

Tripling fluctuations and peaked speed of sound in three-color fermions

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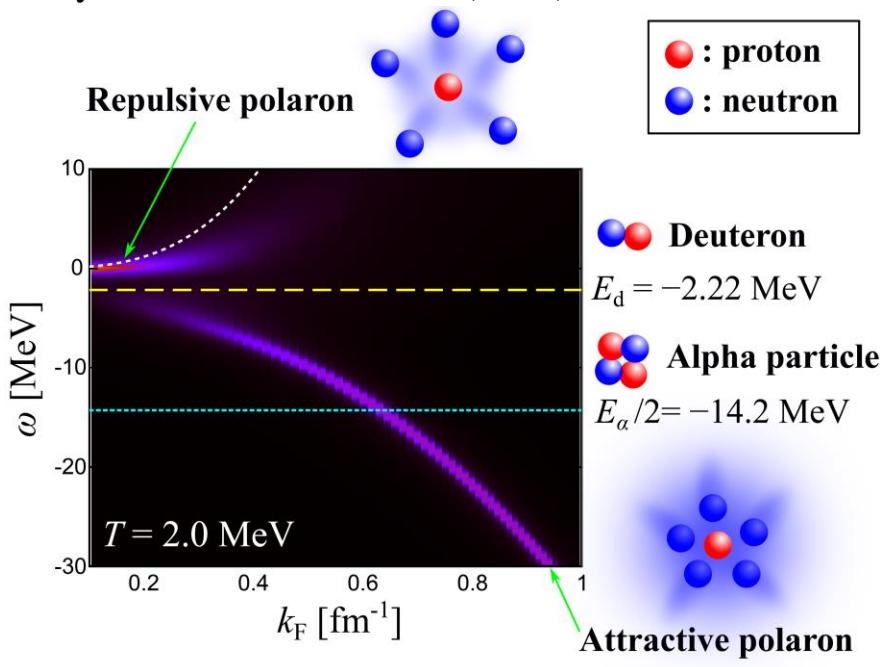
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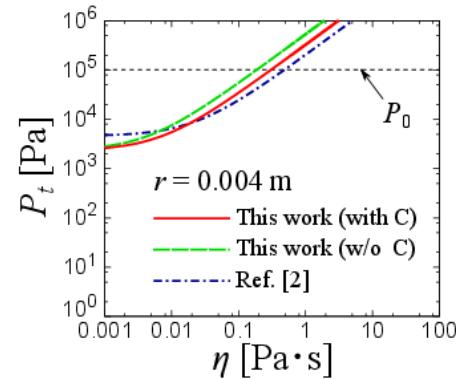
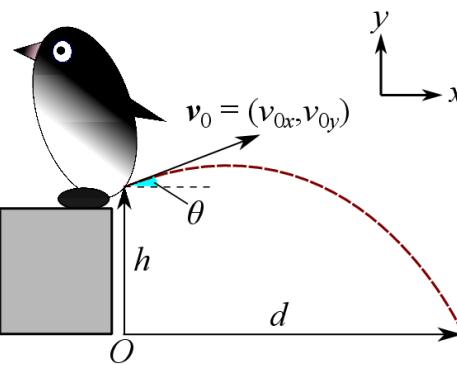
Proton impurities in neutron-rich matter

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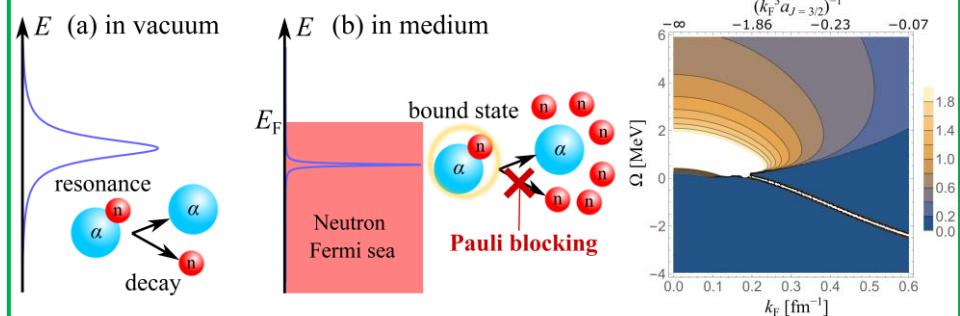


Projectile trajectory of penguin's faeces

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Bound ${}^5\text{He}$ in dilute neutron matter and its analogy with p -wave Feshbach molecule

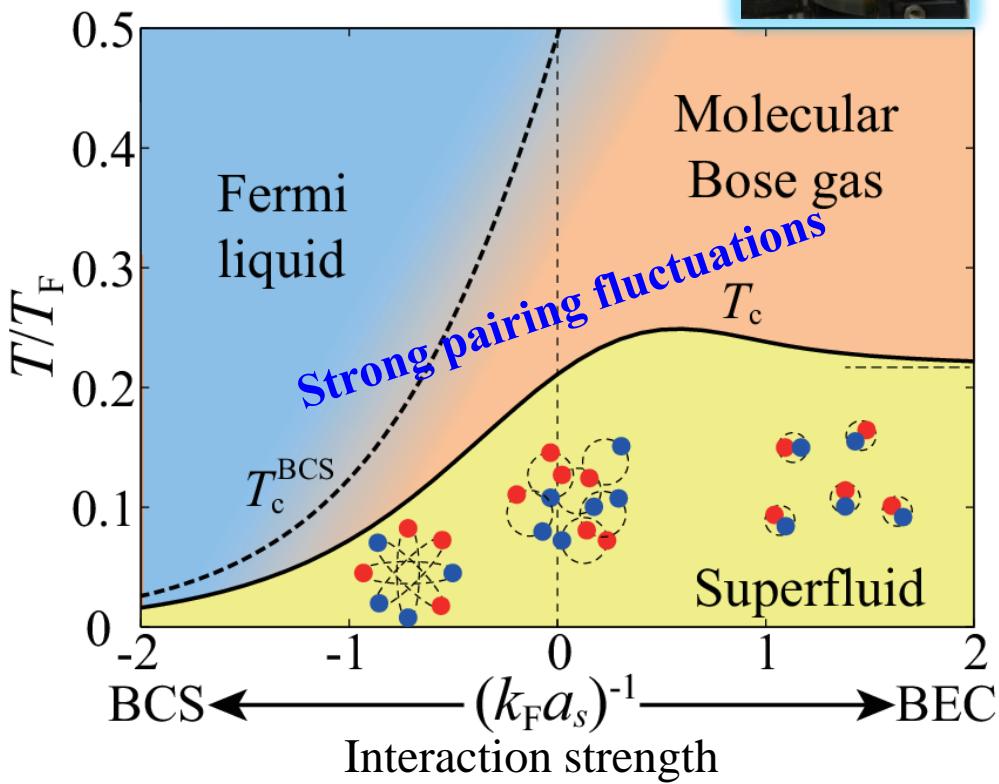


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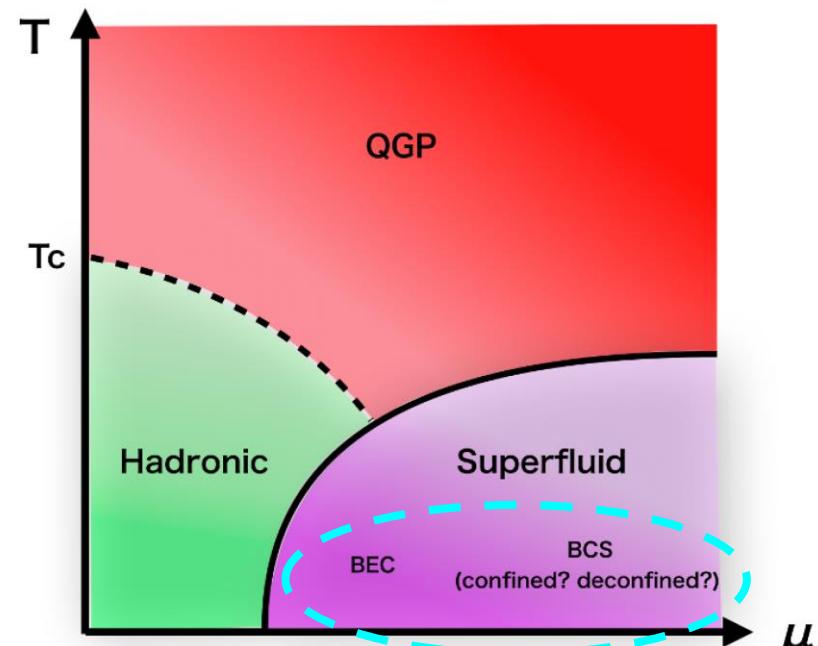
BEC-BCS crossover phase diagram

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BEC-BCS crossover realized
in ultracold Fermi gases



BEC-BCS crossover
 \simeq HQ crossover in “2-color” QCD



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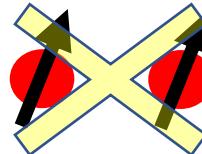
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e.g. Spin-1/2 fermions with s-wave interaction

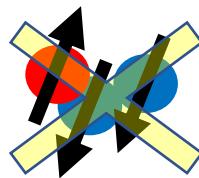
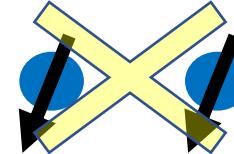


“attraction”

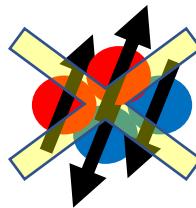


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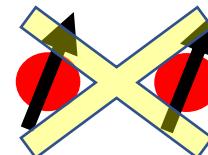
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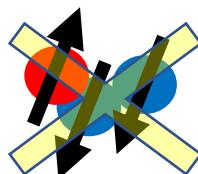


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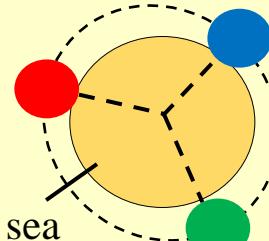


“Trimer”

Three-color fermions (e.g. quarks)



“Baryon”

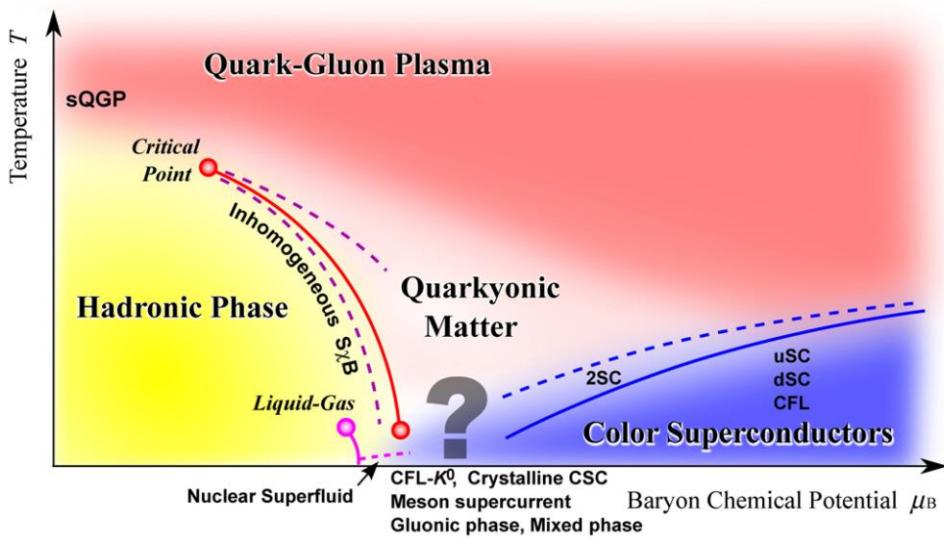


Fermi sea

“Cooper triple”

