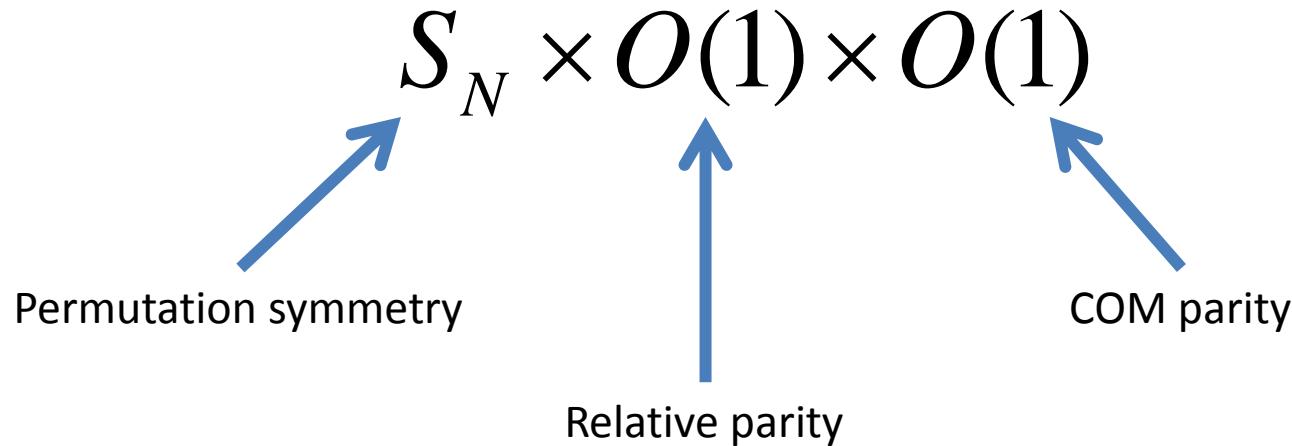


Spectroscopy for a few atoms harmonically-trapped in one dimension

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Symmetries for any* trap and any† interaction

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left(-\frac{1}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + V_{\text{trap}}(|x_i|) \right) + \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} V_{\text{int}}(|x_i - x_j|)$$

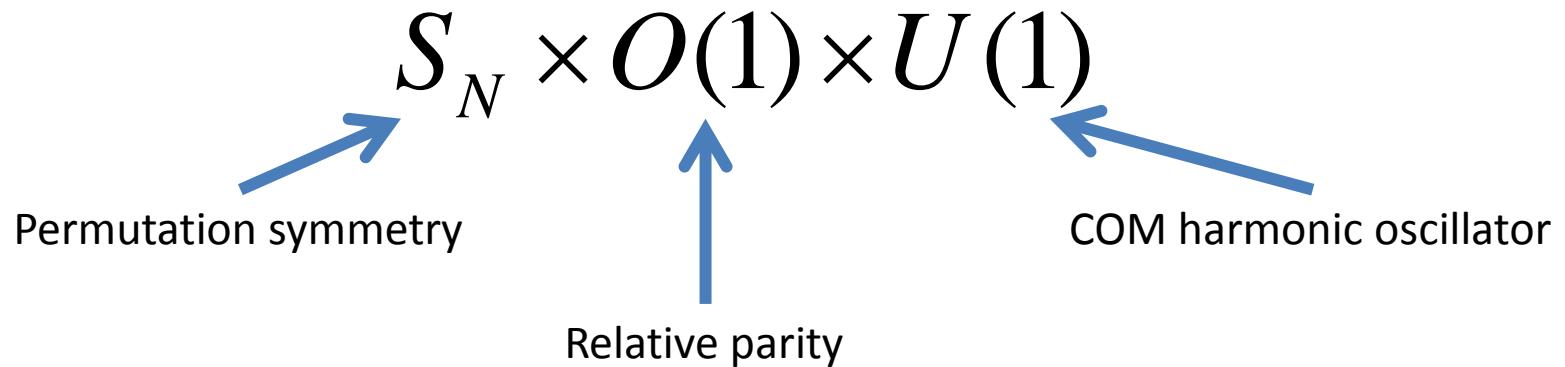


*one-dimensional, symmetric, spin-independent

†one-dimensional, Galilean-invariant, spin-independent

Symmetries for harmonic trap and contact interaction

$$\frac{\hat{H}}{\hbar\omega} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + x_i^2 \right) + g \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \delta(x_i - x_j)$$



Additional symmetries:

- Contact symmetry $U(N)$ when $g = 0$
- Spectrum generating symmetry $SO(2,1)$ when $g = 0$
or $g \rightarrow \infty$

Outline

- Motivation
- Symmetries of Configuration Space
- Spectroscopic Classification of Spatial States
- Secret Motivation

Motivation, Part I

$$\frac{\hat{H}}{\hbar\omega} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + x_i^2 \right) + g \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \delta(x_i - x_j)$$

- Mathematical physics
 - Symmetry and integrability
- Universality in few-body physics
 - Recent experiments
- Power of symmetry
 - Calculation and control: exact diagonalization, adiabatic evolution, quenches
- Limits of symmetry
 - Emergent complexity with increasing DOF

Harmonic Trap and Separation of Variables

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + x_i^2 \right) + \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} V_{\text{int}}(|x_i - x_j|)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ R \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{J}_N \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} x_1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} x_2 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} x_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} x_2 - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} x_3 \\ \vdots \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} x_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} x_2 + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} x_N \end{pmatrix} \quad \rho = \sqrt{r_1^2 + \dots + r_{N-1}^2}$$

$$\hat{H} = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} \left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} + R^2 \right) + \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_i^2} + r_i^2 \right) + \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} V_{\text{int}}(|\vec{d}_{ij} \cdot \vec{r}|)$$

$$(\vec{d}_{ij})_k = (\mathbf{J}_N)_{ki} - (\mathbf{J}_N)_{kj}$$

Symmetries for harmonic trap and any† interaction

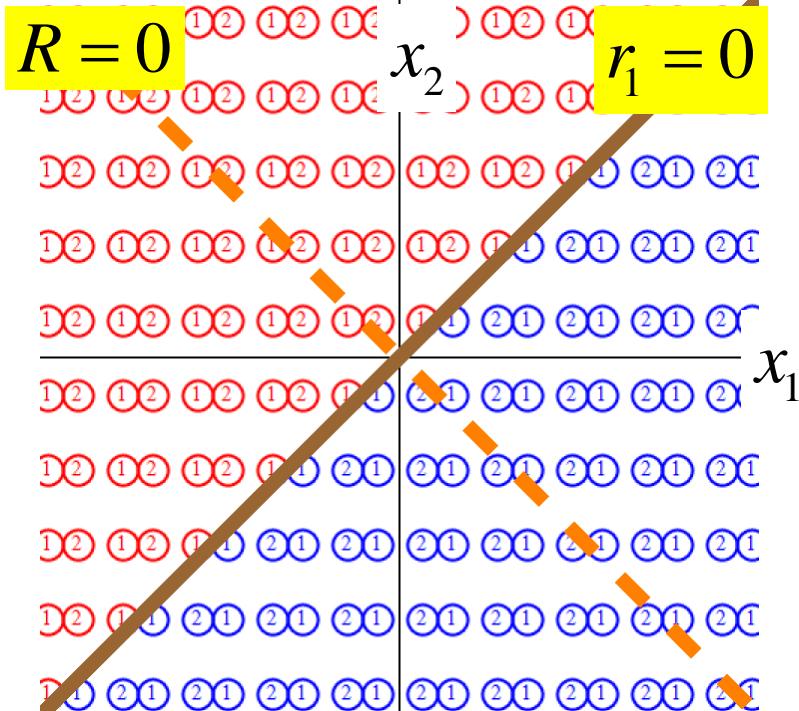
$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} + R^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_i^2} + r_i^2 \right) + \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} V_{\text{int}} \left(|\vec{d}_{ij} \cdot \vec{r}| \right)$$

$$S_N \times O(1) \times U(1)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ R \end{pmatrix} & \xrightarrow{p \in S_N} & \begin{pmatrix} \sum_j D_{1j}^{[N-1,1]}(p) r_j \\ \sum_j D_{2j}^{[N-1,1]}(p) r_j \\ \vdots \\ R \end{pmatrix} \\
 & & \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ R \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\pi \in O(1)} \begin{pmatrix} -r_1 \\ -r_2 \\ \vdots \\ R \end{pmatrix} \\
 & & \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ R \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\pi \in U(1)} \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \vdots \\ e^{i\theta} R \end{pmatrix}
 \end{array}$$

