

Equation of state of the unitary Fermi gas

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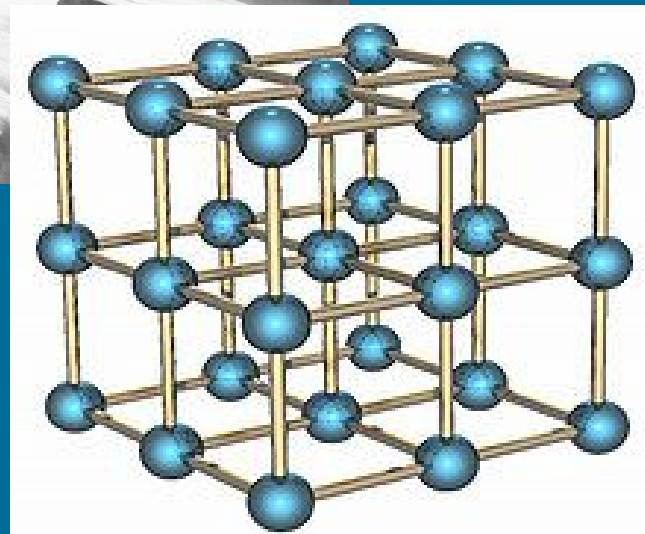
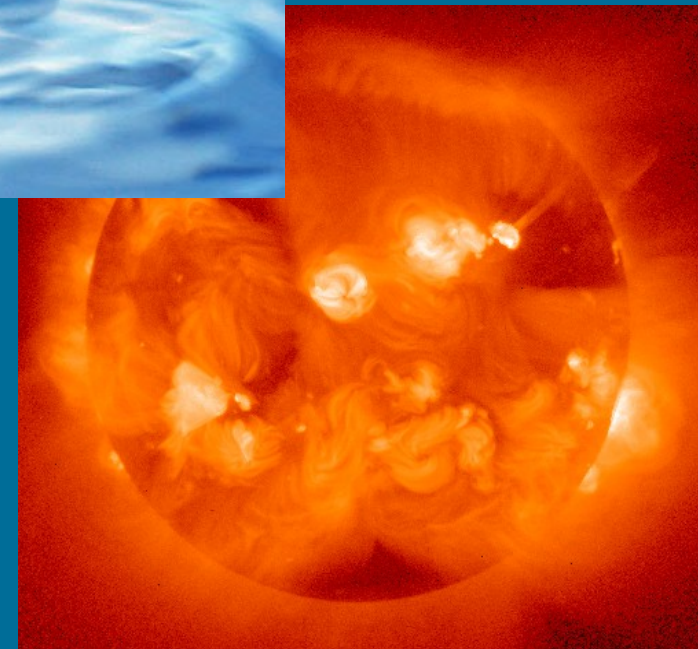
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Cold atoms

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Functional RG

The many-body problem

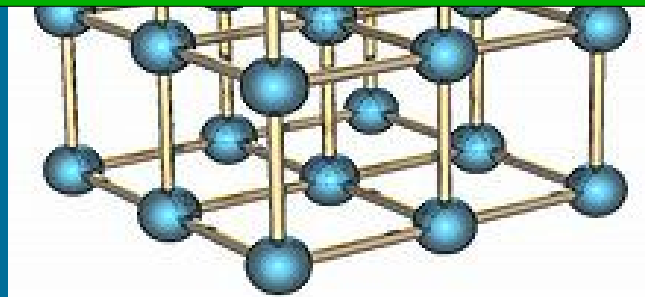
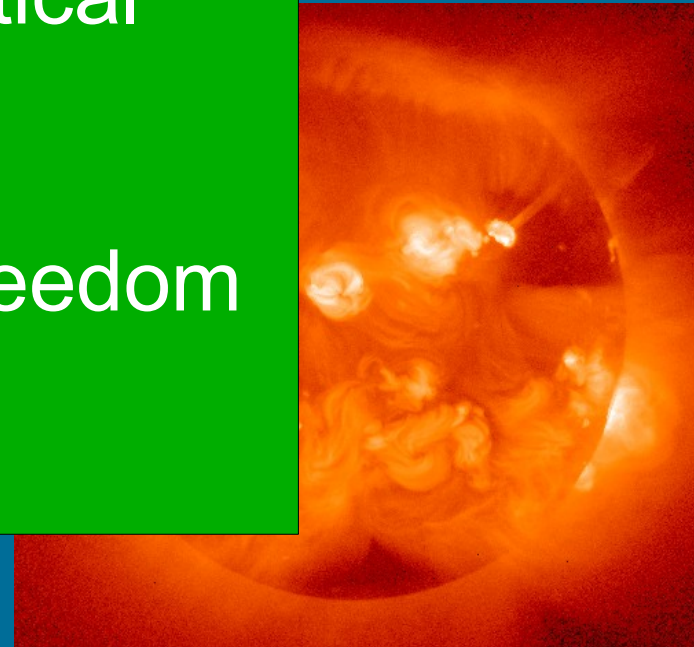


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possibility of a statistical
description

collective degrees of freedom



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Euclidean quantum field theory

Shopping list

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What are reliable theoretical methods to describe such systems?

What observables reveal advancements and short-comings of theory?

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neutron stars

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early universe

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nuclear matter

quark gluon plasma

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The equation of state

Classical ideal gas: $P(n, T) = nk_B T$

Virial expansion for interacting gas:

$$P(n, T) = nk_B T(1 + B_2(T)n + \dots)$$

Van-der-Waals equation of state:

$$P(n, T) = \frac{nk_B T}{1 - bn} - an^2 \simeq nk_B T \left(1 + \left(b - \frac{a}{k_B T} \right) n + \dots \right)$$

Pressure $P(\mu, T)$

Bose gas

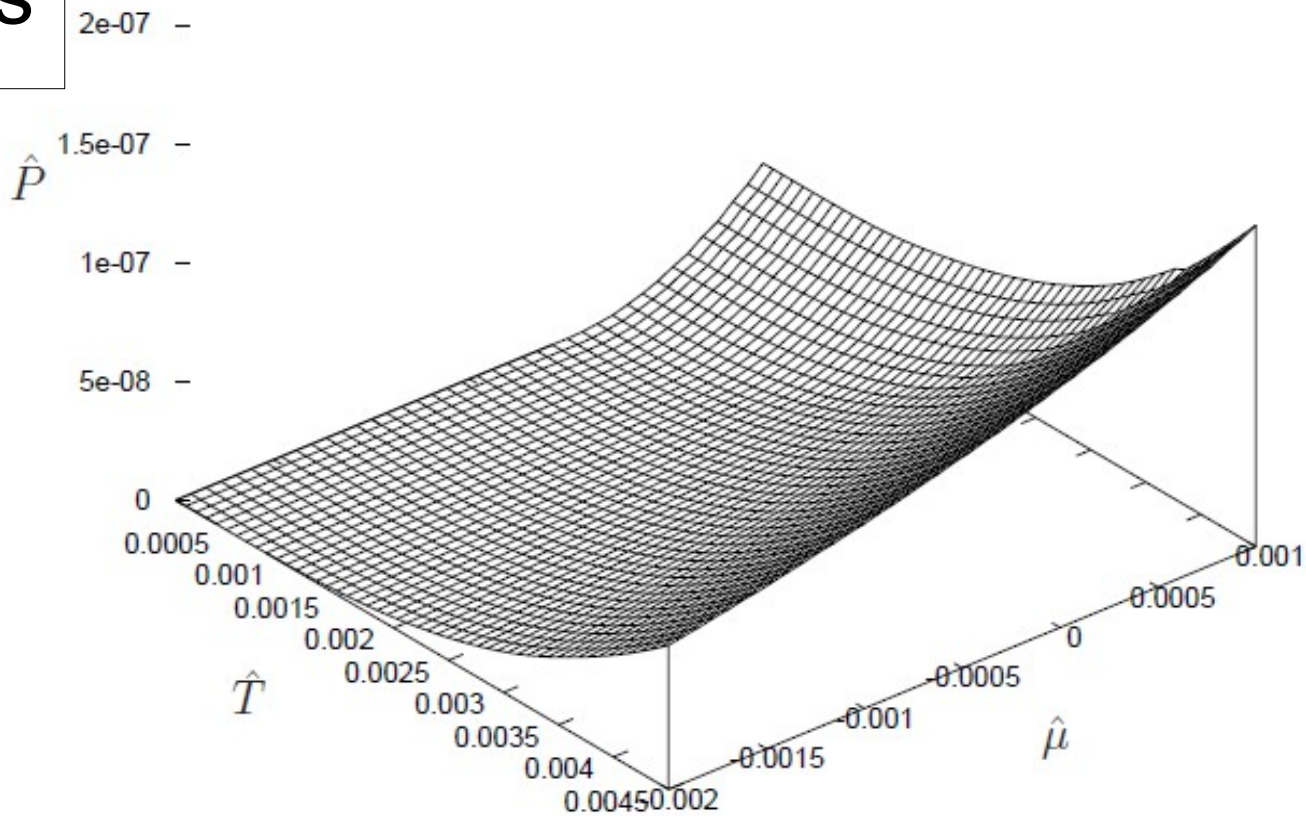


Figure 2.1: Pressure $\hat{P} = Pa^5 m / \hbar^2$ as a function of \hat{T} and $\hat{\mu}$

$$\hat{T} = Ta^2 mk_B / \hbar^2$$

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$$\text{Density } n = (\partial P / \partial \mu)_T$$

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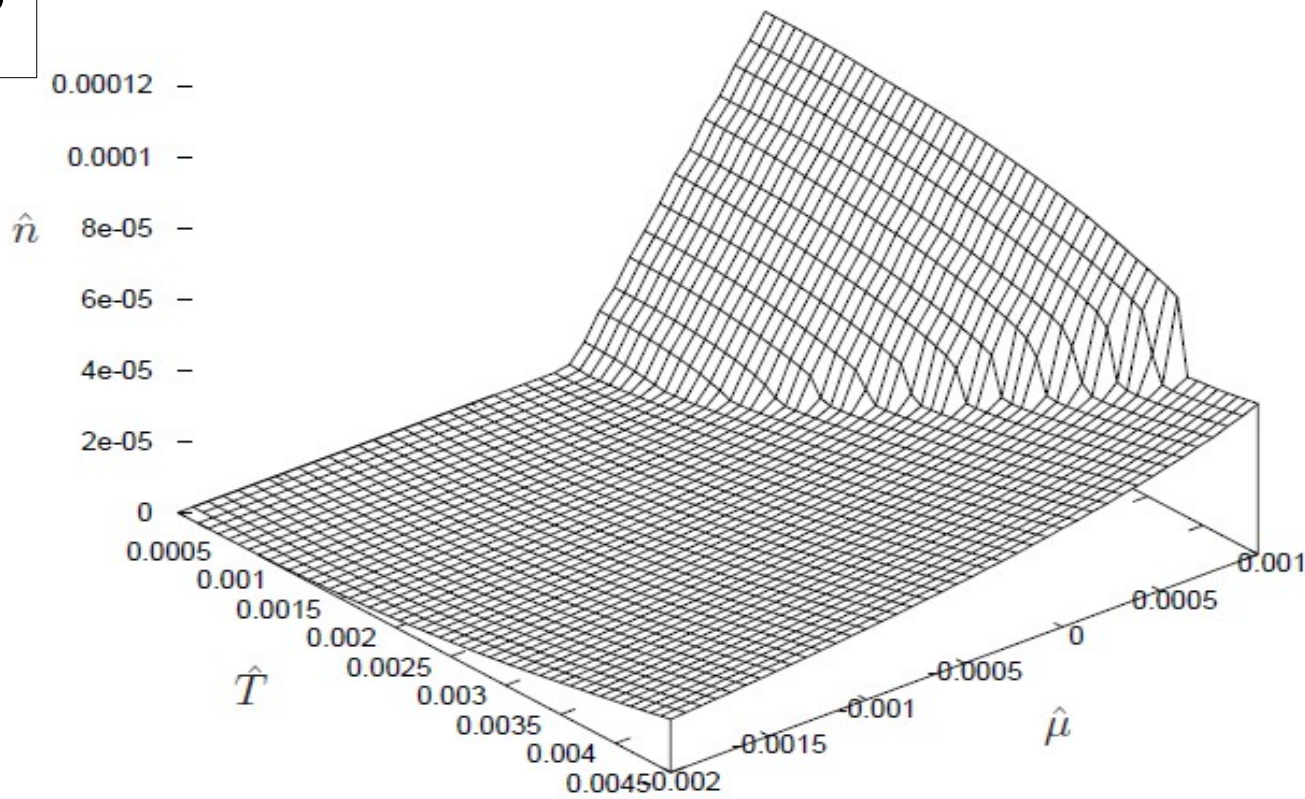


Figure 2.3: Density $\hat{n} = na^3$ as a function of \hat{T} and $\hat{\mu}$

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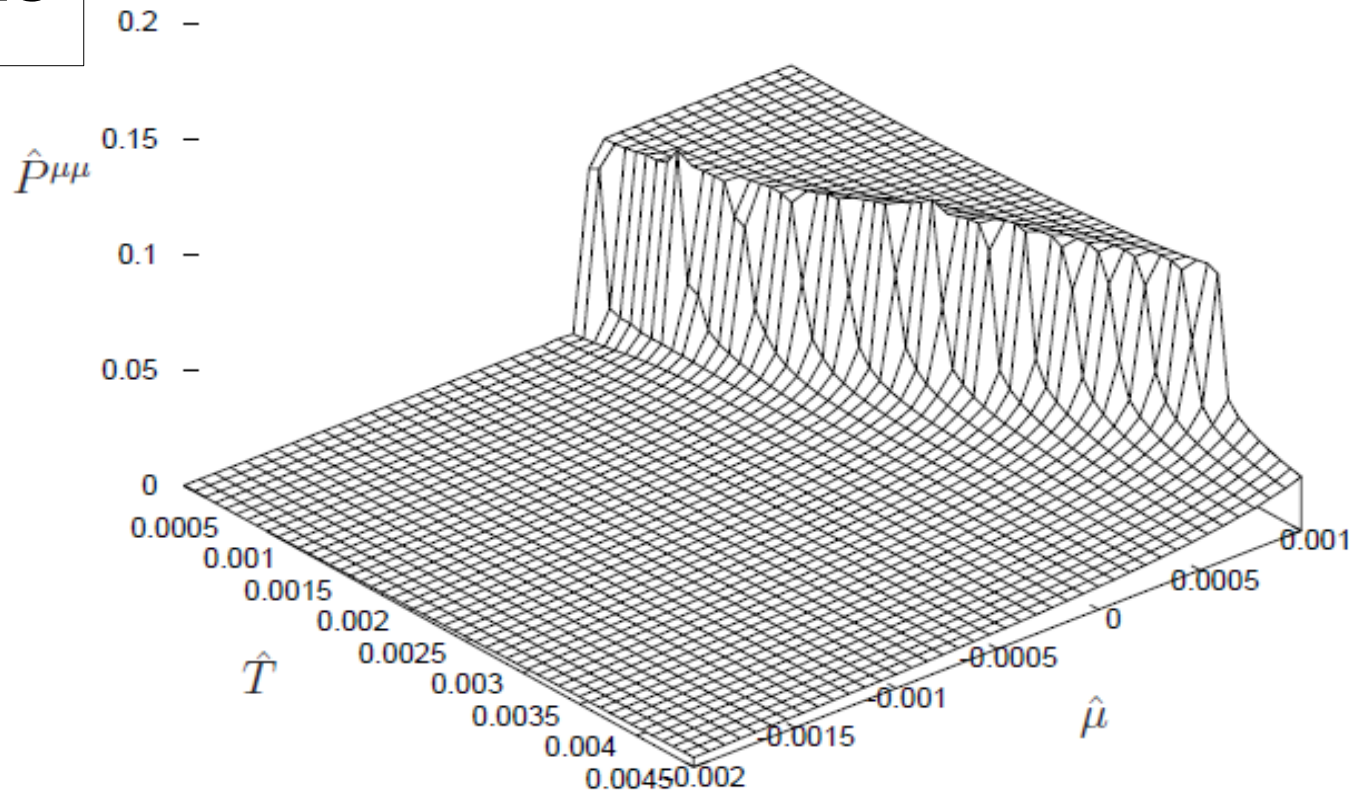


Figure 2.5: $\hat{P}^{\mu\mu} = P^{\mu\mu} a \hbar^2 / m$ as a function of \hat{T} and $\hat{\mu}$

