

# Polaron spectroscopy of many-body systems



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- **Invitation to polarons**
- Fermi polaron & Chevy ansatz approach

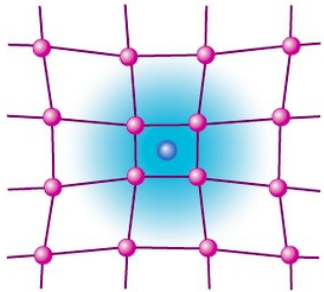
A brief introduction

- Polarons in fermionic superfluids
- Polarons in insulators (CDW & Mott transition)
- Chiral polarons
- Repulsive impurity across BKT & BEC transitions
- Conclusions

Overview  
of results

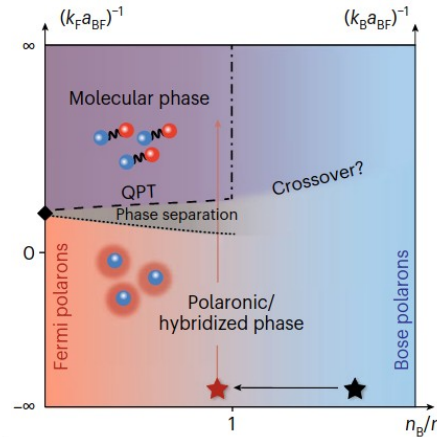
# Polarons: motivation

*polaron = Impurity dressed by excitations out of many-body background*



Transport of electrons (mass renormalization by polar phonons)

Landau et Pekar (1965)



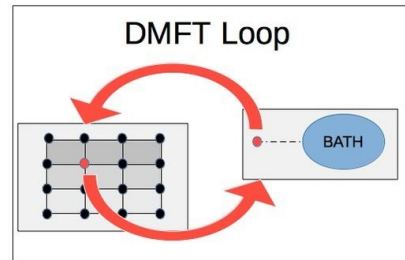
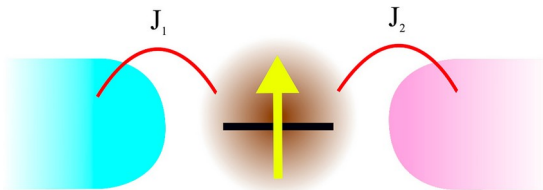
Phase diagram of imbalanced mixtures (cold atoms provide many possibilities!)

Chevy, PRA **74**, 063628 (2006)

Duda et al., Nat. Phys., **19**, 720–725 (2023)

The renormalization group: Critical phenomena and the Kondo problem\*†

Kenneth G. Wilson

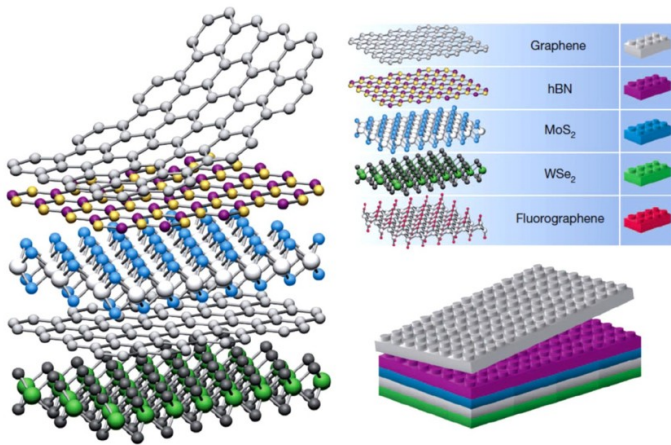


Impurity problems are the simplest nontrivial many-body problems: theoretical development of methods like numerical RG (Kondo), DMFT (Anderson impurity model), etc...

Here:  
Polarons as sensors:  
Polaron spectroscopy!

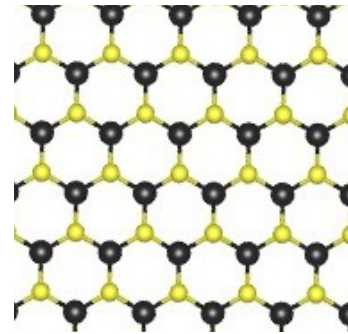
# Polaron spectroscopy: TMDs

*TMD = transition metal dichalchogenide  
aka the gapped brothers of graphene  
=> atomically thin semiconductors!*



Nature 499, 419–425 (2013)

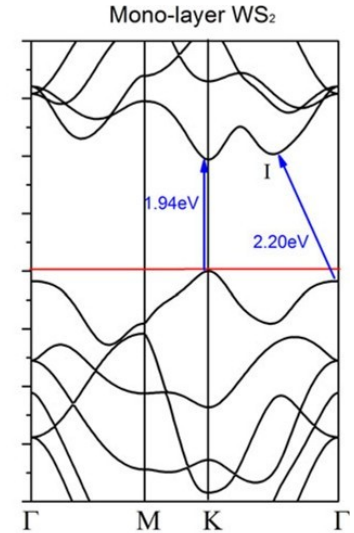
Possibility of stacking, twisting etc. => moire' potentials, flat bands



Spin-valley d.o.f

**Exotic & correlated physics**

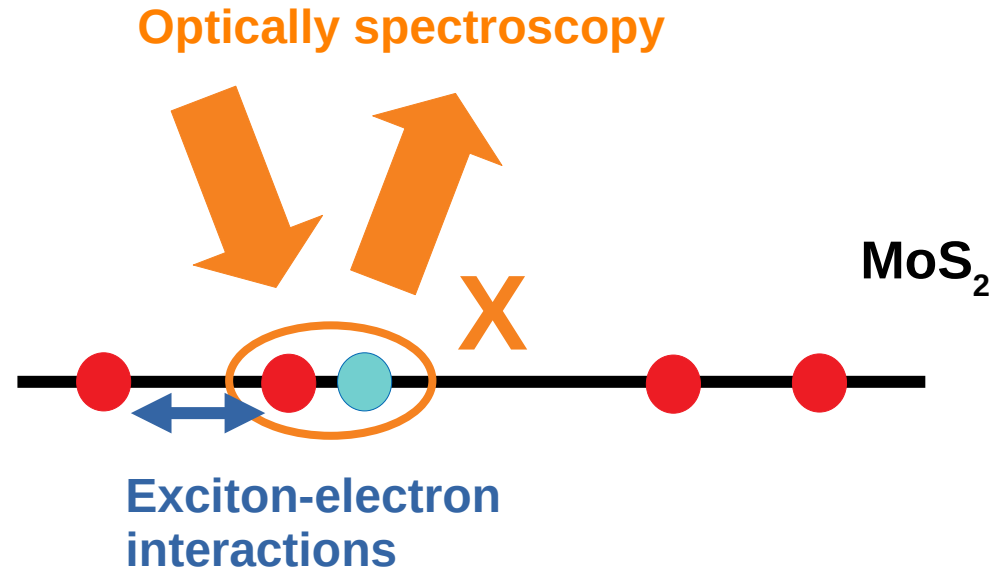
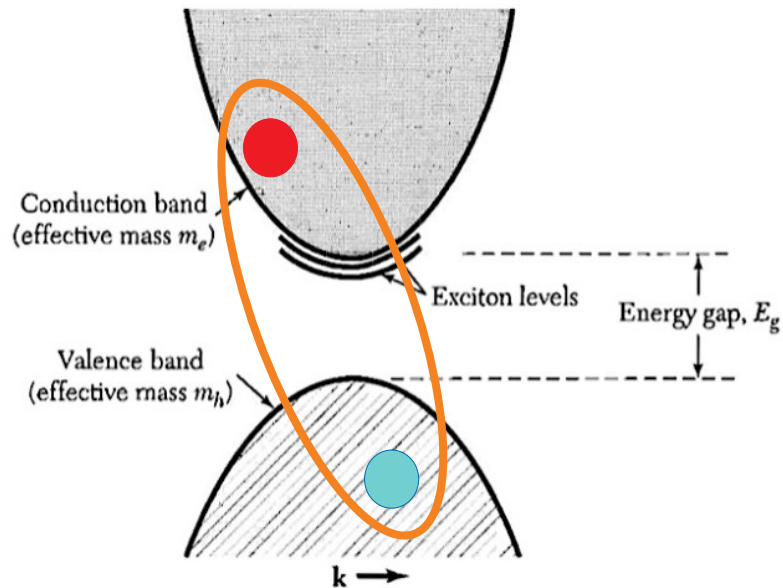
Reduced screening => strong interactions!



Experimentally observed:  
Wigner crystals, Mott insulators,  
superconductivity, excitonic  
condensates, Chern & fractional  
Chern insulators,...