Two-Particle Configuration Space

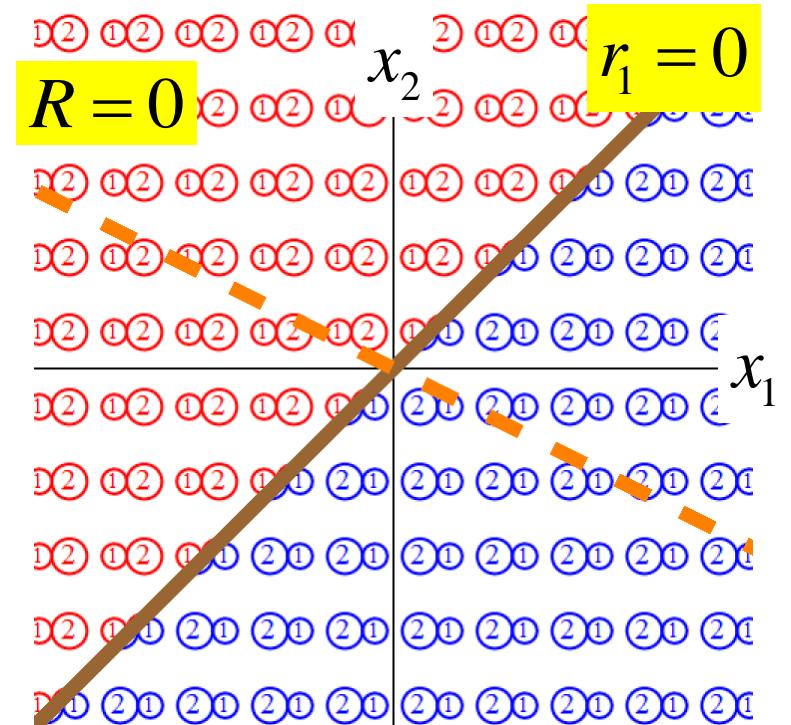
$$m_1 = m_2$$



Symmetry group: $S_2 \times O(1)$

Transformations: $\pi, (12) \rightarrow \sigma_{r1}$ $\Pi \rightarrow C_2$
 $\Pi(12) \rightarrow \sigma_R$

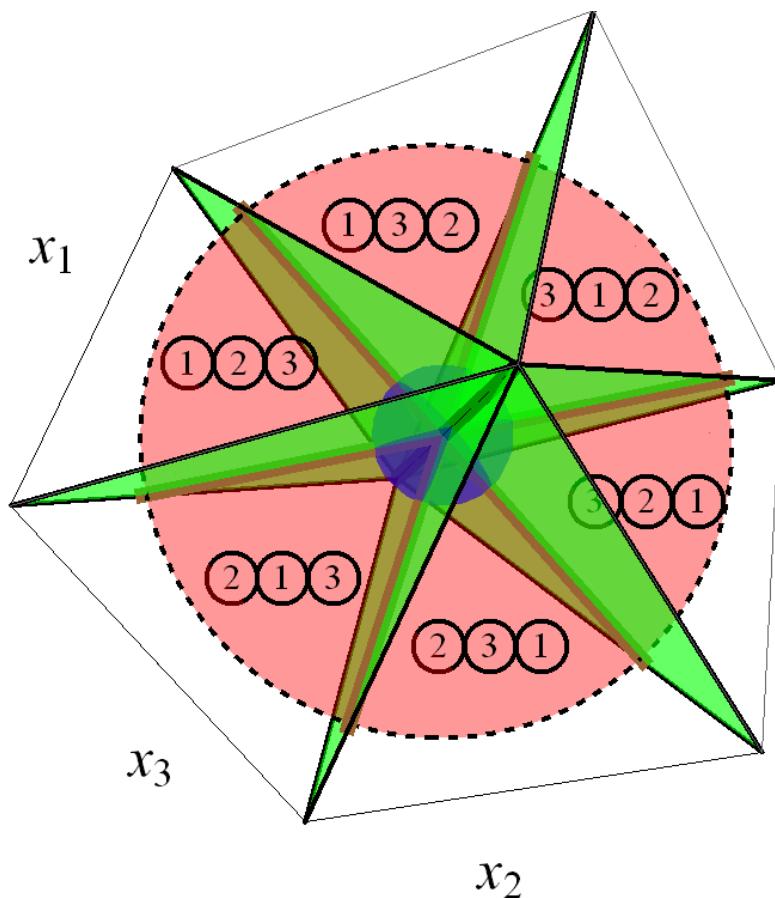
$$2m_1 = m_2$$



Symmetry group: $O(1)$

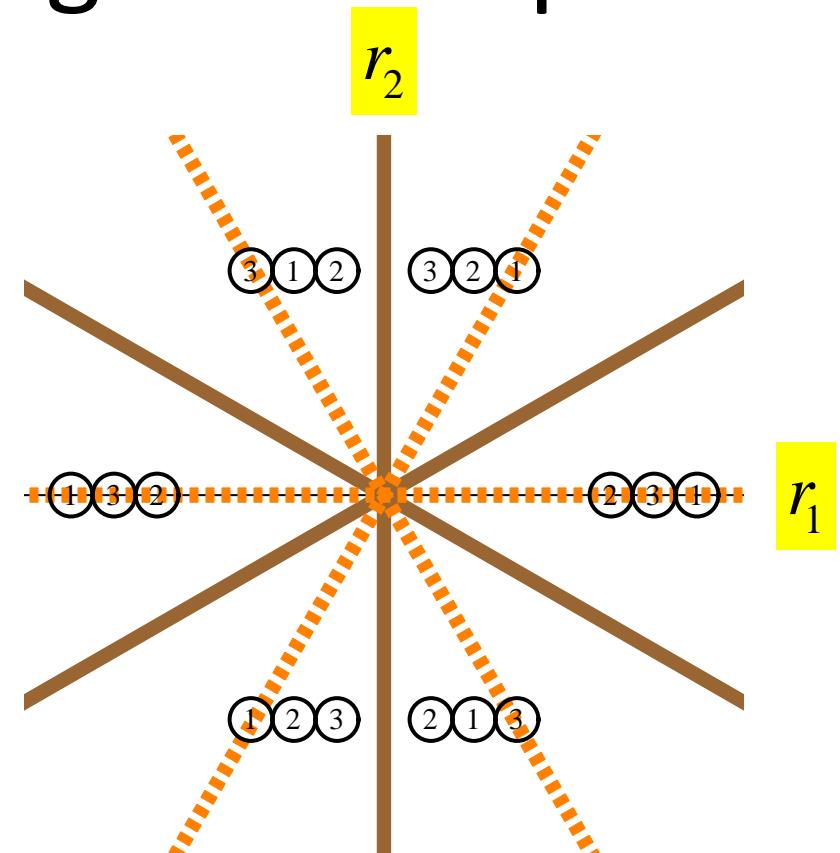
Transformations: $\Pi \rightarrow C_2$

Three-Particle Configuration Space



Symmetry group:

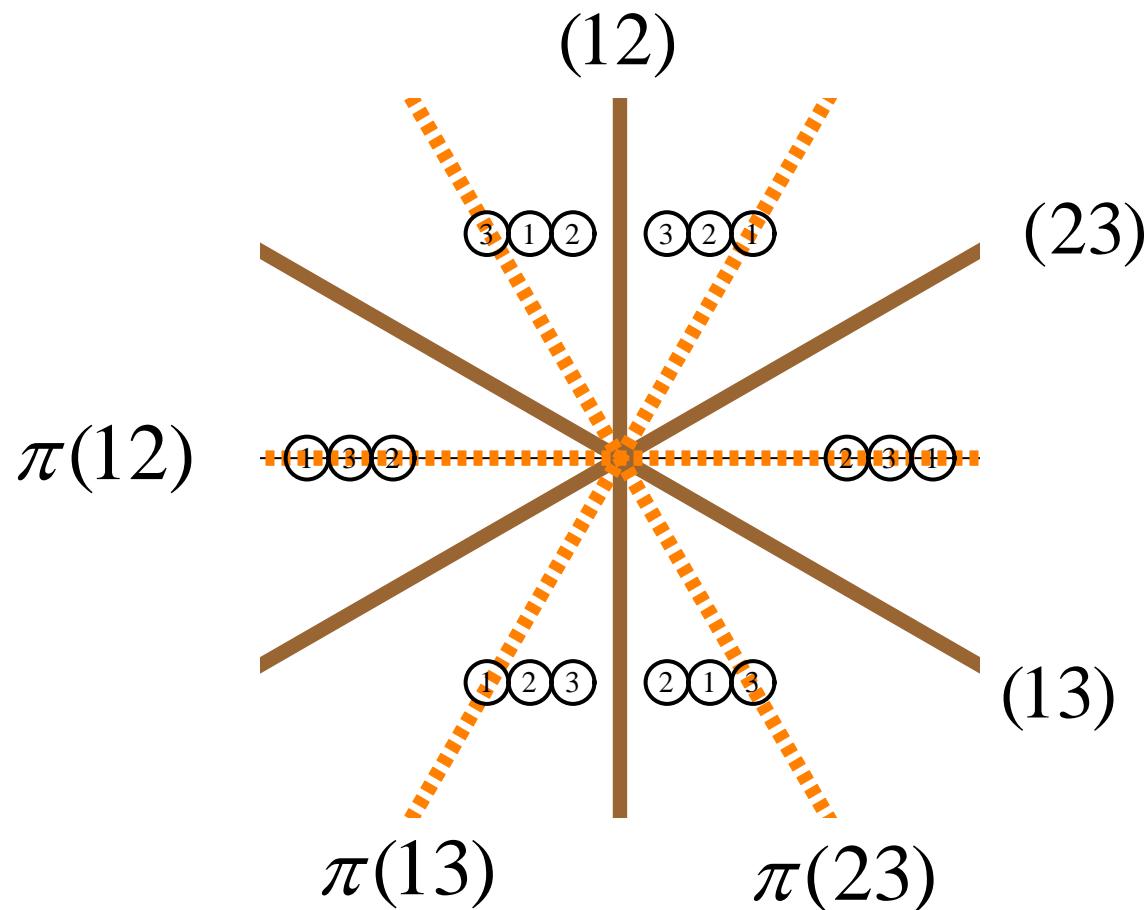
$$S_3 \times O(1) \times O(1) \sqsubset D_{6h}$$



Symmetry group:

$$S_3 \times O(1) \sqsubset C_{6v}$$

Three-Particle Configuration Space



Symmetry group:

$$S_3 \times O(1) \sqsubset C_{6v}$$

Relative inversion:

$$\pi \rightarrow C_2$$

Reflections:

$$(12), (13), (23)$$

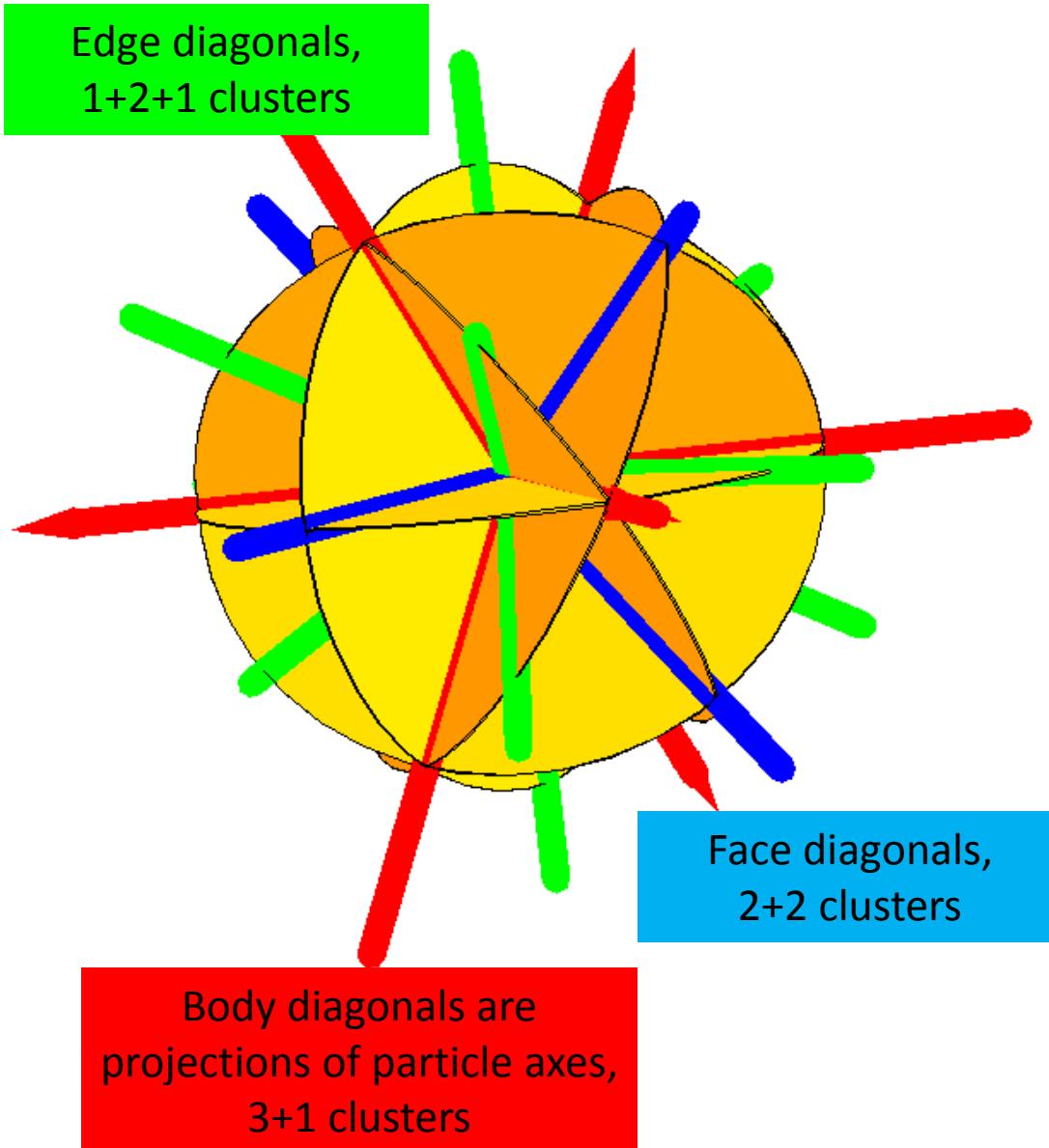
$$\pi(12), \pi(13), \pi(23)$$

Rotations:

$$(123), (132) \rightarrow 2C_3$$

$$\pi(123), \pi(132) \rightarrow 2C_6$$

Four-Particle Configuration Space



Symmetry group:

$$S_4 \times O(1) \sqsubset O_h$$

$$(12)\dots \rightarrow 6\sigma_d$$

$$(123)\dots \rightarrow 8C_3$$

$$(12)(34)\dots \rightarrow 3C_2$$

$$(1234)\dots \rightarrow 6S_4$$

$$\pi \rightarrow i$$

$$\pi(12)\dots \rightarrow 6C'_2$$

$$\pi(123)\dots \rightarrow 8S_6$$

$$\pi(12)(34)\dots \rightarrow 3\sigma_h$$

$$\pi(1234)\dots \rightarrow 6C_4$$

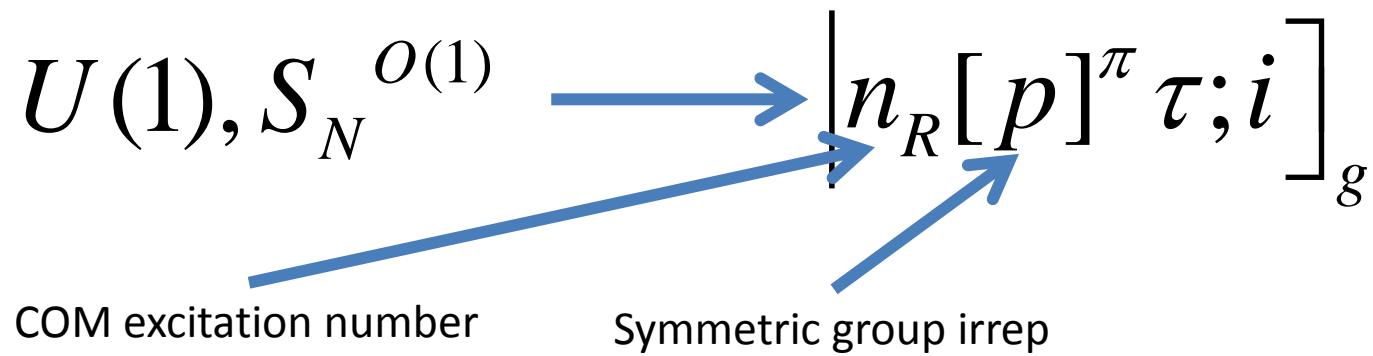
Five-Particle Configuration Space

$$S_5 \times O(1)$$

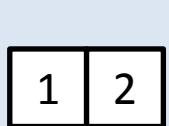
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Quantum numbers

