

improving the grasp of harmonically trapped fermions in low dimensions

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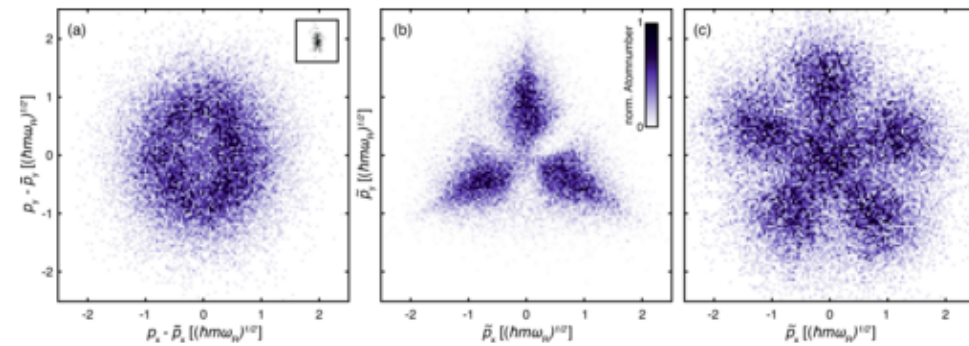
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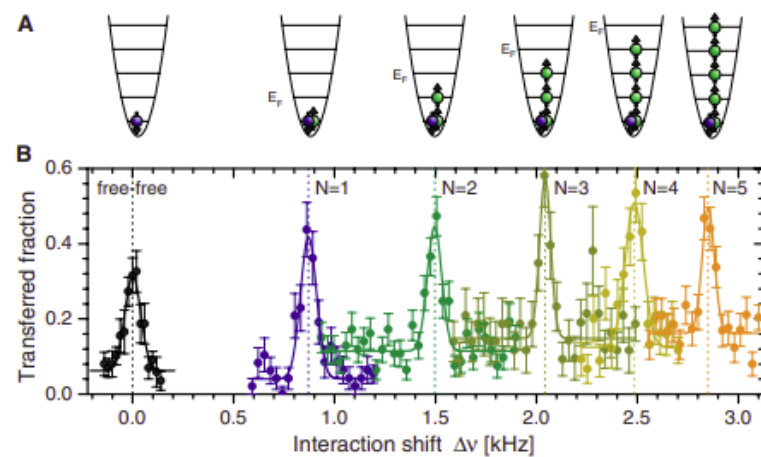


REPORT

From Few to Many: Observing the Formation of a Fermi Sea One Atom at a Time

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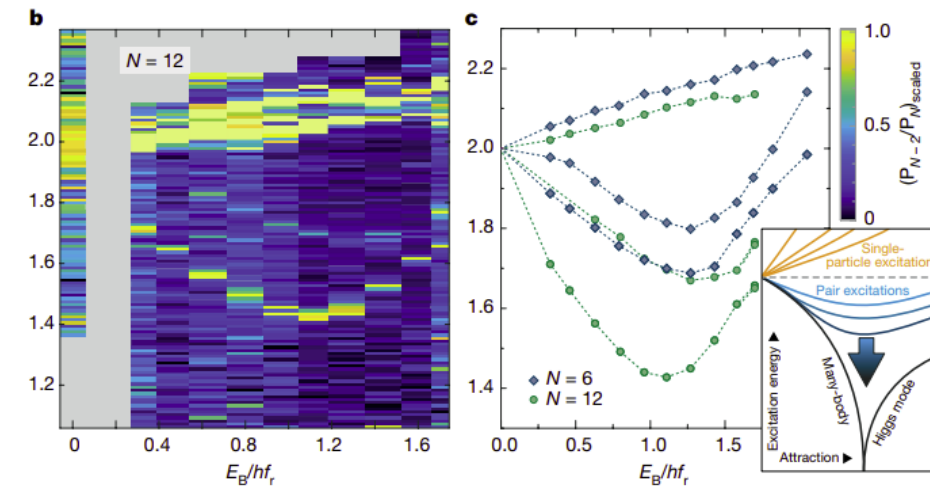


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... and many more experiments!

[reviews: Guan, Batchelor, Lee '13; Sowiński, García-March '19]

outline

part I

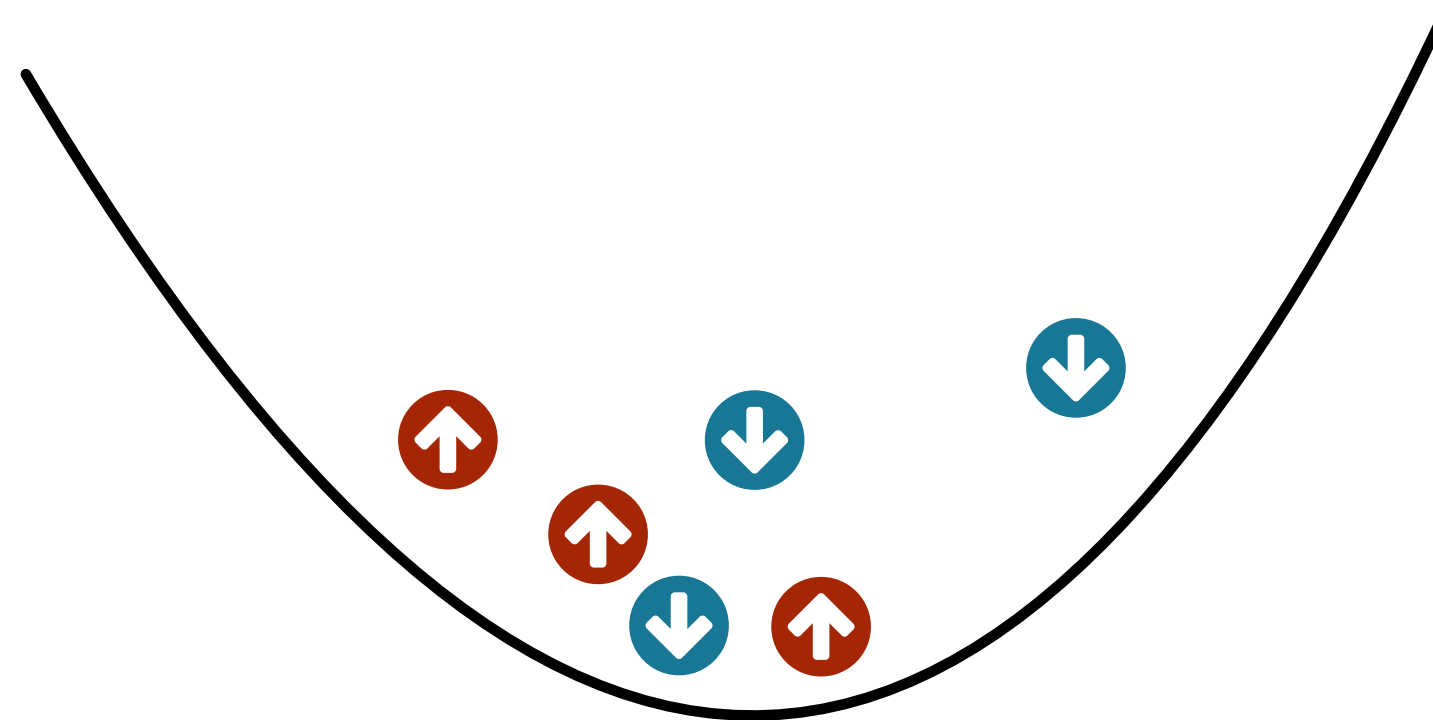
theoretical description and **effective two-body interaction**
(how can proper renormalization help us with convergence?)

