

# Functional renormalization group for cold atom mixtures

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# Cold atom mixtures

- **Mixtures of atoms** of different species or in different internal states have attracted significant attention in recent years.
  - Bose-Fermi mixtures
  - Bose-Bose mixtures
  - $SU(N)$  Fermi gases
- Theoretically, mixtures have started to become well described by a variety of approaches.
- Recent experiments have been able to produce and control cold atom mixtures in different configurations and reproduce novel physics.

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4. Conclusions and future work

# Microscopic action

- We work in a **field theory** formulation of the many-body problem. We work in terms of a **microscopic action**  $S$ .
- Example: a weakly interacting Bose gas

$$S = \int_x \left[ \varphi^\dagger \left( \partial_\tau - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m} - \mu \right) \varphi + \frac{g}{2} (\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^2 \right]$$

$g$ : repulsive contact potential

- It defines the grand-canonical partition function

$$\mathcal{Z}[\varphi] = \int D(\varphi, \varphi^\dagger) e^{-S[\varphi]} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \Omega &= -T \ln \mathcal{Z} \\ d\Omega &= -PdV - SdT - Nd\mu \end{aligned}$$

$\Omega$ : grand-canonical potential

# Effective action

- To obtain  $Z$  we need to integrate the **different paths**

$$\mathcal{Z}[\varphi] = \int D(\varphi, \varphi^\dagger) e^{-\mathcal{S}[\varphi]}$$

- Approximations: mean-field, Gaussian

L. Salasnich and F. Toigo, Phys. Rep. **640**, 1 (2016)

- An alternative is to work in terms of an **effective action**  $\Gamma$  that **already contains the effect of fluctuations**

$$\Gamma[\phi] = -\ln \mathcal{Z}_J[\phi] + \int_x J \cdot \phi \quad \rightarrow \quad \Omega = -T \Gamma[\phi_0]$$

$$\phi(x) = \langle \varphi(x) \rangle$$

$J$ : source fields

- There are different ways to compute  $\Gamma$ . For example, in a perturbative expansion:

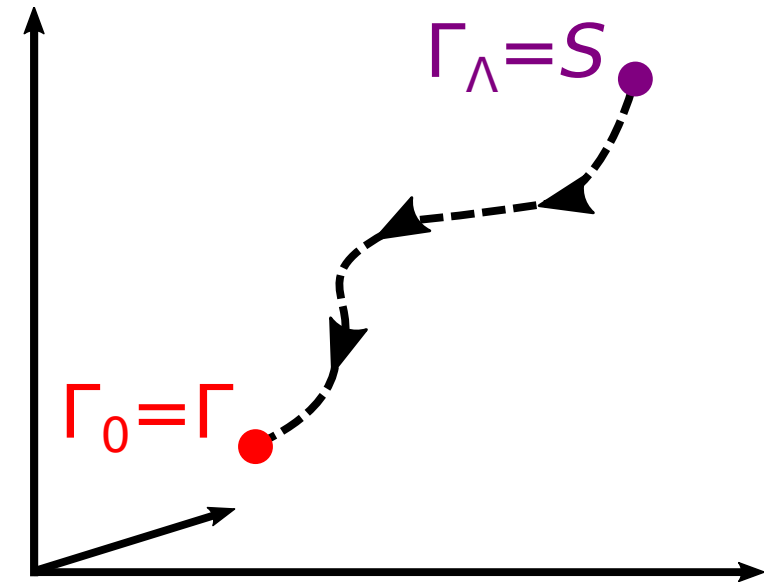
$$\Gamma[\phi] = \mathcal{S}[\phi] + \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \ln \left( \mathcal{S}^{(2)}[\phi] \right) + \dots$$

# Functional renormalization group (FRG)

- The FRG is a modern **non perturbative** formulation of Wilson's RG.
- A regulator function  $R_k$  is added to the theory. It **suppresses all fluctuations for  $q < k$** .
- We work in terms of a  $k$ -dependent effective action  $\Gamma_k$ . We follow its flow with a RG equation

$$\partial_k \Gamma_k = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left[ \partial_k R_k (\Gamma^{(2)} + R_k)^{-1} \right]$$

C. Wetterich, Phys. Lett. B **301**, 90 (1993)



# Functional renormalization group (FRG)

- The FRG is used in a variety of fields: high-energy physics, condensed matter, statistical physics, etc.
- It is particularly useful to study **strongly correlated systems** and critical phenomena.

Recent comprehensive review: N. Dupuis *et al.*, Phys. Rep. **910**, 1 (2021)

- It has been used in different cold atom problems:

- ♦ One-component Bose gases

S. Floerchinger and C. Wetterich, PRA **77**, 053603 (2008). PRA **79**, 013601 (2009).

- ♦ Fermi gases: BCS-BEC crossover

S. Floerchinger *et al.*, PRA **81**, 063619 (2010). I. Boettcher *et al.*, PRA **89**, 053630 (2014).

- ♦ Bose gases in optical lattices

A. Rançon and N. Dupuis, PRA **85**, 063607 (2012), PRA **86**, 043624 (2012).

- ♦ Few bosons: Efimov physics

S. Floerchinger *et al.*, Few-Body Syst. **51**, 153 (2011). R. Schmidt and S. Moroz, PRA **81**, 052709 (2010).

- ♦ Fermi polaron

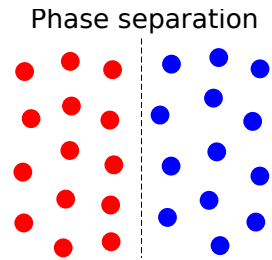
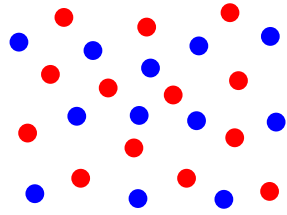
R. Schmidt and T. Enss, PRA **83**, 063620 (2011). von Milczewski *et al.*, arXiv:2104.14017 (2021).



# Repulsive Bose-Bose mixtures

# Bose-Bose mixtures

- Gases with **two species of bosons** have attracted significant attention in recent years.
  - The interplay between the two component of the gas leads to rich physics:
    - Spin drag
    - Phase separation (repulsive interspecies potential)
    - Self-bound droplets (attractive interspecies potential)
- D. Petrov, PRL **115**, 155302 (2015)
- We study **balanced and repulsive Bose-Bose mixtures** with the FRG in **two and three dimensions at zero temperature**.



