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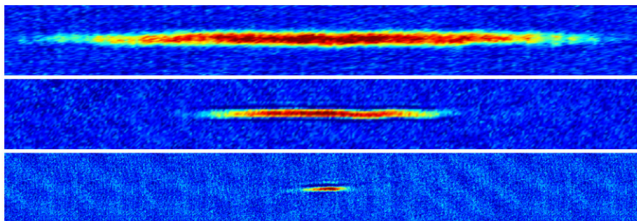


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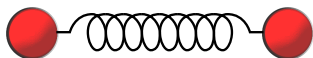
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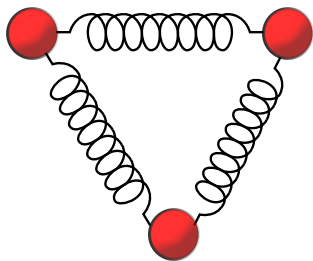
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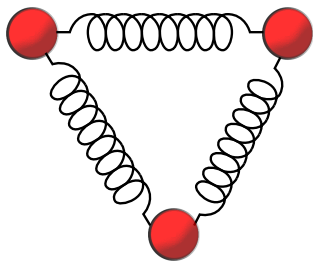
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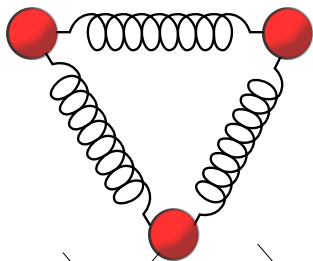
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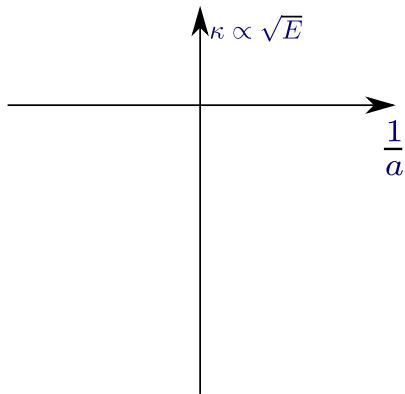
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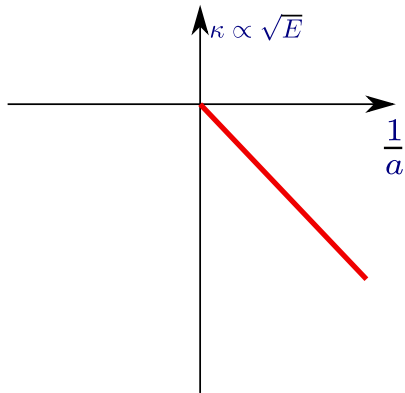
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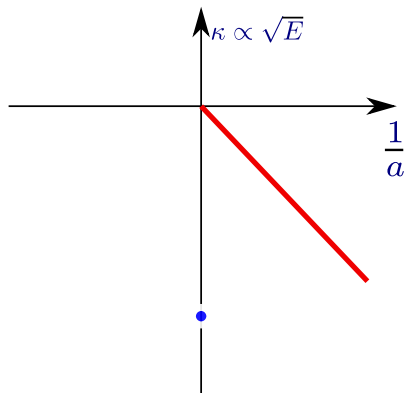
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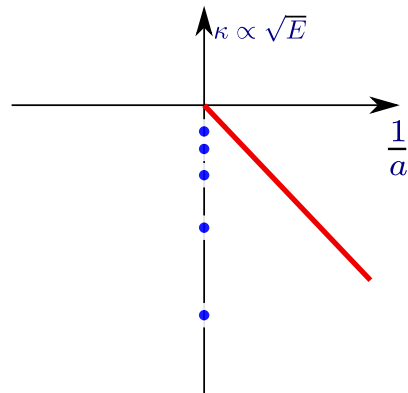


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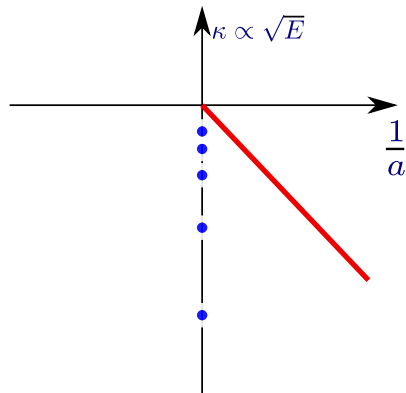


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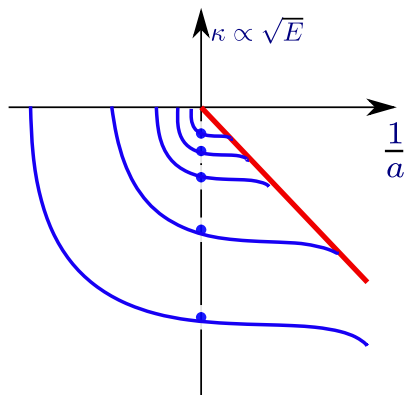