part II

application: **few 1D trapped fermions with magnetic impurity**
(emergence of a 1D quantum phase transition)

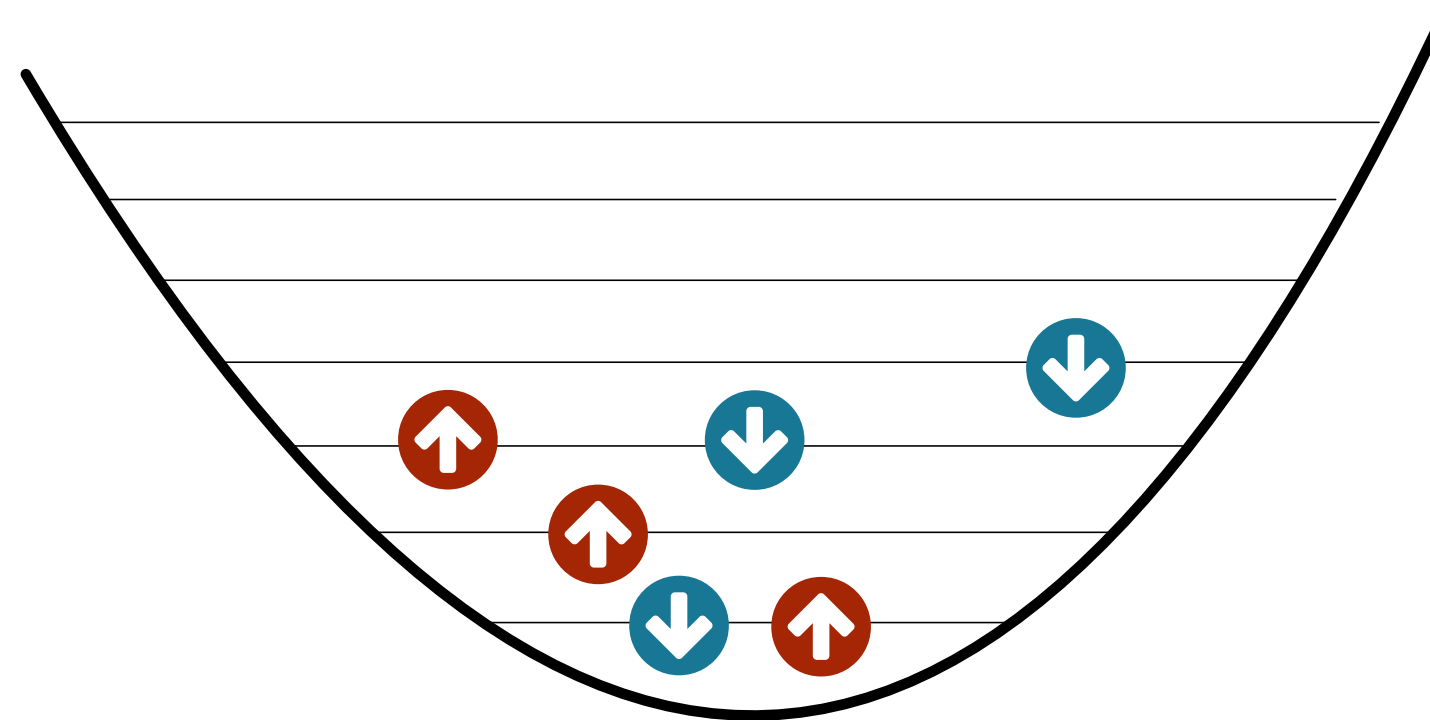
harmonically trapped fermions