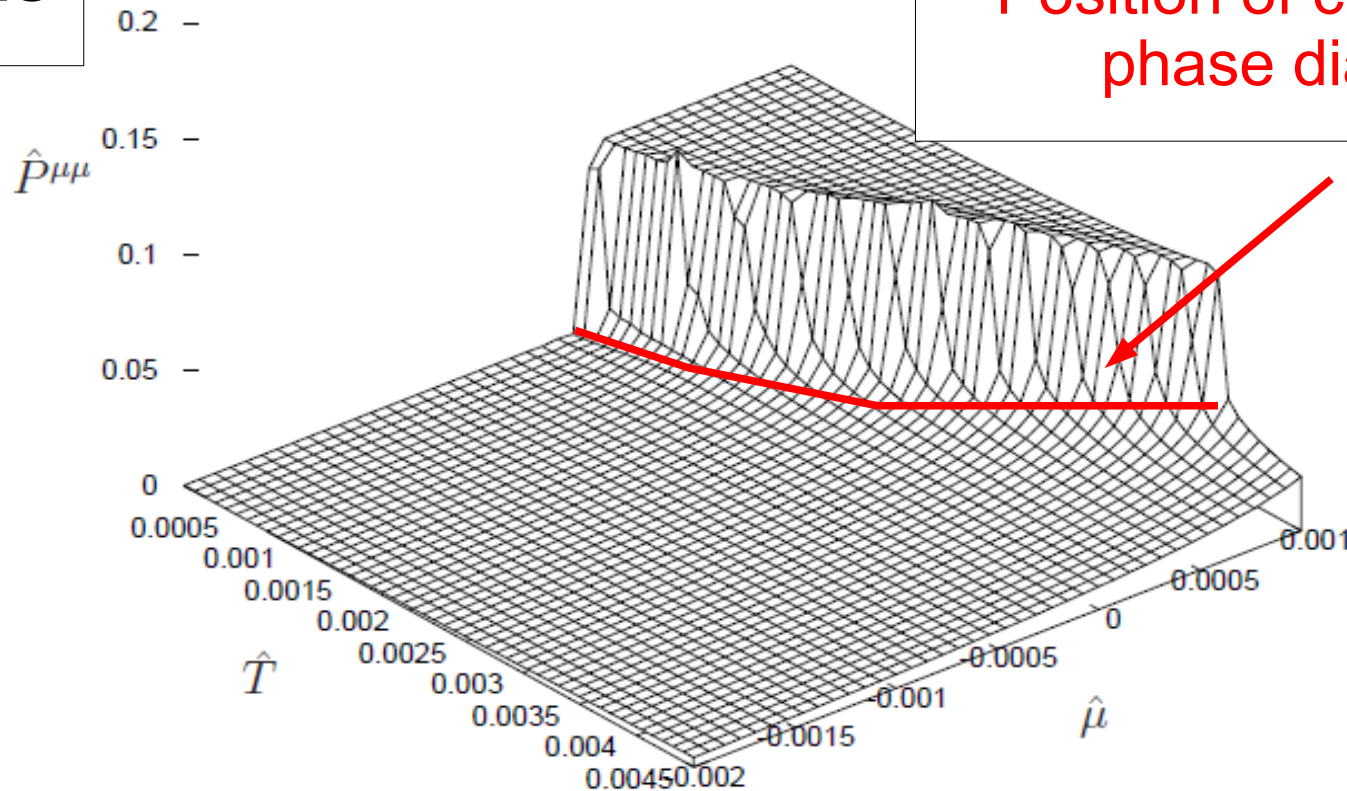
$$\hat{T} = T a^2 m k_B / \hbar^2$$

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Position of critical line:
phase diagram



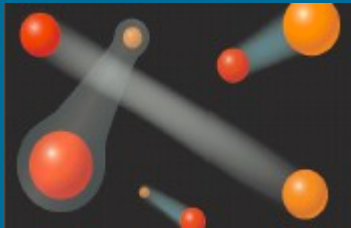
Superfluid phase transition

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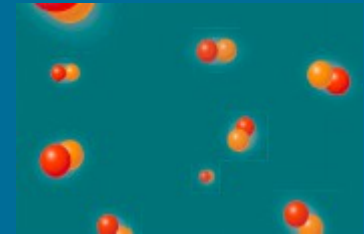
The BCS-BEC Crossover

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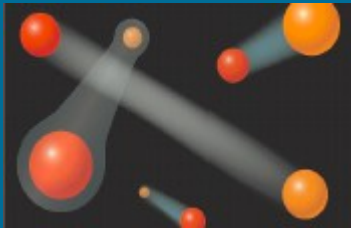


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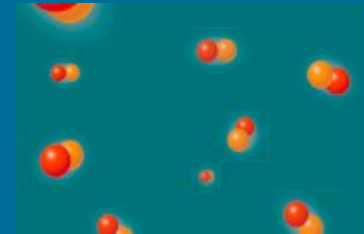
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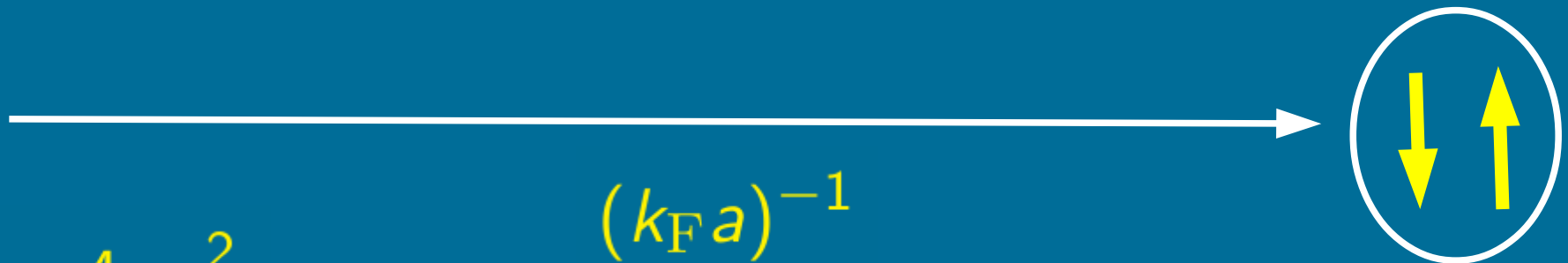
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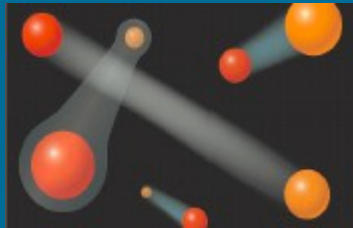


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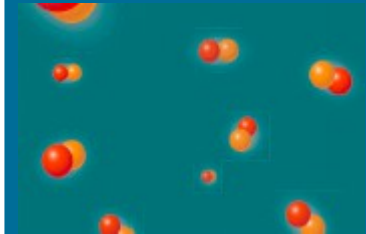
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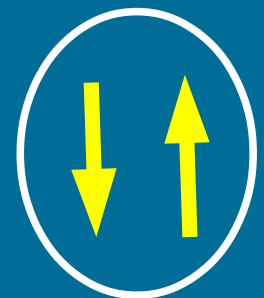


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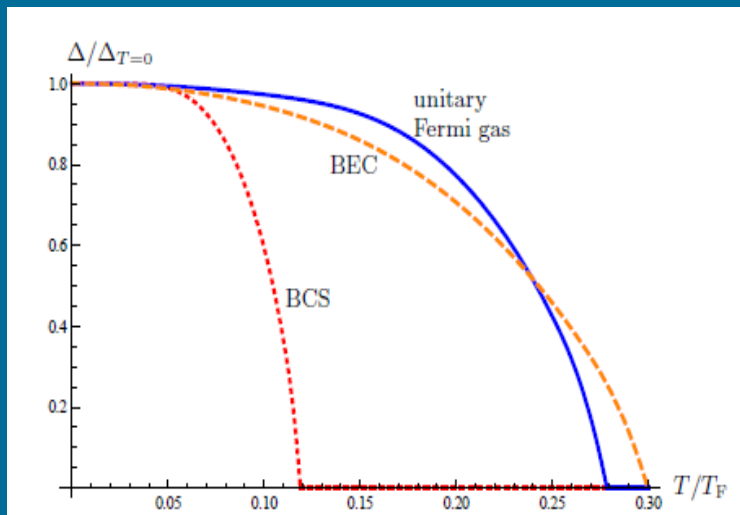
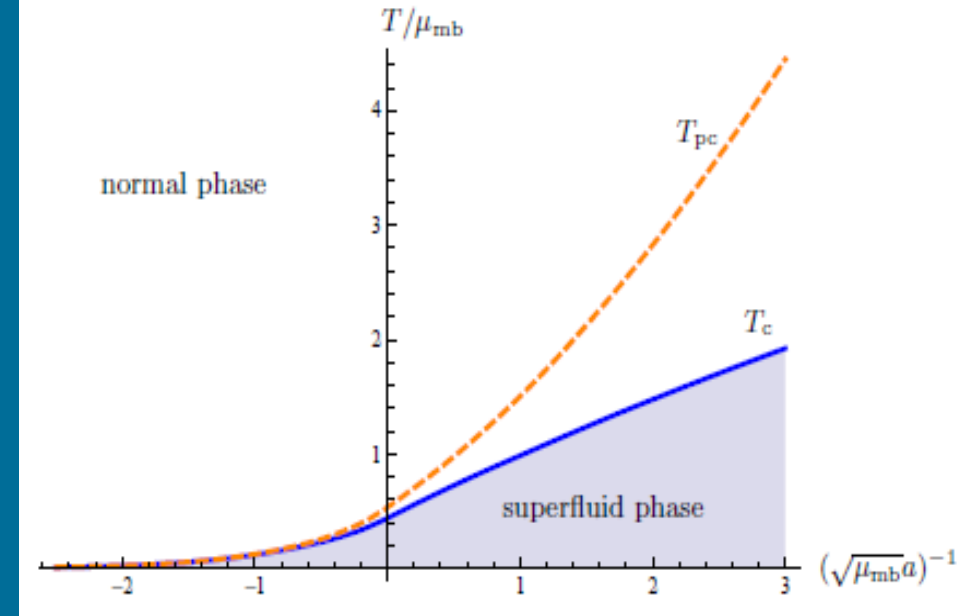
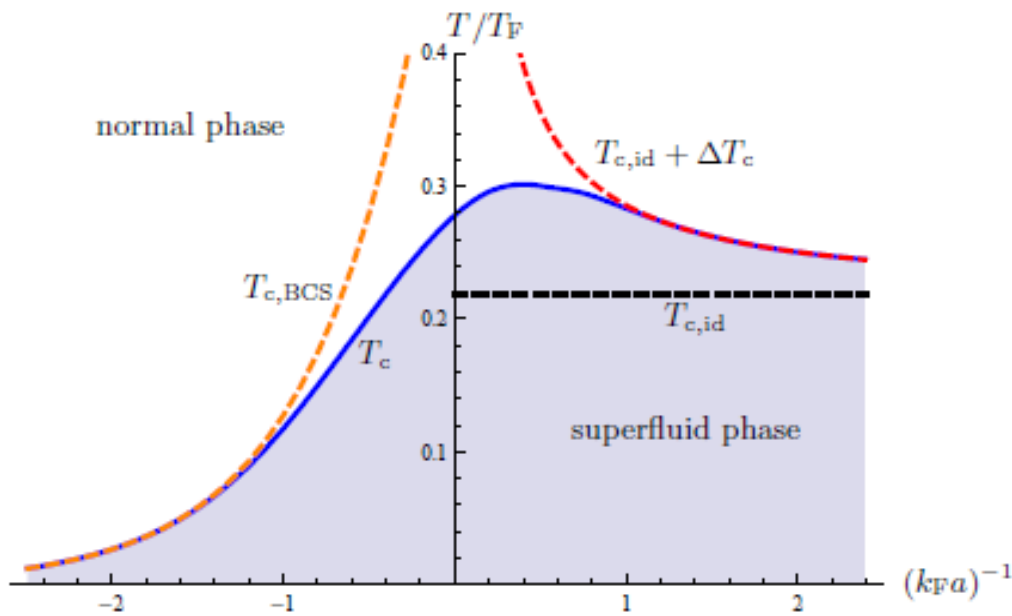


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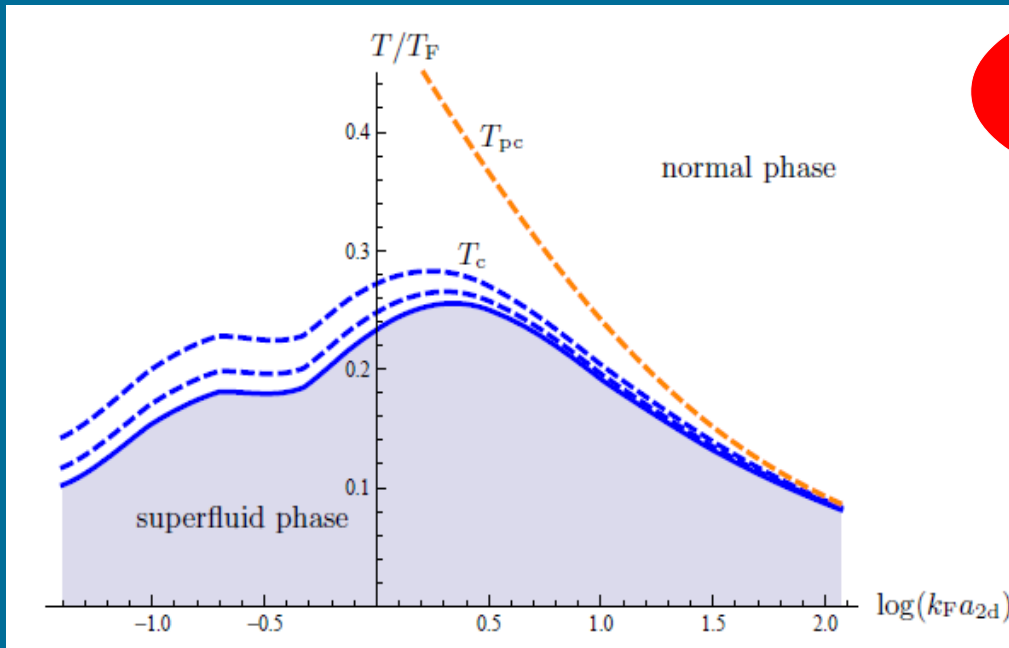
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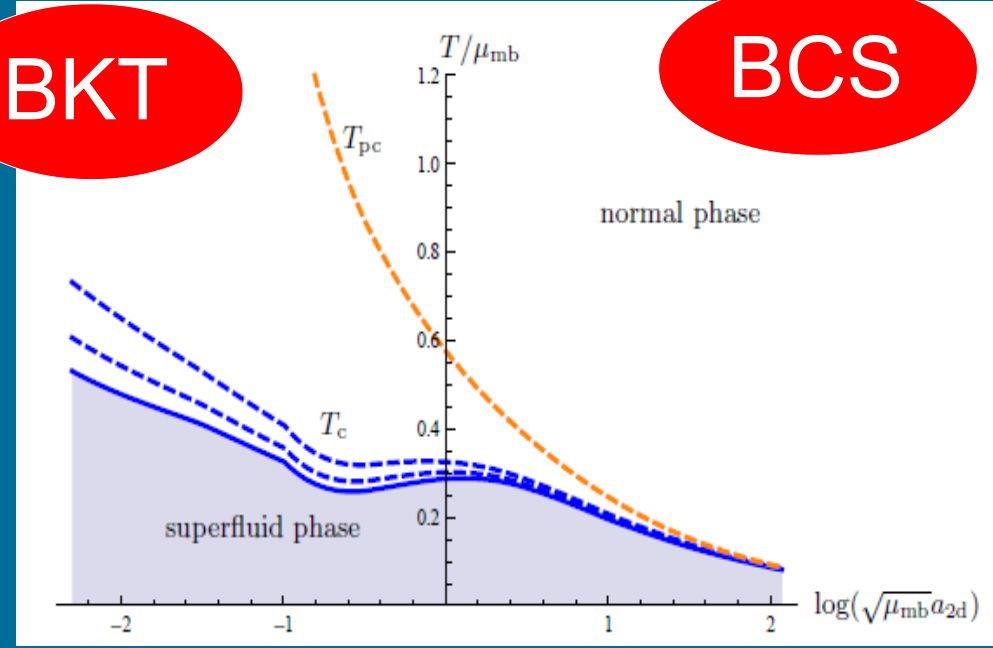
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(results from Functional Renormalization Group)

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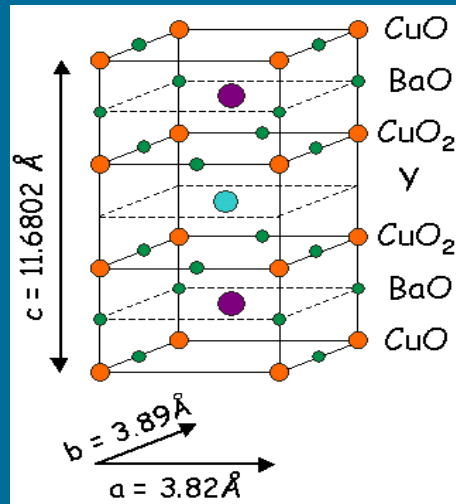


BKT



BCS

High T_c superconductors!?



