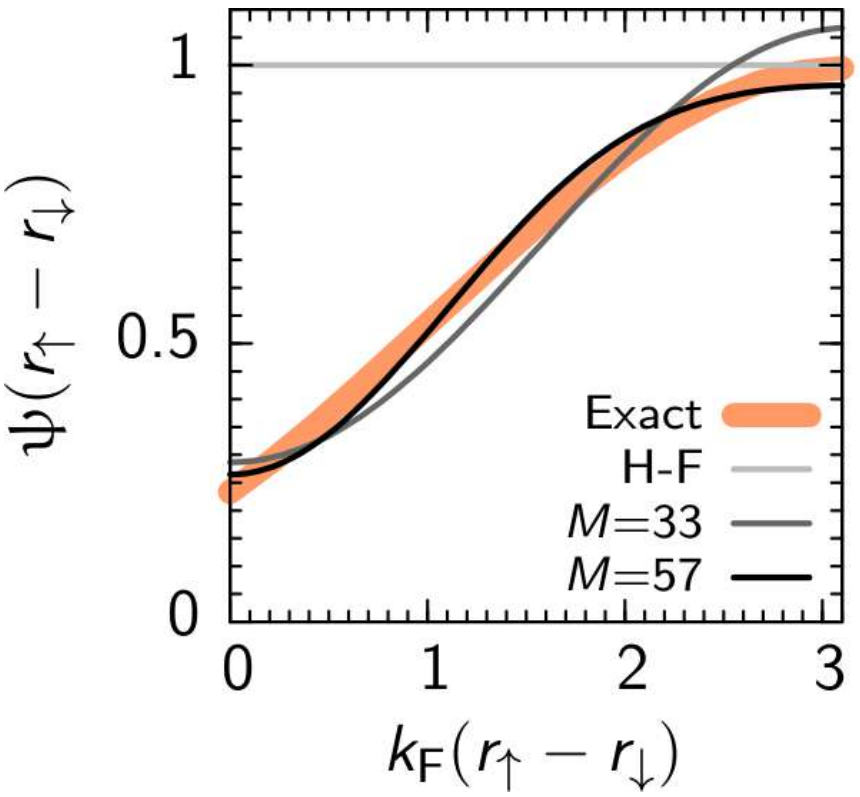

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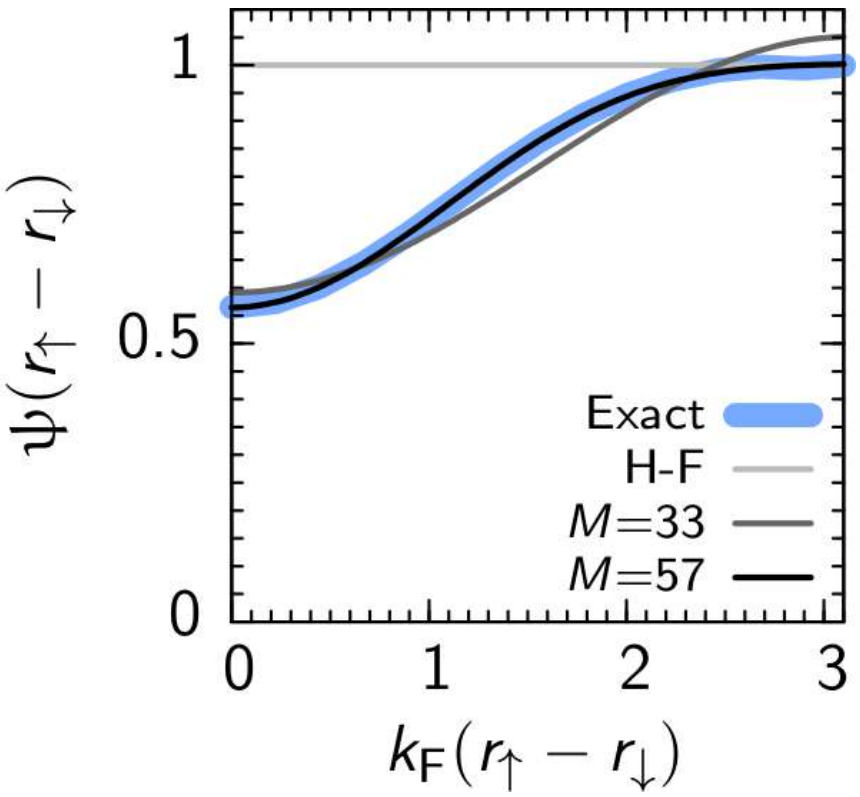