# Polaron spectroscopy: TMDs

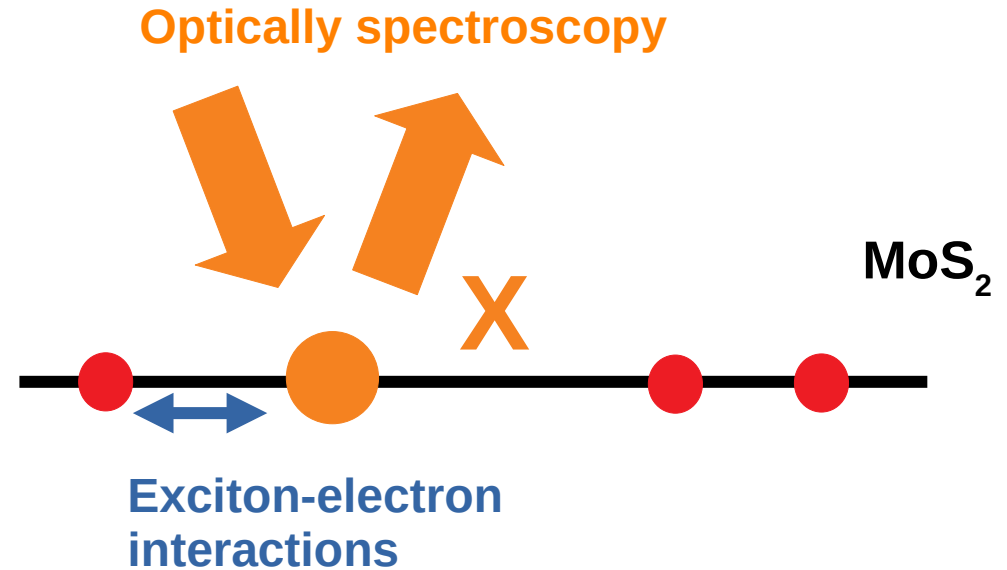
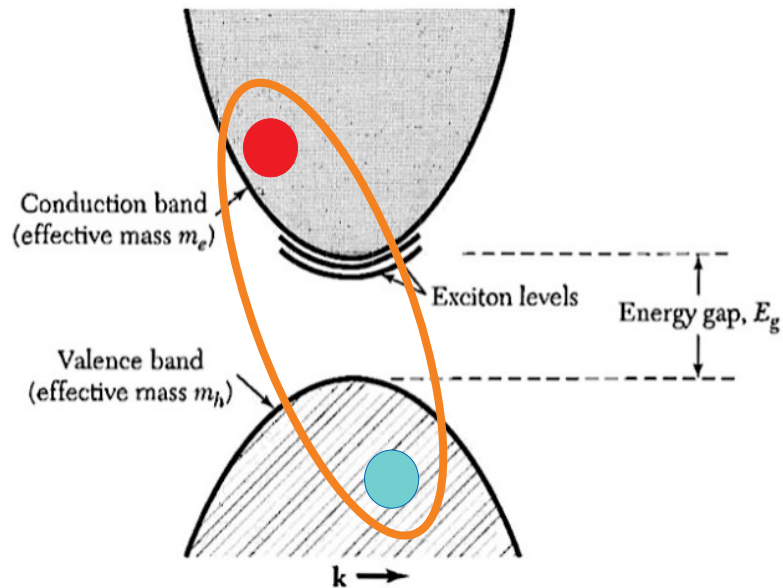
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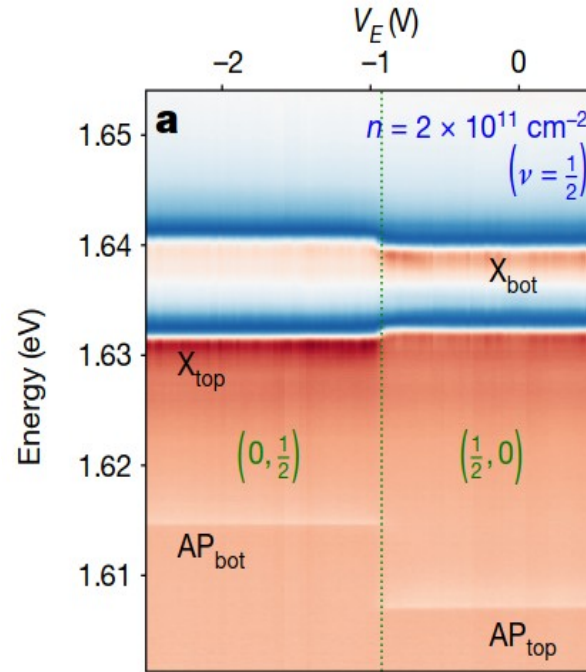
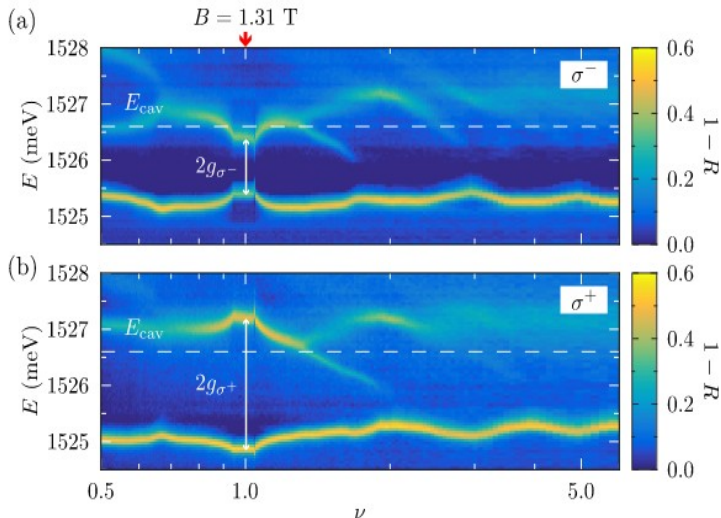
# Polaron spectroscopy: TMDs



p.e. in Imamoglu's lab @ ETH....

## Quantum Hall phases

PRL 120 (5) 057401 (2018)

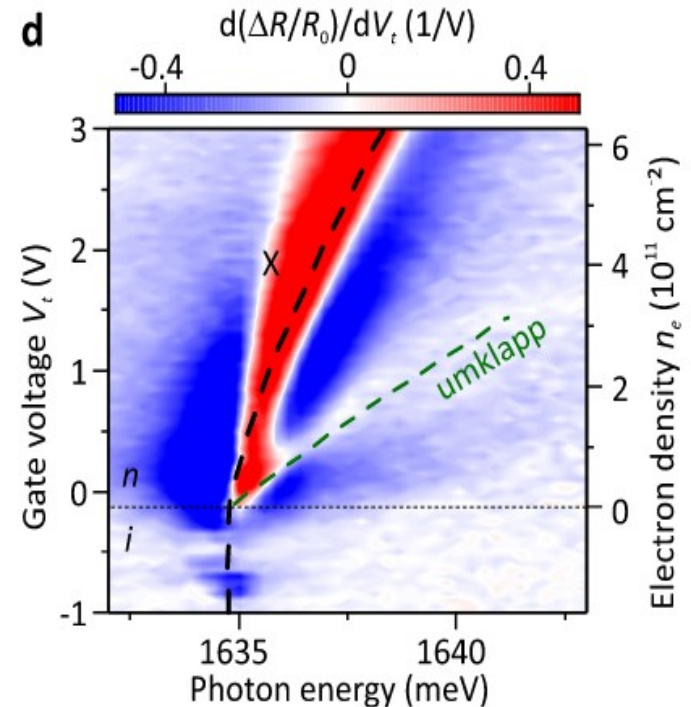


## Correlated insulators

Nature 580 (7804), 472-477 (2020)

## Wigner crystal

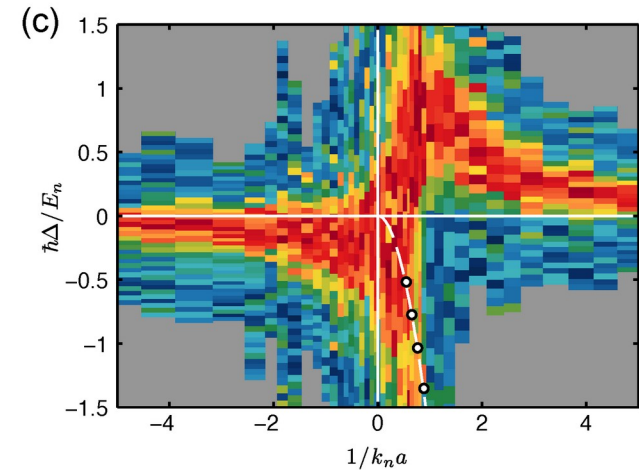
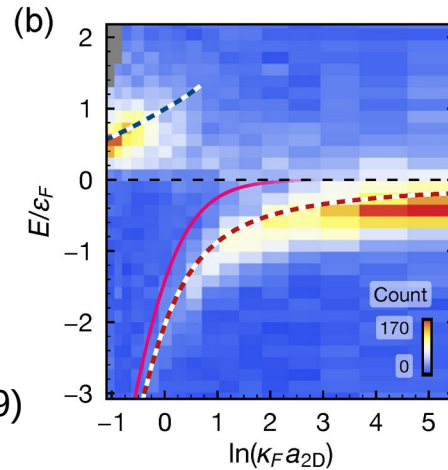
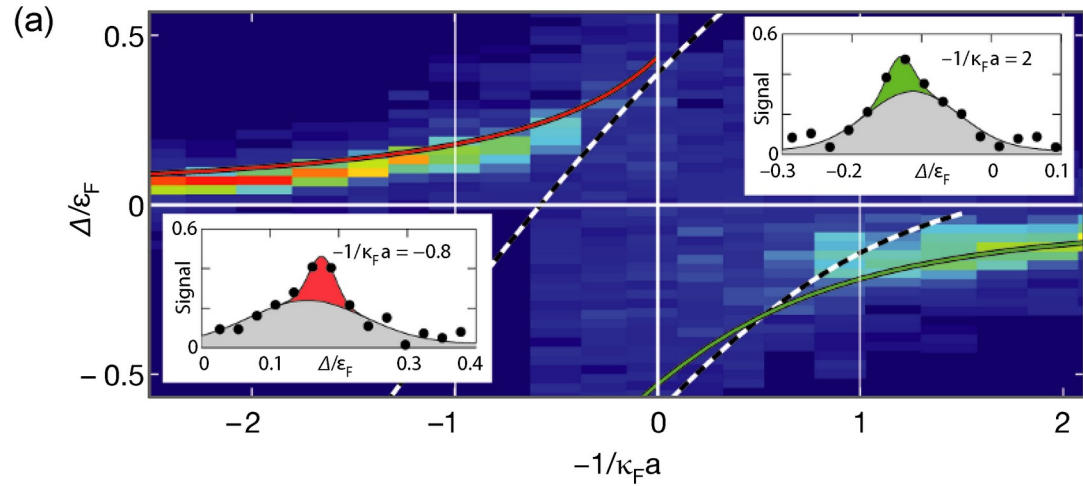
Nature 595 (7865), 53-57 (2021)



# ...but polarons also in cold atoms!

## Injection spectroscopy:

Radio-frequency pulse flips hyperfine state so to be close to Feshbach resonance



C. Kohstall, et al, Nature 485, 615 (2012)  
Jørgensen et al., PRL 117, 055302 (2016)  
Darkwah Oppong et al., PRL 122, 193604 (2019)

