

Boson-fermion pairing in resonant Bose-Fermi mixtures

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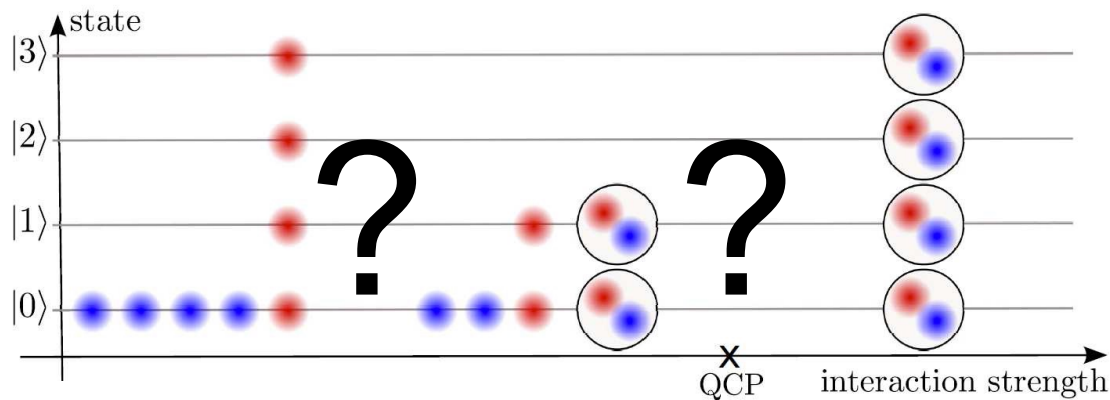


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- How does the system evolve from one limit to the other one?
- How to describe this evolution?

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Condensed phase of Bose-Fermi mixtures with a pairing interaction

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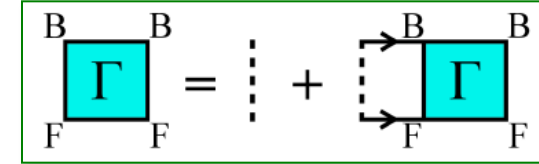
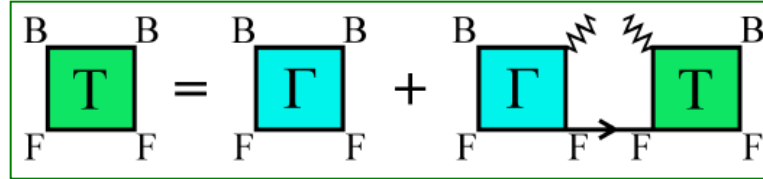
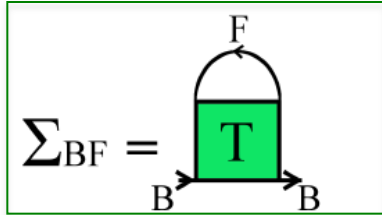
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- No Fermi-Fermi interaction (fermions are identical: short-range interaction suppressed). Some **boson-boson repulsion** is required for stability.

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- We focus on systems with $n_{\text{F}} \geq n_{\text{B}}$.

Bosonic and fermionic self-energy diagrams for the condensed phase



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Boson-fermion T-matrix

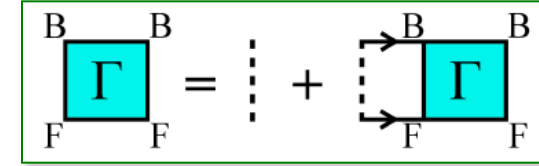
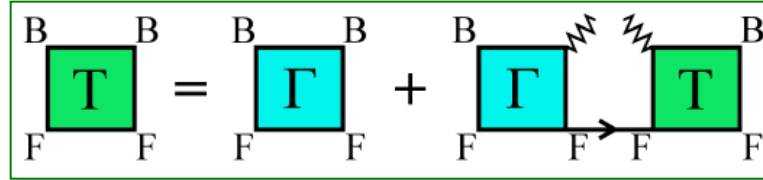
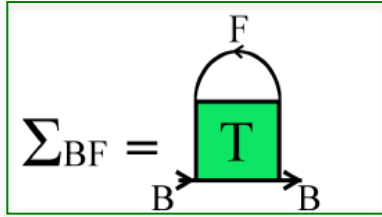
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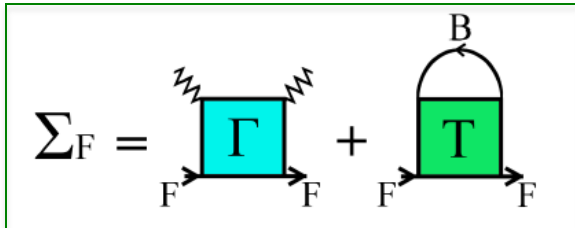
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Integration over \mathbf{k} + Hugenholtz-Pines relation \Rightarrow coupled eqs. for μ_B, μ_F, n_0 :

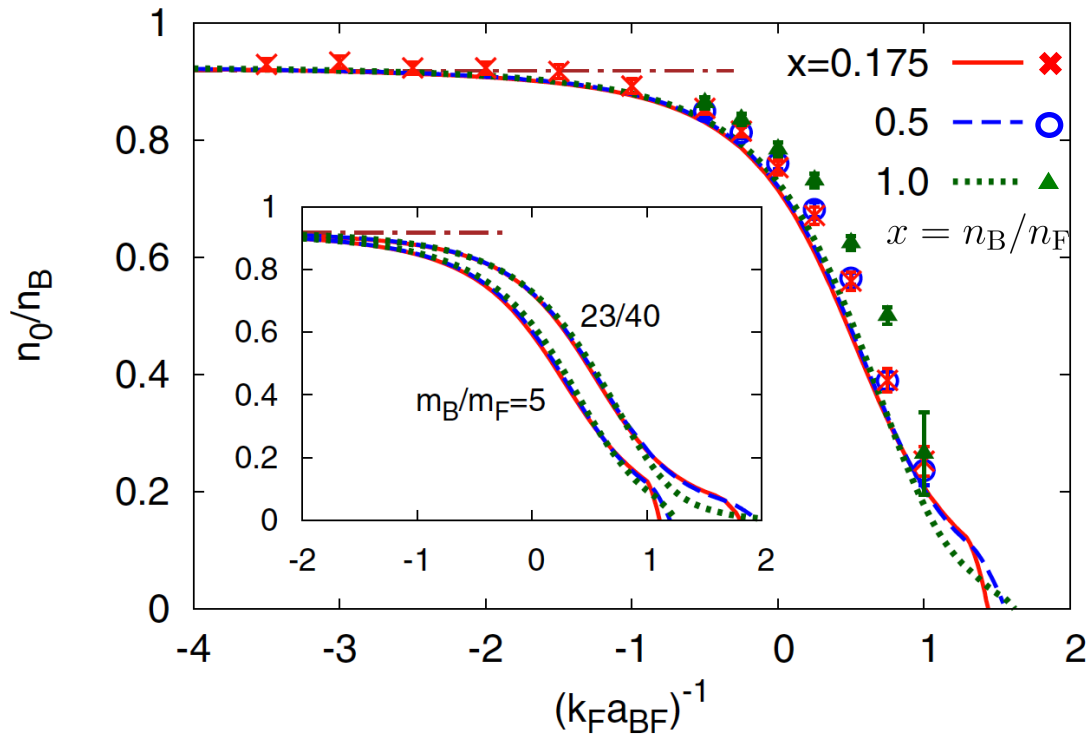
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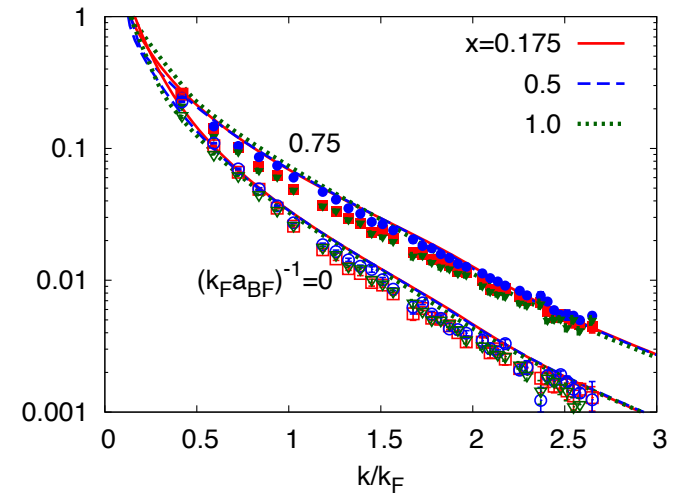
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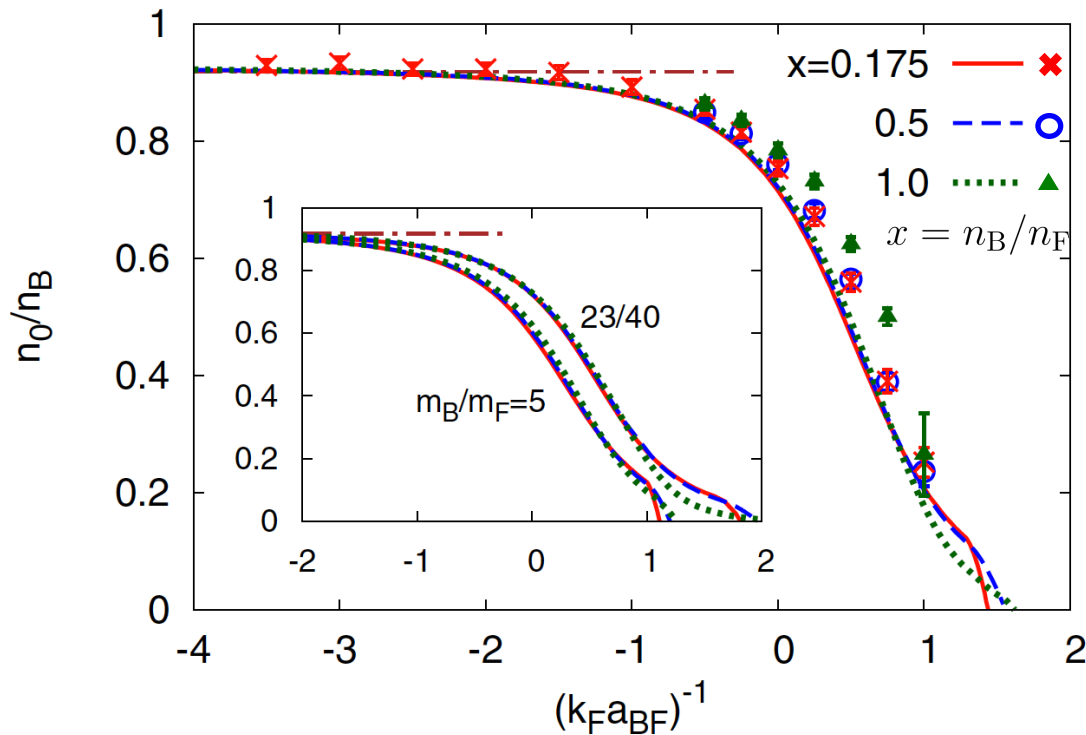