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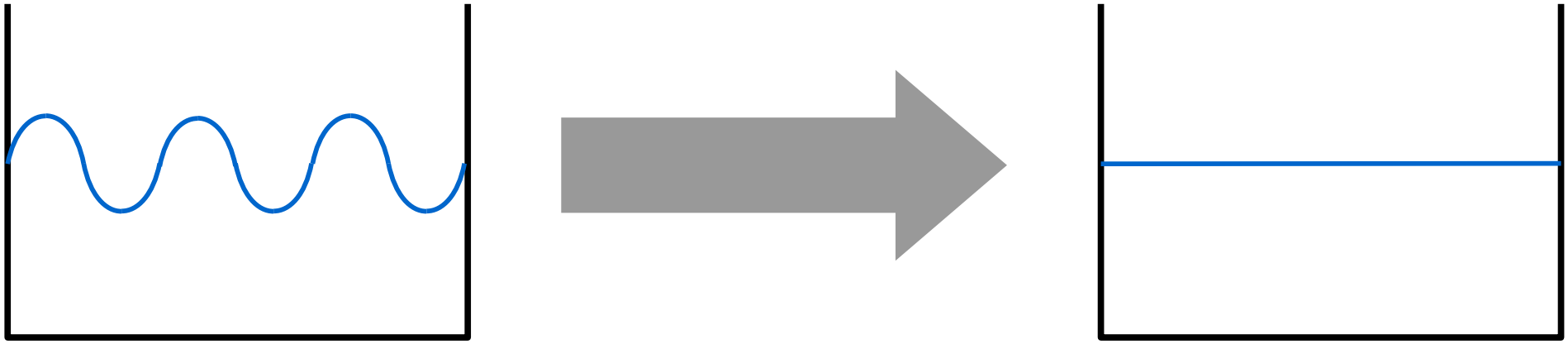