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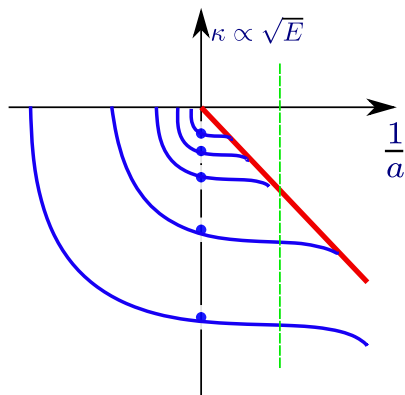
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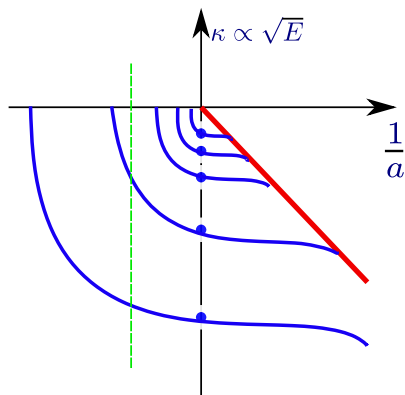
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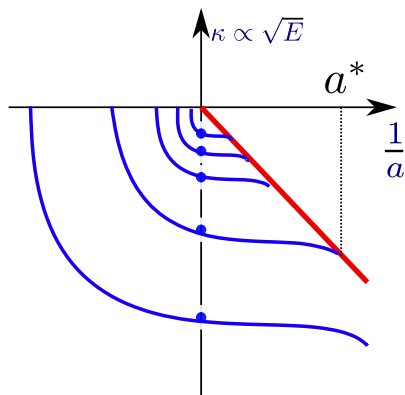
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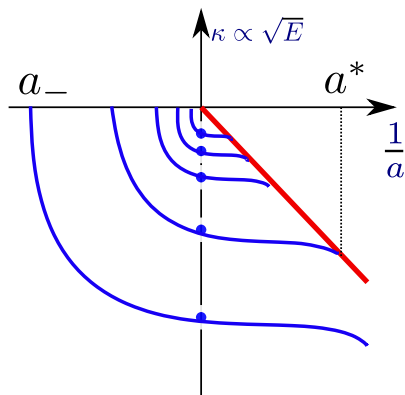
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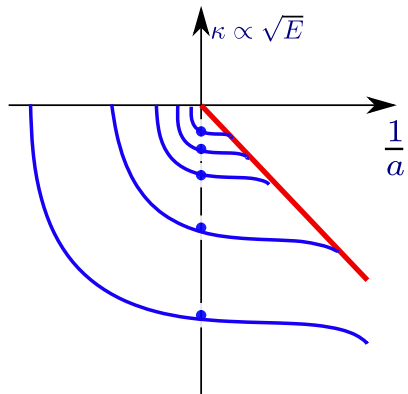
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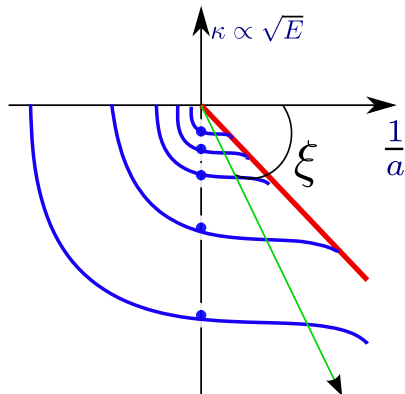
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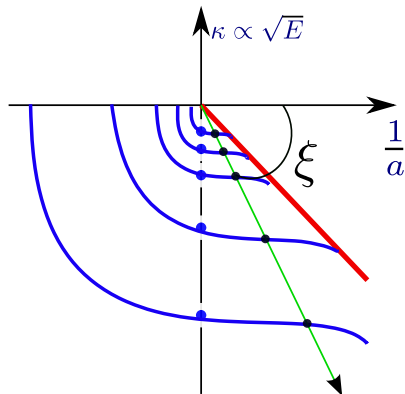


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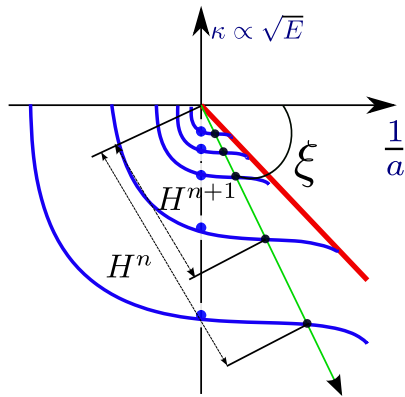


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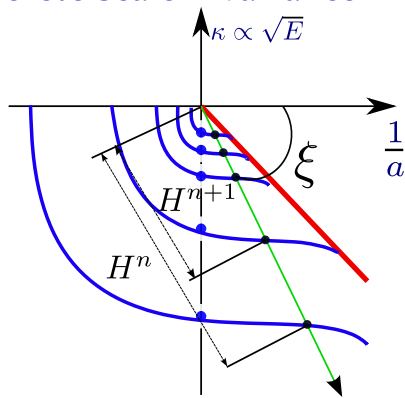
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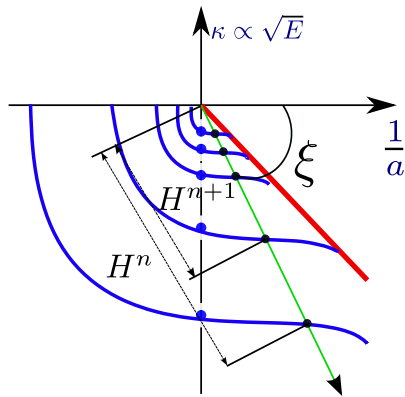
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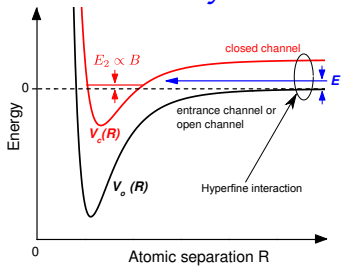
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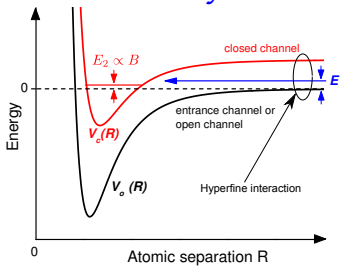
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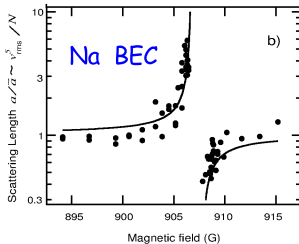


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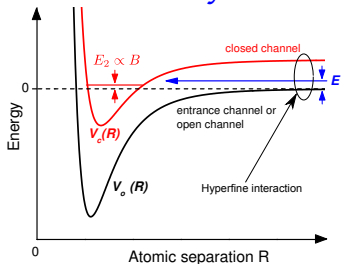


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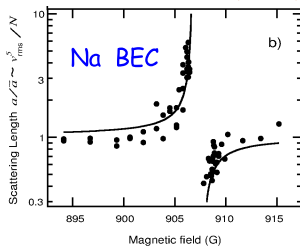