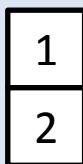
$$S_N \times O(1) \times U(1)$$



Symmetric Group Irreps



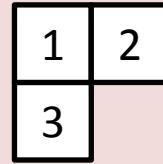
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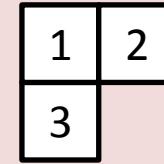
$[1^2]$



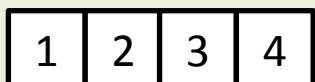
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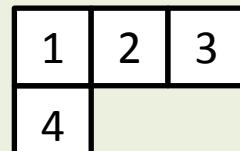
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$[1^3]$

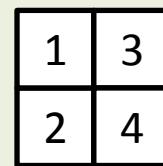
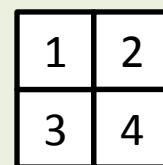


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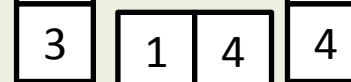


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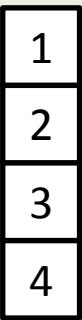
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$[2^2]$



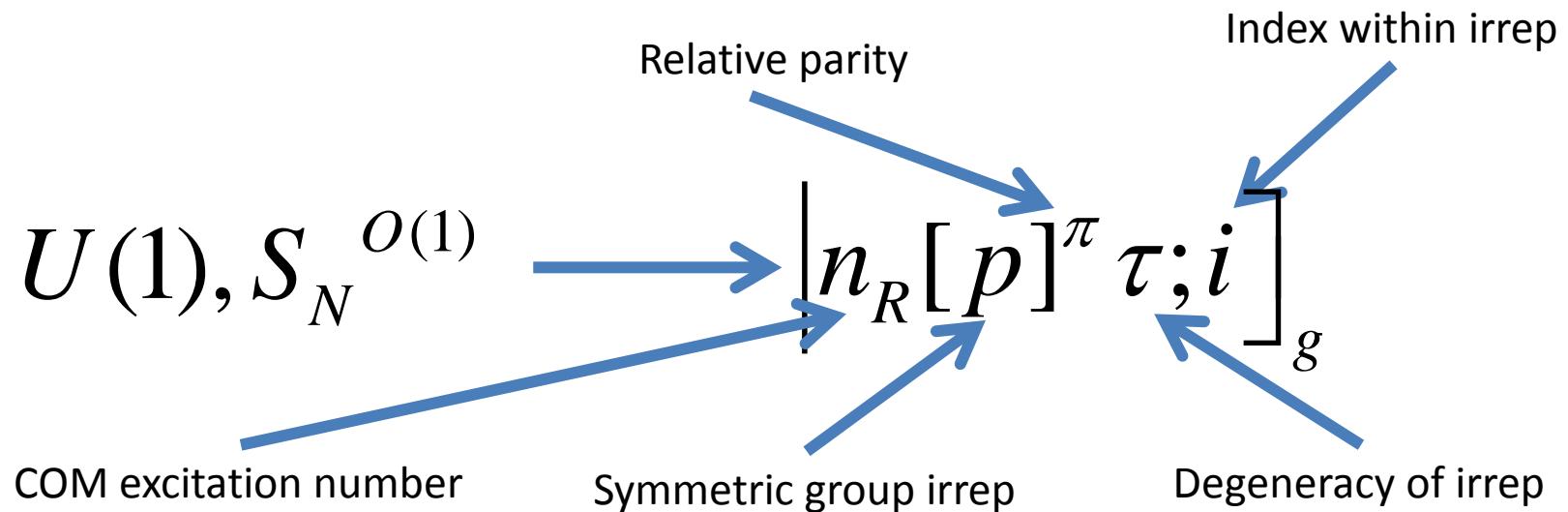
$[21^2]$



$[1^4]$

Quantum numbers

$$S_N \times O(1) \times U(1)$$



$$\hat{H} \left| n_R[p]^{\pi} \tau; i \right\rangle_g = E_{n_R[p]^{\pi} \tau} \left| n_R[p]^{\pi} \tau; i \right\rangle_g$$

Each energy is distinct except at non-interacting and infinite repulsion limit.

$$E_{n_R[p]^{\pi} \tau} = \hbar \omega \left(n_R + X_{[p]^{\pi} \tau} + \frac{N}{2} \right)$$

Symmetries for contact interaction

$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial R^2} + R^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \left(-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r_i^2} + r_i^2 \right) + g \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \delta(\vec{d}_{ij} \cdot \vec{r})$$

Contact symmetry

Spectrum generating
symmetry

For any interaction strength

$$S_N \times O(1) \times U(1)$$

NO

For zero interaction strength

$$U(N)$$

$$SO(2,1)$$

For infinite interaction strength

$$S_N \times O(1) \times U(1)$$

$$SO(2,1)$$

...and something else for $N > 3$...

$$X = 2n_\rho + \lambda$$

Three Particles: Harmonic Trap, Not Interacting

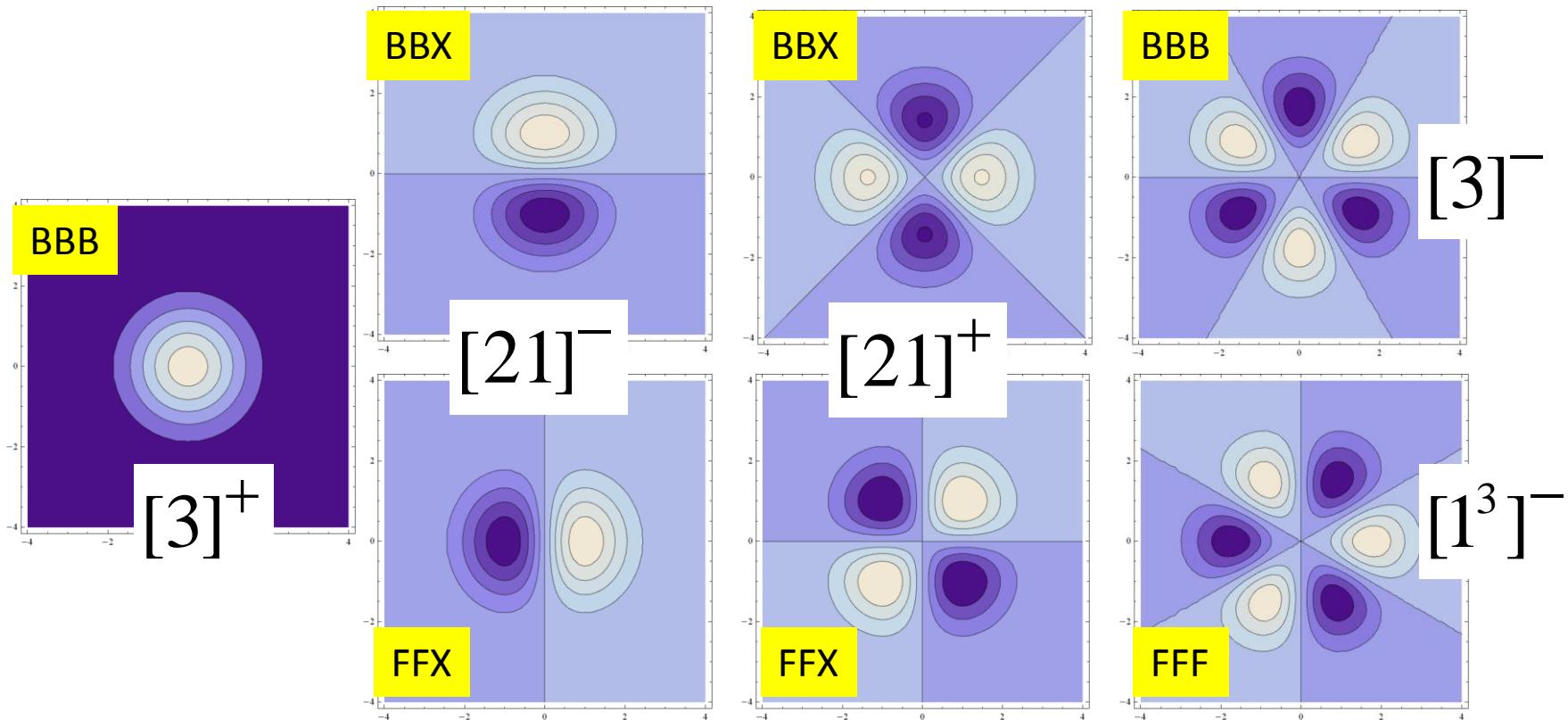
$$X_{n_\rho \lambda} = 2n_\rho + \lambda \quad d(X) = X + 1 \quad \varepsilon(\lambda > 0) = 2 \quad \pi = (-1)^\lambda$$