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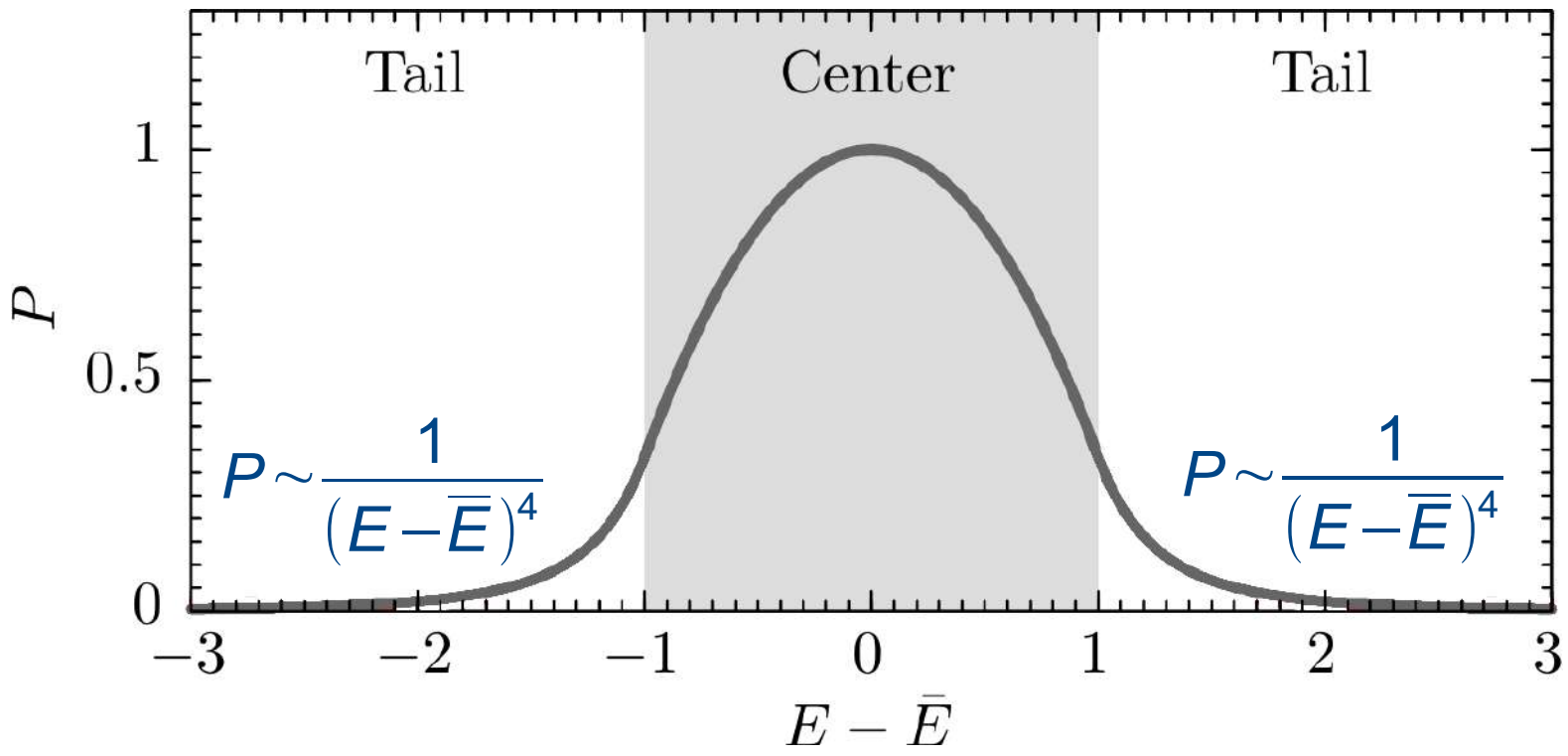
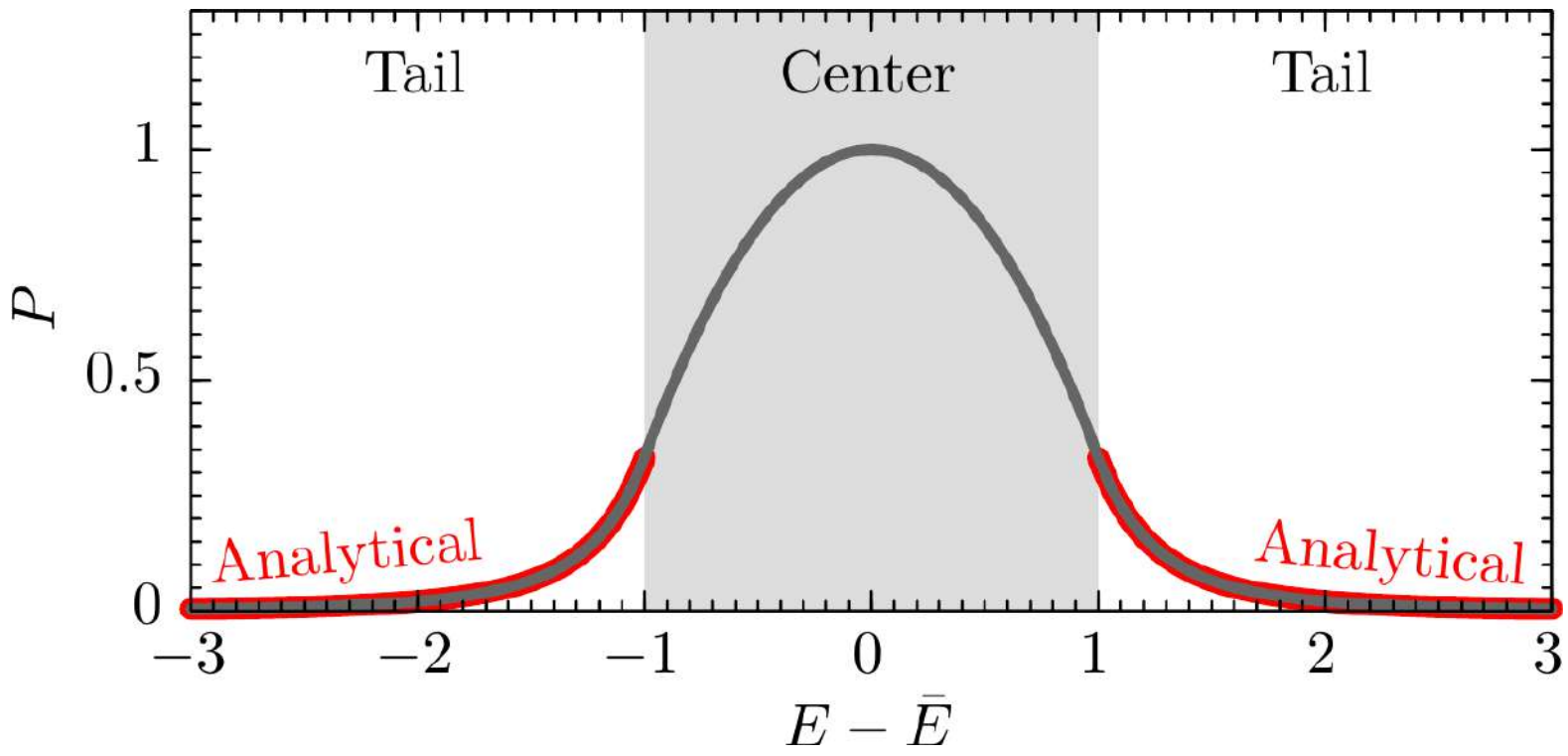
$$E = \frac{\int \bar{\psi} H \psi \, \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{r}}{\int \bar{\psi} \psi \, \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{r}} = \int_{\psi^2} \frac{H\psi}{\psi}$$