2D BCS-BEC crossover

(results from Functional Renormalization Group)

The BCS-BEC Crossover

Key observables

Tan contact

$$n_{\vec{p}\sigma} \simeq \frac{C}{p^4}$$

Equation of state

$$P(\mu, T, a)$$

Dimer-dimer
scattering length

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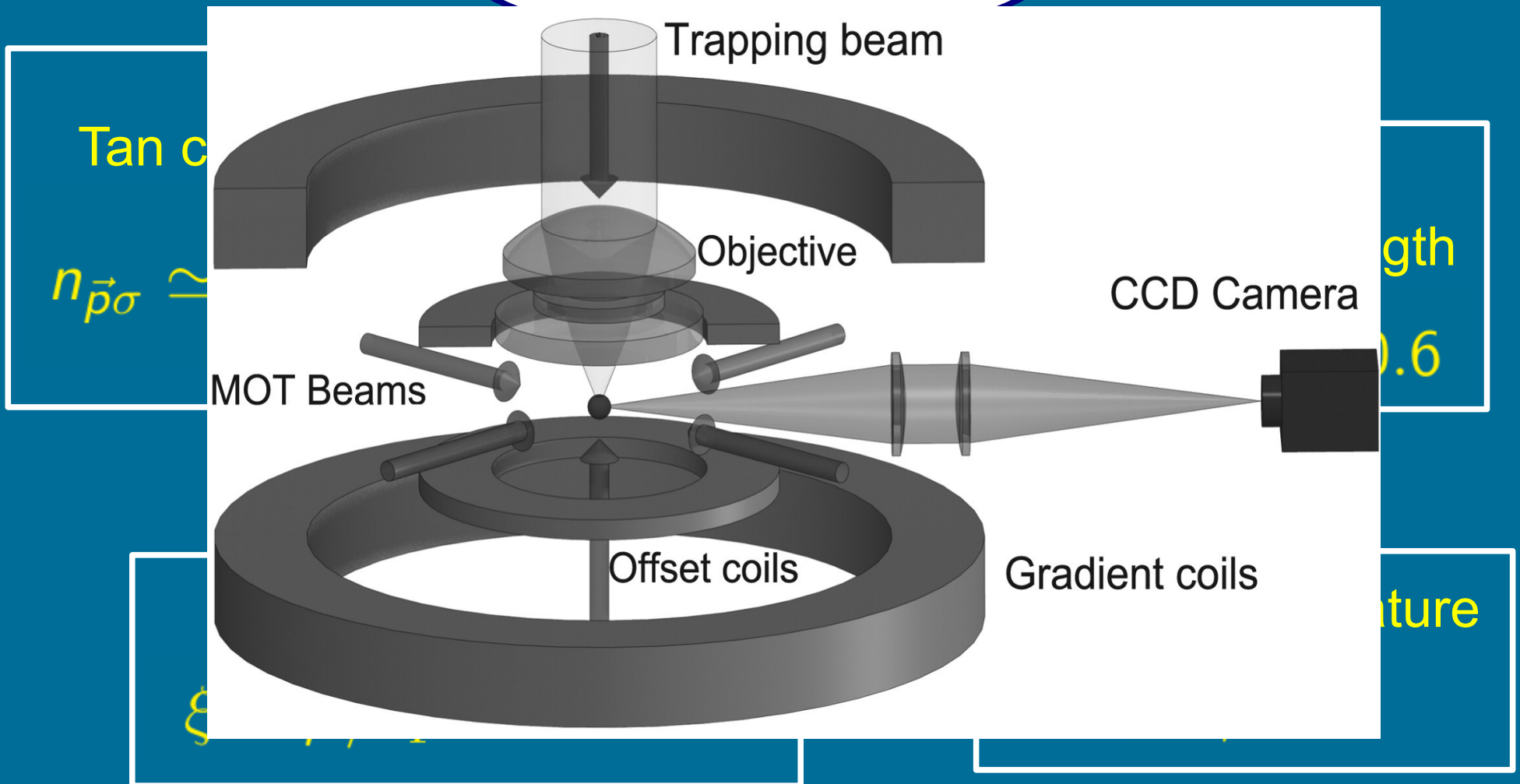
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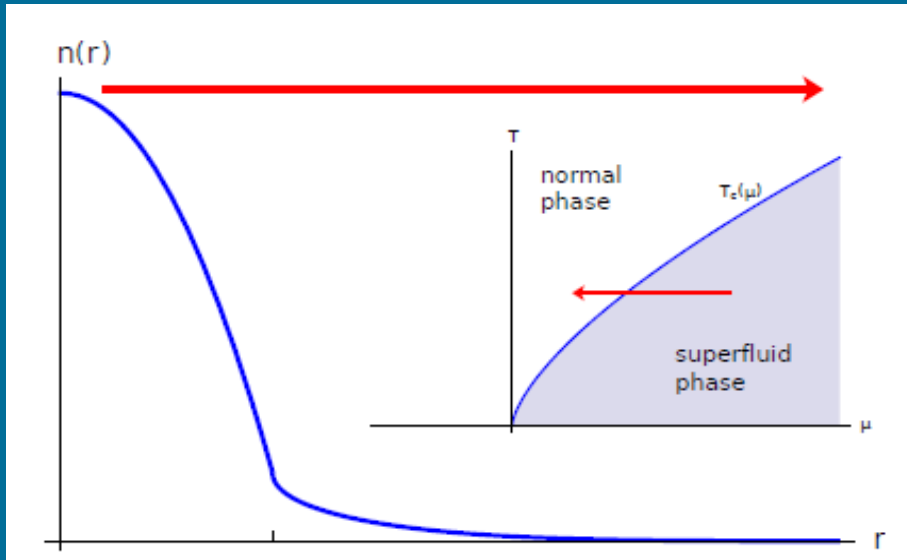
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One problem:



Thermodynamics from density profiles

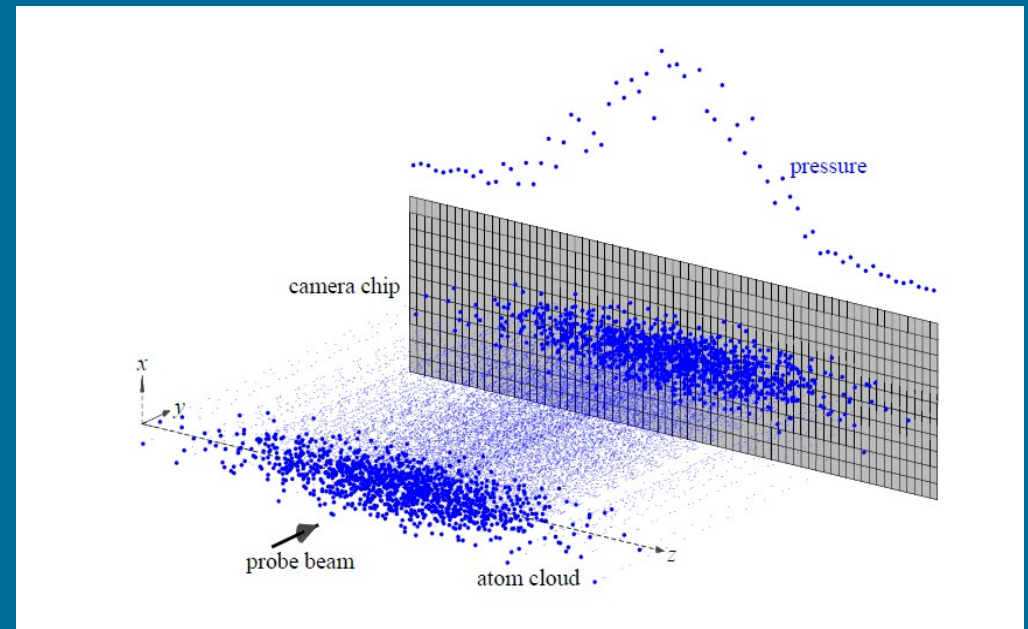


$$P(\mu, T) \rightarrow P(\mu - V_{\text{ext}}(\vec{x}), T)$$

local density approximation

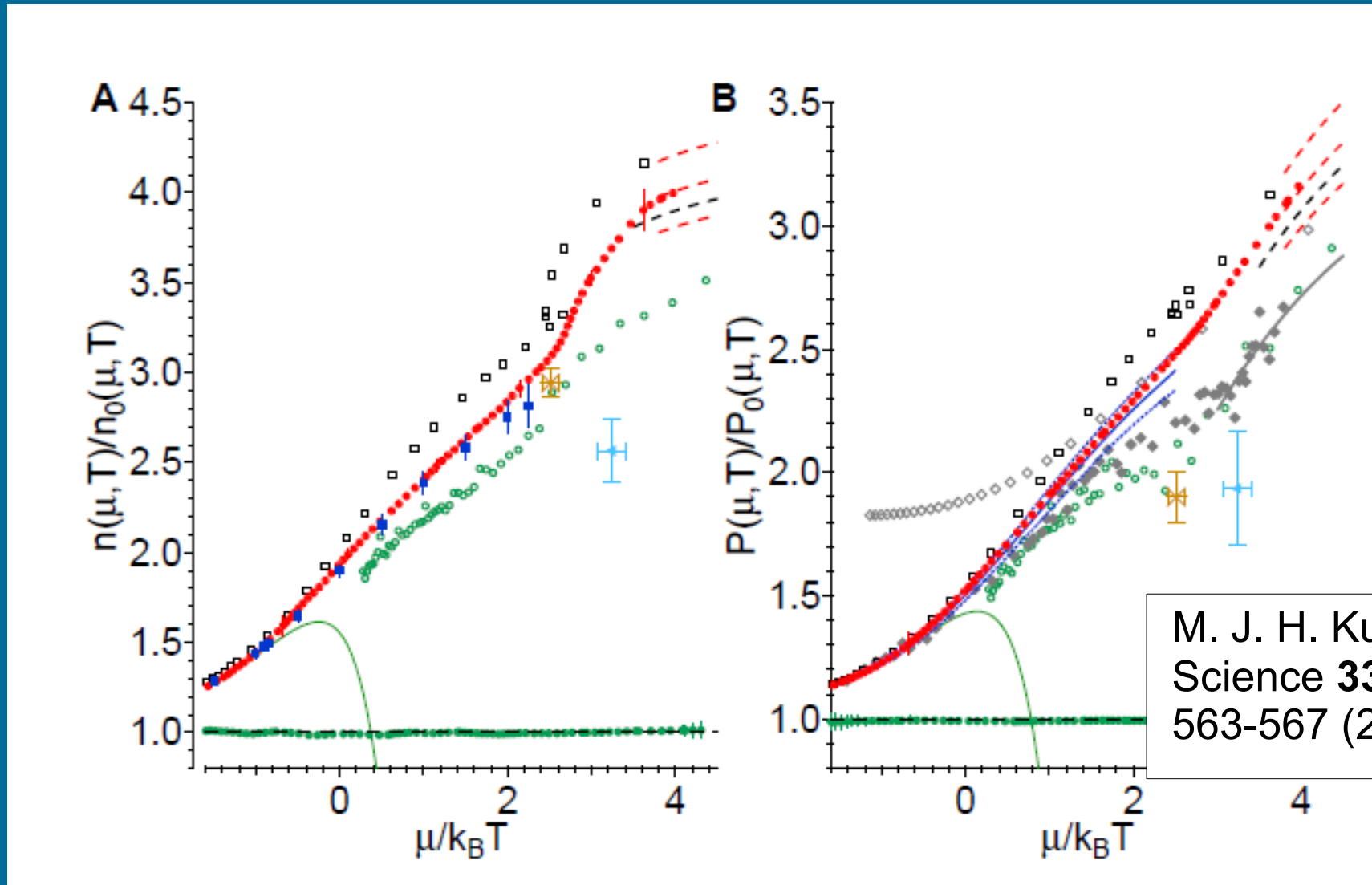
$$P(\mu_z, T) = \frac{m\omega_r^2}{2\pi} \bar{n}(z),$$

Ho, Zhou



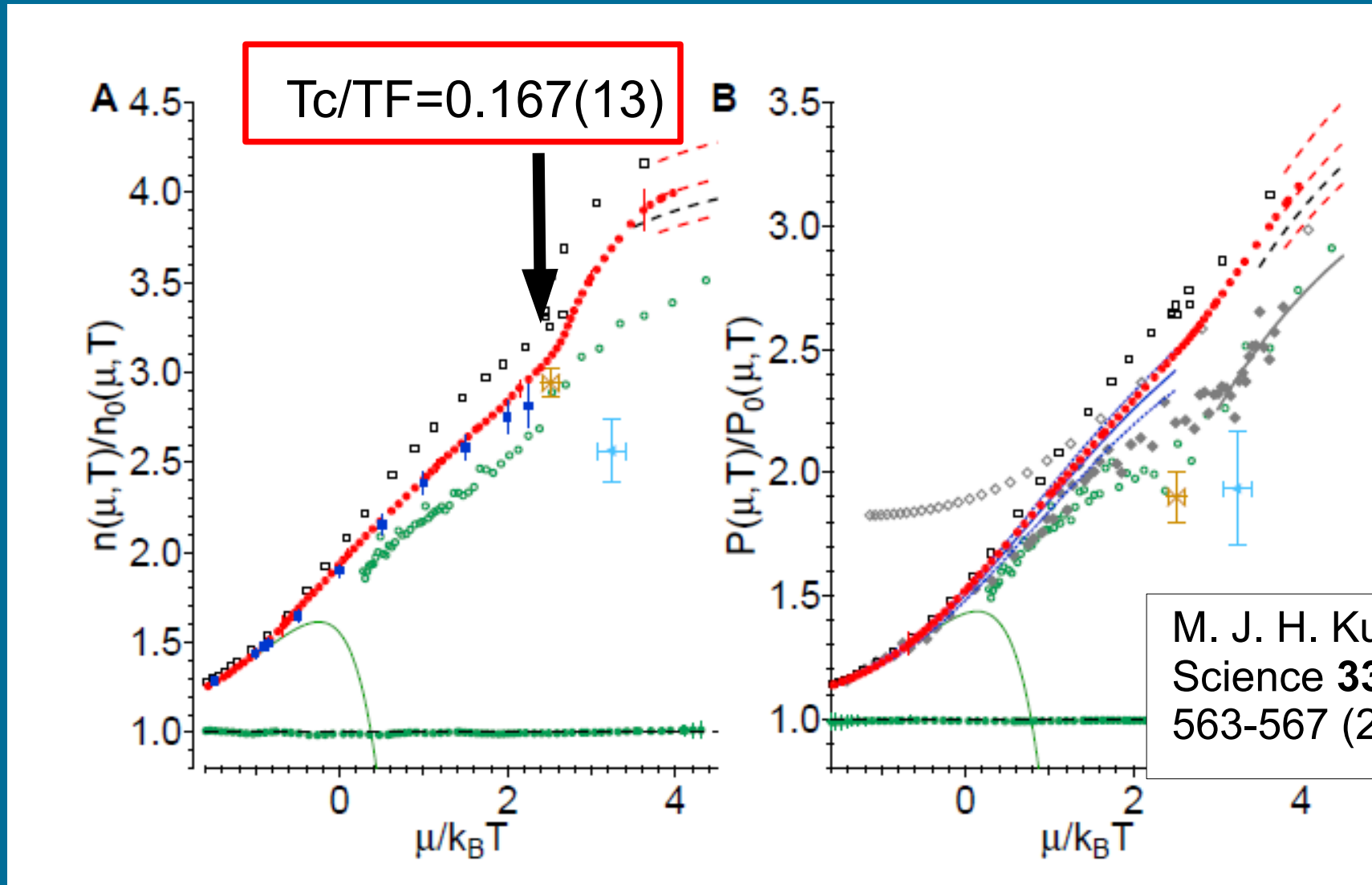
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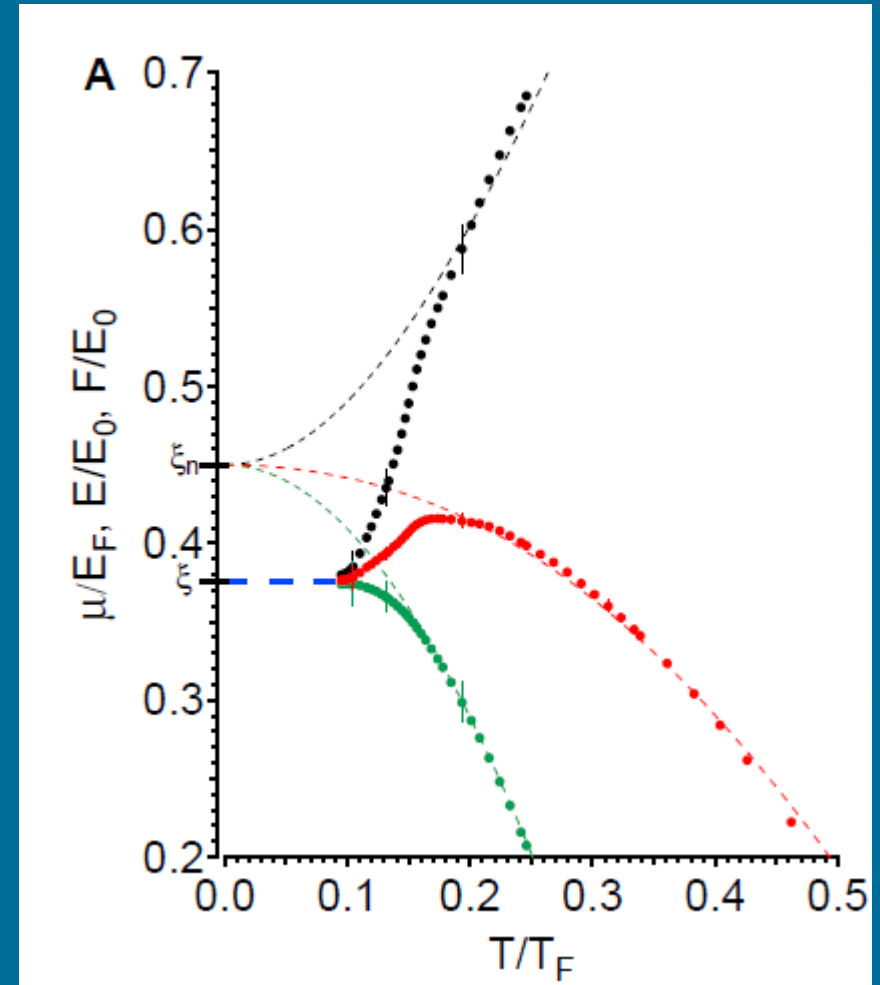