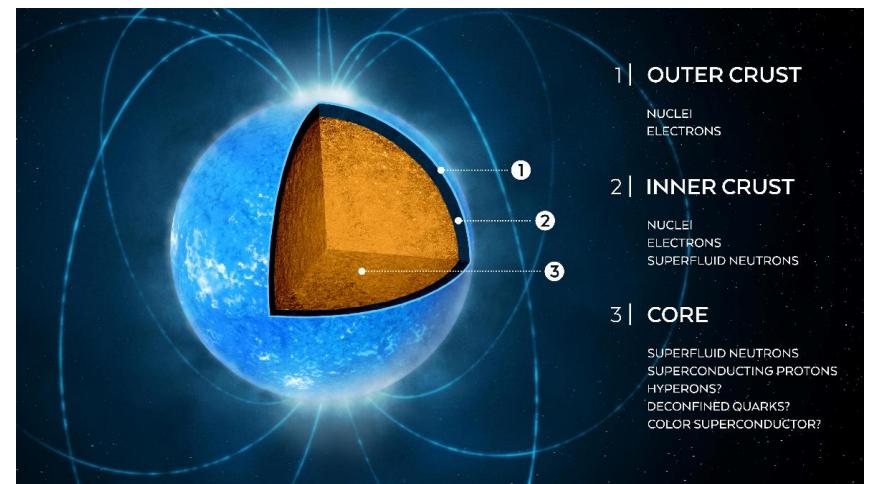
Extremely dense matter

Dense QCD phase diagram



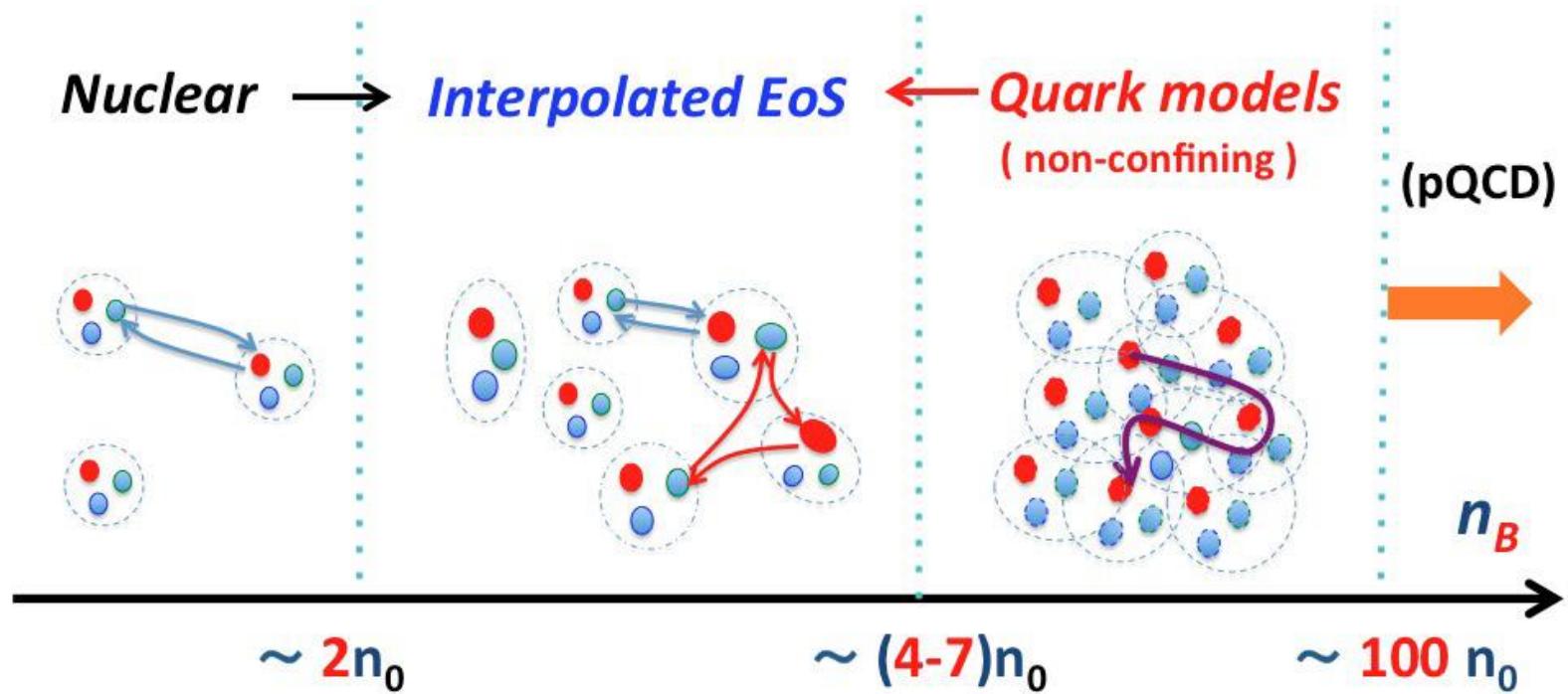
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Neutron star as a testing ground of dense matter



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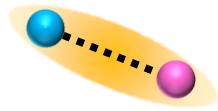
Hadron-quark (HQ) crossover



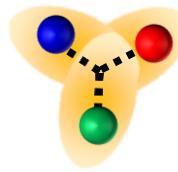
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Dimer
“boson”



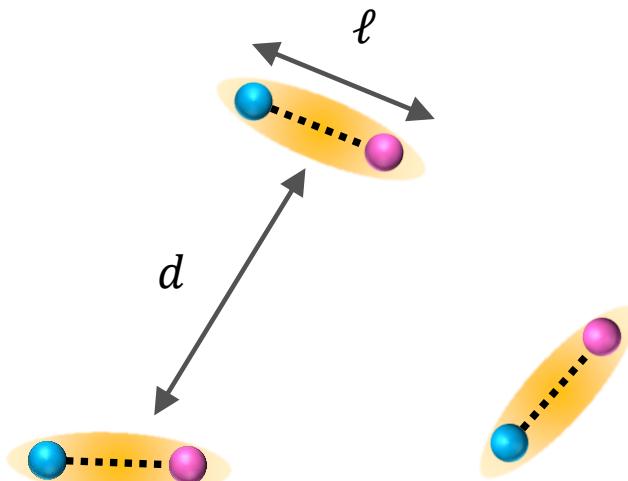
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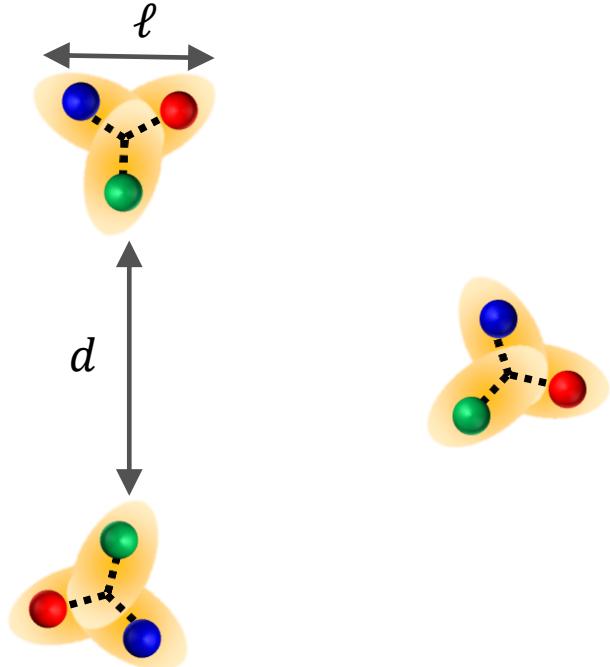
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Dimer BEC
 $(\ell \ll d)$



d : interparticle distance
 ℓ : molecular size

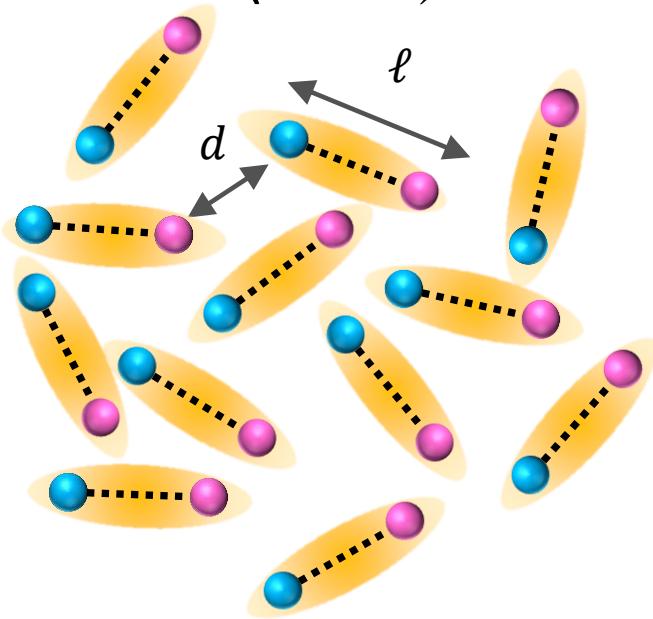
Trimer Fermi gas
 $(\ell \ll d)$



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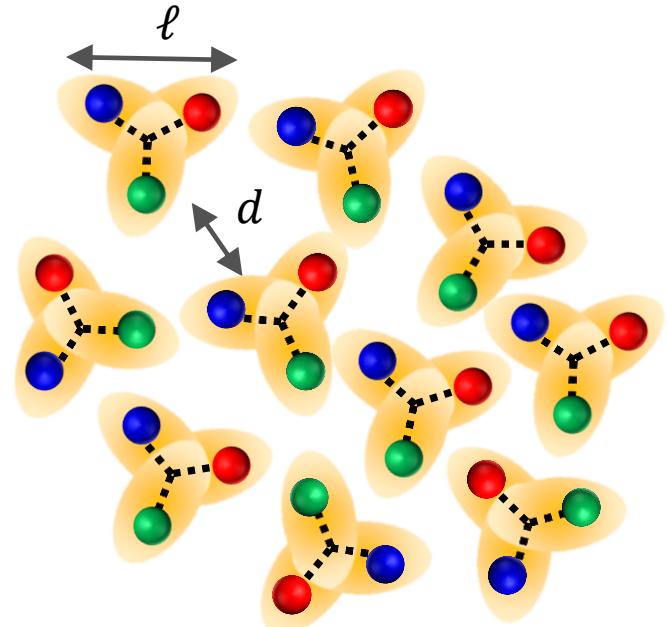
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Dense dimer gas
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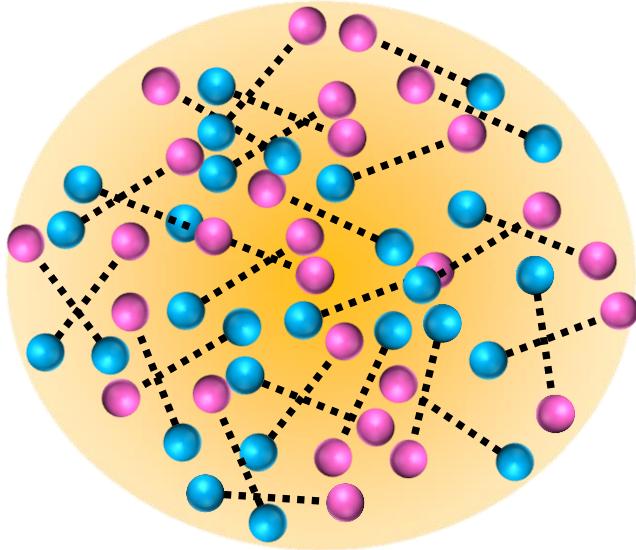
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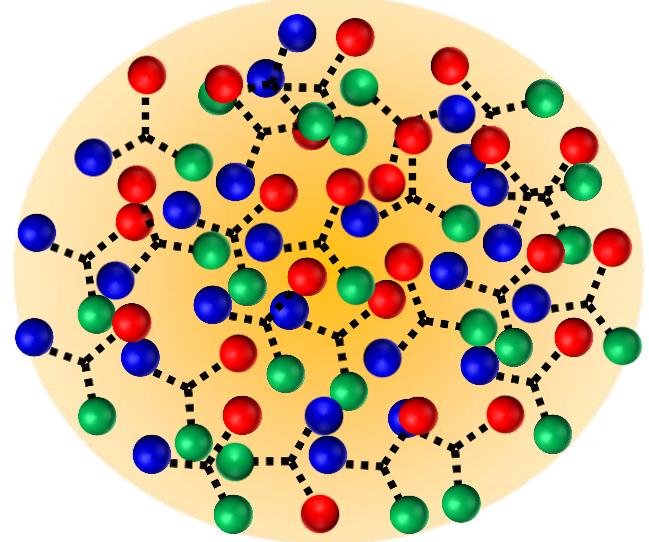
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Cooper pairs
($d \lesssim \ell$)

