

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

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## References:

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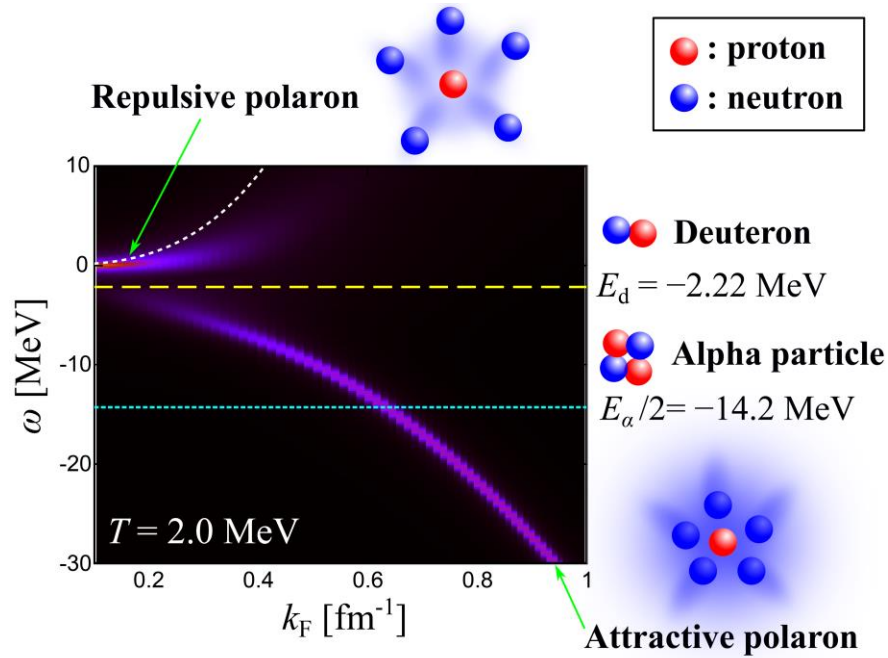
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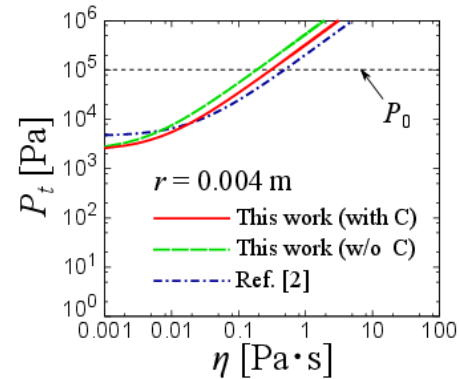
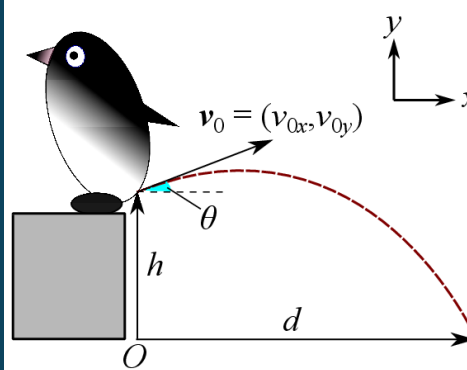
## Proton impurities in neutron-rich matter

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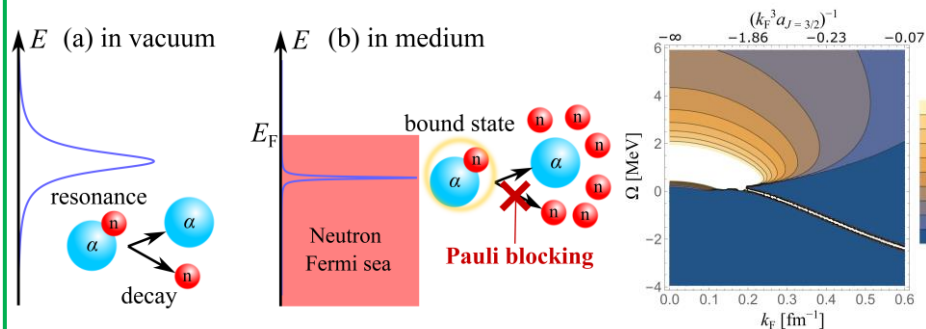


## Projectile trajectory of penguin's faeces

HT, and F. Fujisawa, arXiv:2007.00926



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

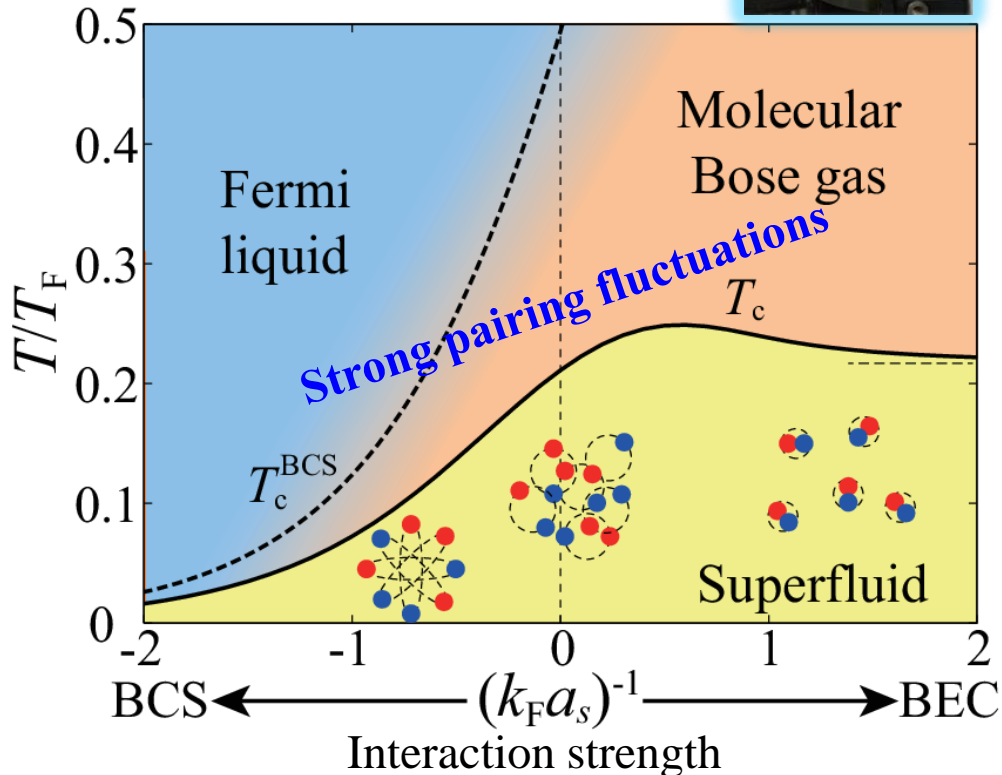
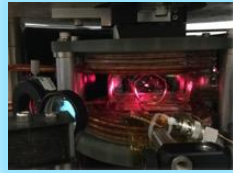


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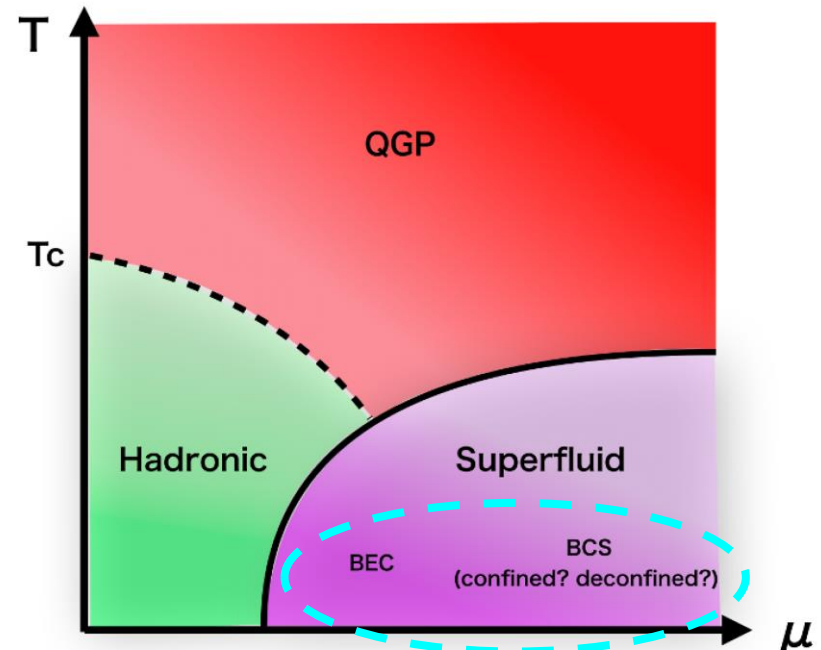
# BEC-BCS crossover phase diagram

Review: Y. Ohashi, [HT](#), and P. van Wyk, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. **111**, 103739 (2020).

BEC-BCS crossover realized  
in ultracold Fermi gases



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



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# Why pairs or dimers?

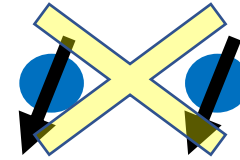
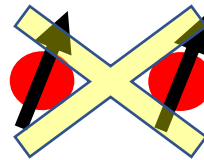
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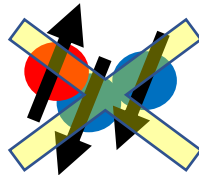


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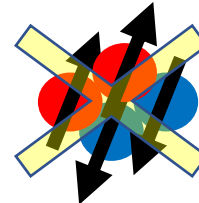
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“Pauli's exclusion principle”



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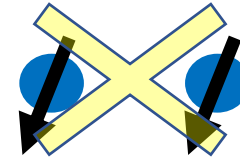
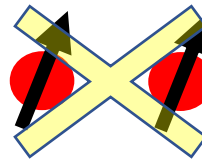
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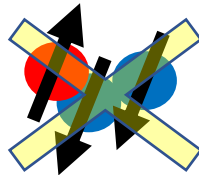


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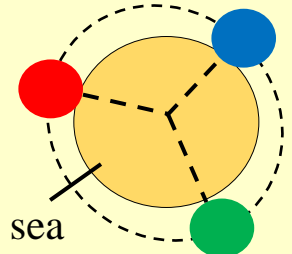


“Trimer”

Three-color fermions (e.g. quarks)



“Baryon”

