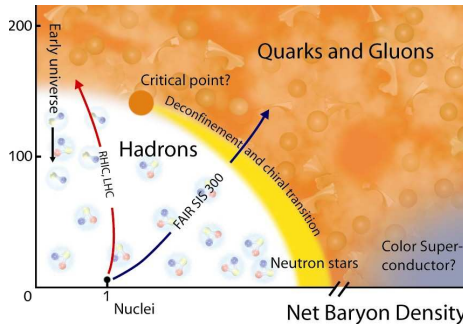
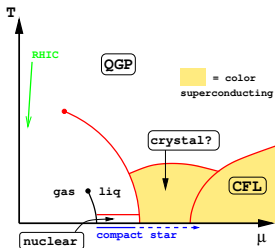


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COLOR SUPERCONDUCTIVITY



[Alford (2003)]

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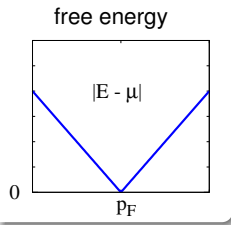


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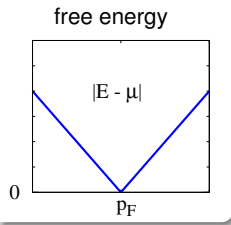
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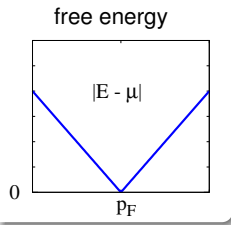
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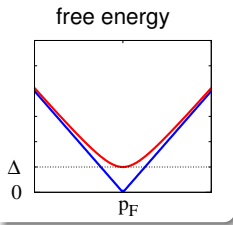
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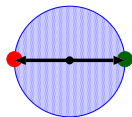
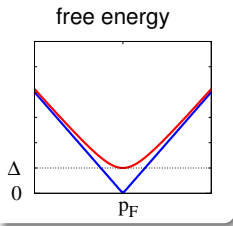
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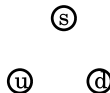
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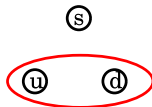
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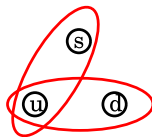
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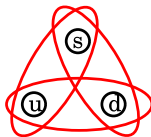
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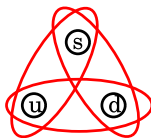
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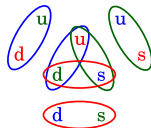
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(More) formal definition of the phases

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$C = i\gamma^2\gamma^0$ charge conjugation matrix, $C\gamma_5 \rightarrow J^P = 0^+$

τ_A : antisymmetric Gell-Mann matrices in flavor space

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► Phases:

- NQ: $\Delta_2 = \Delta_5 = \Delta_7 = 0$
- 2SC: $\Delta_2 \neq 0, \Delta_5 = \Delta_7 = 0$
- CFL: $\Delta_2 = \Delta_5 = \Delta_7 \neq 0$ (ideal case; realistic: $\Delta_2 \approx \Delta_5 \approx \Delta_7 \neq 0$)
- ...



$$\Delta_2 \sim \langle q^T C \gamma_5 \tau_2 \lambda_2 q \rangle$$

▶ gauge symmetries:

- ▶ **color:** $q \rightarrow e^{i\theta_a \frac{\lambda^a}{2}} q$ blue quarks unpaired $\Rightarrow SU(3)_c \rightarrow SU(2)_c$
 \rightarrow 5 of the 8 gluons get a nonzero **Meissner mass**.