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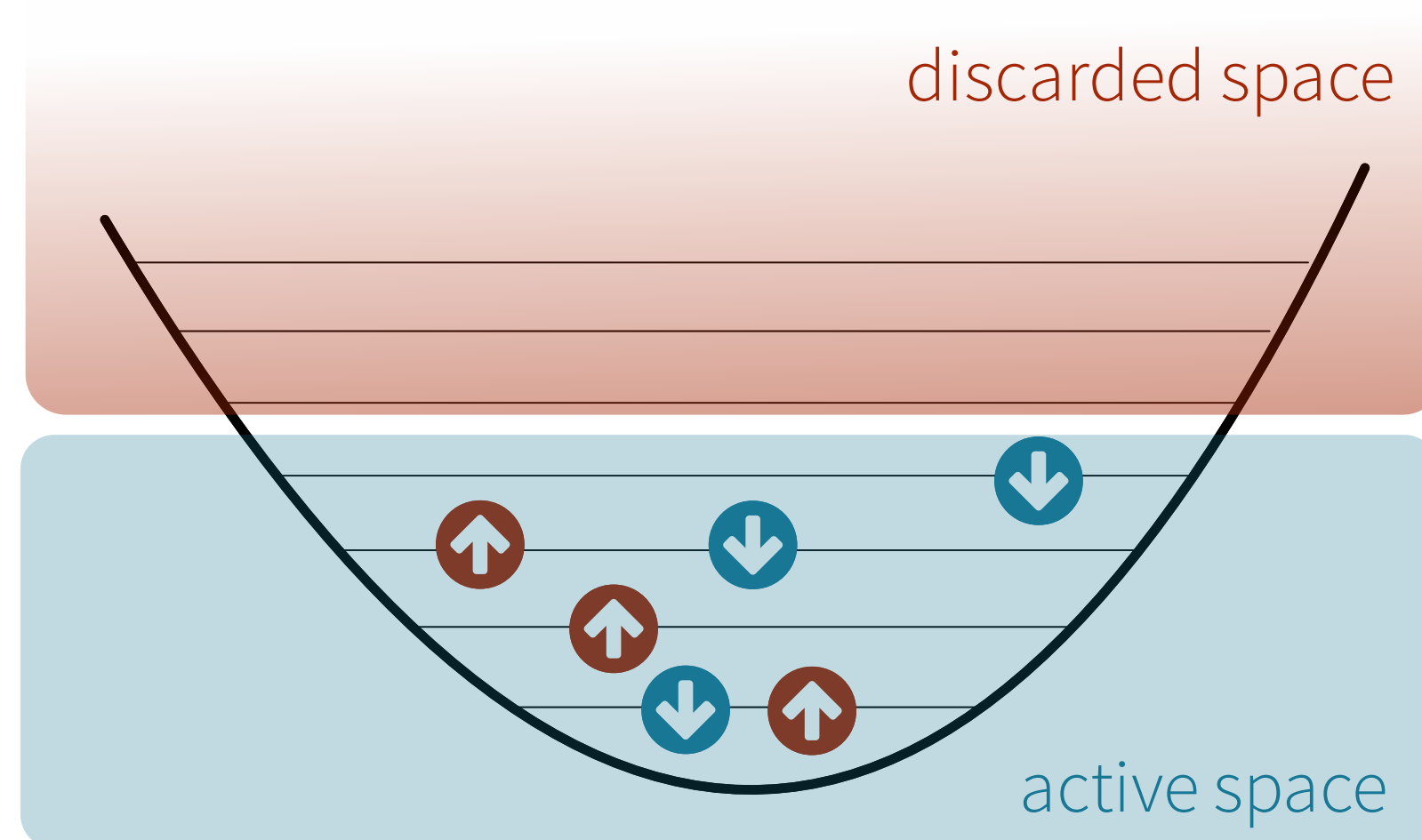


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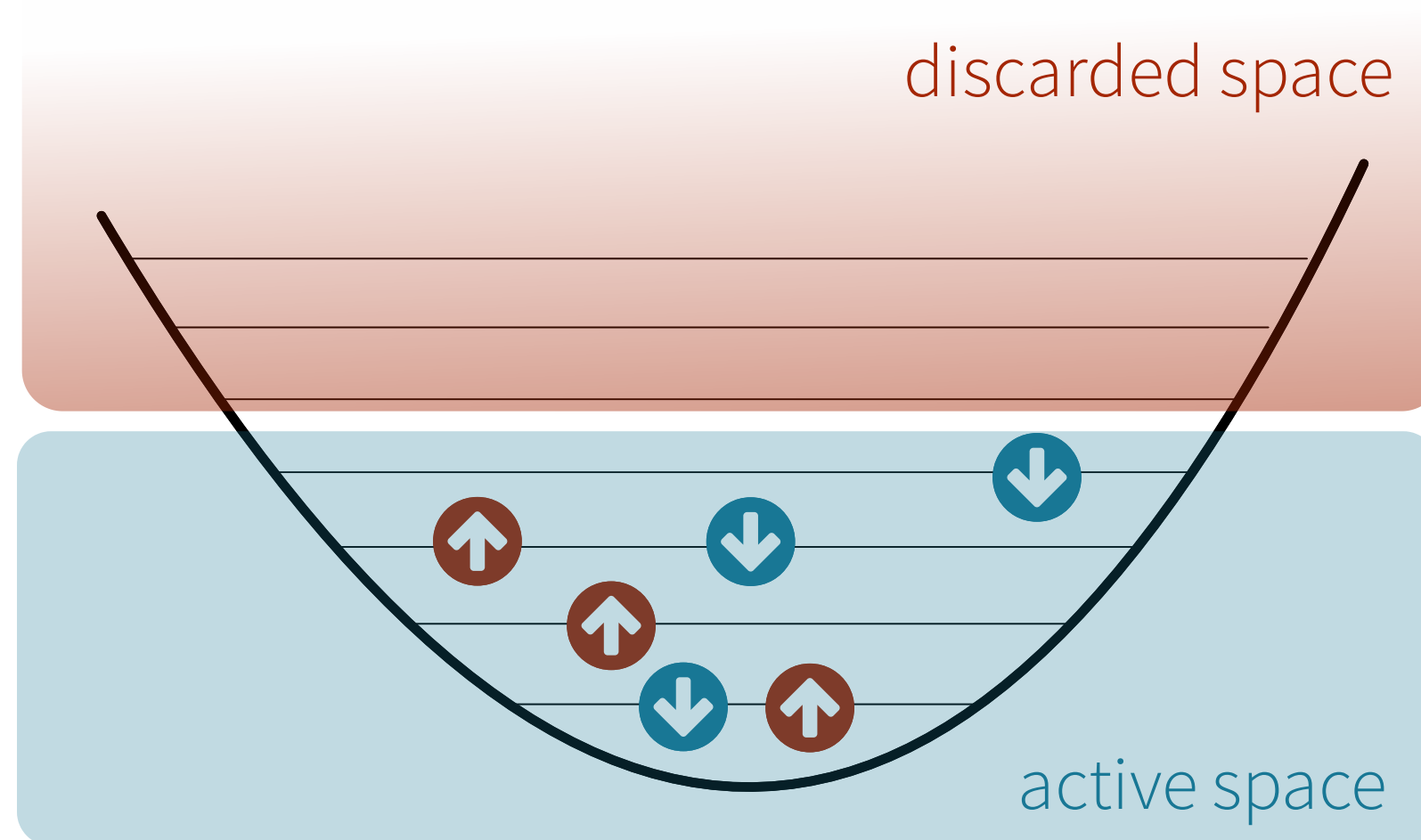