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# Fermi polaron

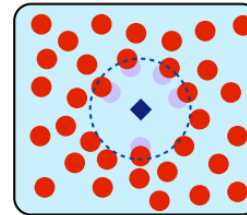
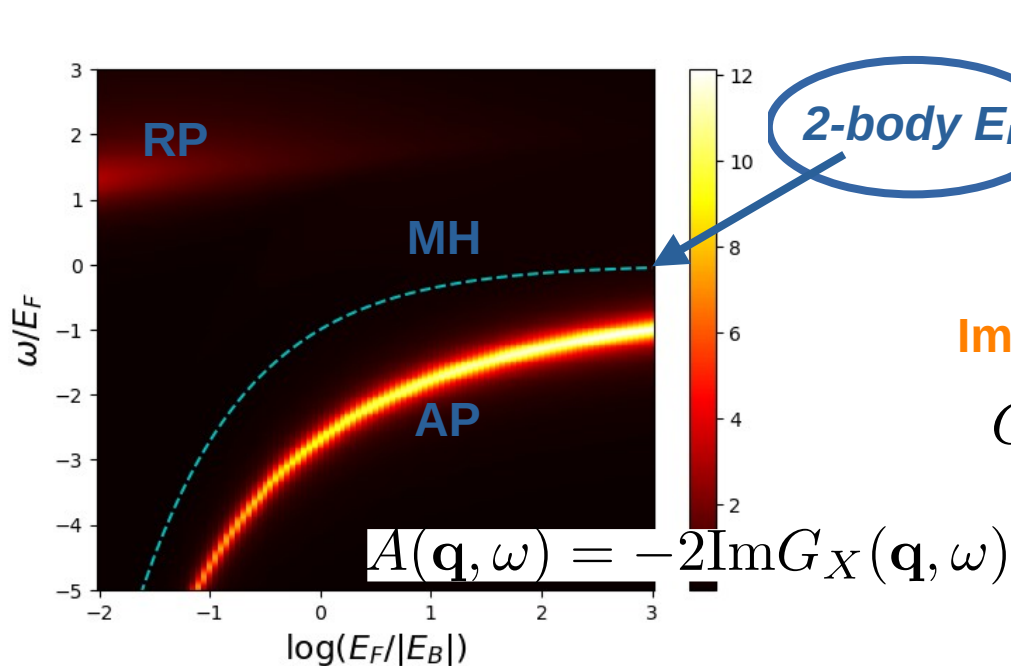
Impurity gets dressed by particle-hole excitations out of a Fermi sea

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \xi_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}} + \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{q}}^X x_{\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} x_{\mathbf{q}} + g \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}} x_{\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger} x_{\mathbf{q}} c_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{p}}$$

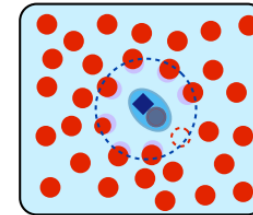
Attractive (AP) and repulsive (RP) polaron branch, molecule-hole continuum (MH).

Fermi dispersion  $\xi_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{2m} - \mu$

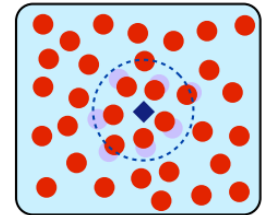
Impurity dispersion  $\epsilon_{\mathbf{q}}^X = \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{2M}$



repulsive polaron



dressed dimer + hole



attractive polaron

Impurity Green's function:

$$G_X(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \langle FS | x_{\mathbf{q}} \frac{1}{\omega - H + i0^+} x_{\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} | FS \rangle$$

Massignan et al. Rep. Prog. Phys. **77** 034401 (2014)  
Schmidt et al. PRA **85**, 021602(R) (2012)

...

# Chevy ansatz approach

Impurity in a Fermi bath:

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \xi_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}} + \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{q}}^X x_{\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} x_{\mathbf{q}} + g \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}\mathbf{q}} x_{\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger} x_{\mathbf{q}} c_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{p}}$$

Variational restriction of Hilbert space to 0 & 1 particle-hole excitations on top of Fermi sea

$$|\Psi_{\mathbf{Q}}\rangle = \left\{ \psi_0 x_{\mathbf{Q}}^{\dagger} + \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}} \psi_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}} x_{\mathbf{Q}-\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{p}} \right\} |FS\rangle + O(x^{\dagger} c^{\dagger} c^{\dagger} c c |FS\rangle) + \dots$$

neglect states with multiple p-h excitations

Basis expansion of generic state.

Notice that total momentum  $\mathbf{Q}$  is conserved.

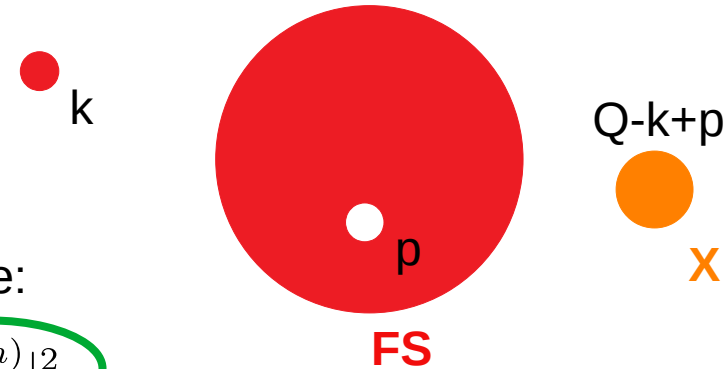
F. Chevy, PRA **74**, 063628 (2006)

Hamiltonian can be numerically diagonalized in this subspace:

**Impurity  
Green's  
function:**

$$G_X(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \langle FS | x_{\mathbf{q}} \frac{1}{\omega - H + i0^+} x_{\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} | FS \rangle = \sum_n \frac{|\psi_0^{(n)}|^2}{\omega - E^{(n)} + i0^+}$$

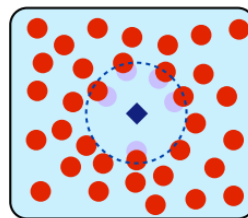
Oscillator strength of n-th eigenstate of energy  $E^{(n)}$



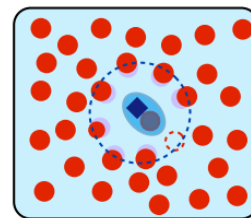
# Fermi polaron spectrum (Chevy)

$$|\Psi_{\mathbf{Q}}\rangle = \left\{ \psi_0 x_{\mathbf{Q}}^\dagger + \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}} \psi_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}} x_{\mathbf{Q}-\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{p}}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{p}} \right\} |FS\rangle$$

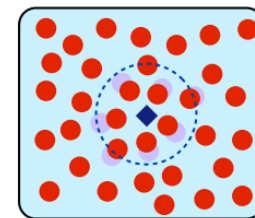
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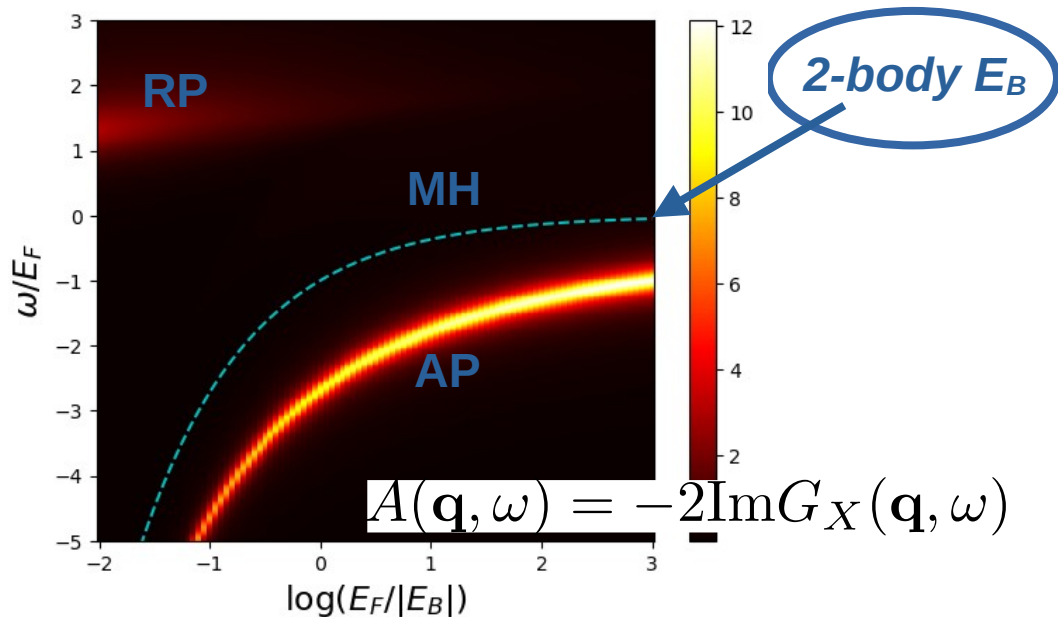
repulsive polaron



dressed dimer + hole

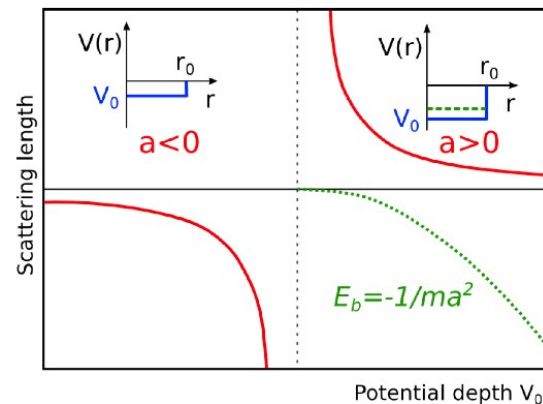


attractive polaron



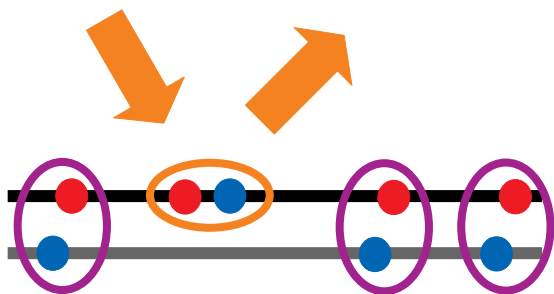
2-body hint for existence of repulsive & attractive branches:

e.g. in 3D

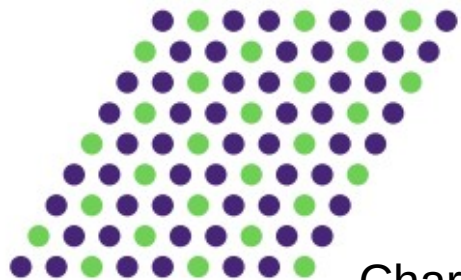


# Scope of this talk:

Replace Fermi sea by interesting many-body states!  
Insulating states? Detection of nonlocal & topological orders?