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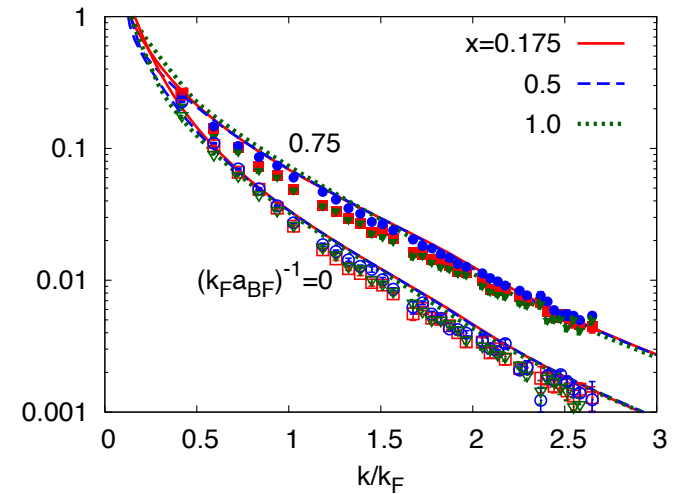


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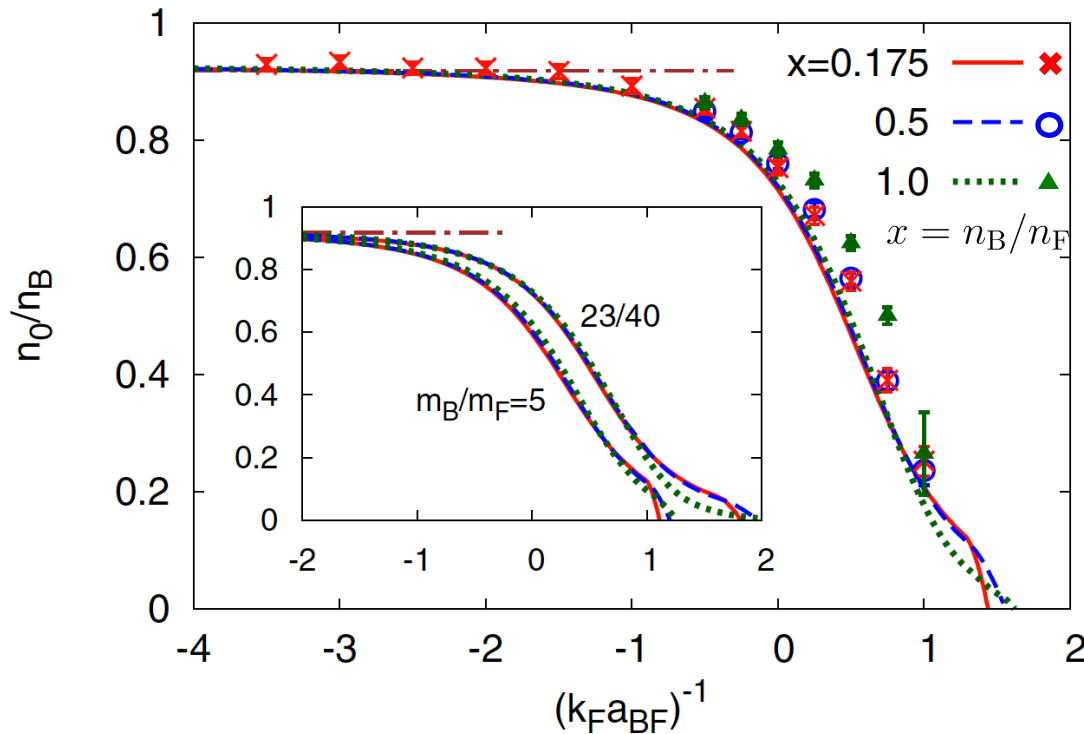
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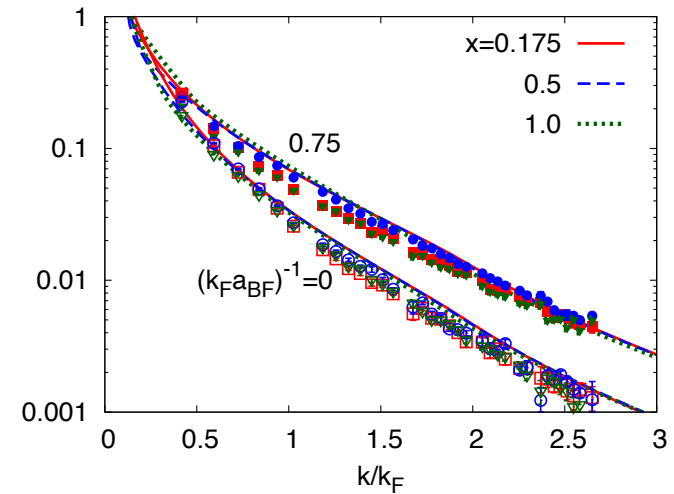
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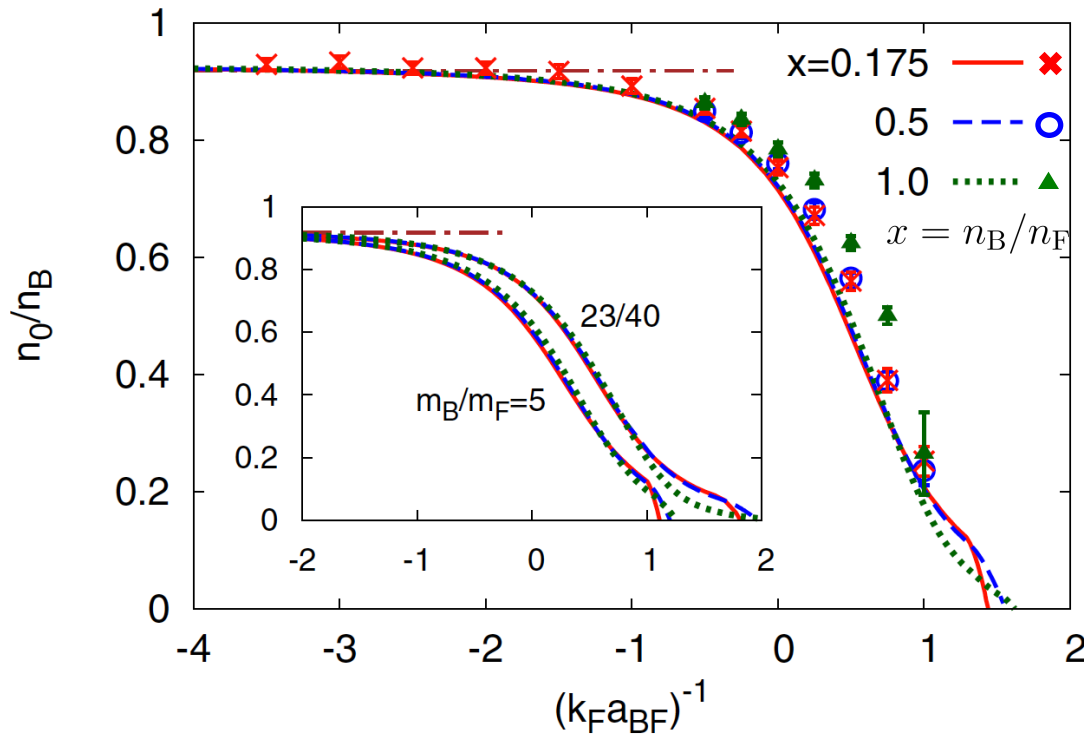
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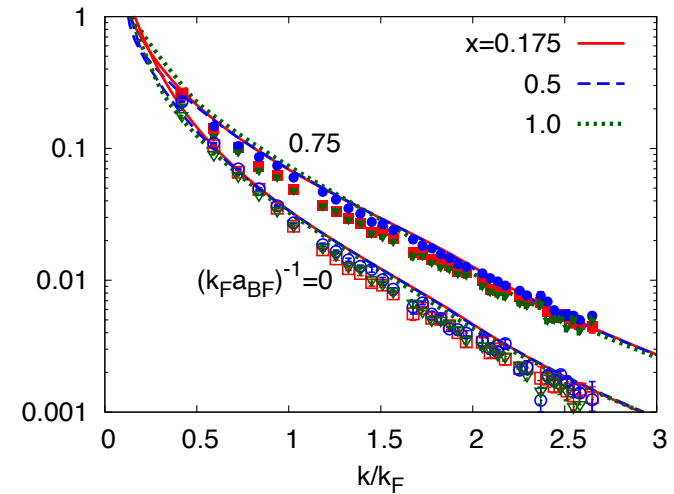
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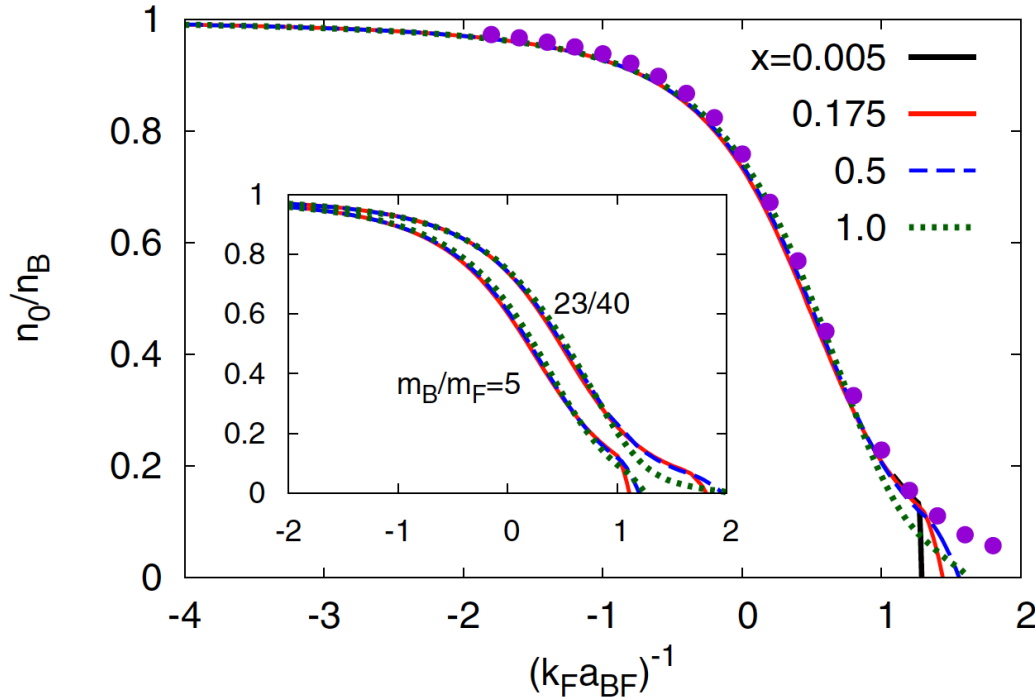
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- Universality also for the momentum distribution (once normalized by n_B). It suggests:

$$n_B(k) = n_B \times V n_{\text{pol}}(k) = N_B \times n_{\text{pol}}(k)$$

Comparison with (Fermi) polaron quasiparticle residue Z



Lines: our calculations at four different concentrations for **zero Bose repulsion**.

Circles: Diagrammatic MC results for Z [J. Vlietinck, J. Ryckebusch, K. Van Houcke, PRB **87**, 115133 (2013)]

Polaron problem: single (mobile) impurity interacting with a Fermi sea.

Quasiparticle residue for the polaron $Z = \left[1 - \frac{\partial}{\partial \omega} \text{Re} \Sigma_R(k=0, \omega) \right]_{\omega=0}^{-1}$ where Σ_R is the (retarded) self-energy of the impurity.

Surprising agreement between 'universal condensate fraction' and Fermi polaron quasiparticle residue.

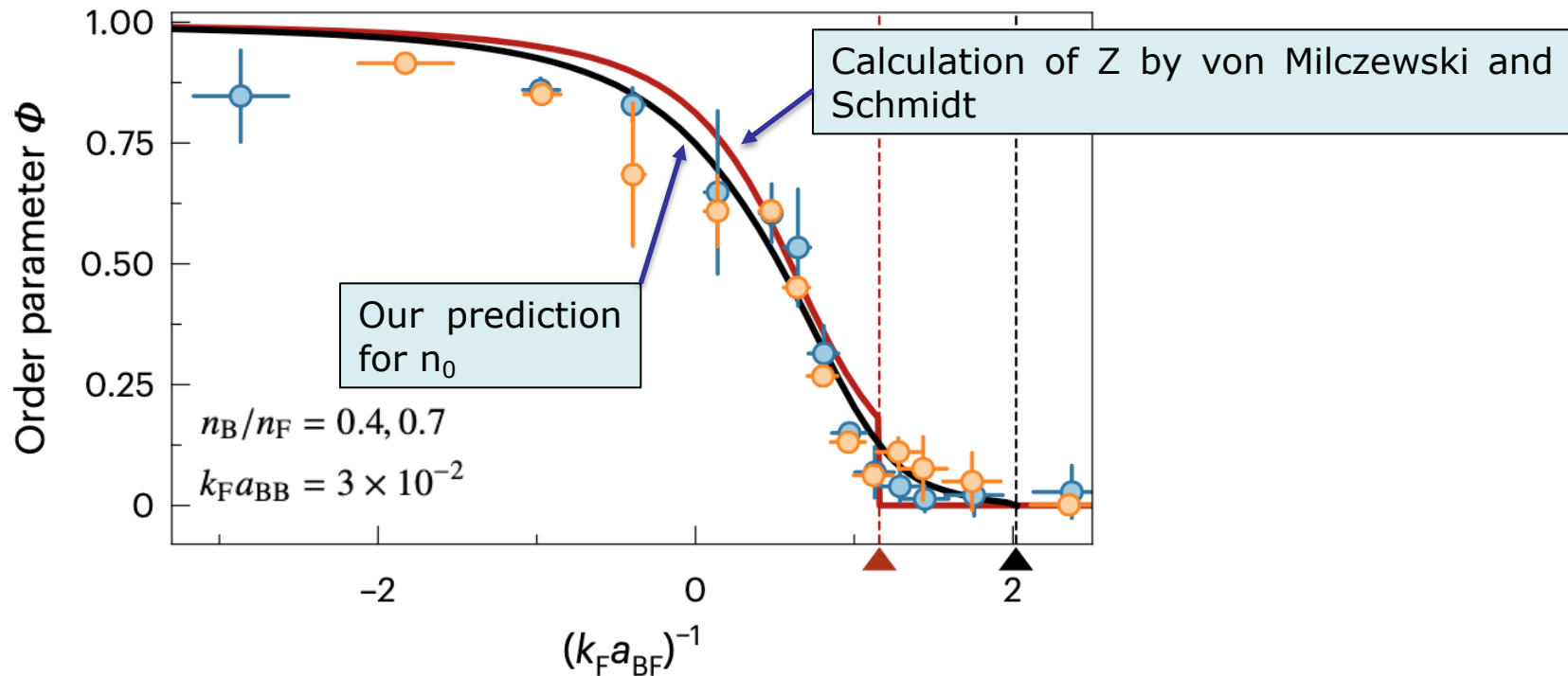
Transition from a polaronic condensate to a degenerate Fermi gas of heteronuclear molecules

^{23}Na - ^{40}K Bose-Fermi mixture with broad Feshbach resonance ($k_{\text{F}}R^* = 0.08$).

