Two Particle States in an Asymmetric Box and the Elastic Scattering Phases

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Abstract
The exact two-particle energy eigenstates in a generic asymmetric rectangular box with periodic boundary conditions in all three directions are studied. Their relation with the elastic scattering phases of the two particles in the continuum are obtained for both $D_4$ and $D_2$ symmetry. These results can be viewed as a generalization of the corresponding formulae in a cubic box obtained by Lüscher before. In particular, the $s$-wave scattering length is related to the energy shift in the finite box. Possible applications of these formulae are also discussed.

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1 Introduction

Scattering experiment serves as a major experimental tool in the study of interactions among particles. In these experiments, scattering cross sections are measured. By a partial wave analysis, one obtains the experimental results on particle-particle scattering in terms scattering phase shifts in a channel of definite quantum numbers. In the case of strong interaction, experimental results on hadron-hadron scattering phase shifts are available in the literature. On the theoretical side, Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD) is believed to be the underlying theory of strong interactions. However, due to its non-perturbative nature, low-energy hadron-hadron scattering should be
studied with a non-perturbative method. Lattice QCD provides a genuine non-perturbative method which can tackle these problems in principle, using numerical simulations. In a typical lattice calculation, energy eigenvalues of two-particle states with definite symmetry can be obtained by measuring appropriate correlation functions. Therefore, it would be desirable to relate these energy eigenvalues which are available through lattice calculations to the scattering phases which are obtained in the scattering experiment. This was accomplished in a series of papers by Lüscher [1,2,3,4] for a cubic box topology. In these references, especially Ref. [3], Lüscher found a non-perturbative relation of the energy of a two-particle state in a cubic box (a torus) with the corresponding elastic scattering phases of the two particles in the continuum. This formula, now known as Lüscher’s formula, has been utilized in a number of applications, e.g. linear sigma model in the broken phase [5], and also in quenched QCD [6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13]. Due to limited numerical computational power, the s-wave scattering length, which is related to the scattering phase shift at vanishing relative three momentum, is mostly studied in hadron scattering using quenched approximation. CP-PACS collaboration calculated the scattering phases at non-zero momenta in pion-pion s-wave scattering in the $I = 2$ channel [12] using quenched Wilson fermions and recently also in two flavor full QCD [14].

In typical lattice QCD calculations, if one would like to probe for physical information concerning two-particle states with non-zero relative three momentum, large lattices have to be used which usually requires enormous amount of computing resource. One of the reasons for this difficulty is the following. In a cubic box, the three momenta of a single particle are quantized according to: $\mathbf{k} = (2\pi/L)\mathbf{n} \equiv (2\pi/L)(n_1, n_2, n_3)$, with $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^3$. In order to control lattice artifacts due to these non-zero momentum modes, one needs to have large values of $L$. One disadvantage of the cubic box is that the energy of a free particle with lowest non-zero momentum is degenerate. This means that the second lowest energy level of the particle with non-vanishing momentum corresponds to $\mathbf{n} = (1, 1, 0)$. If one would like to measure these states on the lattice, even larger values of $L$ should be used. One way to remedy this is to use a three dimensional box whose shape is not cubic. If we use a generic rectangular box of size $(\eta_1 L) \times (\eta_2 L) \times L$ with $\eta_1$ and $\eta_2$ other than unity, we would have three different low-lying one-particle energy with non-zero momenta corresponding to $\mathbf{n} = (1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0)$ and $(0, 0, 1)$, respectively. This scenario is useful in practice since it presents more available low momentum modes for a given lattice size, which is important in the study of hadron-hadron scattering phase shift. Similar situation also occurs in the study of $K$ to $\pi \pi$ matrix element (see Ref. [15] for a review and references therein). There, one also needs to study two-particle states with non-vanishing relative three-momentum. Again, a cu-

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$^2$ We use the notation $\mathbb{Z}^3$ to stand for the set of three-dimensional integers. That is, $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ means that $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, n_3)$ with $n_1$, $n_2$ and $n_3$ integers.
bic box yields too few available low-lying non-vanishing momenta and large value of $L$ is needed to reach the physical interesting kinematic region. In all of these cases, one could try an asymmetric rectangular box with only one side being large while the other sides moderate. One only has to choose the parameter $\eta_1$ and $\eta_2$ appropriately such that more low-lying momentum modes can be measure on the lattice with controllable lattice artifacts.

In an asymmetric rectangular box, the original formulae due to Lüscher, which give the relation between the energy eigenvalues of the two-particle states in the finite box and the continuum scattering phases, have to be modified accordingly. The purpose of this paper is to derive the equivalents of Lüscher’s formulae in the case of a generic rectangular (not necessarily cubic) box.

We consider two-particle states in a box of size $(\eta_1 L) \times (\eta_2 L) \times L$ with periodic boundary conditions in all three directions. For definiteness, we take $\eta_1 \geq 1, \eta_2 \geq 1$, which amounts to denoting the the length of the smallest side of the rectangular box as $L$. The following derivation depends heavily on the previous results obtained in Ref. [3]. We will take over similar assumptions as in Ref. [3]. In particular, the relation between the energy eigenvalues and the scattering phases derived in the non-relativistic quantum mechanical model can be carried over to the case of relativistic, massive field theory under these assumptions, the same way as in the case of cubic box which was discussed in detail in Ref. [3]. For the quantum mechanical model, we assume that the range of the interaction, denoted by $R$, of the two-particle system is such that $R < L/2$.

The modifications which have to be implemented, as compared with Ref. [3], are mainly concerned with different symmetries of the box. In a cubic box, the representations of the rotational group are decomposed into irreducible representations of the cubic group. In a generic asymmetric box, the symmetry of the system is reduced. In the case of $\eta_1 = \eta_2 \neq 1$, the basic group becomes $D_4$; if $\eta_1 \neq \eta_2 \neq 1$, the symmetry is further reduced to $D_2$, modulo parity operation. Therefore, the final expression relating the energy eigenvalues of the system and the scattering phases will be different.

This paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we discuss the singular periodic solutions to the Helmholtz equation. The energy eigenstates of the two-particle system can be expanded in terms of these solutions. In section 3, we discuss in detail the symmetry of an asymmetric box. Two cases are studied: $\eta_1 = \eta_2$ in which case the basic symmetry group is $D_4$ and $\eta_1 \neq \eta_2$ in which case the symmetry group is $D_2$. The irreducible representations of the rotational group are decomposed into irreducible representations of these point groups. Energy eigenvalues in the $A_1^+$ sector are related to the scattering phases for the two cases respectively. In section 4, we discuss the low-momentum and large-volume limit of the general formulae obtained in section 3. A simplified
formula is obtained for the scattering length and numerical values for the coefficients of this expansion are listed. Finally in section 5, we conclude with some general remarks. Some details of the calculation are provided in the appendices for reference.

2 Energy eigenstates and singular periodic solutions of Helmholtz equation

Our notations close follow those used in Ref. [3]. The energy eigenstates in a periodic box is intimately related to the singular periodic solutions of the Helmholtz equation:

$$(\nabla^2 + k^2)\psi(r) = 0.$$  \hfill (1)

If the function $\psi(r)$ is a solution to the Helmholtz equation for $r \neq 0$; and it is periodic: $\psi(r + \hat{n}L) = \psi(r)$; and it is bounded by powers of $r^\Lambda$ near $r = 0$; we call $\psi(r)$ a singular periodic solution to the Helmholtz equation of degree $\Lambda$.

The momentum modes in the rectangular box are quantized as: $k = (2\pi/L)\hat{n}$. For every $n = (n_1, n_2, n_3) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$, we introduce the notations:

$$\hat{n} \equiv \left(\frac{n_1}{\eta_1}, \frac{n_2}{\eta_2}, \frac{n_3}{\eta_3}\right), \quad \tilde{n} \equiv (n_1 \eta_1, n_2 \eta_2, n_3).$$  \hfill (2)

When discussing the singular periodic solutions to Helmholtz equation, one should differentiate two cases: regular values of $k$, which means that $|k| \neq (2\pi/L)|\tilde{n}|$ for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ and singular values of $k$, which means that $|k| = (2\pi/L)|\tilde{n}|$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}^3$. For our purpose, it suffices to study the regular values of $k$. In this case, the singular periodic solutions of Helmholtz equation can be obtained from the Green’s function:

$${G(r; k^2) = \frac{1}{\eta_1 \eta_2 L^3} \sum_{\vec{p}} \frac{e^{i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}}}{p^2 - k^2}.}$$  \hfill (3)

One can easily check that the function $G(r; k^2)$ is a singular periodic solution of Helmholtz equation with degree 1. More singular periodic solutions can be obtained as follows. We define:

$$Y_{lm}(r) \equiv r^l Y_{lm}(\Omega_r),$$  \hfill (4)

where $\Omega_r$ represents the solid angle parameters $(\theta, \phi)$ of $r$ in spherical coordinates; $Y_{lm}$ are the usual spherical harmonic functions. It is well-known that
\( \mathcal{Y}_{lm}(r) \) consist of all linear independent, homogeneous functions in \((x, y, z)\) of degree \(l\) that transform irreducibly under the rotational group. We then define:

\[
G_{lm}(r; k^2) = \mathcal{Y}_{lm}(\nabla) G(r; k^2) .
\] (5)

One can show that the functions \( G_{lm}(r; k^2) \) form a complete, linear independent set of functions of singular periodic solutions of the Helmholtz equation with degree \(l\). That is to say, any singular periodic solution of the Helmholtz equation with degree \( \Lambda \) is given by

\[
\psi(r) = \sum_{l=0}^{\Lambda} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} v_{lm} G_{lm}(r, k^2) ,
\] (6)

with complex coefficients \( v_{lm} \). The functions \( G_{lm}(r; k^2) \) may be expanded into usual spherical harmonics with the result:

\[
G_{lm}(r; k^2) = \frac{(-1)^{l}k^{l+1}}{4\pi} \left[ Y_{lm}(\Omega_r)n_l(kr) + \sum_{l'm'}\mathcal{M}_{lm;l'm'} Y_{l'm'}(\Omega_r)j_{l'}(kr) \right] .
\] (7)

Here, \( j_l \) and \( n_l \) are the usual spherical Bessel functions and the matrix \( \mathcal{M}_{lm;l'm'} \) is related to the modified zeta function via:

\[
\mathcal{M}_{lm;j's} = \sum_{l'm'} \frac{(-)^{s}i^{-l}Z_{l'm'}(1, q^2; \eta_1, \eta_2)}{\eta_1 \eta_2 \pi^{3/2} q^{l'+1}} \sqrt{(2l+1)(2l'+1)(2j+1)}
\times \begin{pmatrix} l & l' & j \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ m & m' & -s \end{pmatrix} .
\] (8)

In this formula, the Wigner 3\(j\)-symbols can be related to the Clebsch-Gordan coefficients in the usual way. [16] For a given angular momentum cutoff \( \Lambda \), the quantity \( \mathcal{M}_{lm;l'm'} \) can be viewed as the matrix element of a linear operator \( \hat{M} \) in a vector space \( \mathcal{H}_\Lambda \), which is spanned by all harmonic polynomials of degree \( l \leq \Lambda \). The modified zeta function is formally defined by:

\[
Z_{lm}(s, q^2; \eta_1, \eta_2) = \sum_{\hat{n}} \frac{\mathcal{Y}_{lm}(\hat{n})}{(\hat{n}^2 - q^2)^s} .
\] (9)

According to this definition, the modified zeta function at the right-hand side of Eq. (8) is formally divergent and needs to be analytically continued. Following similar discussions as in Ref. [3], one could obtain a finite expression for the modified zeta function which is suitable for numerical evaluation. Detailed formulae for \( Z_{lm}(s, q^2; \eta_1, \eta_2) \) at \( s = 1 \) and \( s = 2 \) are derived in the
appendix. From the analytically continued formula, it is obvious from the symmetry of $D_4$ or $D_2$ that, for $l \leq 4$, the only non-vanishing zeta functions at $s = 1$ are: $Z_{00}, Z_{20}, Z_{2\pm 2}, Z_{40}, Z_{4\pm 2}$ and $Z_{4\pm 4}$. It is also easy to verify that, if $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = 1$, all of the above definitions and formulae reduce to those obtained in Ref. [3].