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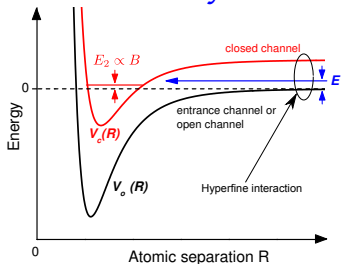
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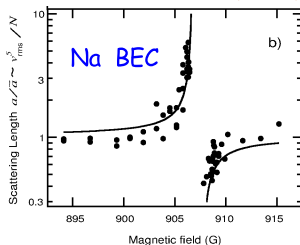


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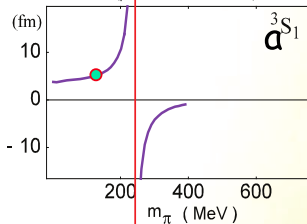
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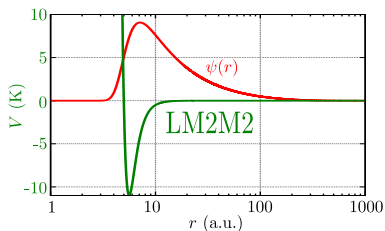


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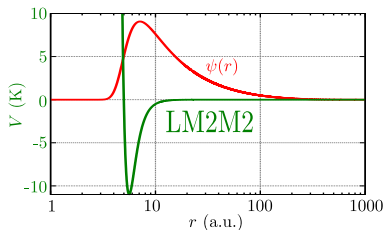
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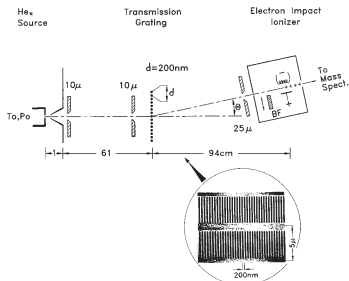
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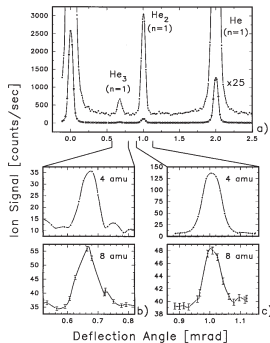


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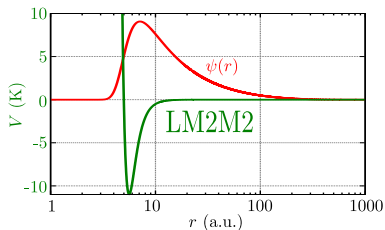
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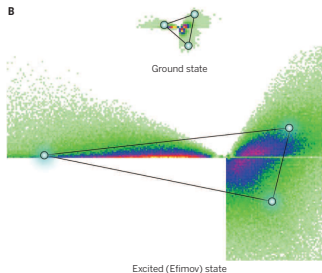
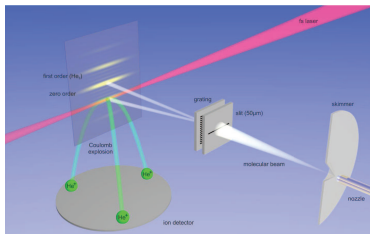
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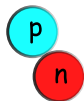
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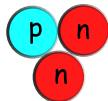
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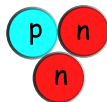
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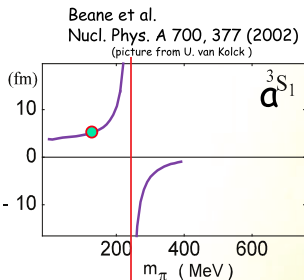


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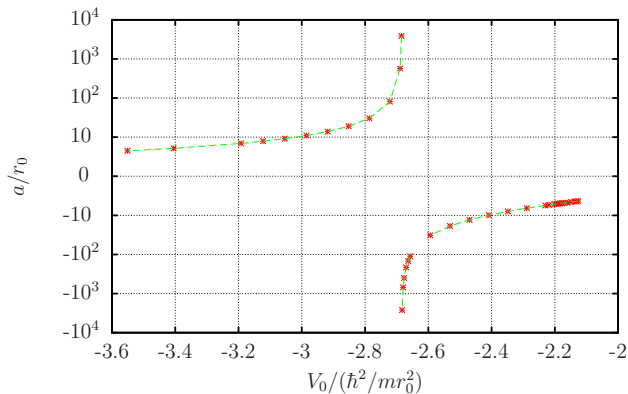
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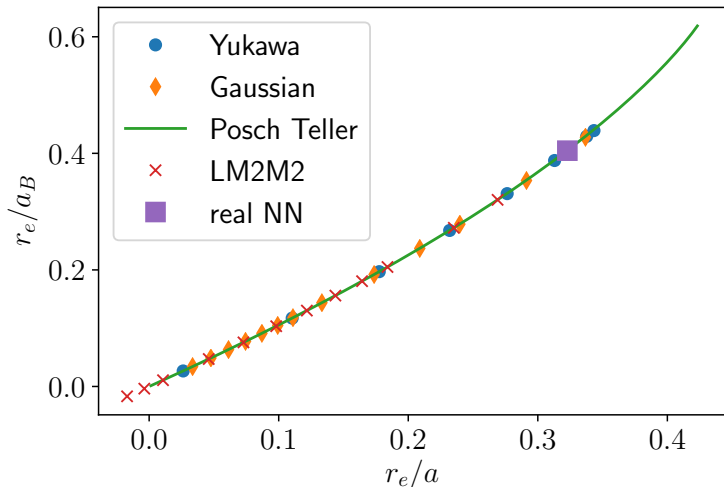
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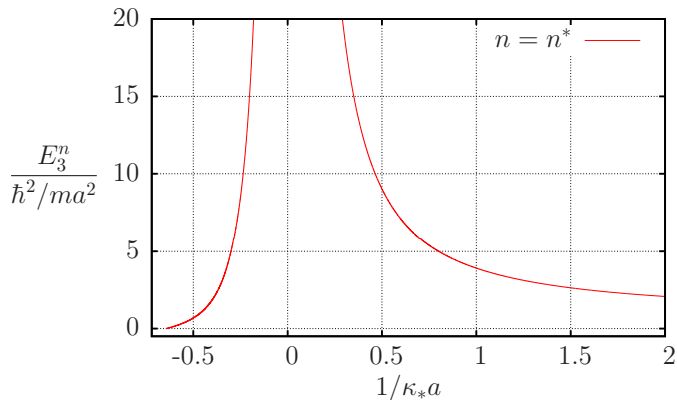
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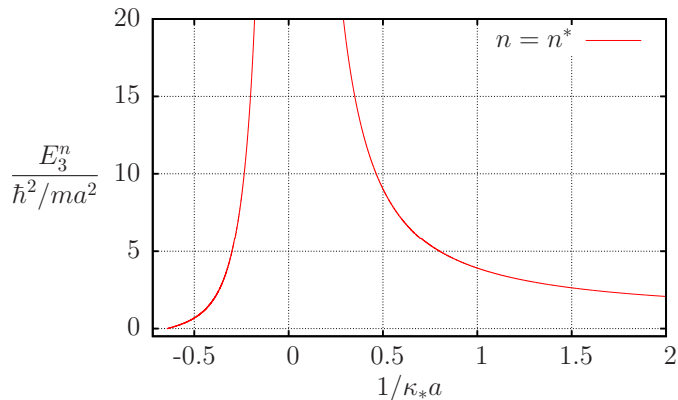