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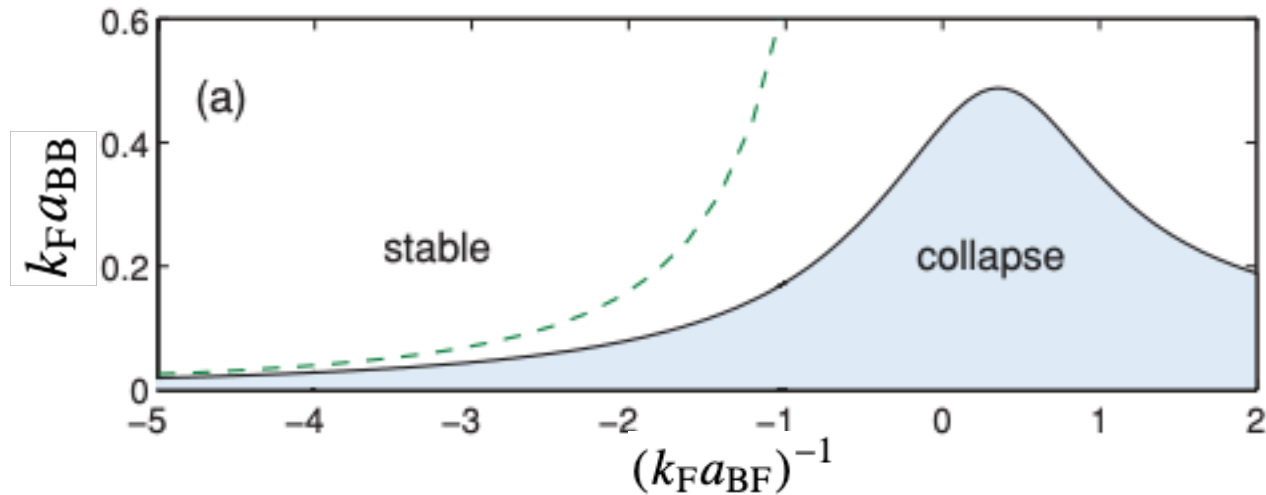
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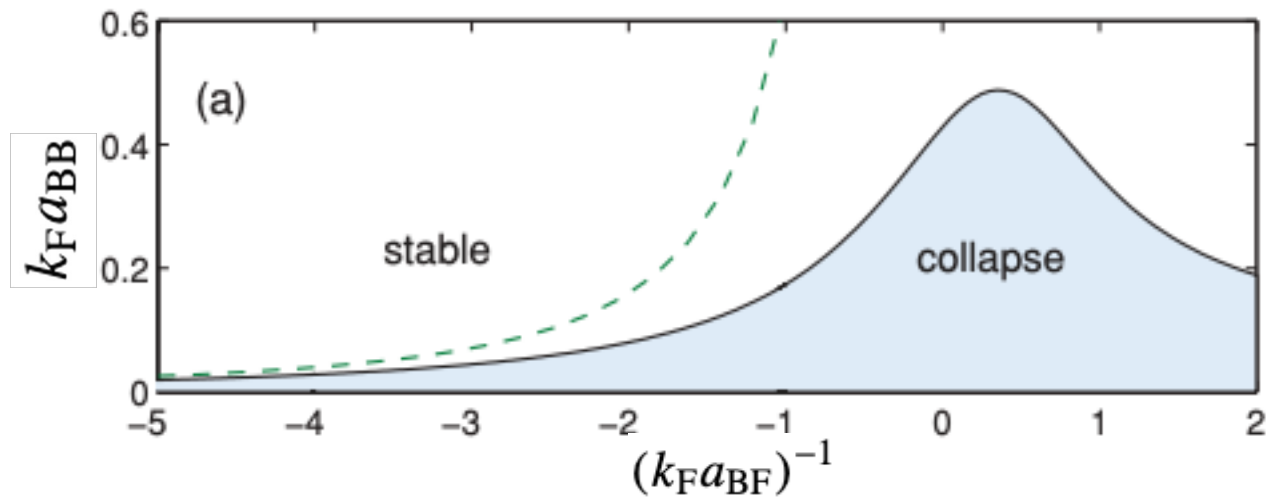
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- BB repulsion required for stability of BF mixture at unitarity more than **one order of magnitude** larger than BB repulsion in the experiment.

Stability from compressibility matrix

We have studied the stability by calculating the compressibility matrix \mathcal{M} within our diagrammatic approach.

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \mu_F}{\partial n_F} & \frac{\partial \mu_F}{\partial n_B} \\ \frac{\partial \mu_B}{\partial n_F} & \frac{\partial \mu_B}{\partial n_B} \end{pmatrix}$$

We have improved the description of BB repulsion from Bogoliubov:

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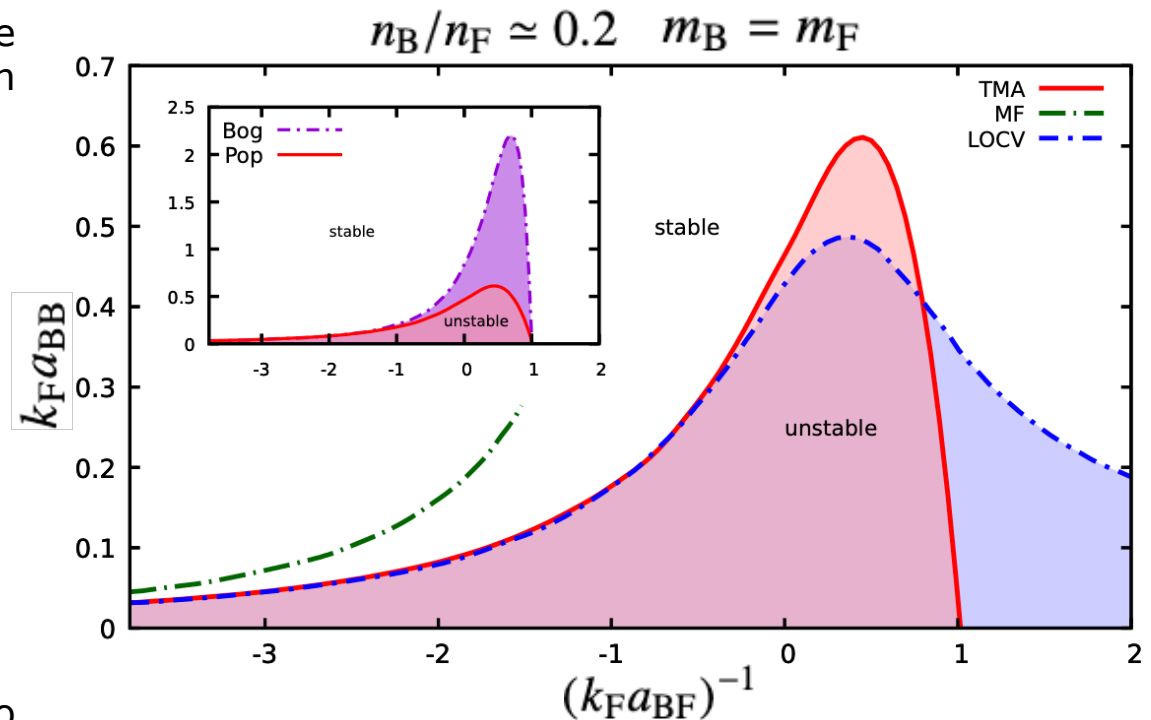
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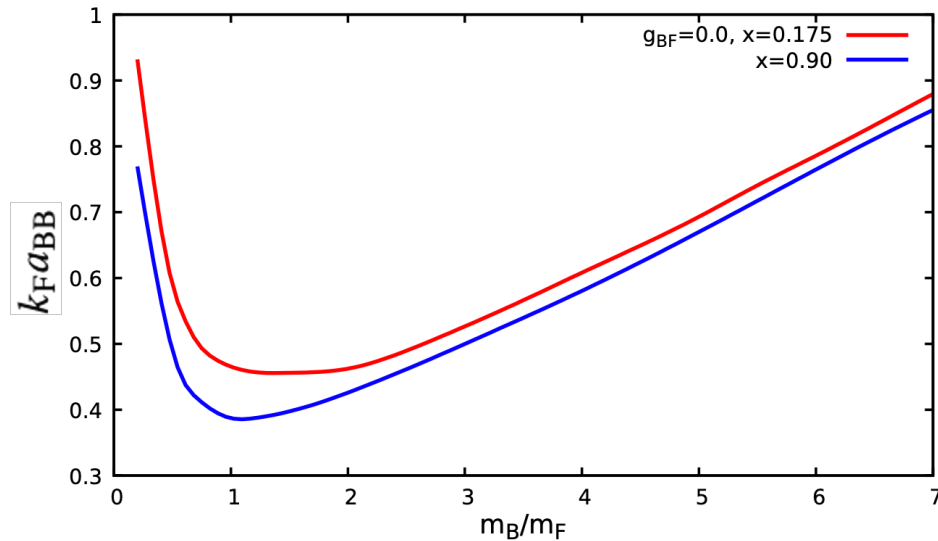
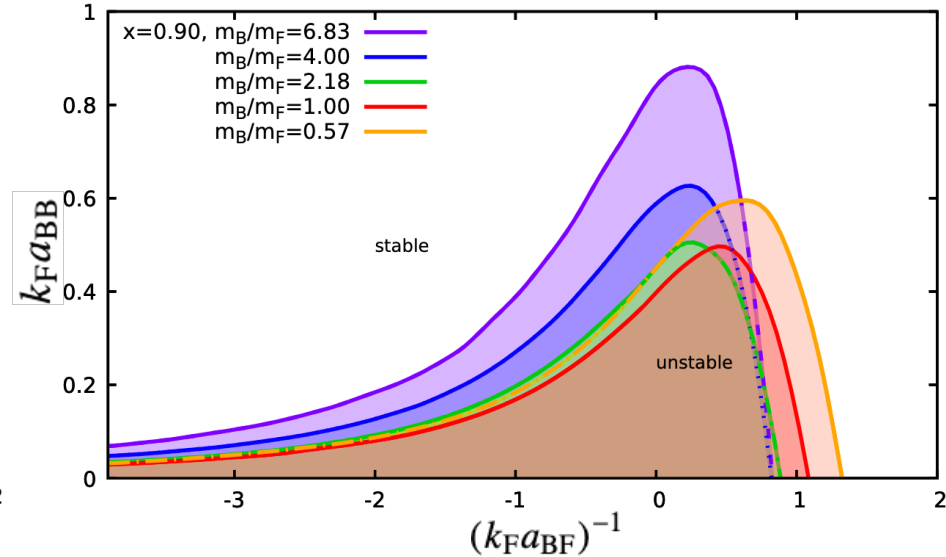
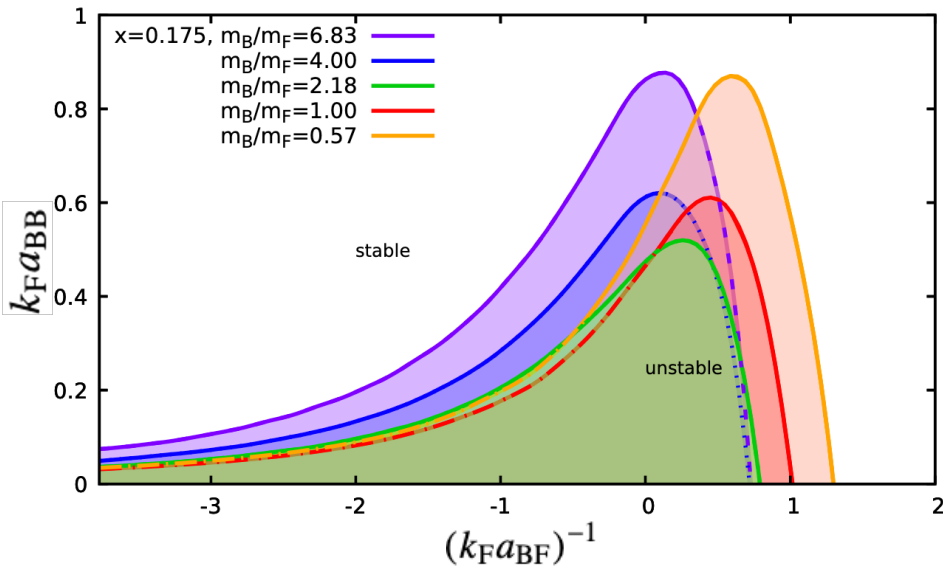
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This improvement leads to negligible differences in the condensate fraction and momentum distributions, but to significant differences in the stability when n_0 is small.



C. Gualerzi, L. Pisani, P. Pieri (in preparation)

Analysis of stability for different mass ratios



$m_B/m_F=0.57$ for ^{23}Na - ^{40}K mixture.

A repulsion $k_F a_{BB} \gtrsim 0.5$ would be required to guarantee stability for all values of $(k_F a_{BF})^{-1}$.

Collapse did not occur during the timescale of the experiment:
 → **metastable long-lived many-body phase!**

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Boson-fermion pairing and condensation in two-dimensional Bose-Fermi mixtures

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Stable *p*-Wave Resonant Two-Dimensional Fermi-Bose Dimers

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We consider two-dimensional weakly bound heterospecies molecules formed in a Fermi-Bose mixture with attractive Fermi-Bose and repulsive Bose-Bose interactions. Bosonic exchanges lead to an intermolecular attraction, which can be controlled and tuned to a *p*-wave resonance. Such attractive fermionic molecules can be realized in quasi-two-dimensional ultracold isotopic mixtures. We show that they are stable with respect to the recombination to deeply bound molecular states and with respect to the formation of higher-order clusters (trimers, tetramers, etc.)

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Dimensionless coupling strengths in 2D:

$g_{\text{BF}} = -\ln(k_{\text{F}} a_{\text{BF}})$ for the (resonant) BF attraction

$1/|\ln(n_{\text{B}} a_{\text{BB}}^2)|$ for the (weak) BB repulsion.