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- ▶ $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ **chiral symmetry:** **conserved**

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but:

residual $SU(3)$ under **combined color-flavor** rotations: $q \rightarrow e^{i\theta_a(\tau_a - \lambda_a^T)} q$

→ “color-flavor locking”: $SU(3)_c \times SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \rightarrow SU(3)_{V+c}$

→ 8 massive gluons + 8 pseudoscalar Goldstone bosons (chiral limit)

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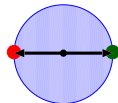
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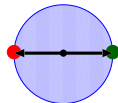
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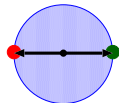
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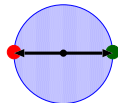
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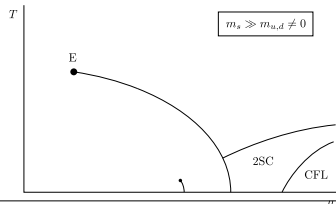
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Figure: educated guess [Rajagopal (1999)]



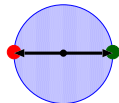
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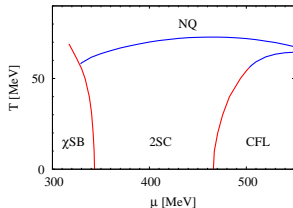


Figure: NJL [M. Oertel, MB (2002); MB (2005)]

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 - ▶ $N_f = 3$: 72 eigenvalues

(always in pairs $(E_{\lambda}, -E_{\lambda})$)

Example 1: 2SC phase in the chiral limit

$4 \times 2 \times 3 = 24$ positive eigenvalues

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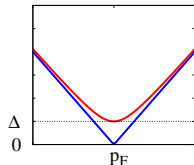
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Example 2: ideal CFL phase in the chiral limit

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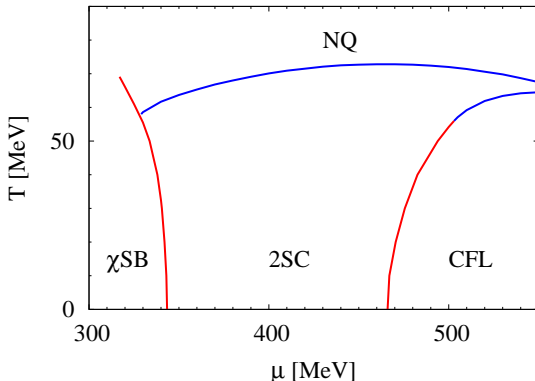
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Phase diagram with realistic quark masses

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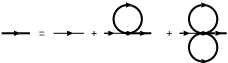
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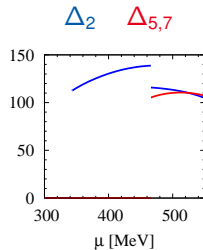
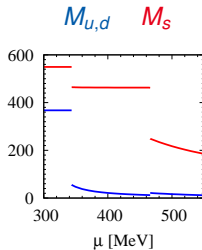
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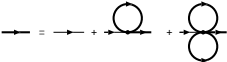
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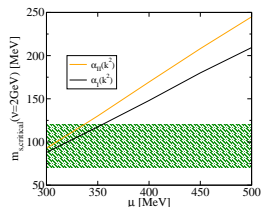
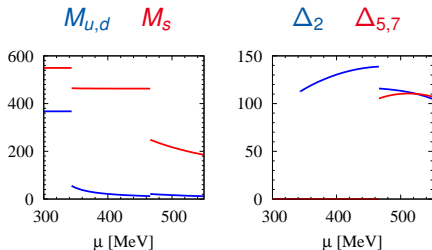
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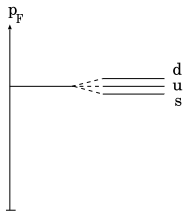
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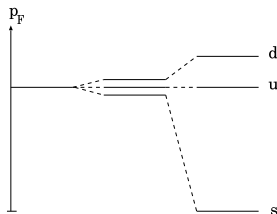
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- 2SC pairing possible for strong couplings