at a node $\psi \sim x$ so $E_L = \frac{H\psi}{\psi} \sim \frac{1}{x}$

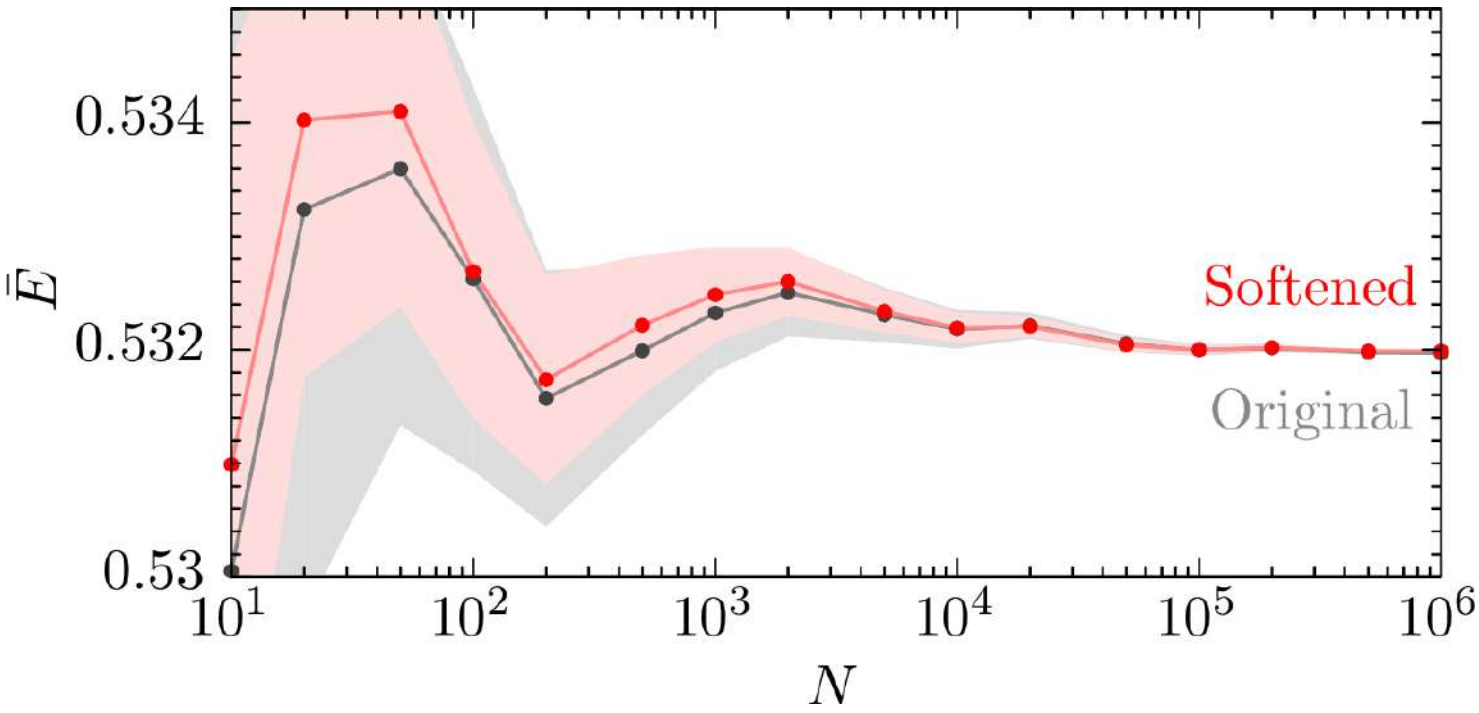
Energy distribution



Softening the energy distribution



Accuracy of the homogeneous electron gas



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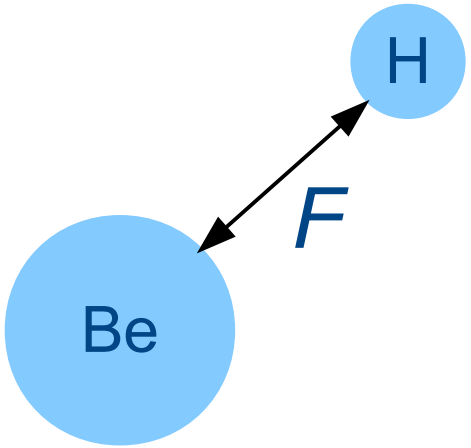

$$P \sim \frac{1}{F^{5/2}}$$

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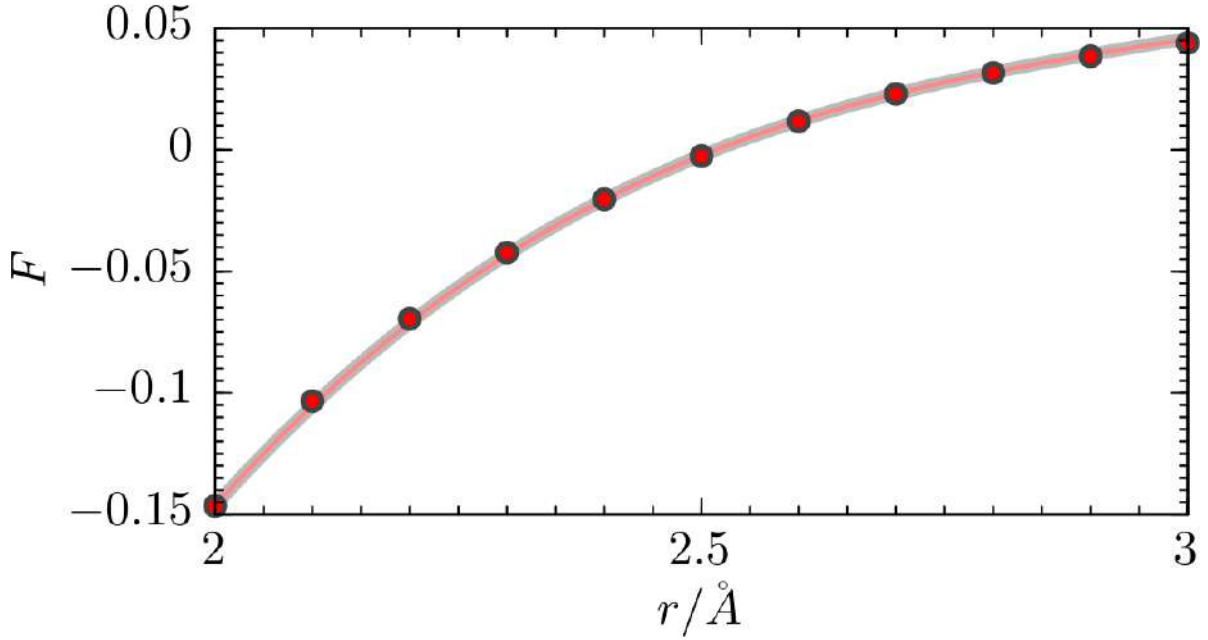