# Bose-Bose mixtures

- A Bose-Bose mixture is described by

$$\mathcal{S} = \int_x \left[ \sum_{a=A,B} \psi_a^\dagger \left( \partial_\tau - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m_a} - \mu_a \right) \psi_a + \sum_{a,b=A,B} \frac{g_{ab}}{2} |\psi_a|^2 |\psi_b|^2 \right]$$

$g_{AB} = g_{BA}$

- Interaction is connected to physical scattering via the  $T$ -matrix

$$T_{ab} = \begin{cases} \frac{2\pi/m_r}{\ln(-2/m_r |\mu_a + \mu_b| a_{ab}^2) - 2\gamma_E} & : d = 2 \\ \frac{2\pi a_{ab}}{m_r} & : d = 3 \end{cases}$$

$a_{ab}$ : s-wave scattering length  
 $m_r$ : reduced mass

- We consider the balanced mixture:

$$m = m_A = m_B, \quad \mu = \mu_A = \mu_B, \quad g = g_{AA} = g_{BB}$$

$$a = a_{AA} = a_{BB}$$

# FRG for repulsive Bose-Bose mixtures

We propose an ansatz for  $\Gamma$  based on a **derivative expansion**:

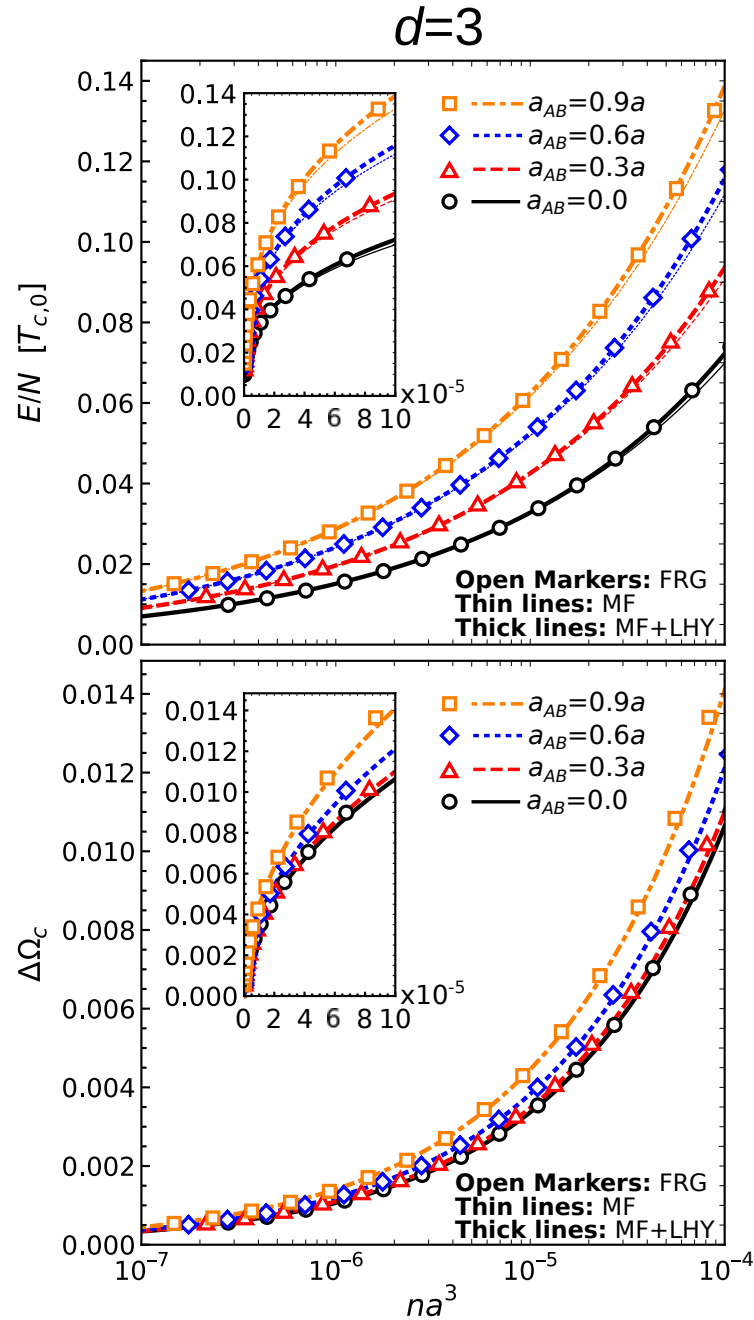
$$\Gamma_k[\phi] = \int_x \left[ \sum_{a=A,B} \psi_a^\dagger \left( S \partial_\tau - \frac{Z}{2m} \nabla^2 - V \partial_\tau^2 \right) \psi_a + U(\rho_A, \rho_B) \right]$$

$$U(\rho_A, \rho_B) = -P + \frac{\lambda}{2}(\rho_A - \rho_0)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{2}(\rho_B - \rho_0)^2 + \lambda_{AB}(\rho_A - \rho_0)(\rho_B - \rho_0)$$