1. role of electrons in unpaired quark matter

- ▶ two massless flavors:

$$\text{neutral matter: } \frac{2}{3}n_u - \frac{1}{3}n_d - n_e = 0$$

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→ expectation: n_e very small

$$\Rightarrow n_d \approx 2n_u \Rightarrow \mu_d \approx 2^{1/3}\mu_u \Rightarrow n_e \approx \frac{1}{3}(2^{1/3} - 1)^3 n_u \approx 0.006 n_u$$

→ expectation confirmed ✓

- ▶ including strange quarks: n_e even lower

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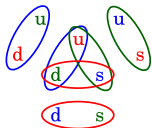
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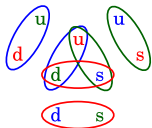
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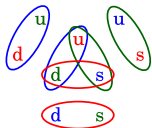
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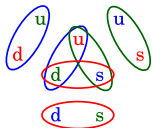
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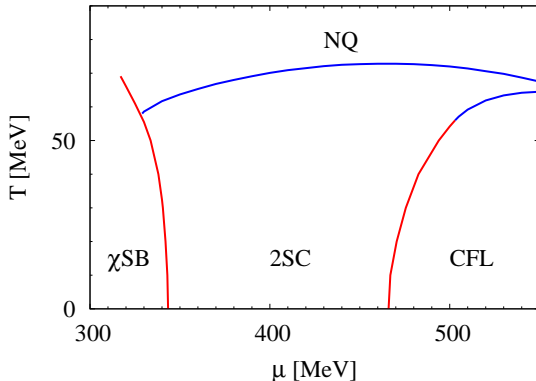
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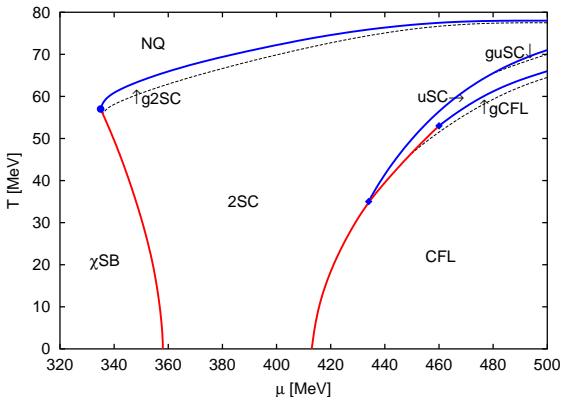
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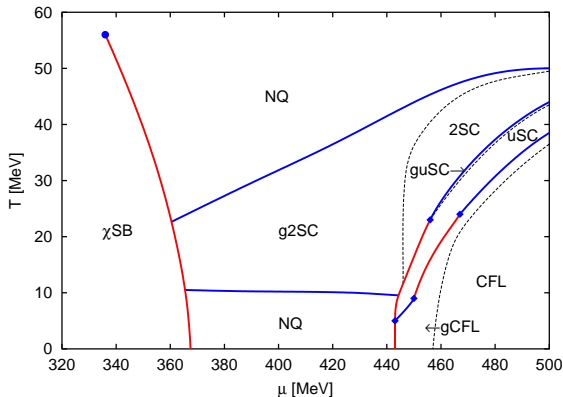
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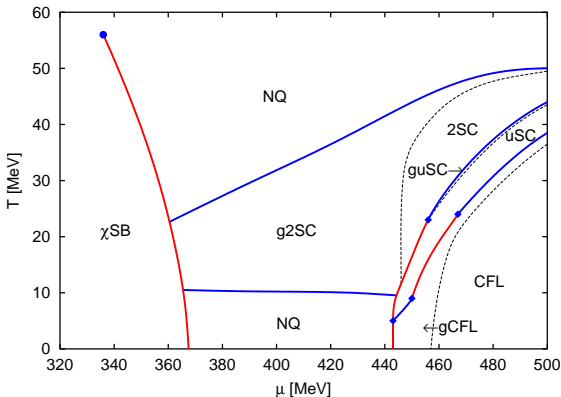
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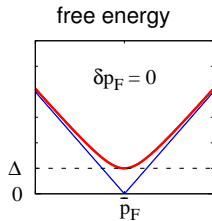
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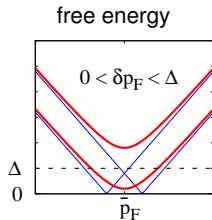
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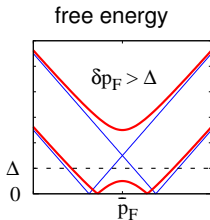
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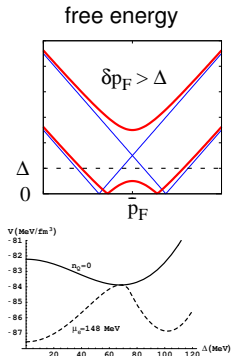
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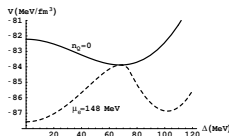
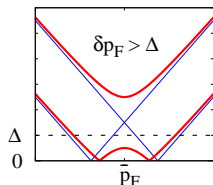
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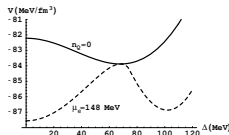
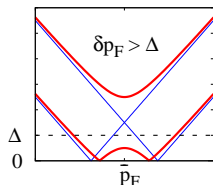
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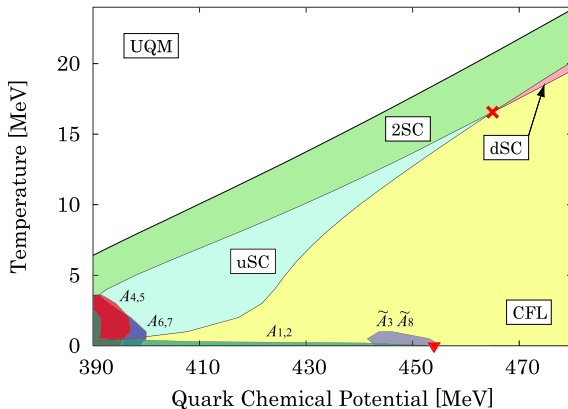
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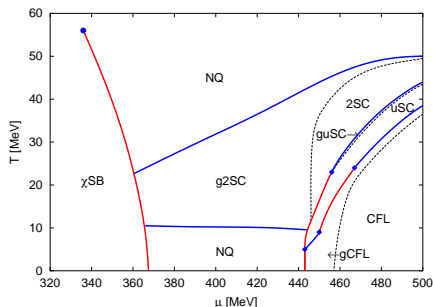