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$$\dim \mathcal{H} = \binom{N_b}{N_\uparrow} \binom{N_b}{N_\downarrow}$$

main bottleneck:
can convergence be
achieved?

effective two-body interaction

[Rotureau '13; Lindgren '14]

$$\begin{aligned} H_{ab}^{(2)} &= \langle \psi_a | \hat{H}^{(2)} | \psi_b \rangle \\ &= \sum_{n,m} \langle \Phi_a | \Psi_n \rangle \langle \Psi_n | \hat{H}^{(2)} | \Psi_m \rangle \langle \Psi_m | \Phi_b \rangle \\ &= \sum_n \langle \Phi_a | \Psi_n \rangle \underbrace{\varepsilon_n^{(2)} \langle \Psi_n | \Phi_b \rangle}_{\text{exact energies and eigenfunctions}} \equiv U^\dagger E^{(2)} U \end{aligned}$$

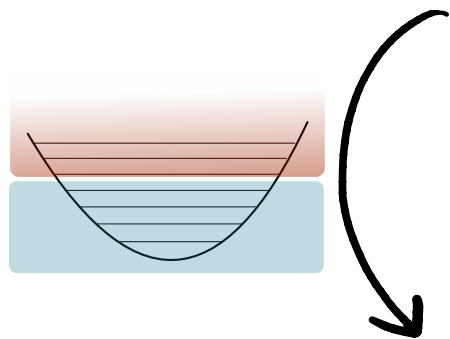
exact energies and eigenfunctions
from analytic solution of two-body problem
(Busch formula)

[Busch et al. '98]

effective two-body interaction

[Rotureau '13; Lindgren '14]

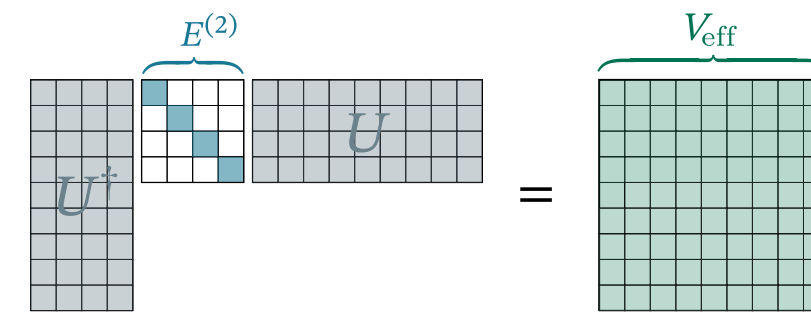
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$$Q_M = \frac{U_{MM}}{\sqrt{U_{MM}^\dagger U_{MM}}}$$

$$V_{\text{eff}}^{(2)} = Q_M^\dagger E_M^{(2)} Q_M - T_M^0$$

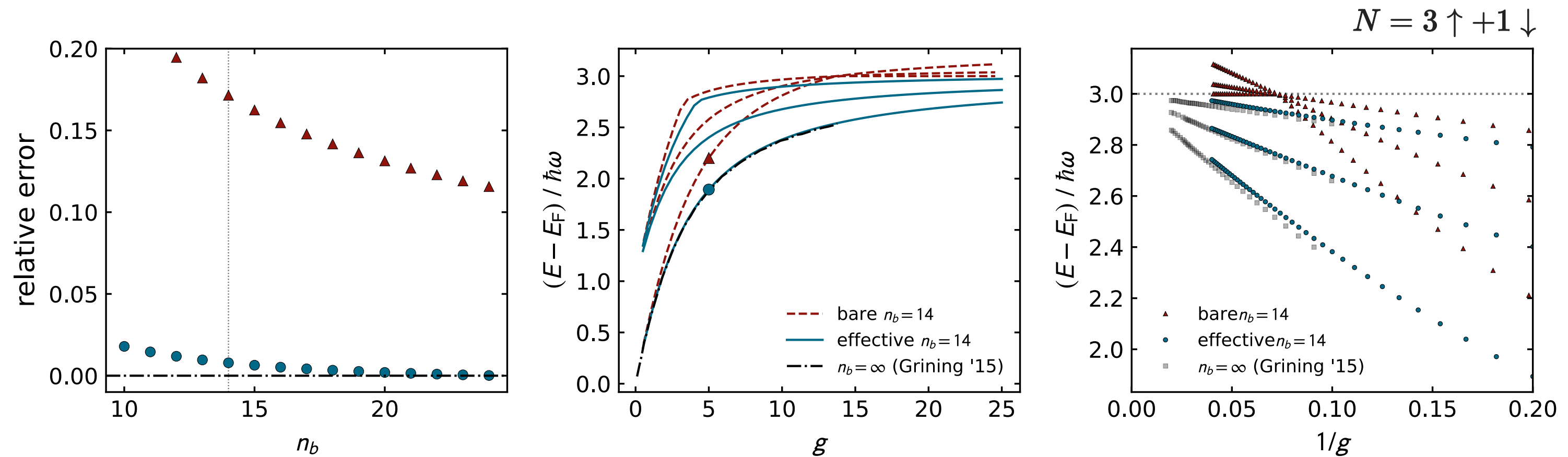
$$V_{ijkl} = \sum_b \alpha_{ij,(i+j-b)b} \alpha_{kl,(k+l-b)b} [V_{\text{eff}}^{(2)}]_{(i+j-b)(k+l-b)}$$



optimized two-body interaction that **exactly** reproduces the two-body spectrum **already in the finite basis set \mathcal{M}**