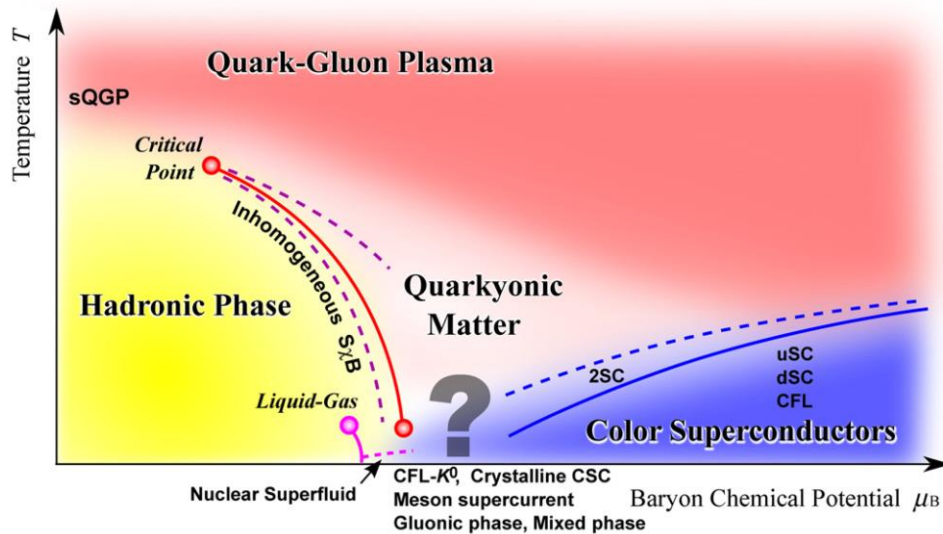


Fermi sea

“Cooper triple”

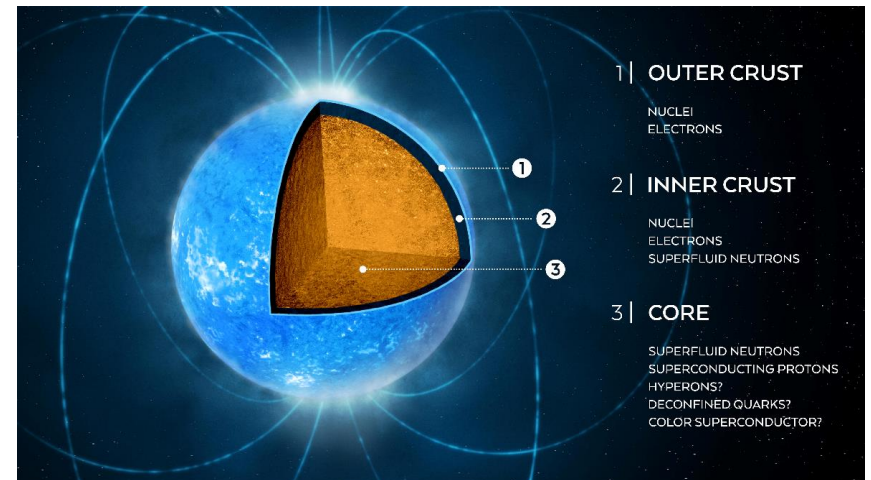
# Extremely dense matter

Dense QCD phase diagram



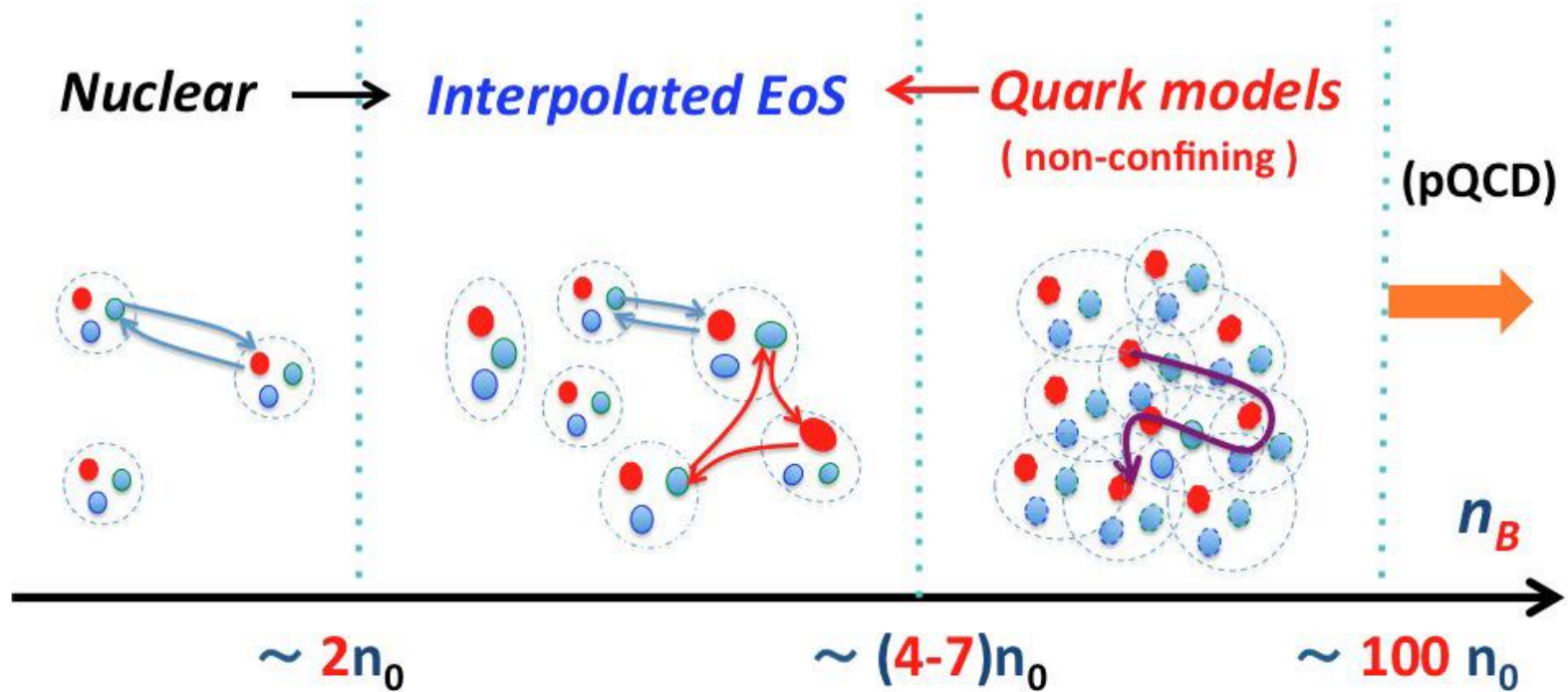
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Neutron star as a testing ground of dense matter



A. L. Watts, *et al.*, RMP **88**, 021001 (2016).

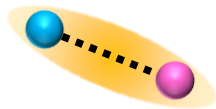
# Hadron-quark (HQ) crossover



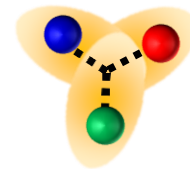
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Dimer  
“boson”



Trimer  
“fermion”



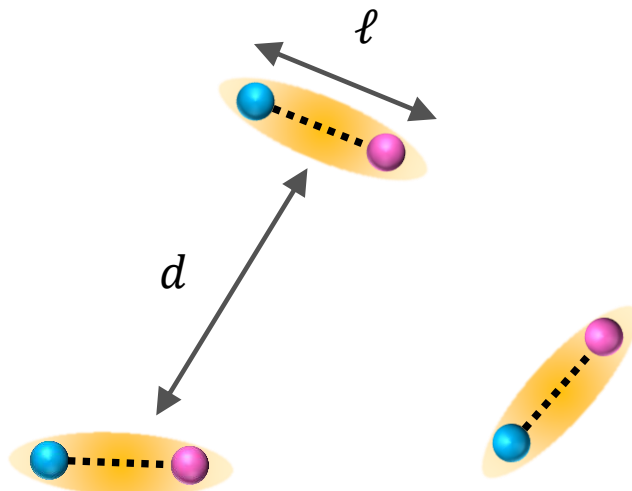


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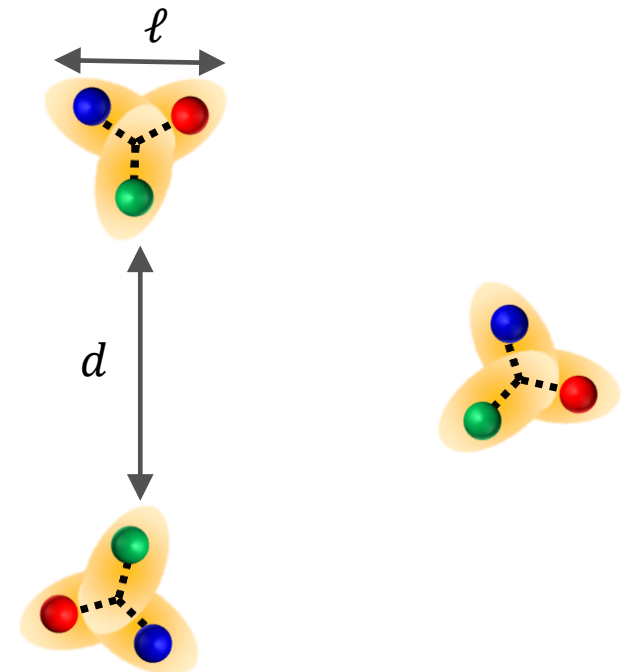
Dimer BEC

( $\ell \ll d$ )



Trimer Fermi gas

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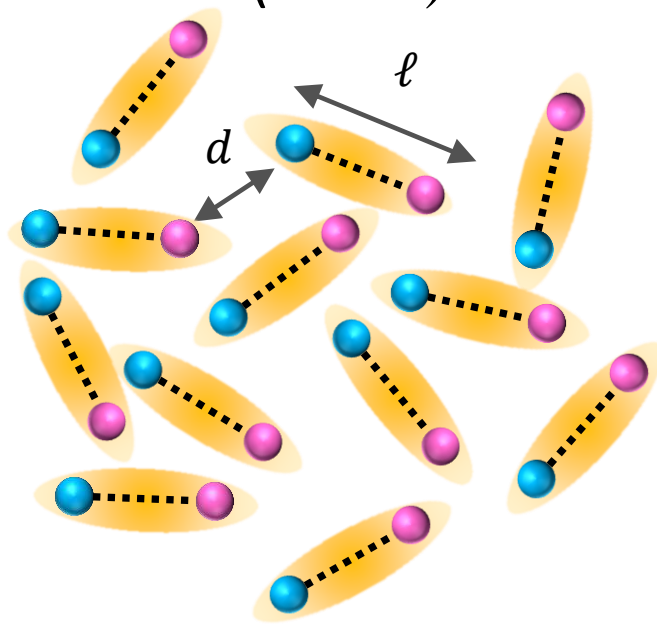
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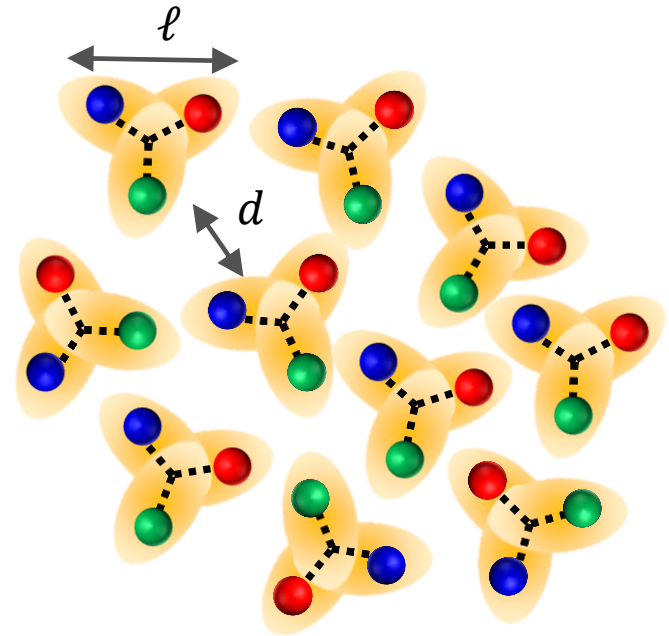
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Dense dimer gas  
( $\ell \simeq d$ )