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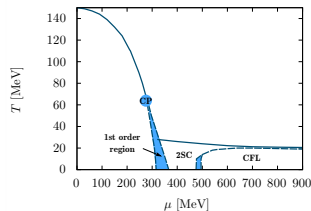
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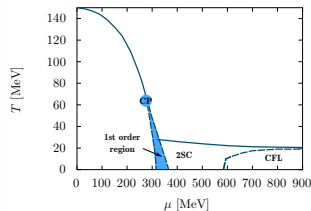
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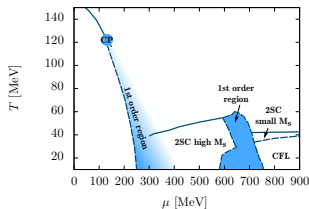
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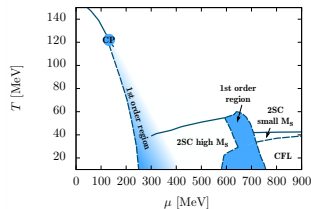
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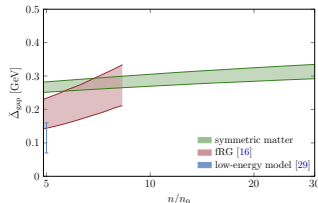
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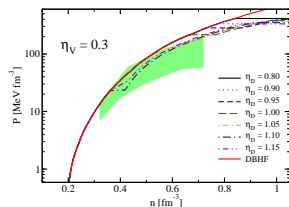
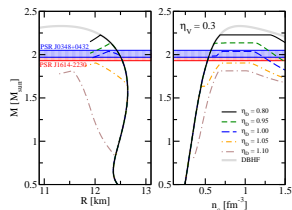
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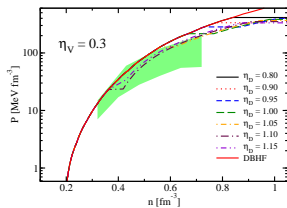
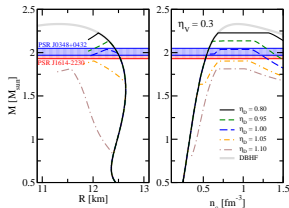
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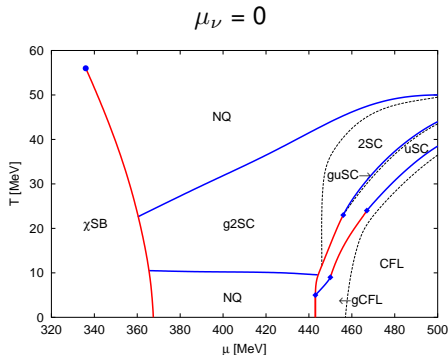
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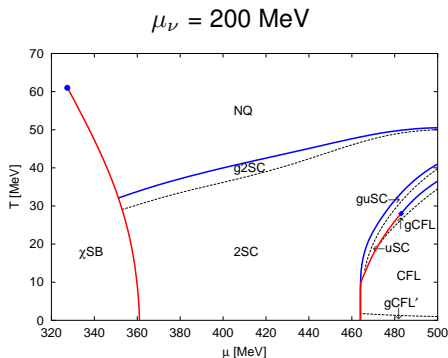
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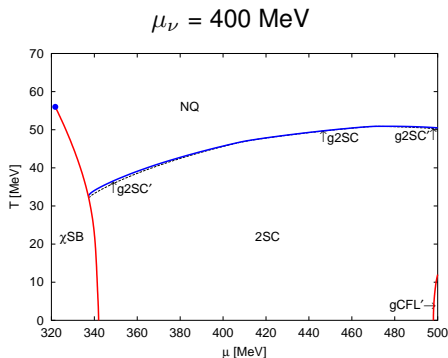
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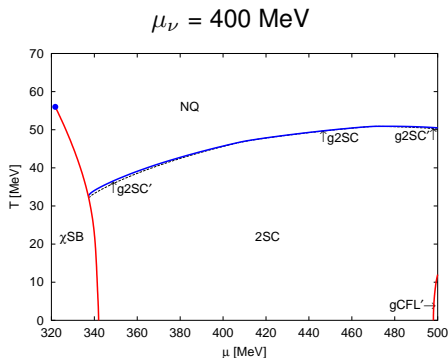
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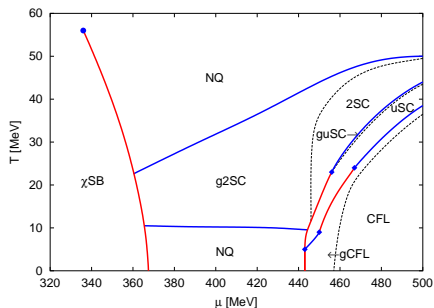
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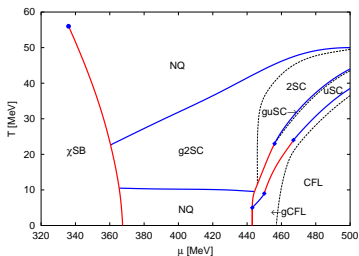
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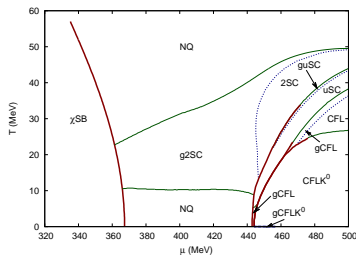
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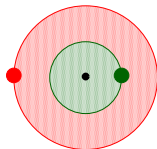
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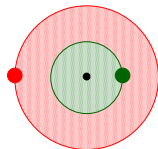
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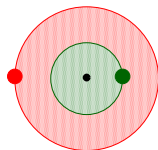
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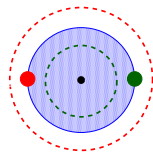
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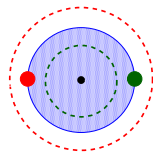
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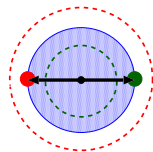
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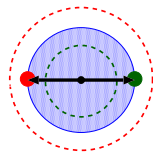
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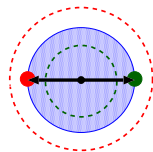
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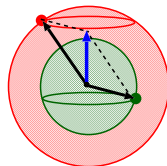
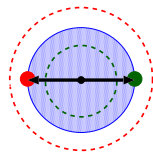
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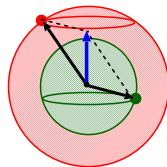
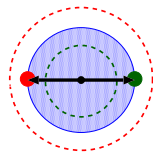
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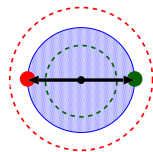
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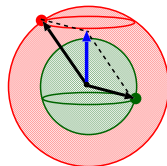


