

BCS-BEC Cross over: Using the ERG

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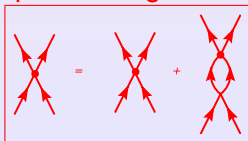
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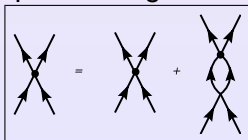
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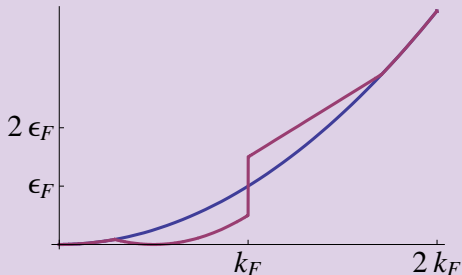
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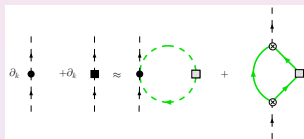
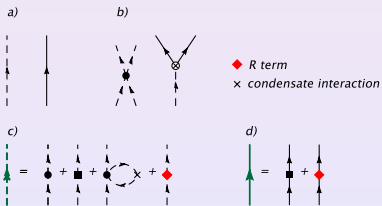
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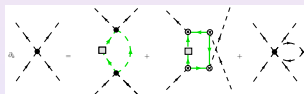
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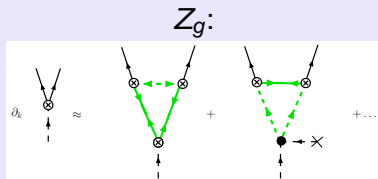
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Effective potential

Mean field effective potential ($k = 0$)

$$U^{MF}(\Delta, \mu) = \frac{k_{\Delta}^5}{2M\pi} \left[\frac{1}{8ak_{\Delta}} - \frac{1}{15}(1+x^2)^{3/4} P_{3/2}^1 \left(-\frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \right) \right]$$

$P_l^m(y)$ associated Legendre function; $k_{\Delta} = \sqrt{2M\Delta}$, $x = \mu/\Delta$.
 Minimise w.r.t. Δ at fixed N , solve for μ and Δ .
 log singularity at small Δ gives small $\rho_F a$ result

$$\Delta \approx \frac{8}{e^2} \varepsilon_F \exp \left(-\frac{\pi}{2\rho_F |a|} \right).$$

An example flow equation: U

With a uniform mean ϕ field (momentum conserved)

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$$V_B = u_2 \phi^\dagger \phi.$$

Multiplying by $\partial_k \mathbf{R}_B$ and trace gives

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This has poles at $q_0 = \pm \frac{1}{Z_\phi} \sqrt{E_{BR}(q)^2 - V_B^2}$.

At $k = 0$ ($R_B = 0$) for $\phi^\dagger \phi \neq 0$, $u_1 = 0$)

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$$\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left[(\partial_k \mathbf{R}_F) (\Gamma_{FF}^{(2)} - \mathbf{R}_F)^{-1} \right] = \frac{2E_{FR}(q) \text{sgn}(q - p_F) \partial_k R_F(q, p_F, k)}{Z_\psi^2 q_0^2 - E_{FR}(q)^2 - \Delta^2 + i\varepsilon}.$$

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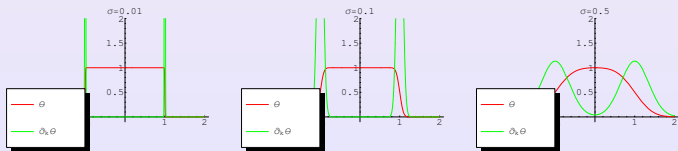
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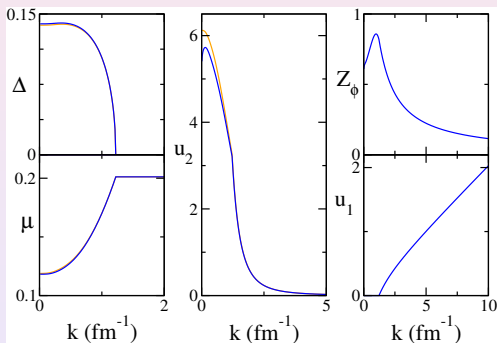
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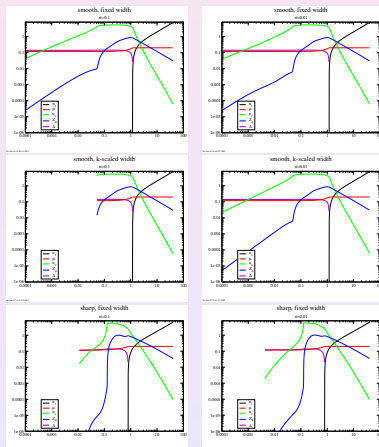