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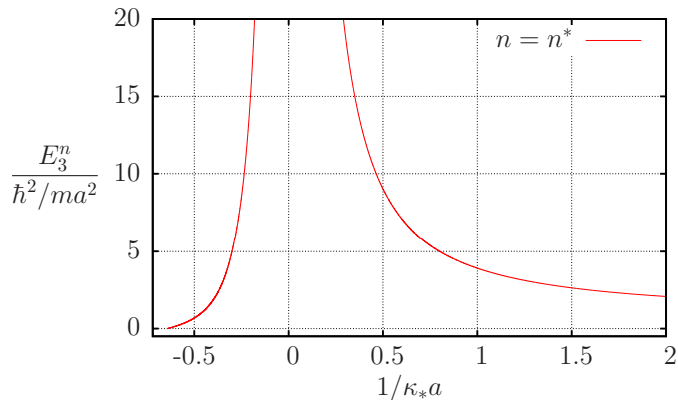
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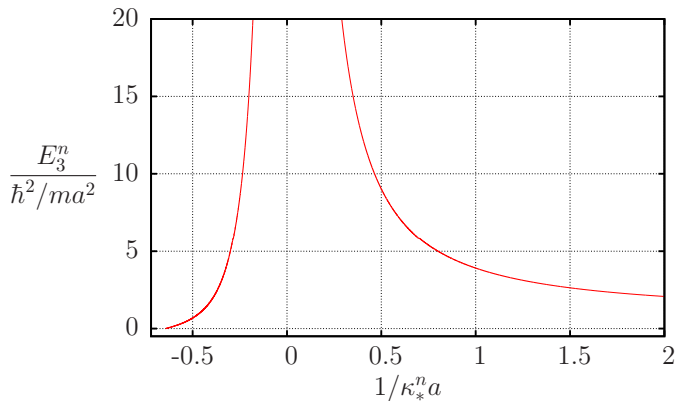
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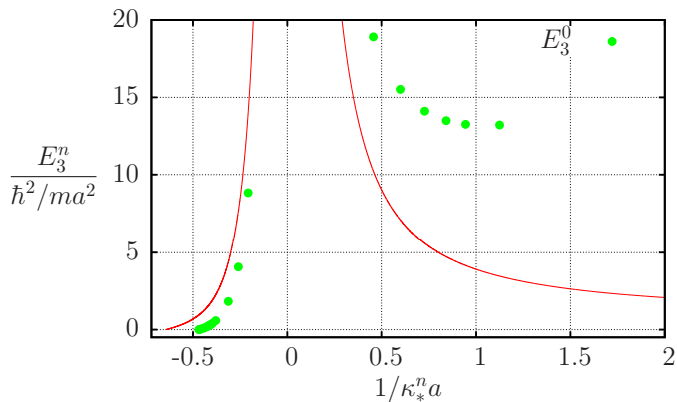
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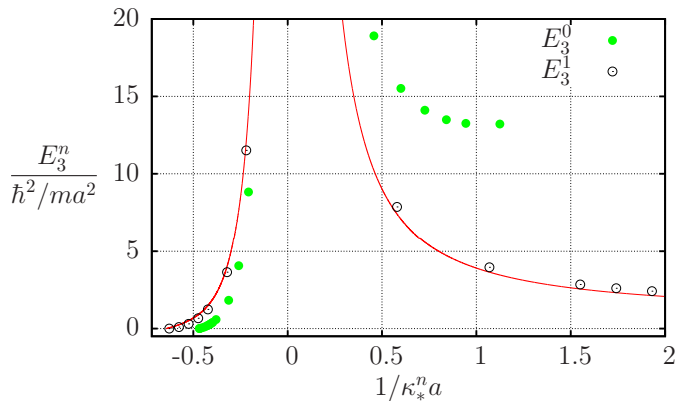
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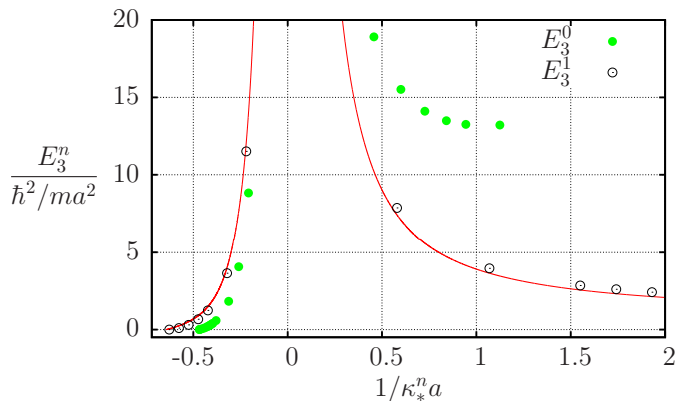


