

**(On) Complete universal description of  
the three-body spectrum of  
two-component fermions**

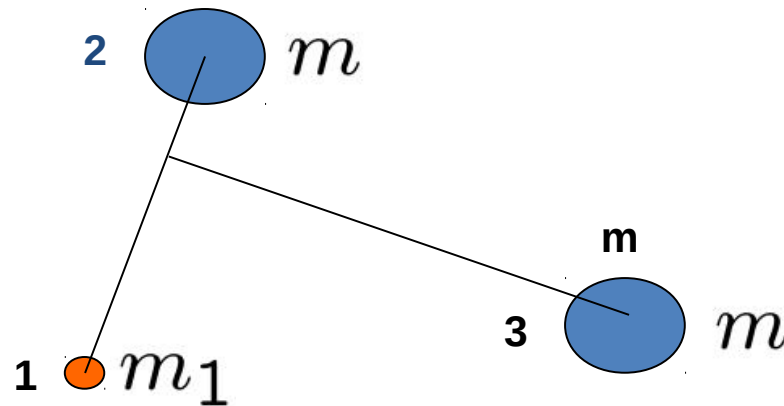
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To begin with two points:

- Gratitude to organizers
- The work is neither completely finished nor even published

Two identical particles (fermions) and one distinct particle.  
Zero-range interactions between different particles.



One of the basic and simplest systems

Few-body dynamics in two-species mixtures of  
ultra-cold quantum gases

- Some history & Overview
- Technical details
- Three-body boundary condition
- Very simple model
- Numerical results
- Similar systems & more particles

Efimov effect takes place in  $L^P = 1^-$   
states for  $m/m_1 > 13.6069657$ .

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*Nuclear Physics A210 (1973) 157–188*

**ENERGY LEVELS OF THREE RESONANTLY INTERACTING PARTICLES**

V EFIMOV

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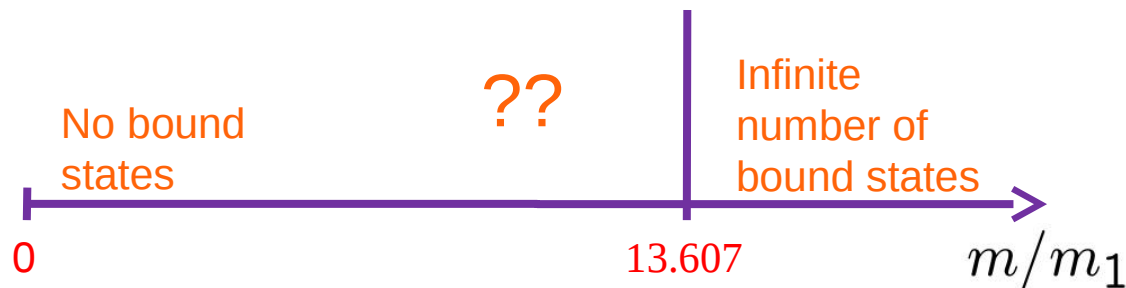
**Three-body problem in Fermi gases with short-range interparticle interaction**

D. S. Petrov

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What's below critical mass ratio  
 $m/m_1 = 13.6069657$ ?

For example



One or two bound states below critical mass ratio  
for positive two-body scattering length  $a > 0$ ,  
No bound states for  $a < 0$ .

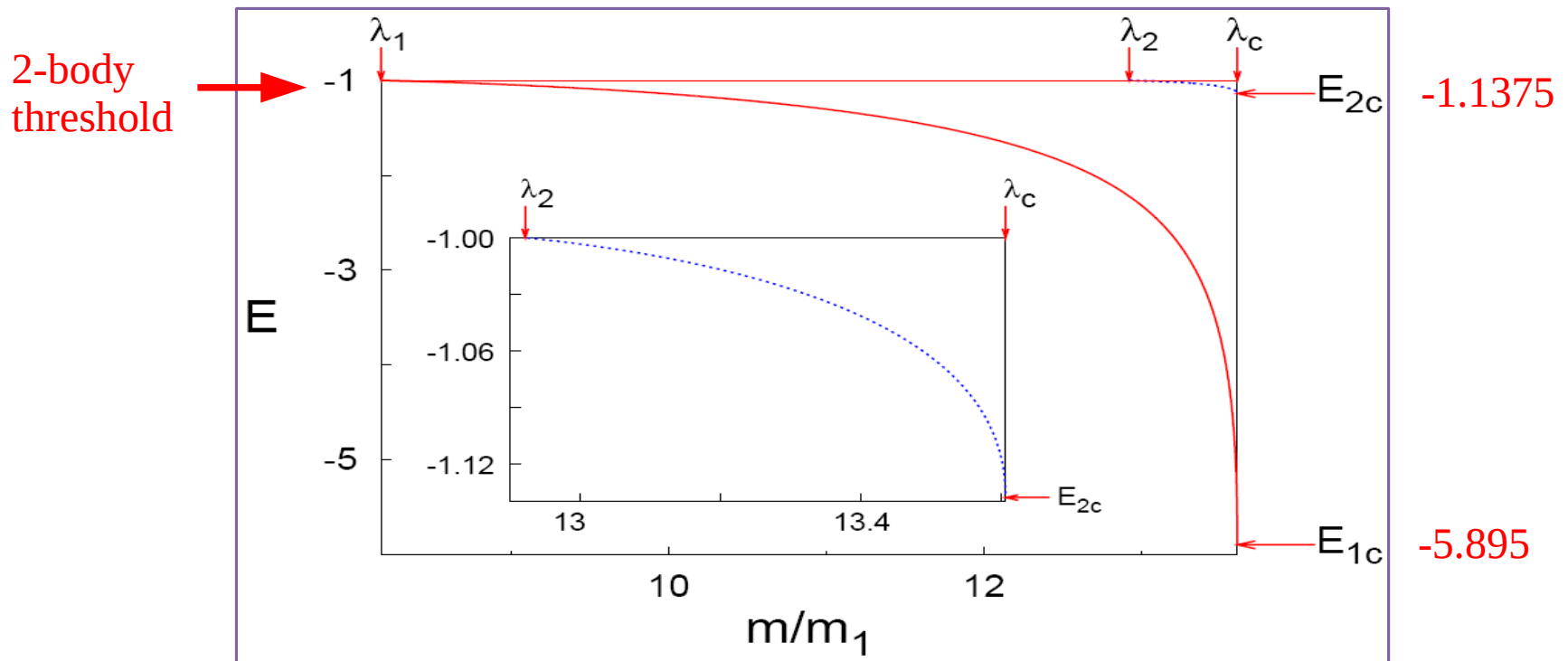
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## **Low-energy three-body dynamics in binary quantum gases**

**O I Kartavtsev and A V Malykh**

$$\lambda_1 = 8.17262, \lambda_2 = 12.9174$$





Similar picture for higher angular momenta  
and for two identical particles being bosons