few-body: benchmark vs. extrapolated values

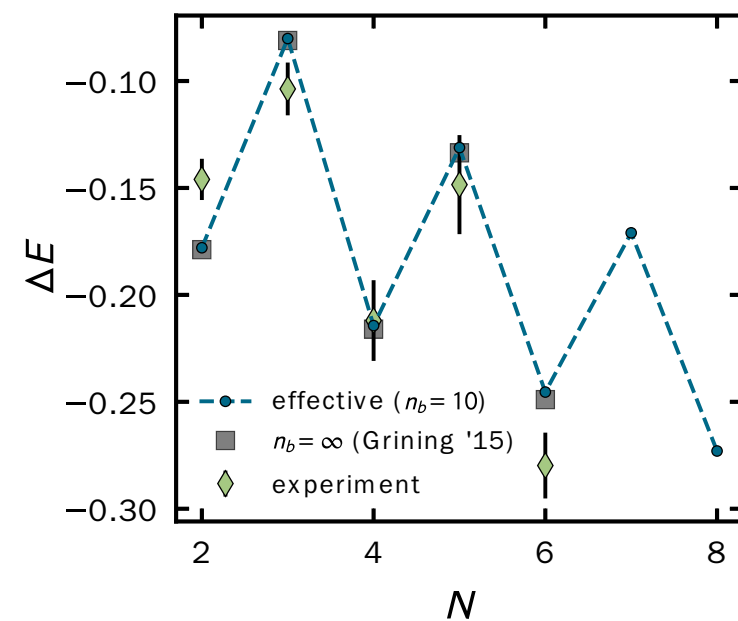
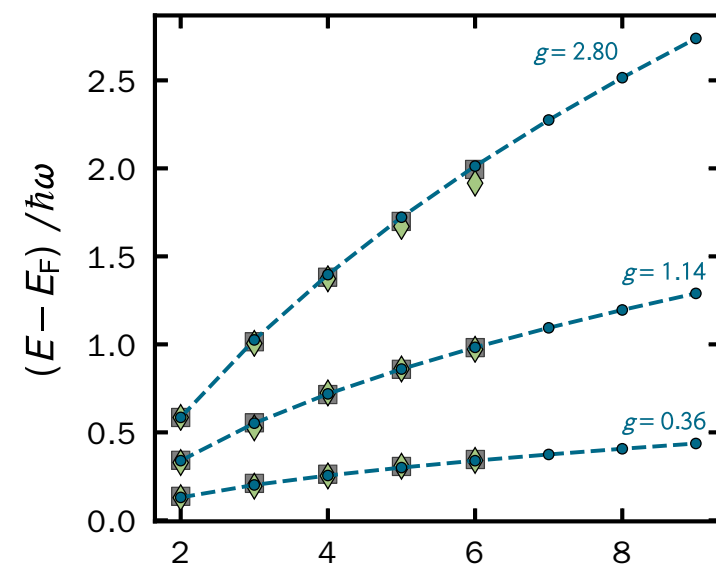
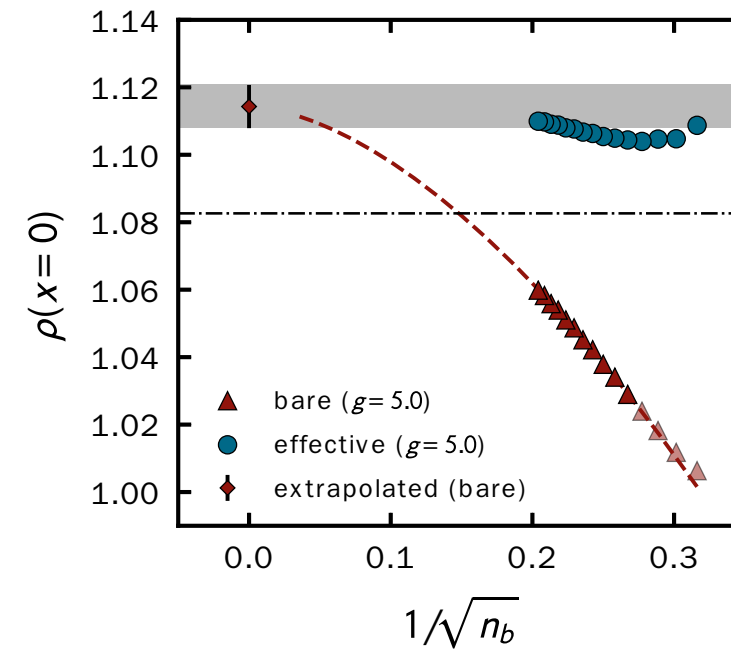
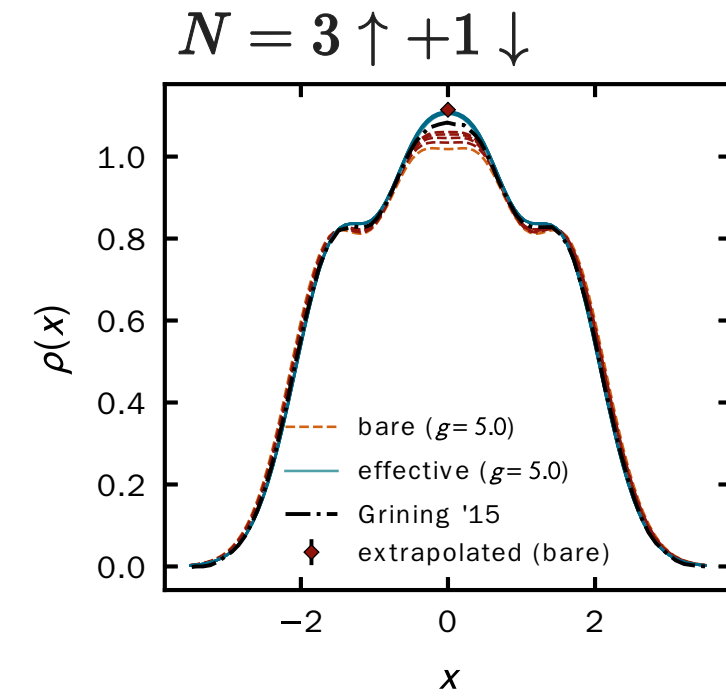
[extrapolated FCI: Grining et al. '15]