$$n_\rho = 0; \lambda = 0$$

$$n_\rho = 0; \lambda = 1$$

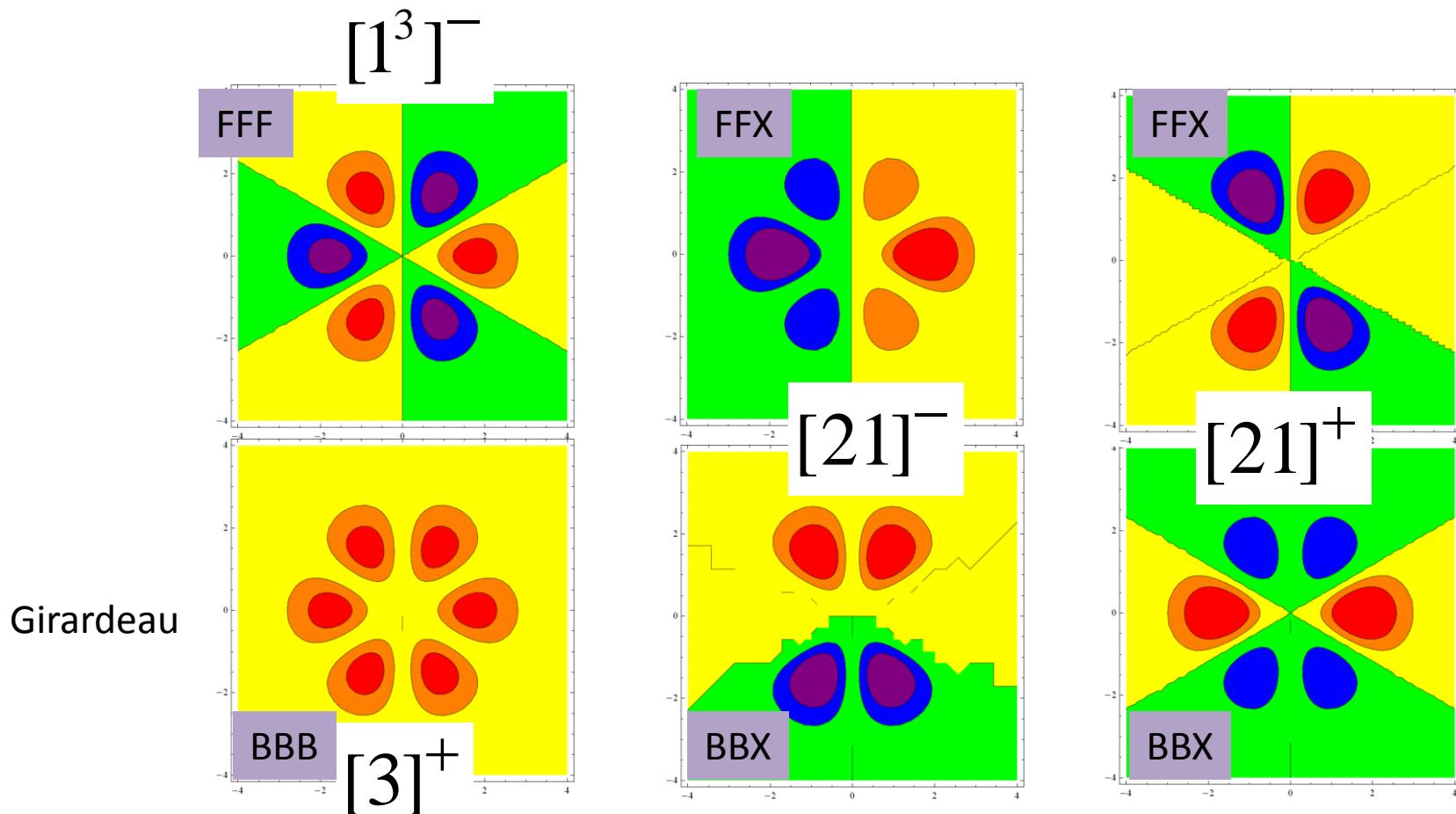
$$n_\rho = 0; \lambda = 2$$

$$n_\rho = 0; \lambda = 3$$

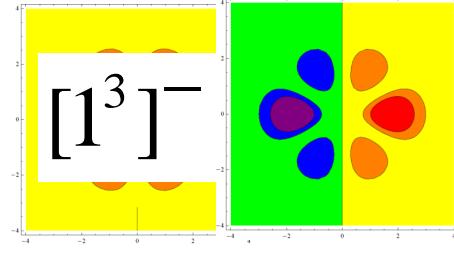
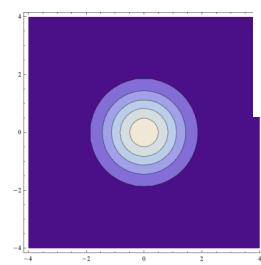
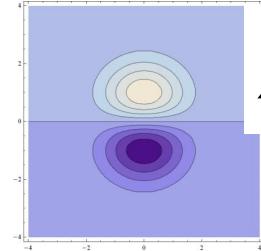
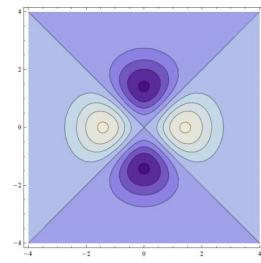
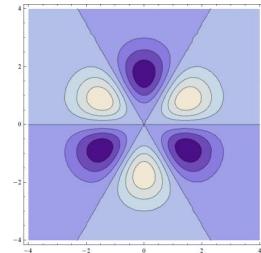


Three Particles: Harmonic Trap, Unitary Limit

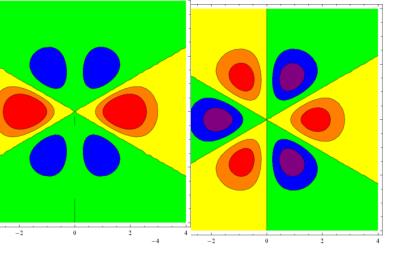
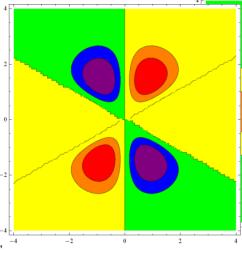
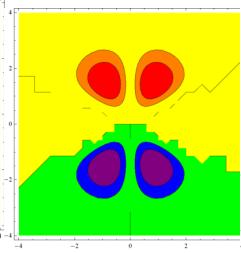
$$X_{n_\rho \lambda} = 2n_\rho + \lambda \quad d(X) = 3! \quad \lambda \in 3, 6, 9, 12, \dots \quad \pi = (-1)^\lambda$$



Three Particle: Adiabatic Mapping



$[1^3]^-$



$$\lambda = 3 + 6k \rightarrow [3]^+ \oplus [21]^+ \oplus [21]^- \oplus [1^3]^-$$