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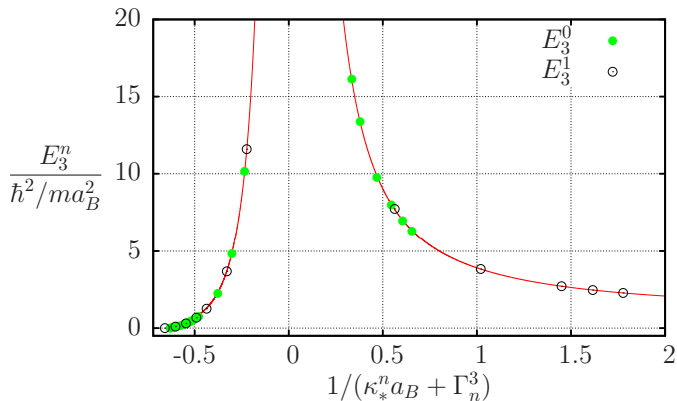
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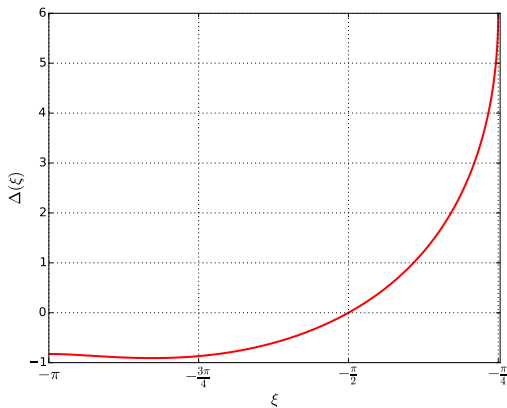


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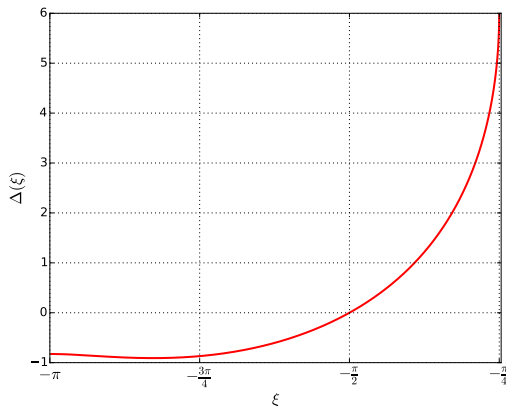
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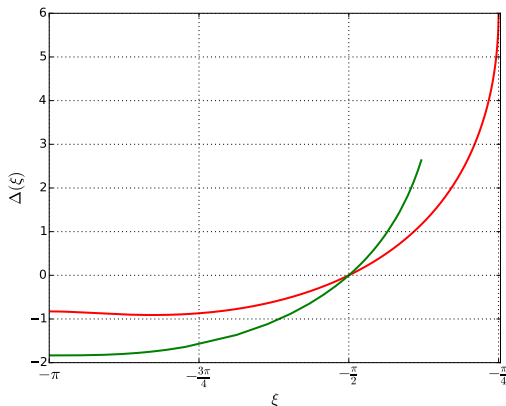
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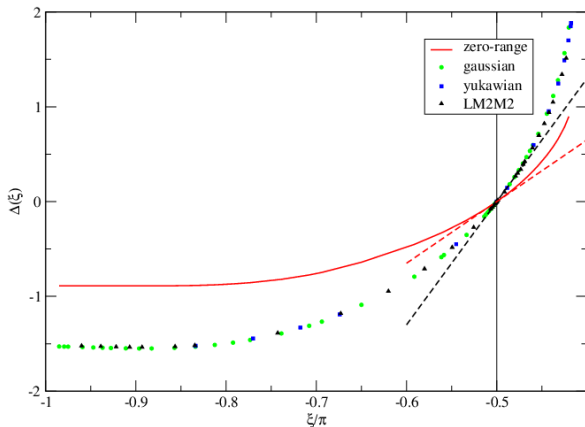
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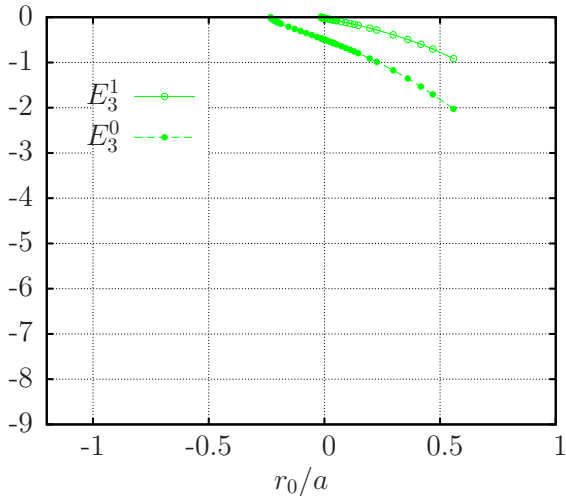
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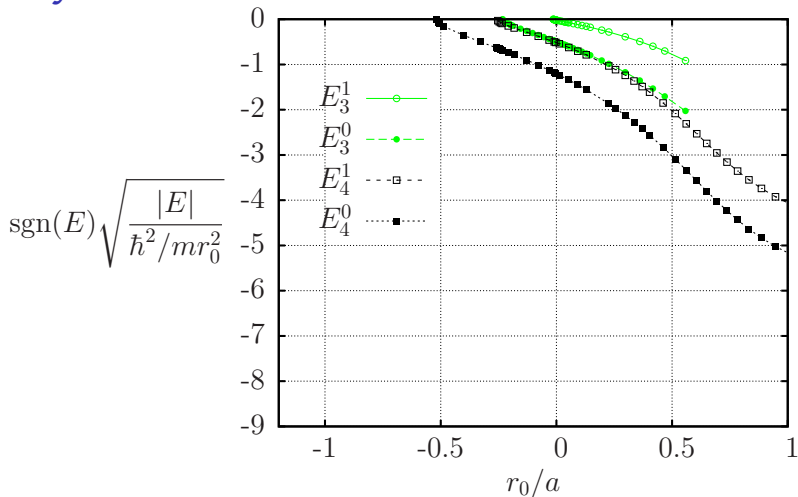
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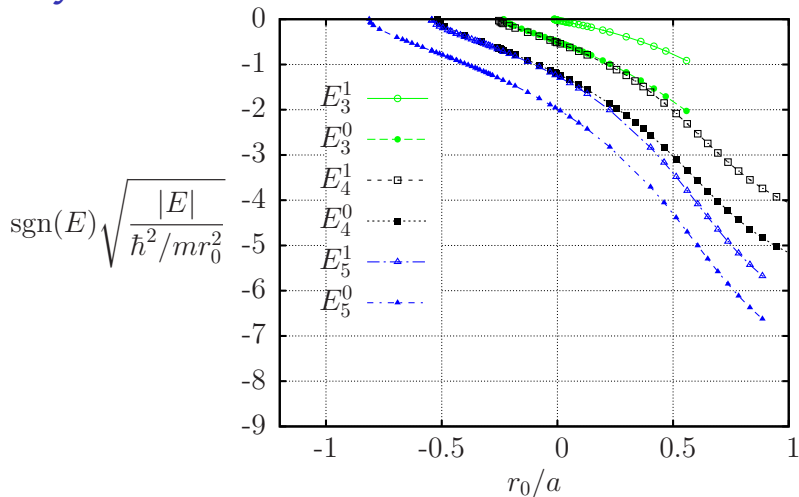