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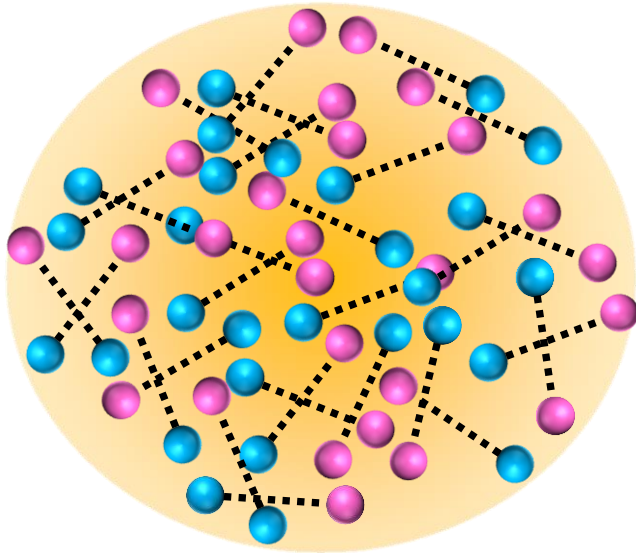
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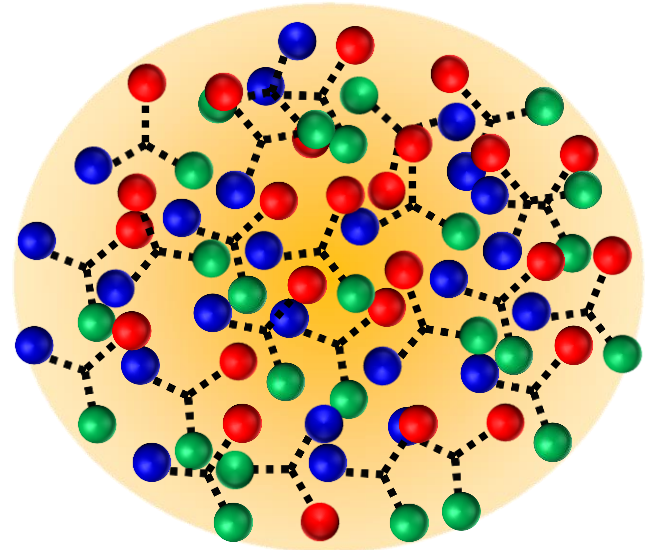
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Cooper pairs  
( $d \lesssim \ell$ )

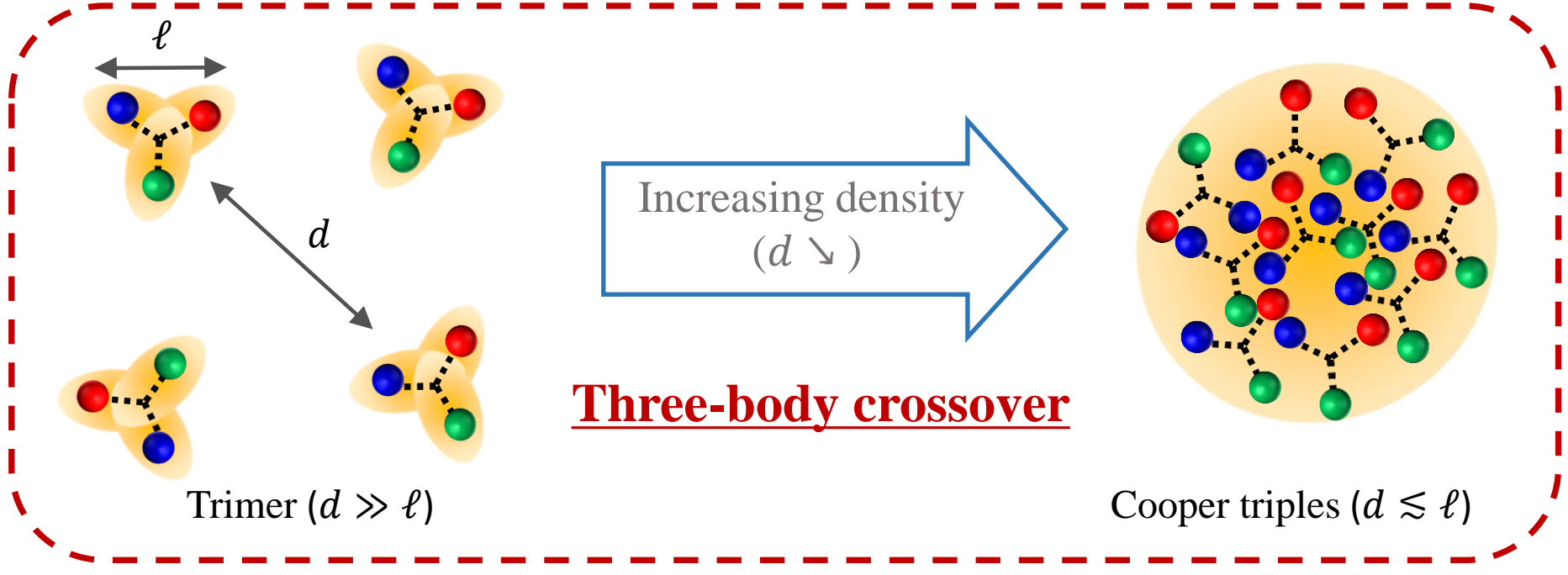
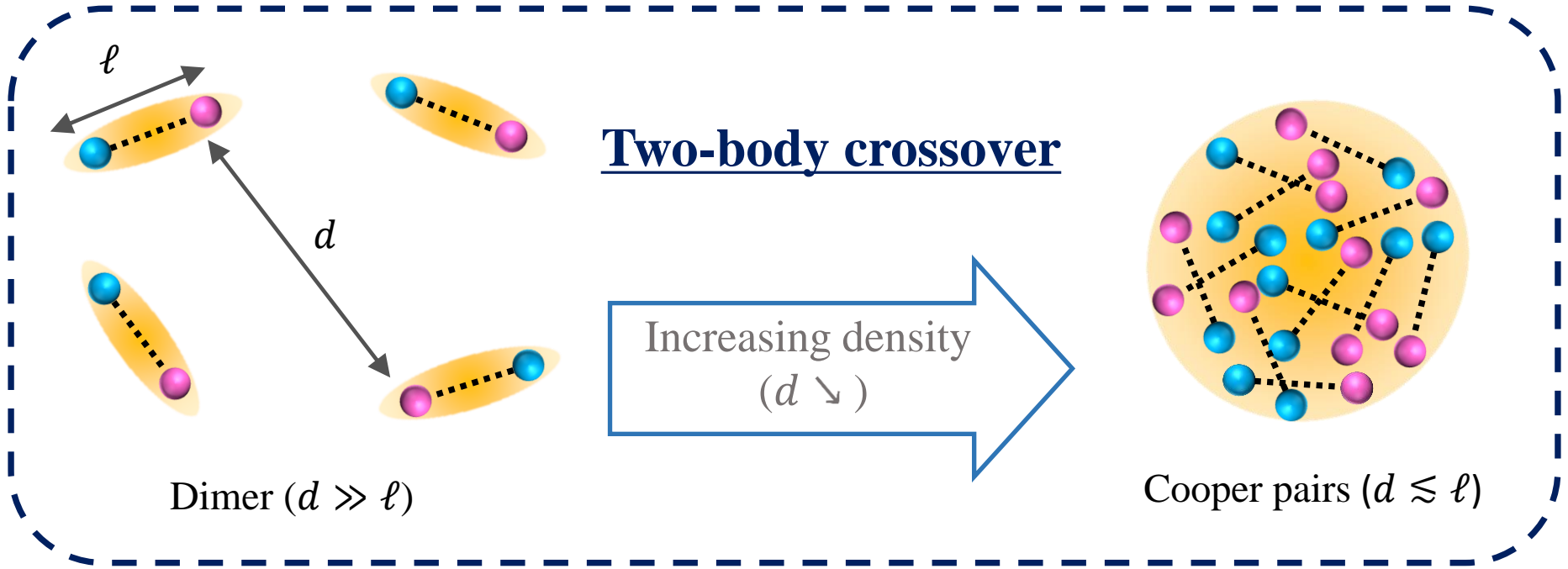