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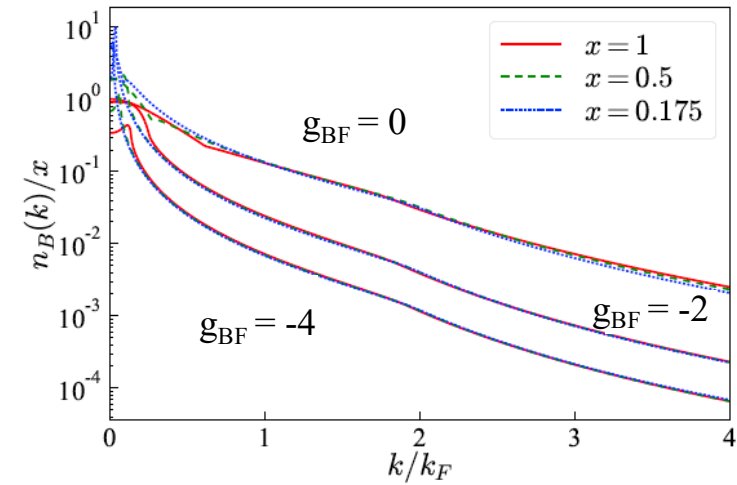
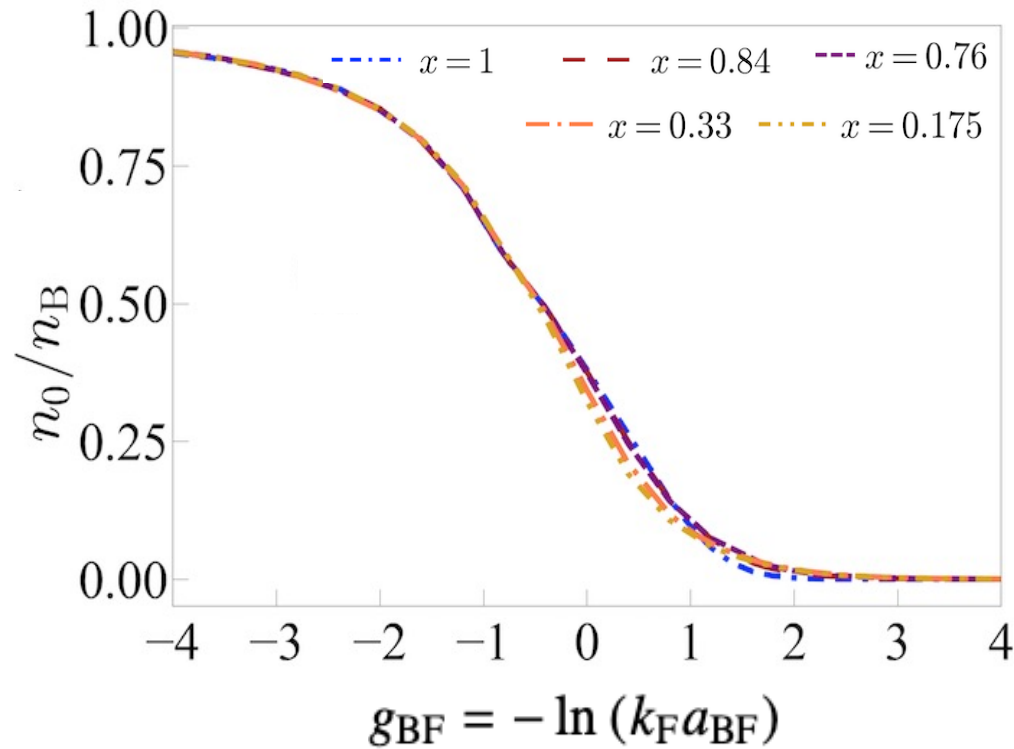
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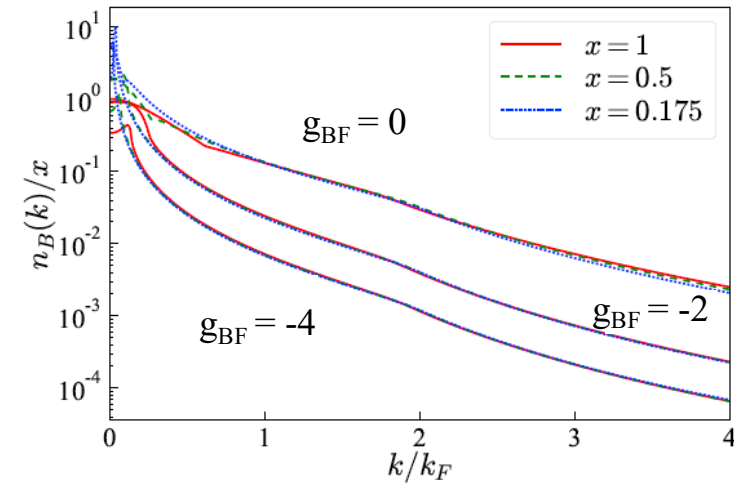
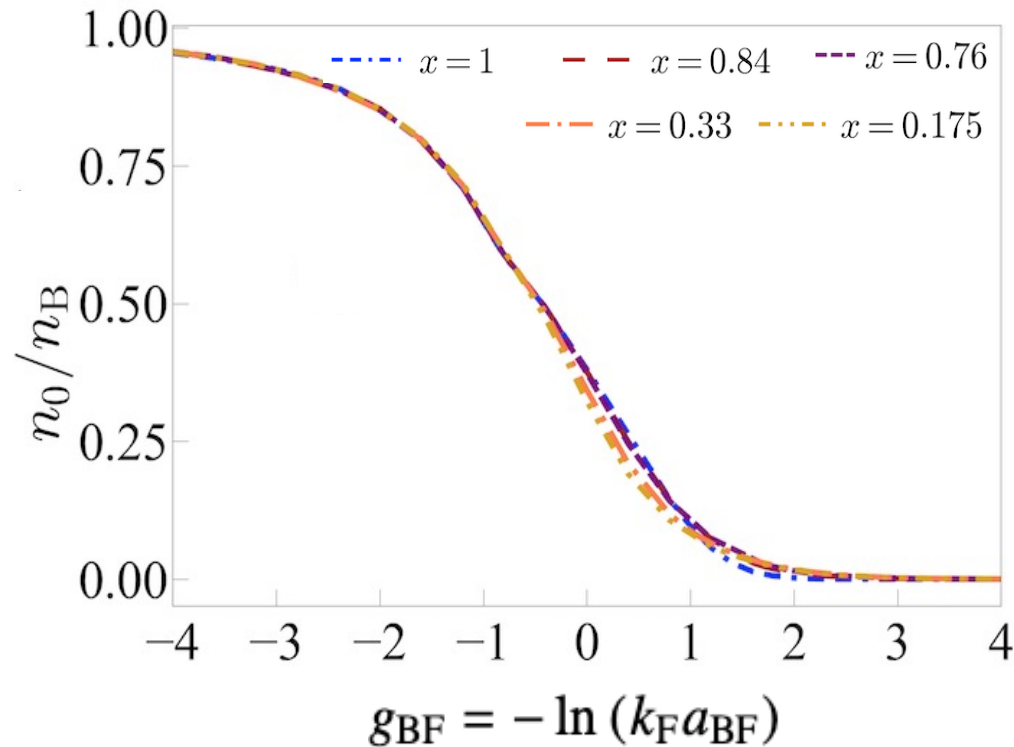
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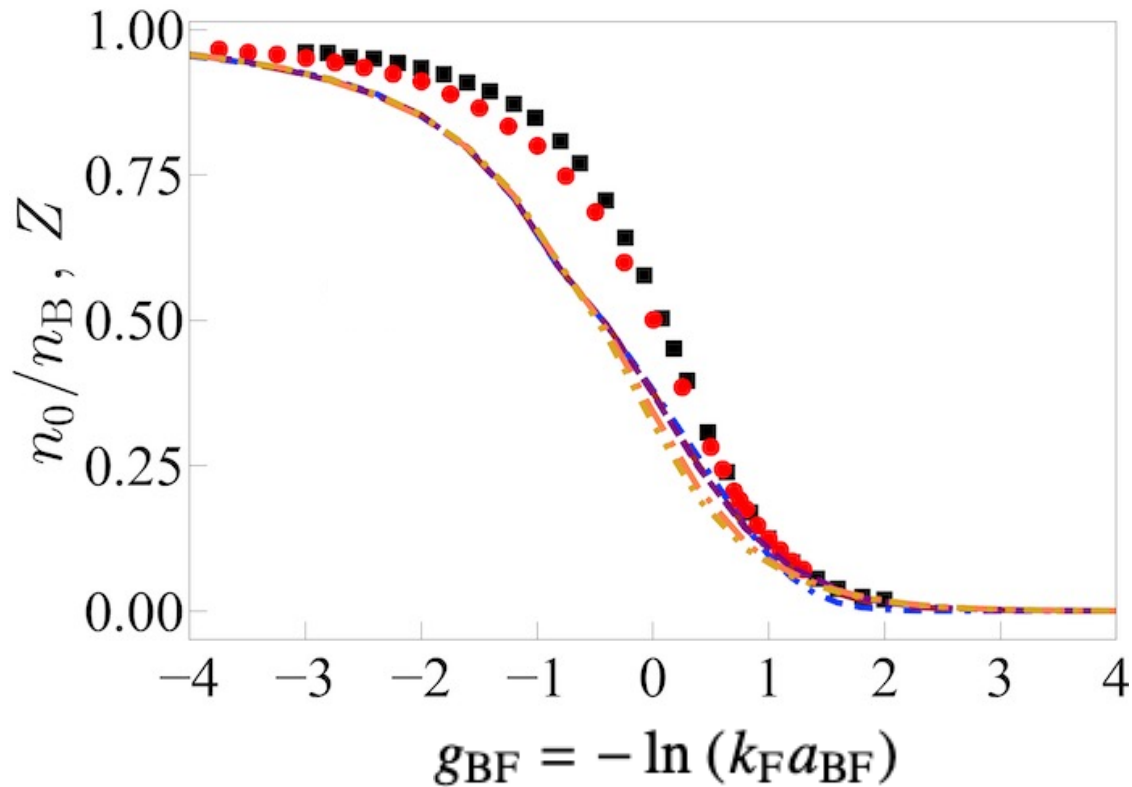
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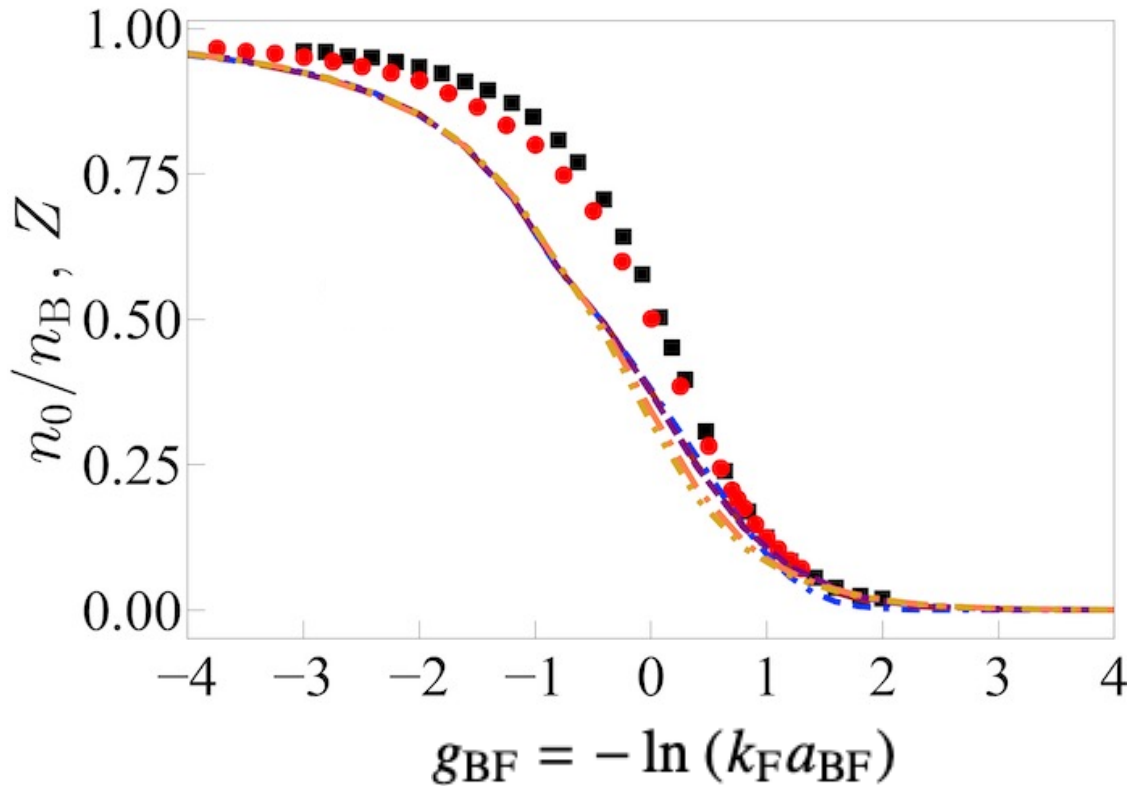