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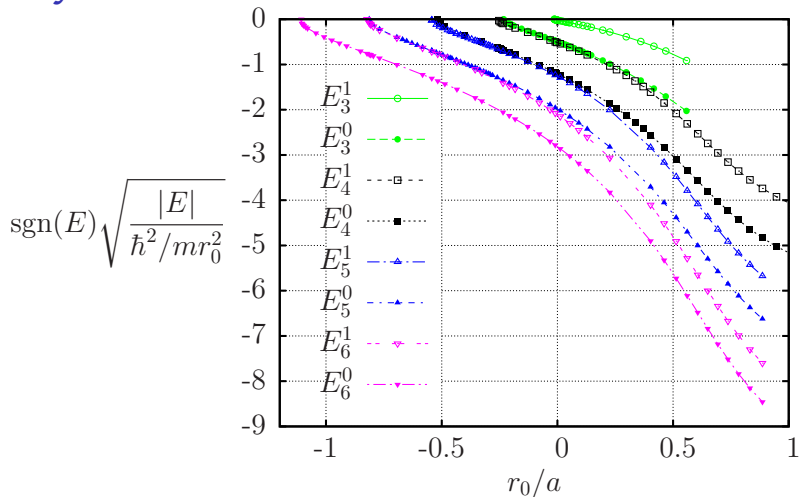
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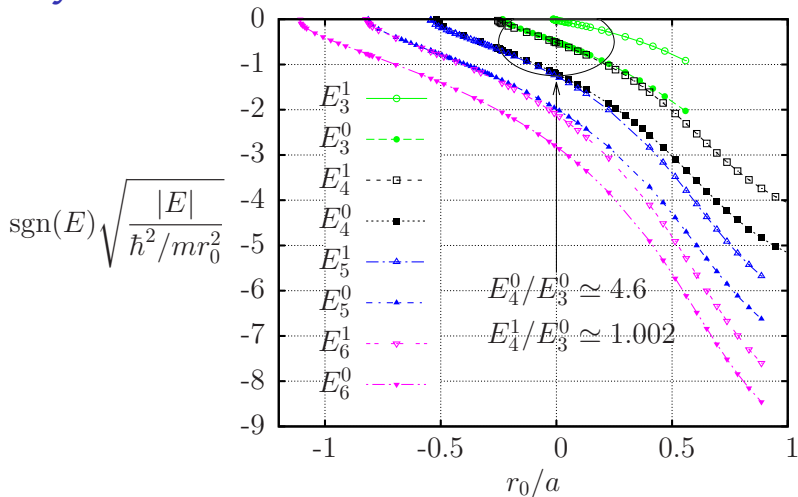
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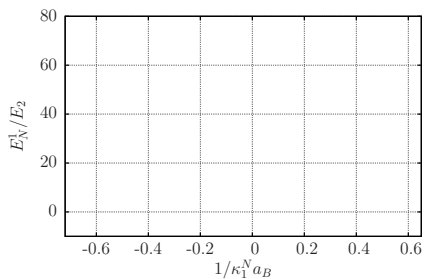
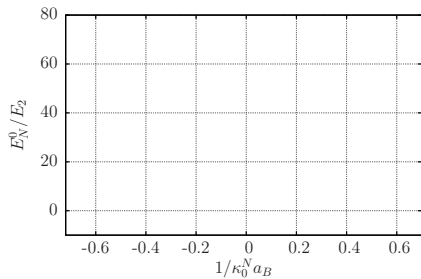
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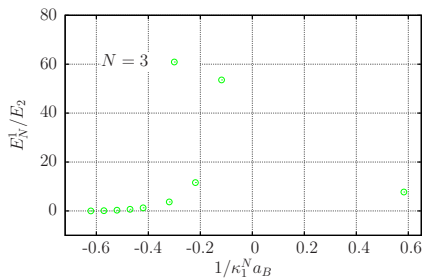
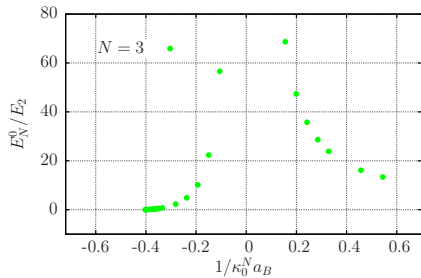