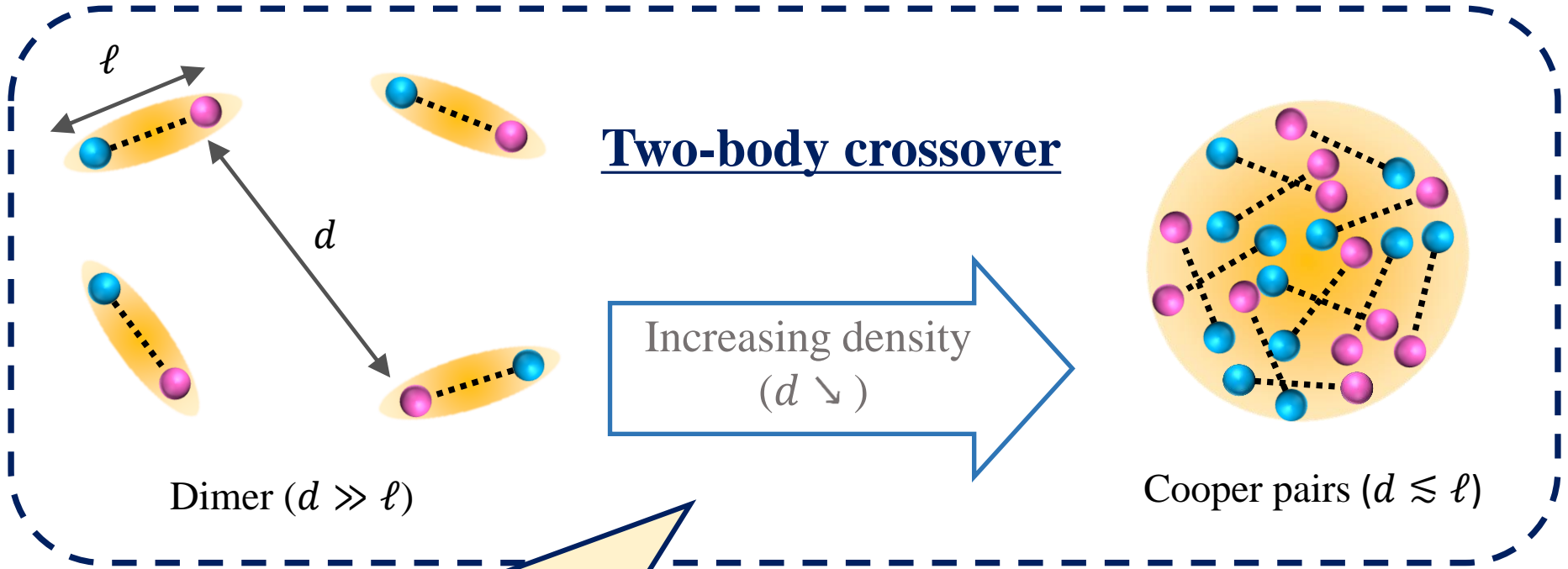
Cooper triples\*  
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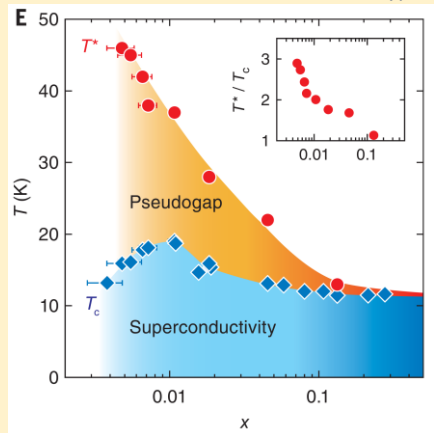
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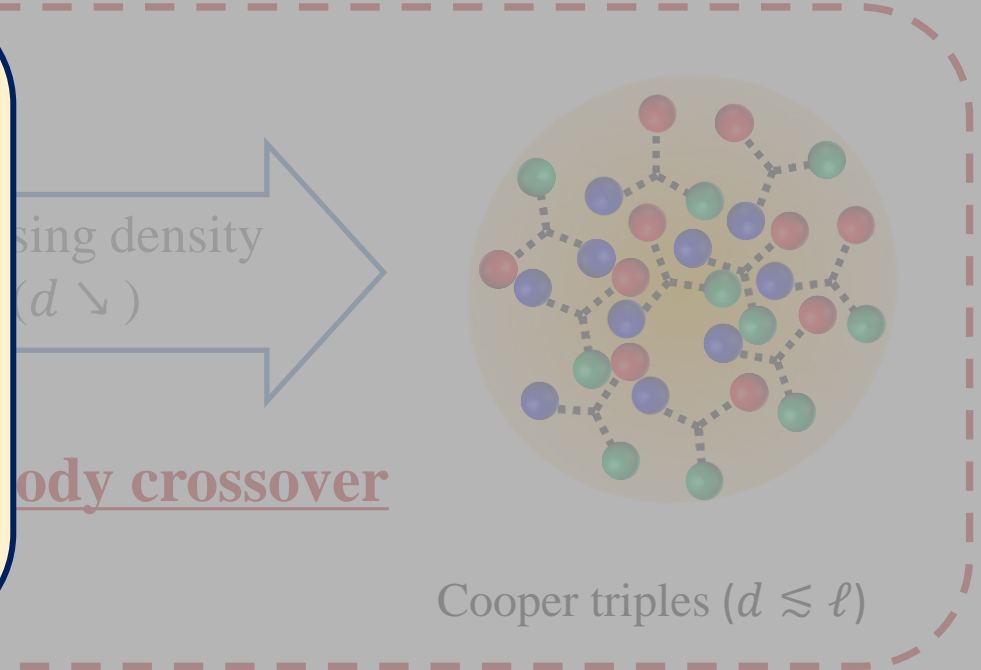


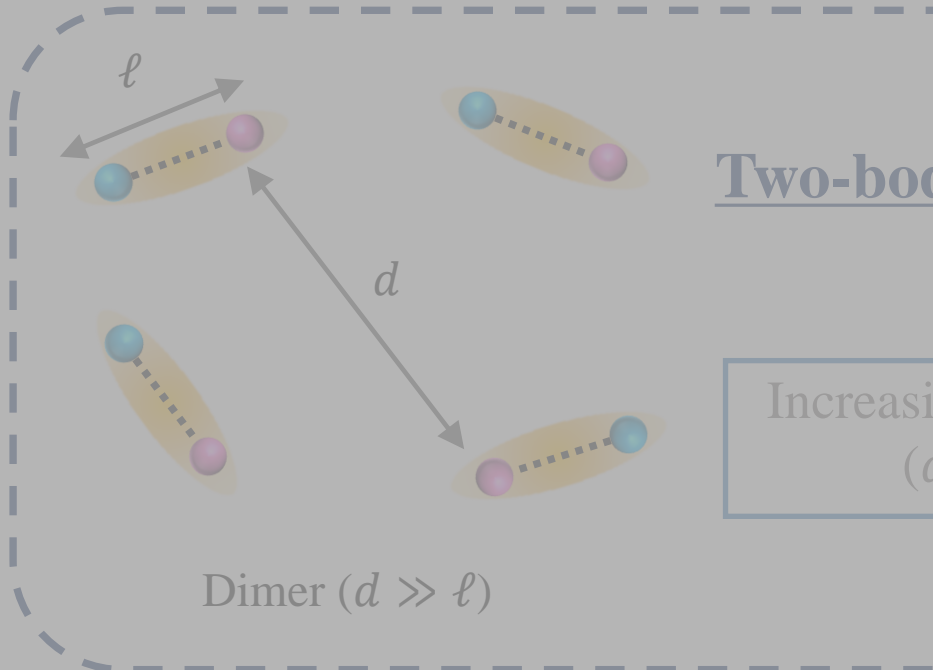
**Density-induced BEC-BCS crossover in  $\text{Li}_x\text{ZrNCl}$**



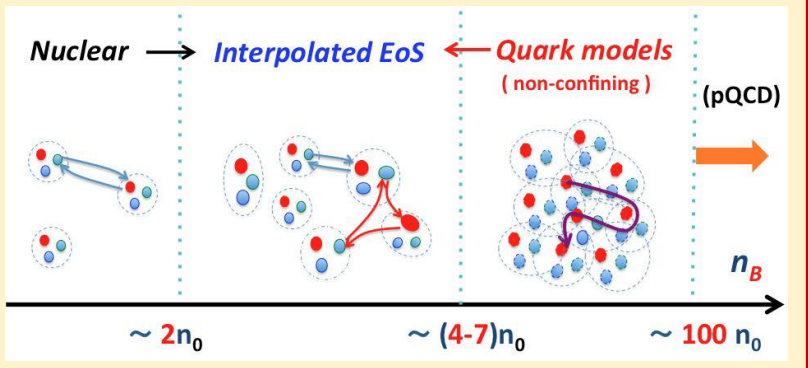
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Carrier dope (**density**)

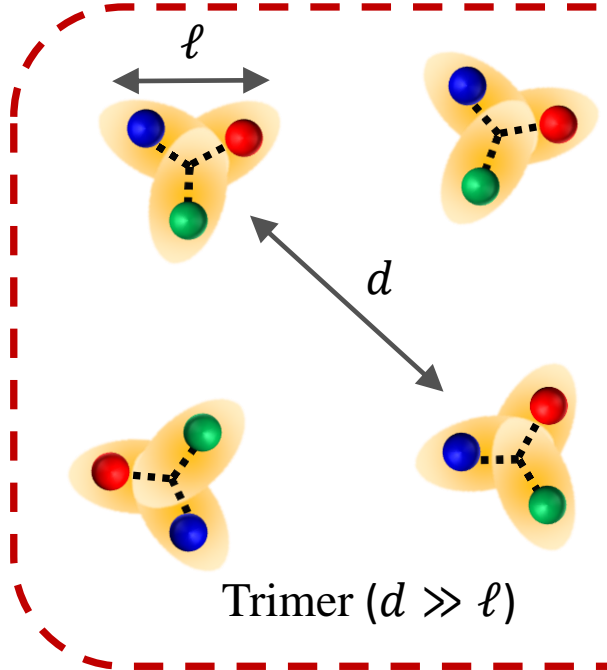




## Density-induced HQ crossover?

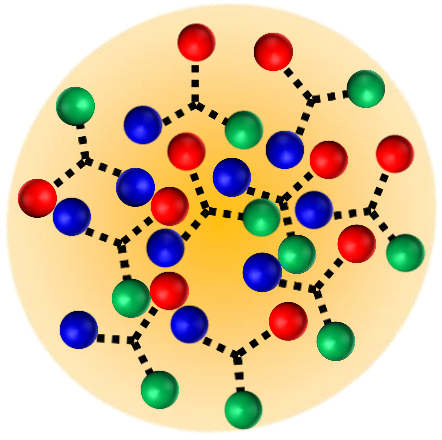


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Increasing density  
( $d \searrow$ )

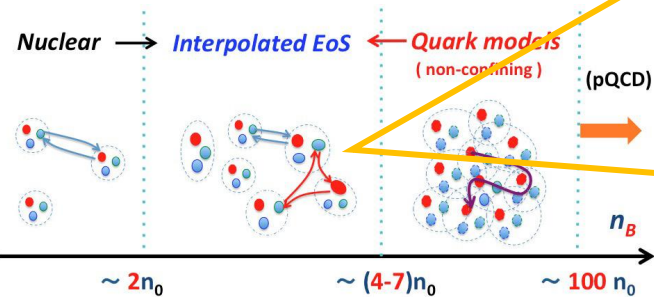
## Three-body crossover



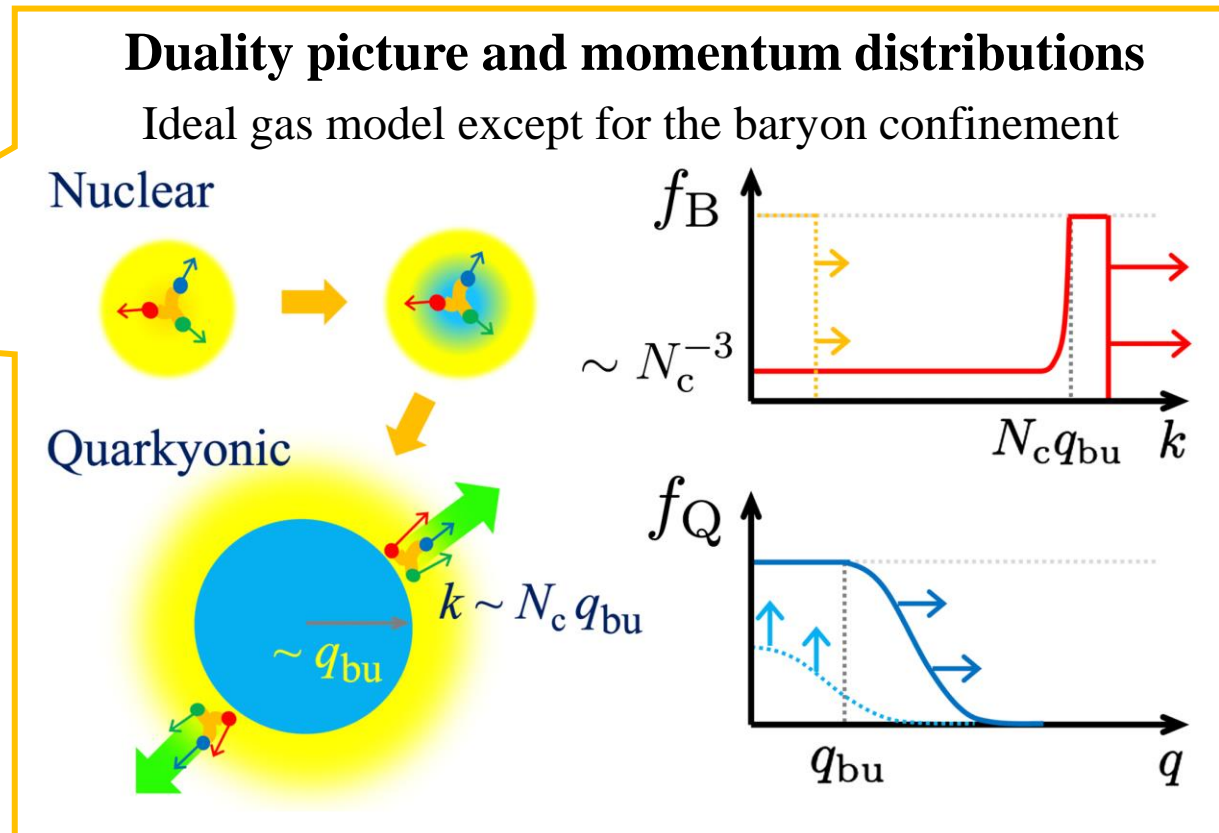
Cooper triples ( $d \lesssim \ell$ )