In the region where the interaction is vanishing, the energy eigenstates of the two-particle system can be expressed in terms of ordinary spherical Bessel functions:

$$\psi_{lm}(r) = b_{lm} [\alpha_l(k) j_l(kr) + \beta_l(k) n_l(kr)] ,$$

(10)

for some constants $b_{lm}$. Also, this energy eigenfunction coincide with a singular periodic solution of the Helmholtz equation in this region. Comparison of Eq. (10) with Eq. (7) then yields:

$$b_{lm} \alpha_l(k) = \sum_{l' = 0}^{\Lambda} \sum_{m' = -l'}^{l'} v_{l'm'} (-)^{l' + 1} \frac{k^{l' + 1}}{4\pi} M_{l'm';lm},$$

$$b_{lm} \beta_l(k) = v_{lm} (-)^l \frac{k^{l + 1}}{4\pi} ,$$

(11)

with $l = 0, 1, \cdots, \Lambda$. Note that this equation can be viewed as a linear equation in a vector space $H_\Lambda$, which is space of all complex vectors whose components are $v_{lm}$ with $l = 0, 1, \cdots, \Lambda$ and $m = -l, \cdots, l$. Matrix elements $M_{l'm';lm}$ can be viewed as the matrix element of an operator $M$ in vector space $H_\Lambda$. The scattering phases of the two particles are related to the coefficients $\alpha_l(k)$ and $\beta_l(k)$ via:

$$e^{2i\delta_l(k)} = \frac{\alpha_l(k) + i\beta_l(k)}{\alpha_l(k) - i\beta_l(k)} .$$

(12)

Therefore, non-trivial solution to Eq. (11) requires that:

$$\det [e^{2i\delta} - U] = 0 , \quad U = (M + i)/(M - i) .$$

(13)

This gives the general relation between the energy eigenvalue of a two-particle eigenstate in a finite box with the corresponding scattering phases.
### 3 Symmetry of an asymmetric box

The general result (13) obtained in the previous section can be further simplified when we consider irreducible representations of the symmetry group of the box. We know that energy eigenstates in a box can be characterized by their transformation properties under the symmetry group of the box. For this purpose, one has to decompose the representations of the rotational group with angular momentum $l$ into irreducible representations of the corresponding symmetry group of the box. For an asymmetric box, the relevant symmetry group is either $D_4$ if $\eta_1 = \eta_2 \neq 1$, or $D_2$ if $\eta_1 \neq \eta_2 \neq 1$. In a given symmetry sector, denoted by its irreducible representation $\Gamma$, the representation of the rotational group with angular momentum $l$ is decomposed into irreducible representations of $D_4$ or $D_2$. This decomposition may contain the irreducible representation $\Gamma$. We may pick our basis as: $|\Gamma, \alpha; l, n\rangle$. Here $\alpha$ runs from 1 to $\dim(\Gamma)$, the dimension of the irreducible representation $\Gamma$. Label $n$ runs from

| $l$ | Group $D_4$ | Basis polynomials | $\Gamma$ | Basis polynomials |
|-----|-------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 0   | $A_1^+$     | $|0\rangle$       | $A^+$    | $|0\rangle = \mathcal{Y}_{00}$ |
| 1   | $A_2^-$     | $|1\rangle$       | $B_1^-$  | $|1\rangle = \mathcal{Y}_{10}$ |
|     | $E^-$       | $(|\bar{1}\rangle, |\bar{3}\rangle)$ | $B_2^-$; $B_3^-$ | $|\bar{1}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{11} + \mathcal{Y}_{1-1}); |\bar{3}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{11} - \mathcal{Y}_{1-1})$ |
| 2   | $A_1^+$     | $|2\rangle$       | $A^+$    | $|2\rangle = \mathcal{Y}_{20}$ |
|     | $E^+$       | $(|\bar{2}\rangle, |\bar{3}\rangle)$ | $B_3^-$; $B_2^+$ | $|\bar{2}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{21} + \mathcal{Y}_{2-1}); |\bar{3}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{21} - \mathcal{Y}_{2-1})$ |
|     | $B_1^+$; $B_2^+$ | $|2\rangle$; $|2\rangle$ | $A^+$; $B_1^+$ | $|\bar{2}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{22} + \mathcal{Y}_{2-2}); |\bar{2}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{22} - \mathcal{Y}_{2-2})$ |
| 3   | $A_2^-$     | $|3\rangle$       | $B_1^-$  | $|3\rangle = \mathcal{Y}_{30}$ |
|     | $E^-$       | $(|\bar{3}\rangle, |\bar{3}\rangle)$ | $B_2^-$; $B_3^-$ | $|\bar{3}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{31} + \mathcal{Y}_{3-1}); |\bar{3}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{31} - \mathcal{Y}_{3-1})$ |
|     | $B_2^-$; $B_1^-$ | $|3\rangle$; $|3\rangle$ | $B_1^-$; $A^-$ | $|\bar{3}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{32} + \mathcal{Y}_{3-2}); |\bar{3}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{32} - \mathcal{Y}_{3-2})$ |
|     | $E^-$       | $(|\bar{3}\rangle, |\bar{3}\rangle)$ | $B_2^-$; $B_3^-$ | $|\bar{3}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{33} + \mathcal{Y}_{3-3}); |\bar{3}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{33} - \mathcal{Y}_{3-3})$ |
| 4   | $A_1^+$     | $|4\rangle$       | $A^+$    | $|4\rangle = \mathcal{Y}_{40}$ |
|     | $E^+$       | $(|\bar{4}\rangle, |\bar{4}\rangle)$ | $B_3^-$; $B_2^+$ | $|\bar{4}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{41} + \mathcal{Y}_{4-1}); |\bar{4}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{41} - \mathcal{Y}_{4-1})$ |
|     | $B_1^+$; $B_2^+$ | $|4\rangle$; $|4\rangle$ | $A^+$; $B_1^+$ | $|\bar{4}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{42} + \mathcal{Y}_{4-2}); |\bar{4}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{42} - \mathcal{Y}_{4-2})$ |
|     | $E^+$       | $(|\bar{4}\rangle, |\bar{4}\rangle)$ | $B_3^-$; $B_2^+$ | $|\bar{4}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{43} + \mathcal{Y}_{4-3}); |\bar{4}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{43} - \mathcal{Y}_{4-3})$ |
|     | $A_1^+$; $A_2^+$ | $|4\rangle$; $|4\rangle$ | $A^+$; $B_1^+$ | $|\bar{4}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{44} + \mathcal{Y}_{4-4}); |\bar{4}\rangle = (\mathcal{Y}_{44} - \mathcal{Y}_{4-4})$ |
1 to the total number of occurrence of $\Gamma$ in the decomposition of rotational group representation with angular momentum $l$. The matrix $\hat{M}$ is diagonal with respect to $\Gamma$ and $\alpha$ by Schur’s lemma. For convenience, we have listed these basis polynomials in terms of spherical harmonics $\mathcal{Y}_{lm}(r)$ in Table 1. The corresponding shorthand notation for these basis are also listed.

