

Variational Theory and Parquet Diagrams for Nuclear Systems

A Comprehensive Study of Neutron Matter

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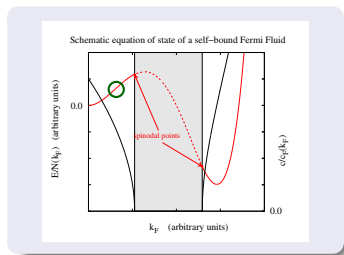
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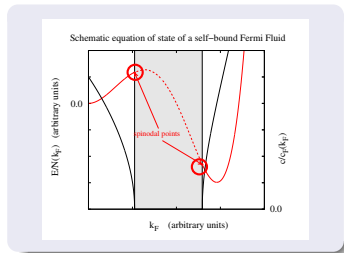
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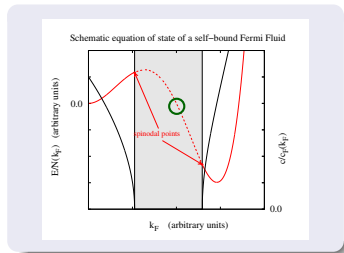
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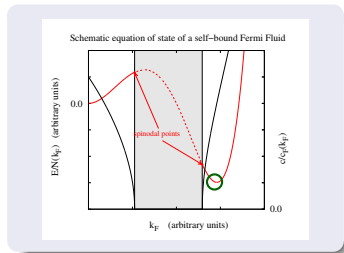
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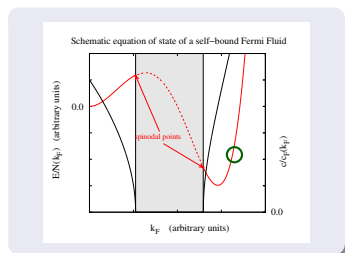
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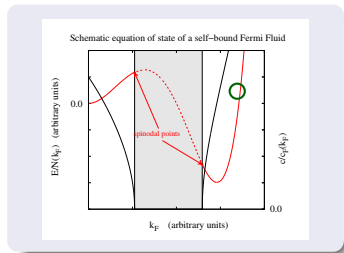
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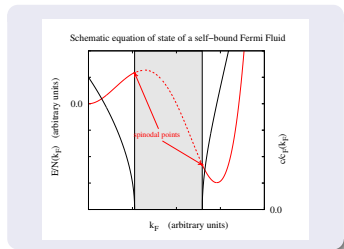
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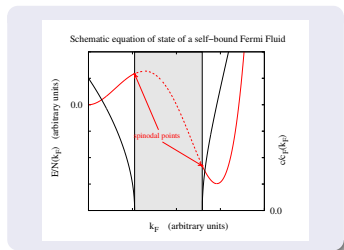


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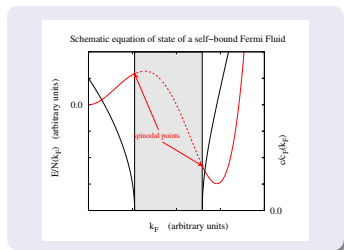
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Order-by-order perturbation theory does not work !

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⁴He, α -matter...

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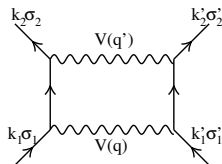
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Equivalence established for ladders, rings, and self-energy insertions

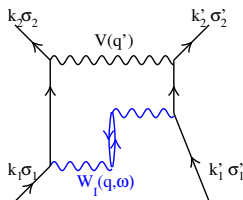
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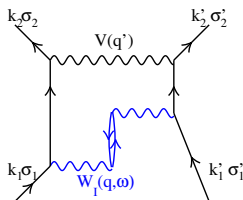
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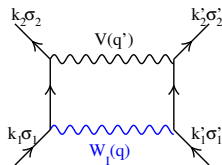