# Can we simulate density-induced three-body crossover?

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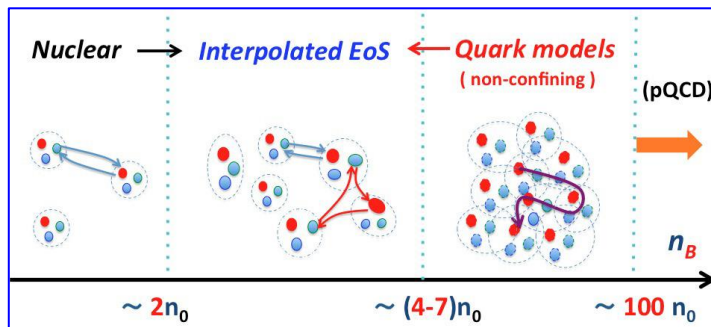
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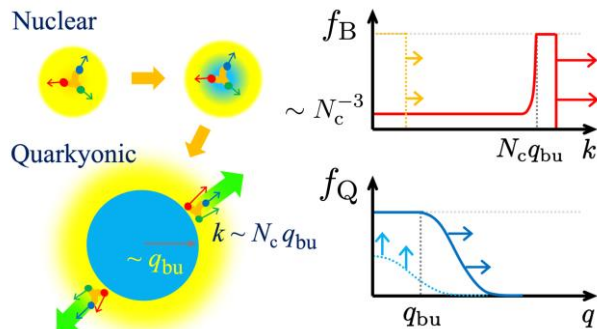
# In this talk...

- 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.



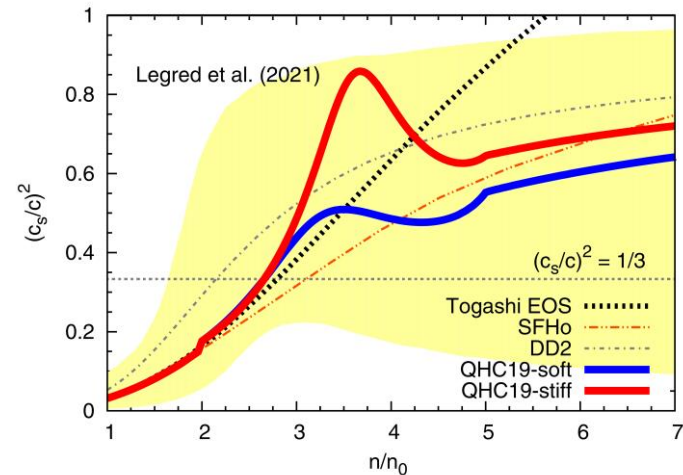
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## Momentum shell structure



Y. Fujimoto, *et al.*,  
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## Peaked speed of sound



Y.-J. Huang, *et al.*, Phys. Rev.  
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# Non-relativistic three-color Fermi gas

$$\mathbf{Hamiltonian} H := H_0 + V_2 + V_3$$

One-body term

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

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

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

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

Two-body interaction

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

Three-body interaction

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

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# Cooper problems for three-body states

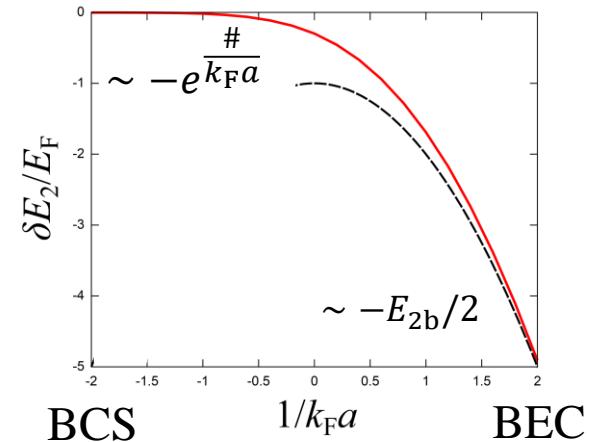
Variational equation:  $\delta\langle\psi|E - H|\psi\rangle = 0$

## Cooper pair on the top of Fermi sea

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

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

Cooper pair energy per atom measured from  $E_{\text{F}}$



## Cooper triple on the top of Fermi sea

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

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

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

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### Antisymmetrized variational wave function

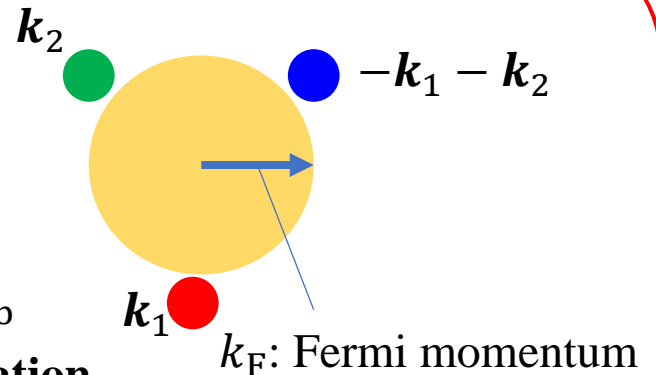
$$|\Psi_{\text{CT}}\rangle = \sum_{|\mathbf{k}_1| \geq k_F} \sum_{|\mathbf{k}_2| \geq k_F} \Omega_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2} \hat{F}_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2}^\dagger |\text{FS}\rangle$$

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

### 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

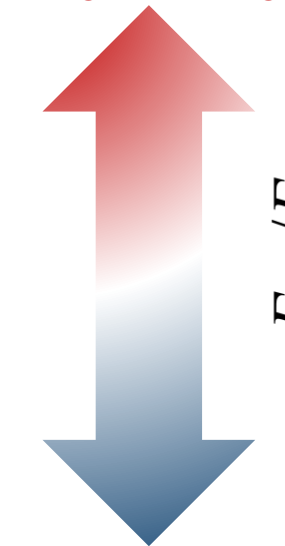
$$|\text{FS}\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$$

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

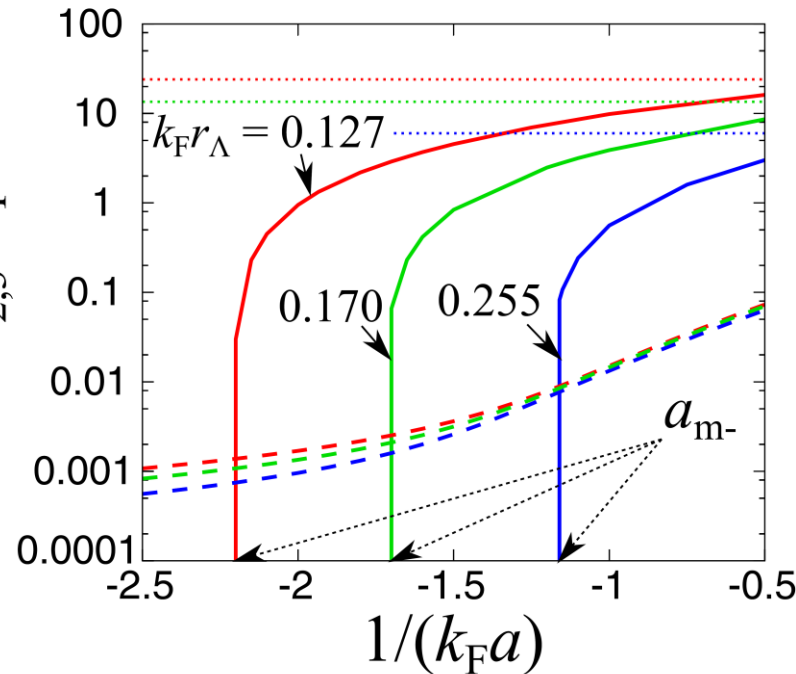
# Cooper pair and triple binding energies