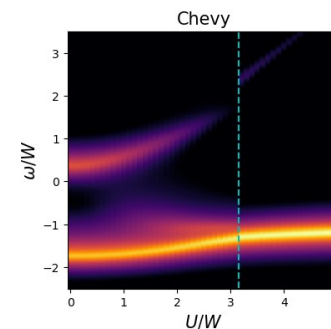
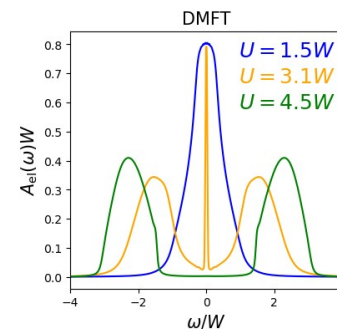
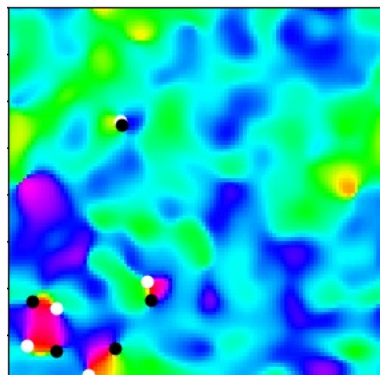


Excitonic insulator  
or fermionic superfluids

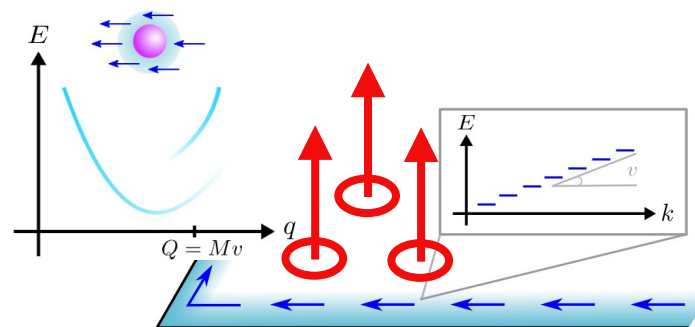


Charge density waves

BKT transition



Mott transition

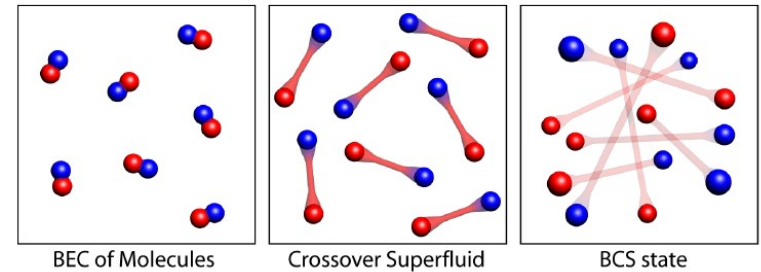
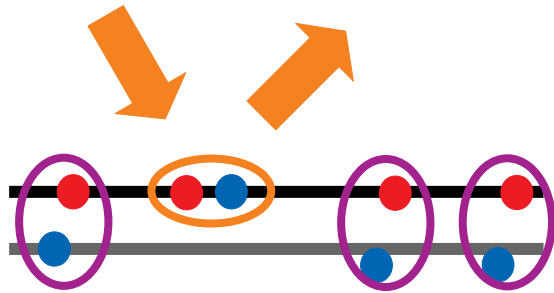


Topological insulators

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# Polarons in bilayer excitonic insulators & Fermi superfluids



Atac Imamoglu (Zurich)  
Neil Drummond (Lancaster)  
Eugene Demler (Zurich)  
Richard Schmidt (Heidelberg)



IA et al., Phys. Rev. B **107**, 155303 (2023)  
IA, PRB **107** (10), 104519 (2023)

# Polaron across BEC-BCS

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} \xi_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} + U \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}\mathbf{q}} c_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}\uparrow}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q}\downarrow}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{p}\downarrow} c_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow} + \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{q}}^X x_{\mathbf{q}}^\dagger x_{\mathbf{q}} + \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}\mathbf{q}\sigma} g_{\sigma} x_{\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{p}}^\dagger x_{\mathbf{q}} c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger c_{\mathbf{p}\sigma}$$

*fermionic bath*
*impurity*
*impurity-fermion interactions*

BCS state is vacuum of Bogoliubov quasiparticles

$$\gamma_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} = u_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} + v_{\mathbf{k}} c_{-\mathbf{k}\bar{\sigma}}^\dagger$$

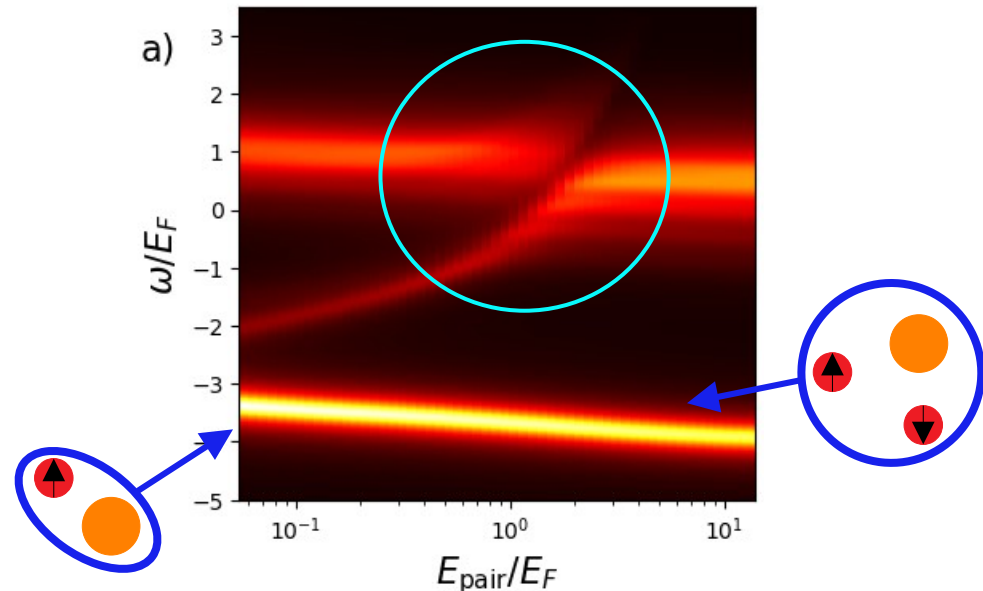
Interaction with impurity typically depends on spin!

$$g_{\downarrow} = 0$$

Generalized Chevy ansatz:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \left( \psi_0 x_0^\dagger + \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}} \psi_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}} x_{-\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{p}}^\dagger \gamma_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow}^\dagger \gamma_{\mathbf{p}\downarrow}^\dagger \right) |BCS\rangle$$

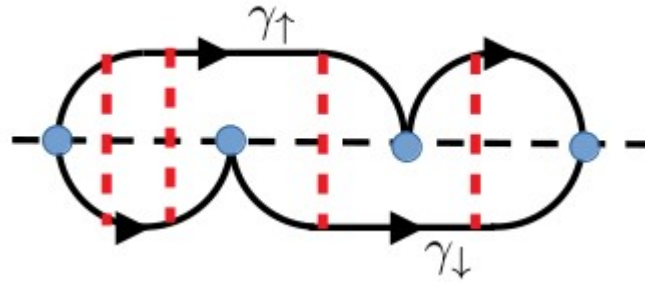
Yi et al, PRA **92** (1), 013620 (2015)



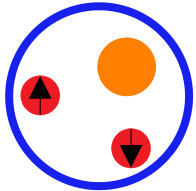
# Analysis of Chevy processes

$$|\Psi\rangle = \left( \psi_0 x_0^\dagger + \sum_{kp} \psi_{kp} x_{-k-p}^\dagger \gamma_{k\uparrow}^\dagger \gamma_{p\downarrow}^\dagger \right) |BCS\rangle$$

Typical Chevy diagrams contain **quasi-particle interaction lines...**



... and capture exactly 3-body problem in vacuum

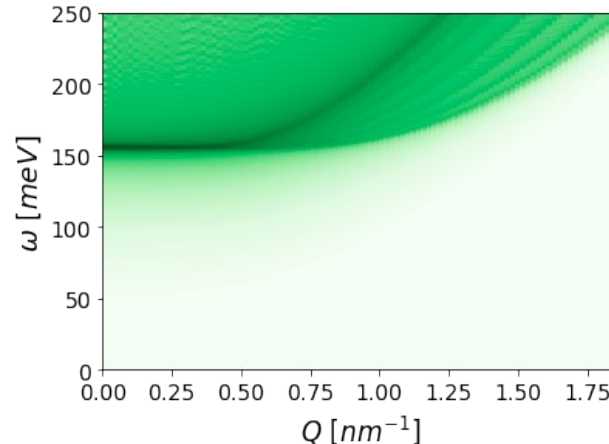


This misses collective modes:

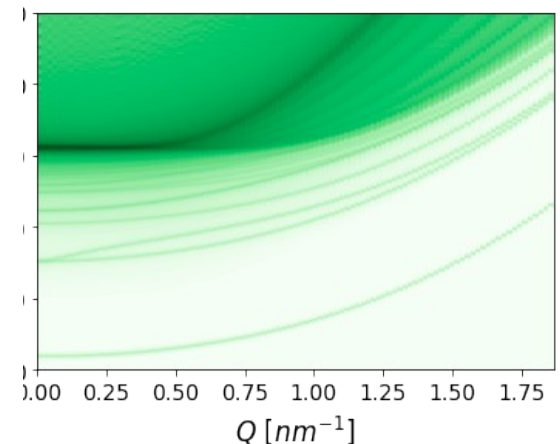
~~$$H \simeq H_{BCS} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} E_{\mathbf{k}} \gamma_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^\dagger \gamma_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}$$~~

DOS of excitation modes of EXI (no impurity)