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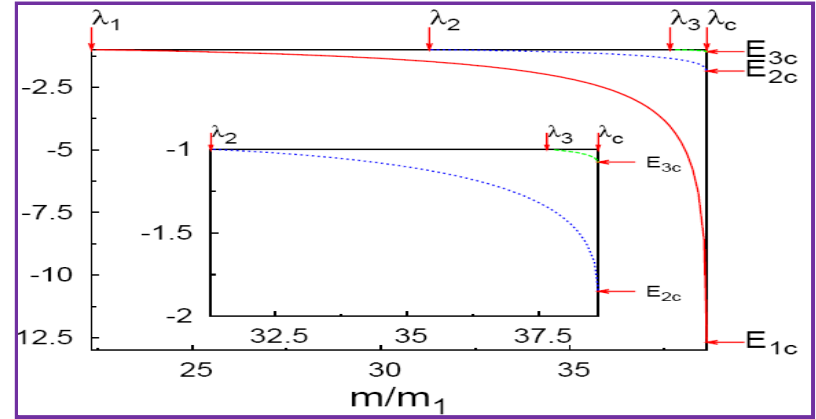
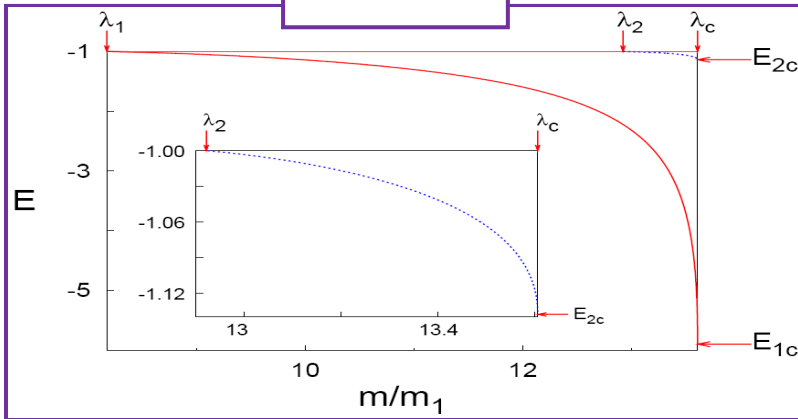
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**Universal description of the rotational-vibrational spectrum of three  
particles with zero-range interactions**

*O. I. Kartavtsev, A. V. Malykh*

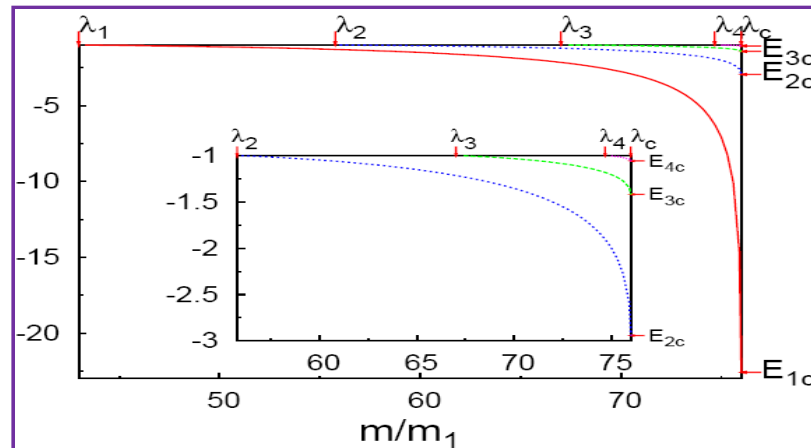
LP = 1-  
Fermions

LP = 2+  
bosons



$a > 0$

**Fermions: odd L,  
odd parity**  
**Bosons: even L,  
even parity**



LP = 3-  
Fermions

Few more papers confirmed the above picture, e. g.

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Few-Body Syst (2011) 51: 207–217  
DOI 10.1007/s00601-011-0229-6

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**Shimpei Endo · Pascal Naidon · Masahito Ueda**

**Universal Physics of 2+1 Particles with Non-Zero  
Angular Momentum**

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doi:10.1088/0953-4075/44/21/215301

**On the Efimov effect in higher partial  
waves**

**K Helfrich and H-W Hammer**

## All is truth, but is not all the truth

The problem to be handled is that one can construct a square-integrable solution for any energy in the mass-ratio interval

$$8.61857692 \dots < m/m_1 \leq 13.6069657 \dots$$

This means that the zero-range interactions model formally does not define a self-adjoint Hamiltonian.

To some extent, it is similar to Efimov situation, which takes place above critical mass ratio.

Origin is a singular behaviour near the triple-collision point.

Remark: certainly, there is no problem with one  
bound-state determined in a mass-ratio window  
 $8.1726\dots \leq m/m_1 \leq 8.6186\dots$

Problem of the solution's behaviour near the  
triple-collision point was discussed also by

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**Universal Fermi Gas with Two- and Three-Body Resonances**

Yusuke Nishida, Dam Thanh Son, and Shina Tan

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**Nonuniversal bound states of two identical heavy fermions and one light particle**

A. Safavi-Naini,<sup>1,2,\*</sup> Seth T. Rittenhouse,<sup>2,3</sup> D. Blume,<sup>2,4</sup> and H. R. Sadeghpour<sup>2</sup>

## Mathematical papers, e. g., by R. A. Minlos

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### ON POINT-LIKE INTERACTION BETWEEN $n$ FERMIONS AND ANOTHER PARTICLE

R. MINLOS

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*Research Article*

### **On Pointlike Interaction between Three Particles: Two Fermions and Another Particle**

**Robert Adol'fovich Minlos**

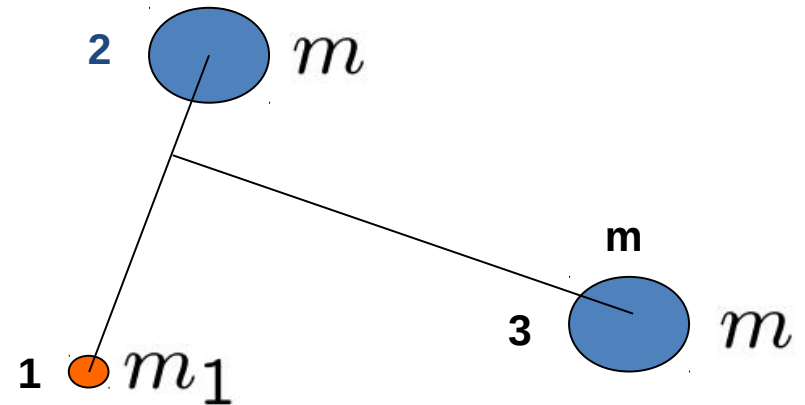
## Coordinates

$$\mathbf{x} = \sqrt{2\mu} (\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1)$$
$$\mathbf{y} = \sqrt{2\tilde{\mu}} \left( \mathbf{r}_3 - \frac{m_1\mathbf{r}_1 + m\mathbf{r}_2}{m_1 + m} \right)$$

$$\mu = \frac{mm_1}{m + m_1}$$

$$\tilde{\mu} = \frac{m(m + m_1)}{m_1 + 2m}$$

$$x = \rho \sin \alpha, \quad y = \rho \cos \alpha$$



## Units

$$\hbar = 2\mu = |a| = 1$$

Unit two-body binding energy



## Formal definition of a simple, pure mathematical, problem

$$(\Delta_{\mathbf{x}} + \Delta_{\mathbf{y}} + E) \Psi = 0$$

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial \ln(r\Psi)}{\partial r} = -\frac{1}{a}$$

- The wave function is antisymmetric under permutation of particles 2 and 3
- Two-body interactions defined as the boundary condition at zero inter-particle distance

## Define solutions on the hypersphere

$$\left[ \frac{1}{\sin^2 2\alpha} \left( \sin^2 2\alpha \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \alpha} \Delta_{\hat{x}} + \frac{1}{\cos^2 \alpha} \Delta_{\hat{y}} \right. \\ \left. + \gamma_n^2(\rho) - 4 \right] \Phi_n(\rho, \Omega) = 0$$

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\partial \ln(\alpha \Phi_n)}{\partial \alpha} \pm \rho \right] = 0$$