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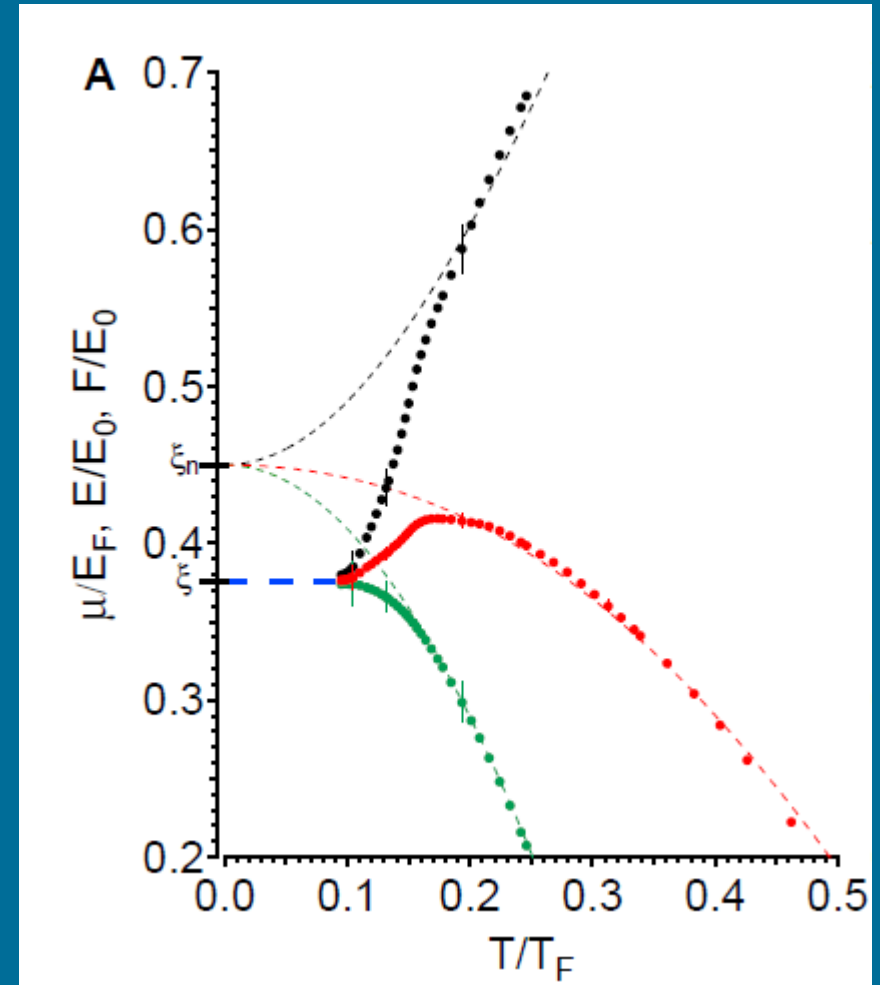
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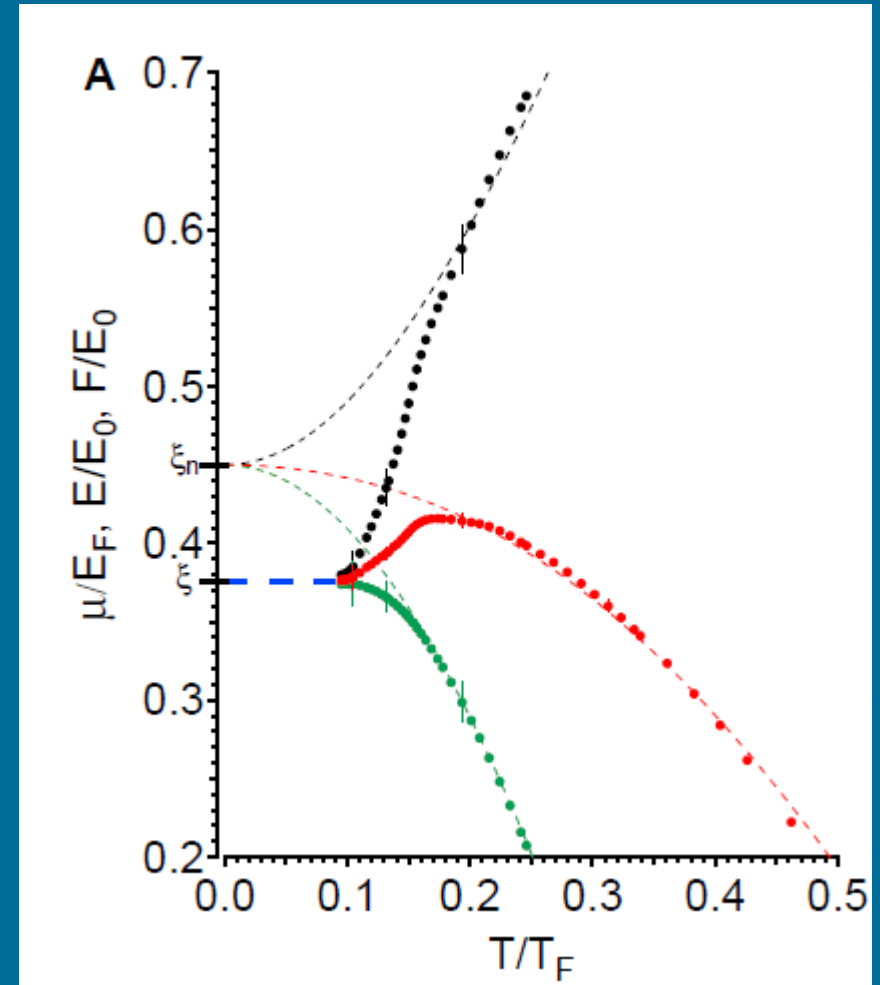
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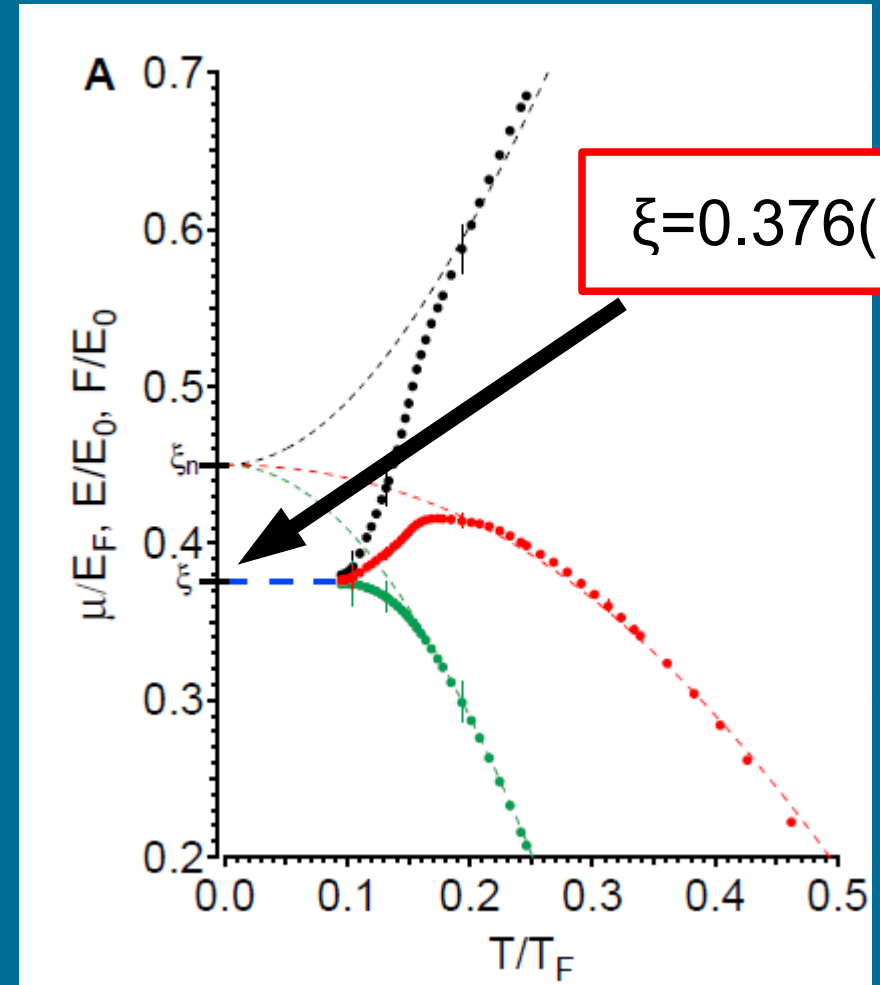
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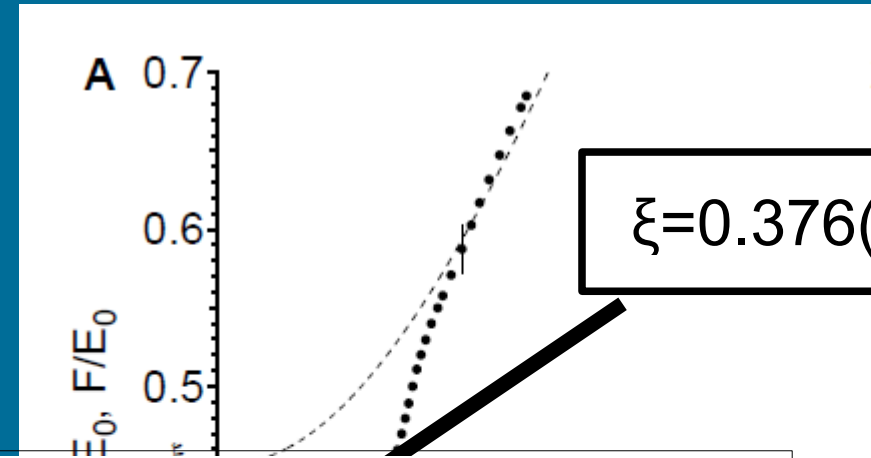


