

Replay to referee 1

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Abstract

The following contains responses to the referee 1 comments copied from the SAIP2016 portal under ‘History – > View’. Referee comments, in blue, are followed by our answers in black.

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0.1 Comments requiring answers

Can the author attend to the following issue.

In Section 3 can he explain a little bit on the software used for the numerical calculations.

Fixed. We added: ‘All the results discussed in this paper were calculated with code written in Octave.’

I also feel that the first paragraph on the Results still explain the methodology followed. It can be rewritten in a proper way as it seems as we are assuming there.

The first paragraph of Section 4 has been moved to the last paragraph of Section 3 (Method).

Need more explanation on the gap of figure 5, what contributes to the difference.

We added the following after Eq. (4):

‘The first two terms describe the shape of the potential and the last two terms are particle number dependent site independent constants. These constants change when N passes through an integer and give rise to a site independent discontinuity in the potential at integer particle numbers.’

0.2 Criteria Evaluation

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