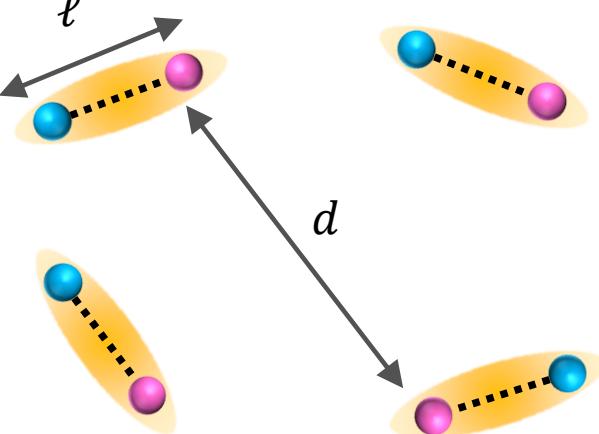


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Cooper triples*
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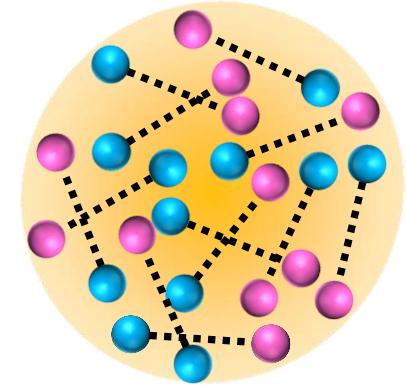
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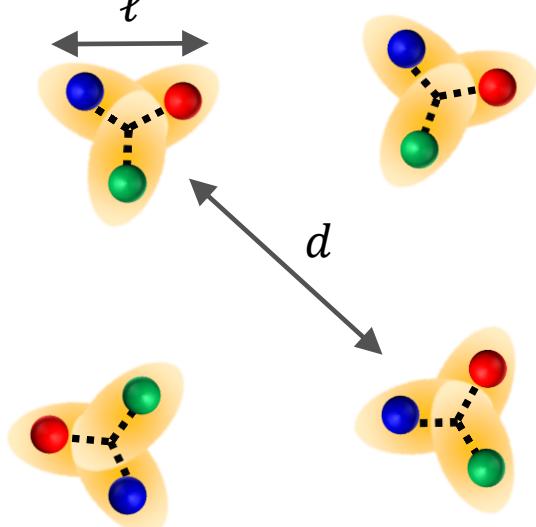
Dimer ($d \gg \ell$)

Two-body crossover

Increasing density
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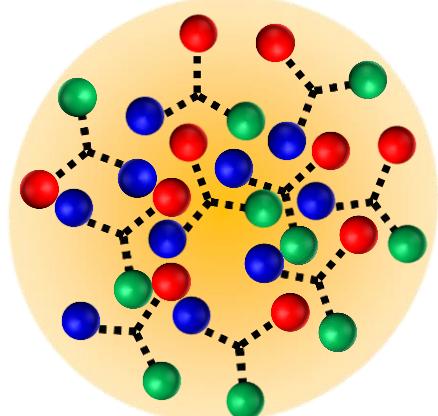
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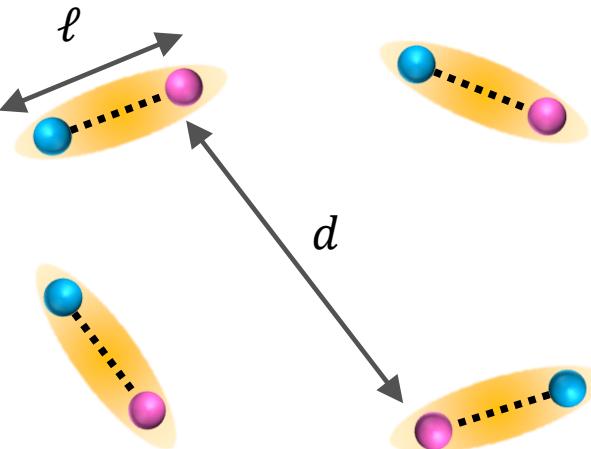
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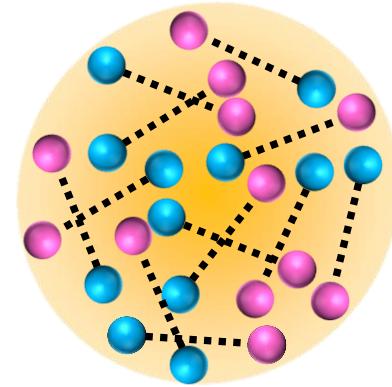
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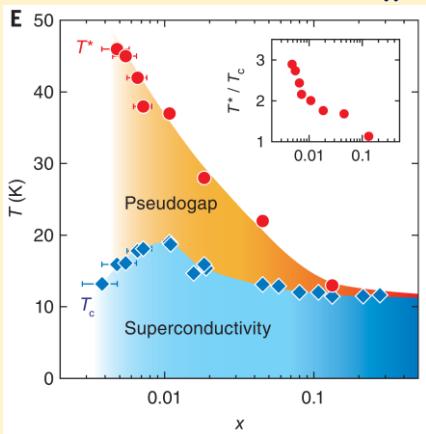
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Density-induced BEC-BCS crossover in Li_xZrNCl

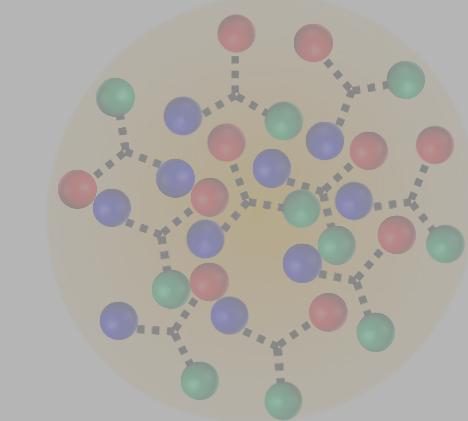


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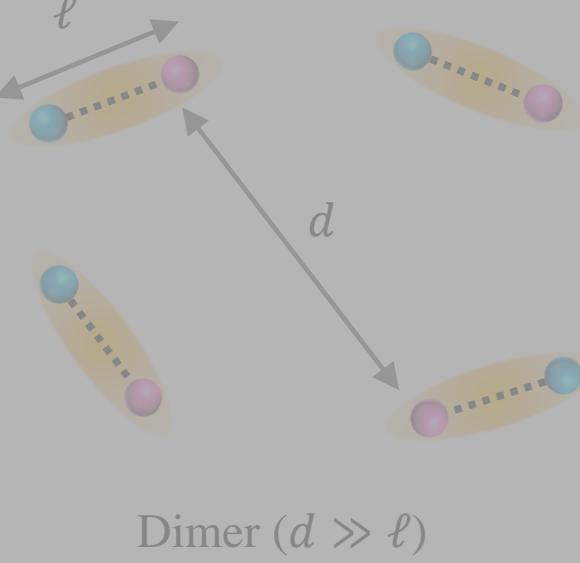
Carrier dope (density)

Increasing density
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Two-body crossover



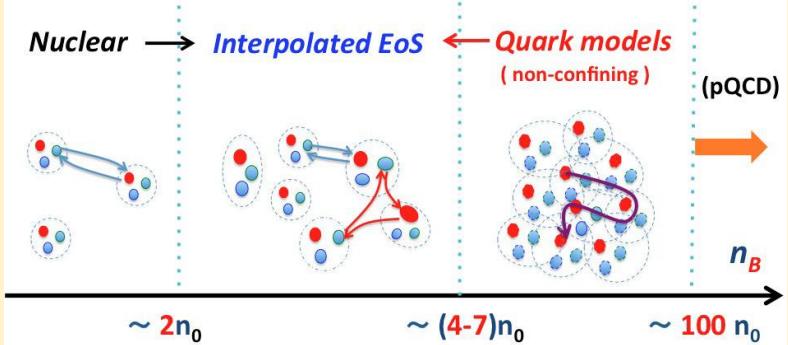
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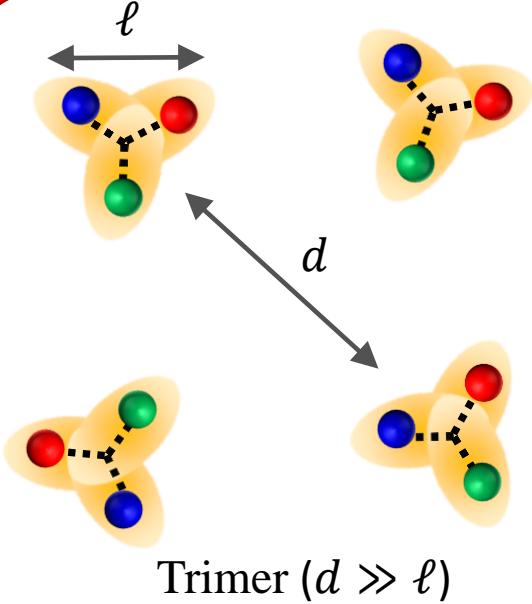
Two-body

Density-induced HQ crossover?