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use in the expansion

$$\Psi = \rho^{-5/2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi_n(\rho) \Phi_n(\rho, \Omega)$$

and results in hyper-radial equations

$$\left[ \frac{d^2}{d\rho^2} - \frac{\gamma_n^2(\rho) - 1/4}{\rho^2} + E \right] \phi_n(\rho)$$

$$- \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[ P_{mn}(\rho) - Q_{mn}(\rho) \frac{d}{d\rho} - \frac{d}{d\rho} Q_{mn}(\rho) \right] \phi_m(\rho) = 0$$

where

$$Q_{nm}(\rho) = \left\langle \Phi_n \left| \frac{\partial \Phi_m}{\partial \rho} \right. \right\rangle, \quad P_{nm}(\rho) = \left\langle \frac{\partial \Phi_n}{\partial \rho} \left| \frac{\partial \Phi_m}{\partial \rho} \right. \right\rangle$$

Simple eigenvalue equation for  $\gamma(\rho)$

$$\rho = \frac{1 - \gamma^2}{\gamma} \tan \gamma \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{2 \cos \gamma \omega}{\sin 2\omega \cos \gamma \frac{\pi}{2}} + \frac{\sin \gamma \omega}{\gamma \sin^2 \omega \cos \gamma \frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$\sin \omega = \frac{1}{1 + m_1/m}$$

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In particular, critical mass ratio is determined by

$$\frac{\pi}{2} \sin^2 \omega_c - \tan \omega_c + \omega_c = 0$$

$$m/m_1 = 13.6069657\dots$$

For brevity, the following notations will be used

$$\lim_{\rho \rightarrow 0} \gamma(\rho) \longrightarrow \gamma$$

$$q = \left[ \frac{d\gamma^2(\rho)}{d\rho} \right]_{\rho \rightarrow 0}$$

Three-body boundary condition at  $\rho \longrightarrow 0$

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$$1/2 > \gamma > 0$$

$$\phi(\rho) \longrightarrow \rho^{1/2} (\rho^\gamma \mp b^{2\gamma} \rho^{-\gamma})$$

**b** – generalized three-body scattering length (GTBSL)

Solution is uniquely defined by the GTBSL value

Sign convention: upper (-) for **b** > 0, lower (+) for **b** < 0

$$1 > \gamma > 1/2$$

$$\phi(\rho) \longrightarrow \rho^{1/2} \left[ \rho^\gamma \mp b^{2\gamma} \rho^{-\gamma} \left( 1 + \frac{q\rho}{1 - 2\gamma} \right) \right]$$

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$$\gamma = 1/2$$

$$\phi(\rho) \longrightarrow \rho - b(1 + q\rho \log \rho)$$

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$$\gamma = 0$$

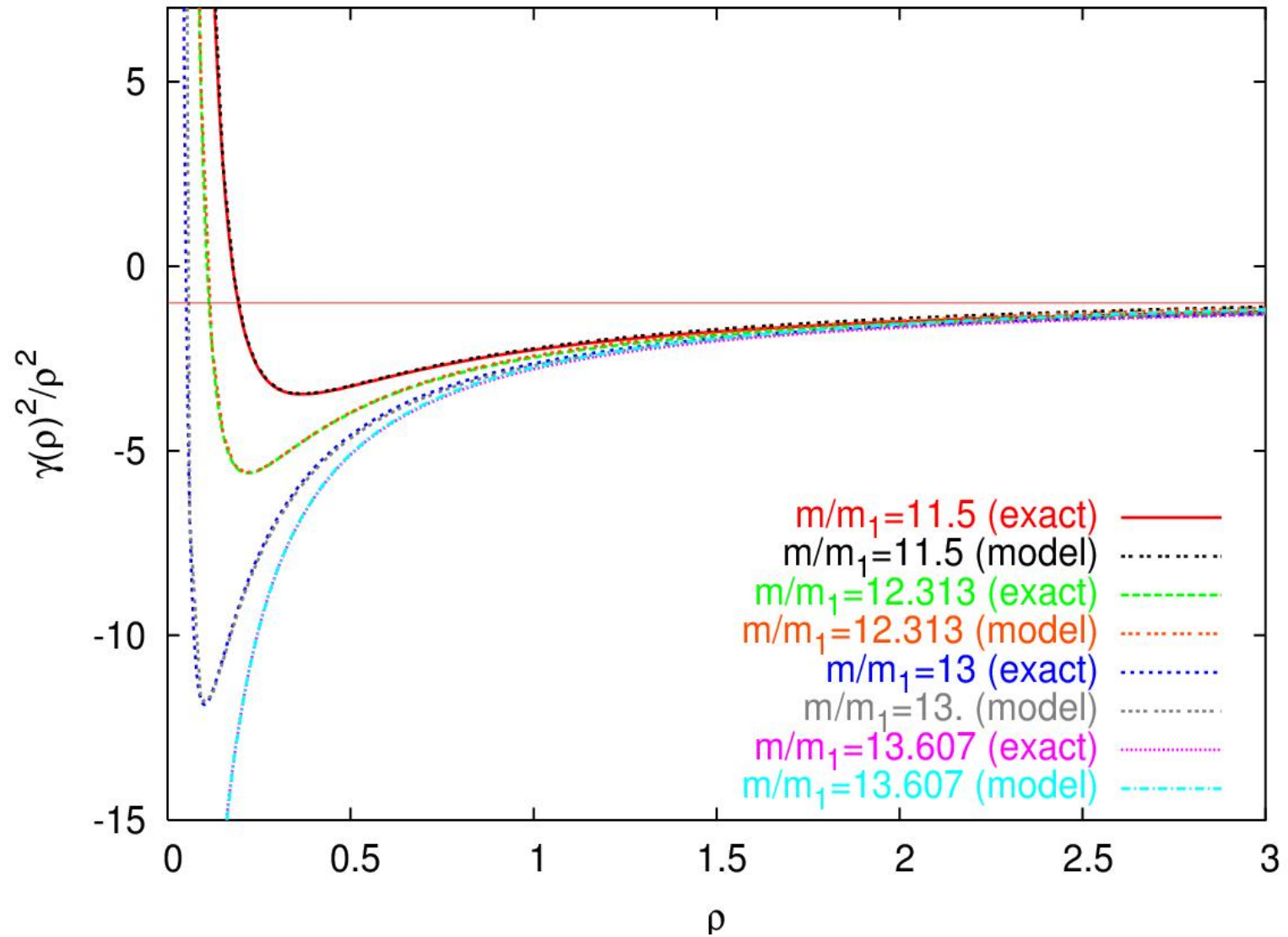
$$\phi(\rho) \longrightarrow \rho^{1/2} \log \frac{\rho}{b} \quad (b > 0)$$

## Simple model

- Take only one hyper-radial equation
- Retain only singular terms in the expansion of the effective potential in powers of hyper-radius
- Fit constant term to produce known (numerical) ground-state energy