For the two-particle eigenstate in the symmetry sector $\Gamma$ in a box of particular symmetry (either $D_4$ or $D_2$), the energy eigenvalue, $E = k^2/(2\mu)$ with $\mu$ being the reduced mass of the two particles, is determined by:

$$\det[e^{2i\delta} - \hat{U}(\Gamma)] = 0, \quad \hat{U}(\Gamma) = (\hat{M}(\Gamma) + i)/(\hat{M}(\Gamma) - i).$$  \hspace{1cm} (14)

Here $\hat{M}(\Gamma)$ represents a linear operator in the vector space $\mathcal{H}(\Lambda)$. This vector space is spanned by all complex vectors whose components are $v_{ln}$, with $l \leq \Lambda$, and $n$ runs from 1 to the number of occurrence of $\Gamma$ in the decomposition of representation with angular momentum $l$, see Ref. [3] for details. To write out more explicit formulae, one therefore has to consider decompositions of the rotational group representations under appropriate symmetries.

We first consider the case $\eta_1 = \eta_2$. The basic symmetry group is $D_4$, which has 4 one-dimensional (irreducible) representations: $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2$ and a two-dimensional irreducible representation $E$. \(^3\) The representations of the rotational group are decomposed according to:

\begin{align*}
0 &= A_1^+, \\
1 &= A_2^- + E^- ,  \\
2 &= A_1^+ + B_1^+ + B_2^+ + E^+ ,  \\
3 &= A_2^- + B_1^- + B_2^- + E^- + E^- ,  \\
4 &= A_1^+ + A_1^+ + A_2^+ + B_1^+ + B_2^+ + E^+ + E^+ ,
\end{align*}  \hspace{1cm} (15)

In most lattice calculations, the symmetry sector that is easiest to investigate is the invariant sector: $A_1^+$. We therefore will focus on this particular symmetry sector. As is seen, up to $l \leq 4$, $s$-wave, $d$-wave and $g$ wave contribute to this sector. This corresponds to four linearly independent, homogeneous polynomials with degrees not more than 4, which are invariant under $D_4$. From Table 1 we see that the four polynomials can be identified as the basis: $|0\rangle, |2\rangle, |4\rangle$ and $|\tilde{4}\rangle$, respectively. \(^4\) Therefore, we can write out the four-dimensional reduced matrix $\mathcal{M}(A_1^+)$ whose matrix elements are denoted as: $\mathcal{M}(A_1^+)_{ll'} = m_{ll'} = m_{ll'},$ with $l$ and $l'$ takes values in 0, 2, 4 and $\tilde{4}$, respectively. Using the general formula (8), it is straightforward to work out these reduced matrix elements in

\(^3\) The notations of the irreducible representations of group $D_4$ and $D_2$ that we adopt here is taken from Ref. [17], chapter XII.

\(^4\) Our convention for the spherical harmonics are taken from Ref. [18].
For the case $\eta = \bar{\eta}$, the symmetry group becomes $D_4$ which has only 4 one-dimensional irreducible representations: $A$, $B_1$, $B_2$ and $B_3$. The decomposition (15) is replaced by:

\[
0 = A^+, \\
1 = B_1^- + B_2^- + B_3^- , \\
2 = A^+ + A^+ + B_1^- + B_2^+ + B_3^+ , \\
3 = A^- + B_1^- + B_2^- + B_2^+ + B_3^- + B_3^- , \\
4 = A^+ + A^+ + A^+ + B_1^- + B_2^- + B_2^+ + B_3^+ + B_3^+ ,
\]

So, up to $l \leq 4$, $A^+$ occurs six times: once in $l = 0$ and twice in $l = 2$ and three times in $l = 4$. The corresponding basis polynomials can be taken as: $|0\rangle$, $|2\rangle$, $|\bar{2}\rangle$, $|4\rangle$, $|\bar{4}\rangle$ and $|\bar{4}\rangle$, respectively. The reduced matrix $\hat{M}(A^+)$ is six-dimensional with matrix elements $\mathcal{M}_{\nu\nu} = m_{\nu\nu}$. The explicit expressions for these matrix elements can be found in appendix B. The relation between the energy eigenvalue and the scattering phase is similar to Eq. (16) except that the matrix becomes a $6 \times 6$ matrix:

\[
\begin{vmatrix}
\xi_0 - m_{00} & m_{02} & m_{02} & m_{04} & m_{04} & m_{04} \\
m_{20} & \xi_2 - m_{22} & m_{22} & m_{24} & m_{24} & m_{24} \\
m_{20} & m_{22} & \xi_2 - m_{22} & m_{24} & m_{24} & m_{24} \\
m_{40} & m_{42} & m_{42} & \xi_4 - m_{44} & m_{44} & m_{44} \\
m_{40} & m_{42} & m_{42} & m_{44} & \xi_4 - m_{44} & m_{44} \\
m_{40} & m_{42} & m_{42} & m_{44} & m_{44} & \xi_4 - m_{44} \\
\end{vmatrix} = 0 ,
\]

where we have used the simplified notation: $\xi = \cot \delta(q)$. In principle, if even higher angular momentum are desired, similar formulae can be derived.
4 Low momentum expansion and the scattering length