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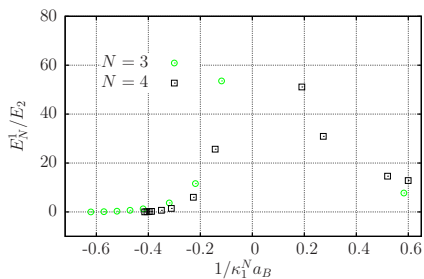
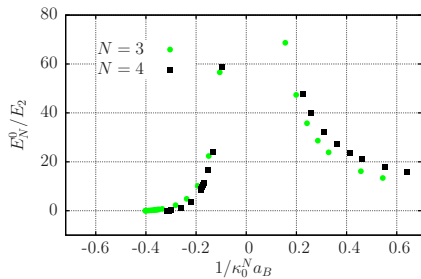
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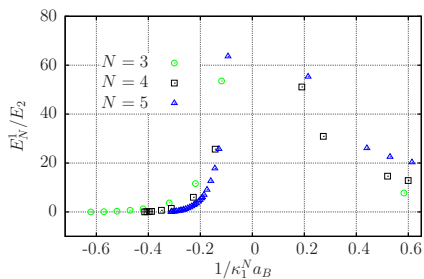
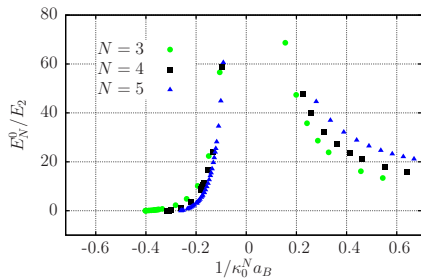
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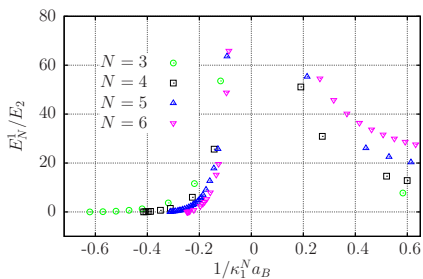
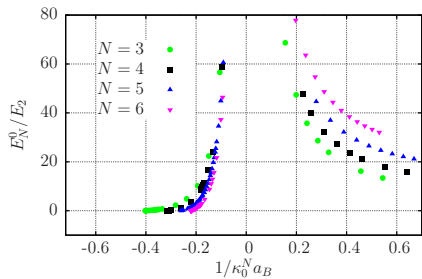


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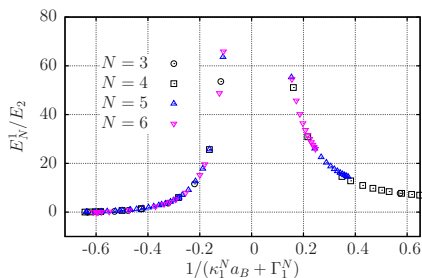
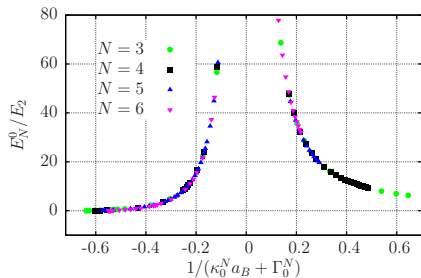