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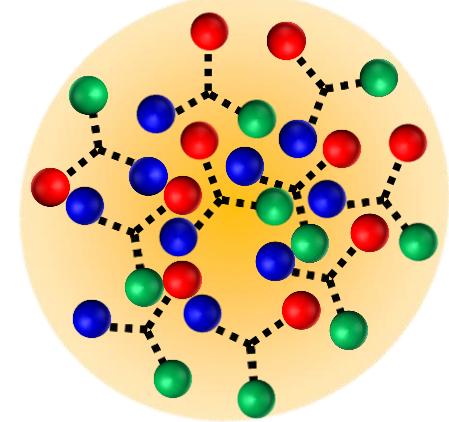


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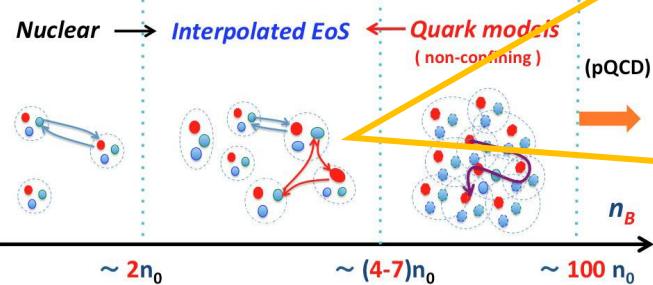
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Can we simulate density-induced three-body crossover?

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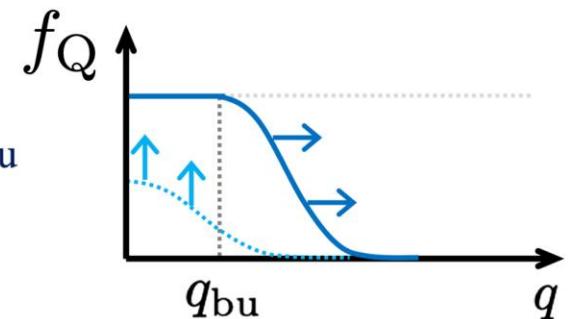
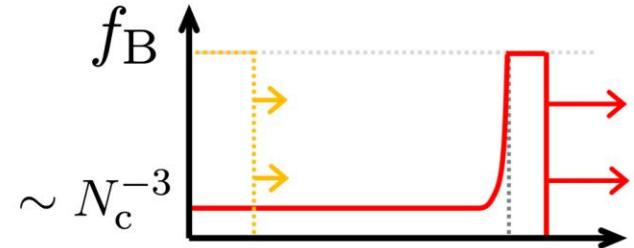
Duality picture and momentum distributions

Ideal gas model except for the baryon confinement

Nuclear

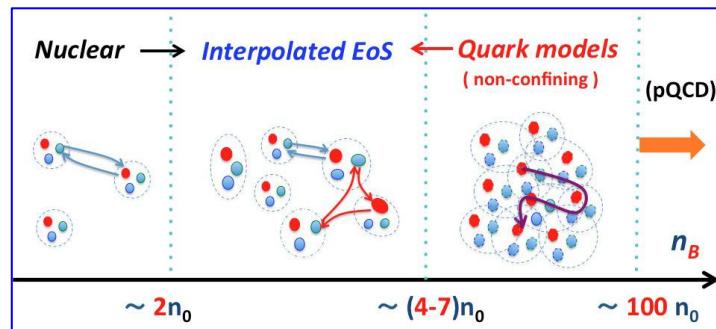


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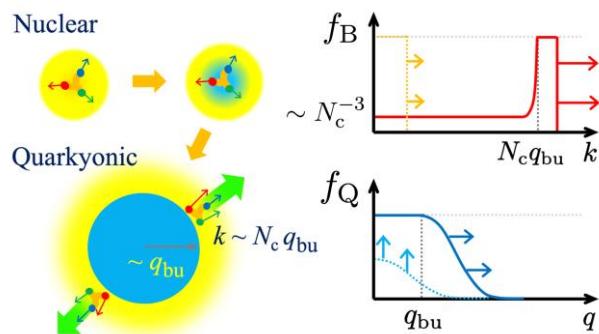
In this talk...

- In analogy with the BEC-BCS crossover, we discuss the possible crossover phenomena from three-body bound states to Cooper triples in nonrelativistic three-color fermions.

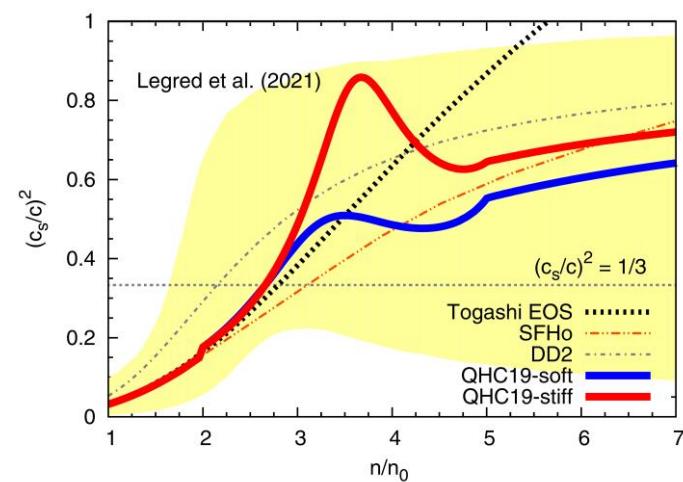


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Momentum shell structure



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Non-relativistic three-color Fermi gas

$$\text{Hamiltonian} H = H_0 + V_2 + V_3$$

One-body term

$$H_0 = \sum_{\mathbf{k}, i} \xi_{\mathbf{k}, i} c_{\mathbf{k}, i}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}, i}$$

$\xi_{\mathbf{k}, i} = \frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{2m_i} - \mu_i$: non-rela. kinetic energy

$i = r, g, b$: pseudo-color (hyperfine states)

$c_{\mathbf{k}, i}, c_{\mathbf{k}, i}^\dagger$: fermionic annihilation/creation operator

Two-body interaction

$$V_2 = \sum_{i \neq j} \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{P}} g c_{\mathbf{k} + \frac{\mathbf{P}}{2}, i}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{k} + \frac{\mathbf{P}}{2}, j}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{q} + \frac{\mathbf{P}}{2}, j} c_{\mathbf{q} + \frac{\mathbf{P}}{2}, i}$$

Three-body interaction

$$V_3 = \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k}', \mathbf{q}', \mathbf{P}} g_3 c_{\frac{\mathbf{P}}{3} + \mathbf{k} - \frac{\mathbf{q}}{2}, r}^\dagger c_{\frac{\mathbf{P}}{3} + \mathbf{q}, g}^\dagger c_{\frac{\mathbf{P}}{3} - \mathbf{k} - \frac{\mathbf{q}}{2}, b}^\dagger c_{\frac{\mathbf{P}}{3} - \mathbf{k}' - \frac{\mathbf{q}'}{2}, b} c_{\frac{\mathbf{P}}{3} + \mathbf{q}', g} c_{\frac{\mathbf{P}}{3} + \mathbf{k}' - \frac{\mathbf{q}'}{2}, r}$$

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Cooper problems for three-body states

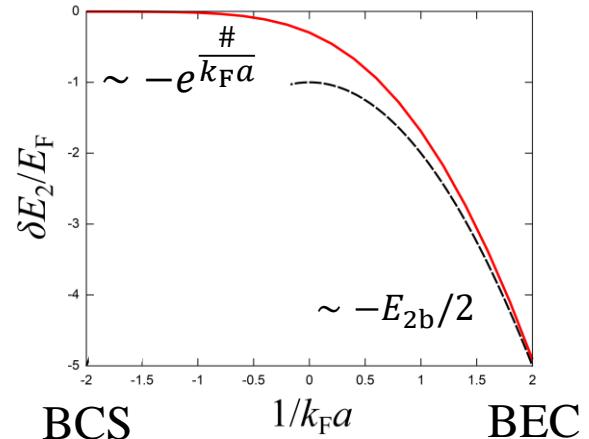
Variational equation: $\delta\langle\psi|E - H|\psi\rangle = 0$

Cooper pair on the top of Fermi sea

$$|\Psi_{CP}\rangle = \sum_{|\mathbf{p}| \geq k_F} \Phi_{\mathbf{p}} \hat{B}_{\mathbf{p}\gamma, -\mathbf{p}\gamma'}^\dagger |\text{FS}\rangle$$

$$\hat{B}_{\mathbf{k}_1\gamma, \mathbf{k}_2\gamma'}^\dagger = \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}_1, \gamma}^\dagger \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}_2, \gamma'}^\dagger$$

Cooper pair energy per atom measured from E_F



Cooper triple on the top of Fermi sea

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$$|\Psi_{CT}\rangle = \sum_{|\mathbf{k}_1| \geq k_F} \sum_{|\mathbf{k}_2| \geq k_F} \sum_{|\mathbf{k}_3| \geq k_F} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3} \hat{C}_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3}^\dagger \delta_{\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{0}} |\text{FS}\rangle$$

$$\hat{C}_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3}^\dagger = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3} \varepsilon_{\gamma_1 \gamma_2 \gamma_3} \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}_1, \gamma_1}^\dagger \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}_2, \gamma_2}^\dagger \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}_3, \gamma_3}^\dagger$$

Reproducing usual three-body equation if we replace $|\text{FS}\rangle$ with $|0\rangle$, or in the strong-coupling case where E_F is negligible.

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Antisymmetrized variational wave function

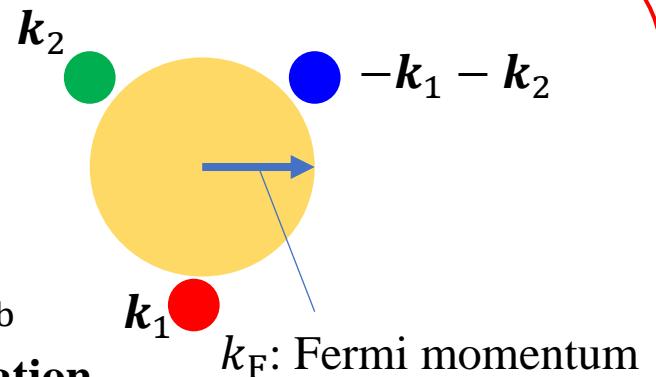
$$|\Psi_{CT}\rangle = \sum_{|\mathbf{k}_1| \geq k_F} \sum_{|\mathbf{k}_2| \geq k_F} \Omega_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2} \hat{F}_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2}^\dagger |\text{FS}\rangle$$

Three-body operator: $F_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2}^\dagger = c_{\mathbf{k}_1, \text{r}}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}_2, \text{g}}^\dagger c_{-\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2, \text{b}}^\dagger$

In-medium Skorniakov-Ter-Martirosyan (STM) equation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_i(\mathbf{p}) & \left[\frac{1}{g} + \sum_{|\mathbf{K}| \geq k_F} \frac{\theta(\xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{K}})}{\xi_{-\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{K}} + \xi_{\mathbf{K}} + \xi_{\mathbf{p}} - E_3} \right] \\ &= - \sum_{|\mathbf{K}| \geq k_F} \frac{\theta(\xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{K}})[\mathcal{A}_k(-\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{K}) + \mathcal{A}_j(\mathbf{K})]}{\xi_{-\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{K}} + \xi_{\mathbf{K}} + \xi_{\mathbf{p}} - E_3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2} = -g \frac{\mathcal{A}_1(\mathbf{k}_1) + \mathcal{A}_2(\mathbf{k}_2) + \mathcal{A}_3(-\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2)}{\xi_{\mathbf{k}_1} + \xi_{\mathbf{k}_2} + \xi_{-\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2} - E_3}$$