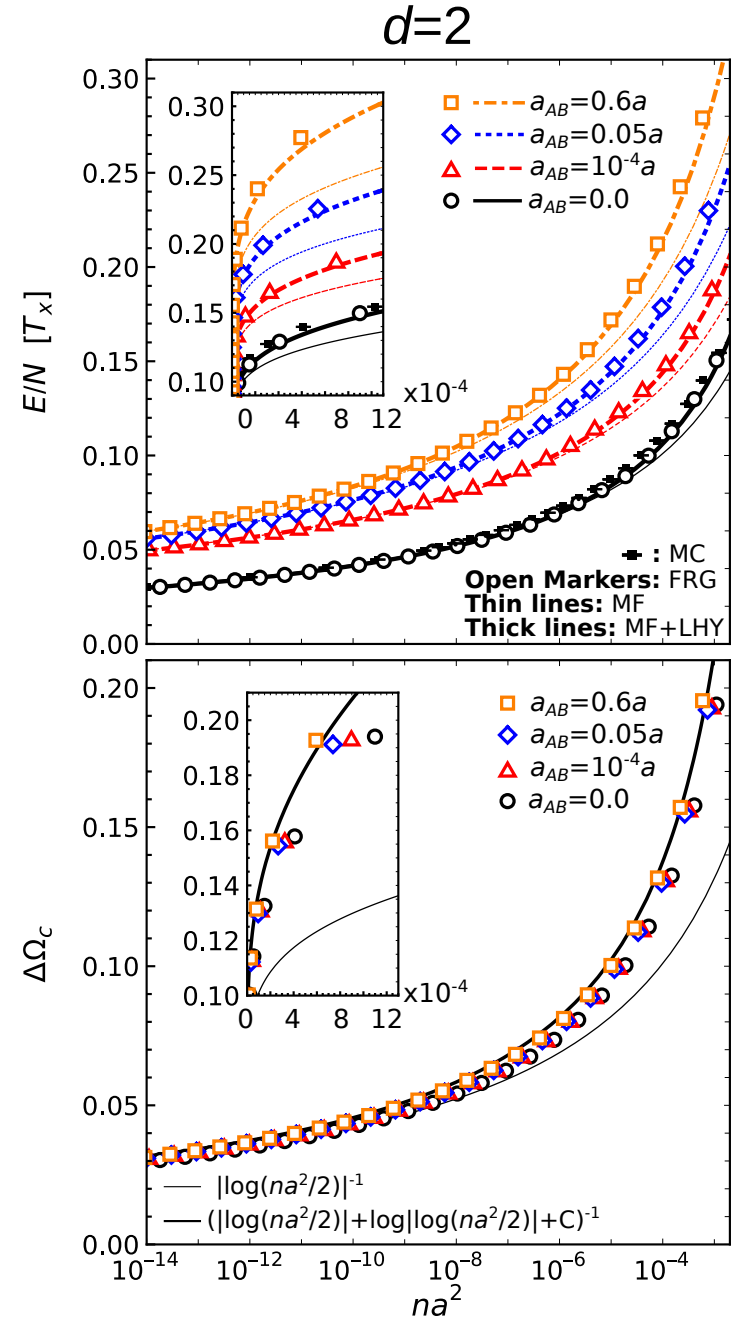
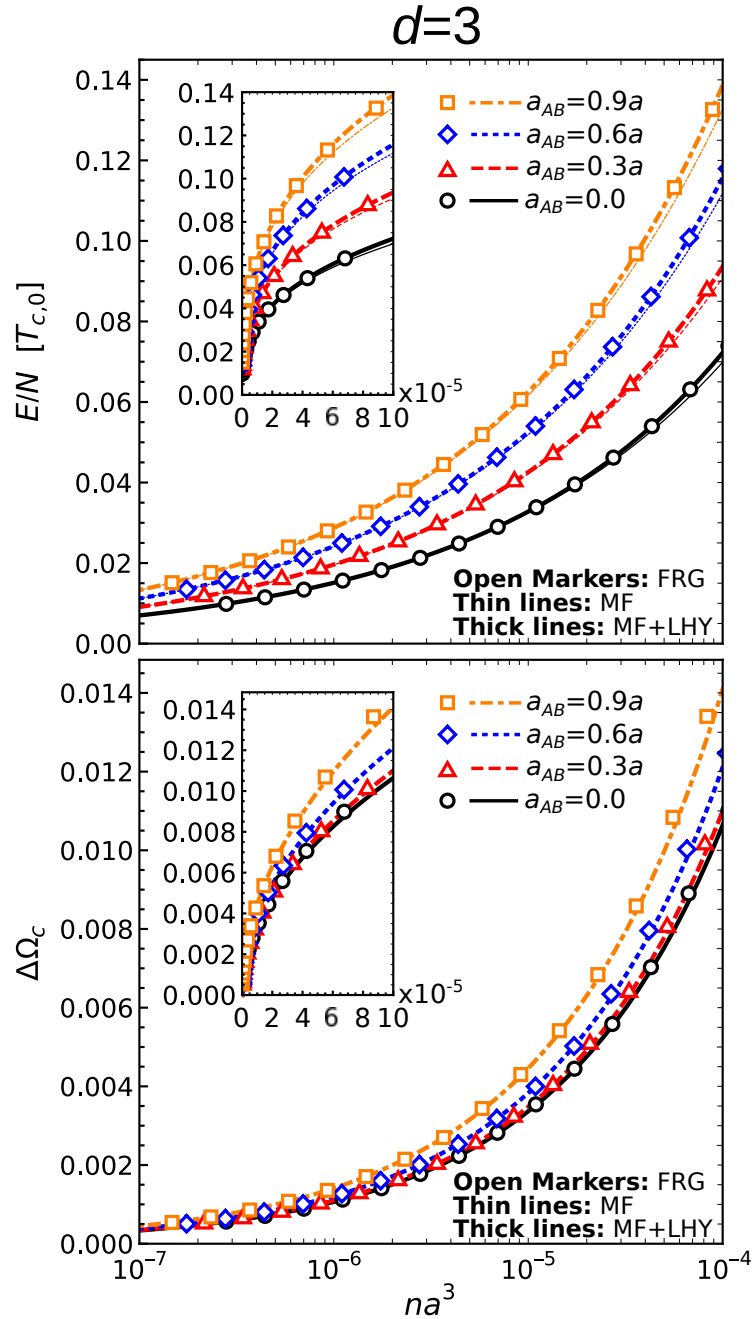
$$\rho_a = \psi_a^\dagger \psi_a$$

- $S, Z, V, \lambda, \lambda_{AB}$  and  $\rho_0$  flow with  $k$ .
- $\rho_0 = \langle \rho_A \rangle = \langle \rho_B \rangle$  : order parameter.
- Physical inputs:  $a, a_{AB}, \mu$
- $U(\rho_0)$  gives the grand-canonical potential at  $k=0$ .

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MC: G. Astrakharchik *et al.*, PRA **79**, 051602(R) (2009)

# FRG for repulsive Bose-Bose mixtures

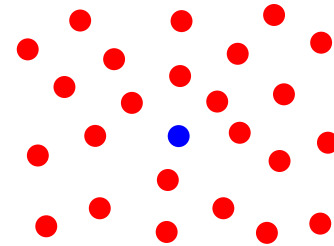
- FRG calculations compare favorably with known macroscopic results.
- Future work:
  - ♦ Gas at finite temperatures.
  - ♦ Imbalanced mixture.
  - ♦ Attractive Bose-Bose mixture: liquid phase, dimerization, **strongly-interacting regime**.

# Bose Polarons



# The Bose polaron

- **Impurity** immersed in a weakly-interacting Bose gas
- Several developments in the past few years:
  - Experimental realization  
N. Jørgensen *et al.*, PRL **117**, 055302 (2016), M. Hu *et al.*, PRL **117**, 055301 (2016)
  - Theoretical description of strong coupling regime  
J. Levinsen *et al.*, PRL **115**, 125302 (2015). N.-E. Guenther *et al.*, PRL **120**, 050405 (2018).  
L. Peña Ardila *et al.*, PRA **99**, 063607 (2019).
- We can study both **repulsive** (positive energies) and **attractive** (negative energies) branches of excitations.
- Attractive branch: **strong-coupling** regime, **three- and more-body correlations**, Efimov physics.
- We study the **repulsive and attractive** branches of Bose polarons in **two and three dimensions at zero temperature**.