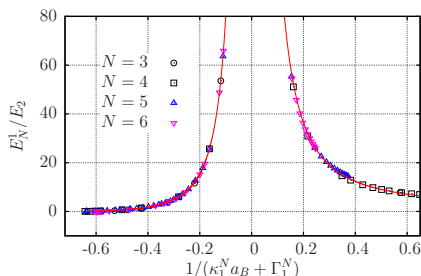
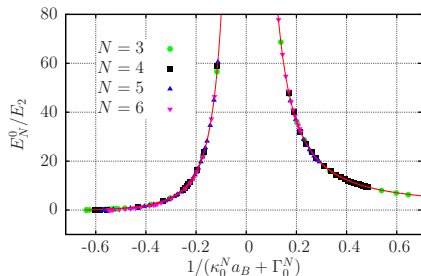
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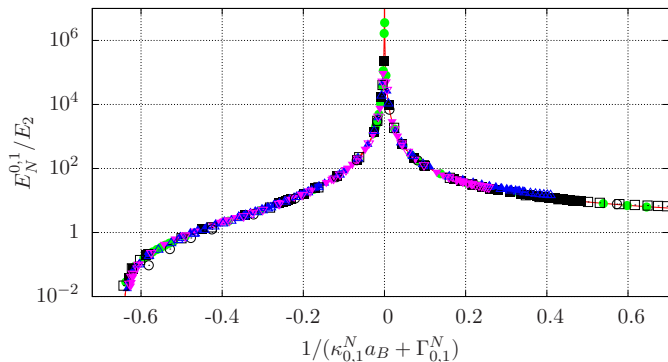
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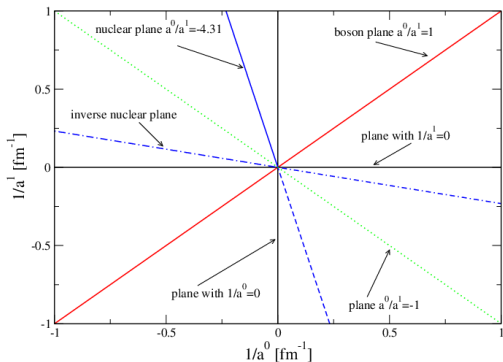
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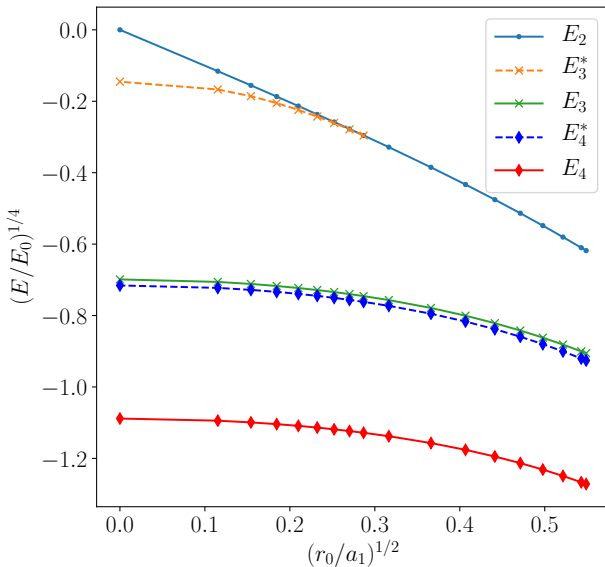
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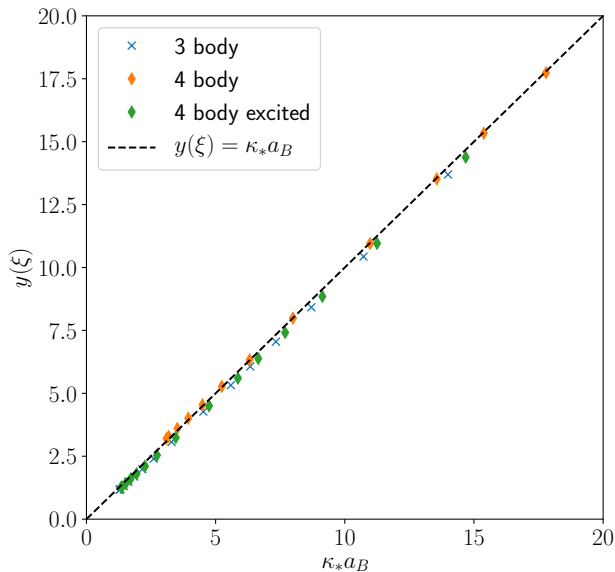
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3	0	0.4883	3.81	2.1866	0.2473	2.536
3	1	0.0211				
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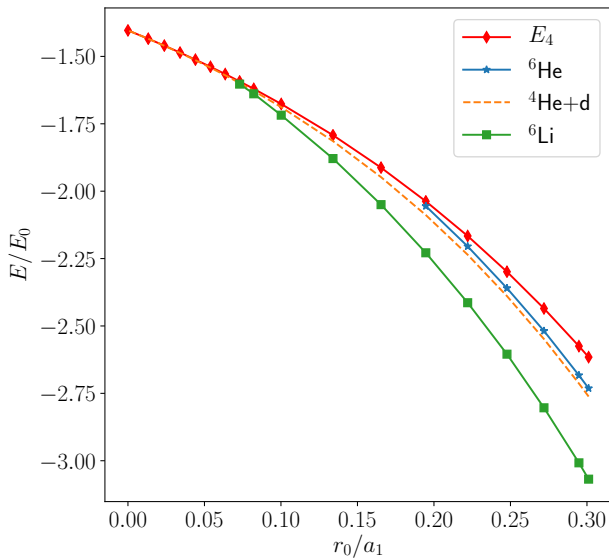
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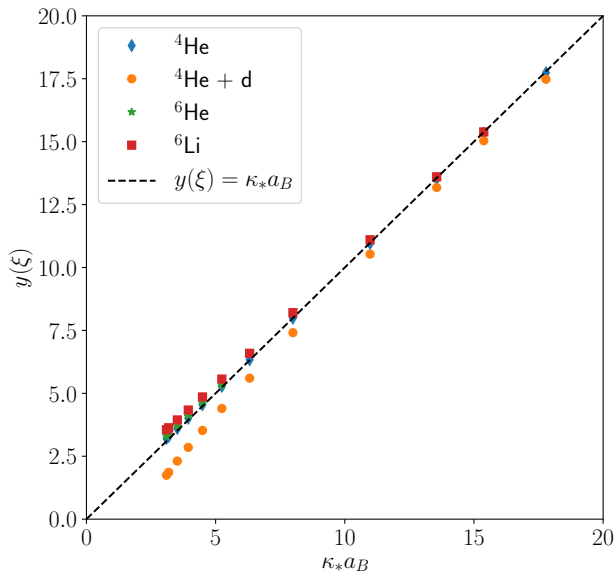
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7.8	3.0	-8.48	-29.223	-8.80	-7.715	-28.258	
7.638	3.03	-8.48	-29.255	-8.80	-7.714	-28.290	
7.612	3.035	-8.48	-29.260	-8.80	-7.714	-28.295	
7.6044	3.035	-8.482	-29.269	-8.80	-7.716	-28.305	
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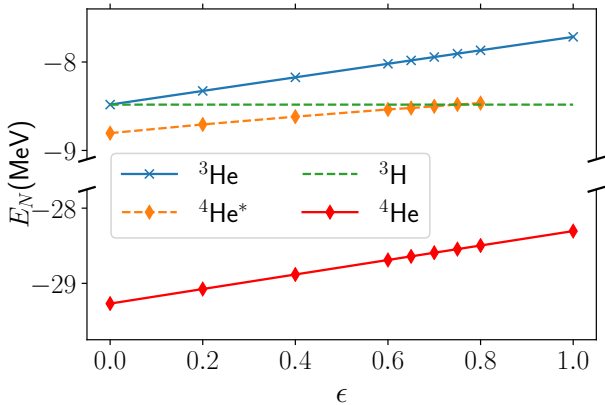
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9.072	2.8	-8.48	-29.014	-8.79	-7.718	-28.060	
7.8	3.0	-8.48	-29.223	-8.80	-7.715	-28.258	
7.638	3.03	-8.48	-29.255	-8.80	-7.714	-28.290	
7.612	3.035	-8.48	-29.260	-8.80	-7.714	-28.295	
7.6044	3.035	-8.482	-29.269	-8.80	-7.716	-28.305	
Experimental Values		-8.482			-7.718	-28.296	

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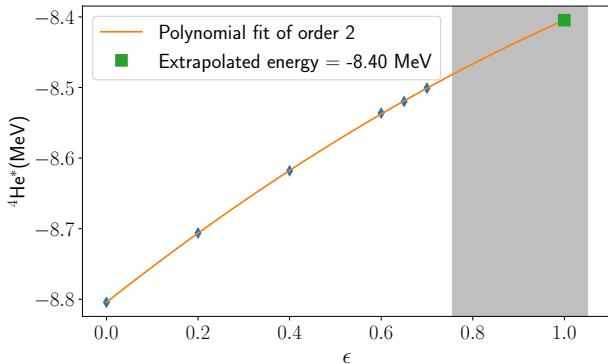
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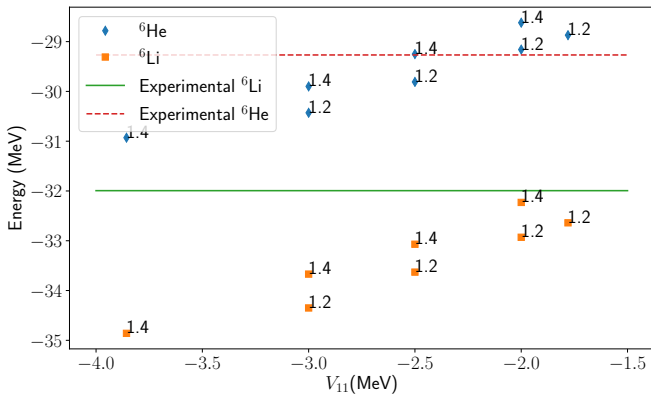
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