- effective interaction **within ~1% of extrapolated value already at small cutoff**
- low-lying energy states reproduced well up to strong interactions

more benchmarks

[extrapolated FCI: Grining et al. '15; experiment: Wenz et al. '13, Zürn et al. '13]



➤ excellent convergence of density profiles

$$\rho(x) = \langle \psi^\dagger(x) \psi(x) \rangle$$

➤ experimentally relevant quantities are reproduced reliably

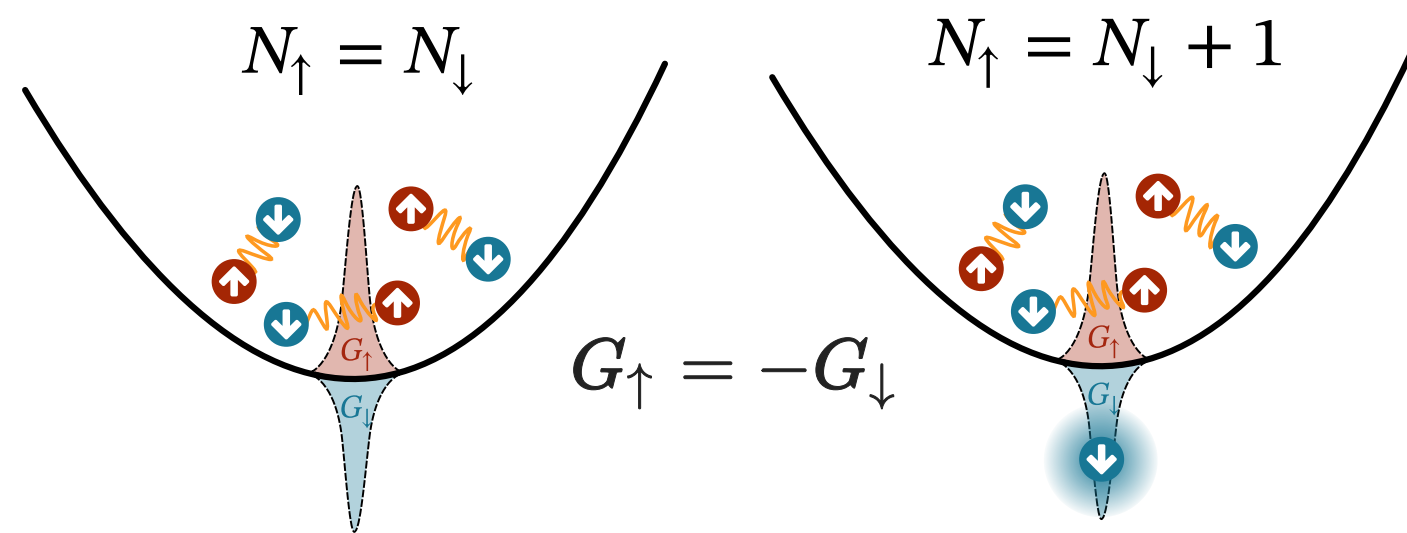
$$\Delta E = \mu(N) - \mu^0(N)$$

$$\mu(N) = E(N) - E(N - 1)$$

magnetic impurity in a 1D trap

[Balatsky et al. '06]

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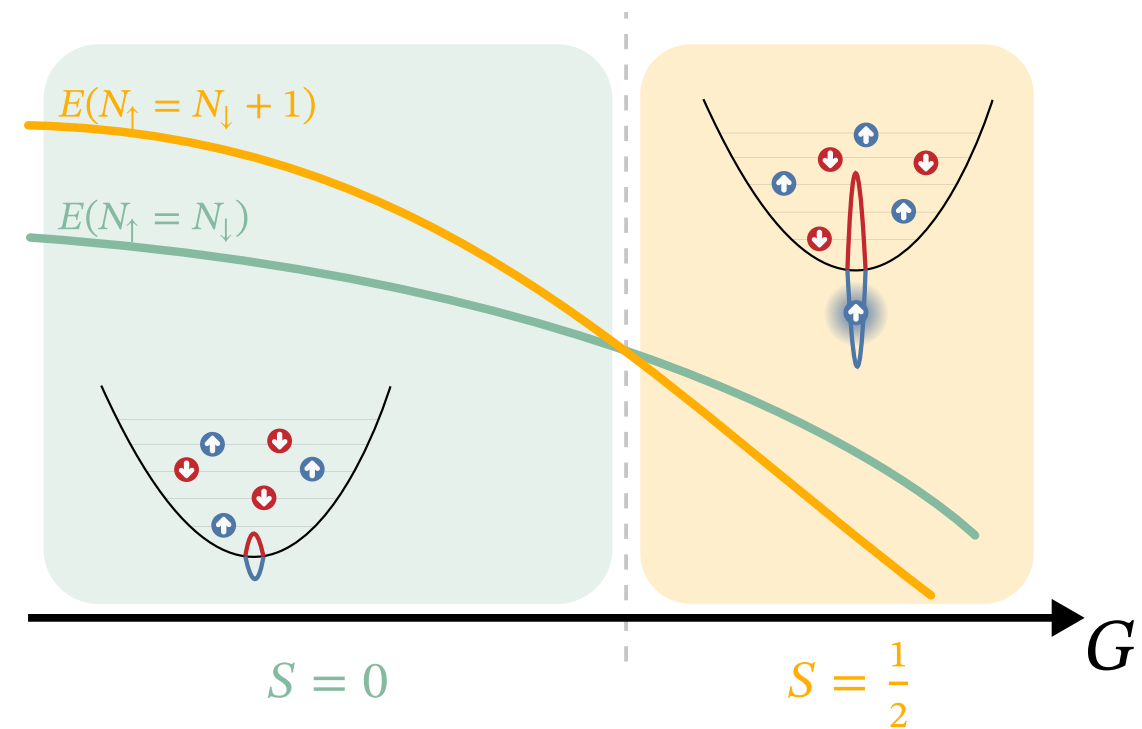
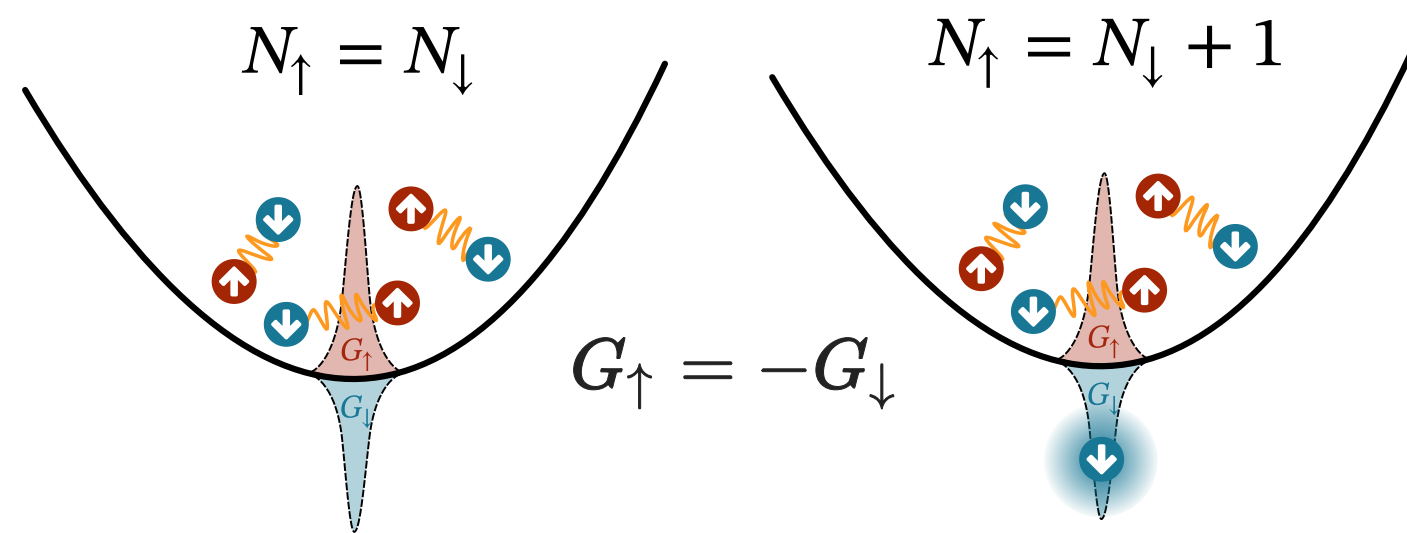