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

Large binding



Small binding



Weak-coupling



Strong-coupling

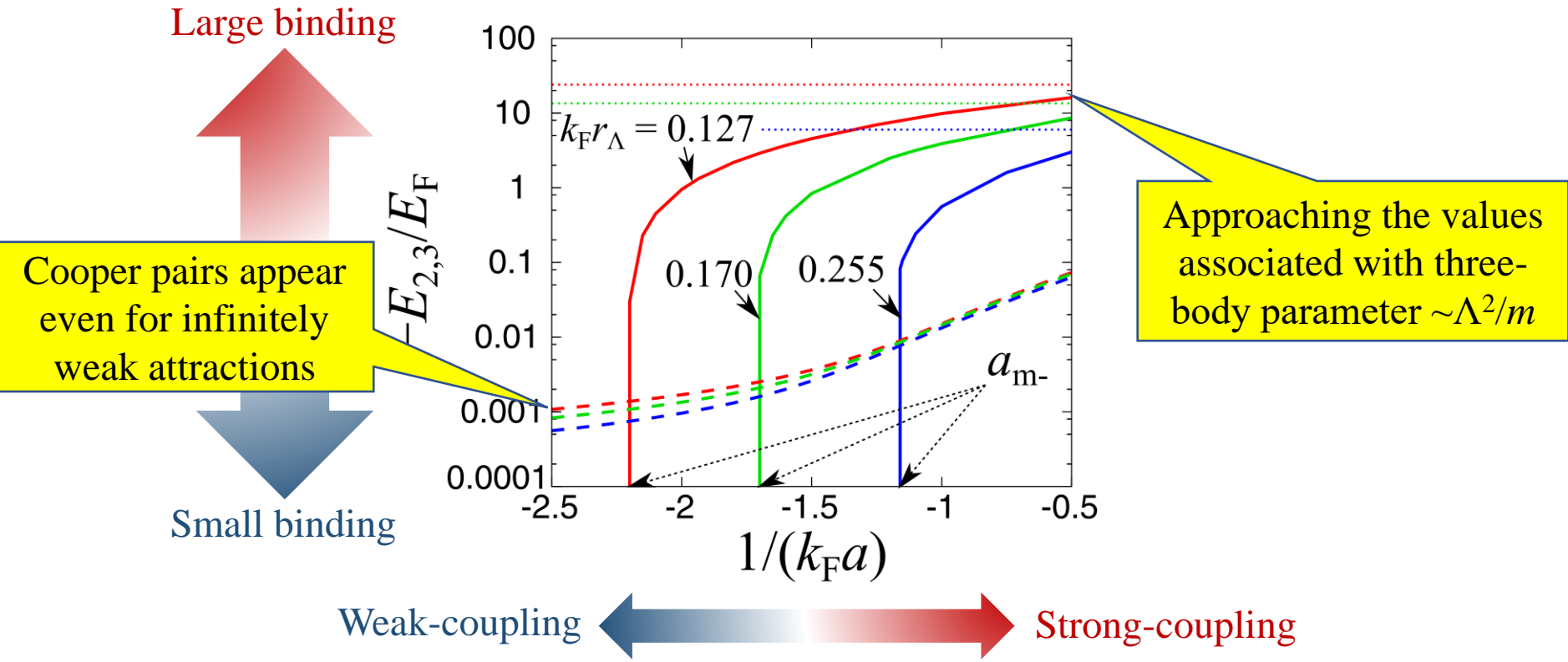
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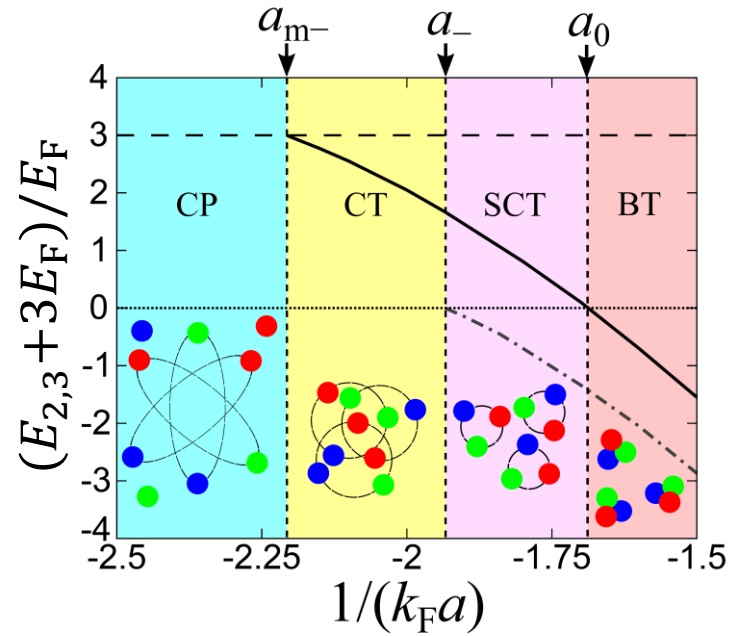
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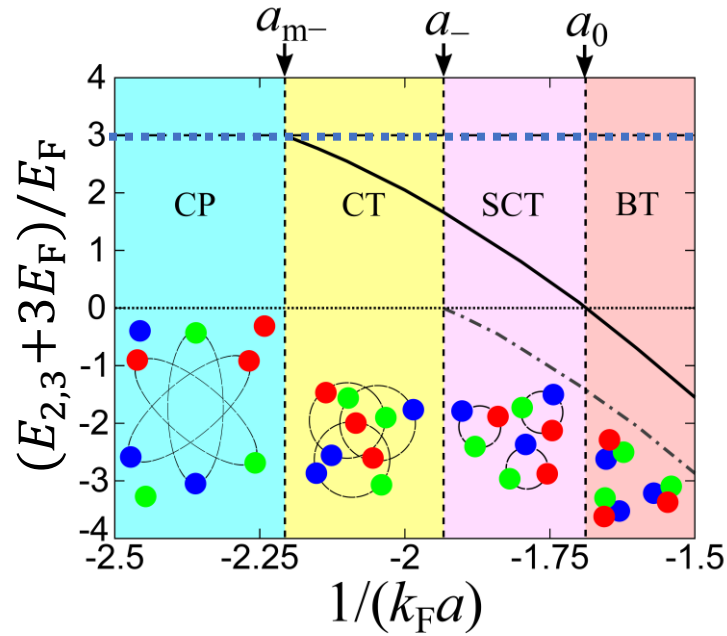
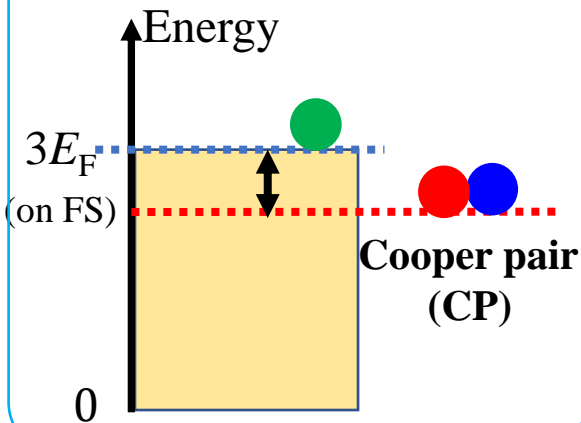
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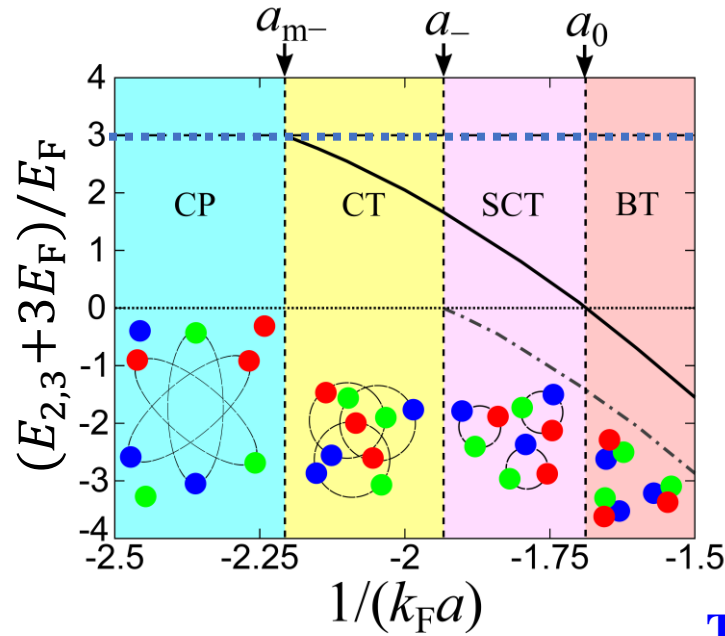
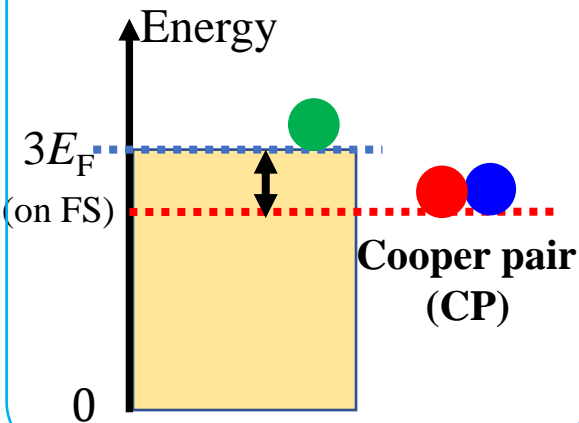
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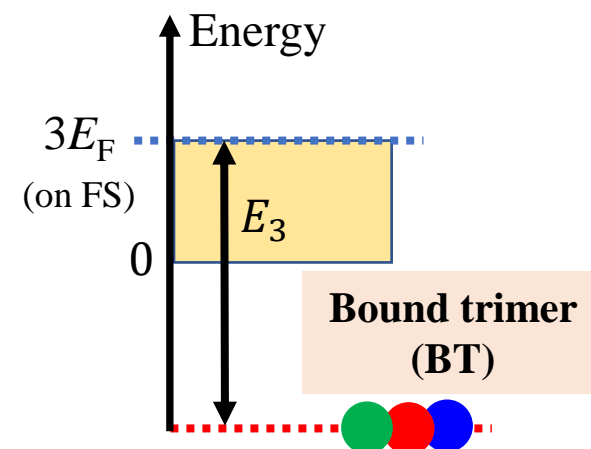
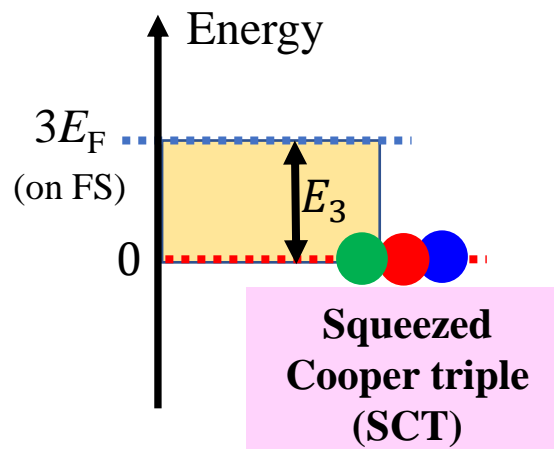
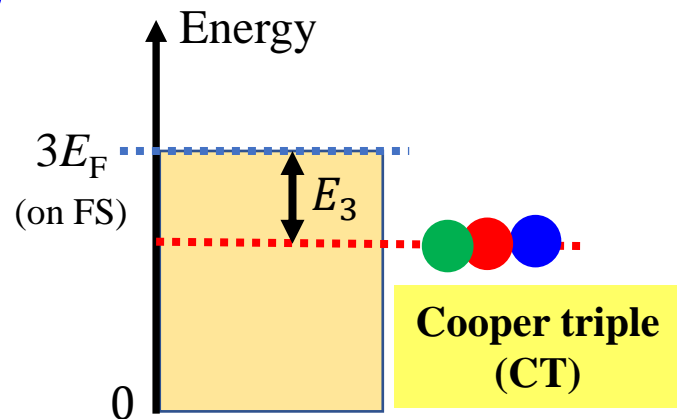
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**Three-body crossover**





# Three-body decay rate

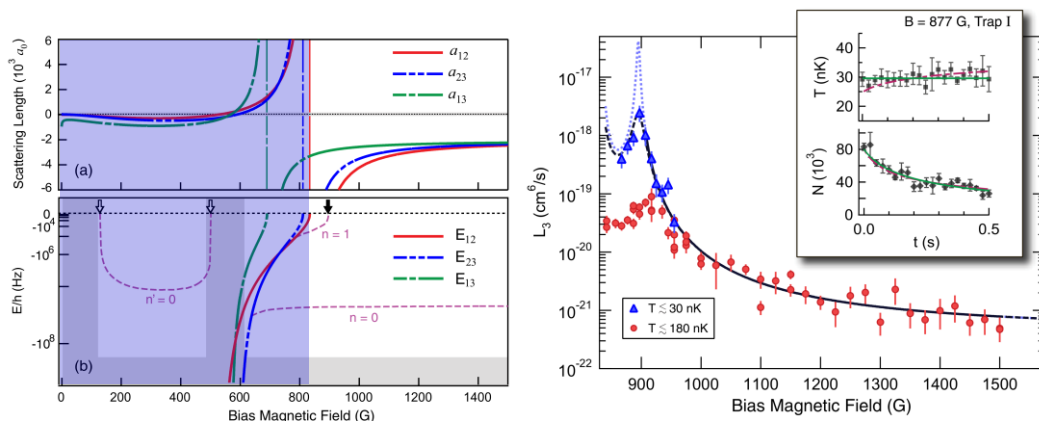
HT, S. Tsutsui, T. M. Doi, and K. Iida, Phys. Rev. A **104**, 053328 (2021).