Usually, scattering phases with higher angular momentum are much smaller than phases with lower angular momentum. This is particularly true in low-momentum scattering. It is well-known that for small relative momentum \( k \), the scattering phases behave like:

\[
\tan \delta_l(k) \sim a_l k^{2l+1},
\]

(19)

for small \( k \). Therefore, we anticipate that, in the low-momentum limit, scattering phases with small \( l \) will dominate the scattering process. If we treat the \( d \)-wave and \( g \)-wave scattering phases as small perturbations, we find that for the \( D_4 \) symmetry, Eq. (16) can be simplified to:

\[
\cot \delta_0 - m_{00} = \frac{m_{02}^2}{\cot \delta_2 - m_{22}} + \frac{m_{04}^2}{\cot \delta_4 - m_{44}} + \frac{m_{04}^2}{\cot \delta_4 - m_{44}}.
\]

(20)

For the symmetry \( D_2 \), similar to Eq. (20), Eq. (18) reads:

\[
\cot \delta_0 - m_{00} = \frac{m_{02}^2}{\cot \delta_2 - m_{22}} + \frac{m_{02}^2}{\cot \delta_2 - m_{22}} + \frac{m_{04}^2}{\cot \delta_4 - m_{44}} + \frac{m_{04}^2}{\cot \delta_4 - m_{44}} + \frac{m_{04}^2}{\cot \delta_4 - m_{44}}.
\]

(21)

If the \( d \)-wave and \( g \) wave phase shift were small enough, it is easy to check that both Eq (20) and Eq (21) simplifies to:

\[
\cot \delta_0(k) = m_{00} = \frac{Z_{00}(1, q^2; \eta_1, \eta_2)}{\pi^{3/2} \eta_1 \eta_2 q}.
\]

(22)

For the general case, Eq. (20) and Eq. (21) offer the desired relation between the energy eigenvalues in the \( A_1^+ \) sector and the scattering phases for the cases \( \eta_1 = \eta_2 \) and \( \eta_1 \neq \eta_2 \), respectively. It is easy to verify that, in both Eq. (20) and Eq. (21), contributions that appear in the right-hand side of the equations are smaller by a factor of \( q^2 \) compared with \( m_{00} \) on the left-hand side. They are negligible as long as the relative momentum \( q \) is small enough. Therefore, in both cases, the \( s \)-wave scattering length \( a_0 \) will be determined by the zero momentum limit of Eq. (22).

It is also possible to work out the corrections due to higher scattering phases to the \( s \)-wave scattering phase. For example, we have:

\[
n\pi - \delta_0(q) = \phi(q) + \sigma_2(q) \tan \delta_2(q) + \sigma_4(q) \tan \delta_4(q),
\]

(23)
Fig. 1. The functions $\sigma_2(q^2)$ and $\sigma_4(q^2)$ as a function of $q^2$ are plotted for both $D_4$ symmetry with parameters $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = 2$.

Fig. 2. The functions $\sigma_2(q^2)$ and $\sigma_4(q^2)$ as a function of $q^2$ are plotted for both $D_2$ symmetry with parameters $\eta_1 = 2$, $\eta_2 = 1.5$.

where the angle $\phi(q)$ is defined to via: $-\tan \phi(q) = 1/m_{00}(q)$. The functions $\sigma_2(q)$ and $\sigma_4(q)$ represents the sensitivity of higher scattering phases. For $D_4$ and $D_2$ symmetry, they are given by:
\[ \sigma_2(q) = \begin{cases} \frac{m_{02}^2}{1 + m_{00}^2}, & \text{for group } D_4. \\ \frac{(m_{02}^2 + m_{02}^2)}{1 + m_{00}^2}, & \text{for group } D_2. \end{cases} \] (24)

\[ \sigma_4(q) = \begin{cases} \frac{(m_{04}^2 + m_{04}^2)}{1 + m_{00}^2}, & \text{for group } D_4. \\ \frac{(m_{04}^2 + m_{04}^2 + m_{04}^2)}{1 + m_{00}^2}, & \text{for group } D_2. \end{cases} \] (25)

The functions \( \sigma_2(q^2) \) and \( \sigma_4(q^2) \) can be calculated using the matrix elements given in Appendix B. In Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, these functions are plotted versus \( q^2 \) for the case of \( D_4 \) symmetry (\( \eta_1 = \eta_2 = 2 \)) and for the case of \( D_2 \) with \( \eta_1 = 2.0, \; \eta_2 = 1.5 \), respectively. It is seen that the functions \( \sigma_2(q^2) \) and \( \sigma_4(q^2) \) remain finite for all \( q^2 > 0 \). For some particular values of \( q^2 \), however, these functions can become quite large in magnitude. This is due to almost coincidence of singularities of the numerator and denominator in matrix elements \( m_{0i} \) which happens for some choices of \( \eta_1 \) and \( \eta_2 \). For values of \( q^2 \) away from these values, the functional values of \( \sigma_2 \) and \( \sigma_4 \) remain moderate. In Fig. 2, the lower two panels in the plot are simply the same function as in the upper panels with the scale of the vertical axis being magnified, in order to show the detailed variation of the functions.

We remark here that, in principle, the corrections due to scattering phases with higher \( l \) can be estimated from lattice calculations as well. From Table 1 it is seen that, for lattices with \( D_4 \) symmetry, by inspecting energy eigenstates with \( E^+, B_1^+, \; \text{or} \; B_2^+ \) symmetry on the lattice, one can get an estimate for the \( d \)-wave scattering phase \( \delta_2 \) which dominates these symmetry sectors. Similarly, for lattices with \( D_2 \) symmetry, the eigenstates with \( B_1^+, B_2^+ \; \text{or} \; B_3^+ \) symmetry should be studied. It is also interesting to note that for lattices with \( D_4 \) symmetry, if we study the eigenstates with \( A_2^+ \) symmetry, then the leading contribution comes from \( g \)-wave scattering phase \( \delta_4 \).