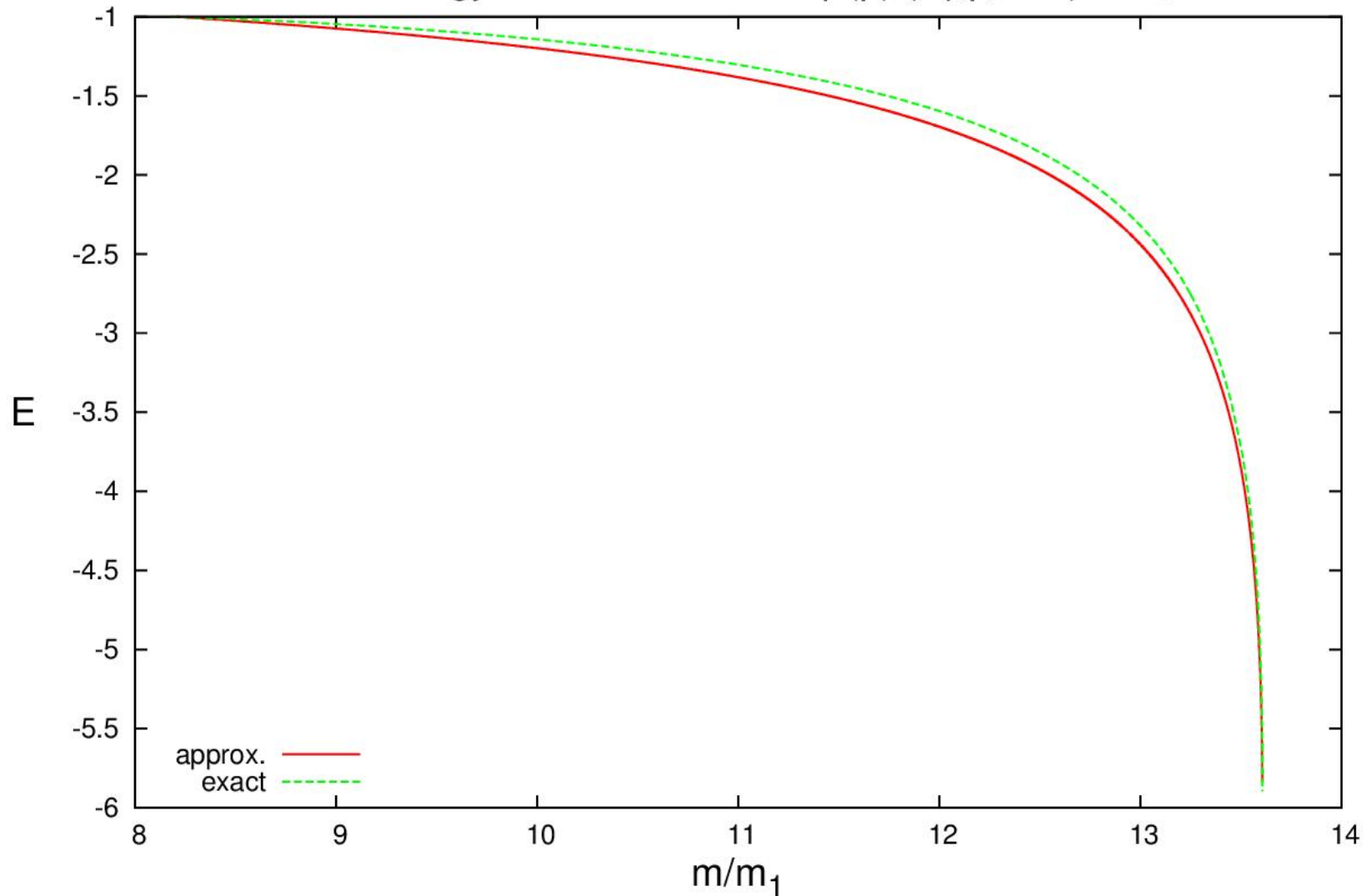
$$V_{eff}(\rho) = \frac{\gamma^2 - 1/4}{\rho^2} + \frac{q}{\rho} + \varepsilon$$





$b = 0$

Ground-state energy: exact and  $E = -q^2(\rho)/(2\gamma(\rho) + 1)^2 + \varepsilon$ ;  $\varepsilon = -0.55$



All essential dependencies on mass ratio and three-body boundary condition can be obtained from analysis of the simple equation:

$$\left( \frac{d^2}{dx^2} - \frac{\gamma^2 - 1/4}{x^2} - \frac{2\eta}{x} - 1 \right) \phi = 0$$

$$\eta = \frac{q}{2\kappa}$$

$$E = -\kappa^2 + \varepsilon < -1$$

$$x = \kappa\rho$$

Infinite two-body scattering length  $\rho \longrightarrow \infty$  ( $q \rightarrow 0$ )

$$\phi = x^{1/2} K_\gamma(x)$$

Taking  $x \rightarrow 0$ , for  $b > 0$

$$\kappa = \frac{2}{b} \left[ \frac{\Gamma(1 + \gamma)}{\Gamma(1 - \gamma)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2\gamma}} \quad E = -\frac{4}{b^2} \left[ \frac{\Gamma(1 + \gamma)}{\Gamma(1 - \gamma)} \right]^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}$$

It's similar to usual scattering length

Alternatively, one can define new three-body scattering length, e. g., by a condition  $\kappa \tilde{b} = 1$

Positive two-body scattering length  $a > 0$

$$\phi = x^{1/2+\gamma} e^{-x} \Psi(1/2 + \gamma + \eta, 1 + 2\gamma; 2x)$$

Taking  $x \rightarrow 0$

$$\left(\frac{q|b|}{\eta}\right)^{2\gamma} = \mp \frac{\Gamma(2\gamma)\Gamma(1/2 - \gamma + \eta)}{\Gamma(-2\gamma)\Gamma(1/2 + \gamma + \eta)}$$

Typical spectrum for a sum of long-range and short-range potentials

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In two limits Coulomb spectrum appears

For  $b \rightarrow 0$

$$\kappa_n = -\frac{q}{2n+2\gamma+1} \quad E_n = -\frac{q^2}{(2n+2\gamma+1)^2} + \varepsilon$$

For infinite  $b$

$$\kappa_n = -\frac{q}{2n-2\gamma+1} \quad E_n = -\frac{q^2}{(2n-2\gamma+1)^2} + \varepsilon$$

Two states below threshold in both cases

$$\gamma = 0$$

Solutions only for  $b > 0$

Two or three bound states, which energies satisfy the equation:

$$\psi\left(\frac{1}{2} + \eta\right) + \log \frac{\eta}{qb} = 0$$

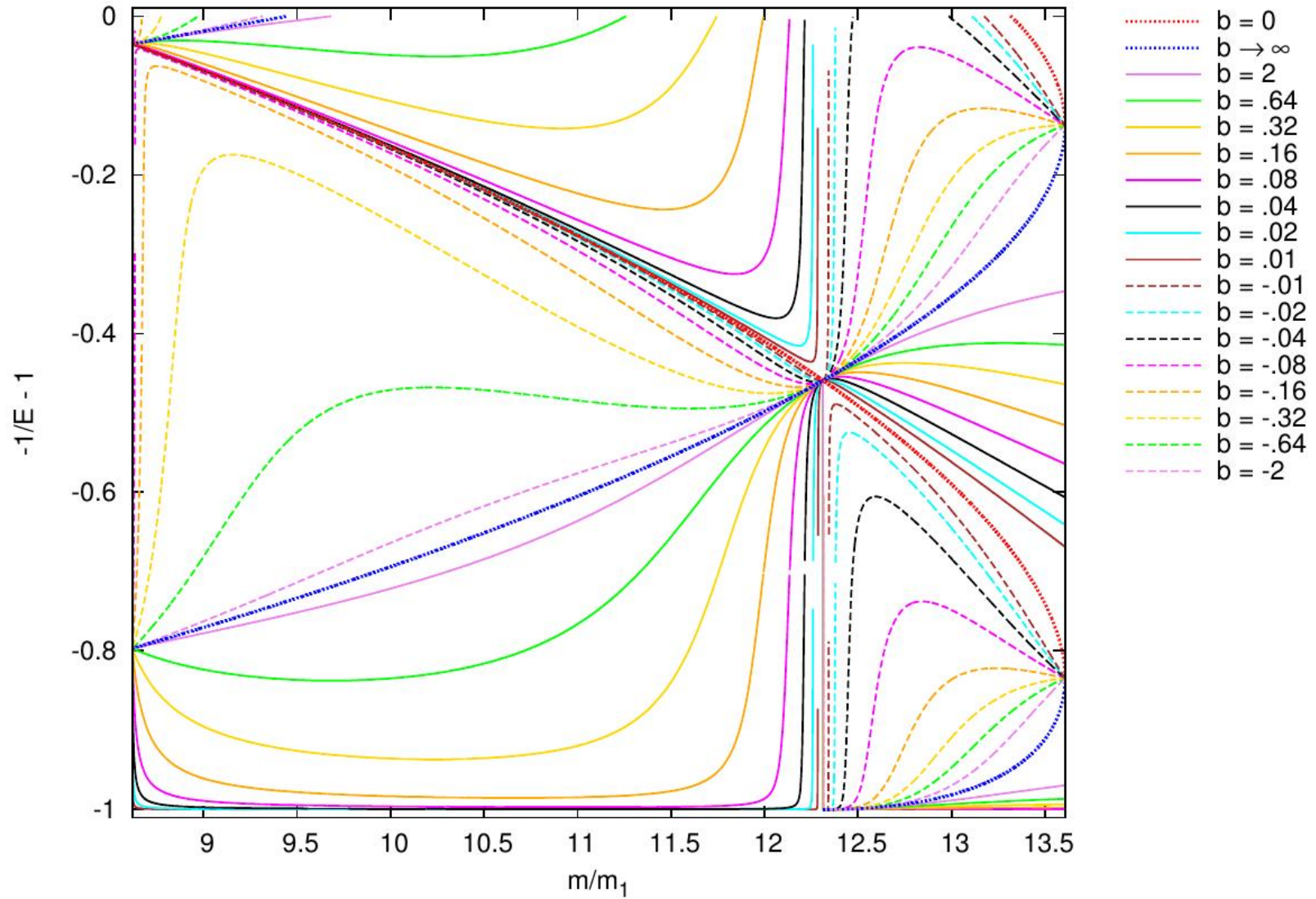
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$$\gamma = 1/2$$