# The Bose polaron

- We consider a Bose-Bose mixture with **infinite population imbalance**:

$$\mathcal{S} = \int_x \left[ \psi_B^\dagger \left( \partial_\tau - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m_B} - \mu_B \right) \psi_B + \psi_I^\dagger \left( \partial_\tau - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m_I} - \mu_I \right) \psi_I + \frac{g_{BB}}{2} (\psi_B^\dagger \psi_B)^2 + g_{BI} \psi_B^\dagger \psi_I^\dagger \psi_B \psi_I \right]$$

$\mu_B$ : chemical potential of the medium  
 $\mu_I$ : impurity energy

- We can find the physical **polaron energy**  $\mu_I$  from the poles of the impurity propagator (spectral function)

$$\det(G_I^{-1}(q=0)) \Big|_{\mu_I} = 0$$

# Attractive branch

- We can study the regime of strong boson-impurity coupling, including the **unitary limit** in three dimensions

Unitary limit:  $a_{BI} \rightarrow \infty$

- It is convenient to introduce **dimer fields** via a Hubbard-Stratonovich transformation

$$\phi \sim \psi_B \psi_I$$

- The microscopic action takes the form

$$\mathcal{S} = \int_x \left[ \psi_B^\dagger \left( \partial_\tau - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m_B} - \mu_B \right) \psi_B + \psi_I^\dagger \left( \partial_\tau - \frac{\nabla^2}{2m_I} - \mu_I \right) \psi_I + \nu_\phi \phi^\dagger \phi + \frac{g_{BB}}{2} (\psi_B^\dagger \psi_B)^2 + h_\Lambda \left( \phi^\dagger \psi_B \psi_I + \phi \psi_B^\dagger \psi_I^\dagger \right) \right]$$

S. P. Rath and R. Schmidt, PRA **88**, 053632 (2013)

# Attractive branch

We propose the following ansatz

$$\Gamma_k = \int_x \left[ \psi_B^\dagger \left( S_B \partial_\tau - \frac{Z_B}{2m_B} \nabla^2 - V_B \partial_\tau^2 \right) \psi_B + \psi_I^\dagger \left( S_I \partial_\tau - \frac{Z_I}{2m_I} \nabla^2 + U_I(\rho_B) \right) \psi_I \right. \\ \left. + \phi^\dagger \left( S_\phi \partial_\tau - \frac{Z_\phi}{2m_\phi} \nabla^2 + U_\phi(\rho_B) \right) \phi + U_B(\rho_B) + H_\phi(\rho_B) \left( \phi^\dagger \psi_B \psi_I + \phi \psi_B^\dagger \psi_I^\dagger \right) \right]$$

where

$$U_B(\rho_B) = -P + \frac{\lambda_{BB}}{2} (\rho_B - \rho_0)^2$$

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where

Boson-boson interaction  $\rho_a = \psi_a^\dagger \psi_a$

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Boson-impurity interaction

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Boson-impurity interaction

Three-body coupling

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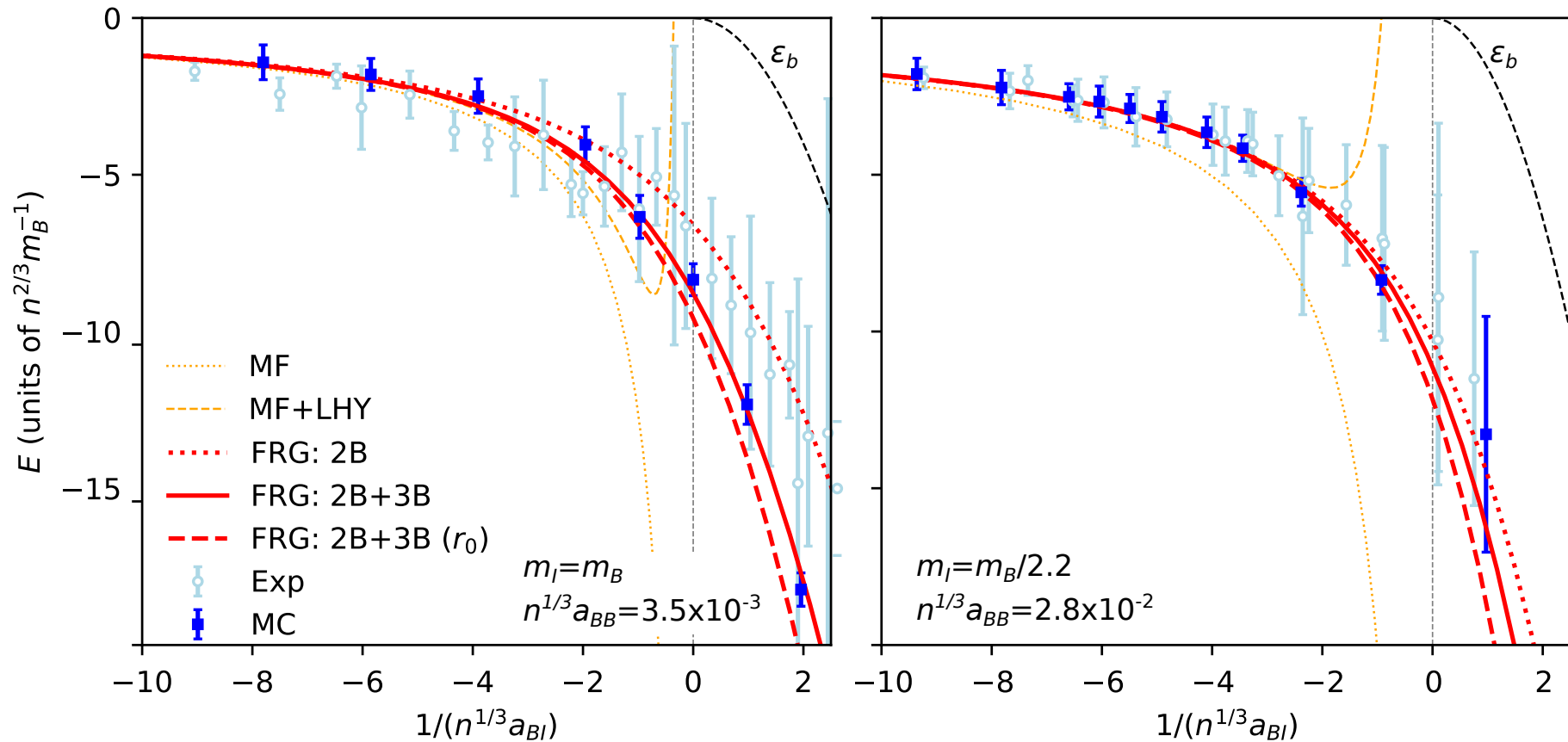
$$\langle \rho_I \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle \rho_\phi \rangle = 0$$