We now come to the discussion of scattering length. For a large box, a large \( L \) expansion of the formulae can be deduced. Using Eq. (22) and following similar derivations as in Ref. [3], we find that the \( s \)-wave scattering length \( a_0 \) is related to the energy difference in a generic rectangular box via:

\[ \delta E = -\frac{2\pi a_0}{\eta_1 \eta_2 \mu L^2} \left[ 1 + c_1(\eta_1, \eta_2) \left( \frac{a_0}{L} \right) + c_2(\eta_1, \eta_2) \left( \frac{a_0}{L} \right)^2 + \cdots \right]. \] (26)

Here, \( \mu \) designates the reduced mass of the two particles whose mass values are \( m_1 \) and \( m_2 \), respectively. Energy shift \( \delta E \equiv E - m_1 - m_2 \) where \( E \) is the energy eigenvalue of the two-particle state. Functions \( c_1(\eta_1, \eta_2) \) and \( c_2(\eta_1, \eta_2) \) are given by:
where the subtracted zeta function is defined as:

\[ \hat{Z}_{00}(s, q^2; \eta_1, \eta_2) = \sum_{|\tilde{n}|^2 \neq q^2} \frac{1}{(|\tilde{n}^2 - q^2|)^s} . \]  

(28)

Table 2

| $L_1 : L_2 : L_3$ | $\eta_1$ | $\eta_2$ | $\hat{Z}_{00}(1,0; \eta_1, \eta_2)$ | $\hat{Z}_{00}(2,0; \eta_1, \eta_2)$ | $c_1(\eta_1, \eta_2)$ | $c_2(\eta_1, \eta_2)$ |
|-------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 : 1 : 1         | 1       | 1       | -8.913633                         | 16.532316                         | -2.837297             | 6.375183              |
| 6 : 5 : 4         | 1.5     | 1.25    | -12.964476                        | 41.526870                         | -2.200918             | 3.647224              |
| 4 : 3 : 2         | 2       | 1.5     | -16.015122                        | 91.235227                         | -1.699257             | 1.860357              |
| 3 : 2 : 2         | 1.5     | 1       | -10.974332                        | 32.259457                         | -2.328826             | 3.970732              |
| 2 : 1 : 1         | 2       | 1       | -11.346631                        | 63.015304                         | -1.805872             | 1.664979              |
| 3 : 3 : 2         | 1.5     | 1.5     | -14.430365                        | 53.784051                         | -2.041479             | 3.091200              |
| 2 : 2 : 1         | 2       | 2       | -18.430516                        | 137.771800                        | -1.466654             | 1.278623              |

In Table 2, we have listed numerical values for the coefficients $c_1(\eta_1, \eta_2)$ and $c_2(\eta_1, \eta_2)$ under some typical topology. In the first column of the table, we tabulated the ratio for the three sides of the box: $\eta_1 : \eta_2 : 1$. Note that for $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = 1$, these two functions reduce to the old numerical values for the cubic box which had been used in earlier scattering length calculations.

It can be shown that contaminations from higher angular momentum scattering phases come in at even higher powers of $1/L$. For low relative momenta, the $d$-wave scattering phase behaves like: $\tan \delta_2(q) \sim a_2 k^5 = a_2 (2\pi/L)^5 q^5$, with $a_2$ being the $d$-wave scattering length. If we treat the effects due to $\tan \delta_2$ perturbatively, we see from Eq. (20) and Eq. (21) that, in Eq. (26), functions $c_1$ and $c_2$ receive contributions that are proportional to $(a_2/L^5)$, which is of higher order in $1/L$ for large $L$. 

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5 Conclusions

In this paper, we have studied two-particle scattering states in a generic rectangular box with periodic boundary conditions. The relations of the energy eigenvalues and the scattering phases in the continuum are found. These formulae can be viewed as a generalization of the well-known Lüscher's formulae. In particular, we show that the \( s \)-wave scattering length is related to the energy shift by a simple formula, which is a direct generalization of the corresponding formula in the case of cubic box. We argued that this asymmetric topology might be useful in practice since it provides more available low-lying momentum modes in a finite box, which will be advantageous in the study of scattering phase shifts at non-zero three momenta in hadron-hadron scattering and possibly also in other applications.

A Appendix A

In this appendix, some explicit formulae for the modified zeta function defined in Eq. (9) will be given. For convenience of analytic continuation, one first defines the heat kernel:

\[
K(t, x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_\mathbf{n} e^{i\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x} - t \mathbf{n}^2} = \frac{\eta_1 \eta_2}{(4\pi t)^{3/2}} \sum_\mathbf{n} e^{-\frac{1}{4t}(\mathbf{x} - 2\pi \hat{n})^2}. \tag{A.1}
\]

Here the first equality is the definition of the heat kernel \( K(t, x) \) while the second follows from Poisson's identity. The summations which appear in this formula runs over all three-dimensional integers \( \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^3 \) and the notations \( \hat{n} \) and \( \tilde{n} \) are defined as in Eq. (2). It is evident that the heat kernel \( K(t, x) \) is periodic in \( x \) with period \( 2\pi \hat{n} \), i.e. \( K(t, x + 2\pi \hat{n}) = K(t, x) \). Given a positive number \( \Lambda > 0 \), we define the truncated heat kernel \( K^\Lambda(t, x) \) as:

\[
K^\Lambda(t, x) = K(t, x) - \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{|\mathbf{n}| \leq \Lambda} e^{i\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x} - t \mathbf{n}^2}. \tag{A.2}
\]