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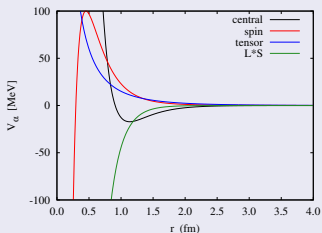
$$O_3(i, j; \hat{r}) \equiv \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j,$$

$$O_5(i, j; \hat{r}) \equiv S(i, j; \hat{r}) \\ \equiv 3(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \hat{r})(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_j \cdot \hat{r}) - \boldsymbol{\sigma}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}_j$$

$$O_7(i, j; \hat{r}) \equiv L \cdot S$$

$$O_{2n}(i, j; \hat{r}) = O_{2n-1}(i, j; \hat{r}) \boldsymbol{\tau}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}_j.$$

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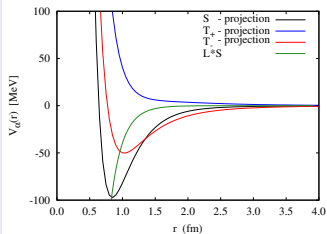
$$P_s = \frac{1}{4} (1 - \sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2)$$

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Dealing with realistic nuclear interactions

A plausible (?) generalization of Jastrow-Feenberg

“Symmetrized operator product wave function”

$$\Psi_0^{\text{SOP}} = \mathcal{S} \left[\prod_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i < j}}^N \hat{f}(i,j) \right] \Phi_0 \equiv F_N \Phi_0,$$

Correlation functions:

$$\hat{f}(i,j) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n f_{\alpha}(r_{ij}) \hat{O}_{\alpha}(i,j),$$

Pair distribution functions:

$$\hat{g}(i,j) = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n g_{\alpha}(r_{ij}) \hat{O}_{\alpha}(i,j),$$

With

$$\rho^2 g_{\alpha}(|r - r'|) = \frac{\langle \Psi_0^{\text{SOP}} | \sum_{i < j} \delta(r - r_i) \delta(r' - r_j) \hat{O}_{\alpha}(i,j) | \Psi_0^{\text{SOP}} \rangle}{\frac{1}{\nu^2} \mathcal{T}_{r_{12}} \hat{O}_{\alpha}^2(1,2) \langle \Psi_0^{\text{SOP}} | \Psi_0^{\text{SOP}} \rangle}.$$

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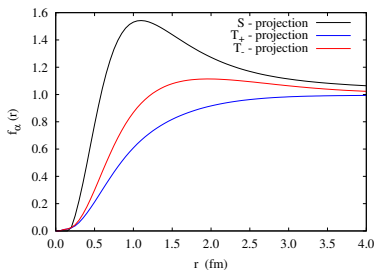
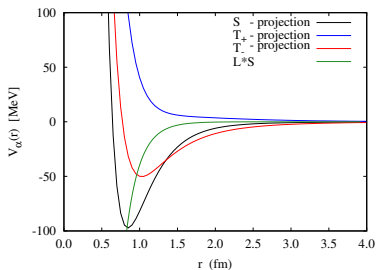
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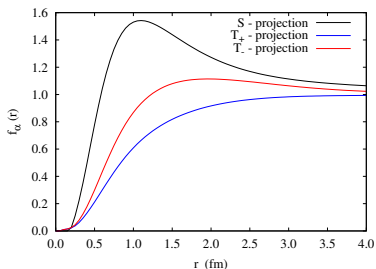
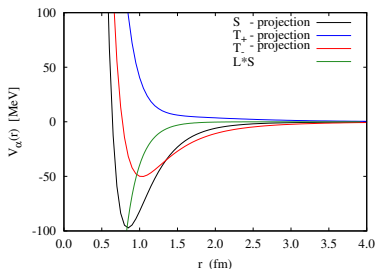
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Spin-singlet correlation functions $f_{\text{singlet}}(r_{ij})$ contribute to the spin-triplet distribution function $g_{\text{triplet}}(r_{ij})$ and vice versa !

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If the effect is real then it must be represented by non-parquet diagrams !