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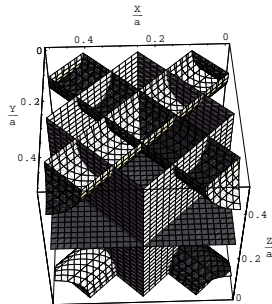
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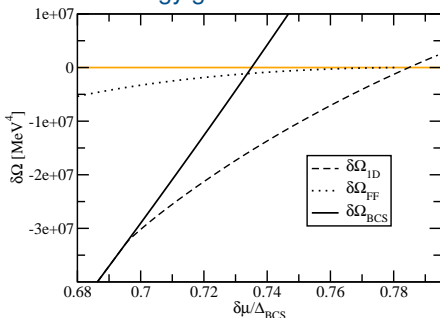
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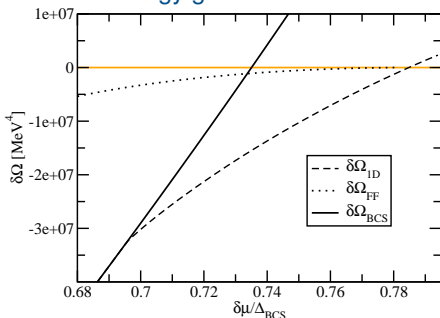
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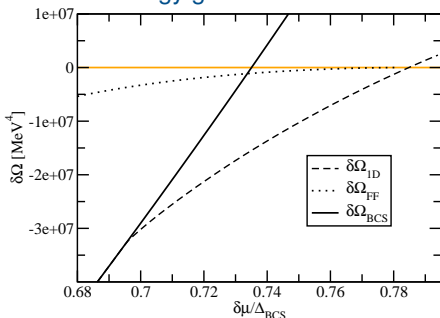