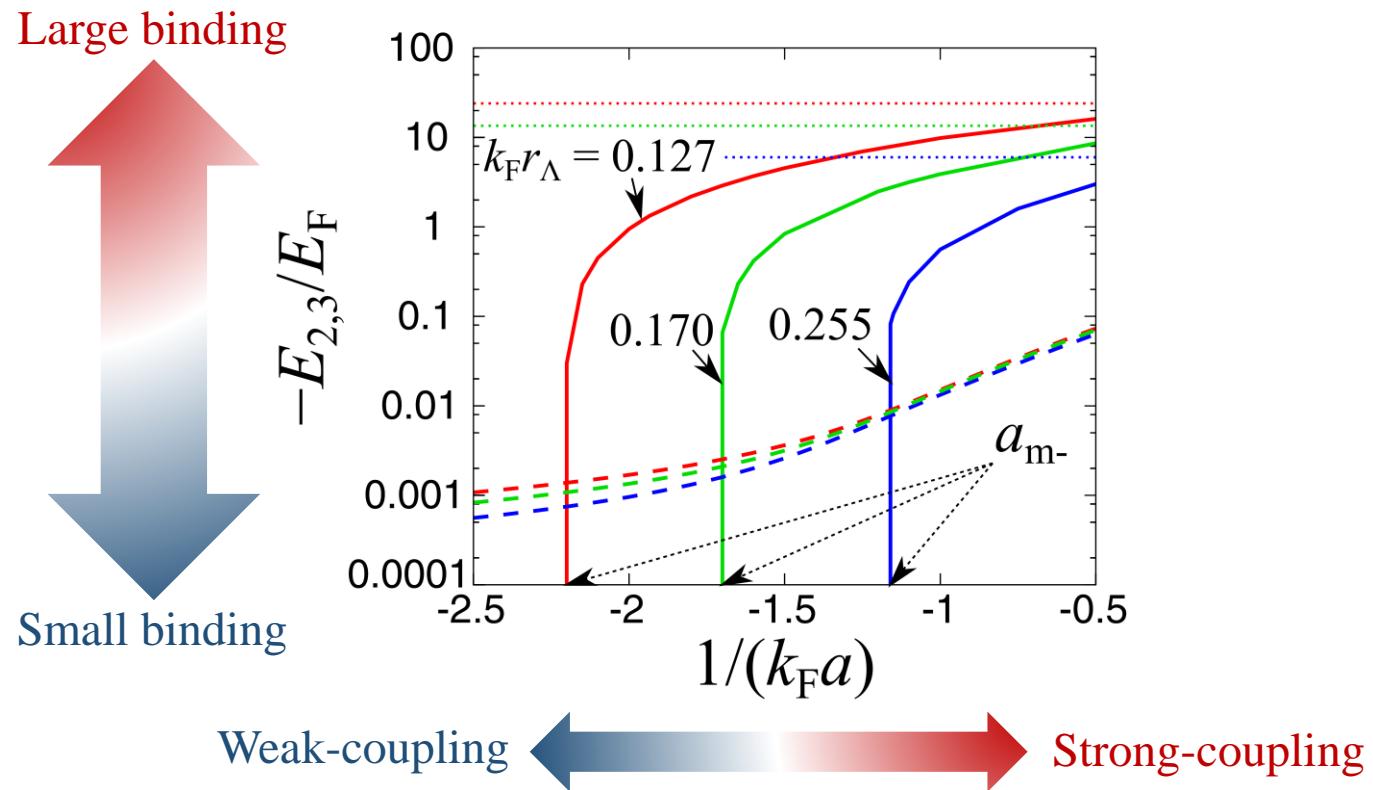
Reproducing three-body equation in vacuum

$$|\text{FS}\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$$

$$\theta(\xi_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{K}}) \rightarrow 1$$

Cooper pair and triple binding energies

Competition between pair (dashed line) and triple (solid line) formations



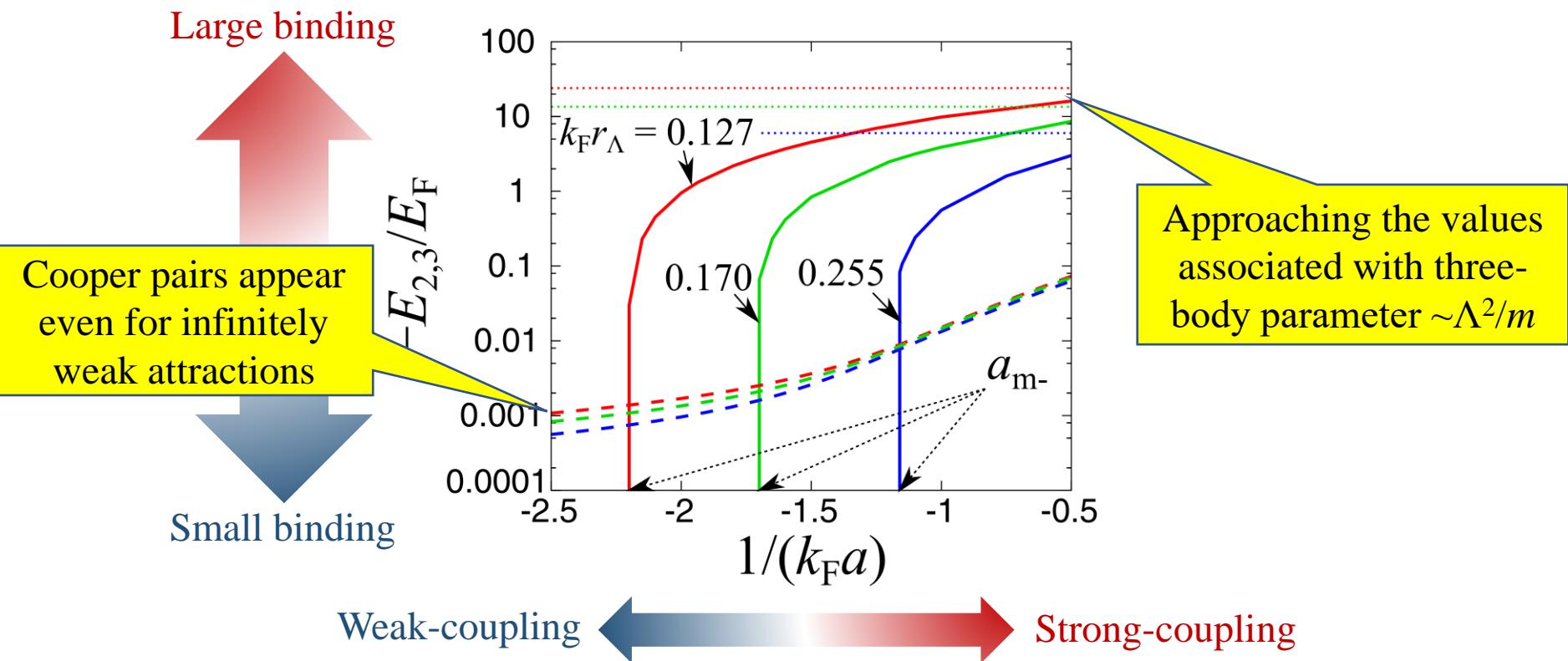
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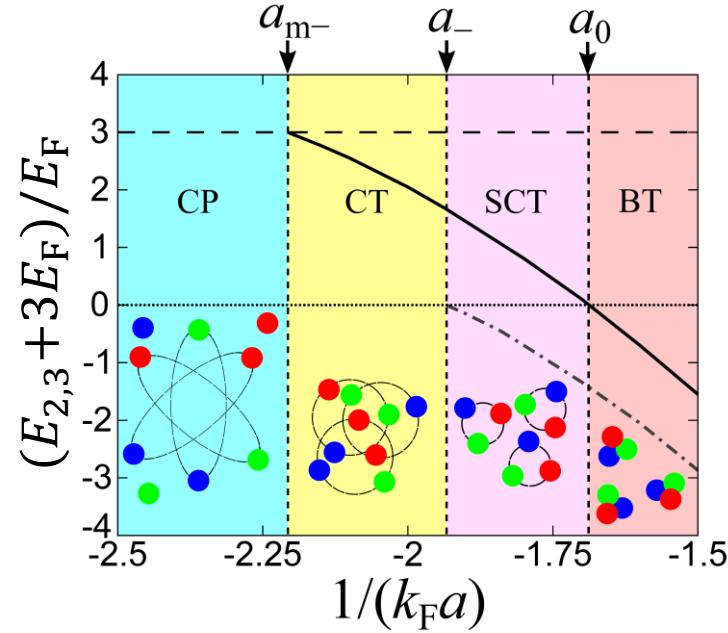
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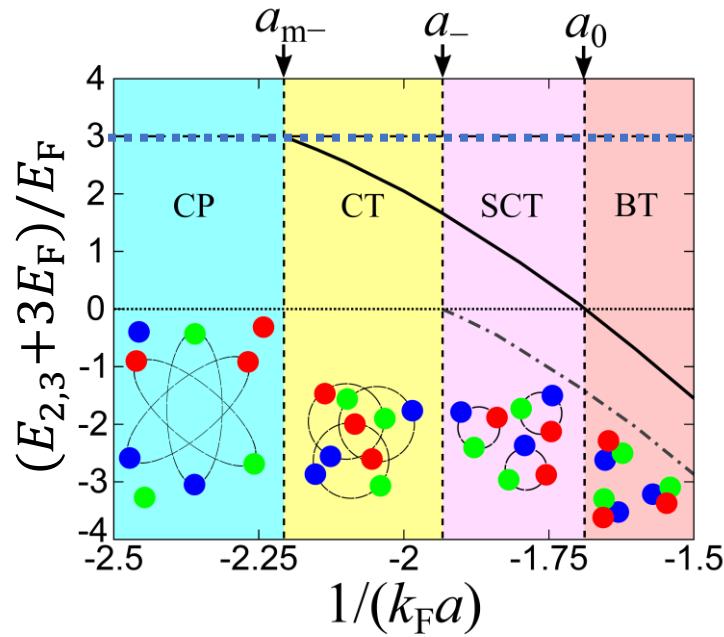
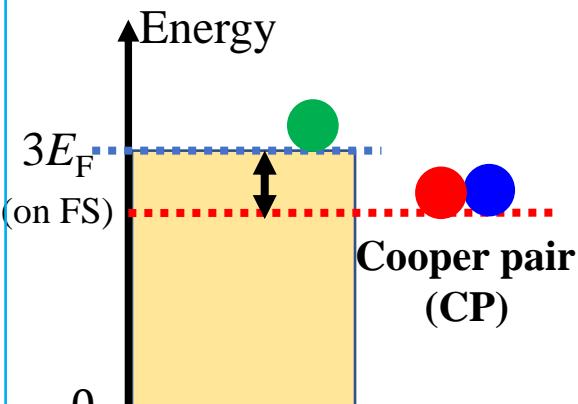
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Weak-coupling BCS