## 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.)

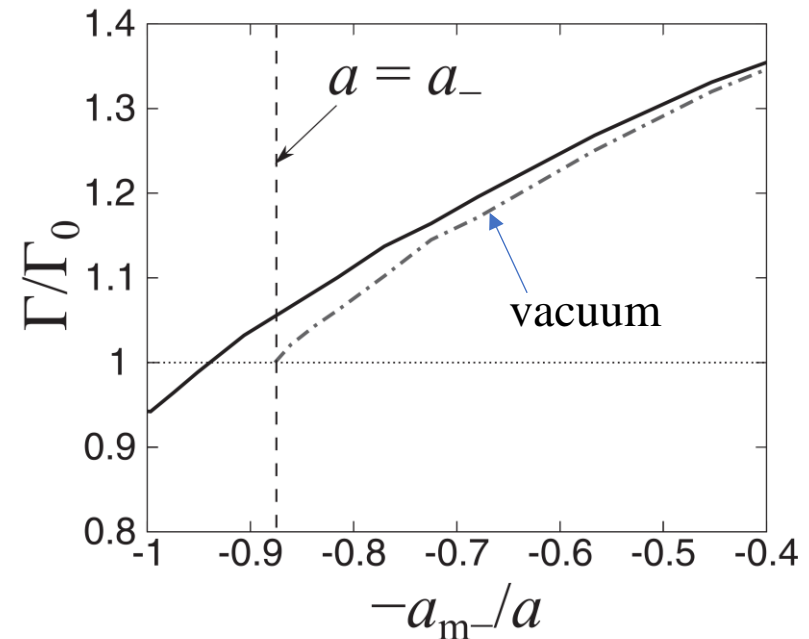


J. R. Williams, *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **103**, 130404 (2009).

## Three-body decay rate

$$\Gamma = 2i \langle \Psi_{\text{CT}} | W | \Psi_{\text{CT}} \rangle$$

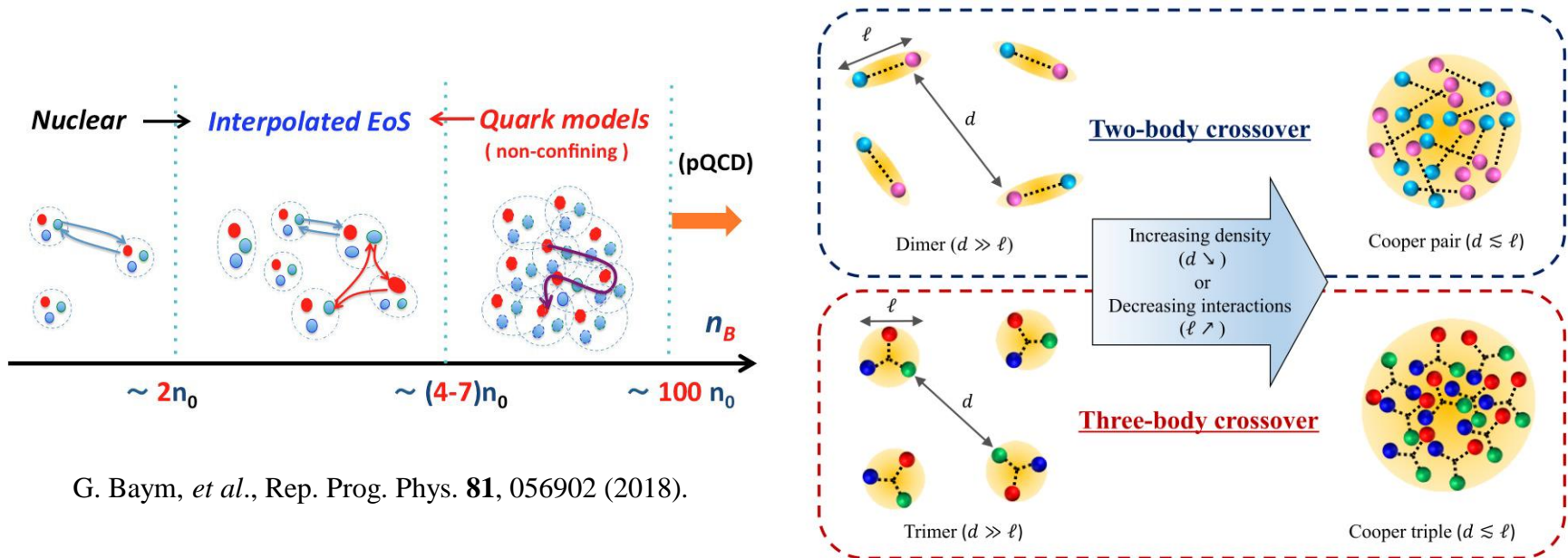
$$\rightarrow \langle \Psi(t) | \Psi(t) \rangle \propto e^{-\Gamma t}$$



# 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

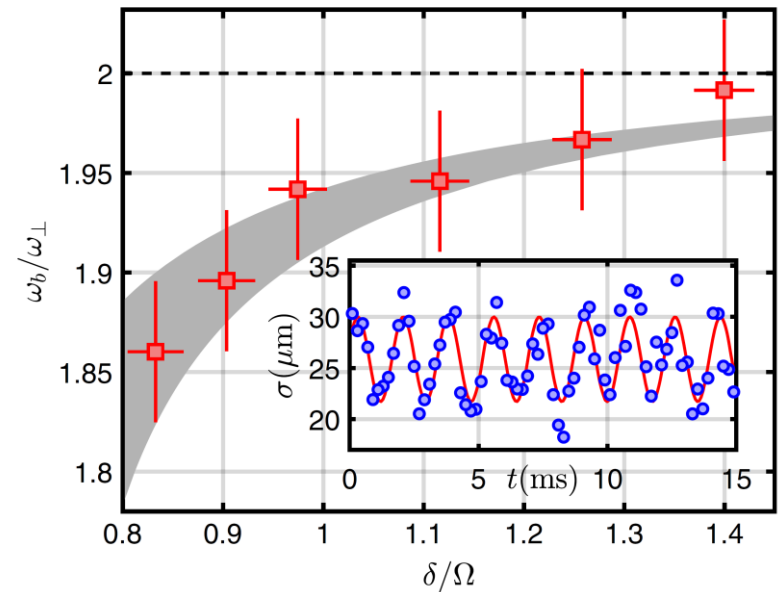
$$\frac{E_{\text{MF}}}{N} \approx \epsilon_- + g_2 \frac{n}{2} + g_3 \frac{n^2}{3}$$

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

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

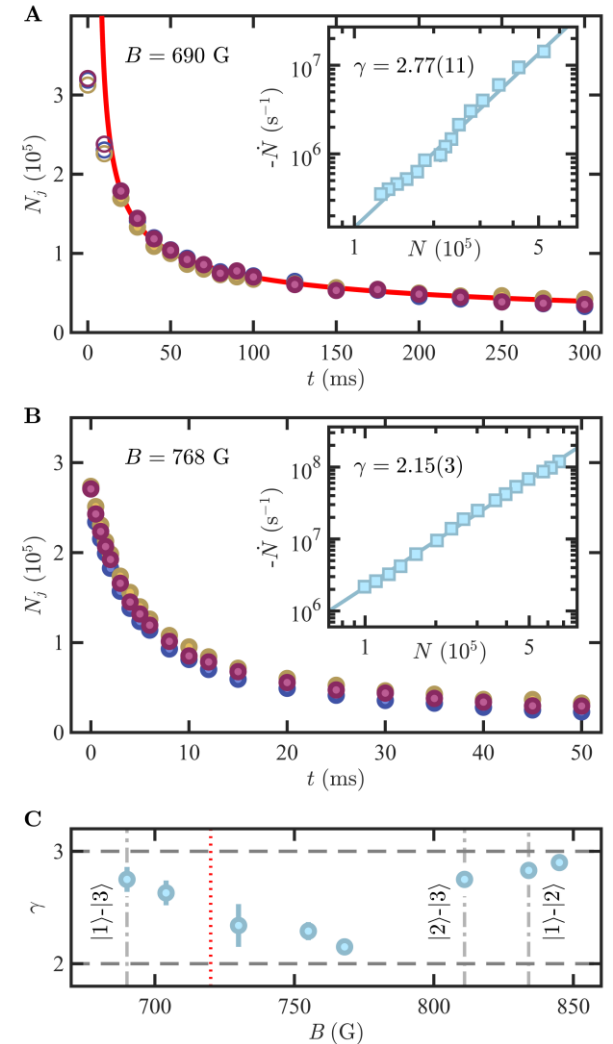
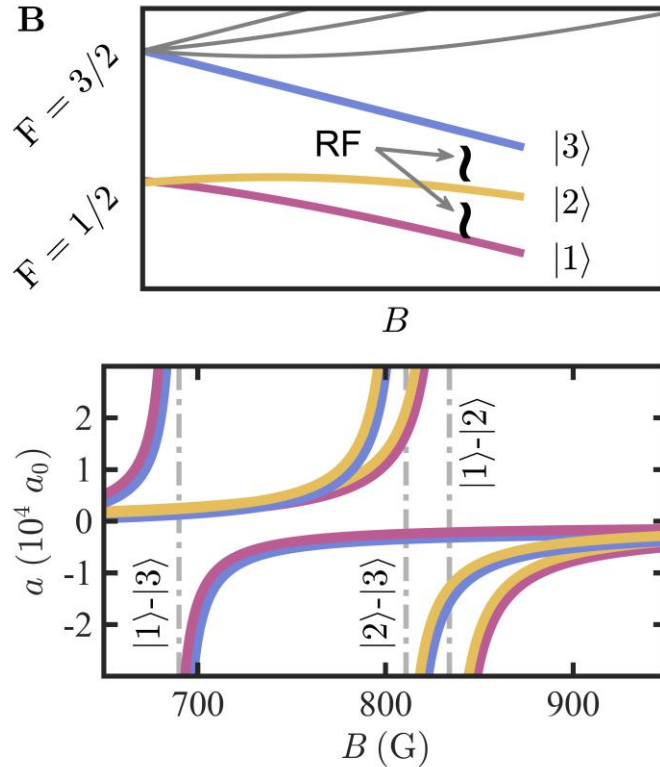
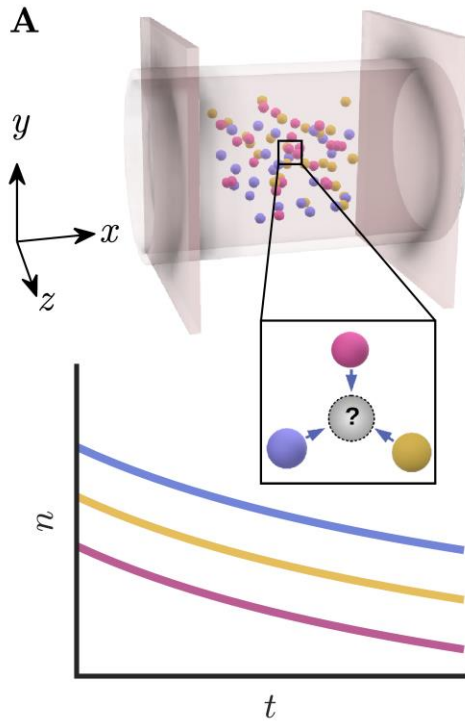
Brezing mode frequency

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



# 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

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

$\mu$ : chemical potential

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

$\psi_a^\dagger, \psi_a$ : fermionic field operator

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

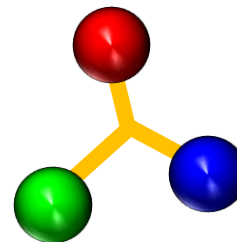
J. Drut, et al., PRL **120**, 243002 (2018).