One or two bound states, which energies satisfy the equation:

$$\frac{\eta}{qb} + \psi(1 + \eta) + 2\gamma_C - 1 = 0$$





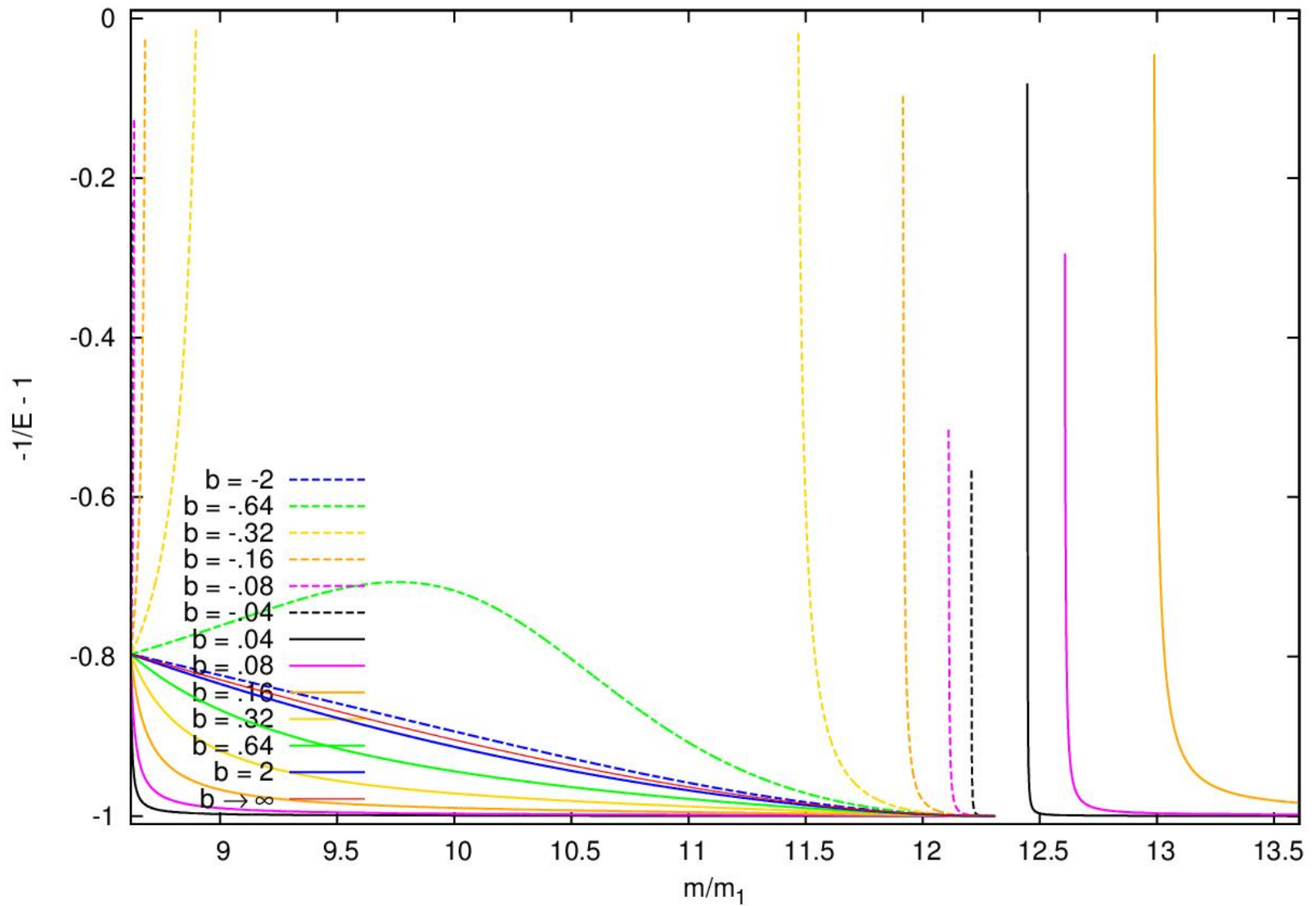
Negative two-body scattering length  $a < 0$

$$q > 0, \quad \eta > 0$$

No bound states for  $b = 0$ ,

One bound state for infinite  $b$ :

$$\kappa = \frac{q}{2\gamma - 1} \quad E = -\frac{q^2}{(2\gamma - 1)^2} + \varepsilon_1$$



There are from one to three bound states for different values of mass-ratio and GTBSL  $b$ .

Not surprising: zero-range potential can change a number of state by one.

The solutions behave differently above, below, and exactly at mass ratio  $12.3130993$ .

