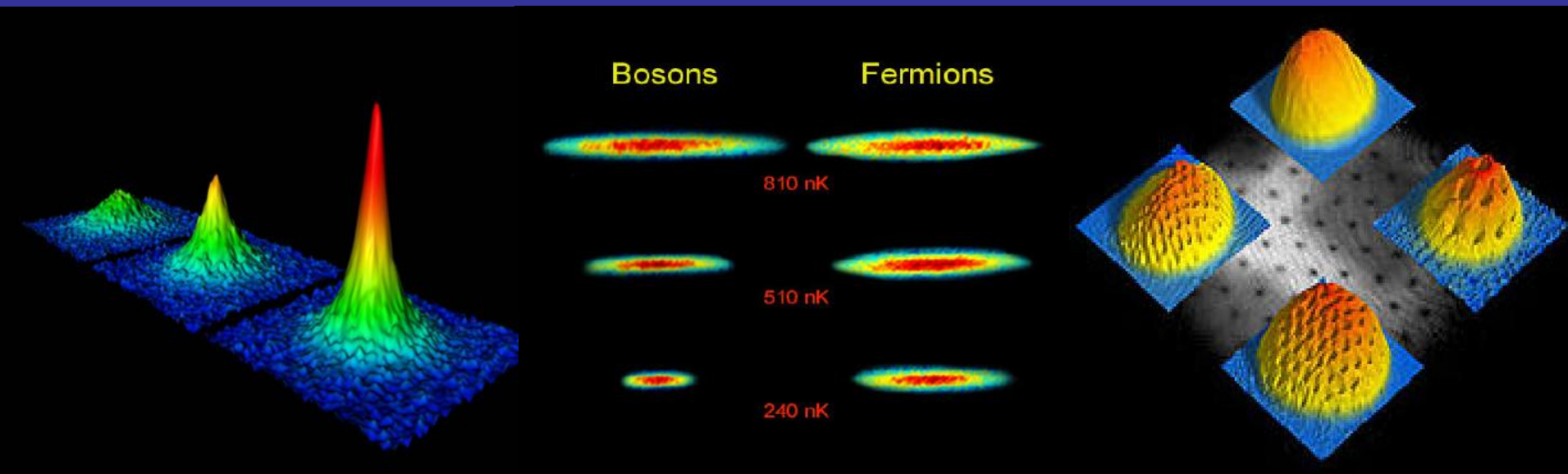
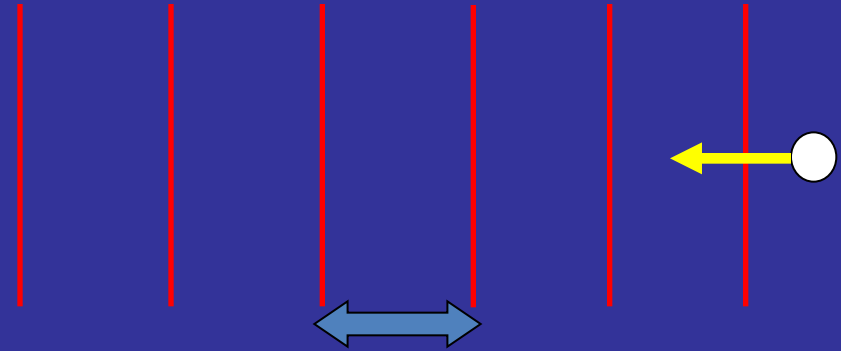
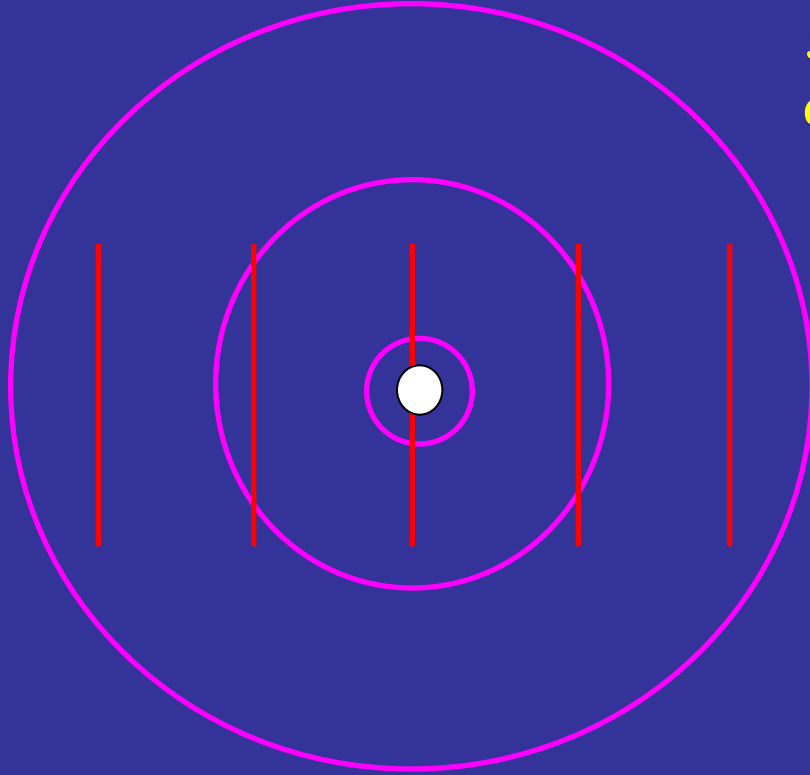


# *Unitarny gaz atomów - pomiędzy nadprzewodnikiem a kondensatem Bosego-Einsteina*



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# Scattering in quantum mechanics at low energies (s-wave scattering)



$$\lambda = \frac{2\pi}{k} \gg R$$

$R$  - radius of the interaction potential

$$\psi = e^{ikr} + f(\theta) \frac{e^{i\pi/2}}{r}$$

$$f(\theta) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} (2l+1) a_l P_l(\cos\theta)$$

If  $k \rightarrow 0$  then the interaction is determined by the scattering length alone.

# Expected phases of a two species dilute Fermi system BCS-BEC crossover

Characteristic temperature  
 $T_c$  superfluid-normal  
phase transition

Characteristic temperatures:  
 $T_c$  superfluid-normal  
phase transition  
 $T^*$  break up of Bose molecule  
 $T^* > T_c$

**Strong interaction  
UNITARY REGIME**

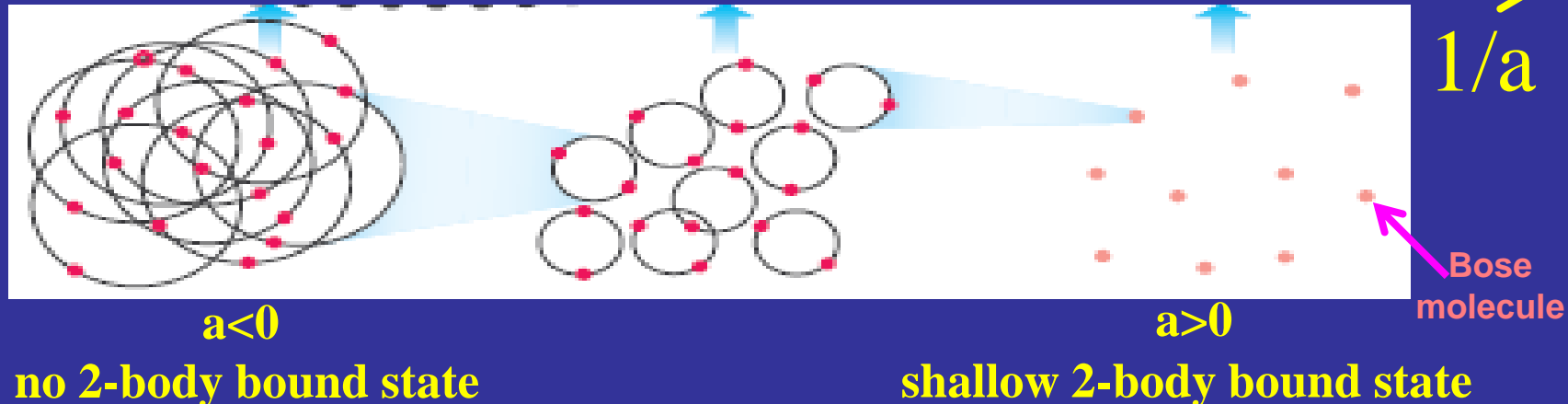
weak interaction

weak interactions

?

BCS Superfluid

Molecular BEC and  
Atomic+Molecular  
Superfluids



## What is a unitary gas?

A gas of interacting fermions is in the unitary regime if the average separation between particles is large compared to their size (range of interaction), but small compared to their scattering length.

$$n r_0^3 \ll 1 \quad n |a|^3 \gg 1$$

$n$  - particle density  
 $a$  - scattering length  
 $r_0$  - effective range

$$\text{i.e. } r_0 \rightarrow 0, a \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

**NONPERTURBATIVE  
REGIME**

**System is dilute but  
strongly interacting!**

**UNIVERSALITY:**

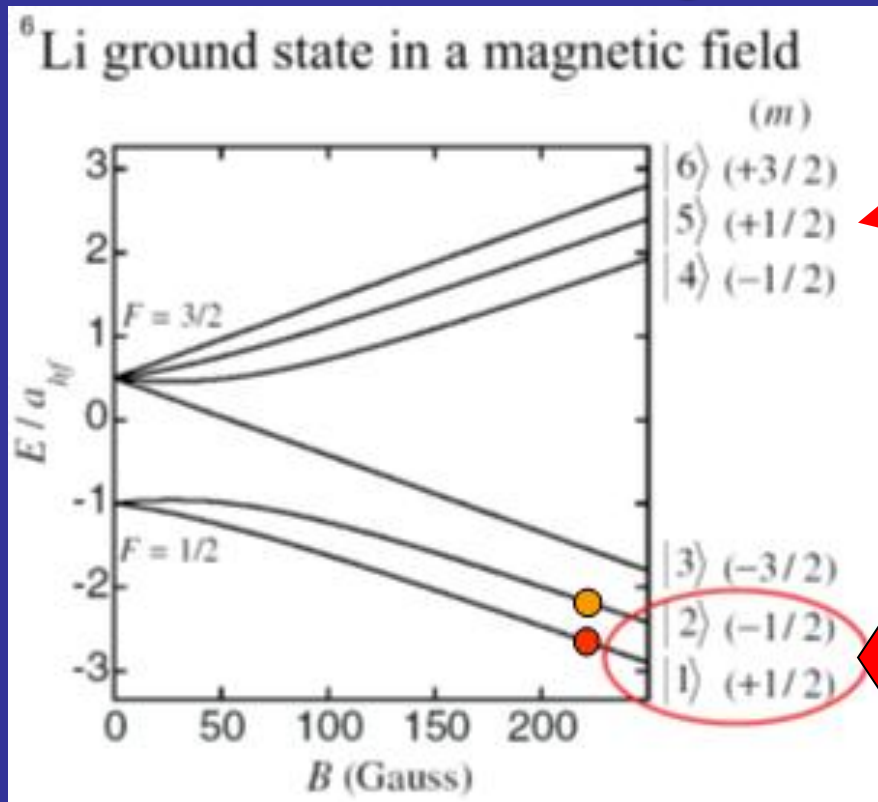
$$E(T) = \xi\left(\frac{T}{\varepsilon_F}\right) E_{FG}$$

**QUESTIONS:**

What is the shape of  $\xi(T/\varepsilon_F)$ ?  
What is the critical temperature for  
the superfluid-to-normal transition?

...

# One fermionic atom in magnetic field



$$|F m_F\rangle$$

$$\vec{F} = \vec{I} + \vec{J} ; \vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$$

Nuclear spin

Electronic spin

Two hyperfine states are populated in the trap

Collision of two atoms:

At low energies (low density of atoms) only  $L=0$  (s-wave) scattering is effective.