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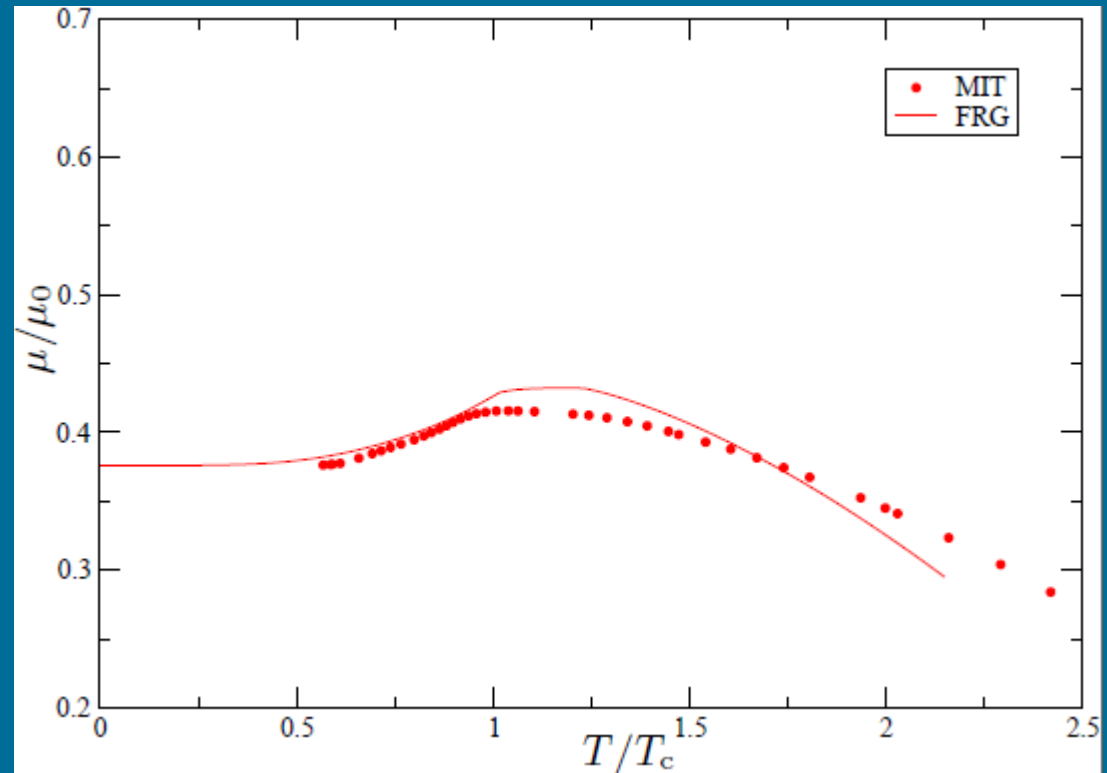
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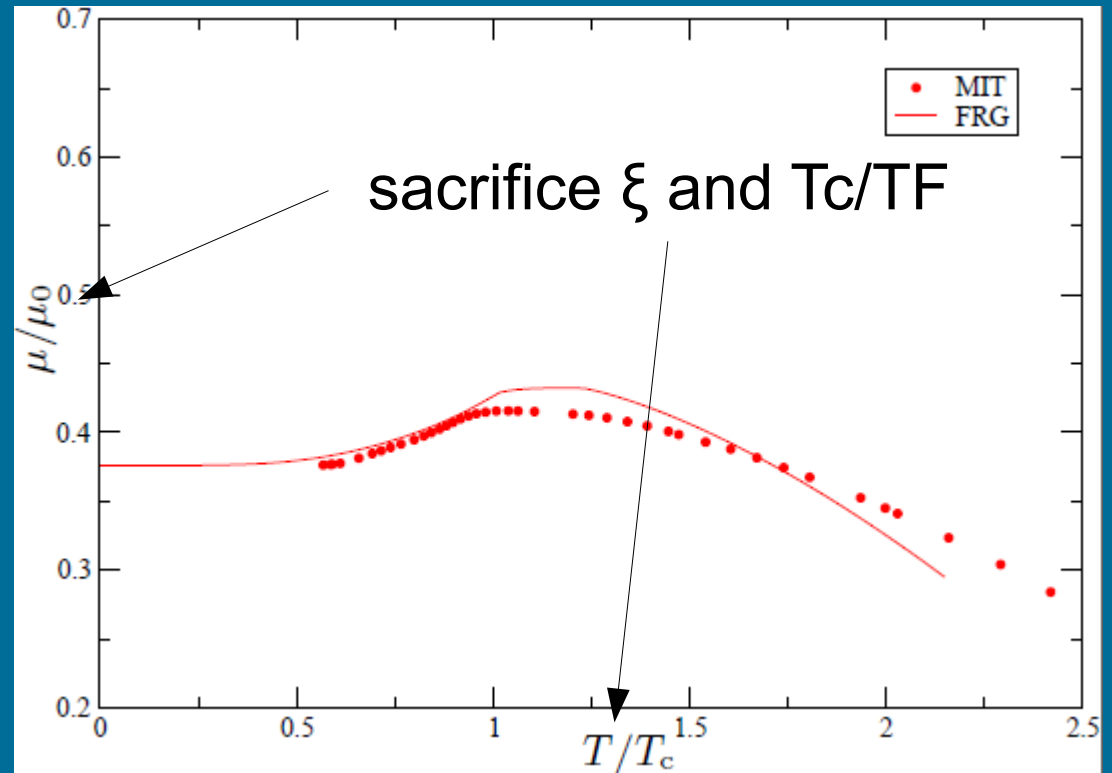
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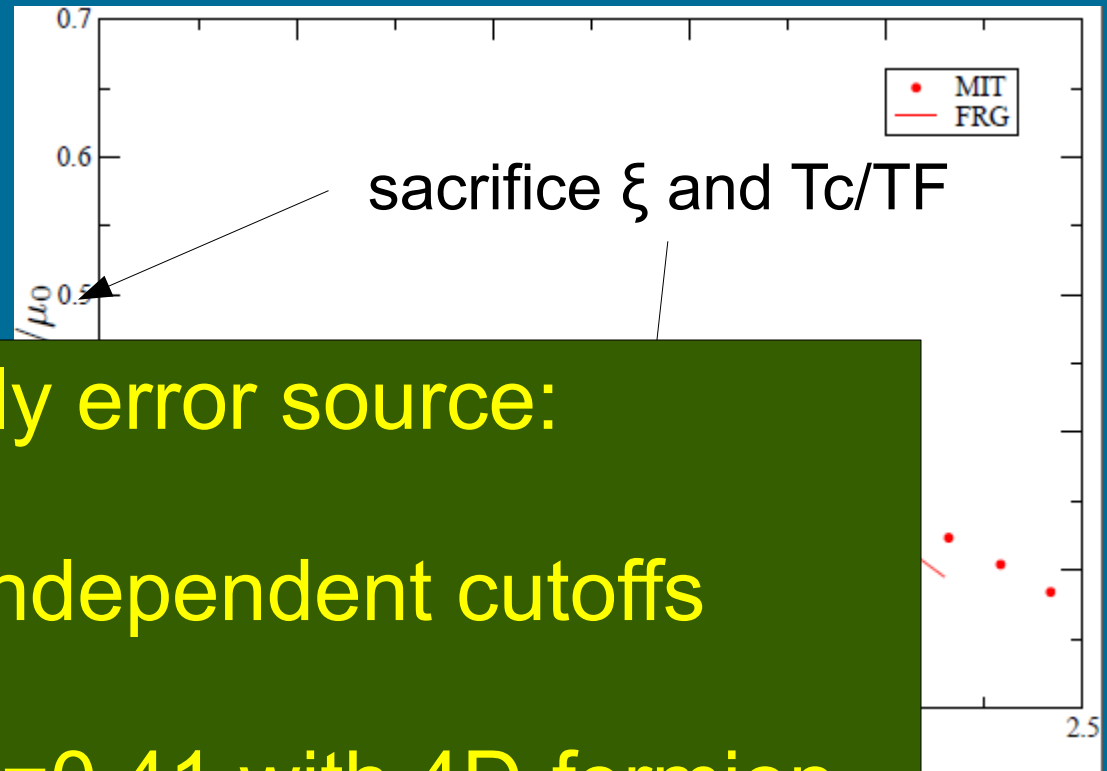
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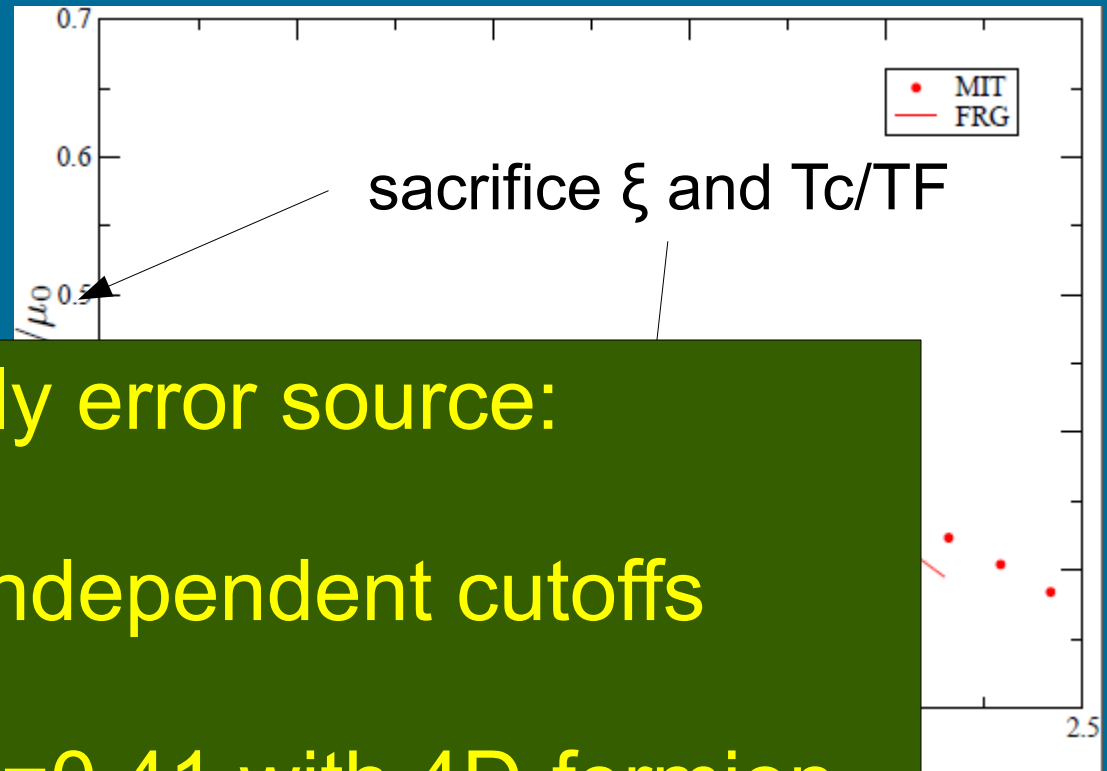
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→ contact me during the workshop if you are interested in that

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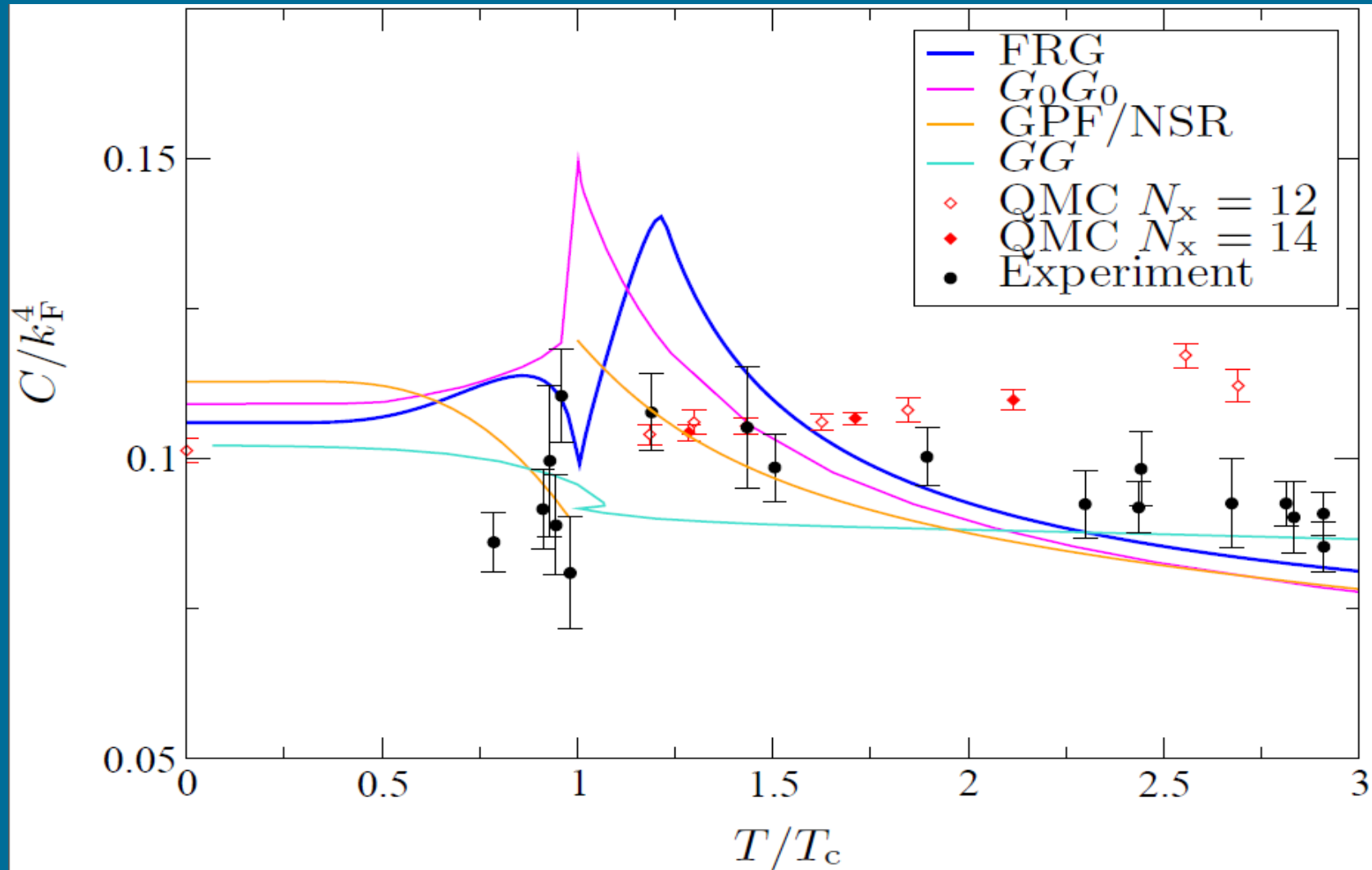
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Tan relation

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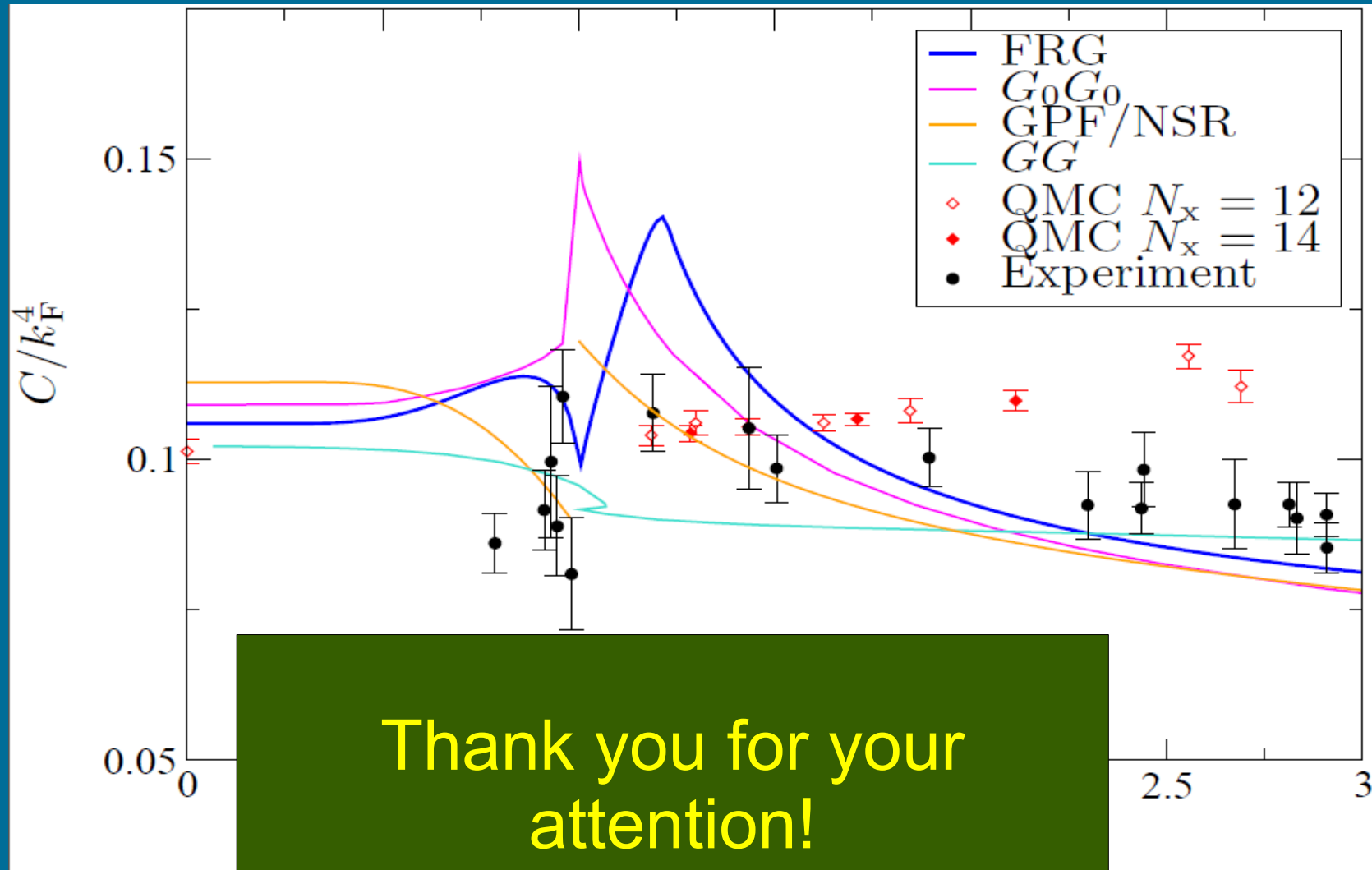
Asymptotic fermion self-energy