We may apply the operator \( \mathcal{Y}_{lm}(-i\nabla_x) \) to the heat kernels defined above. These are denoted as:

\[
K_{lm}(t, x) = \mathcal{Y}_{lm}(-i\nabla_x)K(t, x) , \quad K_{lm}^\Lambda(t, x) = \mathcal{Y}_{lm}(-i\nabla_x)K^\Lambda(t, x). \tag{A.3}
\]
Using heat kernels defined above, one could rewrite the modified zeta function as:

\[
\mathcal{Z}_{lm}(s, q^2; \eta_1, \eta_2) = \sum_{|\tilde{n}| \leq \Lambda} \frac{Y_{lm}(\tilde{n})}{(\tilde{n}^2 - q^2)^s} + \frac{(2\pi)^3}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^\infty dt t^{s-1} e^{tq^2} K_{lm}^\Lambda(t, 0). \tag{A.4}
\]

This expression is convergent as long as \( \text{Re}(s) > (l + 3)/2 \). Close to \( t = 0 \), the function \( e^{tq^2} K_{lm}^\Lambda(t, 0) \) behaves like:

\[
e^{tq^2} K_{lm}^\Lambda(t, 0) \sim \frac{\delta_l \delta_m \eta_1 \eta_2}{(4\pi)^2 t^{3/2}} + \mathcal{O}(t^{-1/2}). \tag{A.5}
\]

We may therefore analytically continue the zeta function by:

\[
\mathcal{Z}_{lm}(s, q^2; \eta_1, \eta_2) = \sum_{|\tilde{n}| \leq \Lambda} \frac{Y_{lm}(\tilde{n})}{(\tilde{n}^2 - q^2)^s} + \frac{(2\pi)^3}{\Gamma(s)} \left\{ \frac{\delta_l \delta_m \eta_1 \eta_2}{(4\pi)^2(s - 3/2)} \right. \\
+ \int_0^1 dt t^{s-1} \left[ e^{tq^2} K_{lm}^\Lambda(t, 0) - \frac{\delta_l \delta_m \eta_1 \eta_2}{(4\pi)^2 t^{3/2}} \right] \\
+ \int_1^\infty dt t^{s-1} e^{tq^2} K_{lm}^\Lambda(t, 0) \right\}, \tag{A.6}
\]

which is a valid expression as long as \( \text{Re}(s) > 1/2 \). This completes the process of analytic continuation for the modified zeta functions. Using the explicit expression for \( K_{lm}^\Lambda(t, 0) \), the integral from 0 to 1 in the above formula can be further simplified. After some manipulations, we find that the results, when combined with the finite summation, is convergent for all \( \Lambda \). Therefore, we can now send \( \Lambda \) to infinity and drop the third integral. Since we are only concerned with modified zeta functions at \( s = 1 \) or \( s = 2 \), we will only give the expressions for these two cases. The final expression may be written as:

\[
\mathcal{Z}_{lm}(s, q^2; \eta_1, \eta_2) = e^{q^2} \sum_{\tilde{n}} \left[ \frac{Y_{lm}(\tilde{n})}{(\tilde{n}^2 - q^2)^s} + \frac{(s - 1)Y_{lm}(\tilde{n})}{(\tilde{n}^2 - q^2)^{s-1}} \right] e^{-\tilde{n}^2} \\
+ \frac{\pi \eta_1 \eta_2}{(2s - 3)} \delta_{l0} \delta_{m0} + \frac{\pi \eta_1 \eta_2}{2} \delta_{l0} \delta_{m0} \int_0^1 dt t^{s-5/2} (e^{tq^2} - 1) \\
+ \pi \eta_1 \eta_2 \int_0^1 dt t^{s-5/2} \sum_{\tilde{n} \neq 0} Y_{lm} \left( -i \frac{\pi}{t} \tilde{n} \right) e^{tq^2} e^{-\frac{t^2}{4t} \tilde{n}^2}. \tag{A.7}
\]

Note that this expression is valid only for \( s = 1 \) or \( s = 2 \).
### B Appendix B

Table B.1

Reduced matrix elements $\mathcal{M}_{\ell'}(\Gamma)$ for the symmetry group $D_4$ for irreducible representations $A_1^+$, $A_2^-$ and $E^-$. Here we have adopted the basis defined in Table 1. For all representations, only the non-vanishing matrix elements up to $l = 4$ are listed.