- Due to the high diluteness atoms in the same hyperfine state do not interact with one another.
- Atoms in different hyperfine states experience interactions only in s-wave.

# Effective Hamiltonian of an atom-atom system

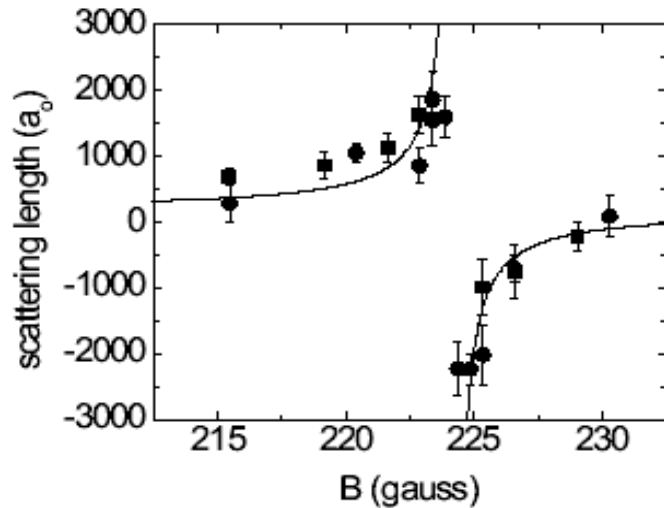
$$H = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2\mu} + \sum_{i=1}^2 (V_i^{hf} + V_i^Z) + V_0(\vec{r})P_0 + V_1(\vec{r})P_1 + \dots$$

$$V^{hf} = \frac{a_{hf}}{\hbar^2} \vec{I} \cdot \vec{J}, \quad V_i - \text{Coulomb term}$$

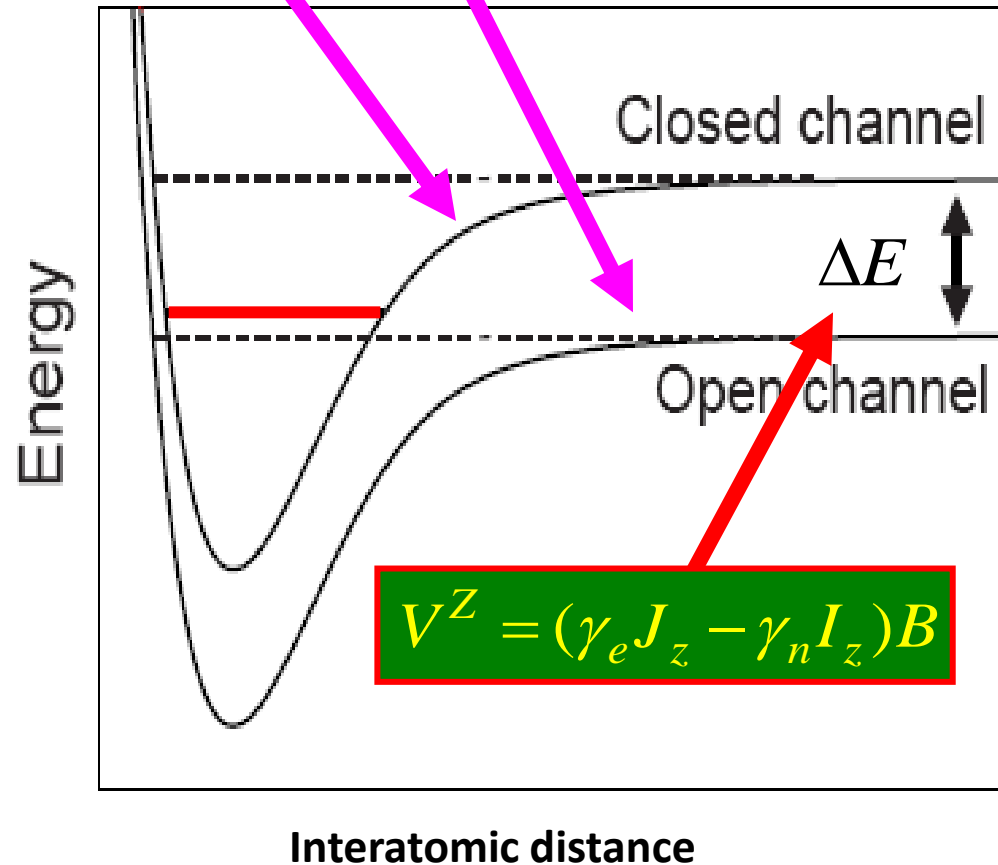
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Channel coupling

Feshbach resonance



Regal and Jin, PRL 90, 230404 (2003)



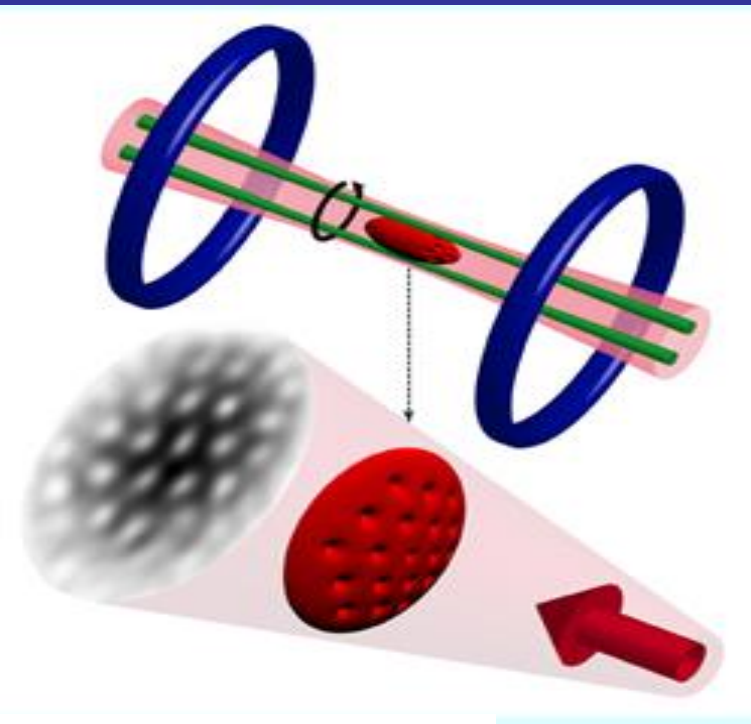
Interatomic distance

Short (selective) history:

- ✓ In 1999 DeMarco and Jin created a degenerate atomic Fermi gas.
- ✓ In 2005 Zwierlein/Ketterle group observed quantum vortices which survived when passing from BEC to unitarity - evidence for superfluidity!

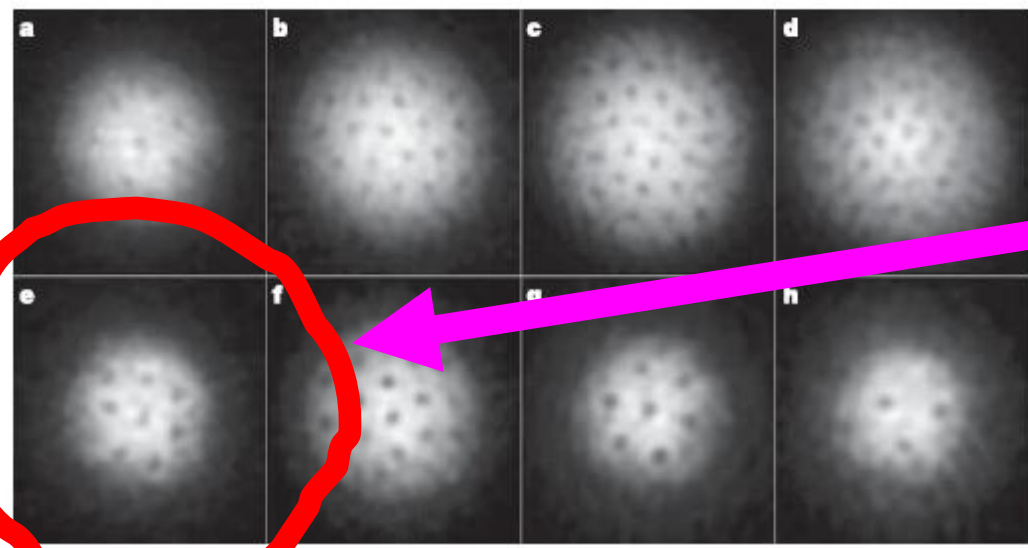
system of fermionic  ${}^6\text{Li}$  atoms

Feshbach resonance:  $B=834\text{G}$



BEC side:  
 $a > 0$

BCS side:  
 $a < 0$



**UNITARY REGIME**

Figure 2 | Vortices in a strongly interacting fermionic atoms on the BEC- and the BCS-side of the Feshbach resonance. At the given field, the cloud of lithium atoms was stirred for 300 ms (a) or 500 ms (b–h) followed by an equilibration time of 500 ms. After 2 ms of ballistic expansion, the

magnetic field was ramped to 735 G for imaging (see Methods). The magnetic fields were 740 G (a), 766 G (b), 792 G (c), 843 G (f), 853 G (g) and 863 G (h). The field of view is  $880 \mu\text{m} \times 880 \mu\text{m}$ .

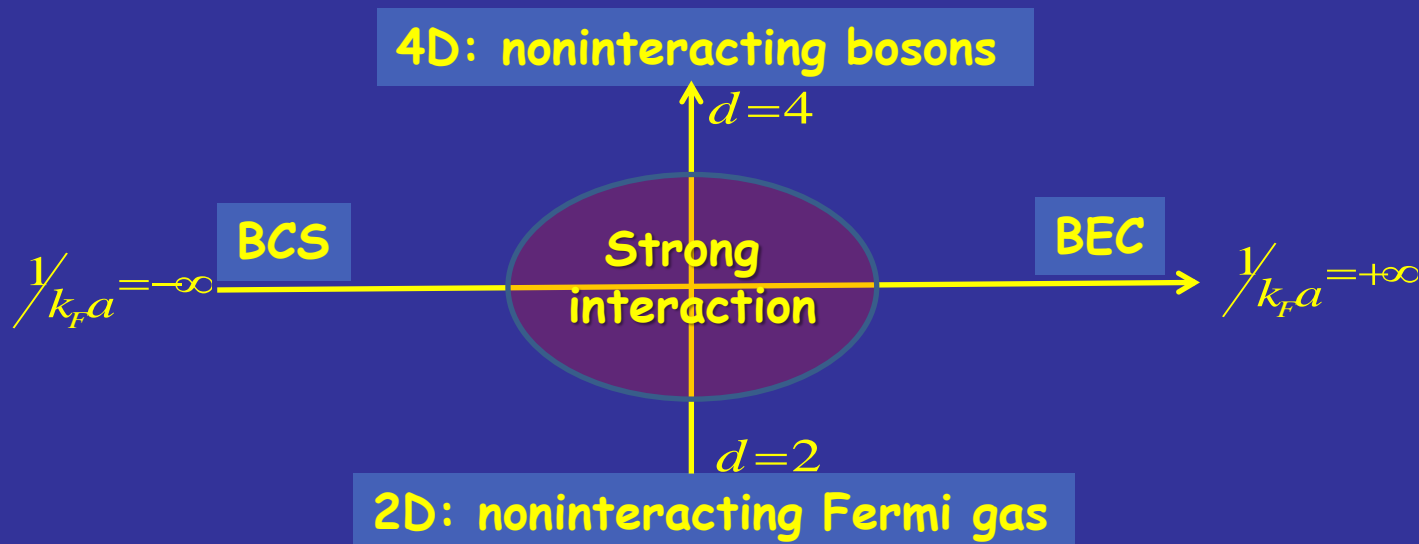
M.W. Zwierlein *et al.*,  
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# Unitary limit in 2 and 4 dimensions:



## Intuitive arguments:

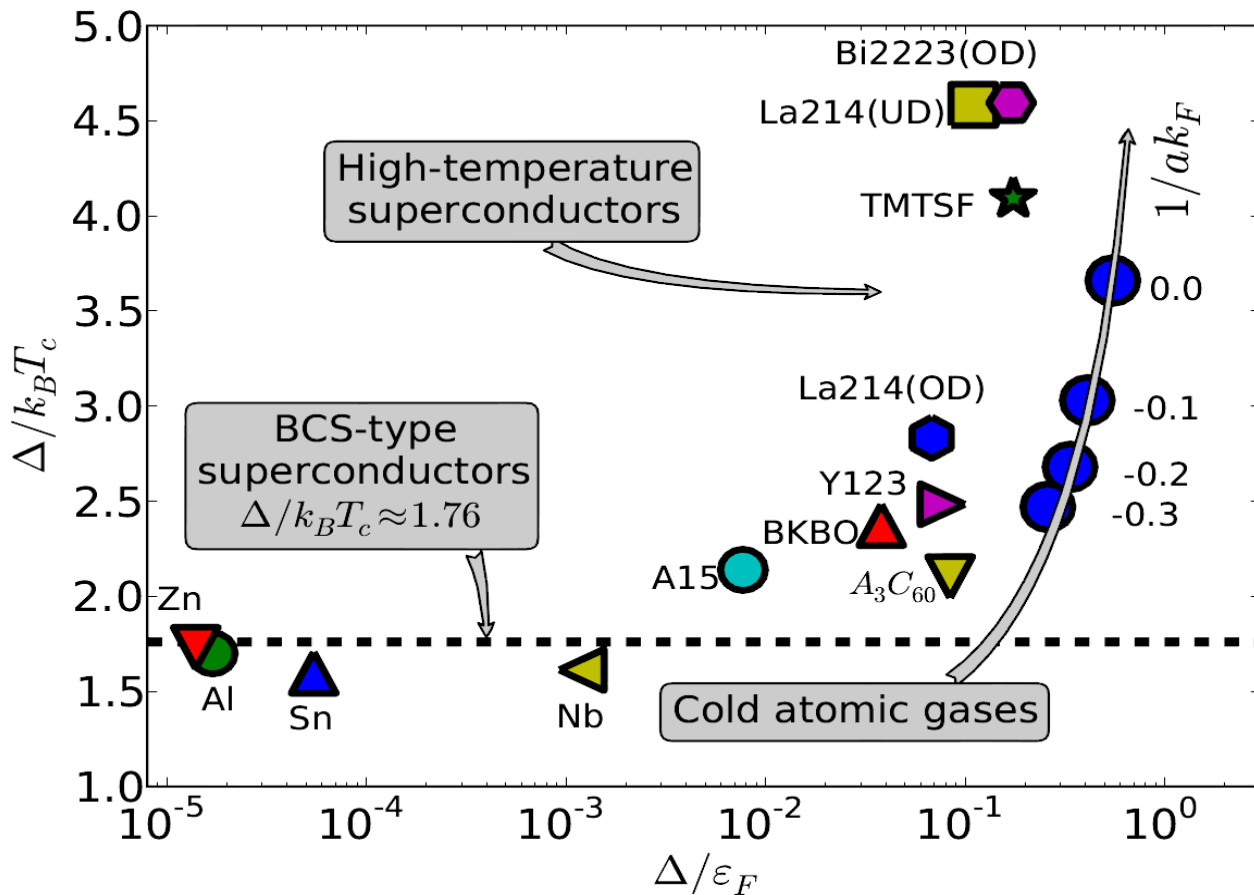
- For  $d=4$   $\int R(r)^2 d^d r$  diverges at the origin
- For  $d=2$  the singularity of the wave function disappears = interaction also disappears.



**The only nontrivial case of unitary regime is in 3D**



# Cold atomic gases and high T<sub>c</sub> superconductors



From:  
Magierski, Wlazłowski, Bulgac,  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* 107,145304(2011)

$\Delta/\epsilon_F$  — Ratio of the strength of two interparticle correlations to the kinetic energy of the fastest particle in the system.

**Standard theory of superconductivity (BCS theory) fails!**  
**Qualitatively new phenomena occur like e.g. pseudogap**  
**characteristic for high-T<sub>c</sub> superconductors**

Magierski, Wlazłowski, Bulgac, Drut, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 103,210403(2009)

## Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{V} = \int d^3 r \sum_{s=\uparrow\downarrow} \hat{\psi}_s^\dagger(\vec{r}) \left( -\frac{\hbar^2 \Delta}{2m} \right) \hat{\psi}_s(\vec{r}) - g \int d^3 r \hat{n}_\uparrow(\vec{r}) \hat{n}_\downarrow(\vec{r})$$

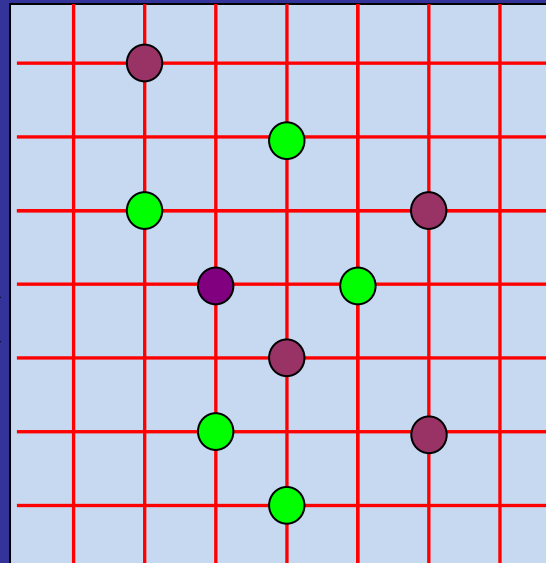
$$\hat{N} = \int d^3 r (\hat{n}_\uparrow(\vec{r}) + \hat{n}_\downarrow(\vec{r})); \quad \hat{n}_s(\vec{r}) = \hat{\psi}_s^\dagger(\vec{r}) \hat{\psi}_s(\vec{r})$$

## Path Integral Monte Carlo for fermions on 3D lattice

### Coordinate space

L-limit for the spatial correlations in the system

$$k_{cut} = \frac{\pi}{\Delta x}; \quad \Delta x$$



$$Volume = L^3$$

$$lattice\ spacing = \Delta x$$

● - Spin up fermion: ↑

● - Spin down fermion: ↓

External conditions:

$T$  - temperature

$\mu$  - chemical potential

Periodic boundary conditions imposed

# Hamiltonian

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$$\frac{1}{g} = -\frac{m}{4\pi\hbar^2 a} + \frac{mk_{cut}}{2\pi^2\hbar^2}$$

Running coupling constant  $g$  defined by lattice

$$\frac{1}{g} = \frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2 \Delta x} \quad \text{- UNITARY LIMIT}$$

Grand-canonical ensemble:

$$E(T) = \langle \hat{H} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z(T)} \text{Tr} \left\{ \hat{H} \rho(\hat{H}, \hat{N}, T) \right\} = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_n E_n e^{-\frac{1}{kT}(E_n - \mu N_n)}$$

$$Z(T) = \text{Tr} \left\{ \rho(\hat{H}, \hat{N}, T) \right\} = \sum_n e^{-\frac{1}{kT}(E_n - \mu N_n)}; \quad \rho(\hat{H}, \hat{N}, T) = e^{-\frac{1}{kT}(\hat{H} - \mu \hat{N})}$$

Eigenenergies of the Hamiltonian are unknown!

## Basics of Auxiliary Field Monte Carlo (Path Integral MC)

$$Z(\beta) = \text{Tr} \left\{ \exp(-\beta(\hat{H} - \mu\hat{N})) \right\} = \sum_{\substack{n\text{-many} \\ \text{body states}}} \langle n | \exp(-\beta(\hat{H} - \mu\hat{N})) | n \rangle$$

$$\beta = 1/kT \quad ; \quad \text{imaginary time: } \tau = it$$

$$Z(\beta) = \int D[\sigma(\vec{r}, \tau)] e^{\ln\{\det[1 + \hat{U}(\{\sigma\})]\}}$$

$$S[\sigma(\vec{r}, \tau)] = -\ln\{\det[1 + \hat{U}(\{\sigma\})]\} - \text{action}$$

$\hat{U}(\{\sigma\}) = T_\tau \exp\{-\int_0^\beta d\tau [\hat{h}(\{\sigma\}) - \mu]\}$ ;  $\hat{h}(\{\sigma\})$  - one-body operator

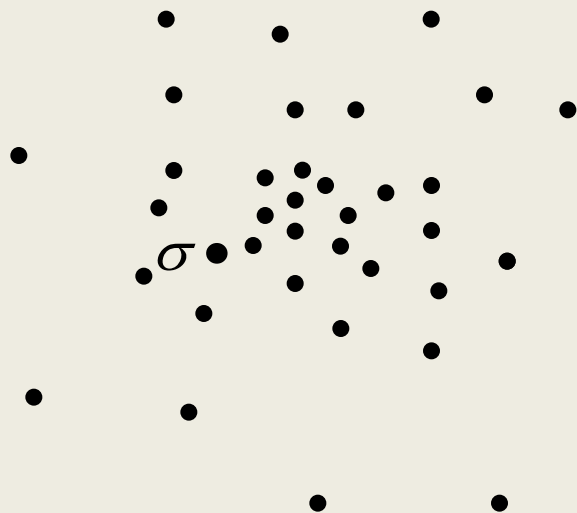
$U(\{\sigma\})_{kl} = \langle \psi_k | \hat{U}(\{\sigma\}) | \psi_l \rangle$ ;  $|\psi_l\rangle$  - single-particle wave function

$$E(T) = \langle \hat{H} \rangle = \int \frac{D[\sigma(\vec{r}, \tau)] e^{-S[\sigma]}}{Z(T)} E[U(\{\sigma\})]$$

$E[U(\{\sigma\})]$  - energy associated with a given sigma field

## Quantum Monte-Carlo:

### Sigma space sampling



$$P(\sigma) \propto e^{-S[\sigma]}$$

$$\bar{E}(T) = \frac{1}{N_\sigma} \sum_{k=1}^{N_\sigma} E(U(\{\sigma_k\}))$$

$\bar{E}(T)$  - stochastic variable

$$\langle \bar{E}(T) \rangle = E(T)$$

$$\sqrt{\langle \bar{E}(T)^2 \rangle - \langle \bar{E}(T) \rangle^2} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_\sigma}}$$