Inputs:  $a_{BB}$ ,  $a_{BI}$ ,  $\mu_B$ ,  $\mu_I$ ,  $r_0$  (effective range)



# Results: Attractive branch ( $d=3$ )

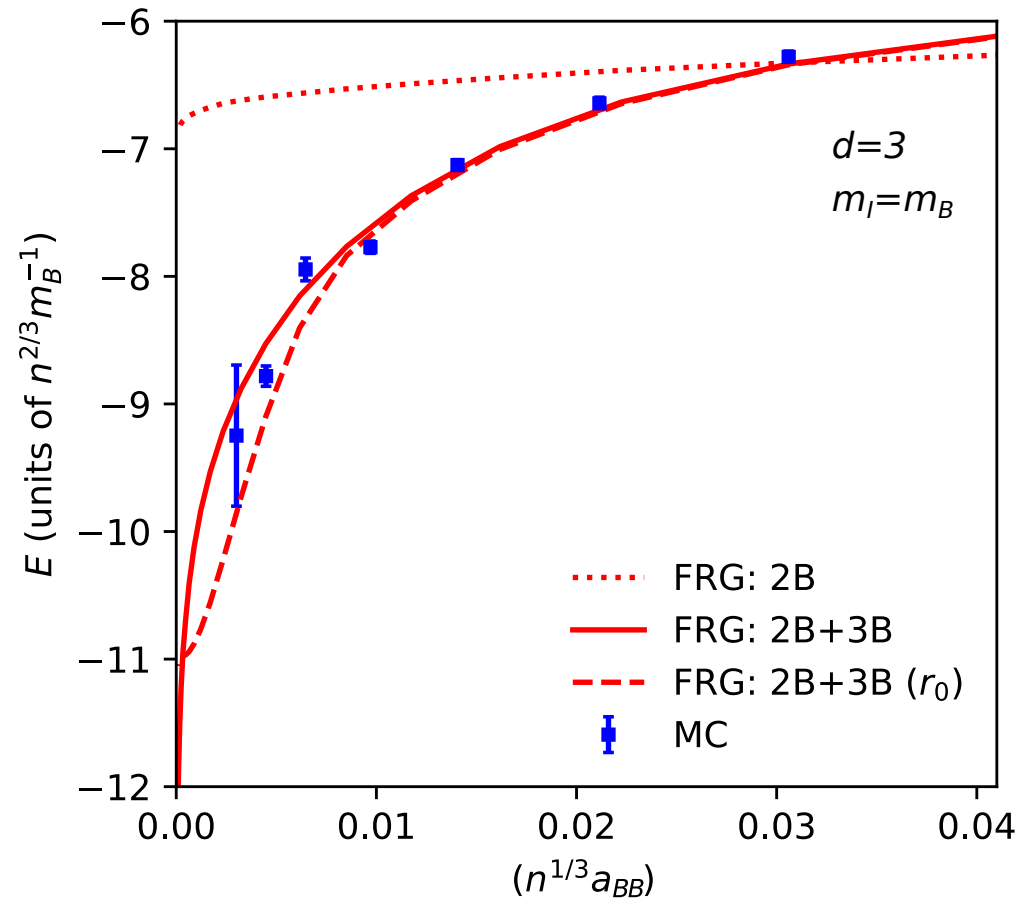


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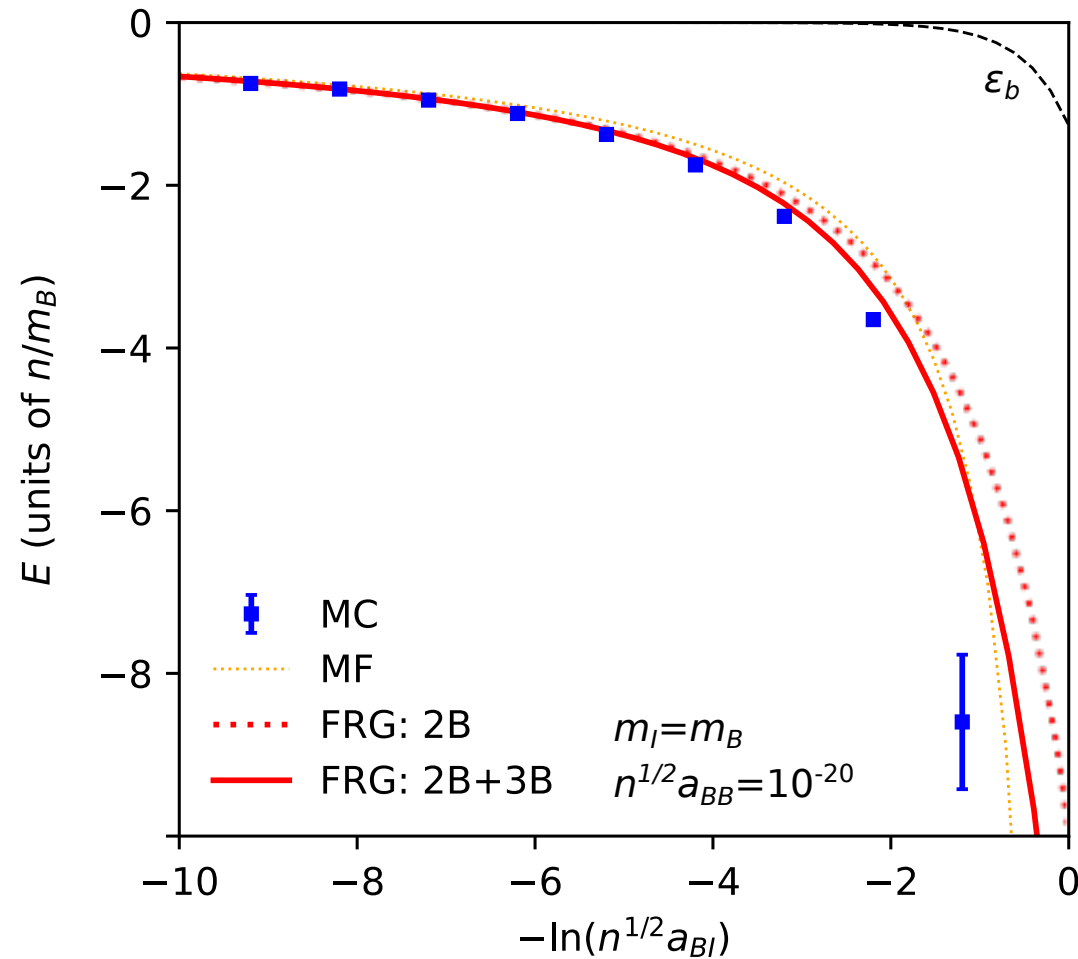
Unitary limit:

$$a_{BI} \rightarrow \infty$$



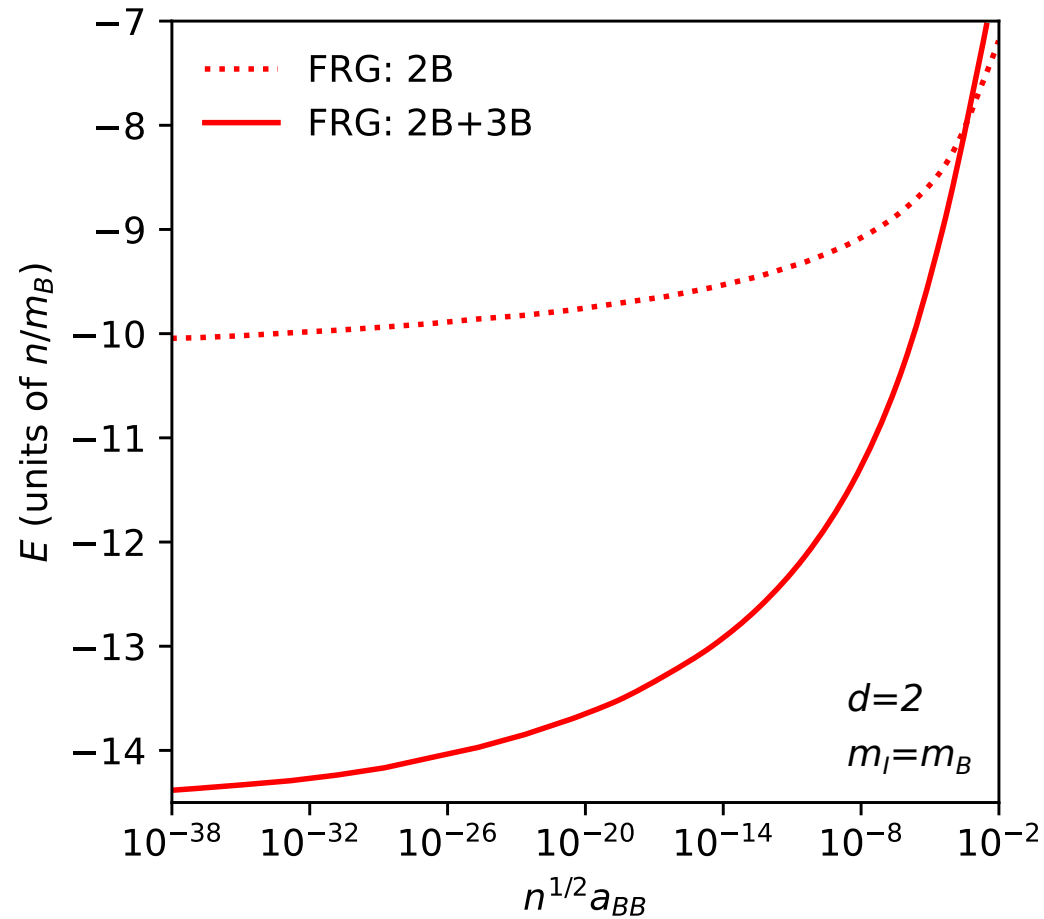
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# Results: Attractive branch ( $d=2$ )



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$$\ln(n^{1/2}a_{BI}) = 0$$



# FRG for Bose Polaron

- FRG can describe the **strong-coupling regime** with ease
- The effect of **three and more-body correlations** is conceptually easy to include.
- Future work:
  - ♦ Finite temperature
  - ♦ Momentum-dependent vertices

# Conclusions

- The FRG can provide a successful description of bosonic mixtures.
- Macroscopic properties of **repulsive Bose-Bose mixtures** are well described.
- It gives a good description of the ground state properties of the **Bose polaron** within a derivative expansion. Strong coupling regime is reasonably well described.
- Future work:
  - ♦ Bose-Fermi mixtures
  - ♦  $SU(N)$  Fermi gases
  - ♦ Multiple impurities

# Bose Polaron: Repulsive branch

- We employ an ansatz based on that used for repulsive Bose-Bose mixtures

$$\Gamma_k = \int_x \left[ \psi_B^\dagger \left( S_B \partial_\tau - \frac{Z_B}{2m_B} \nabla^2 - V_B \partial_\tau^2 \right) \psi_B + \psi_I^\dagger \left( S_I \partial_\tau - \frac{Z_I}{2m_I} \nabla^2 \right) \psi_I + U(\rho_B, \rho_I) \right]$$