Non-interacting QPs



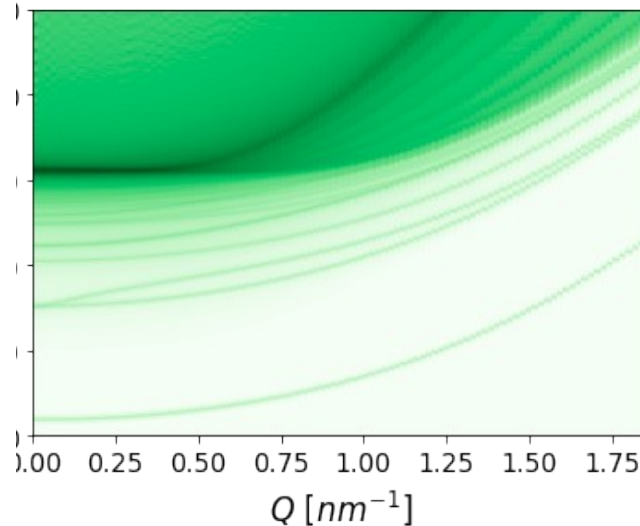
1PH subspace



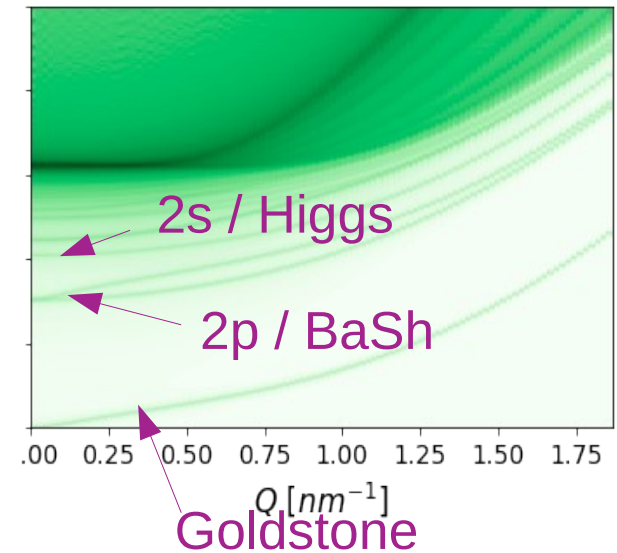
# Chevy: what's missing?

1PH subspace

DOS of excitation modes of EXI (no impurity)



TDHF



TDHF = Time dependent Hartree-Fock captures also Goldstone collective mode! (Gaussian fluctuations...)

1ph excitation subspace does not describe correctly Goldstone! It is a problem when gap > binding energy.

Analogy...

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{k^2}{2m} + \mu & \mu \\ -\mu & -\frac{k^2}{2m} - \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

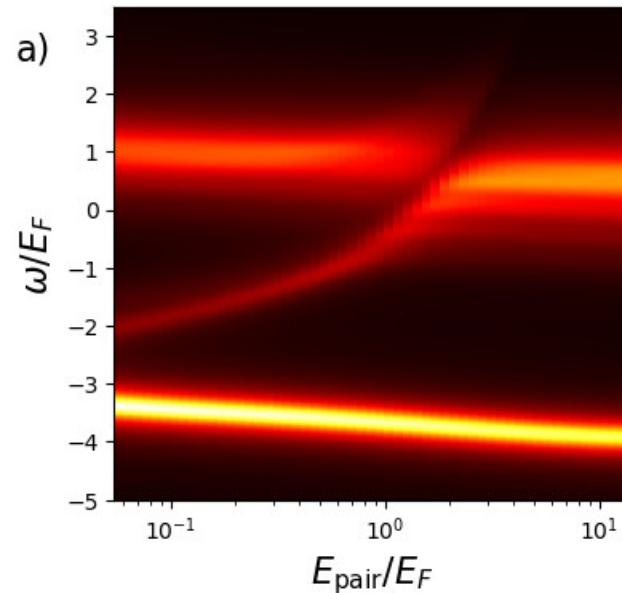
# Exact diagonalization

Numerical recipe: sparse real space representation + total momentum conservation + Lanczos Green's function

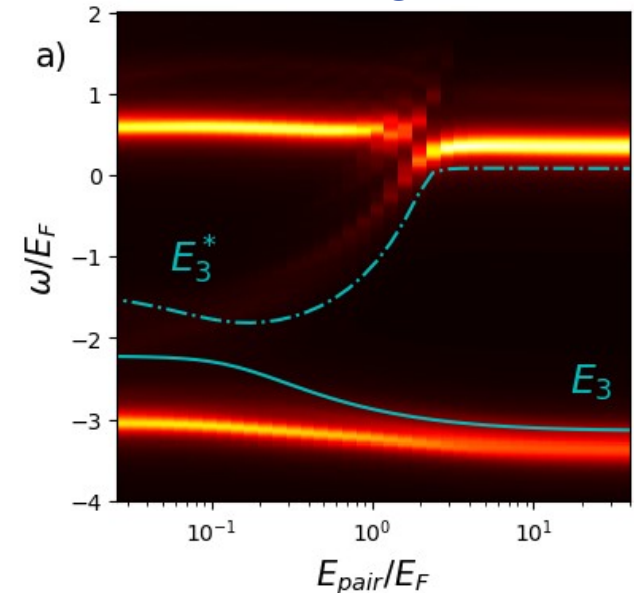


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Chevy



ED, with  $N_{\uparrow} = N_{\downarrow} = 4$   
in 4x4 triangular lattice



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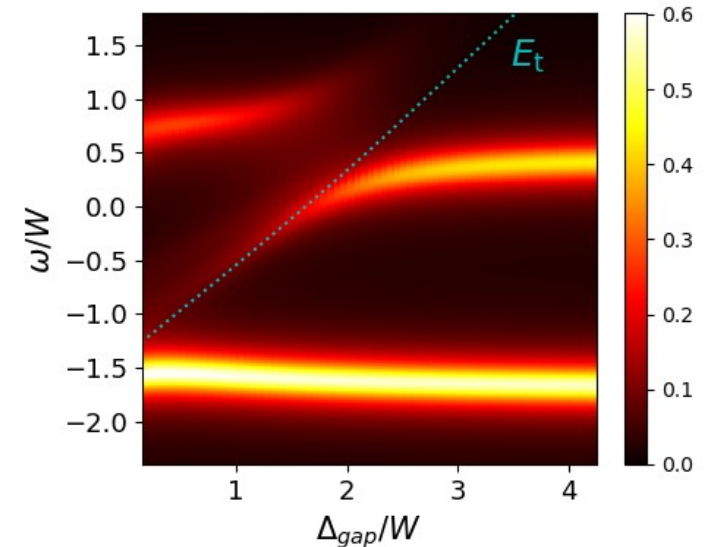
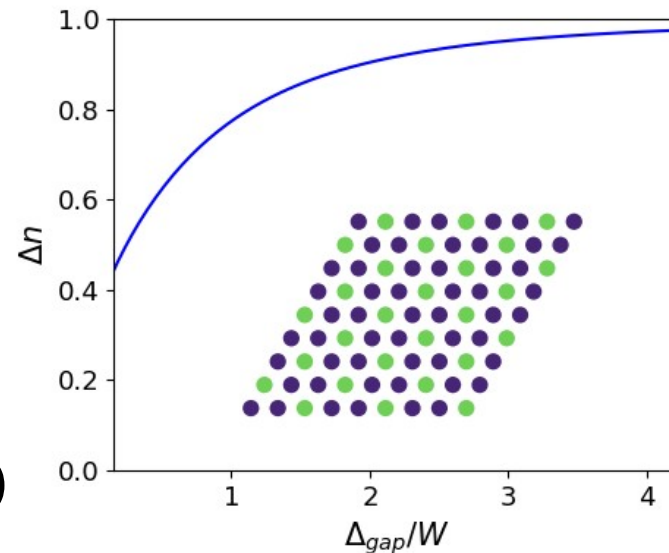


*Motivation: (generalized) Wigner crystals in TMD monolayers and moiré bilayers*

*Idea: Hartree-Fock for interacting fermions => CDW + Chevy on top of HF.*



*Main result: clear spectral signature of quasi-particle gap*



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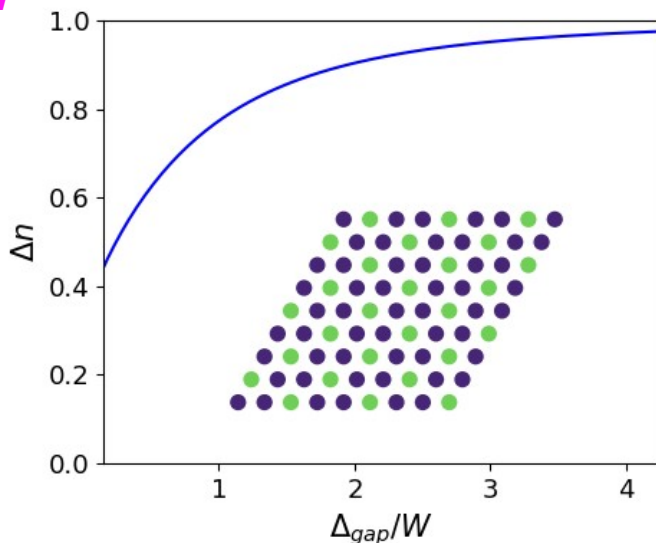
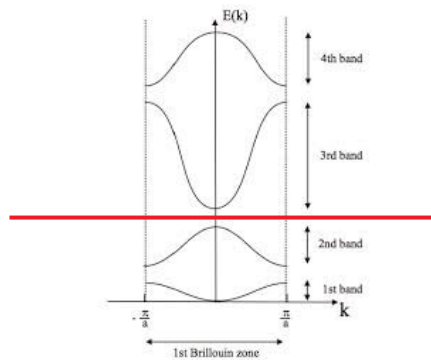
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Idea: Hartree-Fock for interacting fermions => CDW + Chevy on top of HF.