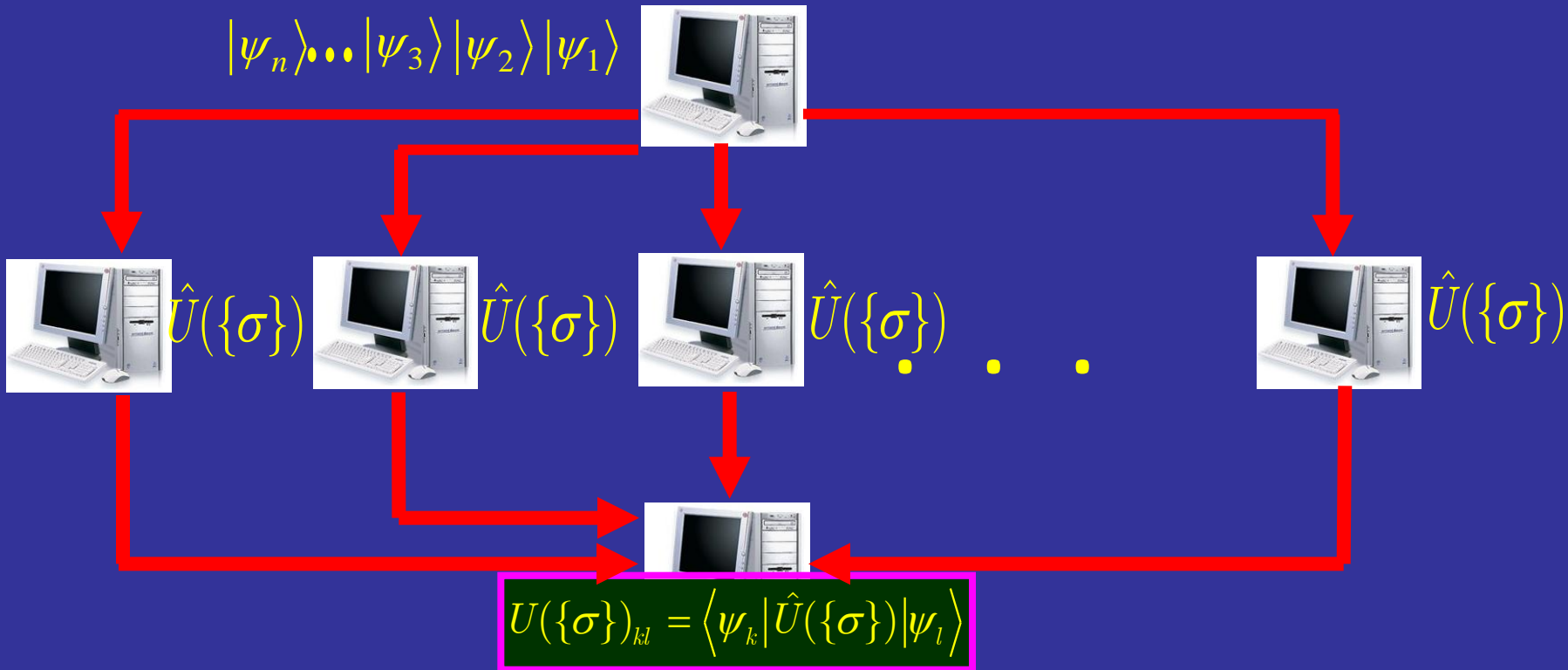
$N_\sigma$  - number of uncorrelated samples

# Quantum Monte-Carlo: parallel computing

$$\hat{U}(\{\sigma\}) = T_\tau \exp\left\{-\int_0^\beta d\tau [\hat{h}(\{\sigma\}) - \mu]\right\}; \quad \hat{h}(\{\sigma\}) - \text{one-body operator}$$

$$U(\{\sigma\})_{kl} = \langle \psi_k | \hat{U}(\{\sigma\}) | \psi_l \rangle; \quad |\psi_l\rangle - \text{single-particle wave function}$$

For each sigma  $n$  single particle states have to be evolved.

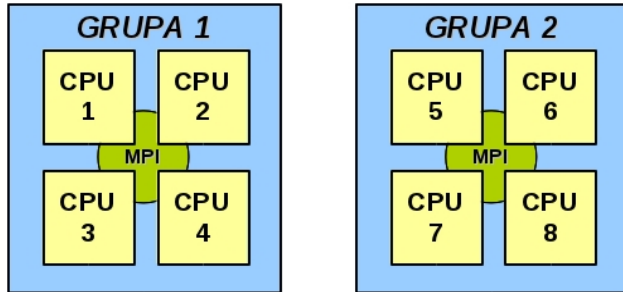


## Details of calculations, improvements and problems

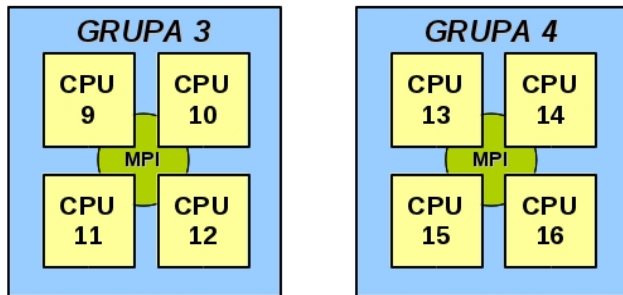
- Currently we can reach  $16^3$  lattice and perform calcs. down to  $x = 0.06$  ( $x$  – temperature in Fermi energy units) at the densities of the order of 0.03.
- Effective use of FFT(W) makes all imaginary time propagators diagonal (either in real space or momentum space) and there is no need to store large matrices.
- Update field configurations using the Metropolis importance sampling algorithm. QMC calculations can be split into two independent processes:
  - 1) sample generation (generation of sigma fields),
  - 2) calculations of observables.
- Change randomly at a fraction of all space and time sites the signs the auxiliary fields  $\sigma(\mathbf{r},\tau)$  so as to maintain a running average of the acceptance rate between 0.4 and 0.6 .
- At low temperatures use Singular Value Decomposition of the evolution operator  $U(\{\sigma\})$  to stabilize the numerics.
- MC correlation “time”  $\approx 200$  time steps at  $T \approx T_c$  for lattices  $10^3$  . Unfortunately when increasing the lattice size the correlation time also increases. One needs few thousands uncorrelated samples (we usually take about 10 000) to decrease the statistical error to the level of 1%.

# Aspekty techniczne obliczeń

## Przestrzeń MPI



Brak komunikacji MPI pomiędzy grupami



## Organizacja obliczeń typu „Kwantowe Monte Carlo”

- ✓ Przestrzeń MPI zostaje podzielona na grupy
- ✓ Każda grupa niezależnie wykonuje próbkowanie Monte Carlo
- ✓ W ramach każdej grupy procesory tworzą sieć kwadratową
- ✓ Funkcje falowe oraz elementy macierzowe zostają rozdzielone pomiędzy rdzenie (*Block Cyclic Data Distribution*)
- ✓ Na koniec symulacji wyniki są zbierane z poszczególnych grup i generowany jest końcowy wynik

Komputery: halo2

Języki programowania: FOTRAN, C, C++

Biblioteki: MPI, LAPACK, FFTW,

SCALAPACK, BLACS

Zużycie CPU (2012): 1,211,673



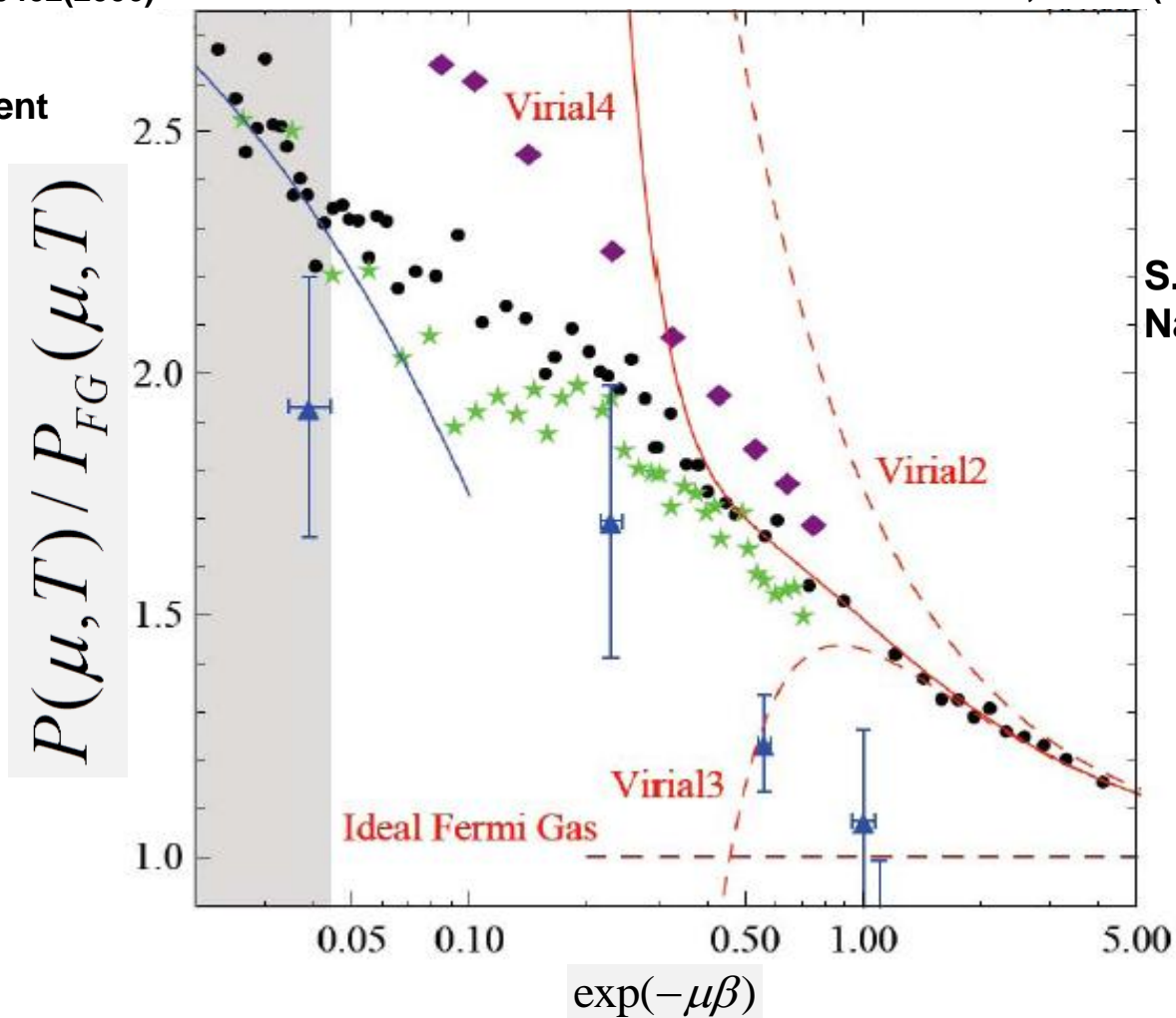
# Comparison with Many-Body Theories (1)

▲ Diagram. MC  
Burovski et al.  
PRL96, 160402(2006)