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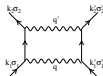
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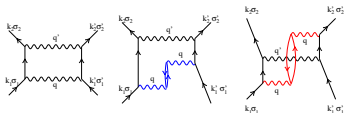
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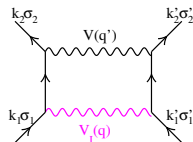
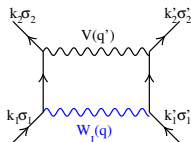
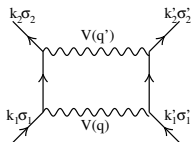
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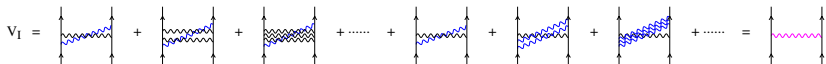
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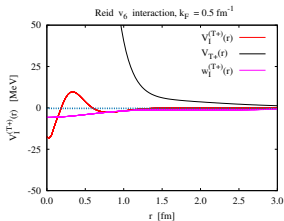
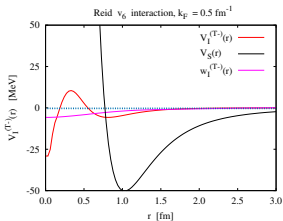
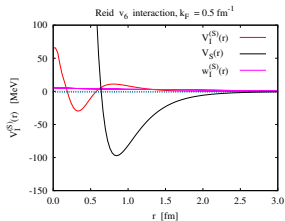
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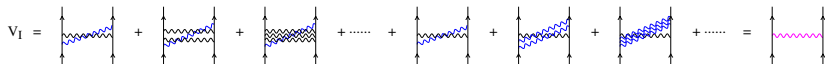
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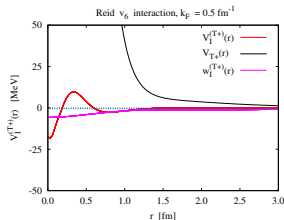
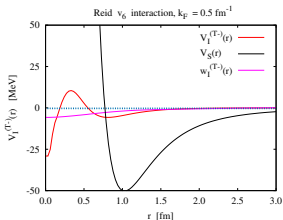
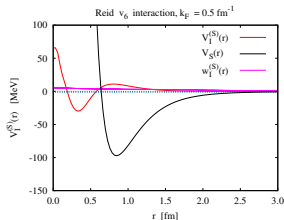
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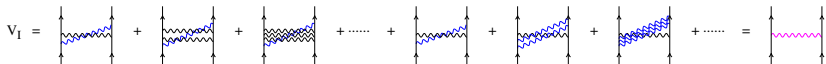


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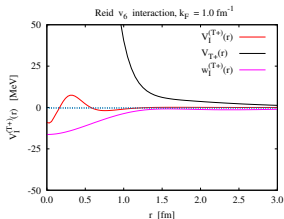
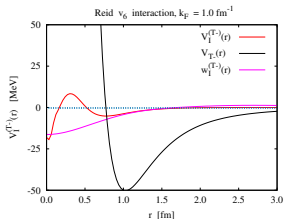
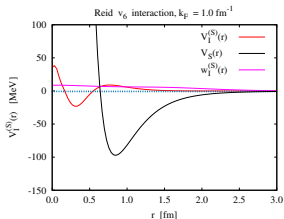
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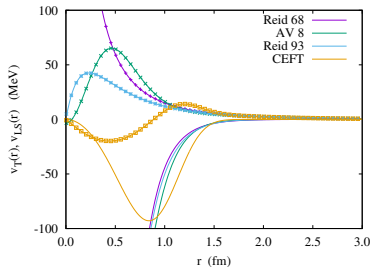
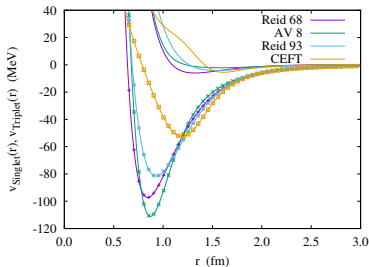
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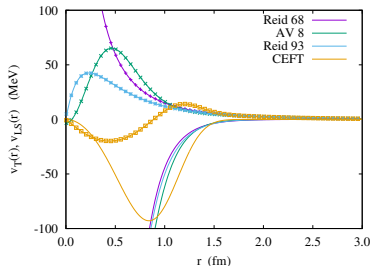
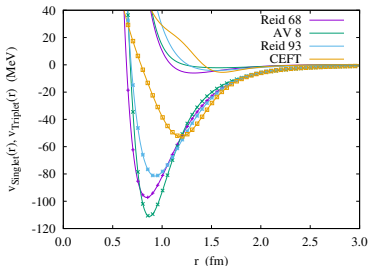
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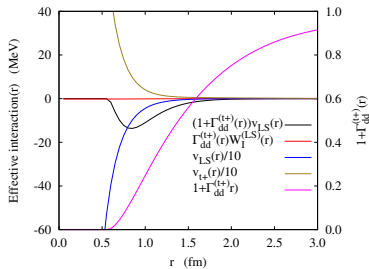