$$H_{\text{bath}} = \sum_{\tilde{k}} \epsilon_{\tilde{k}} c_{\tilde{k}}^\dagger c_{\tilde{k}} + \frac{1}{2V} \sum_{\tilde{k}\tilde{p}\tilde{q}} \underbrace{V_{\tilde{q}}}_{\text{Coulomb}} c_{\tilde{k}+\tilde{q}}^\dagger c_{\tilde{p}-\tilde{q}}^\dagger c_{\tilde{p}} c_{\tilde{k}} \xrightarrow{\text{HF + SSB}} H_{CDW}^{HF} = \sum_{\vec{q}\alpha} E_{\vec{q}\alpha} d_{\vec{q}\alpha}^\dagger d_{\vec{q}\alpha} \quad \text{free QPs in HF potential!}$$

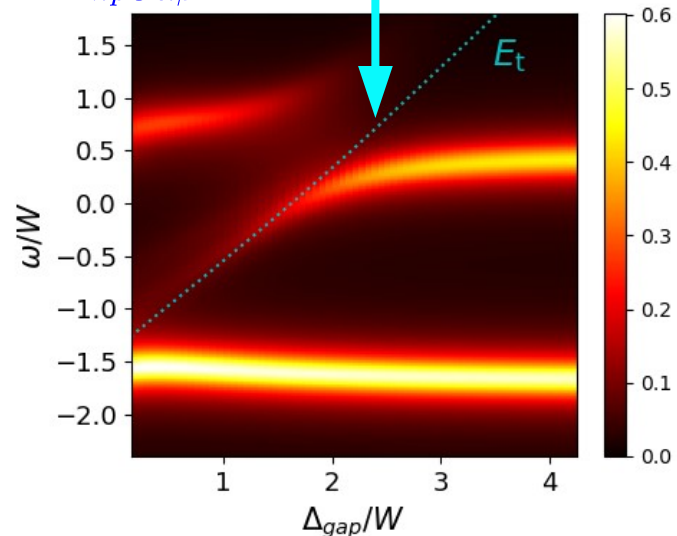
$$|\Psi_q\rangle = \left\{ \sum_G \psi_G x_{q+G}^\dagger + \sum_{kpG\alpha\beta} \psi_{kp}^{\alpha\beta G} d_{k\alpha}^\dagger d_{p\beta} x_{q+p-k+G}^\dagger \right\} |\mathcal{F}\rangle$$

Impurity scatters on CDW



$|\mathcal{F}\rangle$  is fermionic GS = QP bands filled below  $E_F$

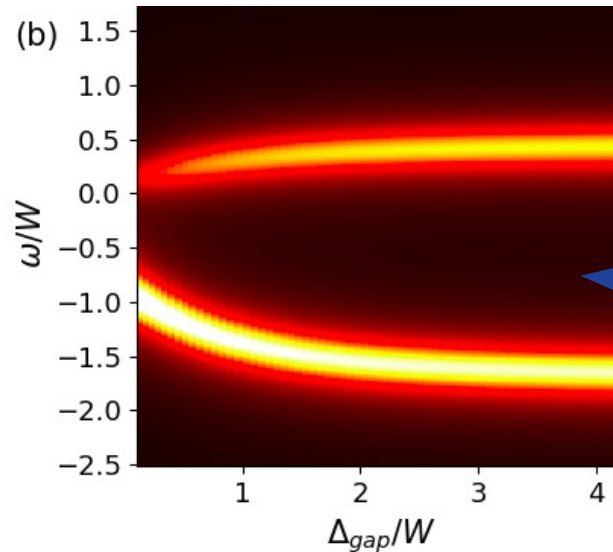
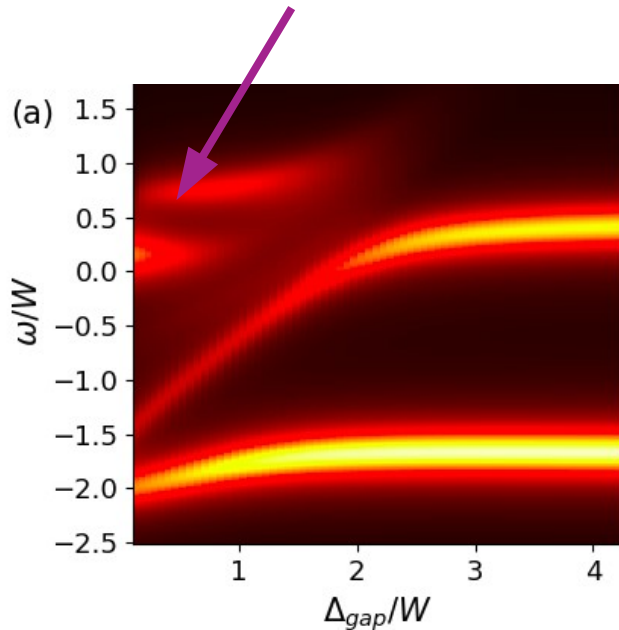
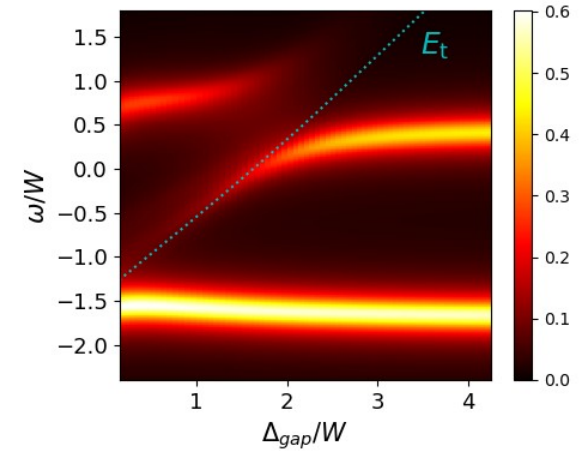
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# Polarons in CDWs

Idea: Hartree-Fock for interacting fermions => CDW  
+ Chevy on top of HF.

Neglecting hole scattering terms is bad!!!  
In band systems phase space of hole  
comparable to phase space of particle!!!



At large QP gap,  
mean-field scattering  
against CDW!

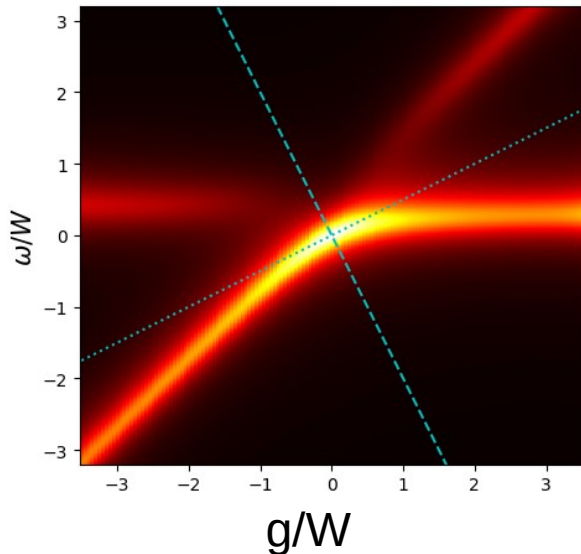
$$|\Psi_q^{0PH}\rangle = \sum_G \psi_G x_{q+G}^\dagger |\mathcal{I}\rangle$$

(no PH pairs)

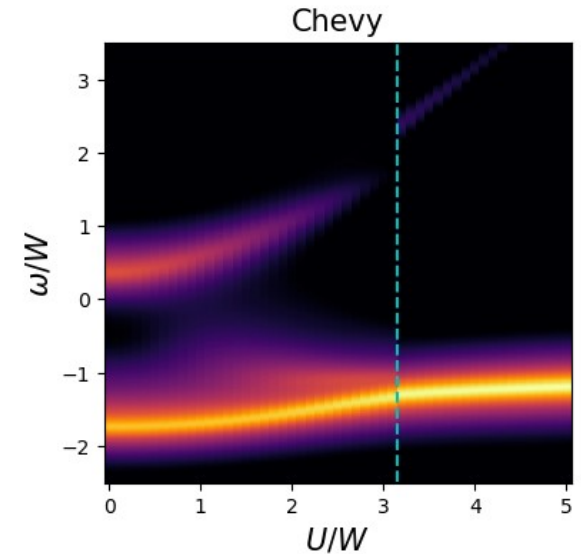
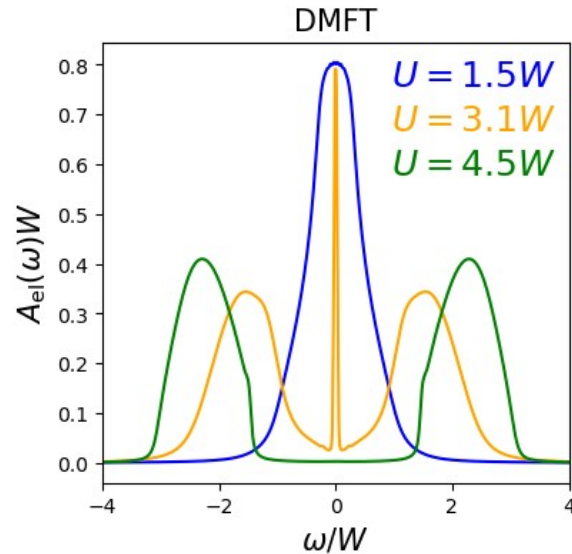
# Polaron across Mott transition

Idea: DMFT DOS + Chevy  
(all fermionic vertices neglected...)

Bath = Fermi-Hubbard model,  
In DMFT Mott transition at  $U \sim 3.1$



Sharp spectral behavior at Mott transition!