Numerical solution of the evolution equations for infinite a_0 , starting from $K = 16 \text{ fm}^{-1}$.

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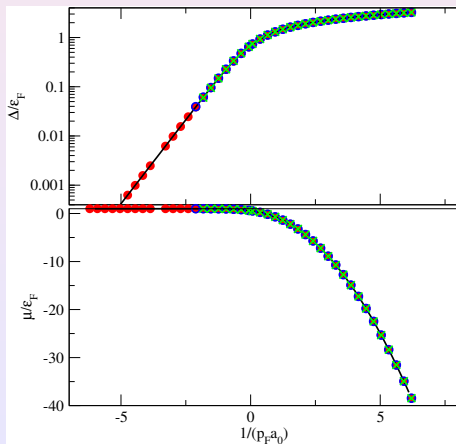
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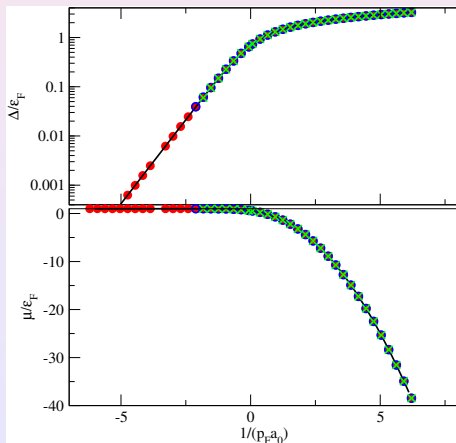
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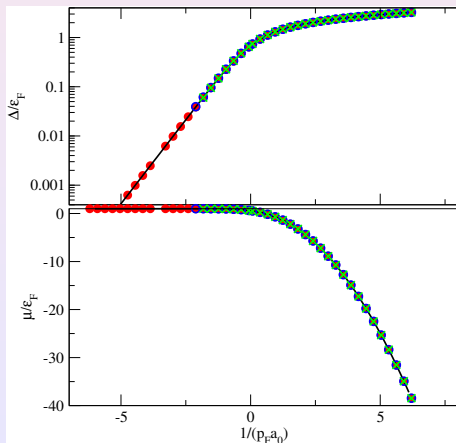
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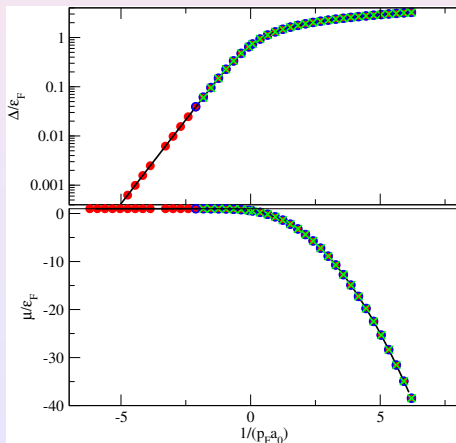
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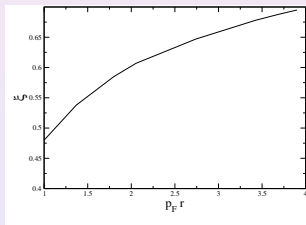


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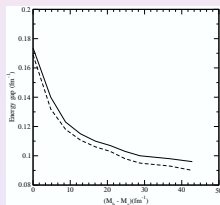


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- Analytics mainly done, to be implemented
- Full inclusion of momentum dependent forces (effective range)
- Treatment of ph channels.
- Asymmetric matter
- **Three body forces (maybe)**