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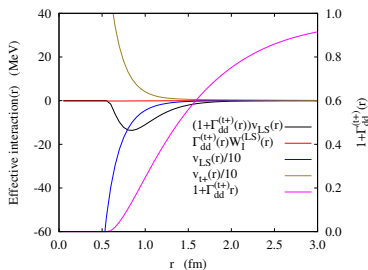
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where $\psi_{\text{T}}(\mathbf{r})$ triplet pair wave function of the Bethe-Goldstone equation = $\sqrt{1 + \Gamma_{\text{dd}}^{(\text{T})}(\mathbf{r})}$ “direct correlation function”.

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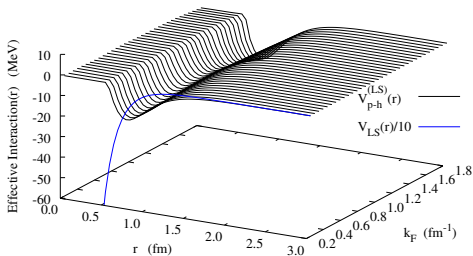
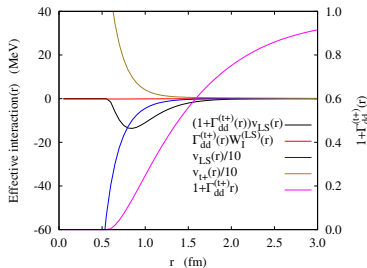


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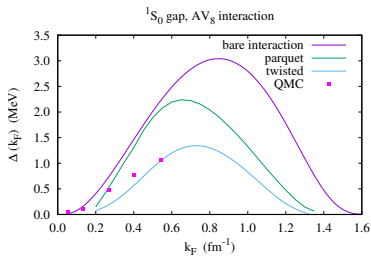
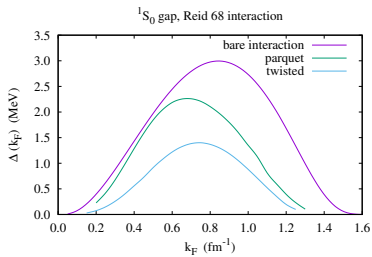
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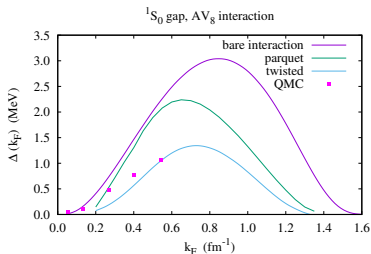
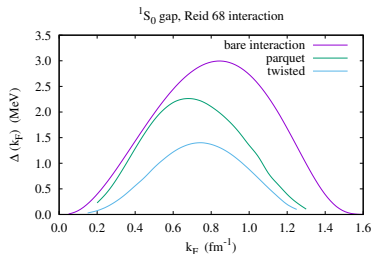
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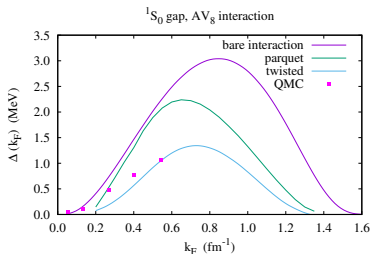
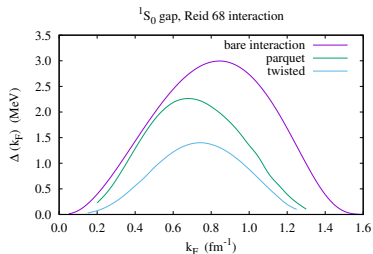