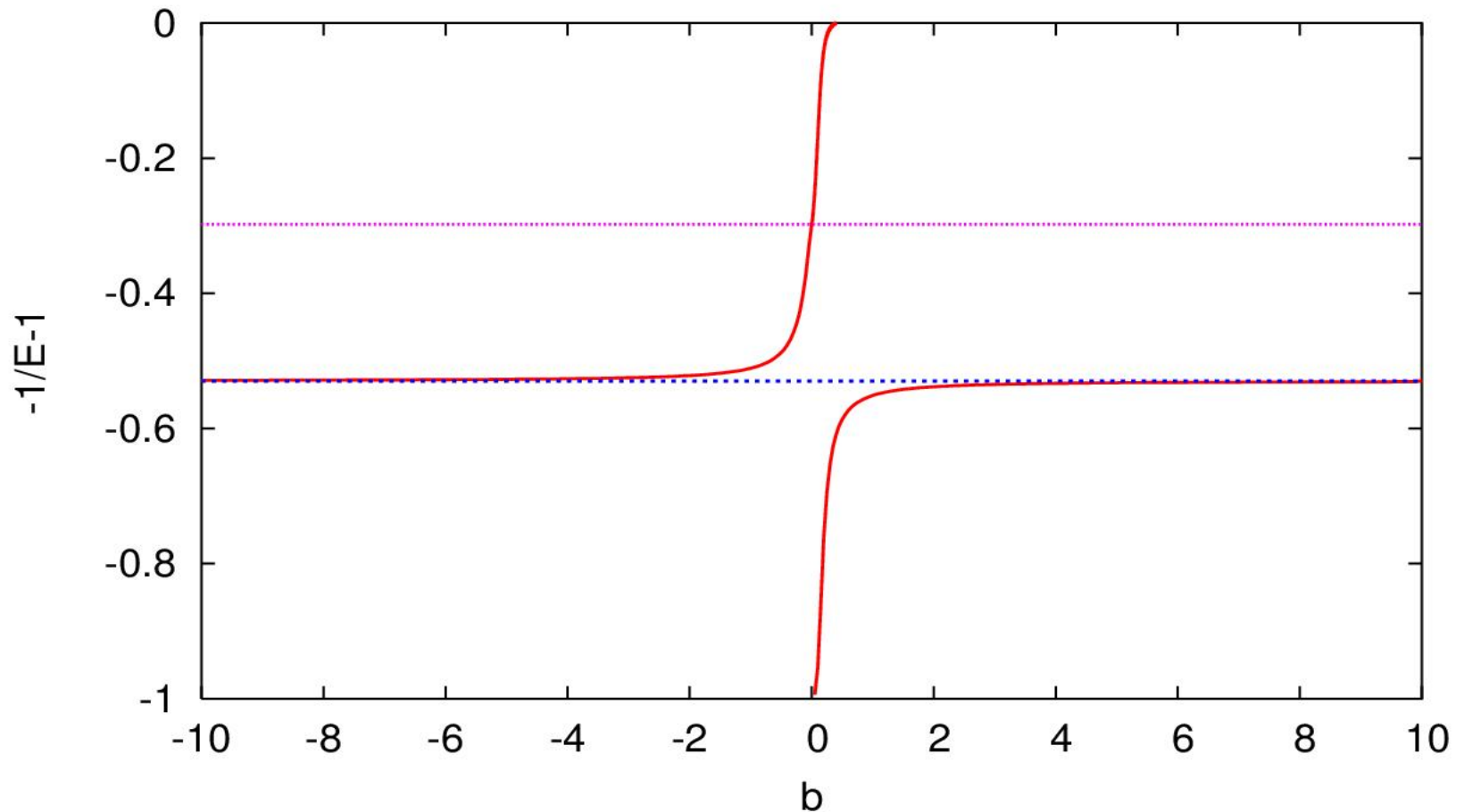
Not surprising: the most singular term of the effective potential change sign here.

The solutions for zero and infinite GTBSL  $b$  becomes degenerate at this mass ratio.

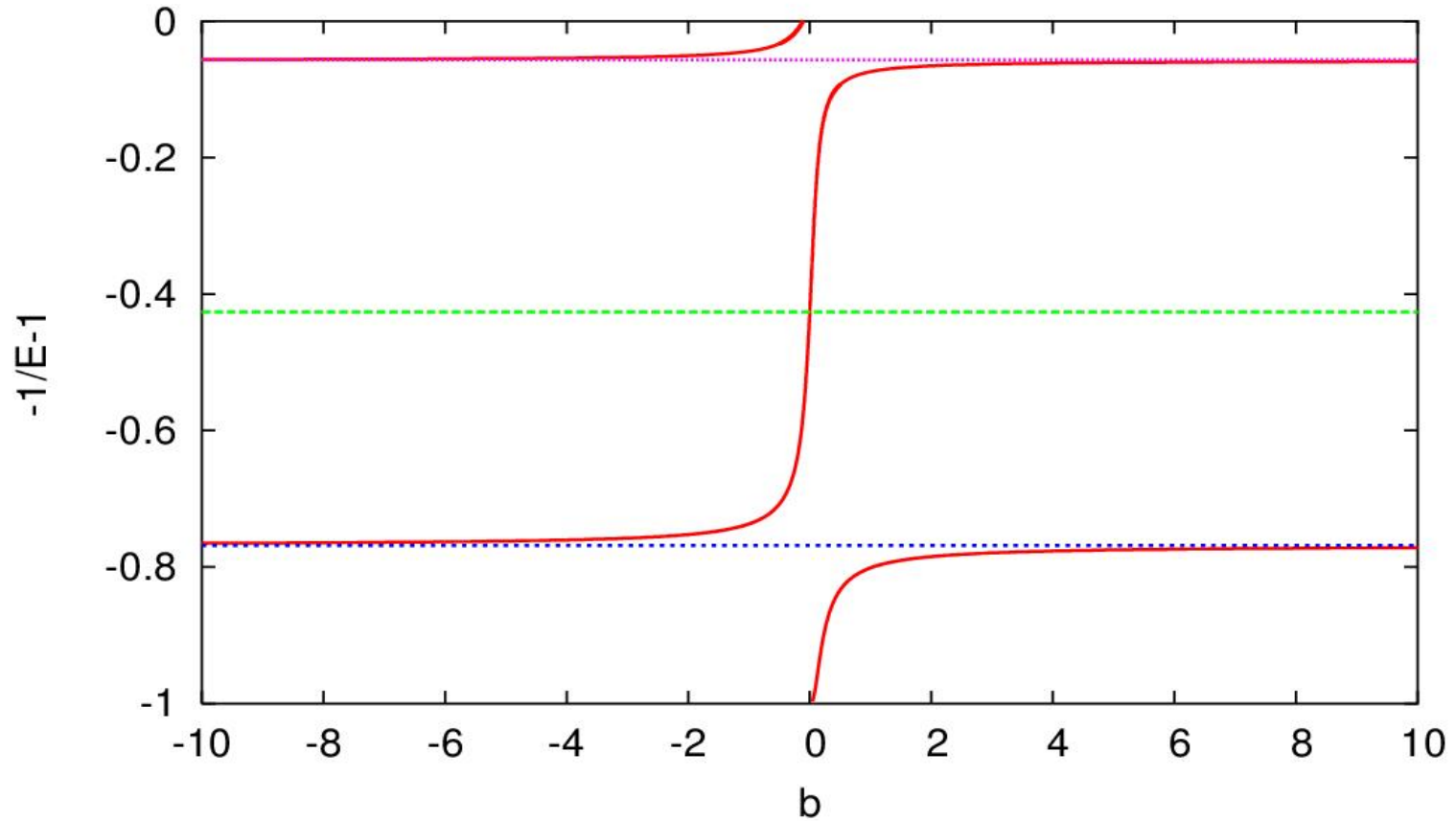
This should persist in the exact calculations.