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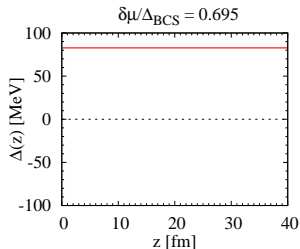
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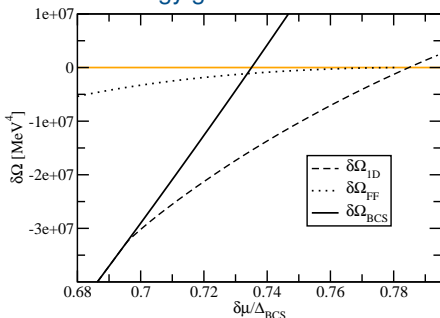
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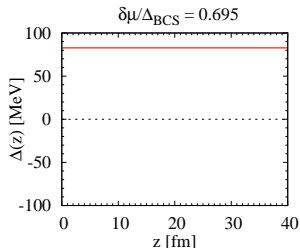
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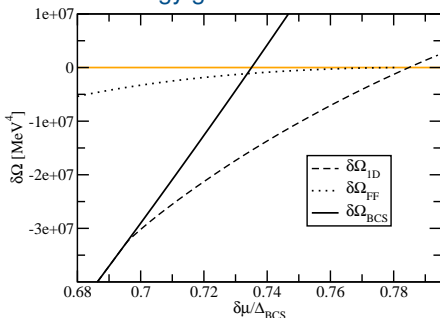
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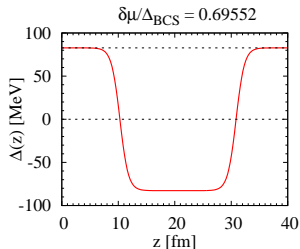
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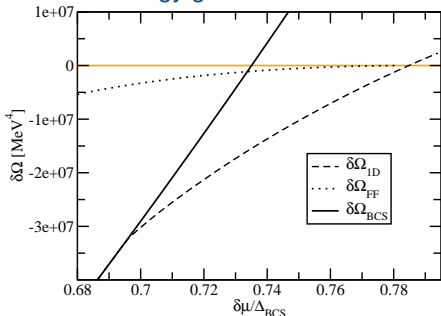