★ QMC  
Bulgac, Drut, Magierski,  
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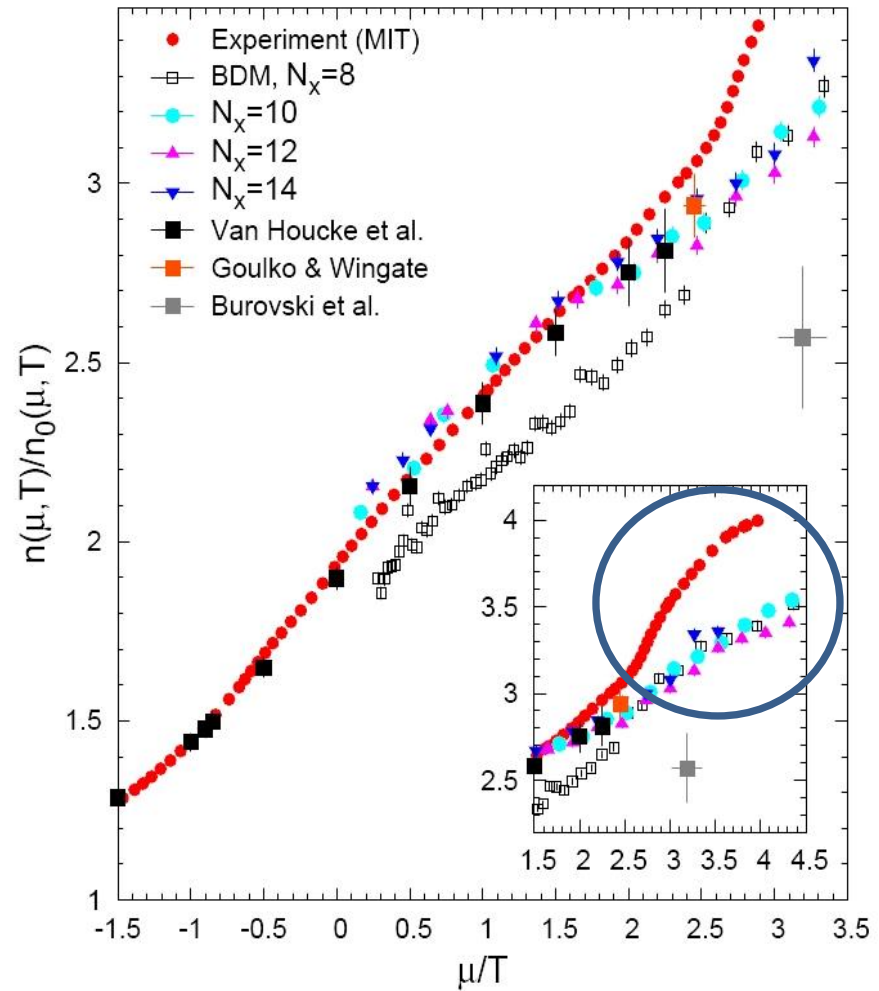
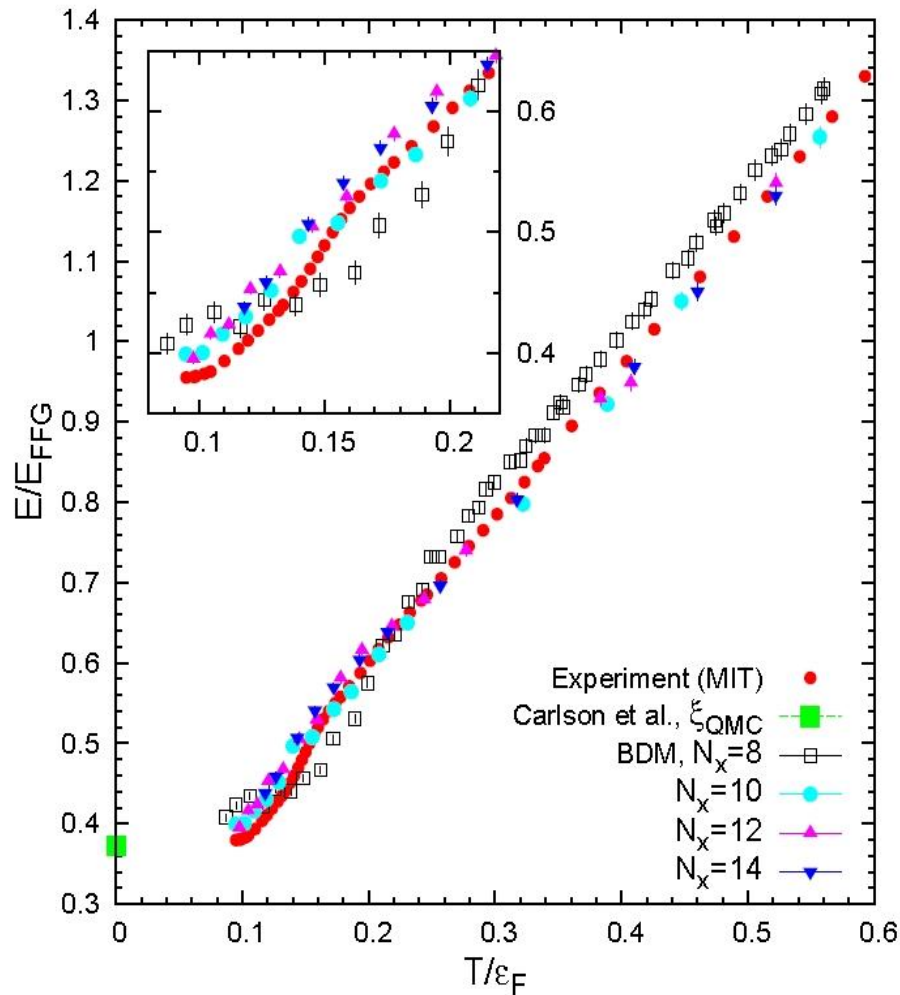
◆ Diagram. + analytic  
Hausmann et al.  
PRA75, 023610(2007)

● Experiment



S. Nascimbene et al.  
Nature 463, 1057 (2010)

# Equation of state of the unitary Fermi gas - current status

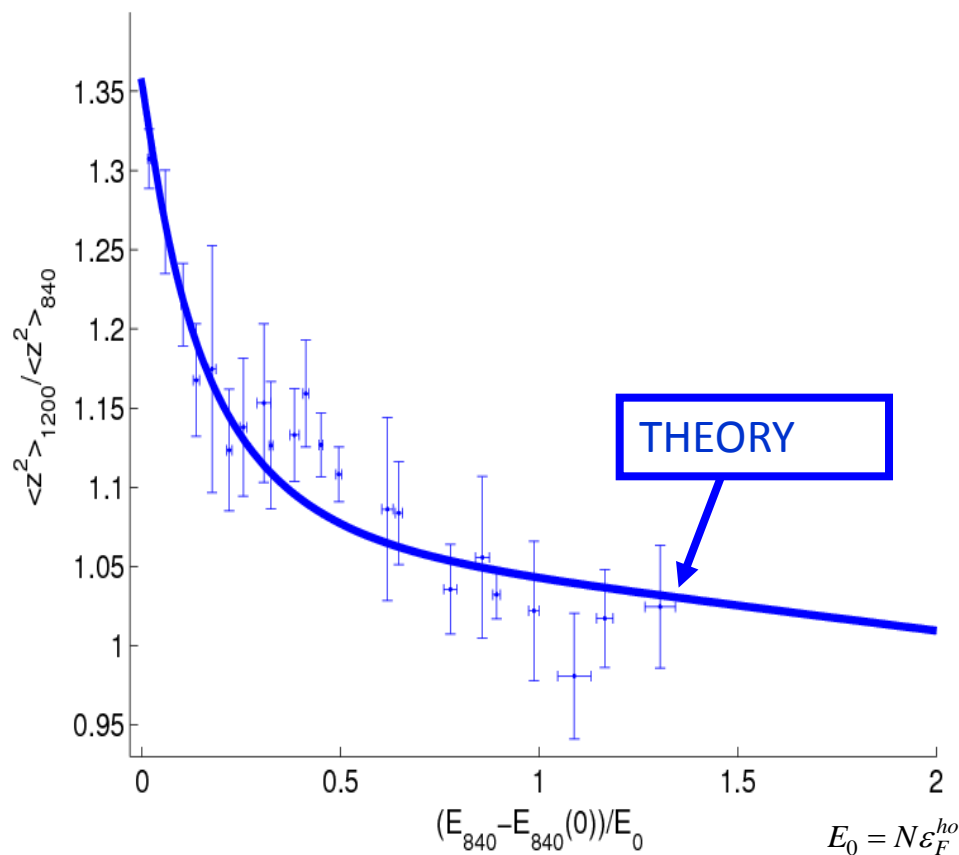
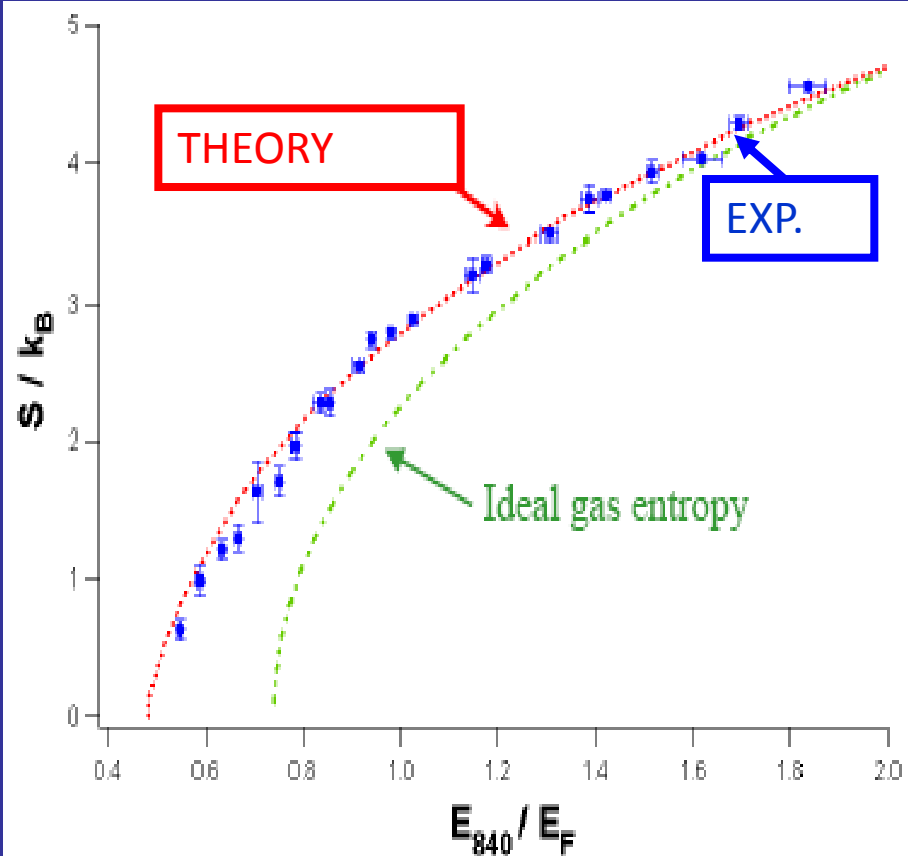


Experiment: M.J.H. Ku, A.T. Sommer, L.W. Cheuk, M.W. Zwierlein, Science 335, 563 (2012)

QMC (PIMC + Hybrid Monte Carlo): J.E. Drut, T. Lähde, G. Włazłowski, P. Magierski, Phys. Rev. A 85, 051601 (2012)

## Comparison with experiment

John Thomas' group at Duke University,  
L.Luo, et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 080402, (2007)



Entropy as a function of energy (relative to the ground state) for the unitary Fermi gas in the harmonic trap.