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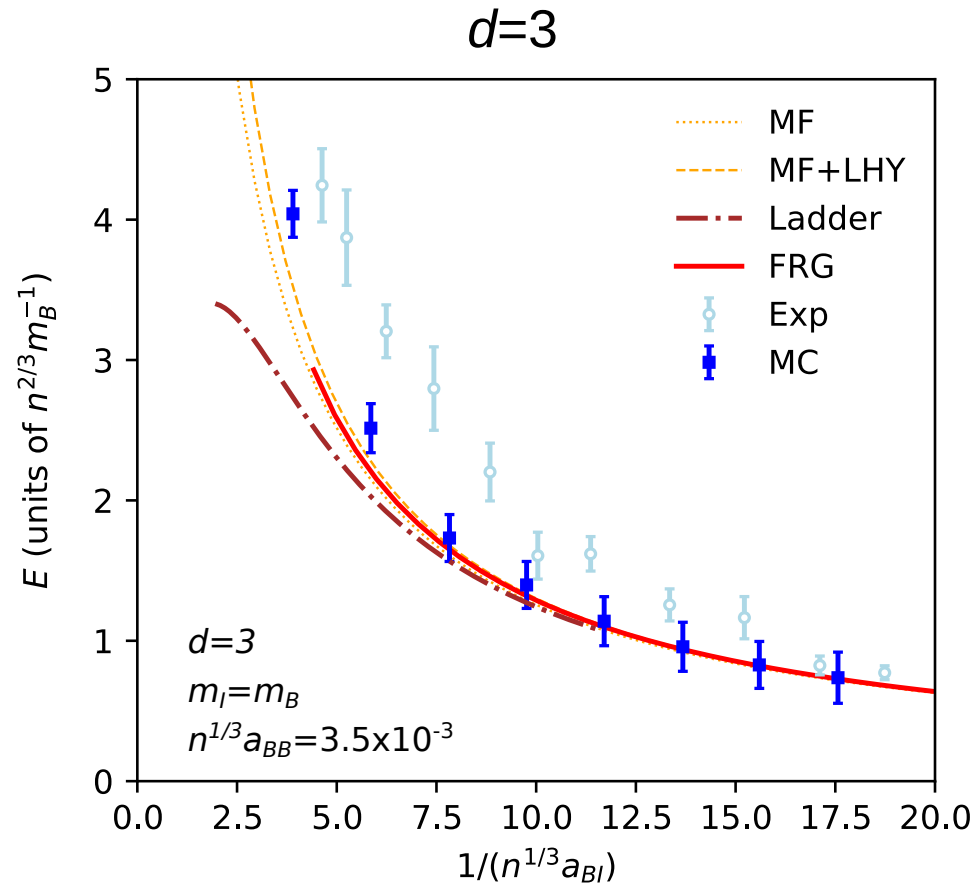
$$\rho_a = \psi_a^\dagger \psi_a$$

- $S_B, Z_B, V_B, S_I, Z_I, u_I, \lambda_{BB}, \lambda_{BI}$ , and  $\rho_0$  flow with  $k$ .
- The inputs of the calculations are  $a_{BB}, a_{BI}, \mu_B, \mu_I$ .

$$\langle \rho_B \rangle = \rho_0$$

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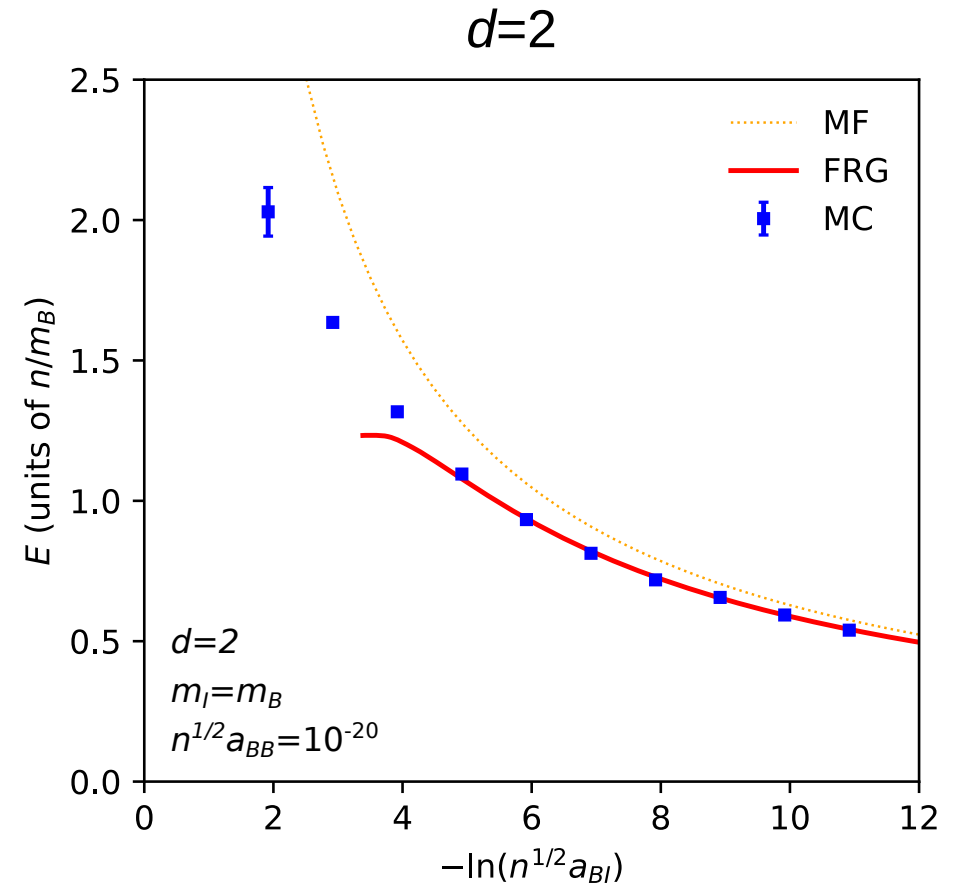
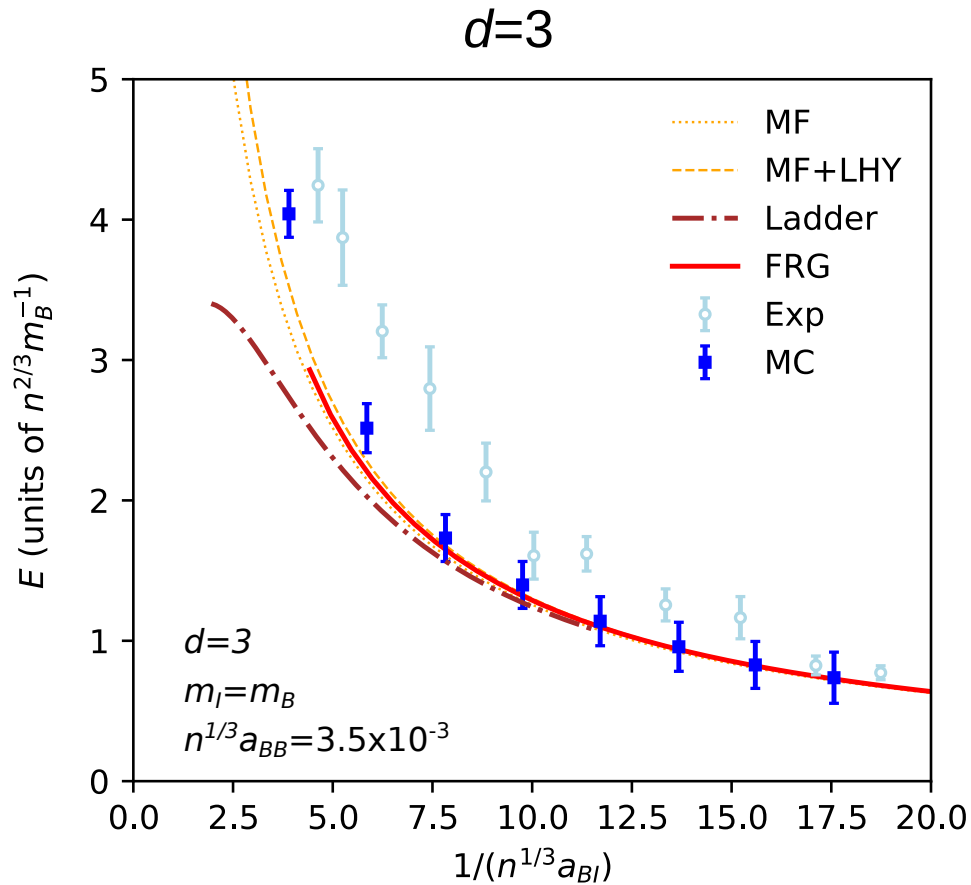
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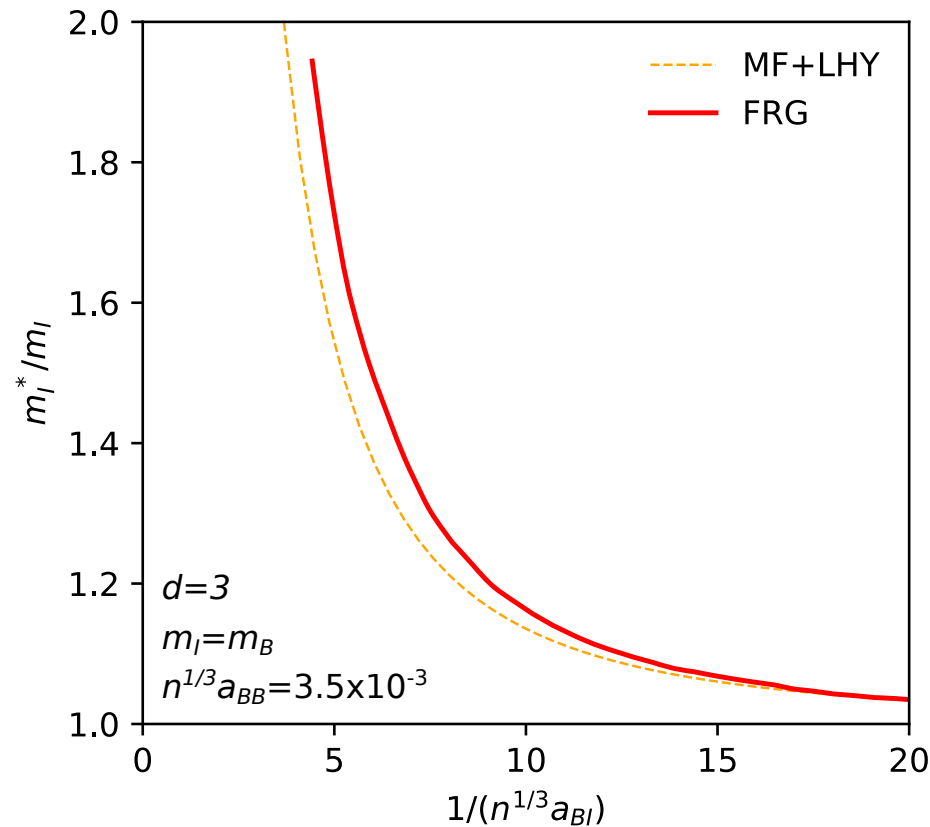