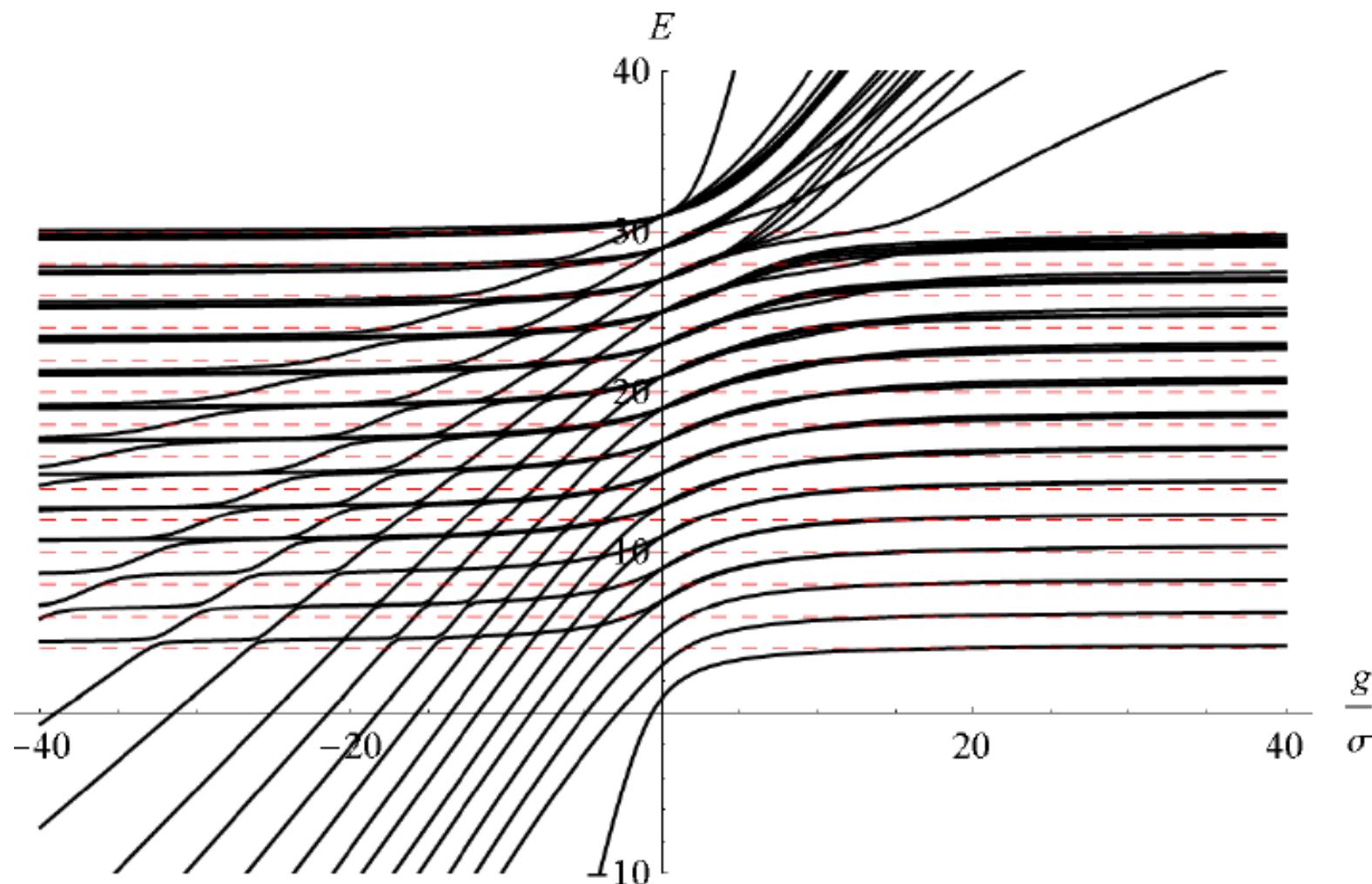
$\begin{smallmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \end{smallmatrix}$

$$\lambda = 6 + 6k \rightarrow [3]^- \oplus [21]^- \oplus [21]^+ \oplus [1^3]^+$$

$\begin{smallmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}$

$[3]^+$ $X_{\max} = 30$

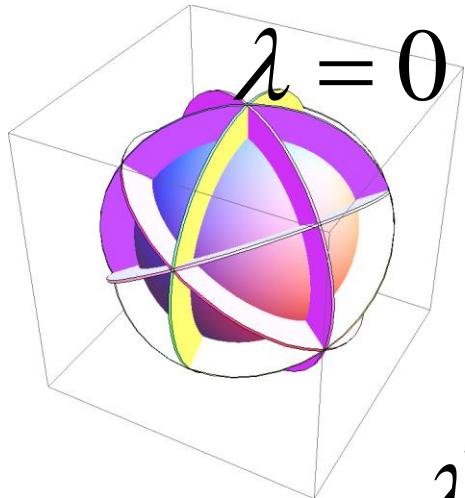
40 states



Four Particles: Harmonic Trap, Not Interacting

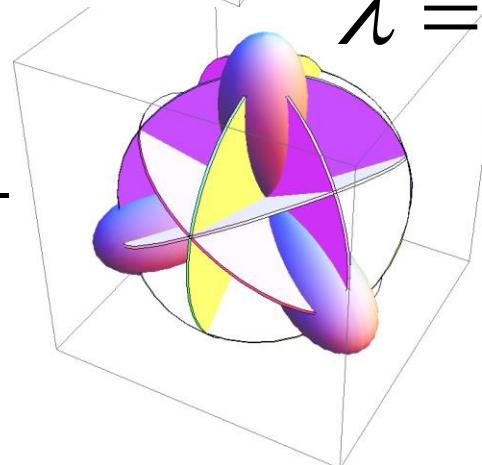
$$X_{n_\rho \lambda \tau} = 2n_\rho + \lambda \quad d(X) = \frac{(X+1)(X+2)}{2!} \quad \varepsilon(\lambda) = 2\lambda + 1 \quad \pi = (-1)^\lambda$$