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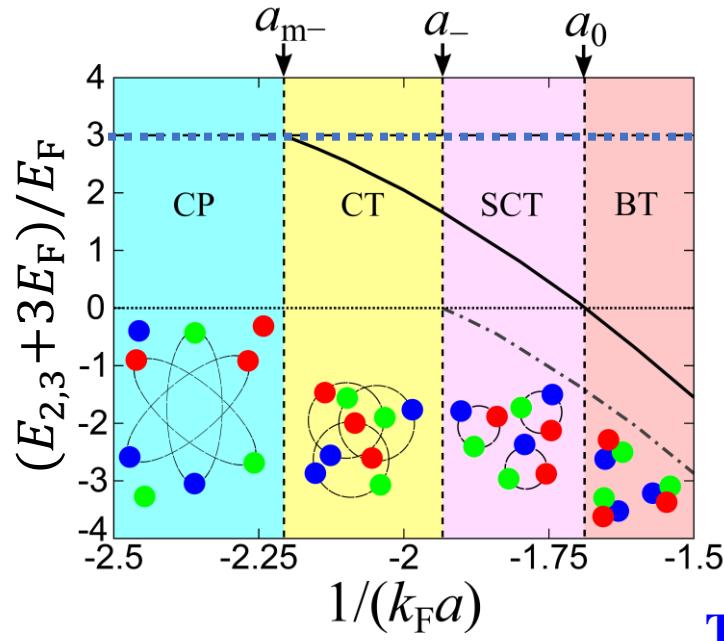
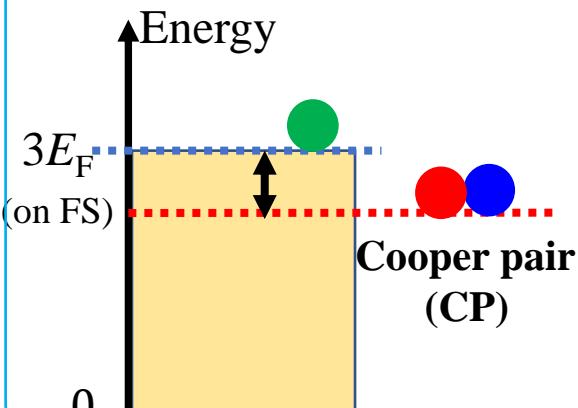
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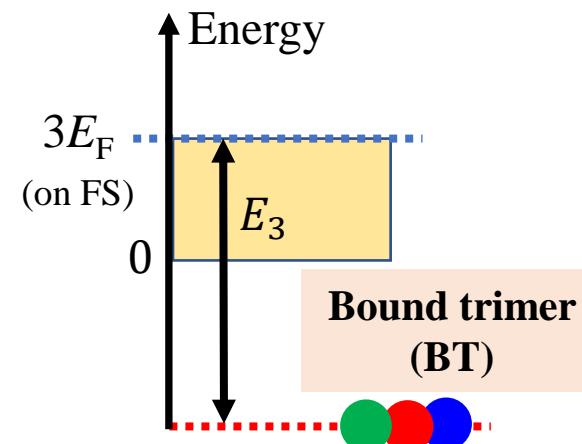
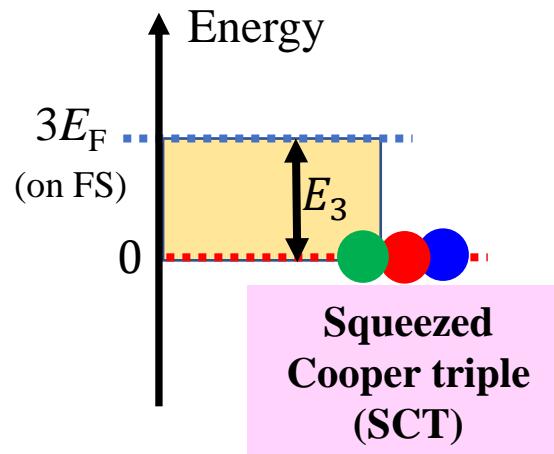
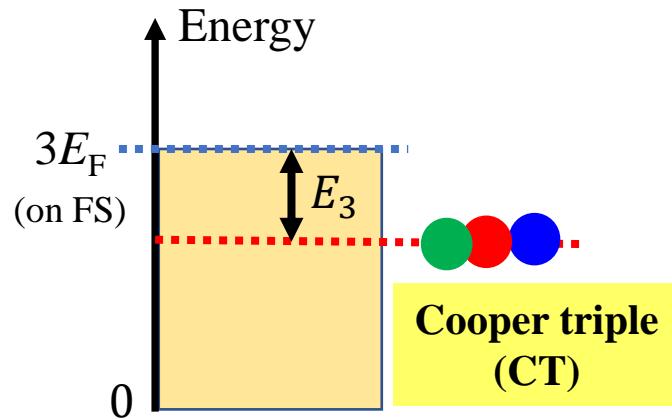
$$E_2 = -8E_F e^{\frac{\pi}{k_F a}}$$



a_- : triatomic resonance
(where trimer is bound in vacuum)

Cutoff range:
 $k_F r_\Lambda = 0.127$

Three-body crossover



Three-body decay rate

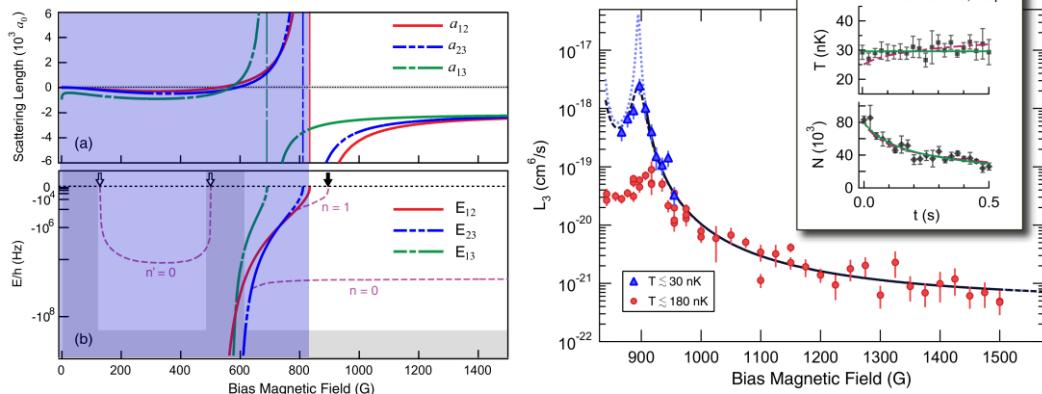
HT, S. Tsutsui, T. M. Doi, and K. Iida, Phys. Rev. A **104**, 053328 (2021).

Imaginary three-body term for three-body loss

$$W = -i\gamma \sum_{k,k',p,p',q} c_{k,1}^\dagger c_{p,2}^\dagger c_{q-k-p,3}^\dagger c_{q-k'-p',3} c_{p',2} c_{k',1}$$

T. Kirk and M. Parish, Phys. Rev. A **96**, 053614 (2017).

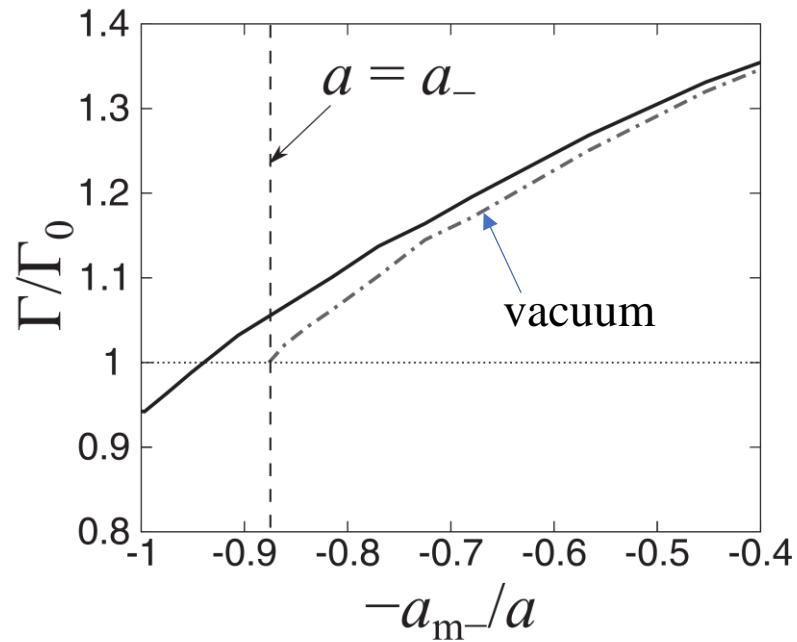
Trimer resonance in ${}^6\text{Li}$ 3-com. Fermi gas (exp.)



J. R. Williams, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **103**, 130404 (2009).

Three-body decay rate

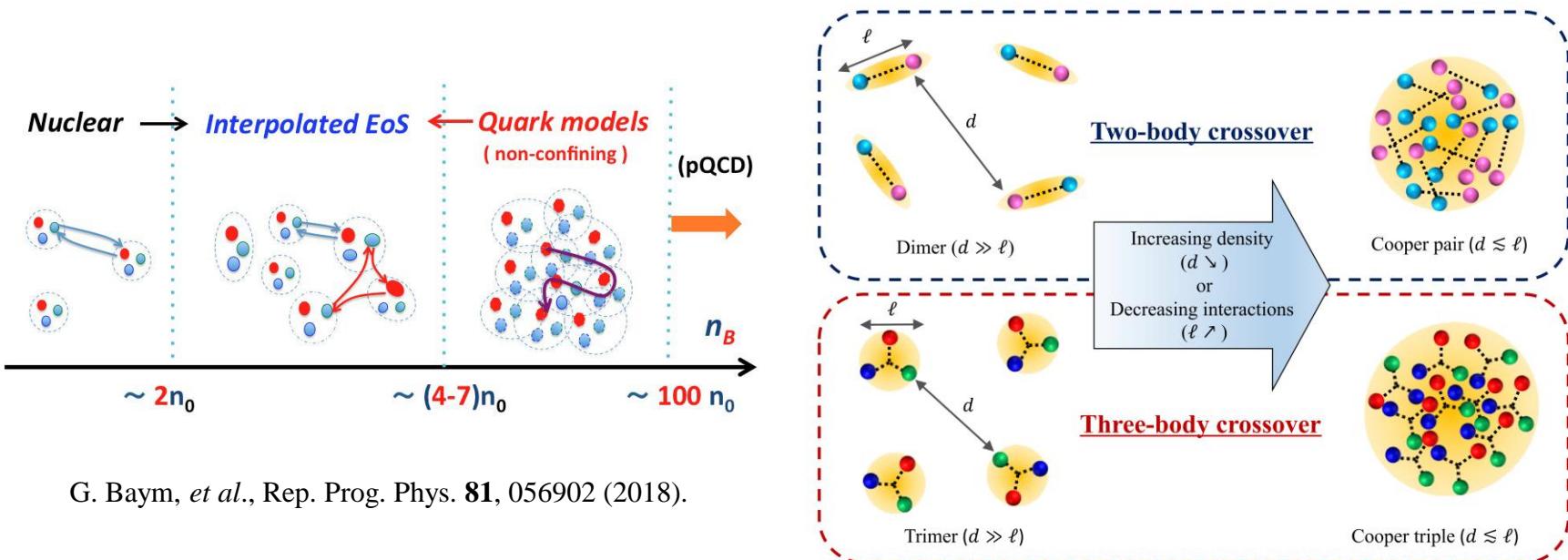
$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma &= 2i\langle\Psi_{\text{CT}}|W|\Psi_{\text{CT}}\rangle \\ \rightarrow \langle\Psi(t)|\Psi(t)\rangle &\propto e^{-\Gamma t} \end{aligned}$$



Summary

HT, K. Iida, T. Kojo, and H. Liang, in preparation

- In analogy with the BEC-BCS crossover in two-component Fermi gases, we have discussed the three-body counterpart in three-color fermions, where bound trimer gases change into degenerate Fermi state.