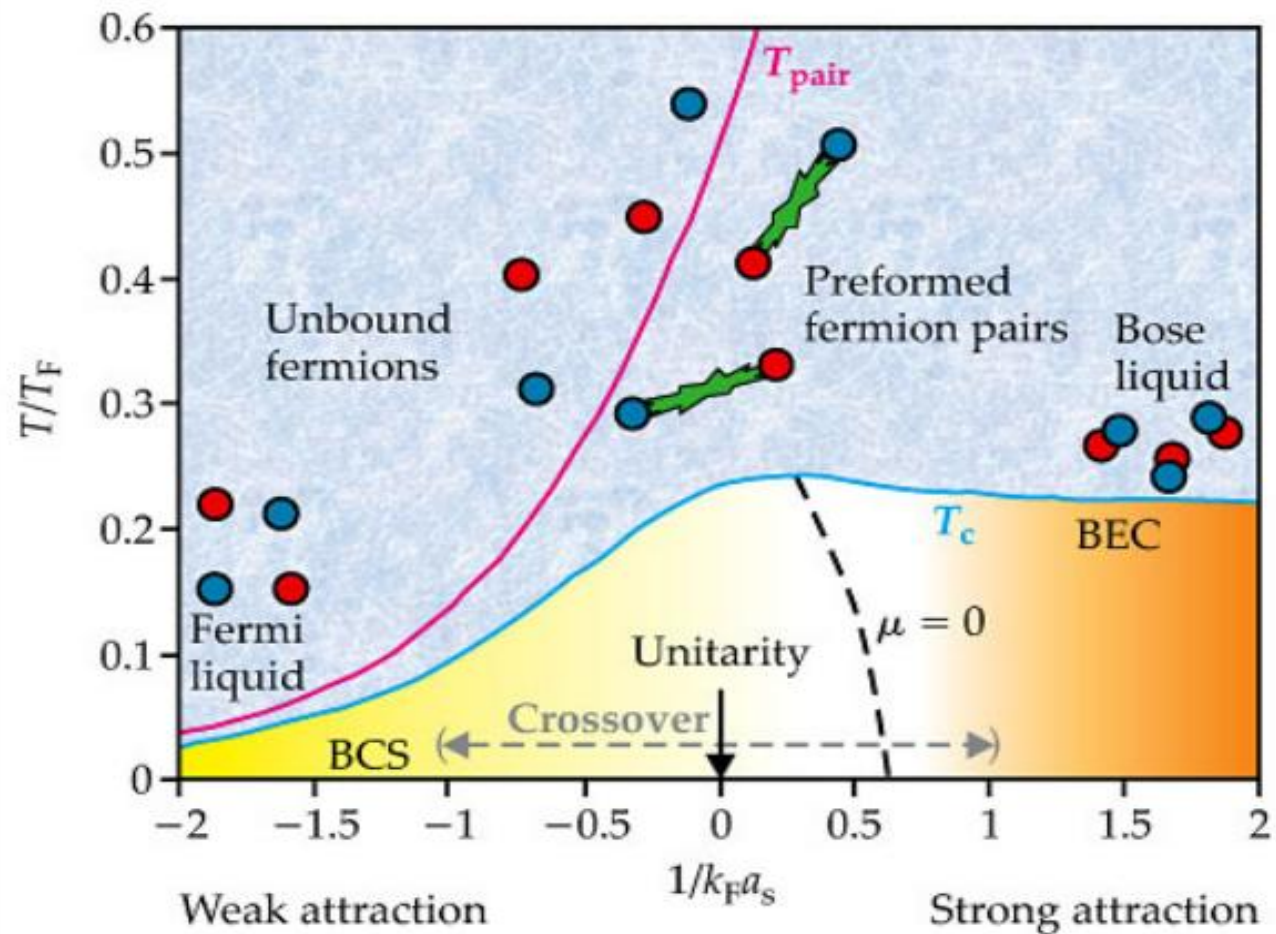
Ratio of the mean square cloud size at  $B=1200G$  to its value at unitarity ( $B=840G$ ) as a function of the energy. Experimental data are denoted by point with error bars.

Theory:

Bulgac, Drut, and Magierski  
PRL 99, 120401 (2007)

$$B = 1200G \Rightarrow 1/k_F a \approx -0.75$$

From Sa de Melo,  
Physics Today (2008)

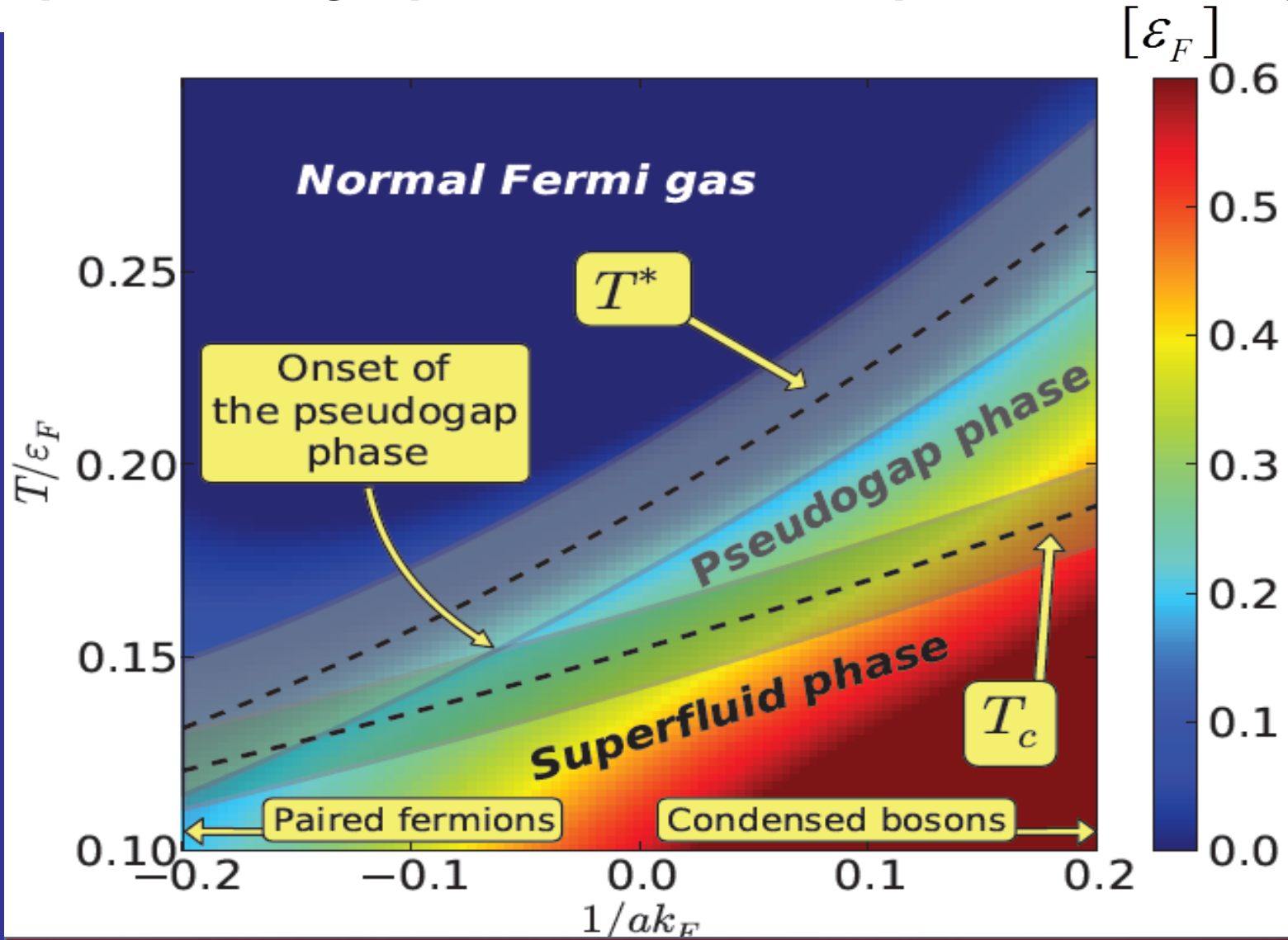


Pairing pseudogap: suppression of low-energy spectral weight function due to incoherent pairing in the normal state ( $T > T_c$ )

Important issue related to pairing pseudogap:

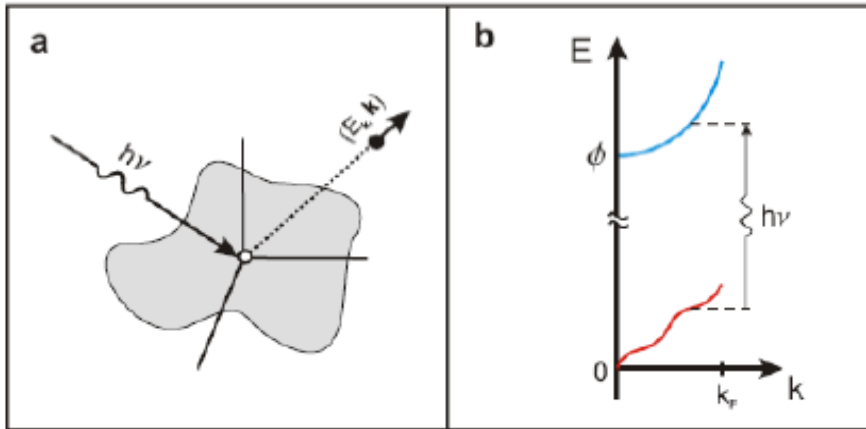
- Are there sharp gapless quasiparticles in a normal Fermi liquid  
YES: Landau's Fermi liquid theory;  
NO: breakdown of Fermi liquid paradigm

# Gap in the single particle fermionic spectrum - theory

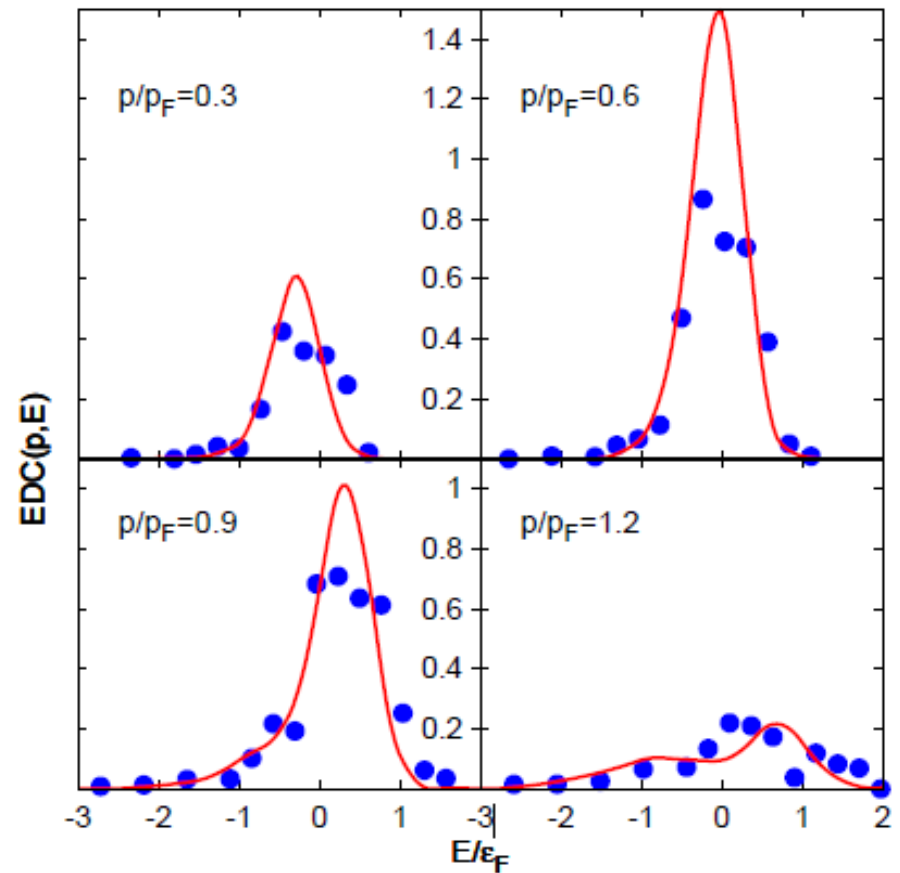


**Ab initio result: The onset of pseudogap phase at  $1/ak_F \approx -0.05$ .**

# RF spectroscopy in ultracold atomic gases



$$\text{EDC}(p, E, T) = C p^2 \int_0^\infty dr r^2 \frac{1}{\varepsilon_F(r)} A \left[ \frac{p}{p_F(r)}, \frac{E - \mu(r)}{\varepsilon_F(r)}, \frac{T}{\varepsilon_F(r)} \right] f(E - \mu(r)),$$



$$-E_s + h\nu = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} + \phi$$

$$E(N) = E(N-1) + E_s$$

Stewart, Gaebler, Jin, Using photoemission spectroscopy to probe a strongly interacting Fermi gas, *Nature*, 454, 744 (2008)

Experiment (blue dots): D. Jin's group Gaebler et al. *Nature Physics* 6, 569(2010)  
Theory (red line): Magierski, Wlazłowski, Bulgac, *Phys.Rev.Lett.*107,145304(2011)