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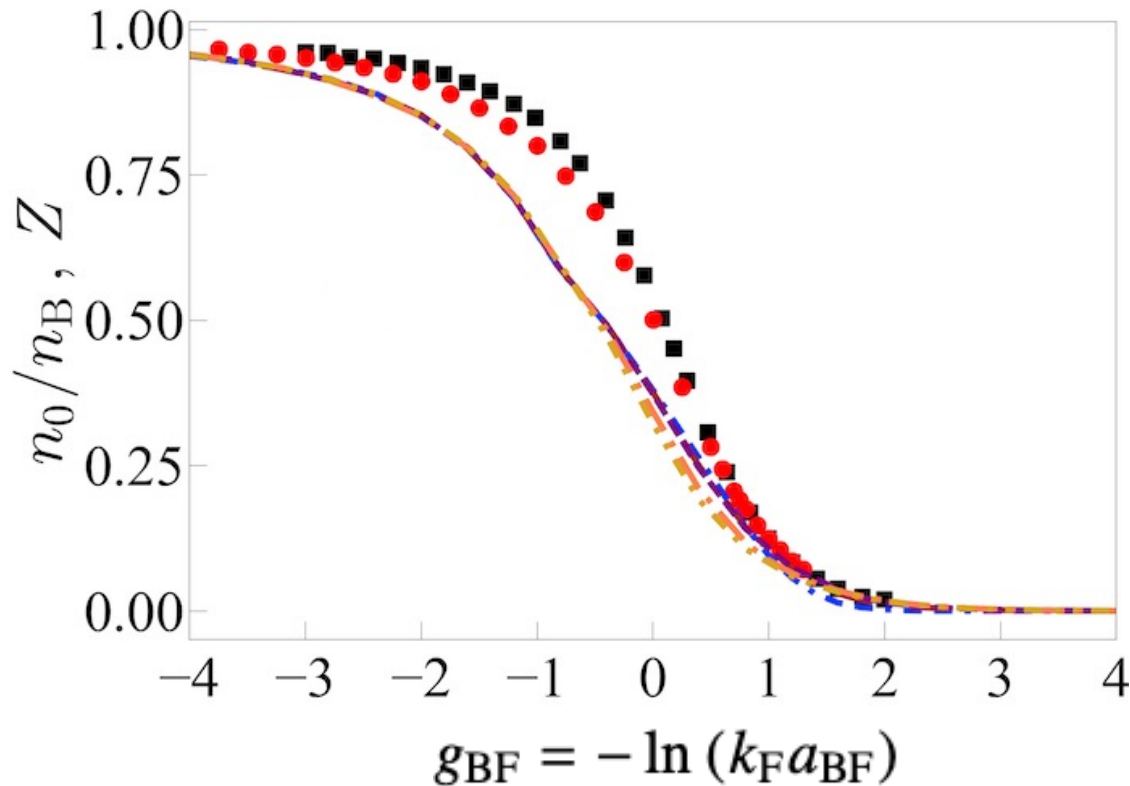