G. Baym, *et al.*, Rep. Prog. Phys. **81**, 056902 (2018).

Appendix

Realization of tunable three-body interaction in cold atoms

A. Hammond, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **128**, 083401 (2022)

EOS in Rabi-coupled 2-com. 1D BEC

$$\frac{E_{\text{MF}}}{V} = -\frac{\hbar\Omega}{2}(\phi_{\uparrow}^*\phi_{\downarrow} + \phi_{\downarrow}^*\phi_{\uparrow}) + \frac{\hbar\delta}{2}(|\phi_{\uparrow}|^2 - |\phi_{\downarrow}|^2) + \sum_{\sigma\sigma'} \frac{g_{\sigma\sigma'}}{2} |\phi_{\sigma}|^2 |\phi_{\sigma'}|^2.$$

Low-energy EFT

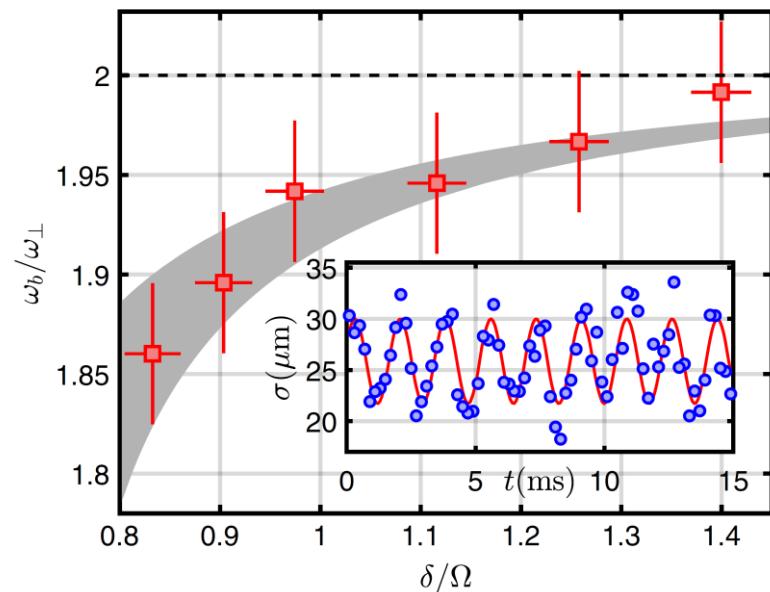
$$\frac{E_{\text{MF}}}{N} \approx \epsilon_- + g_2 \frac{n}{2} + g_3 \frac{n^2}{3}$$

with $g_2 = g - \frac{\bar{g}}{1 + \delta^2/\Omega^2}$

and $g_3 = -\frac{3\bar{g}^2}{\hbar\Omega} \frac{\delta^2/\Omega^2}{(1 + \delta^2/\Omega^2)^{5/2}}$

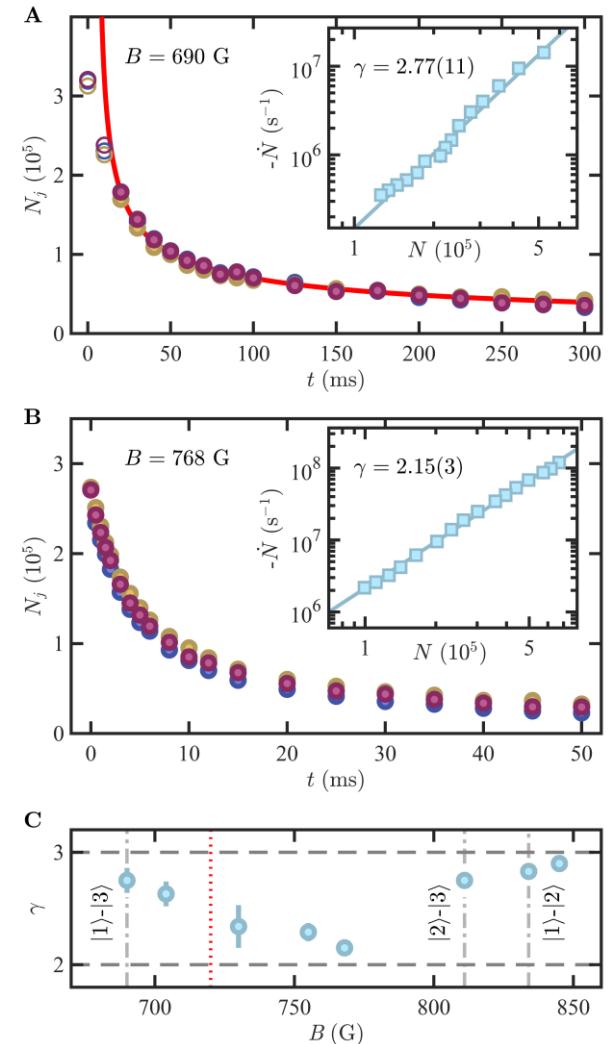
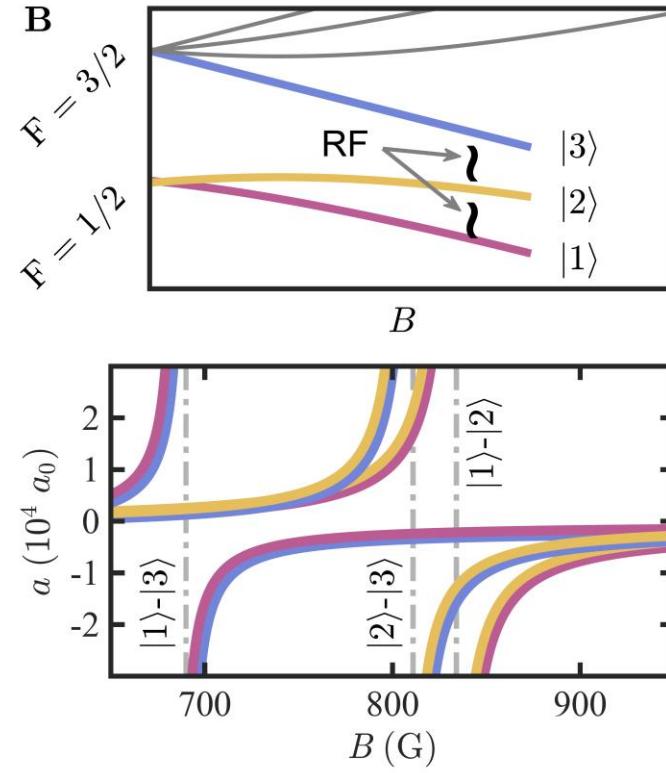
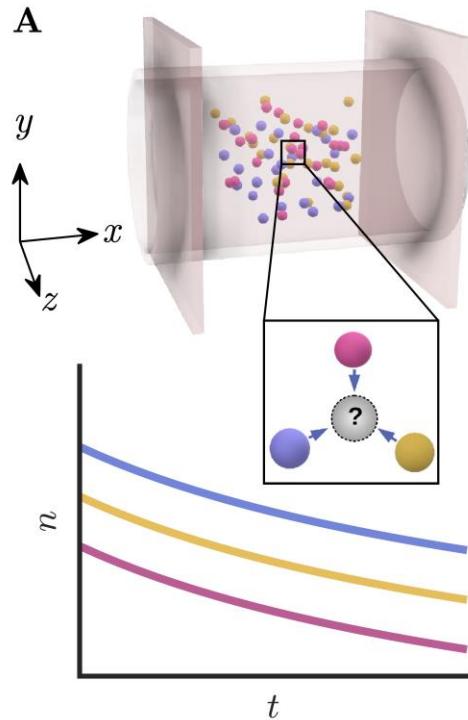
Breezing mode frequency

$$\omega_b = 2\omega_{\perp} \sqrt{1 + E_3/E_{\text{pot}}}$$



Recent experiments of three-component Fermi gases

G. L. Schumacher, et al., arXiv:2301.92237



1D nonrelativistic three-color fermions with three-body interaction

- Hamiltonian density: $\hat{H} = \hat{H}_0 + \hat{V}_3$ (No two-body interaction)

One-body kinetic term

$$\hat{H}_0 = \sum_{a=r,g,b} \psi_a^\dagger \left(-\frac{\partial_x^2}{2m} - \mu \right) \psi_a$$

μ : chemical potential

$a = r, g, b$: pseudo-color (hyperfine states)

ψ_a^\dagger, ψ_a : fermionic field operator

Three-body interaction (classically scale invariant: $x \rightarrow \lambda^{-1}x$)

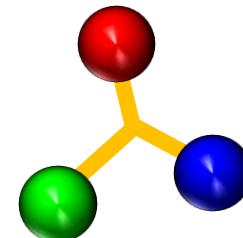
J. Drut, et al., PRL **120**, 243002 (2018).

$$\hat{V}_3 = g_3 (\psi_r^\dagger \psi_r) (\psi_g^\dagger \psi_g) (\psi_b^\dagger \psi_b)$$

$g_3 < 0$: three-body attraction

Trimer binding energy (broken scale invariance)

$$E_b = \frac{\Lambda^2}{m} \exp \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}\pi}{mg_3} \right)$$



Λ : UV cutoff scale

Three-body T -matrix for three-body interaction

Three-body coupling constant g_3 can be represented by the three-body binding energy ε_B

$$T_3 = \boxed{g_3} = \text{○} + \text{○} \text{---} \text{○} + \dots$$

$$T_3(P, \Omega_+) = \left[\frac{1}{g_3} - \Xi_0(P, \Omega_+) \right]^{-1}$$

Ξ_0 : Three-body propagator in vacuum

$$\Xi_0(P, \Omega_+) = \sum_{k,q} \frac{1}{\Omega_+ - \varepsilon_{\frac{P}{3}+k-\frac{q}{2}} - \varepsilon_{\frac{P}{3}+q} - \varepsilon_{\frac{P}{3}-k-\frac{q}{2}}} = -\frac{m}{2\sqrt{3}\pi} \ln \left(\frac{\Lambda^2 + P^2/6 - m\Omega_+}{P^2/6 - m\Omega_+} \right)$$

Three-body binding energy

Λ : cutoff

$$\frac{1}{g_3} - \Xi_0(0, \Omega = -\varepsilon_B) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \varepsilon_B = \frac{\Lambda^2}{m} \exp \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3}\pi}{mg_3} \right)$$

In-medium three-body T -matrix

[HT](#), S. Tsutsui, T. M. Doi, and K. Iida, Phys. Rev. Research **4**, L012021 (2022).

$$T_3^{\text{MB}} = g_3 \left(\text{---} + \text{---} + \dots \right)$$

The diagram shows the expansion of the three-body T-matrix. The first term is a single red circle labeled g_3 . The second term is a red circle with a horizontal arrow pointing right, connected by a horizontal line to another red circle with a horizontal arrow pointing right, and a curved arrow above them labeled "Tripling fluctuations".

$$T_3^{\text{MB}}(\mathbf{P}, i\Omega_n) = \left[\frac{1}{g_3} - \Xi(\mathbf{P}, i\Omega_n) \right]^{-1}$$