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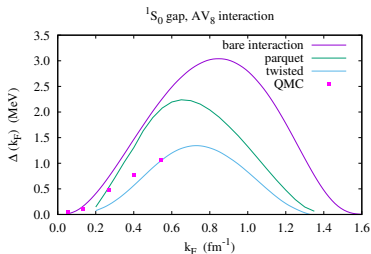
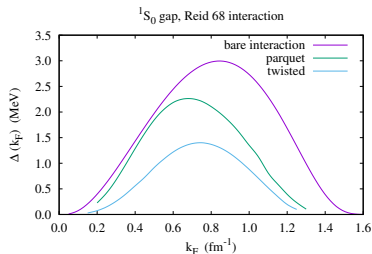


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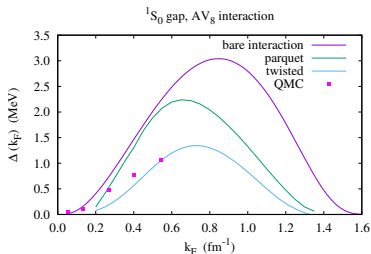
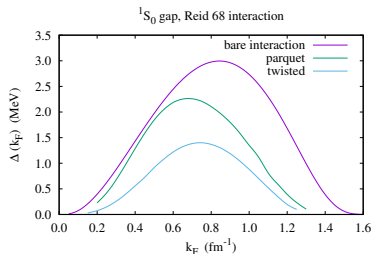


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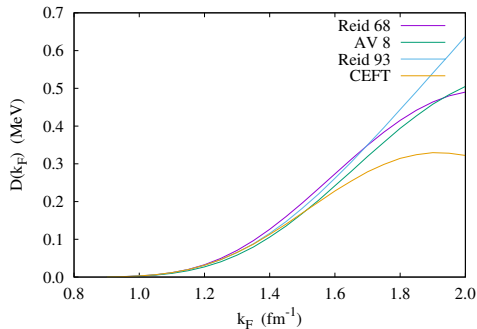
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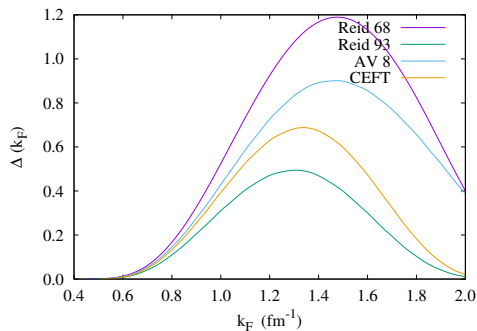


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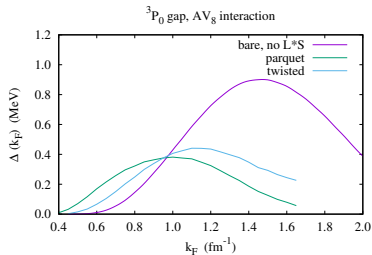
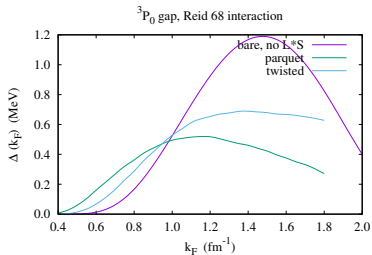
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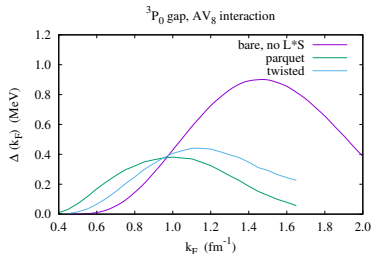
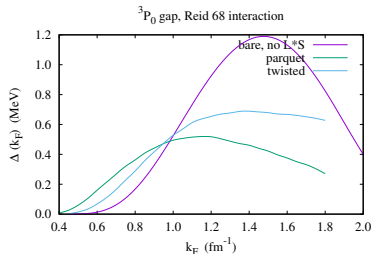
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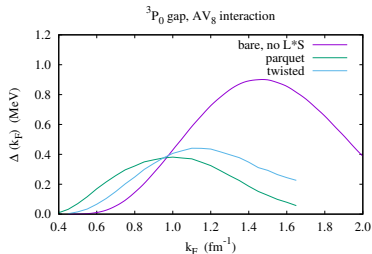
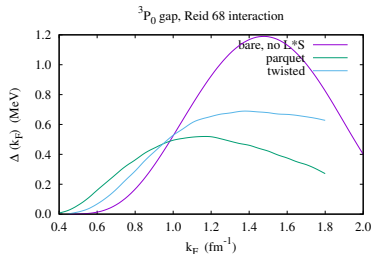