Tan contact



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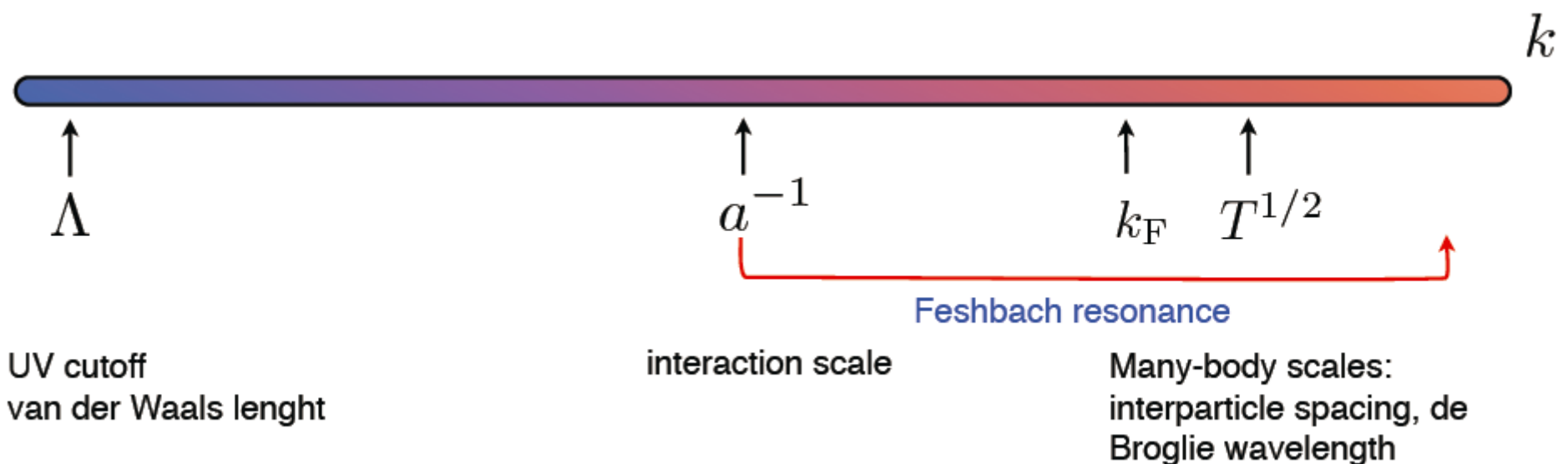


Additional slides

Microscopic Model

Many-body Hamiltonian

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Microscopic action

$$S[\varphi, \psi] = \int_X \left(\sum_{\sigma=1,2} \psi_{\sigma}^* (\partial_{\tau} - \nabla^2 - \mu) \psi_{\sigma} + m_{\varphi,\Lambda}^2 \varphi^* \varphi - h_{\varphi} (\varphi^* \psi_1 \psi_2 - \varphi \psi_1^* \psi_2^*) \right)$$

Macroscopic physics

How to compute the partition function?

$$Z(\mu, T) = \int D\varphi D\psi e^{-S[\varphi, \psi]} \quad \text{Integration}$$

Macroscopic physics

How to compute the partition function?

$$Z_k(\mu, T) = \int D\varphi D\psi e^{-S[\varphi, \psi] + \Delta S_k}$$

scale dependent partition function

$$\partial_k Z_k(\mu, T) = \dots \quad \text{Solve flow equation}$$

Wetterich equation

$$\Gamma[\Phi] = J \cdot \Phi - \log Z[J] \quad \text{effective action}$$

$$\partial_k \Gamma_k = \frac{1}{2} S \text{Tr} \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma_k^{(2)} + R_k} \partial_k R_k \right)$$

$$\Gamma_{k=\Lambda} = S \quad \xrightarrow{\text{fluctuations}} \quad \Gamma_{k=0} = \Gamma$$

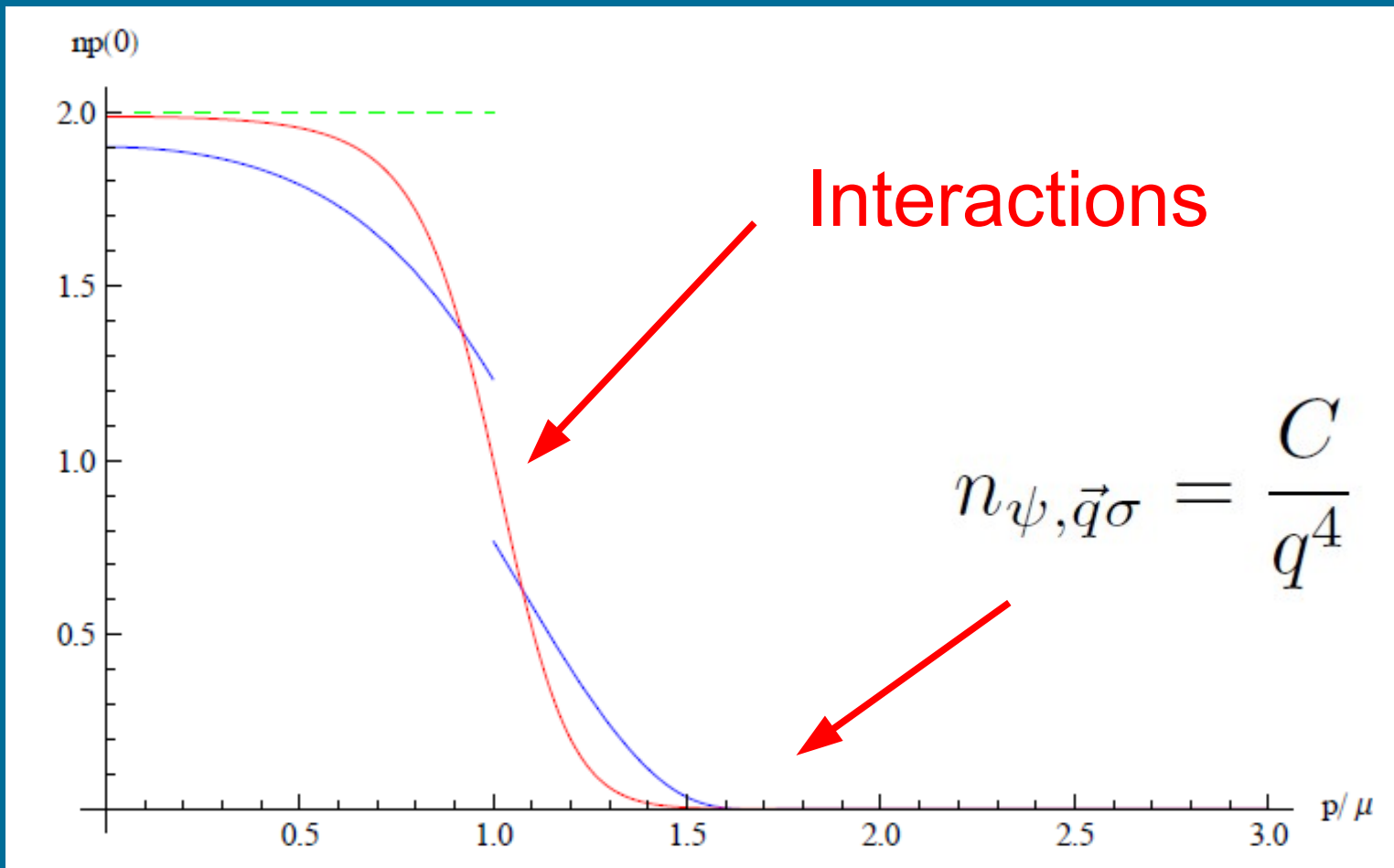
Microphysics

Macrophysics

Contact in the BCS-BEC Crossover

Momentum distribution

Ideal Fermi gas: Fermi-Dirac distribution



Momentum distribution

$$n_{\vec{p}\sigma} \simeq \frac{C}{p^4} \quad \text{Tan contact } C$$

Several exact relations, e.g.:

$$\frac{1}{V} \frac{dE}{d(-1/a)} = \frac{C}{4\pi M}$$

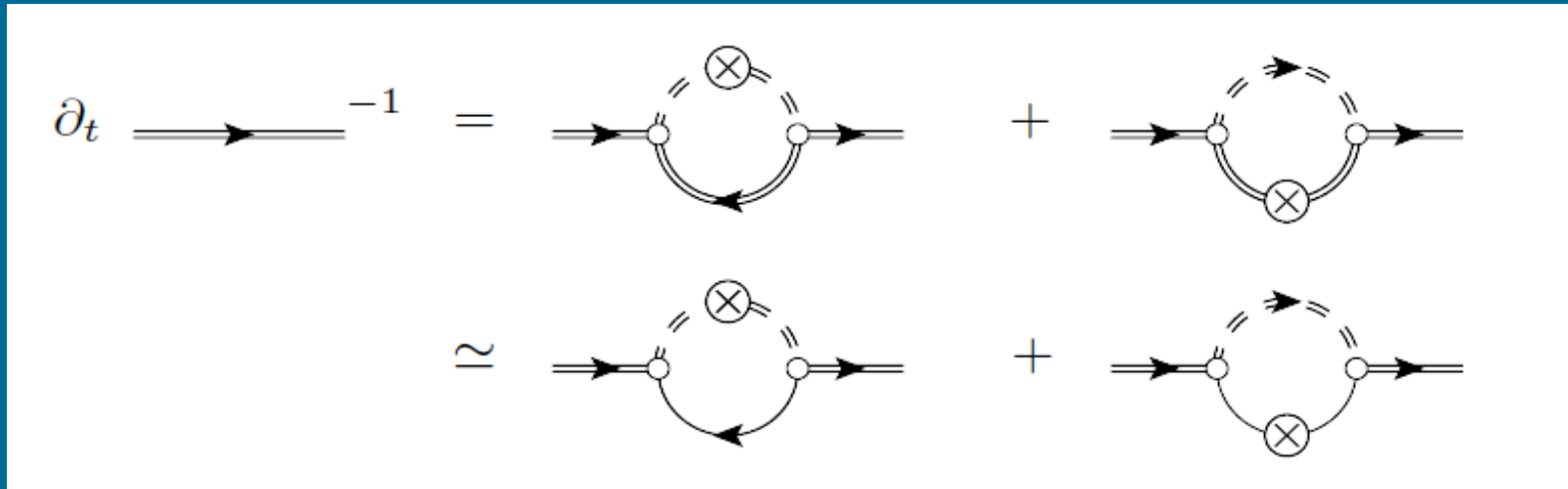
$$E = \frac{C}{4\pi Ma} + \sum_{\sigma=1,2} \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{p^2}{2M} \left(n_{\vec{p}\sigma} - \frac{C}{p^4} \right)$$

Contact from the FRG

$$n_{\vec{p}\sigma} = - \int_{p_0} G_{\psi\sigma}(p_0, \vec{p})$$



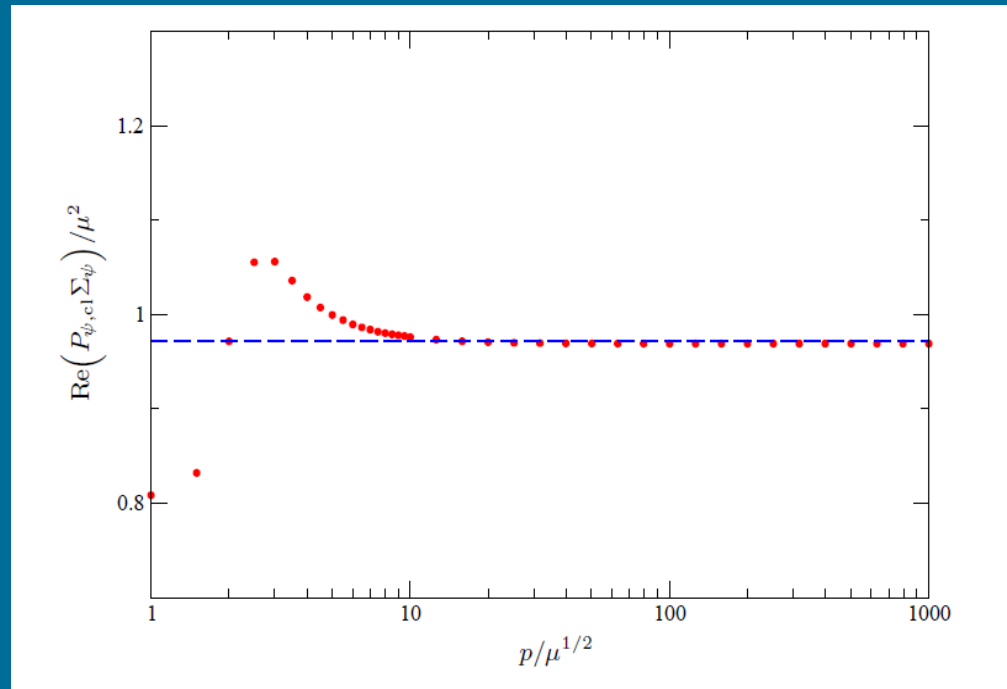
full macroscopic propagator



Contact from the FRG

Factorization of the RG flow for large p :

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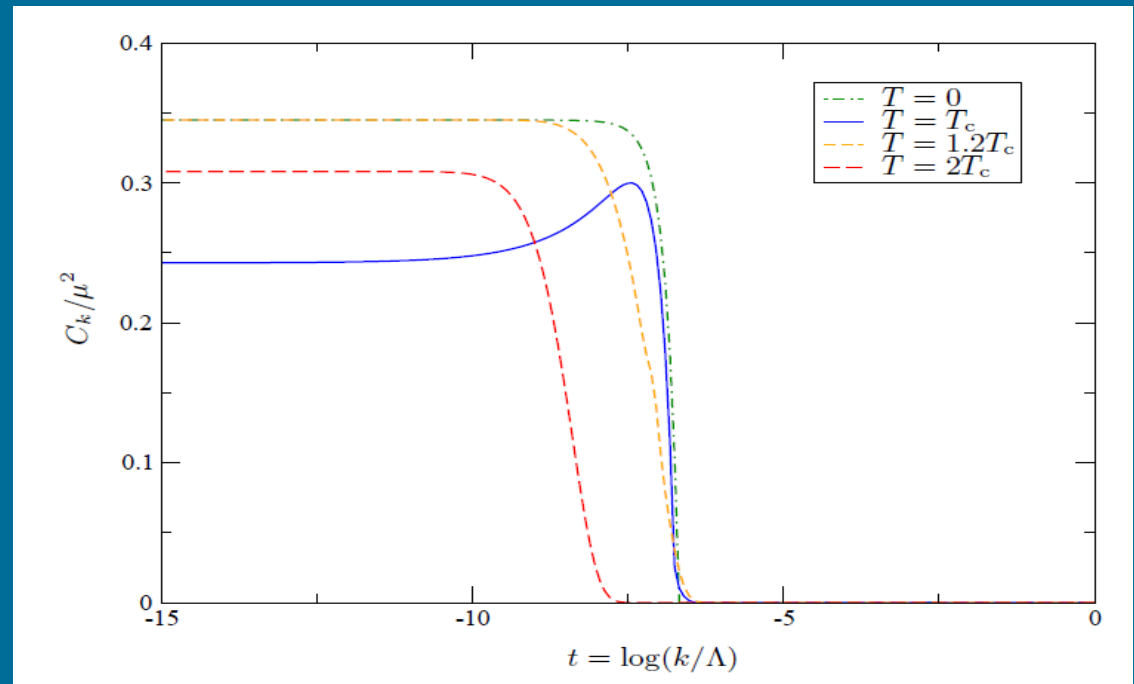
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Flowing contact

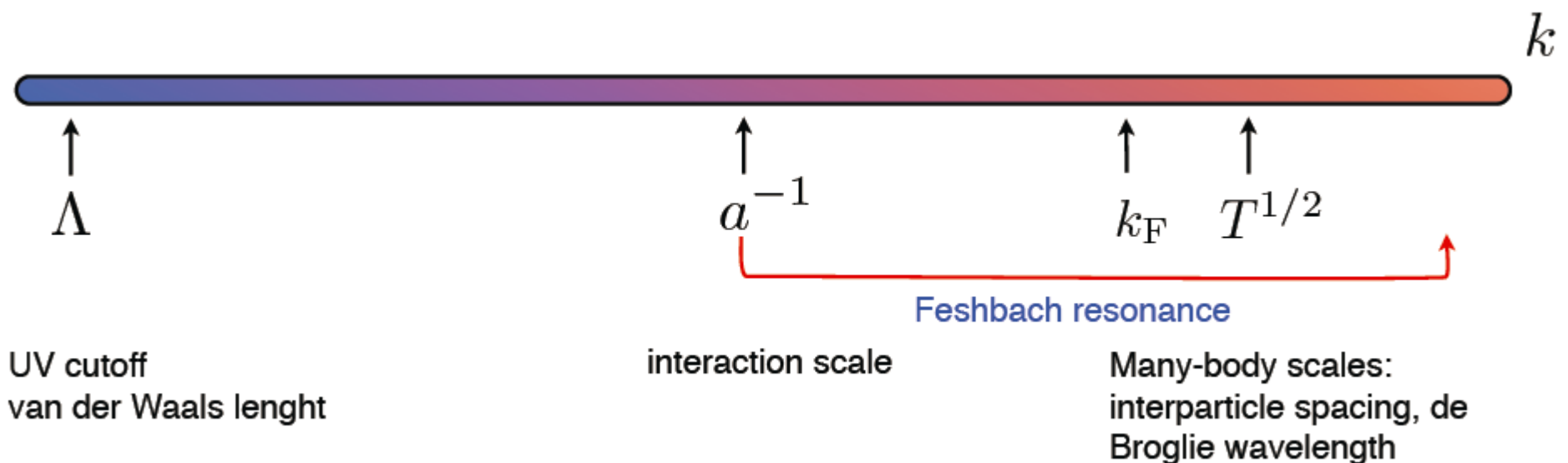
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Contact from the FRG