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magnetic impurity in a 1D trap

[Balatsky et al. '06]

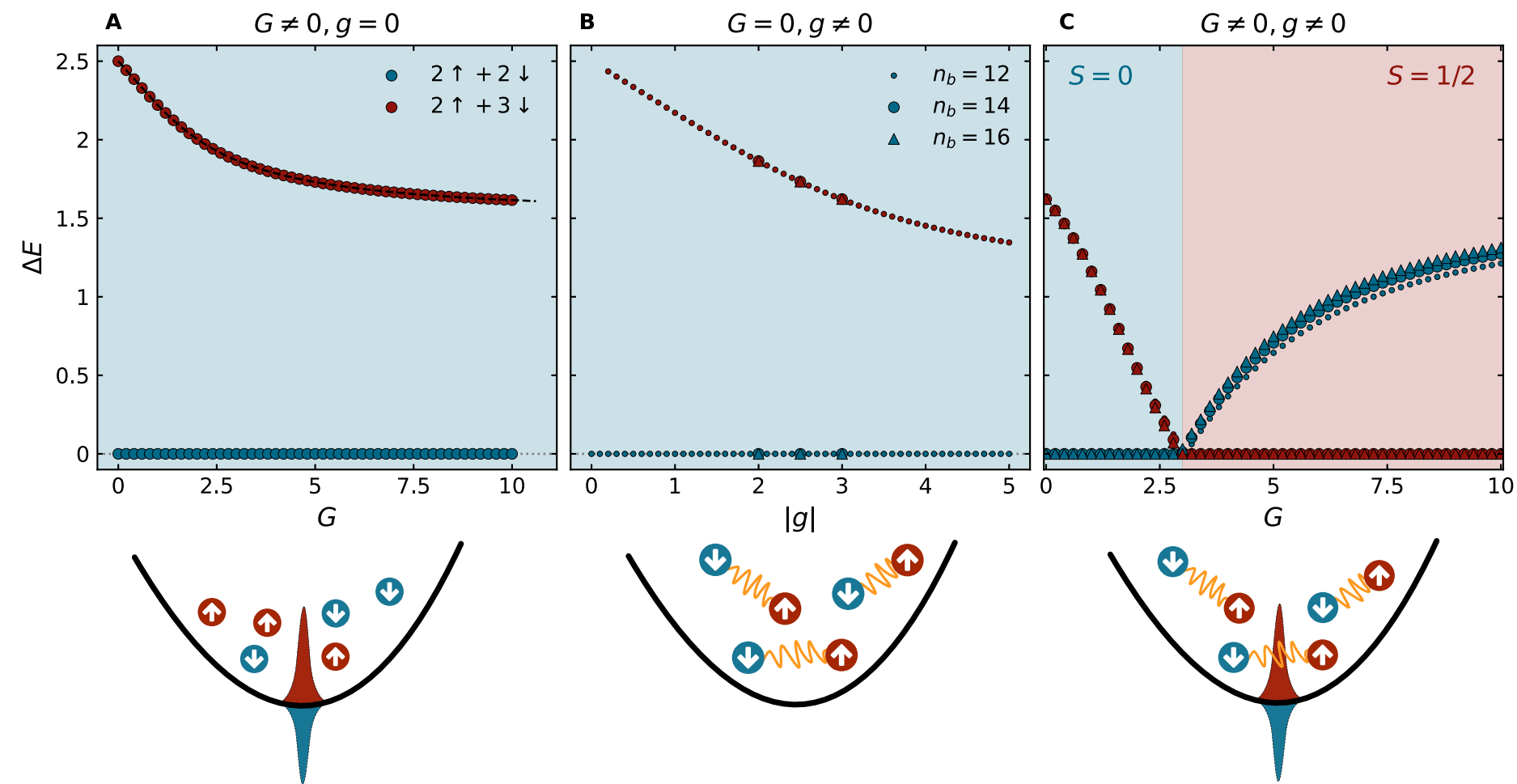
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precursor of a one-dimensional QPT (preliminary)