| $\Gamma$ | $|l\rangle$ | $|l'|\rangle$ | $\mathcal{M}_{\ell'}(\Gamma)$ |
|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| $A_1^+$  | 0 0         | $W_{00}$    |                               |
|          | 2 0         | $-W_{20}$   |                               |
|          | 2 2         | $W_{00} + \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}W_{20} + \frac{6}{7}W_{40}$ |                               |
|          | 4 0         | $W_{10}$    |                               |
|          | 4 2         | $-\frac{6}{7}W_{20} - \frac{20\sqrt{2}}{7}W_{40} - \frac{15\sqrt{20}}{143}W_{60}$ |                               |
|          | 4 4         | $W_{00} + \frac{20\sqrt{2}}{7}W_{20} + \frac{480}{1091}W_{40} + \frac{20\sqrt{2}}{143}W_{60} + \frac{4900\sqrt{7}}{4131}W_{80}$ |                               |
|          | 4 0         | $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(W_{44} + W_{4-4})$ |                               |
| $A_2^-$  | 1 1         | $W_{00} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}W_{20}$ |                               |
|          | 3 1         | $-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{35}}W_{20} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{21}}W_{40}$ |                               |
|          | 3 3         | $W_{00} + \frac{4}{3\sqrt{5}}W_{20} + \frac{6}{11}W_{40} + \frac{100}{33\sqrt{13}}W_{60}$ |                               |
| $E^-$    | \(\tilde{1}\) | $W_{00} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}W_{20} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{10}}(W_{22} + W_{2-2})$ |                               |
|          | \(\tilde{3}\) | $W_{00} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}W_{20} + \frac{1}{11}W_{40} - \frac{25}{33\sqrt{13}}W_{60}$ |                               |
|          | \(\tilde{3}\) | $\pm\frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{15}}(W_{22} + W_{2-2}) \pm \frac{\sqrt{10}}{11}(W_{42} + W_{4-2}) \pm \frac{5\sqrt{35}}{11\sqrt{39}}(W_{62} + W_{6-2})$ |                               |
|          | \(\sim\) \(3\) | \(\sim\) \(3\) |                               |
|          | \(\sim\) \(\tilde{1}\) | $-\frac{3\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{35}}W_{20} + \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{35}}W_{40} \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{21}}(W_{22} + W_{2-2}) \pm \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{21}}(W_{42} + W_{4-2}) \pm \frac{5\sqrt{35}}{33\sqrt{13}}(W_{62} + W_{6-2})$ |                               |
|          | \(\sim\) \(3\) | \(\sim\) \(3\) |                               |
|          | \(\sim\) \(\tilde{1}\) | $W_{00} - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{3}}W_{20} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{11}}W_{40} - \frac{5}{33\sqrt{13}}W_{60} \pm \frac{35}{33\sqrt{13}}(W_{66} + W_{6-6})$ |                               |
|          | \(\sim\) \(3\) | \(\sim\) \(3\) |                               |
|          | \(\sim\) \(\tilde{1}\) | $-\frac{3}{\sqrt{7}}(W_{22} + W_{2-2}) \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{21}}(W_{42} + W_{4-2}) \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(W_{44} + W_{4-4})$ |                               |
|          | \(\sim\) \(3\) | \(\sim\) \(3\) |                               |
|          | \(\sim\) \(\tilde{1}\) | $-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{6}(W_{22} + W_{2-2}) \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{6}(W_{42} + W_{4-2}) - \frac{5\sqrt{7}}{33\sqrt{13}}(W_{62} + W_{6-2}) \pm \frac{\sqrt{12}}{22}(W_{44} + W_{4-4}) \pm \frac{5\sqrt{35}}{11\sqrt{18}}(W_{64} + W_{6-4})$ |                               |
Table B.2
Reduced matrix elements $\mathcal{M}_{\ell' \ell} (\Gamma)$ for the symmetry group $D_4$ for irreducible representations $E^+, B^+_{1/2}, B^+_{2/1}$, and $A^+_2$.

| $\Gamma$ | $|l|$ | $|l'|$ | $\mathcal{M}_{\ell' \ell} (\Gamma)$ |
|----------|------|------|-----------------------------------|
| $E^+$    | $\frac{3}{2}$ | $\frac{3}{2}$ | $\mathcal{W}_{00} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\pi} \mathcal{W}_{20} - \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{W}_{40} + \frac{\sqrt{39}}{14} (\mathcal{W}_{22} + \mathcal{W}_{2-2}) + \frac{\sqrt{10}}{2} (\mathcal{W}_{42} + \mathcal{W}_{4-2})$ |
| $D^-_4$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \mathcal{W}_{20} - \frac{5\sqrt{5}}{34} \mathcal{W}_{40} + \frac{10\sqrt{7}}{11\sqrt{13}} \mathcal{W}_{60}$ |
| $D^-_4$ | $1$ | $1$ | $\mathcal{W}_{00} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{11} \mathcal{W}_{20} + \frac{\sqrt{38}}{11} \mathcal{W}_{40} - \frac{1}{11\sqrt{13}} \mathcal{W}_{60} - \frac{392}{14\sqrt{17}} \mathcal{W}_{80}$ |
| $D^-_4$ | $\frac{3}{2}$ | $\frac{3}{2}$ | $\mathcal{W}_{00} + \frac{17\sqrt{5}}{77} \mathcal{W}_{20} + \frac{243}{1001} \mathcal{W}_{40} - \frac{1}{11\sqrt{13}} \mathcal{W}_{60} - \frac{392}{14\sqrt{17}} \mathcal{W}_{80}$ |
| $B^+_{1/2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\frac{1}{2}$ | $\mathcal{W}_{00} - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \mathcal{W}_{20} + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{W}_{40} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\pi} (\mathcal{W}_{44} + \mathcal{W}_{4-4})$ |
| $B^+_{3/2}$ | $\frac{3}{2}$ | $\frac{3}{2}$ | $\mathcal{W}_{00} - \frac{7}{11} \mathcal{W}_{20} + \frac{10}{11\sqrt{13}} \mathcal{W}_{40} + \frac{\sqrt{220}}{77} (\mathcal{W}_{44} + \mathcal{W}_{4-4})$ |
| $B^+_{5/2}$ | $\frac{5}{2}$ | $\frac{5}{2}$ | $\mathcal{W}_{00} - \frac{4\sqrt{5}}{\pi} \mathcal{W}_{20} + \frac{54}{143} \mathcal{W}_{40} - \frac{4}{11\sqrt{13}} \mathcal{W}_{60} + \frac{7}{143\sqrt{17}} \mathcal{W}_{80} - \frac{21\sqrt{5}}{4362} (\mathcal{W}_{88} + \mathcal{W}_{8-8})$ |

In this appendix, we list the reduced matrix elements that appeared in the formulae in the main text. We define:

$$\mathcal{W}_{l m}(1, q^2; \eta_1, \eta_2) \equiv \frac{Z_{l m}(1, q^2; \eta_1, \eta_2)}{\pi^{3/2} \eta_1 \eta_2 q^{l+1}}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (B.1)

Using this notation, we now proceed to list relevant reduced matrix elements $\mathcal{M}_{l m; l' m'} (\Gamma)$ for a given symmetry sector $\Gamma$. For the case of $D_4$ symmetry, up to angular momentum $l = 4$, the non-vanishing matrix elements $\mathcal{M}_{l m; l' m'} (\Gamma)$ are listed in Table B.1, Table B.2.
For the case of $D_2$ symmetry, by comparing with Table 1, one easily sees that
the corresponding matrix elements are in fact the same as listed in Table B.1
and Table B.2. The only difference is that the name of the irreducible repre-
sentations are changed. For example, the matrix elements listed under $E^-$ for
$D_4$ symmetry are in fact corresponding matrix elements for the representation
$B_2^-$ and $B_3^-$ for the $D_2$ symmetry, as suggested by Table 1.

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