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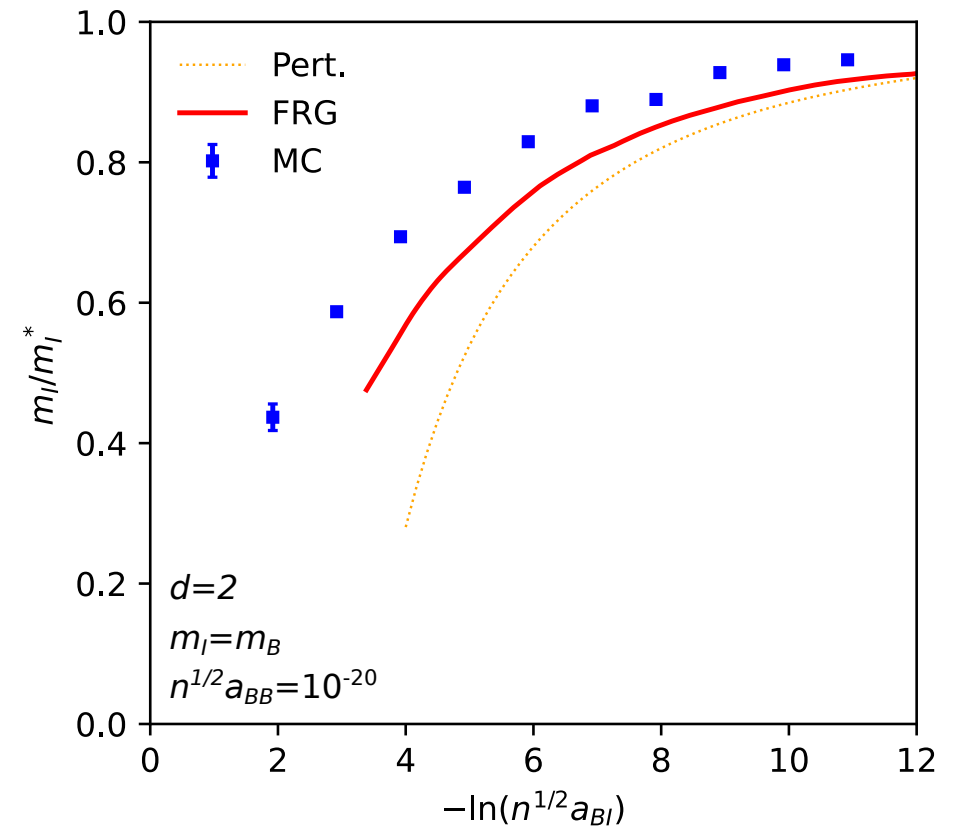
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# Results: Repulsive branch (effective masses)

$d=3$



$d=2$



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