Universal regime is enhanced for the Unitary Fermi gas

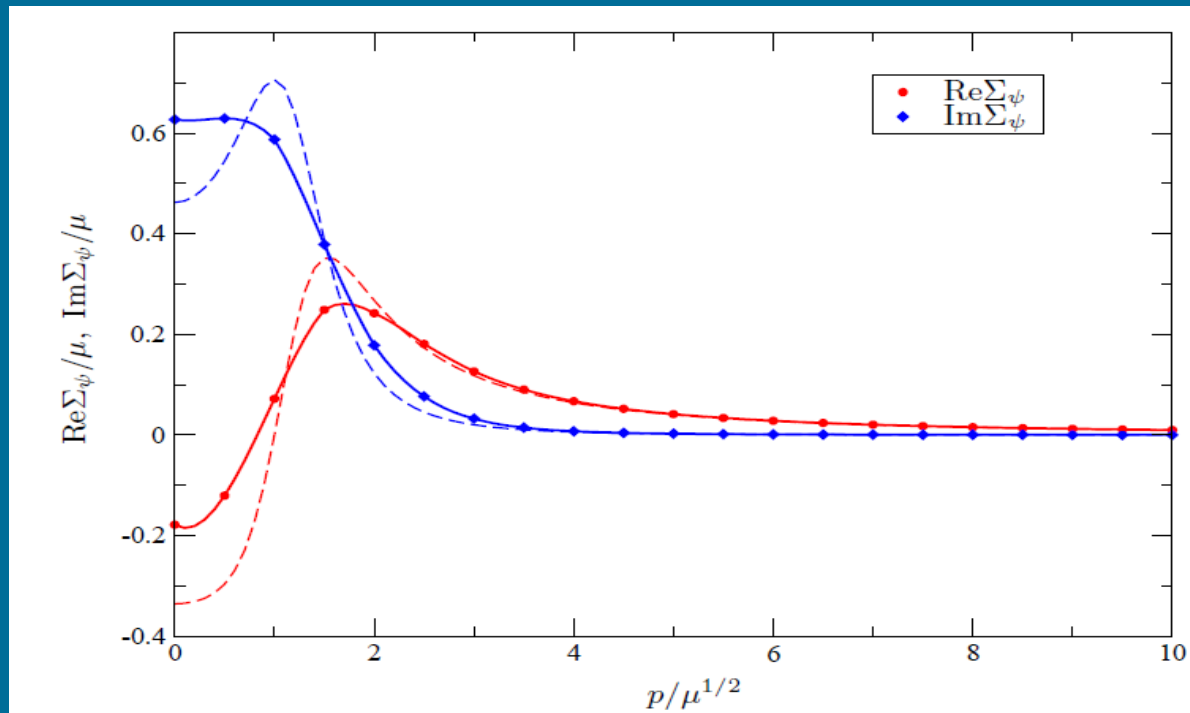
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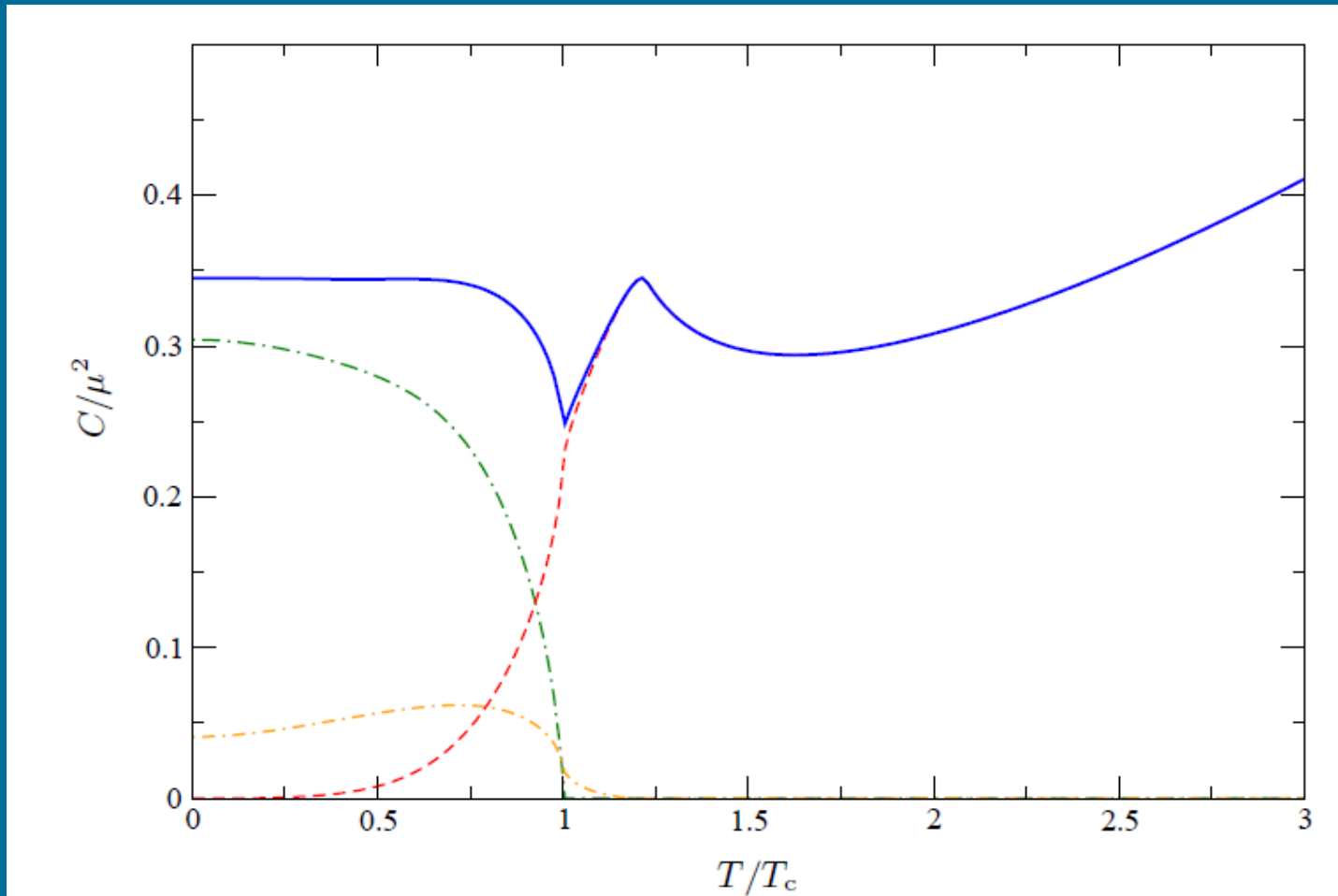
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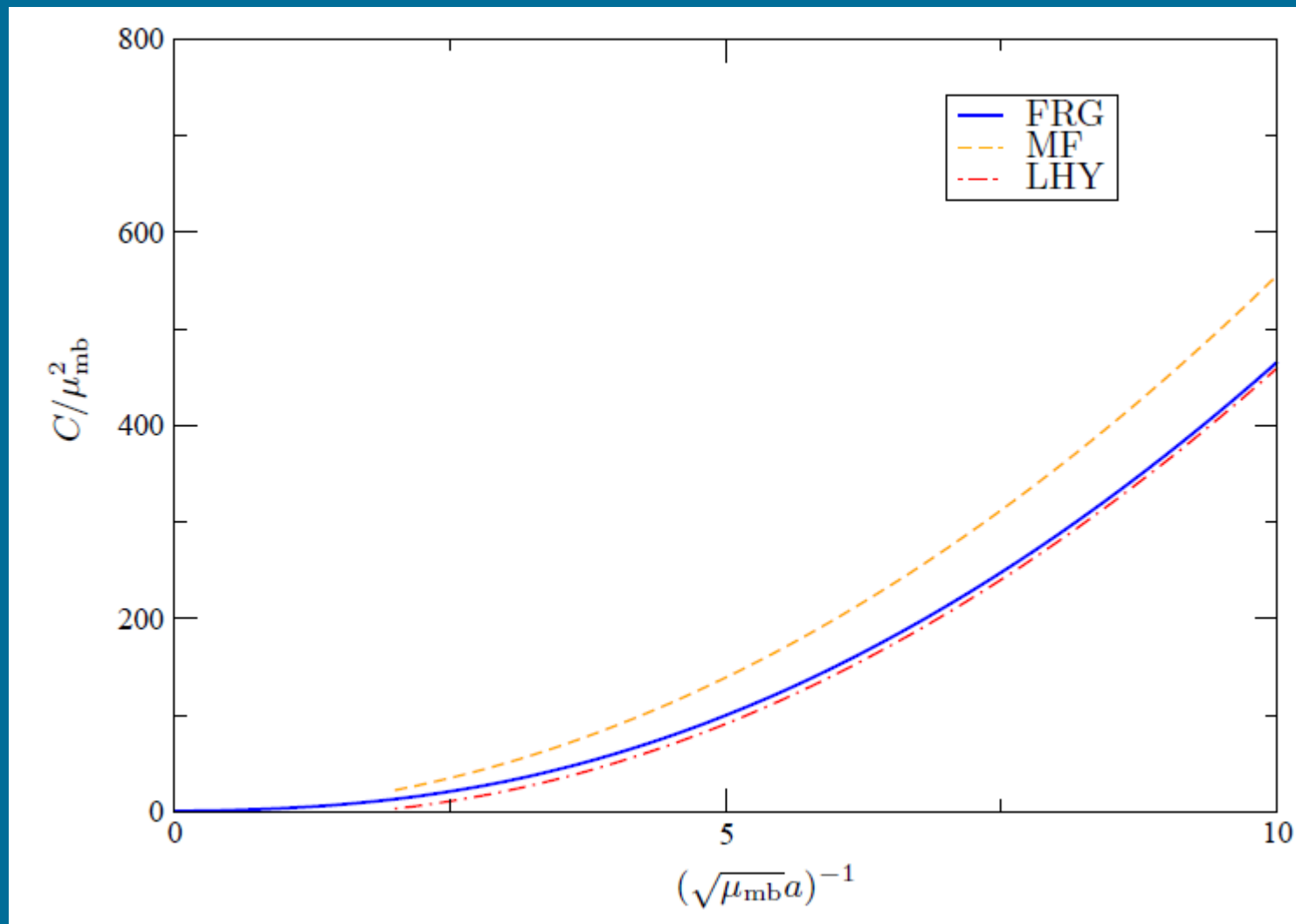
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Temperature dependent contact of the Unitary Fermi gas



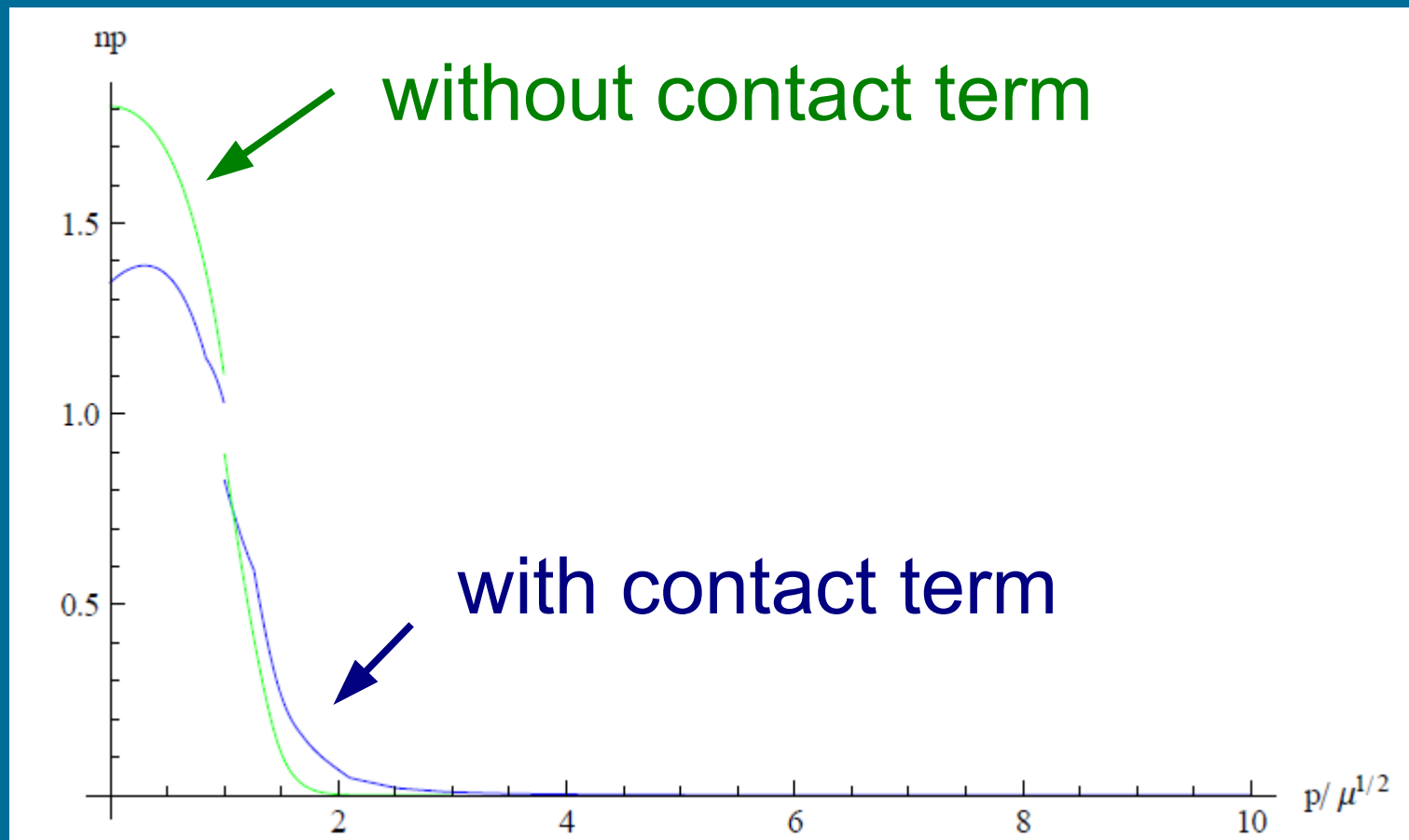
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Contact at $T=0$ in the BCS-BEC crossover



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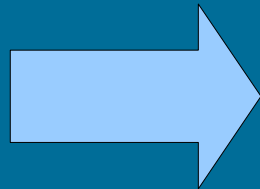
Momentum distribution of the Unitary Fermi Gas at the critical temperature



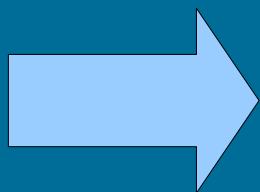
Increase of density

Contribution from high energetic particles to the density

$$n = 2 \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} n_{\vec{p}\sigma}$$



$$\frac{\delta n^{(c)}}{n} = 27.5\% \quad \text{at } T_c$$



Substantial effect on $\frac{T_c}{T_F} \propto \frac{T_c}{n^{2/3}}$

Two-dimensional BCS-BEC Crossover

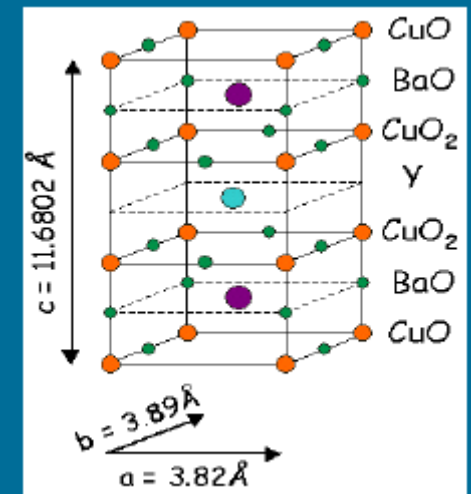
Two-dimensional BCS-BEC Crossover

Why two dimensions?