## Numerical solution of hyper-radial equations

$\gamma=.64$  ( $m/m_1=11.5$ ), 5 channels,  $E_1=-1$ . at  $b=.4$



$\gamma=1/2$  ( $m/m_1=12.313$ ), 5 channels,  $E=-1$  at  $b=-0.108$

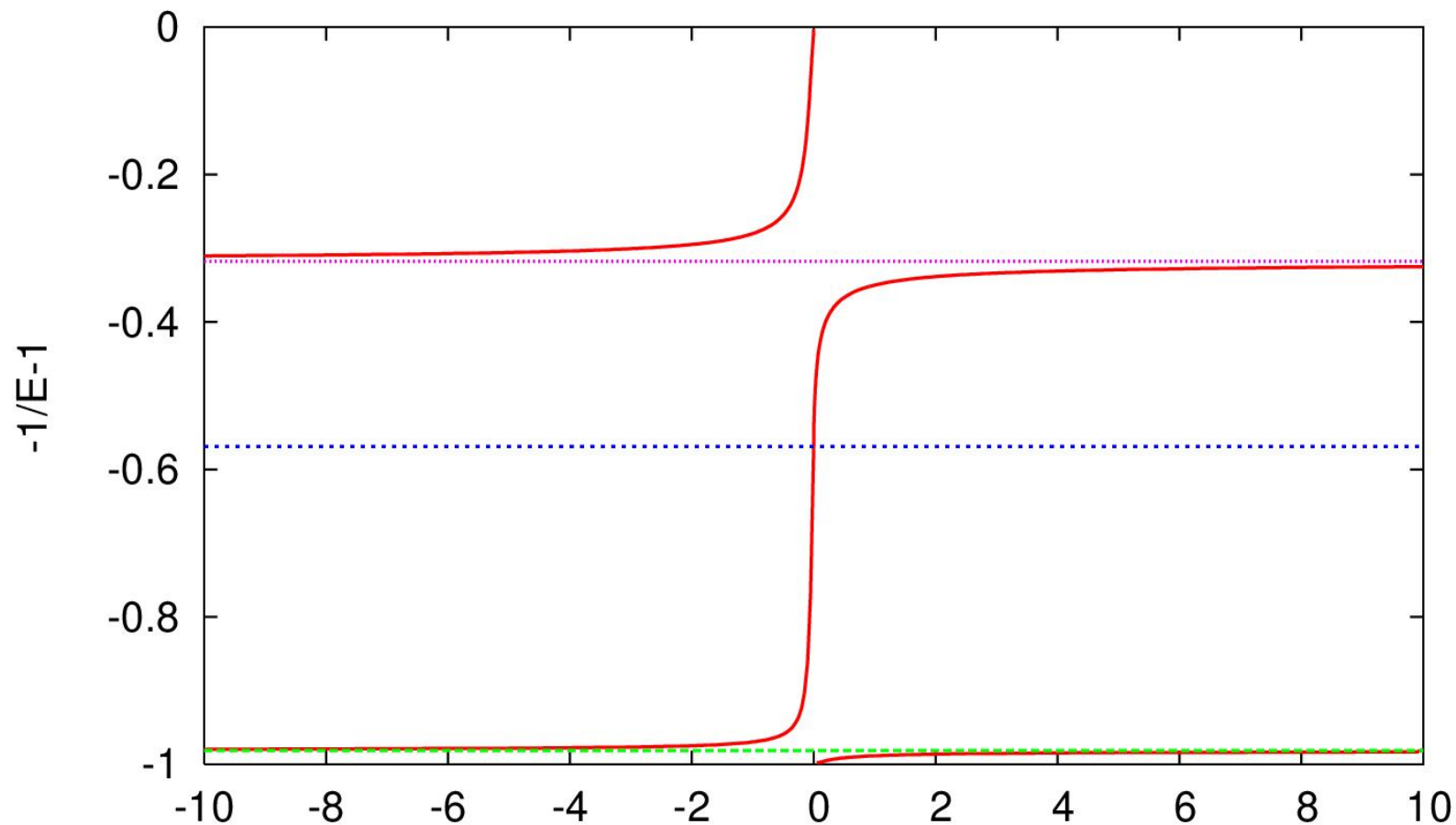


$E=-1.74$  -----

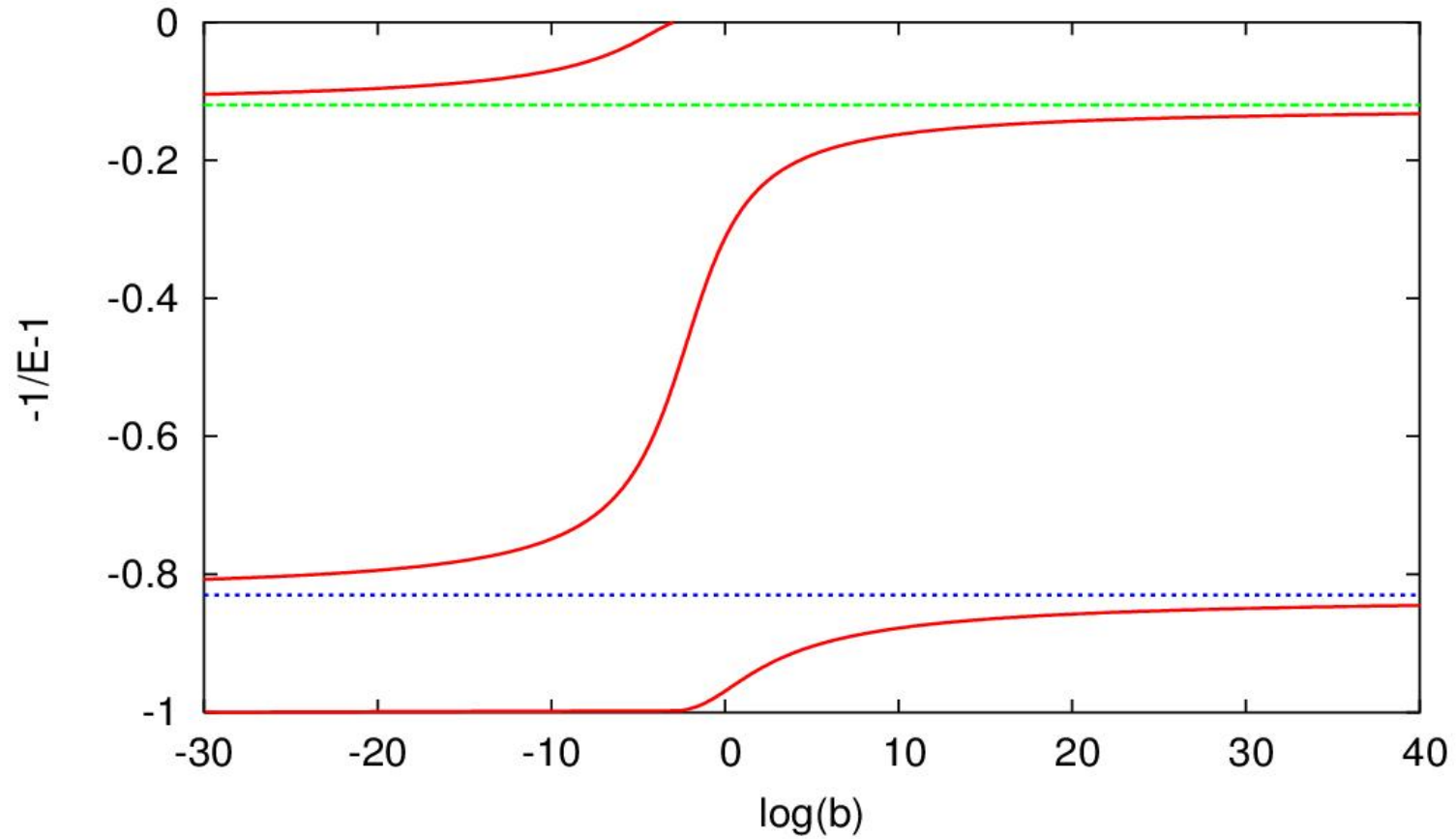
$E=-4.31$  .....

$E=-1.06$  .....