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

$g_3 < 0$ : three-body attraction

## Trimer binding energy (broken scale invariance)

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



$\Lambda$ : 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  $\varepsilon_B$

$$T_3 = g_3 \left( \text{circle} + \text{two circles with arrow} + \dots \right)$$

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

$\Xi_0$ : 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

$\Lambda$ : 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).

$$\boxed{T_3^{\text{MB}}} = g_3 \text{ (red circle)} + \text{ (red circle) } \overset{\text{“Tripling fluctuations”}}{\text{ (loop diagram) }} \text{ (red circle)} + \dots$$

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

$\Xi$ : In-medium three-particle (three-hole) propagator

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

**In-medium three-body equation**

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

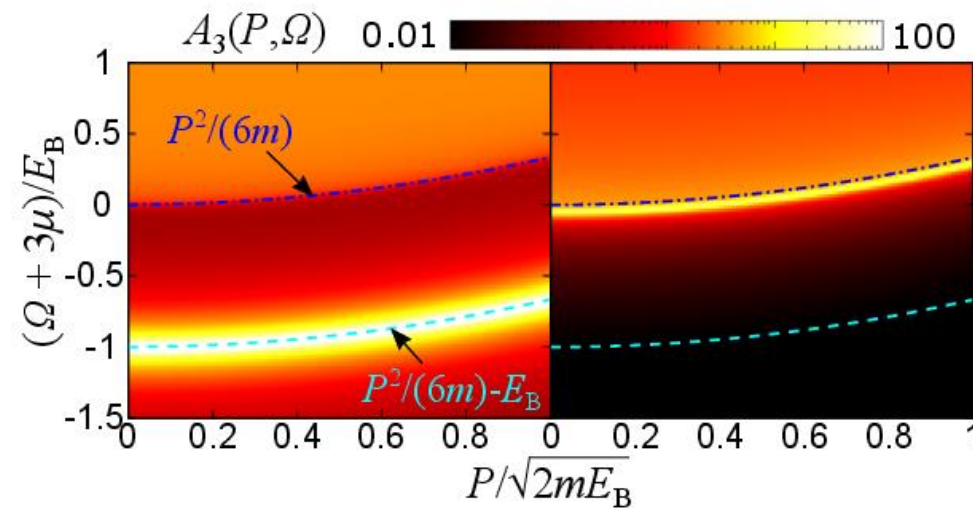


# Three-body spectral function

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

## In-medium three-body spectra

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



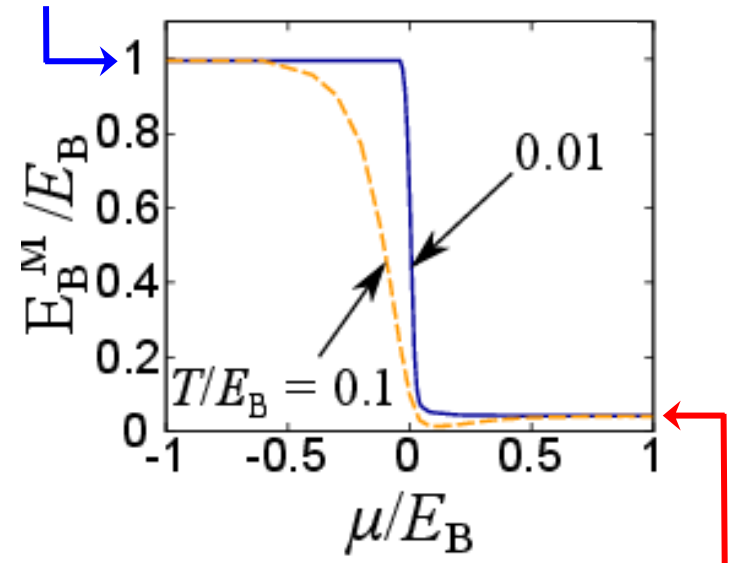
Low density  
( $\mu/E_B = -1$ )

High-density  
( $\mu/E_B = 2$ )

**The three-body pole survives even at high density**

## In-medium three-body binding energy

### Three-body problem

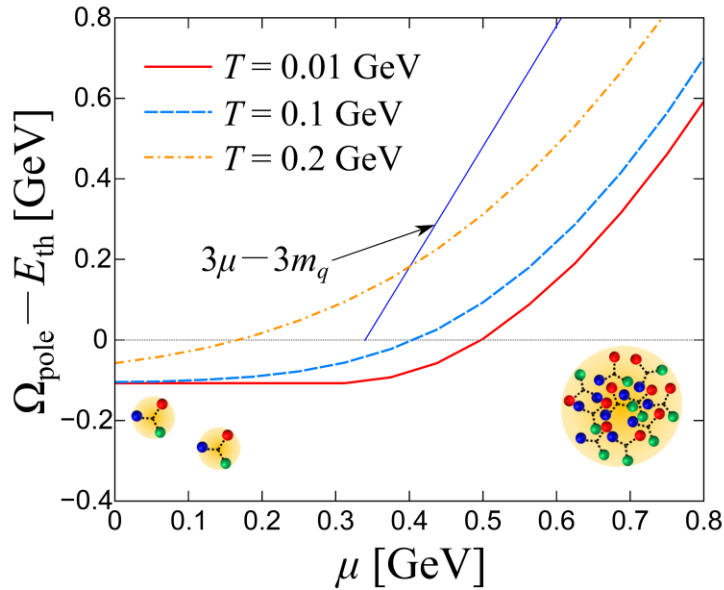


$E_B^M/E_B \approx 0.04$

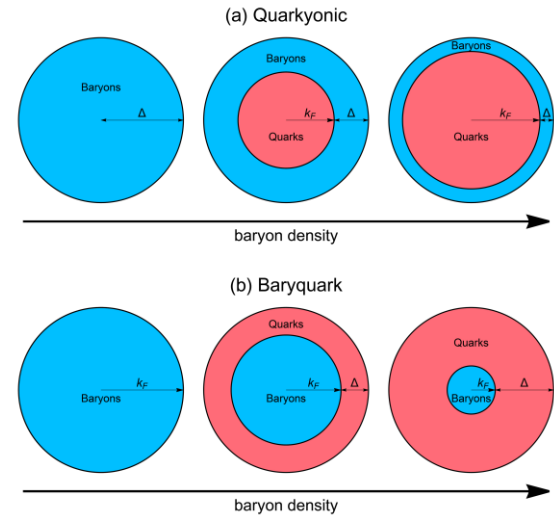
# Toy model for hadron-quark crossover

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

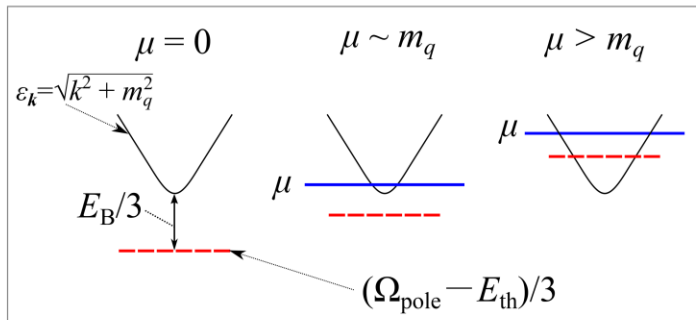
$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} \sum_j \varepsilon_{\mathbf{p}} \psi_{\mathbf{p},j}^\dagger \psi_{\mathbf{p},j} + \sum_{k,q,k',q',P} V_{k,q,k',q',P} \psi_{k,r}^\dagger \psi_{q,g}^\dagger \psi_{P-k-q,b}^\dagger \psi_{P-k'-q',b} \psi_{q',g} \psi_{k',r'}$$



## Quarkyonic or Baryquark?

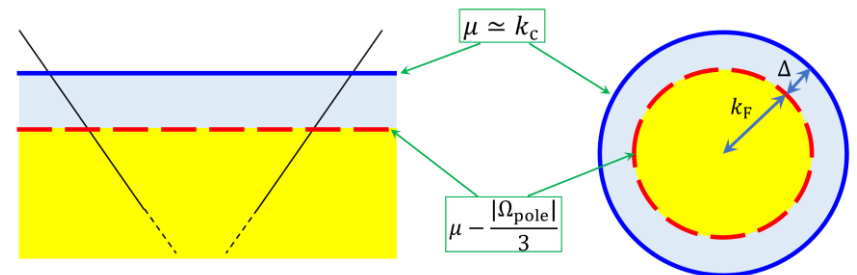


arXiv:2211.14674



$m_q = 0.34$  GeV,  $M_B = 0.91$  GeV

**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).

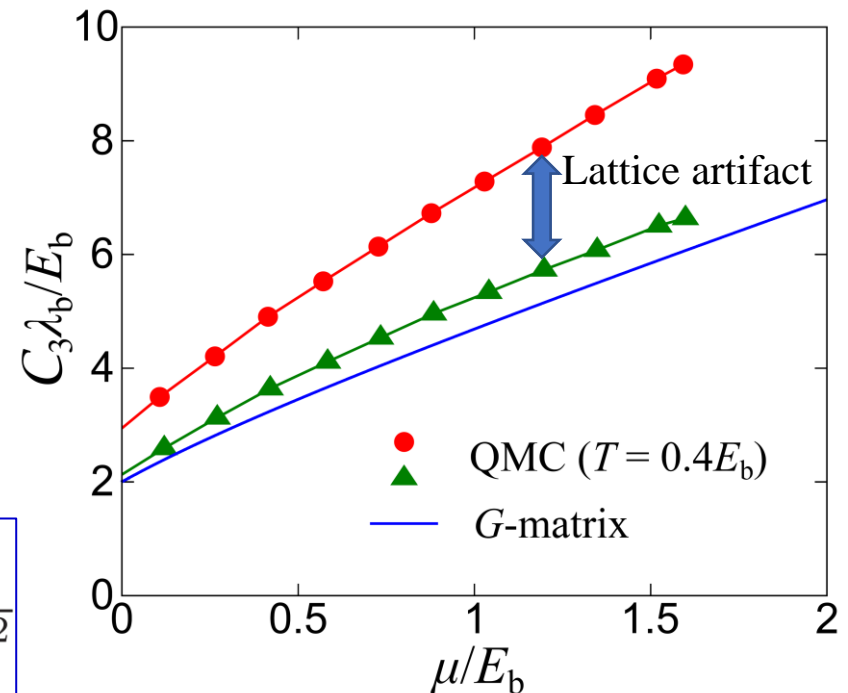
## Three-body contact

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

## Comparison with QMC results



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

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