- Enhanced effects of quantum fluctuations
→ test and improve elaborate methods
- Understand pairing in two dimensions
→ high temperature superconductors

How?

Highly anisotropic traps!



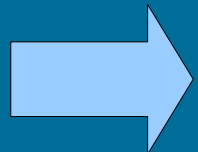
What is different?

Scattering physics in two dimensions

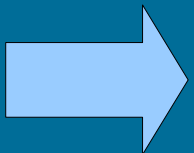
$$f_{2d}(q) \sim \frac{1}{\log(1/q^2 a_{2d}^2) + i\pi + \dots}$$

Scattering
amplitude

$$f_{3d}(q) \sim \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{2}r_e q^2 - iq + \dots}$$



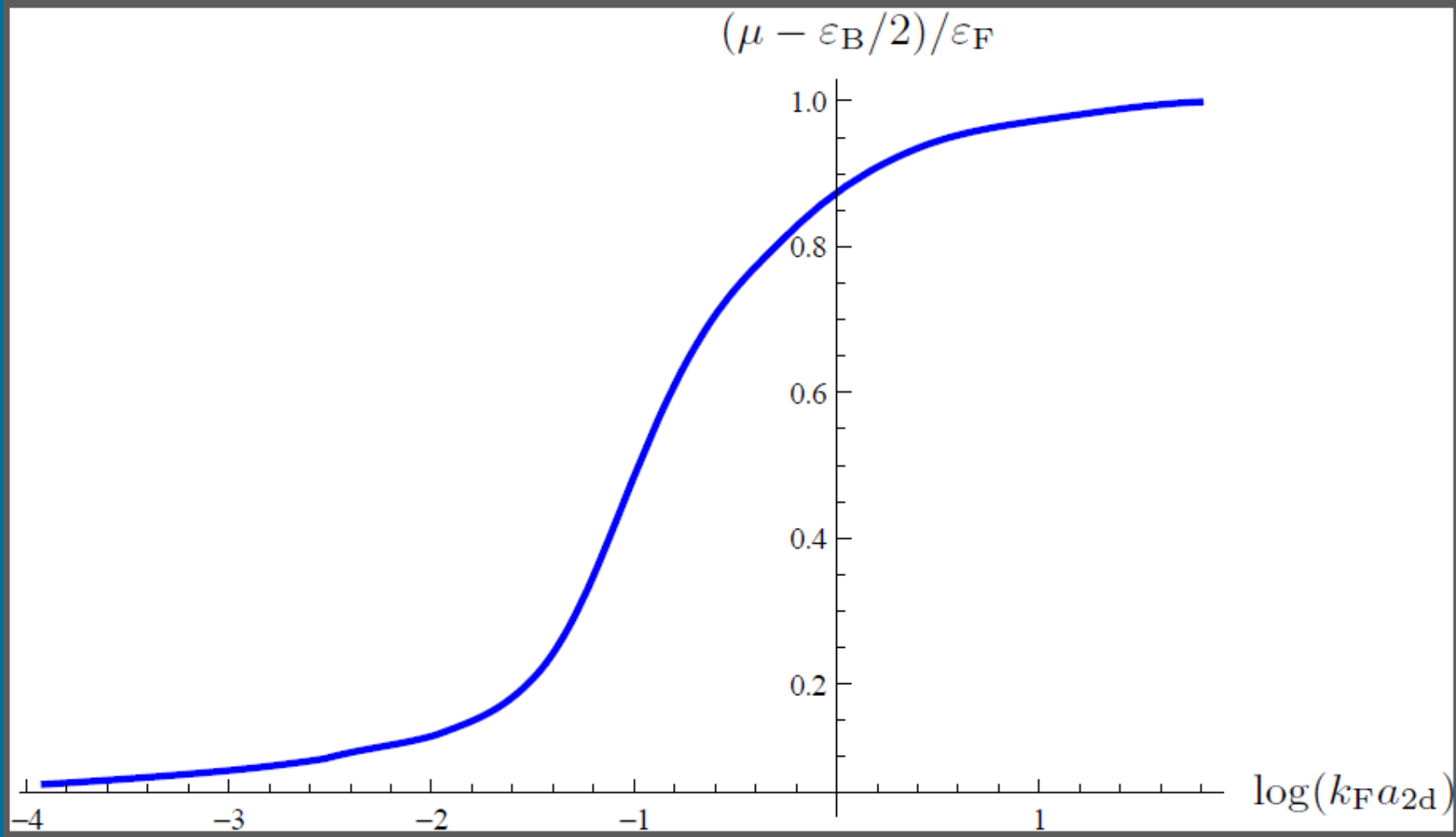
Crossover parameter $\log(k_F a_{2d})$



No scale invariance, but
strong correlations for

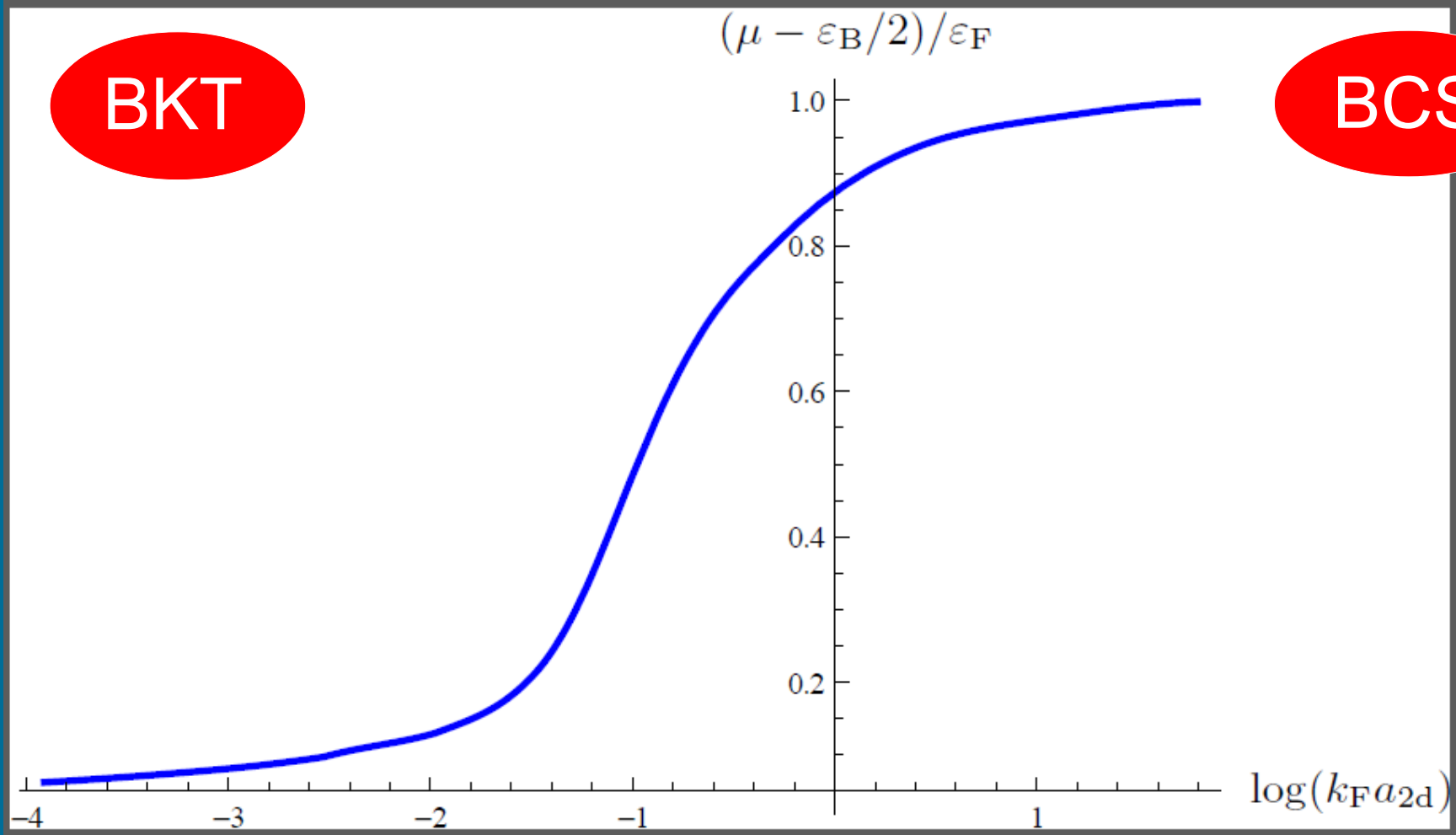
$$k_F \sim \frac{1}{a_{2d}}$$

Equation of state at T=0



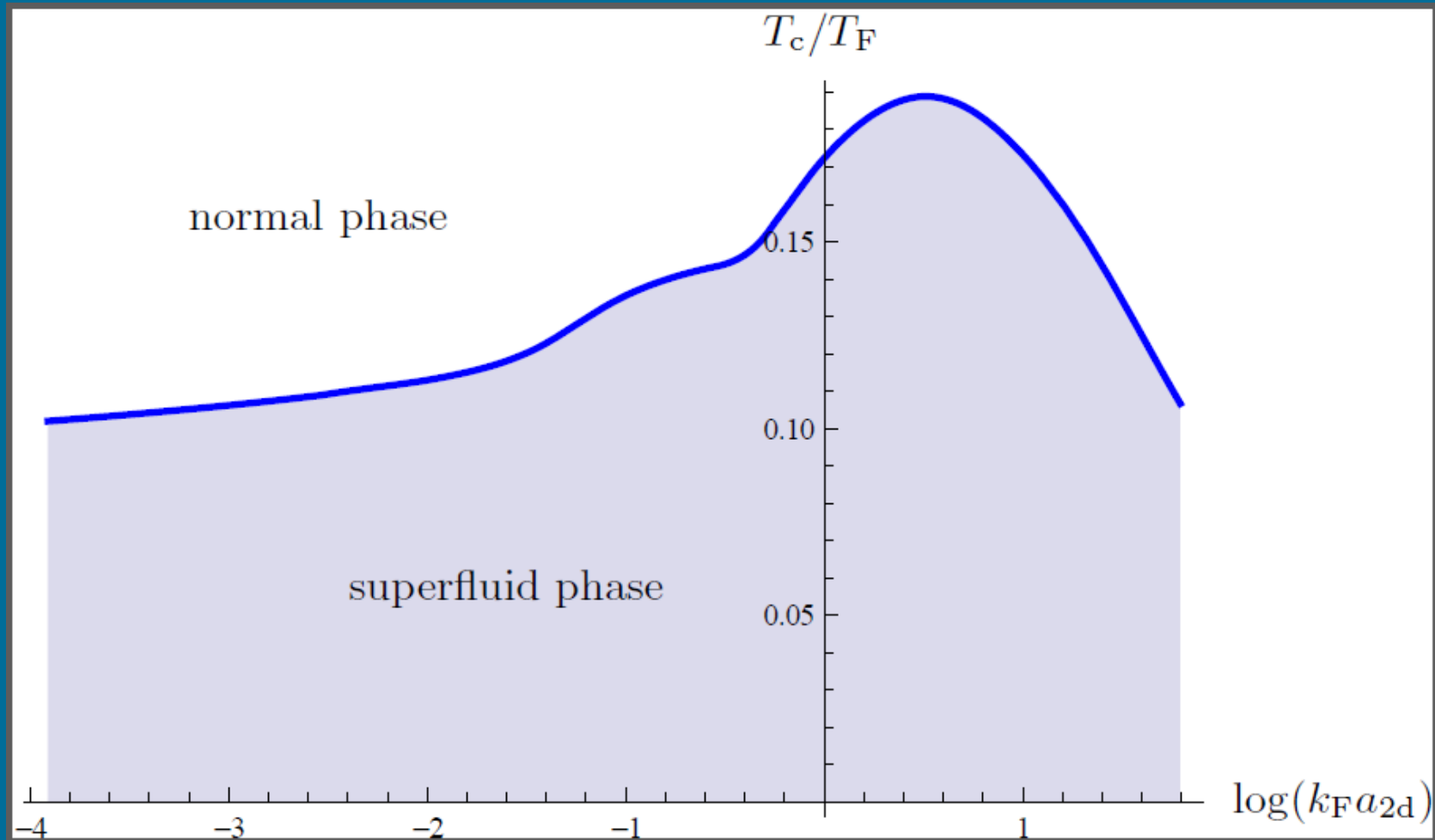
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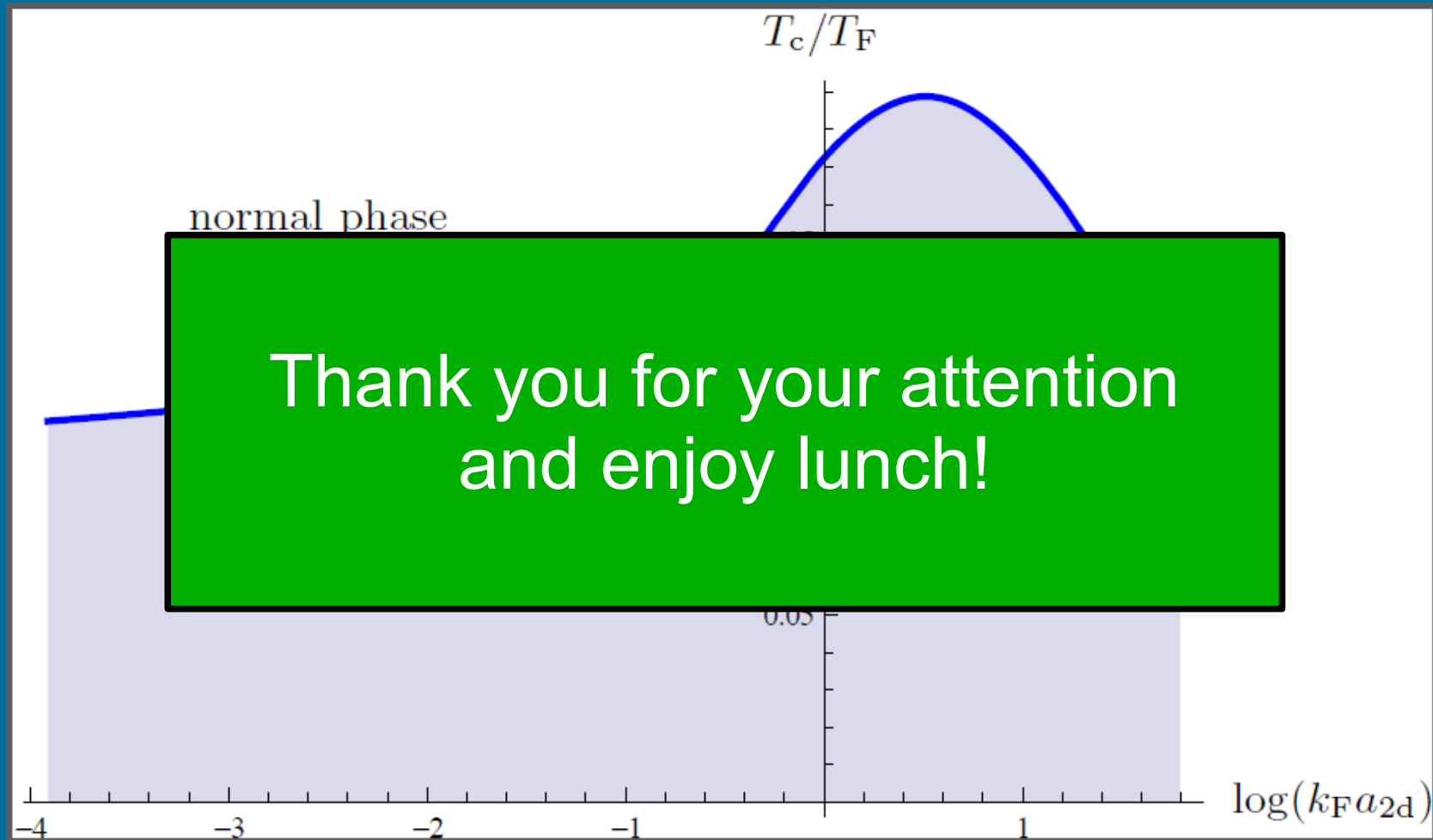
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Superfluid phase transition



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