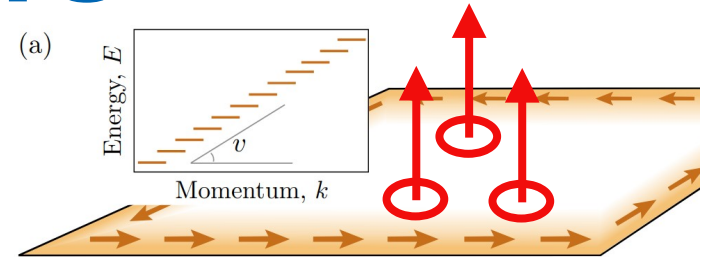
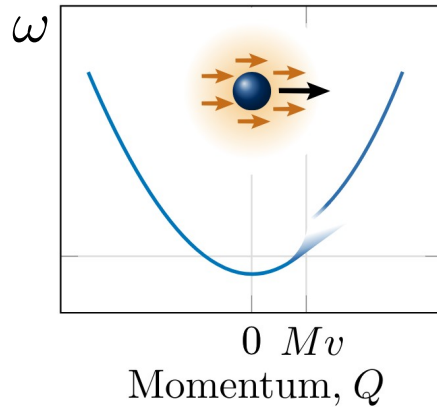
**Role of particle-hole symmetry!**  
**Duality between attractive ( $g < 0$ ) and repulsive ( $g > 0$ )**  
**impurity-electron interaction.**

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# Chiral polarons in topological insulators

*Idea: impurity dressed by excitations of chiral edge mode*



***Also: development of Tensor Network methods for polarons in fractional Chern insulators!***

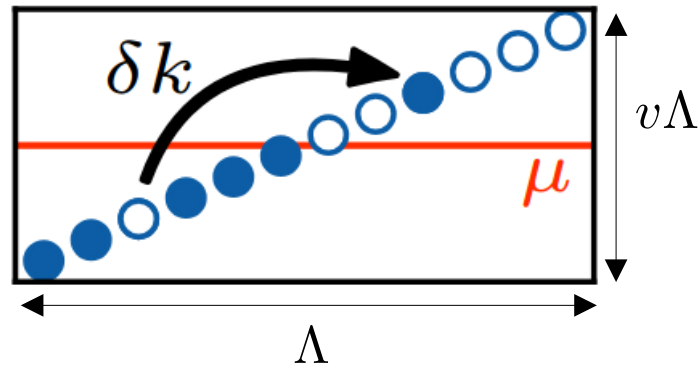
Amit Vashist, IA, Laurens Vanderstraeten, Georg Bruun (Aarhus), Oriana Diessel (Harvard), Nathan Goldman, arXiv:2407.19093

# Chiral polarons: 1D model

Idea: impurity dressed by excitations of chiral edge mode

1D effective model of chiral bath:

$$\hat{H}_{\text{bath}} = \hat{H}_{\text{chiral}} = \sum_k [vk - \mu] \hat{c}_k^\dagger \hat{c}_k$$

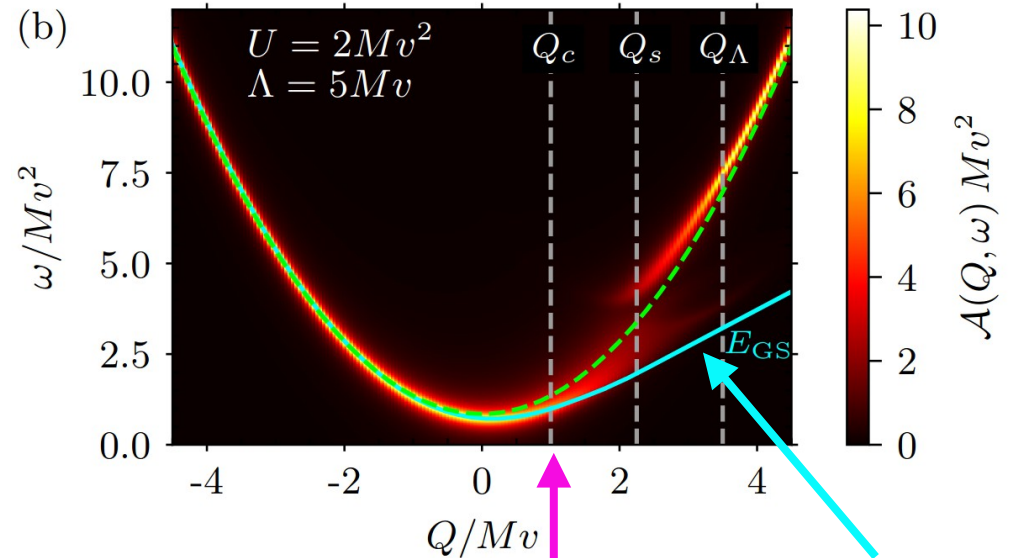


**Chirality**



**asymmetry in momentum resolved polaron spectrum**

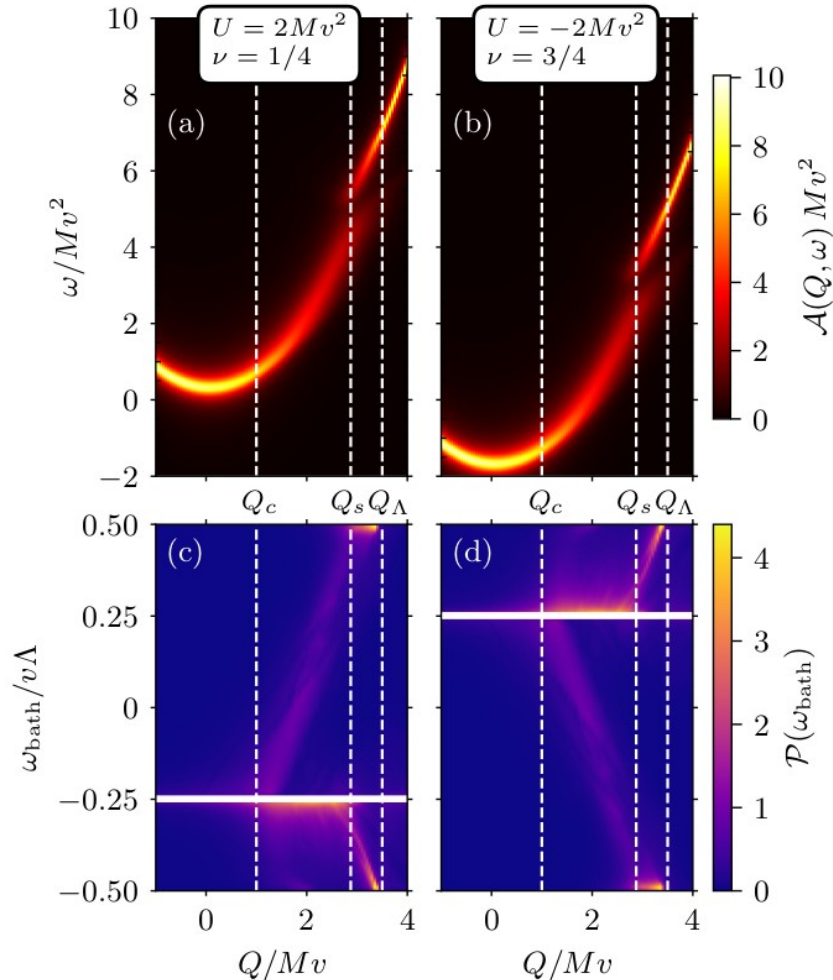
**Splitting point  $Q_c = Mv + \Lambda/4$  depends on size of topological gap**



**$Q_c = Mv$  special: resonant impurity-bath scattering**

**GS dark for  $Q > Mv$**

# Chiral polarons: particle & hole



Chevy wavefunction: let's look at particle & hole occupations in bright eigenstates.

Origin of  $Q_s$  (=splitting) point:  
e.g. at  $U > 0$  corresponds to saturation  
of hole momentum.

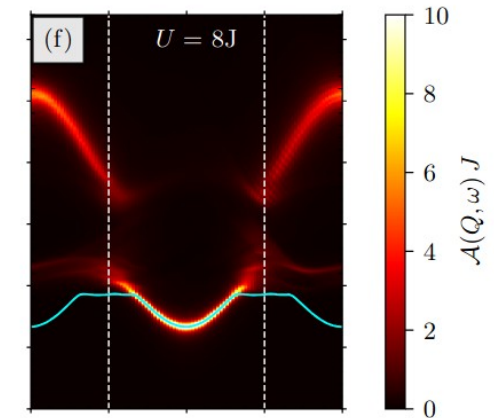
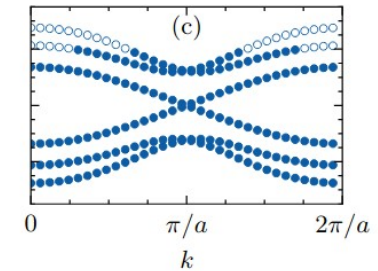
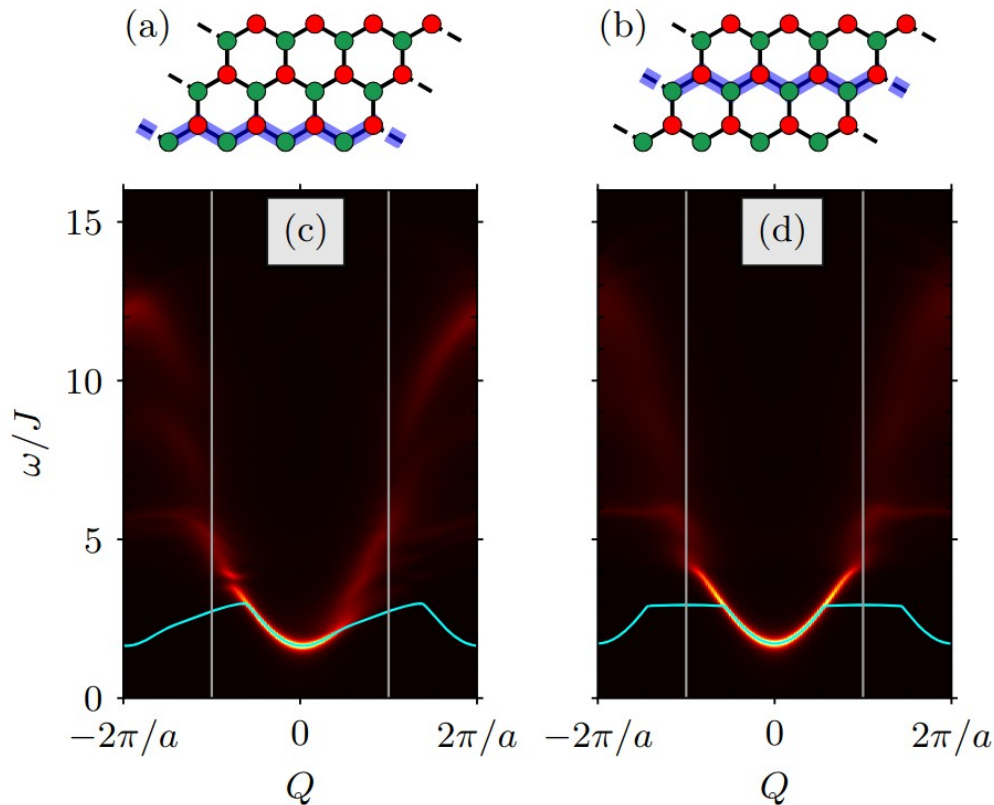
**Duality:**  $U \rightarrow -U, \nu \rightarrow 1 - \nu$

Spectra are the same but for mean-field shift!