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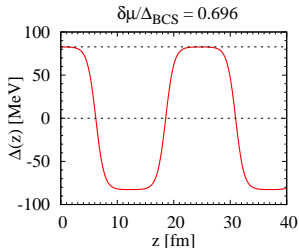
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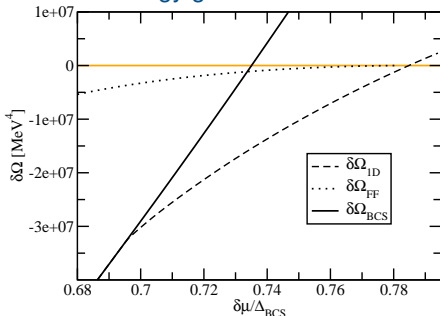


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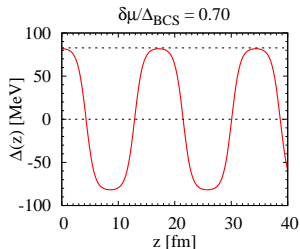
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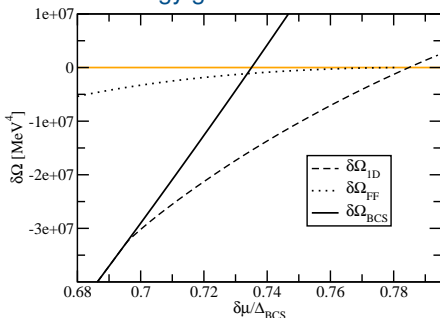


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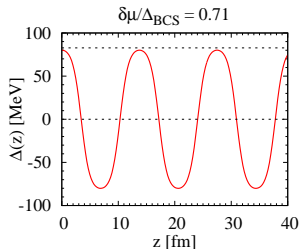
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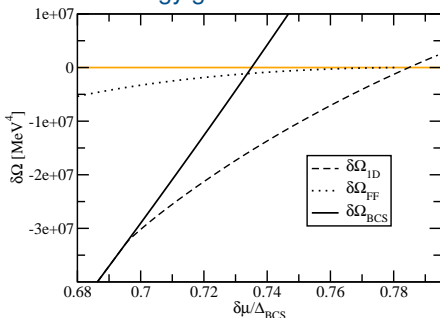