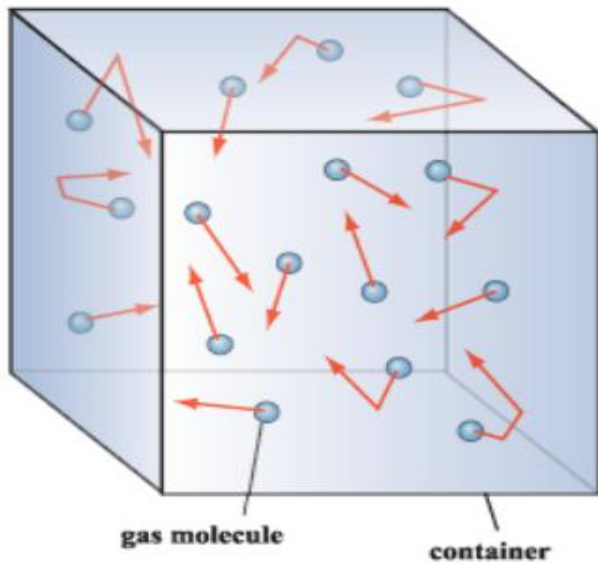
# Viscosity in strongly correlated quantum systems:



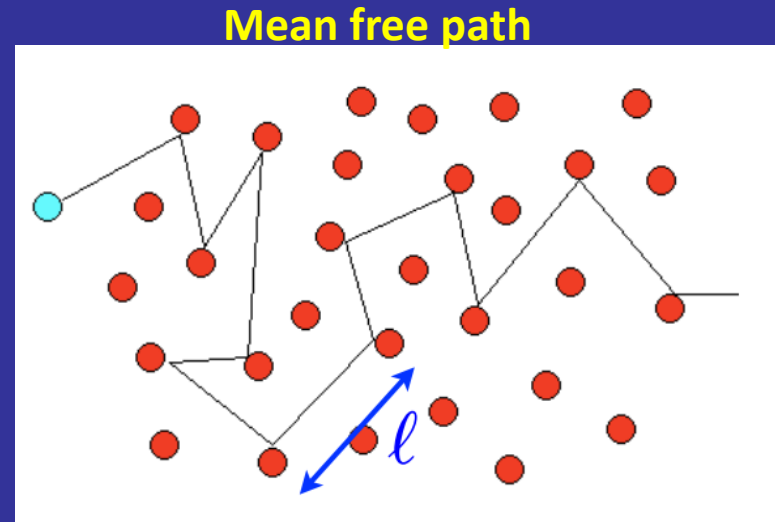
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Pouring water out of glass into glass



Water and honey flow with different rates:  
different viscosity



In the light of the kinetic theory of gases molecules are moving mostly along straight lines and occasionally bump onto each other.



This leads to the Maxwell's formula for viscosity (1860):

$$\eta \sim \rho v l = \text{mass density} \times \text{velocity} \times \text{mean free path}$$

### Consequences:

- Non interacting gas is a pathological example of the system with an infinite viscosity
- Strongly interacting system can have low viscosity since the mean free path is short **but...**



...but when the system is strongly correlated then the kinetic theory fails!

However:

If we blindly use this formula we may notice that the Heisenberg uncertainty principle would give the following relation:

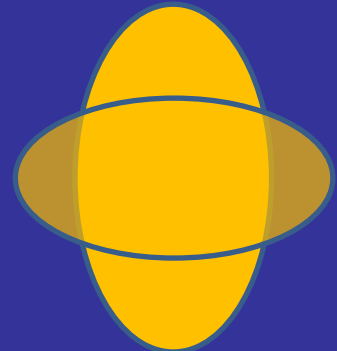
$$\frac{\eta}{\rho} \sim \bar{p}l \geq \hbar$$

$\bar{p}$  - average momentum

Can we make the above statement more precise?

How do we measure the viscosity of a system?

- Viscosity = response of the fluid under shear
- Theorist: send gravitational wave through the system

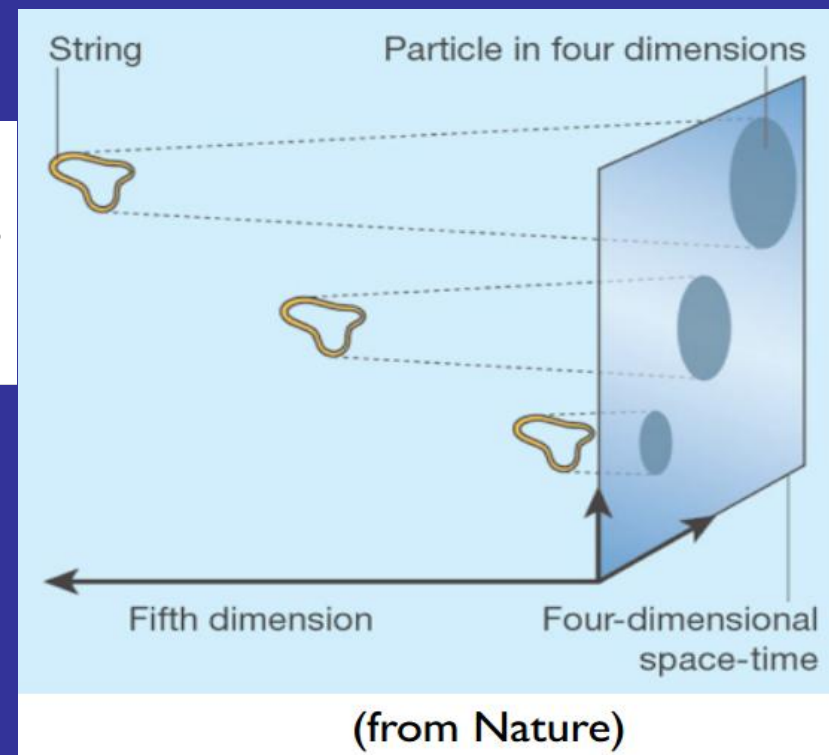


## Maldacena's breakthrough (1997):

1997: gauge/gravity duality

particles in 4 dimensions = strings in 5 dimensions

Sometimes, the string picture is clearer than the particle picture!



**Consequence of Maldacena's hypothesis  
(string theory turned out to be useful in a very unexpected way)**

$$\frac{\eta}{S} = \frac{\hbar}{4\pi}$$

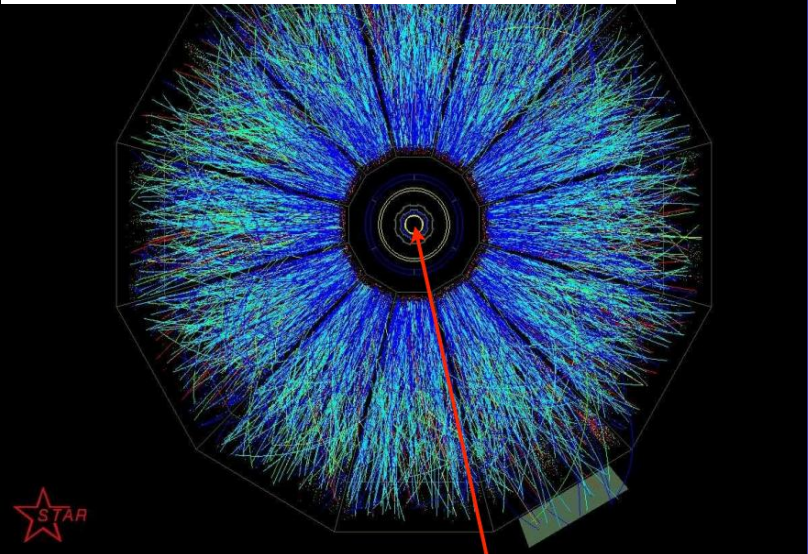
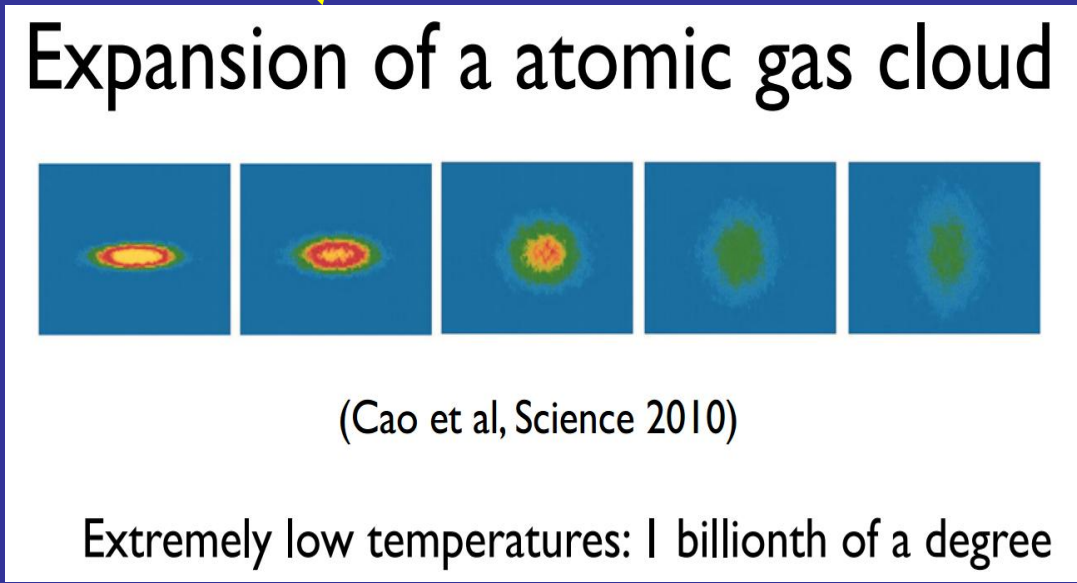
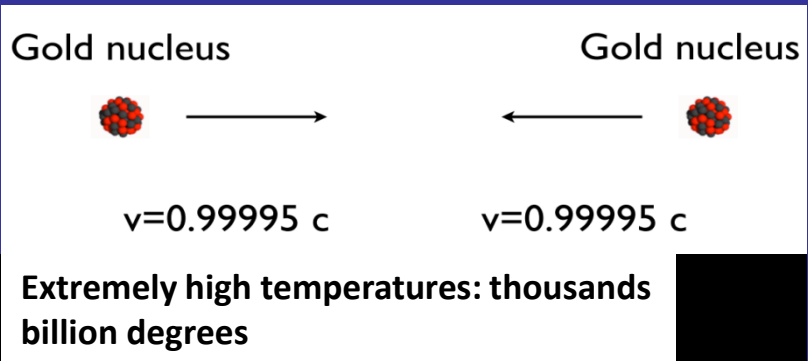
Kovtun, Son, Starinets, (2005) from AdS/CFT correspondence  
S – entropy density

**KSS conjecture: all known fluids satisfy:**

$$\frac{\eta}{S} \geq \frac{\hbar}{4\pi}$$

Perfect fluid  $\frac{\eta}{S} = \frac{\hbar}{4\pi k_B}$  - strongly interacting quantum system = No well defined quasiparticles