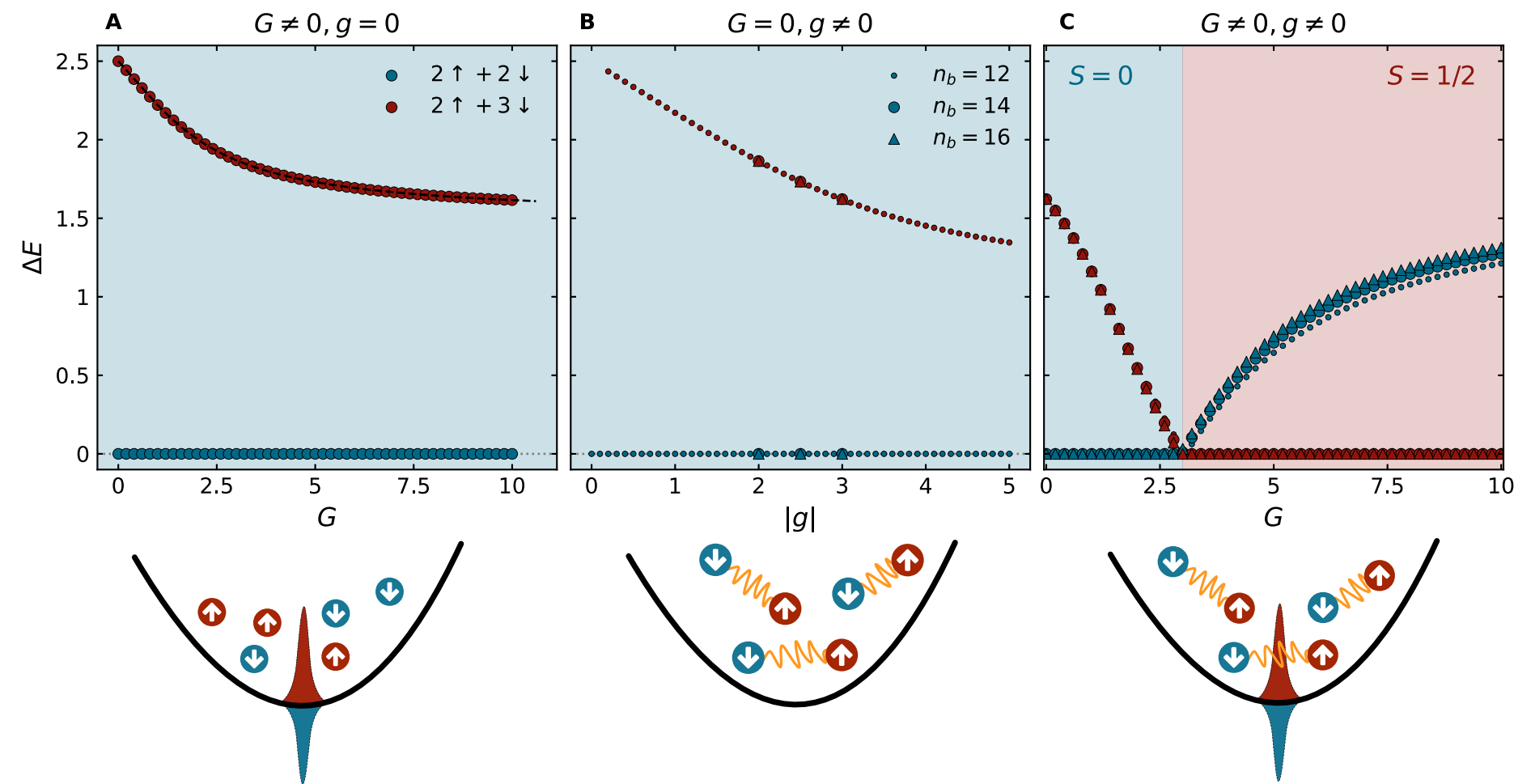
[LR, Huber, Hammer, Volosniev (in preparation)]



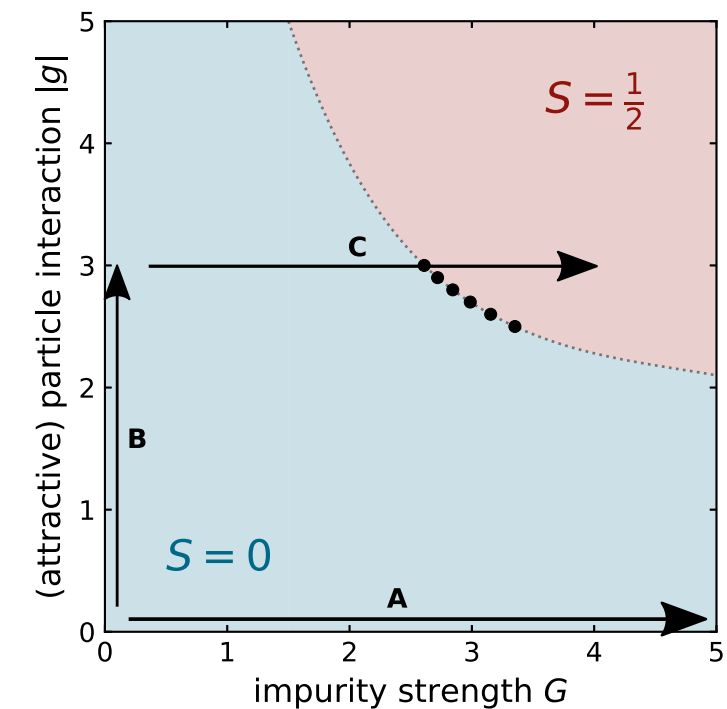
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few-body "phase diagram"



transition requires sizeable
particle interaction and
impurity strength

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recap & future directions

an **effective two-body interaction** can help us
to drastically reduce computational burden in FCI calculations

shown to work well for

harmonically trapped fermions with magnetic impurity

(found a few-body precursor of a QPT)

a versatile approach:

not limited to 1D nor harmonic confinement