$[4]^+$

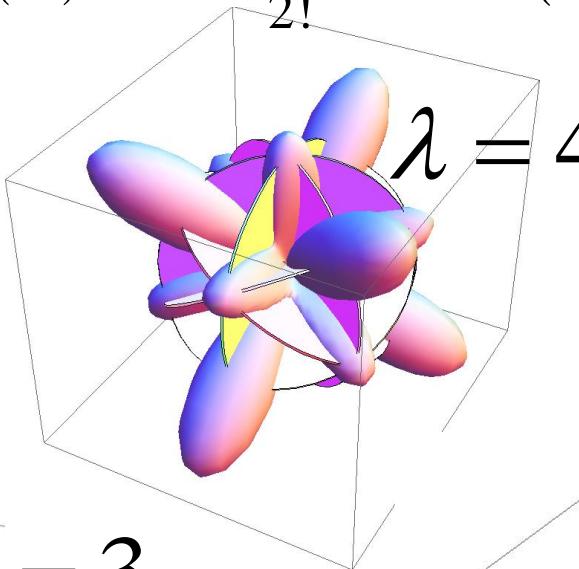


$\lambda = 3$

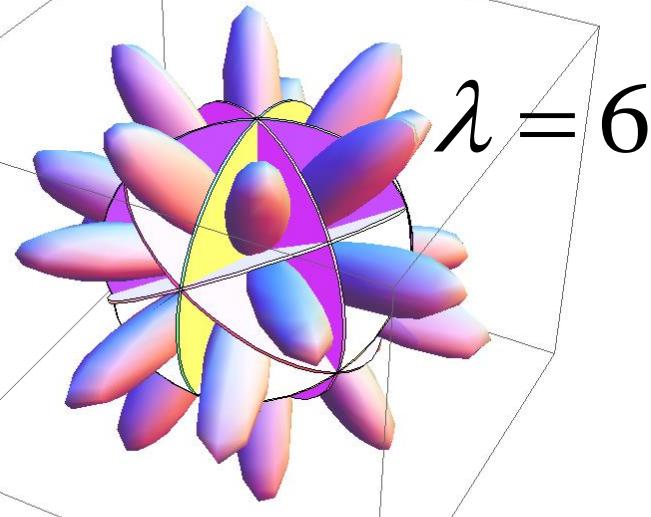
$[4]^-$



$[1^4]^+$

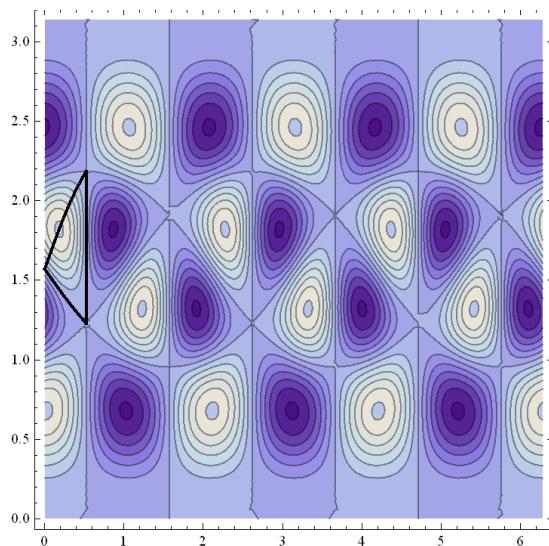
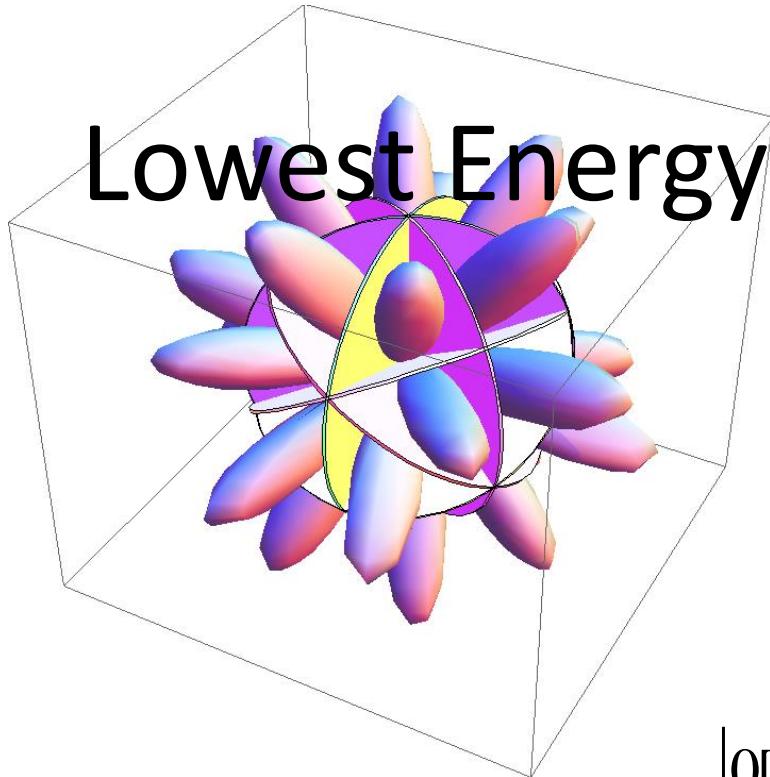


$\lambda = 3$



$\lambda = 6$

Lowest Energy Antisymmetric State



$$\left| n_R [p]^{\pi} \tau; i \right\rangle_g \rightarrow \left| 0 [1^4]^+ 0 \right\rangle_g$$

Particle basis, Slater determinant:

$$\left| 0 [1^4]^+ 0 \right\rangle_g = \frac{1}{\sqrt{24}} \sum_{p \in S_4} \text{sign}(p) \left| n_{p1} n_{p2} n_{p3} n_{p4} \right\rangle$$

Jacobi hypercylindrical:

$$\left| 0 [1^4]^+ 0 \right\rangle_g = \sum_{\mu=-6}^6 c_\mu \left| n_R n_\rho 6\mu \right\rangle$$

Four Particles:

Harmonic Trap, Non-interacting

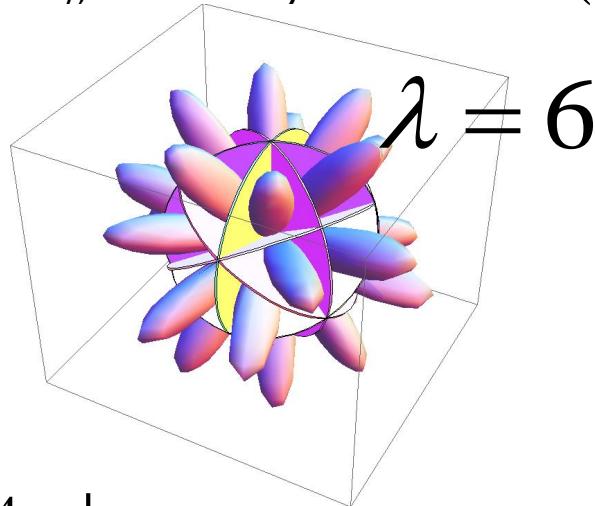
Including Spin

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{S} \otimes \mathcal{K}$$

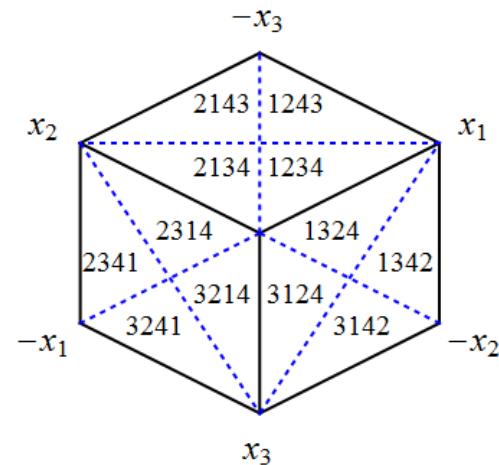
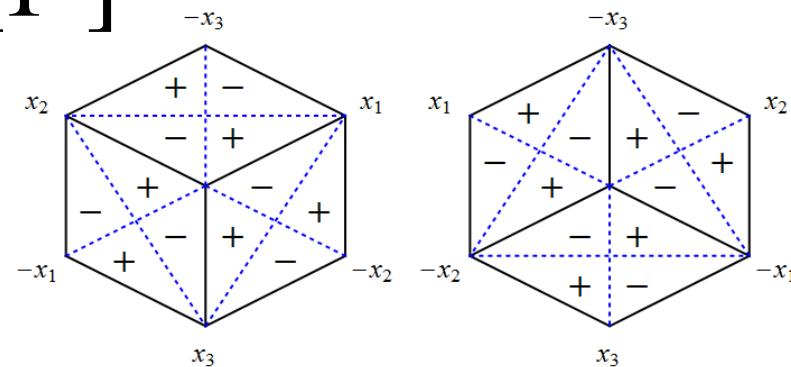
number of components	component pattern	λ												\mathbf{l}	$s = 0$	Total
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
1																1
2	$(4)_B$	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2		
2	$(31)_B$	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	5		
3	$(22)_B$	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7		
1	$(211)_B$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
2	$(4)_F$	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1		
2	$(31)_F$	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	3	4		
3	$(22)_F$	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6		
4	$(211)_F$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
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Four Particles: Harmonic Trap, Unitary Limit

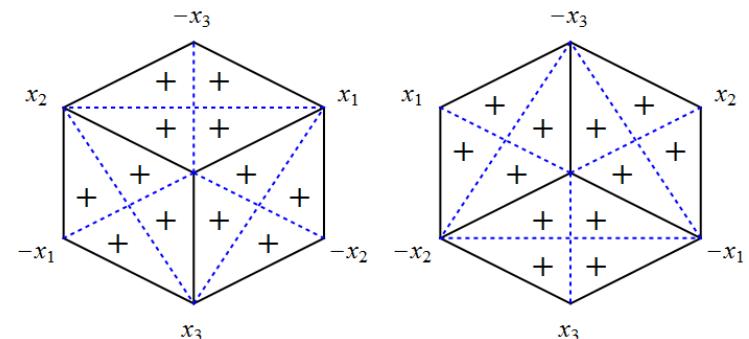
$$X_{n_\rho \lambda} = 2n_\rho + \lambda \quad d(X) = 4! \quad \lambda \in 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, \dots \quad \pi = (-1)^\lambda$$