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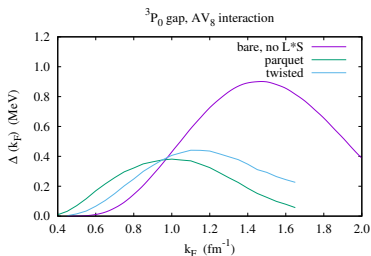
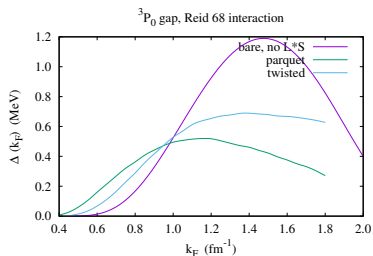


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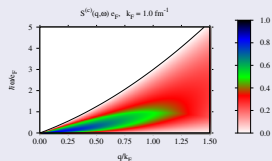
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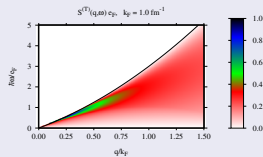
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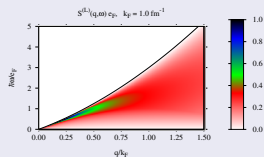
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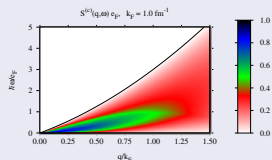
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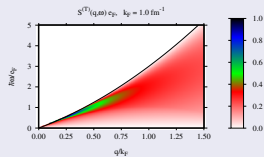
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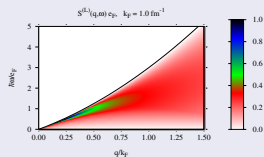
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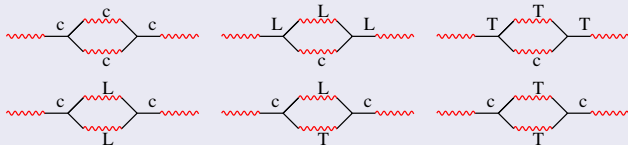


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Included in DMBT



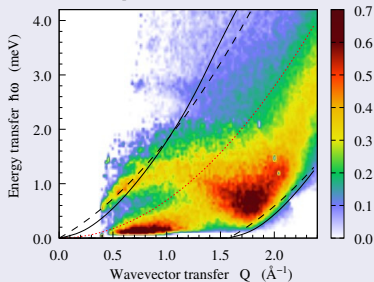
Example

^3He in 3D

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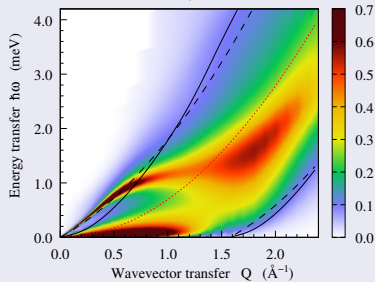
Experiments, $P = 0.83$ bar



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DMBT sum, $\rho = 0.0166 \text{\AA}^{-3}$



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