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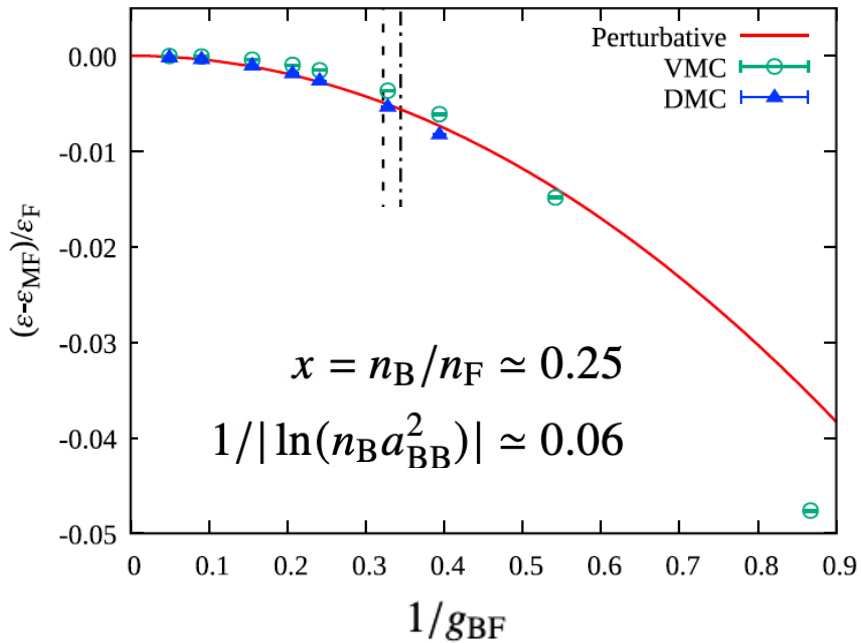
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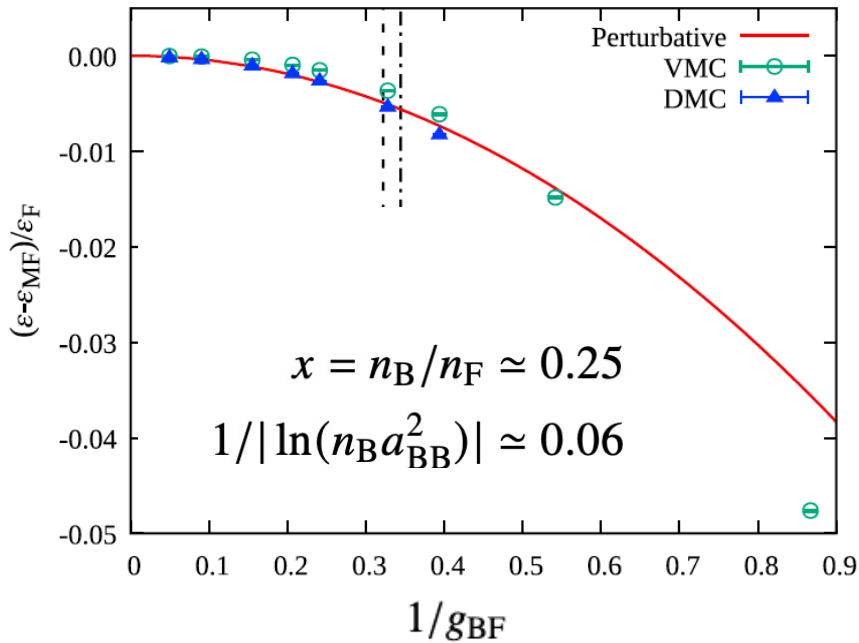
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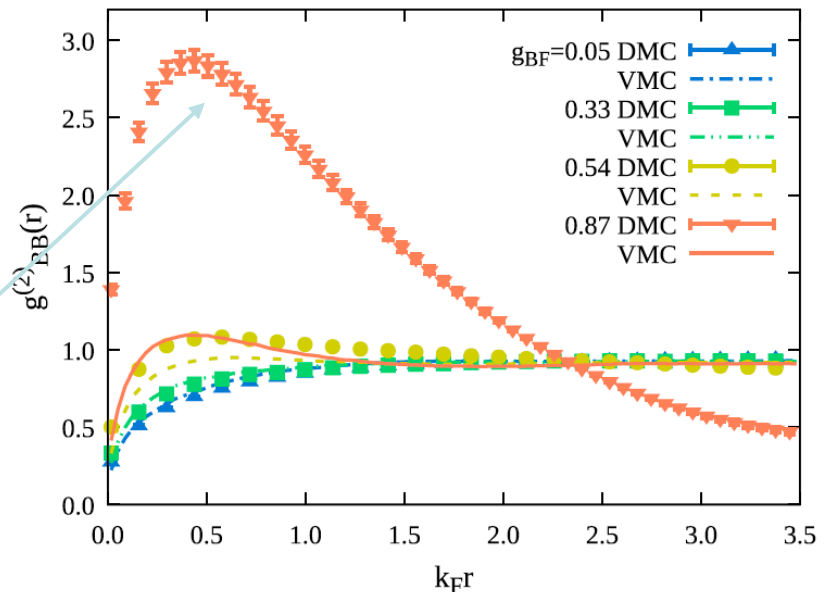
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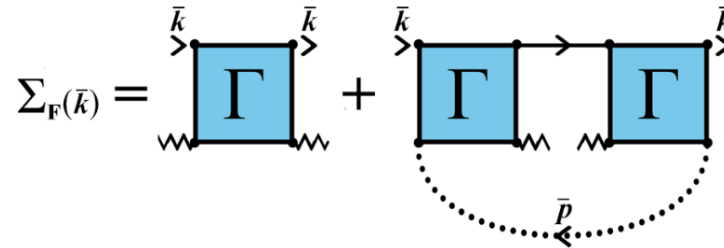
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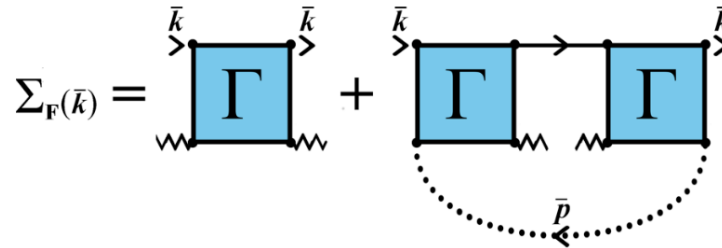
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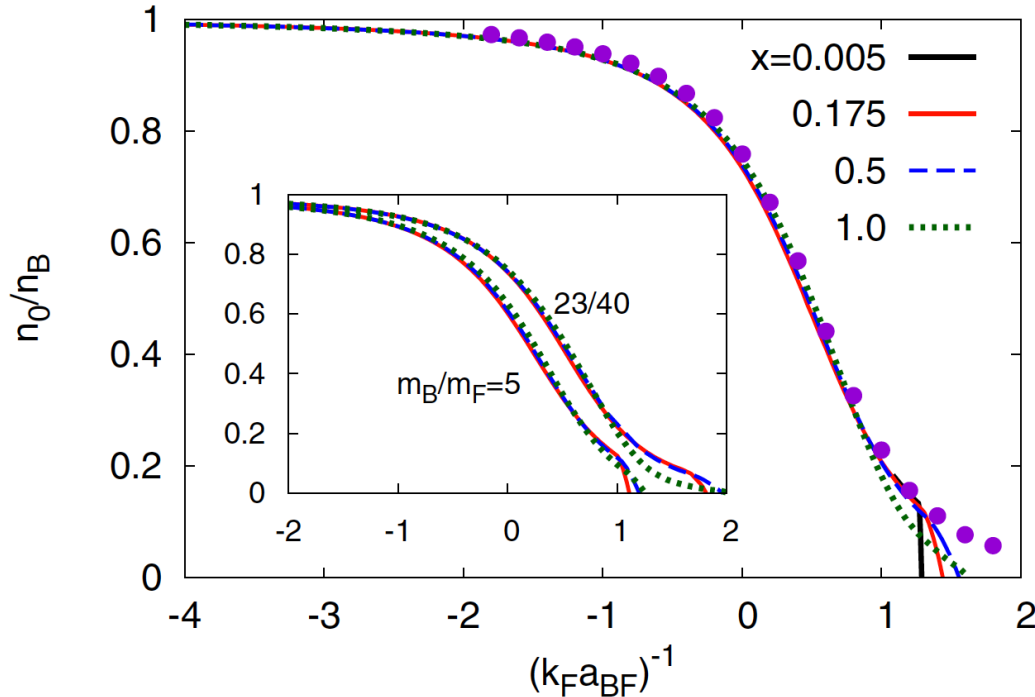
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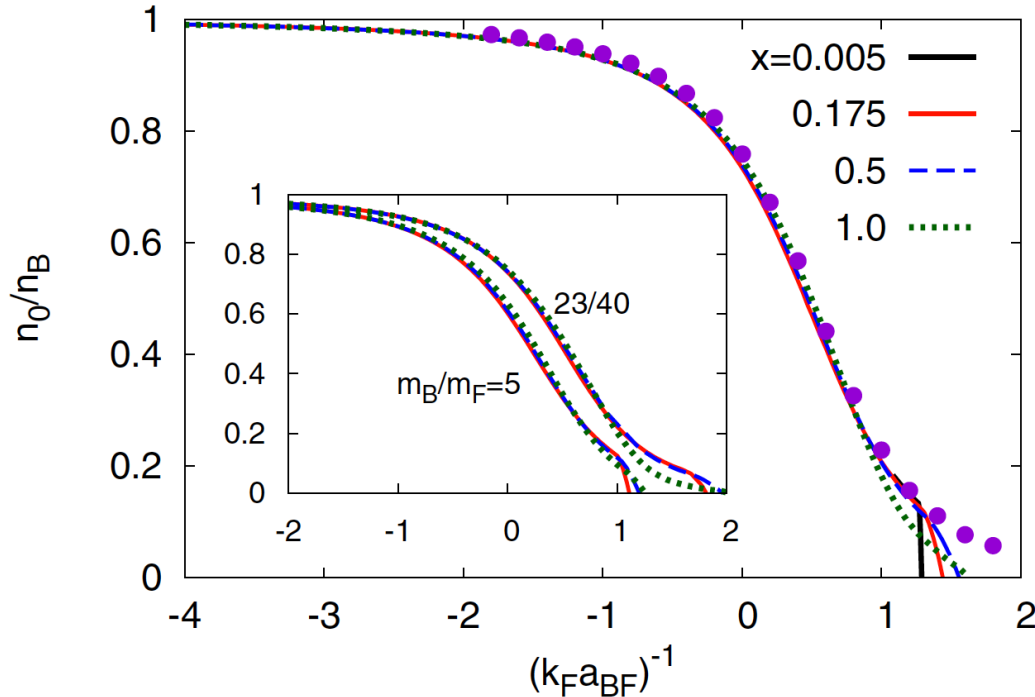


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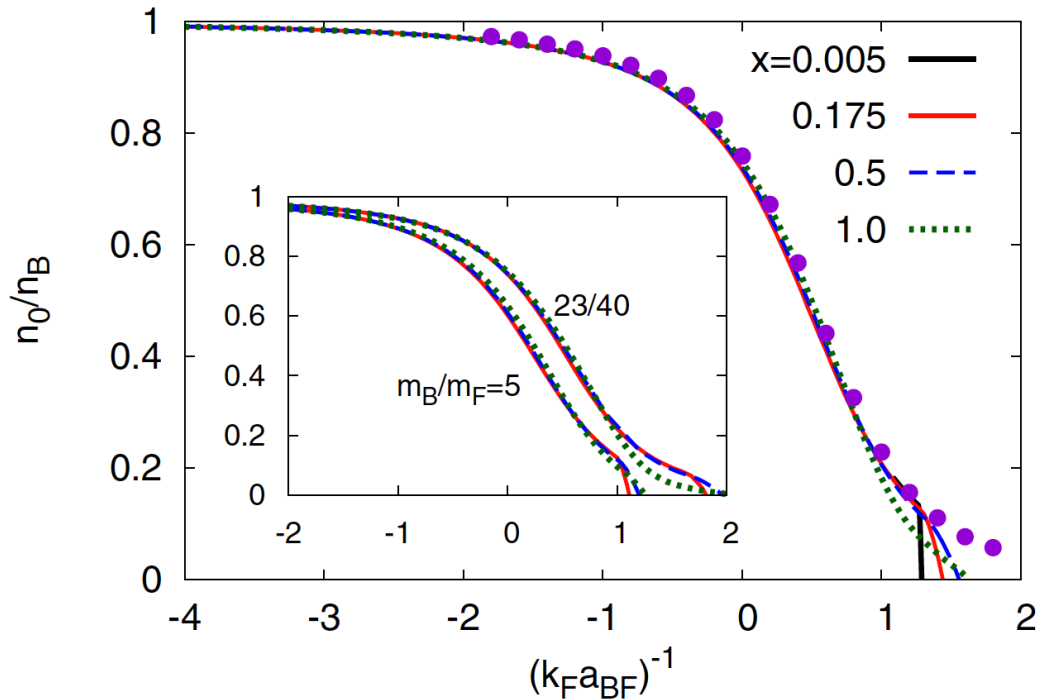
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