$[1^4]^+$

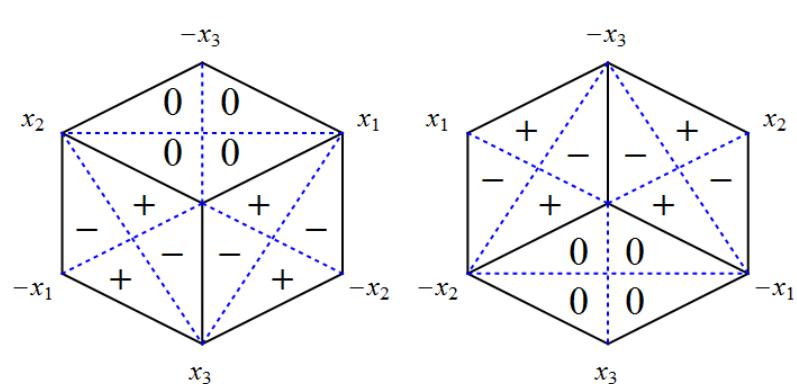
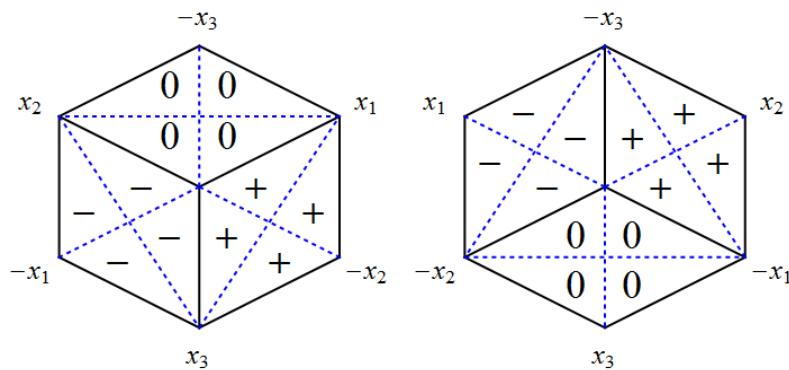
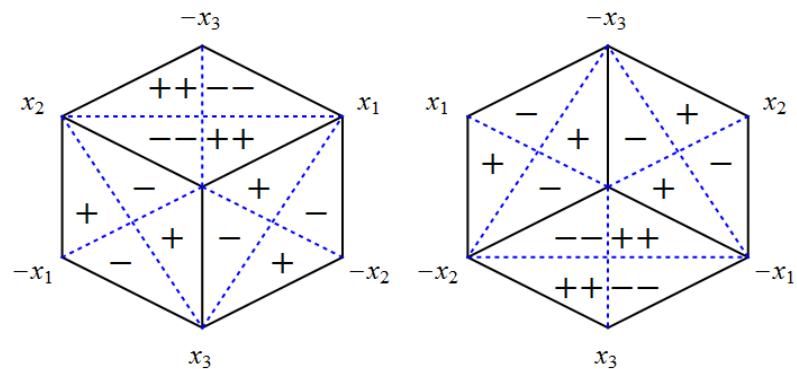
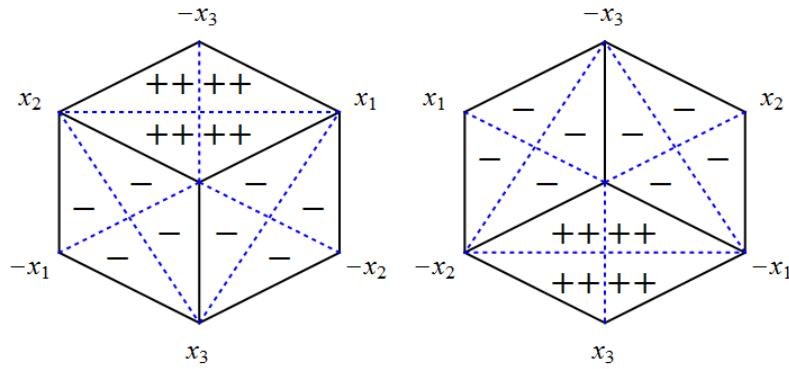


$[4]^+$



$$\lambda = \text{even} \rightarrow [4]^+ \oplus [31]^+ \oplus 2[2^2]^+ \oplus [21^2]^+ \oplus [1^4]^+ \oplus 2[31]^- \oplus 2[21^2]^-$$

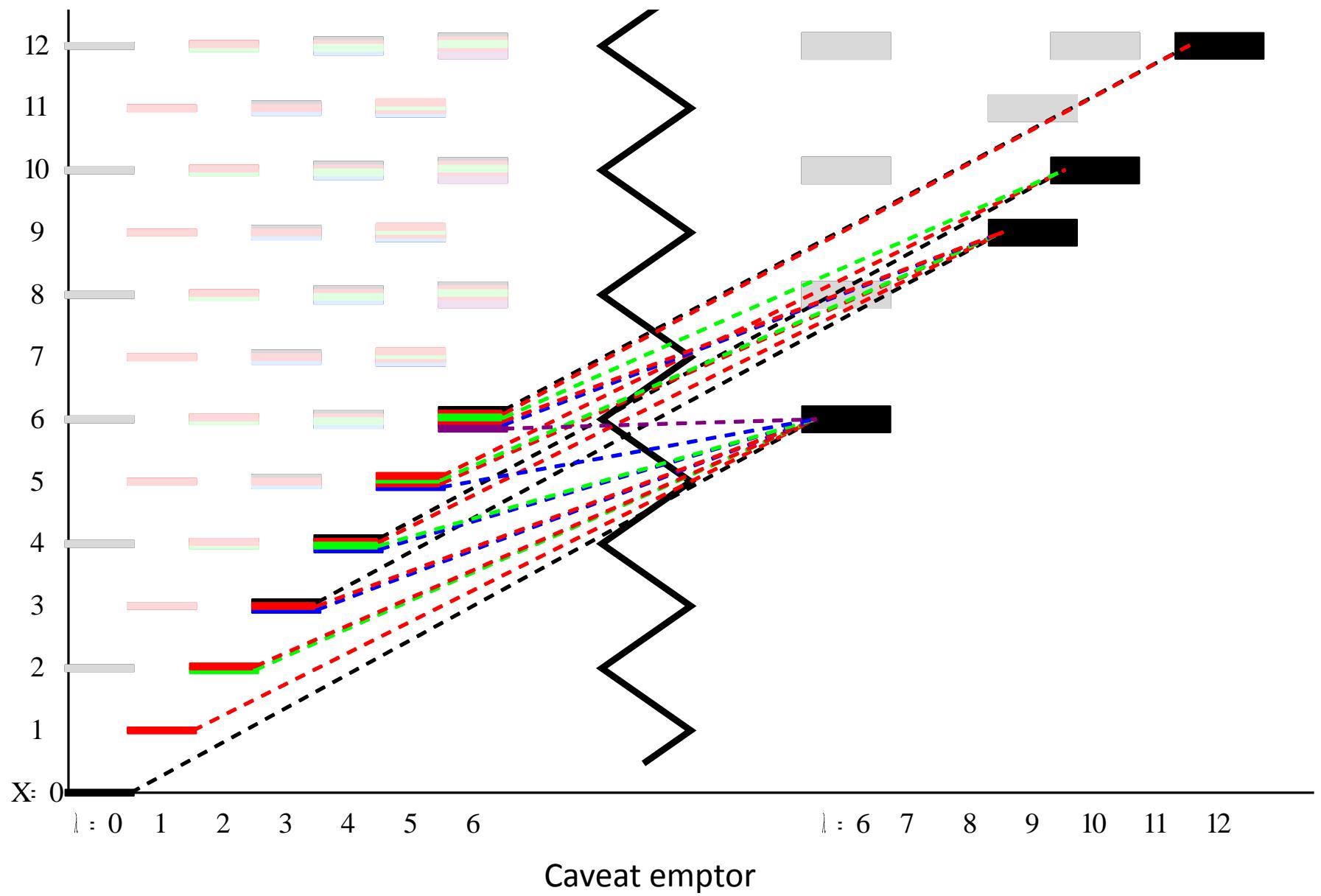
$$\lambda = \text{odd} \rightarrow 2[31]^+ \oplus 2[21^2]^+ \oplus [4]^- \oplus [31]^- \oplus 2[2^2]^- \oplus [21^2]^- \oplus [1^4]^-$$



[2²]⁺ A

[2²]⁺ B

MYSTERY SYMMETRY



Irrep Reduction for Five Particles

Non-interacting

Unitary limit

λ	$ 5 $	$ 1 $	no. of comps.	component pattern	$ p $							odd λ
					$[5]$	$[41]$	$[3^2]$	$[31^2]$	$[2^21]$	$[21^3]$	$[1^4]$	
0	1	-	1	$(5)_B$	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	-	2	$(41)_B$	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
2	0	-	2	$(32)_B$	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
3	1	-	2	$(311)_B$	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	4
4	1	-	3	$(221)_B$	1	2	2	1	1	0	0	2
5	1	-	4	$(2111)_B$	1	3	3	3	2	1	0	2
7	1	-	1	$(5)_F$	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
8	2	-	2	$(41)_F$	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
9	2	-	2	$(32)_F$	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
10	2	-	2	$(311)_F$	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	3
11	2	-	3	$(221)_F$	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	2
11	2	-	4	$(2111)_F$	0	1	2	3	3	3	1	3
12	3	-	5	(11111)	1	4	5	6	5	4	1	2
13	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	$ 1^5 $	0	1

Working on more efficient state construction method

Secret Motivation

Integrability, separability and entanglement

- Abstractly: Particles and Tailored Observables
- Directly: Few body systems as a resource for quantum information processing

THE FUTURE

- Identify mystery symmetry
- Basis transformation coefficients, matrix elements
- More particles
 - Five is different
 - Heterogeneous particle mixtures
- More dimensions
 - Symmetry is less constraining
- More traps, more interactions
 - Lose spectrum generating group and $U(N)$ symmetry

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