Ξ : In-medium three-particle (three-hole) propagator

$\Omega_n = (2n + 1)\pi T$: Fermion Matsubara frequency

In-medium three-body equation

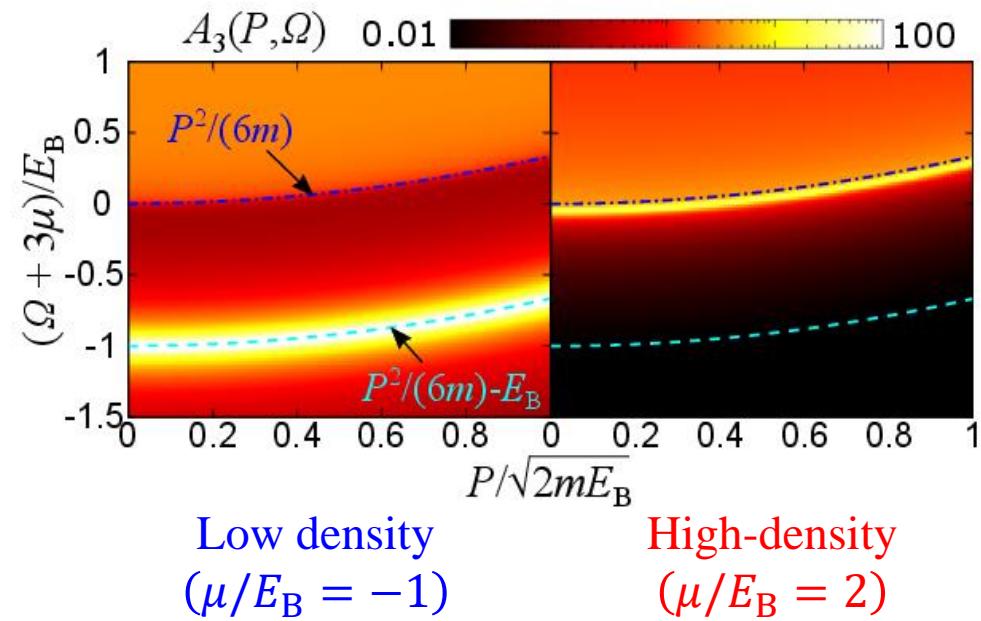
$$\frac{1}{g_3} - \Xi(\mathbf{P} = 0, \Omega = -E_B^M) = 0$$

Three-body spectral function

[HT](#), S. Tsutsui, T. M. Doi, and K. Iida, Phys. Rev. Research **4**, L012021 (2022).

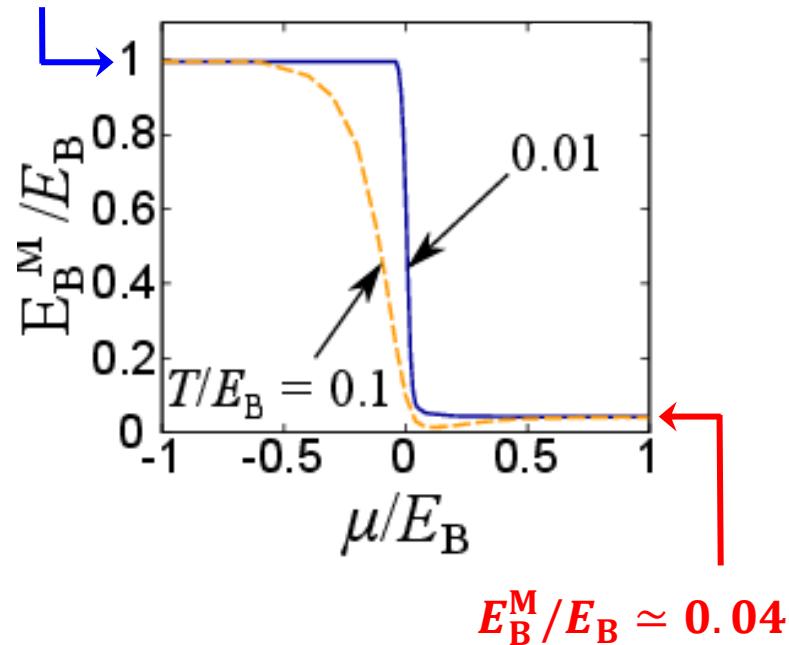
In-medium three-body spectra

$$A_3(P, \Omega) = -\text{Im}T_3^{\text{MB}}(P, \Omega_+)$$



In-medium three-body binding energy

Three-body problem

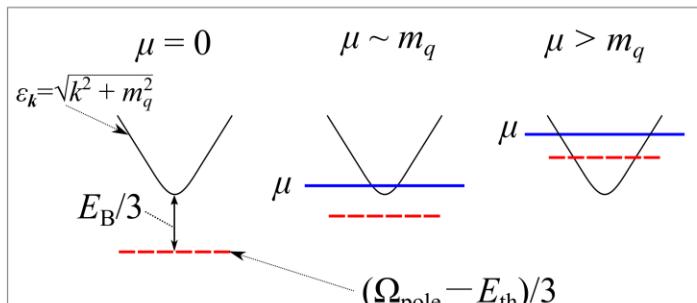
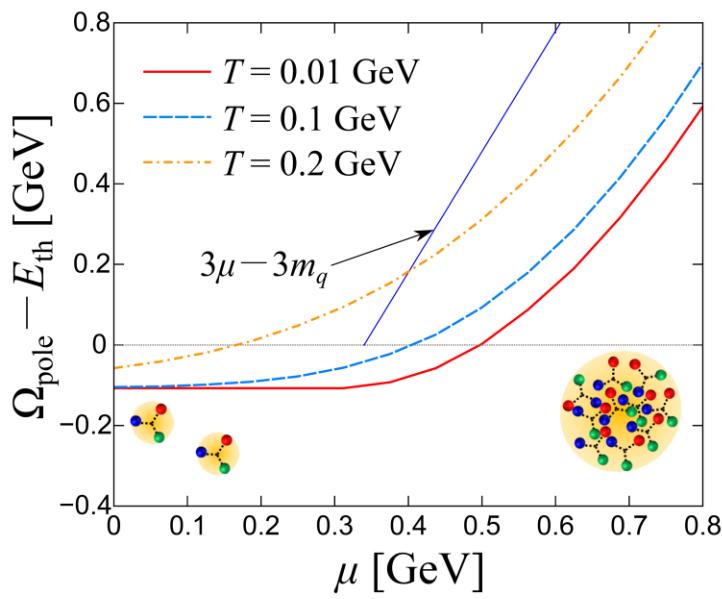


The three-body pole survives even at high density

Toy model for hadron-quark crossover

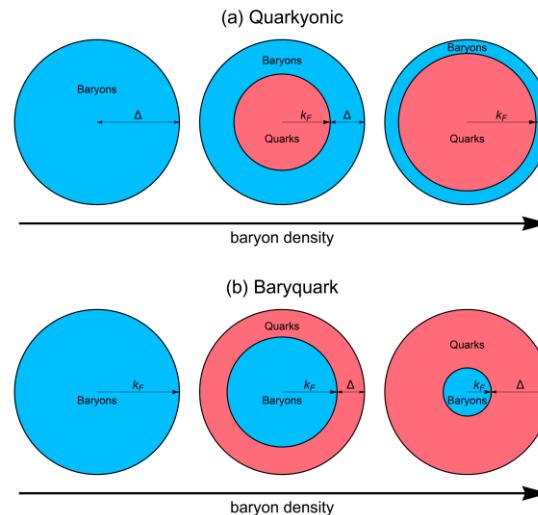
HT, S. Tsutsui, T. M. Doi, and K. Iida, Symmetry **15**, 333 (2023).

$$H = \sum_p \sum_j \varepsilon_p \psi_{p,j}^\dagger \psi_{p,j} + \sum_{k,q,k',q',P} V_{k,q,k',q',P} \psi_{k,r}^\dagger \psi_{q,g}^\dagger \psi_{P-k-q,b}^\dagger \psi_{P-k'-q',b} \psi_{q',g} \psi_{k',r}$$



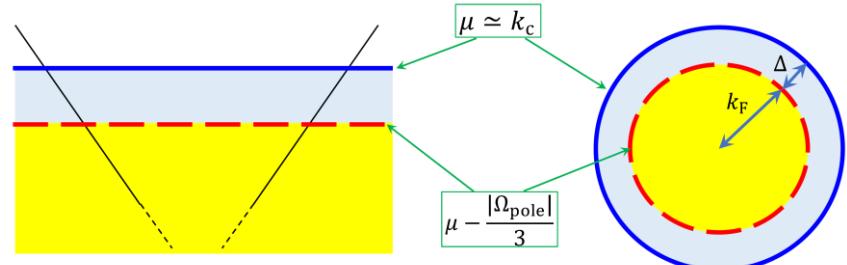
$$m_q = 0.34 \text{ GeV}, M_B = 0.91 \text{ GeV}$$

Quarkyonic or Baryquark?



arXiv:2211.14674

Our scenario is close to quarkyonic



Non-relativistic trace anomaly

Trace anomaly equation

$$2\hat{H} - \hat{T}_{xx} = -\frac{g_3^2}{\sqrt{3}\pi} (\psi_r^\dagger \psi_r)(\psi_g^\dagger \psi_g)(\psi_b^\dagger \psi_b)$$

\hat{T}_{ij} : energy-momentum tensor

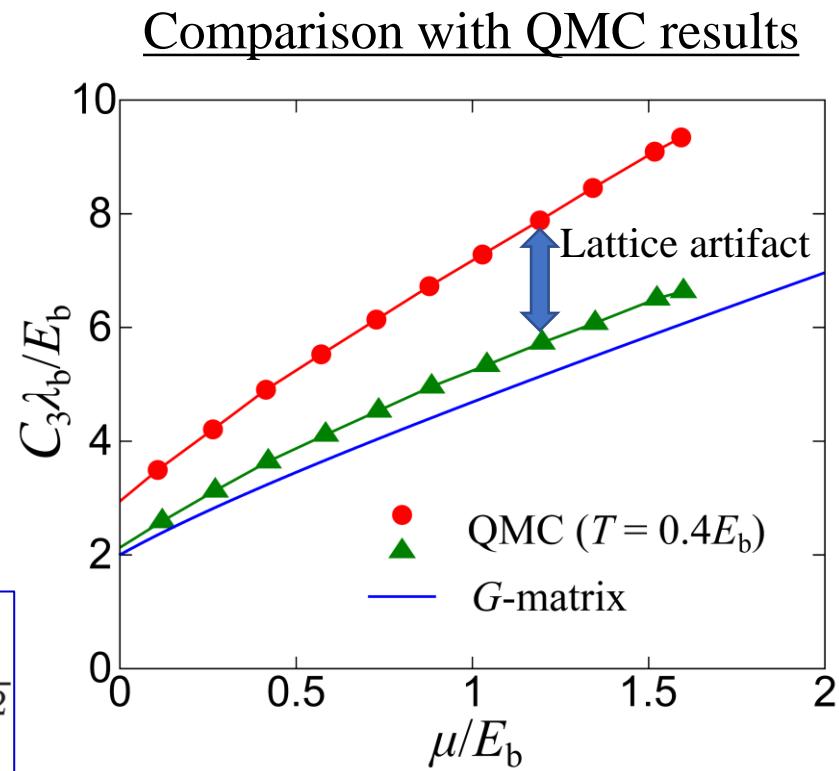
W. S. Dasa, et al., Mod. Phys. Lett. A **34**, 1950291 (2019).

Three-body contact

Statistical average: $2E - P = C_3$

$$C_3 = \frac{8\sqrt{3}}{3\pi} \rho E_F \frac{3E_F/E_b}{\left(1 + \frac{3E_F}{E_b}\right) \left[\ln\left(1 + \frac{3E_F}{E_b}\right)\right]^2}$$

E : energy density P : pressure



$\lambda_b = \sqrt{2\pi/mE_b}$: length scale associated with E_b

QMC: J. McKenny, et al., PRA **102**, 023313 (2020).