$\gamma=.34$  ( $m/m_1=13.$ ), 5 channels



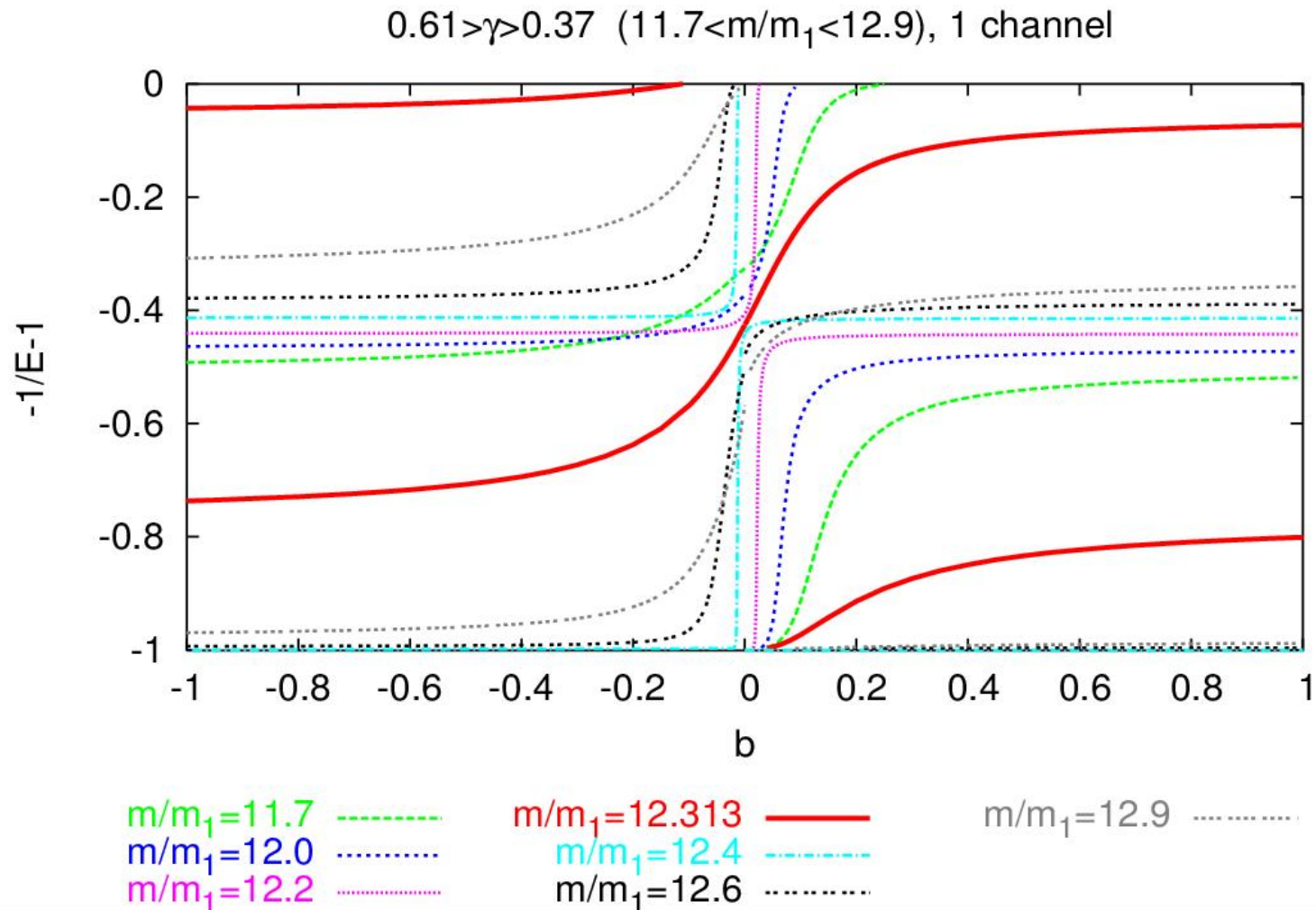
$\gamma=0$  ( $m/m_1=13.607$ ), 5 channels,  $E=-1$  at  $b=5.2e-2$



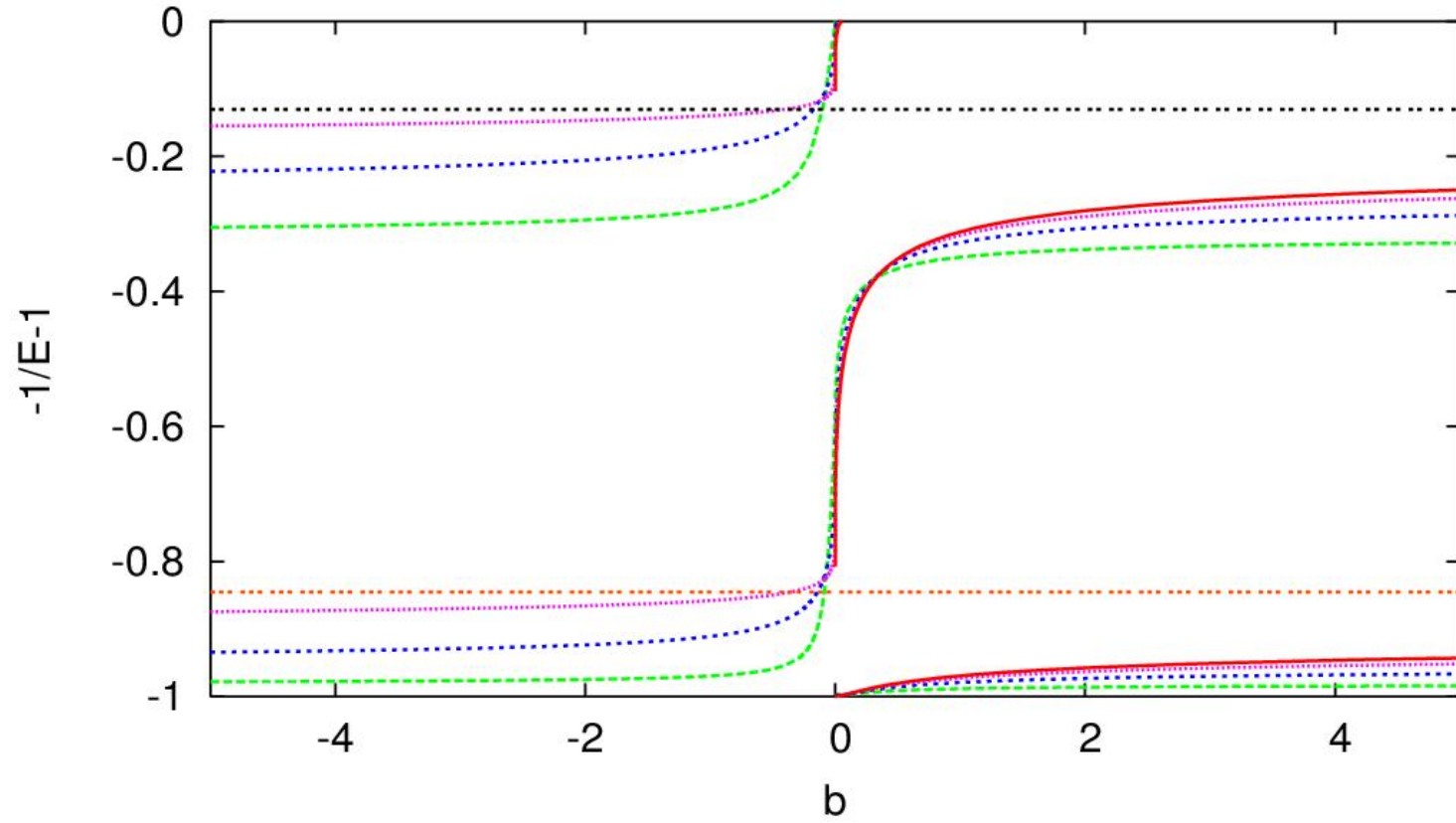
$E=-1.136$  -----

$E=-5.894$  .....





$0.34 > \gamma > 0$ . ( $13. < m/m_1 < 13.607$ ), 1 channel



$m/m_1=13.$  -----  $m/m_1=13.5$  .....  $E=-6.45$  .....  
 $m/m_1=13.3$  .....  $m/m_1=13.607$  ———  $E=-1.15$  .....

- Two-parameter universal description
- Three-body zero-range potential **can be** (**should be?**) consistently introduced for mass-ratio interval **[8.61857692, 13.6069657]**.
- These very considerations should be applied to the same system for higher angular momenta.
- Similar situation might arise in mixed dimensions
- Evident implications for the four-body (and many-body) problem.

# Four-body (3 + 1)-system's spectrum is not bounded from below for mass ratio above 13.384

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## Four-Body Efimov Effect for Three Fermions and a Lighter Particle

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This treatment allows us to shed light on the crossover from few bound states to infinite number of states near critical mass ratio

$$m/m_1 = 13.6069657.$$

Crossover trimers connecting continuous and discrete scaling regimes

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