**Candidates: quark gluon plasma, atomic gas**

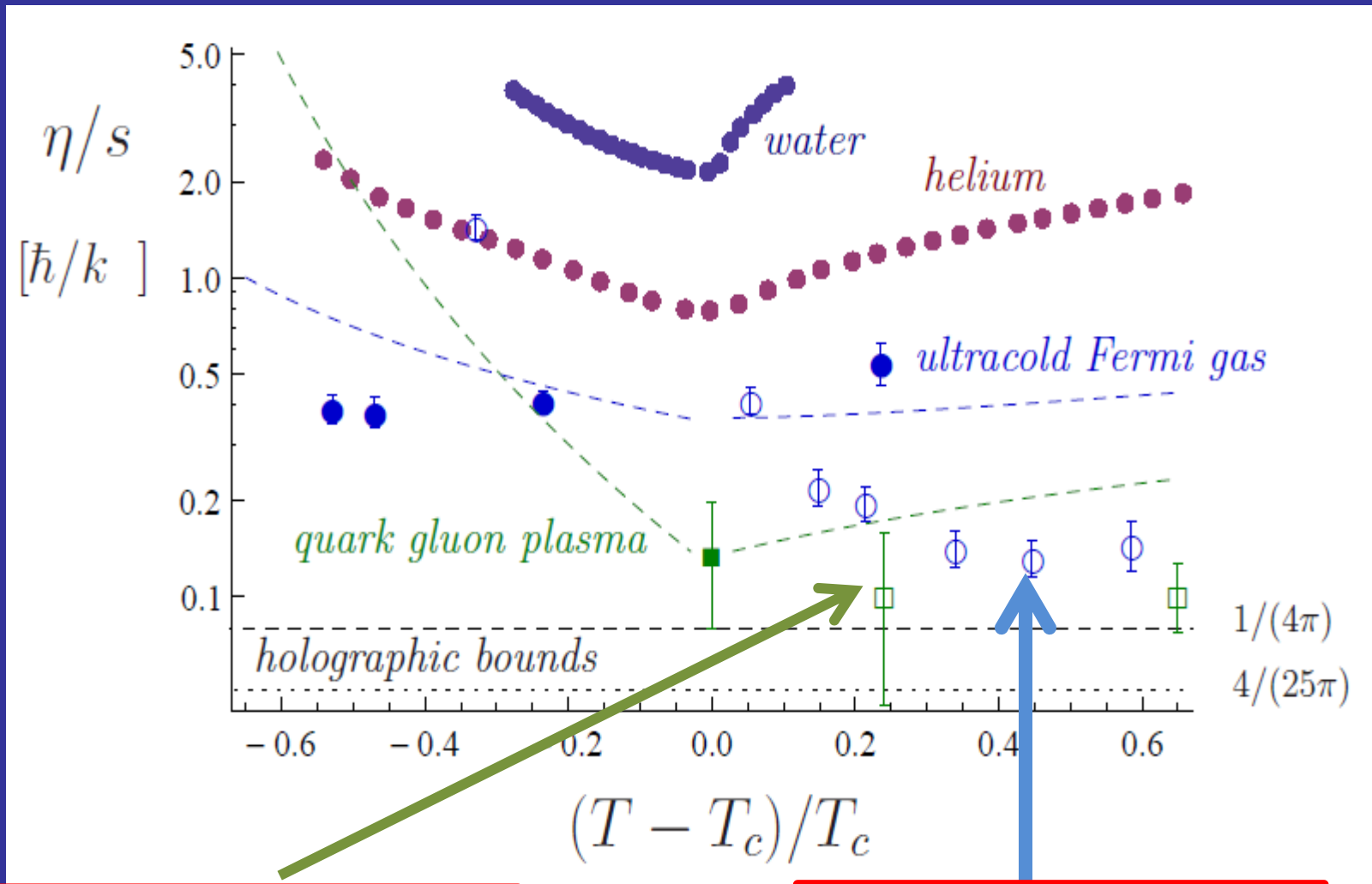


a very dense droplet of matter in the beginning

Despite of energy scales differing by many orders of magnitude, expansion of both system is pretty much similar and in particular exhibits the so-called elliptic flow.

# Shear viscosity to entropy ratio – experiment vs. theory

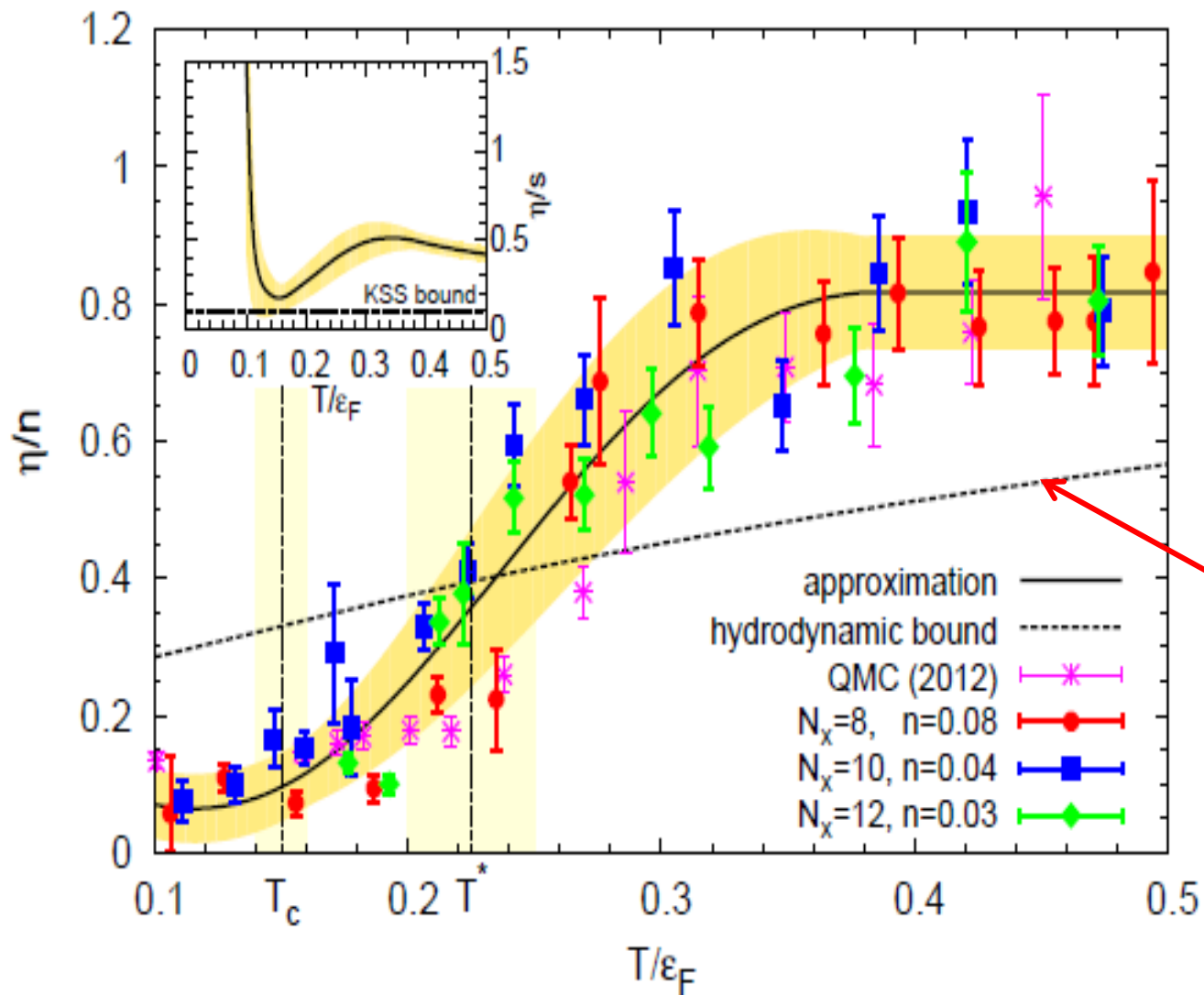
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Lattice QCD ( SU(3) gluodynamics ):  
H.B. Meyer, Phys. Rev. D 76, 101701 (2007)

QMC calculations for UFG:  
G. Wlazłowski, P. Magierski, J.E. Drut,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 020406 (2012)

# Shear viscosity per unit density as a function of temperature



C. Chafin, T. Schafer,  
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P.Romatschke, R.E. Young,  
arXiv:1209.1604

# Spin susceptibility and spin drag rate

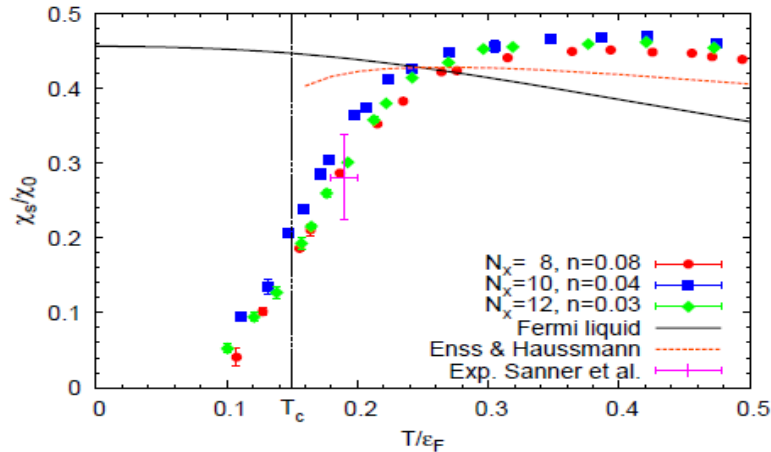


FIG. 2: (Color online) The static spin susceptibility as a function of temperature for an  $8^3$  lattice solid (red) circles,  $10^3$  lattice (blue) squares and  $12^3$  lattice (green) diamonds. Vertical black dotted line indicates the critical temperature of superfluid to normal phase transition  $T_c = 0.15 \varepsilon_F$ . For comparison Fermi liquid theory prediction and recent results of the  $T$ -matrix theory produced by Enss and Haussmann [25] are plotted with solid and dashed (brown) lines, respectively. The experimental data point from Ref. [15] is also shown.

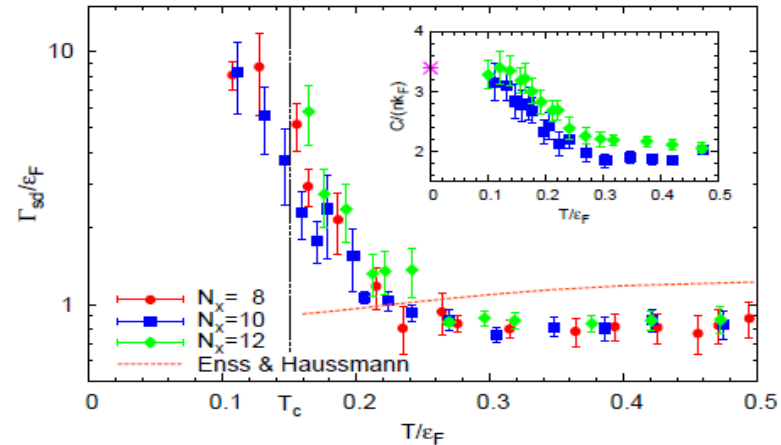


FIG. 3: (Color online) The spin drag rate  $\Gamma_{sd} = n/\sigma_s$  in units of Fermi energy as a function of temperature for an  $8^3$  lattice solid (red) circles,  $10^3$  lattice (blue) squares and  $12^3$  lattice (green) diamonds. Vertical black dotted line locates the critical temperature of superfluid to normal phase transition. Results of the  $T$ -matrix theory are plotted by dashed (brown) line [25]. The inset shows extracted value of the contact density as function of the temperature. The (purple) asterisk shows the contact density from the QMC calculations of Ref. [29] at  $T = 0$ .

$$\Gamma = \frac{n}{\sigma_s} \quad \text{- spin drag rate}$$

$$\sigma_s(\omega) = \pi \rho_s(q=0, \omega) / \omega \quad \text{- spin conductivity}$$

$$G_s(q, \tau) = \frac{1}{V} \left\langle \left( \hat{j}_{q\uparrow}^z(\tau) - \hat{j}_{q\downarrow}^z(\tau) \right) \left( \hat{j}_{-q\uparrow}^z(0) - \hat{j}_{-q\downarrow}^z(0) \right) \right\rangle$$

$$G_s(q, \tau) = \int_0^\infty \rho_s(q, \omega) \frac{\cosh[\omega(\tau - \beta/2)]}{\sinh[\omega\beta/2]} d\omega$$

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