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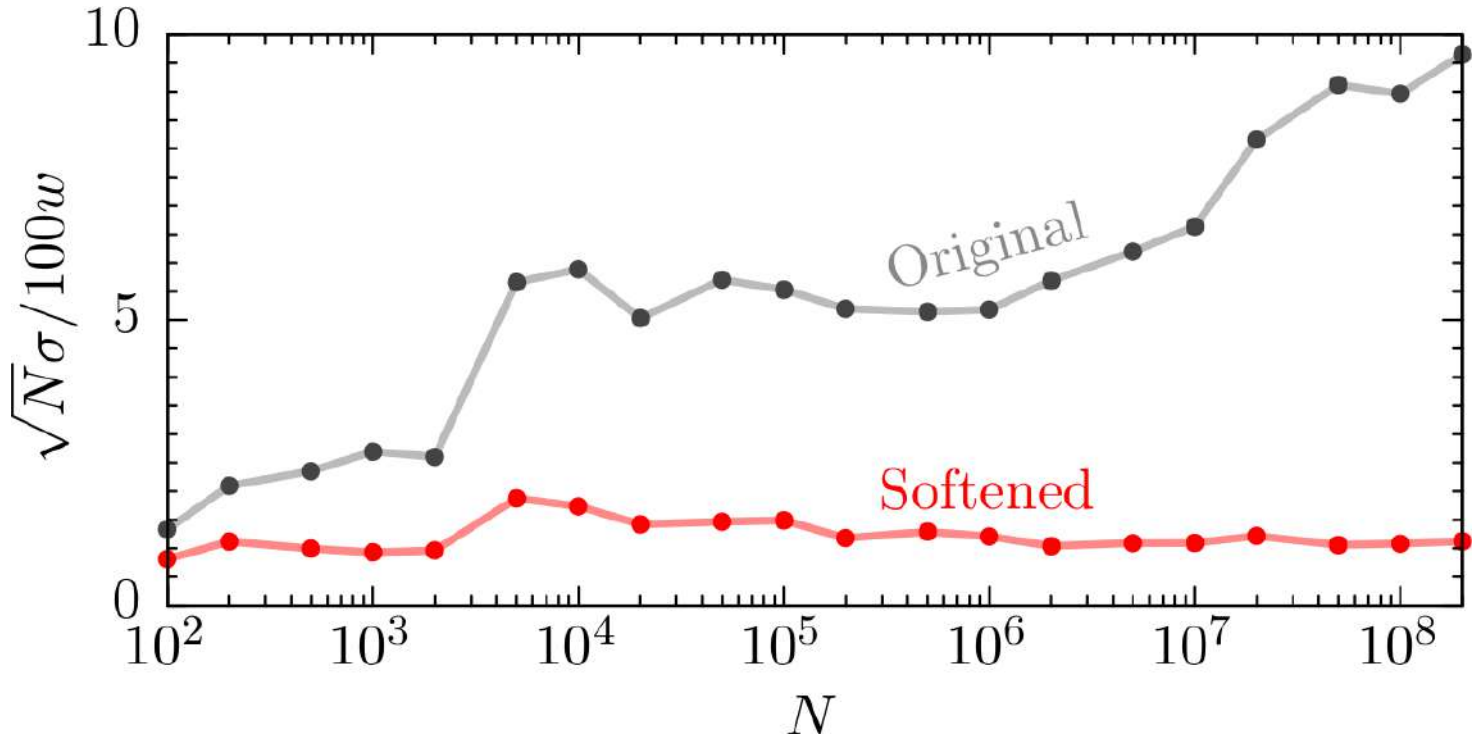

Forces in DMC

Van der Waals interaction

Peierls distortion

Bond breaking

Summary

Developed a pseudopotential for the contact, Coulomb, and dipolar interactions

Studied many-body phenomena

Proposed a formalism to soften the energy and interatomic force distribution

Python tool: https://pypi.python.org/pypi/contactpp