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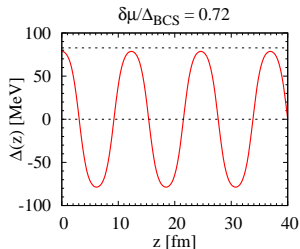
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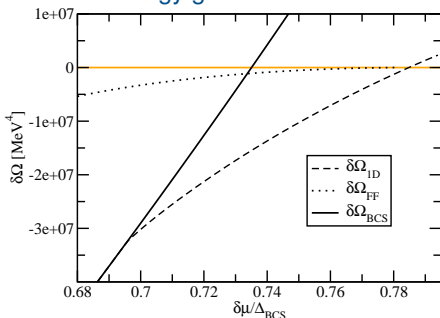


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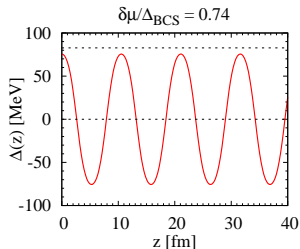
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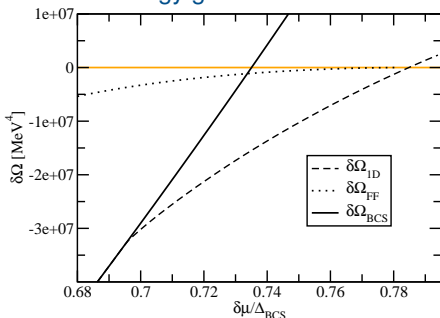


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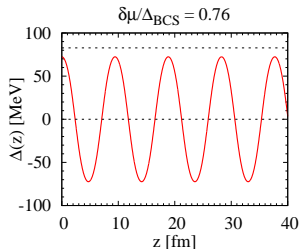
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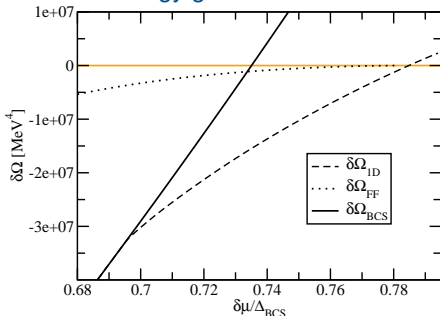
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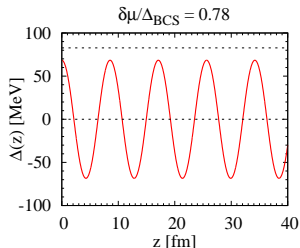
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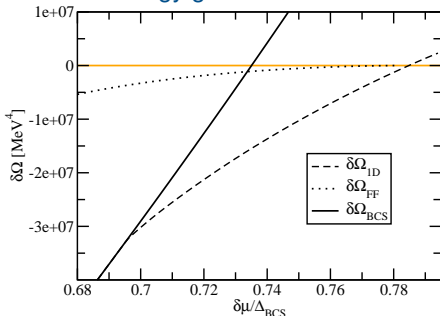
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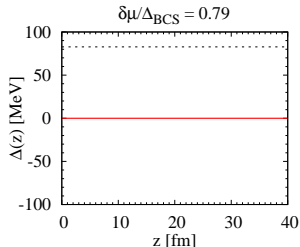
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- ▶ two fermion species with $\mu_i = \bar{\mu} \pm \delta\mu$
- ▶ 1-dim periodic ansatz: $\Delta(\vec{x}) = \sum_k \Delta_k e^{2ikqz}$

▶ free-energy gain:



▶ favored gap functions:



- ▶ BCS \rightarrow solitonic \rightarrow sinusoidal \rightarrow normal
- ▶ inhomogeneous solutions favored in a certain window!