# Chiral polarons: Haldane

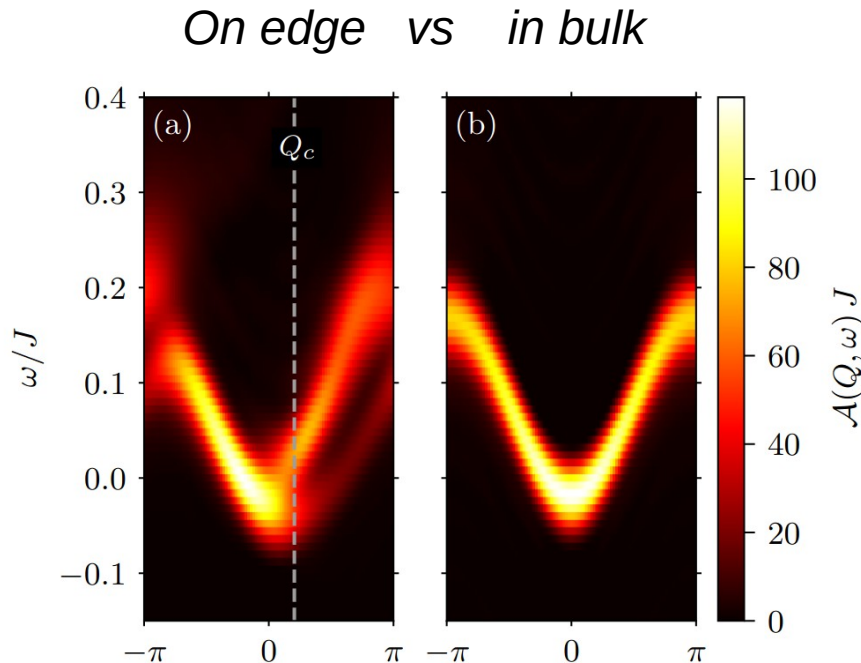
2D Haldane bath at half-filling  
Chiral polaron if impurity confined on edge

No chiral polaron in metallic phase



# Chiral polarons: fractional Chern insulators

First results for Harper-Hofstadter hard-core bosons at filling 1/2 (density 1/8)



Use of a few advanced Tensor Networks tricks:

- VUMPS (exploit translational invariance)
- Charge conservation
- Time-dependent variational principle
- MPO approximation of evolution operator
- Adaptive window of perturbed tensors
- Post-processing in time-domain
- ...

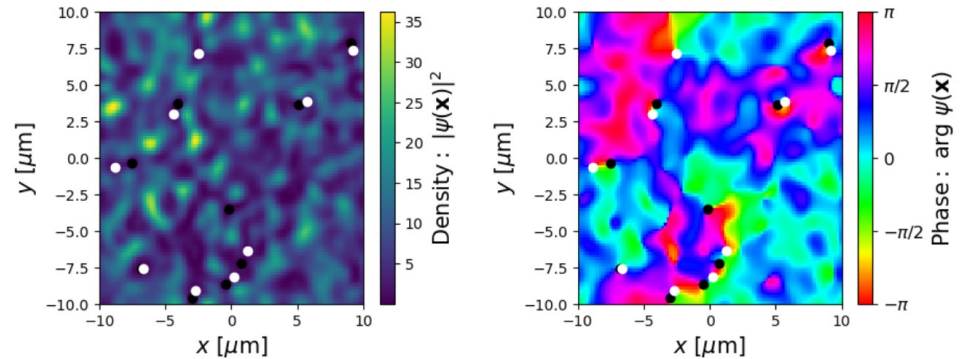
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# Quantum impurity across BKT



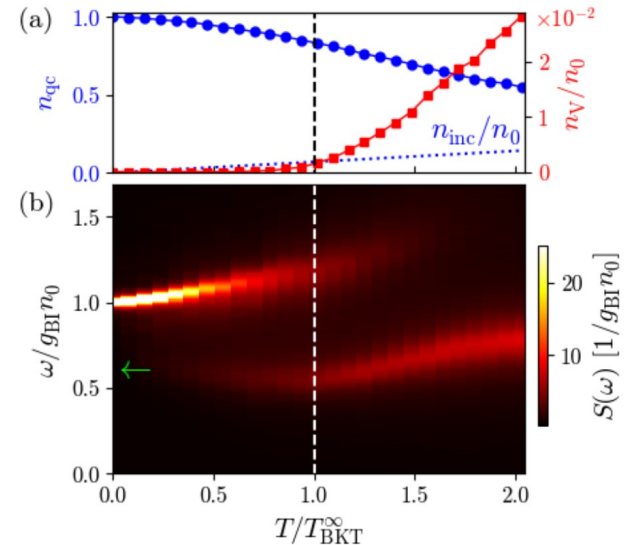
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## Motivations:

- 1) can we optically detect BKT transition in EXI?
- 2) Bose polaron at finite T?

*Classical analogue: imaging of vortices in Helium via microparticles (PNAS, **105**, 13707 (2008)).*



# Quantum impurity across BKT

$$i\partial_t\psi = \mathcal{P}(1 - i\gamma) \left\{ -\frac{1}{2m}\nabla^2 + g_{BB}|\psi|^2 - \mu \right\} \psi + \eta$$

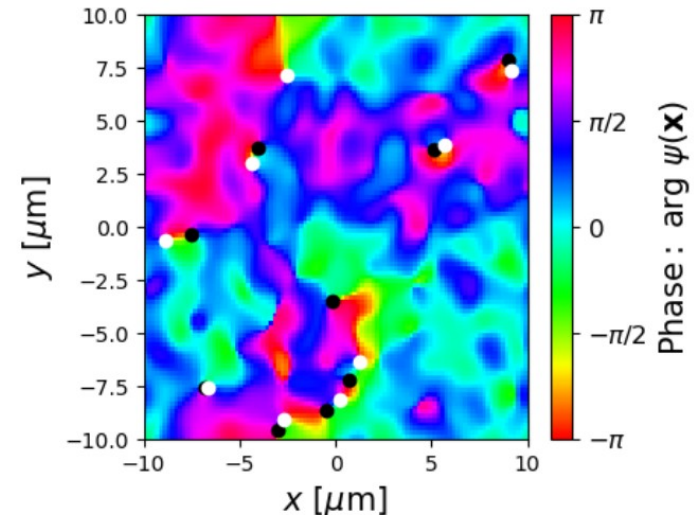
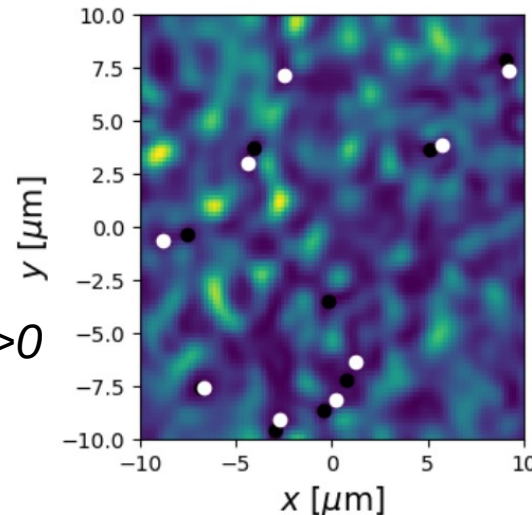
**Stochastic Projected  
Gross-Pitaevskii equation  
for Bose gas**

Noise & relaxation satisfying FDT:  $\langle \eta^*(\mathbf{x}, t)\eta(\mathbf{x}', t') \rangle = 2\gamma T\delta(t - t')\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')$

$$i\partial_t\Psi = \left\{ -\frac{1}{2M}\nabla^2 + g_{BI}|\psi|^2 \right\} \Psi$$

**Schrödinger eq. in time-dependent  
potential for the impurity**

Setting: impurity in a finite T Bose bath will bind to vortices and density deeps, for repulsive Bose-impurity interactions  $g_{BI} > 0$



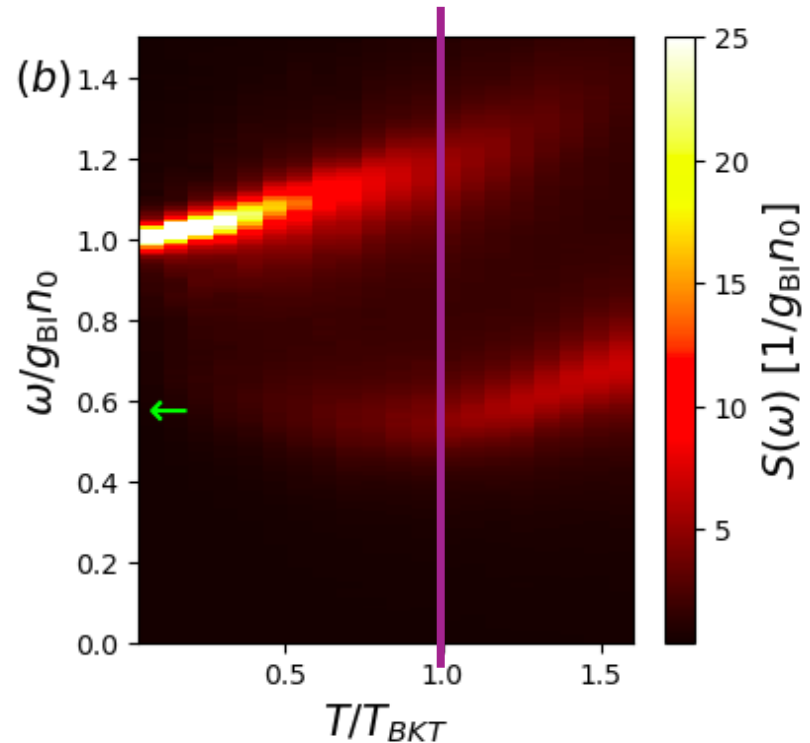
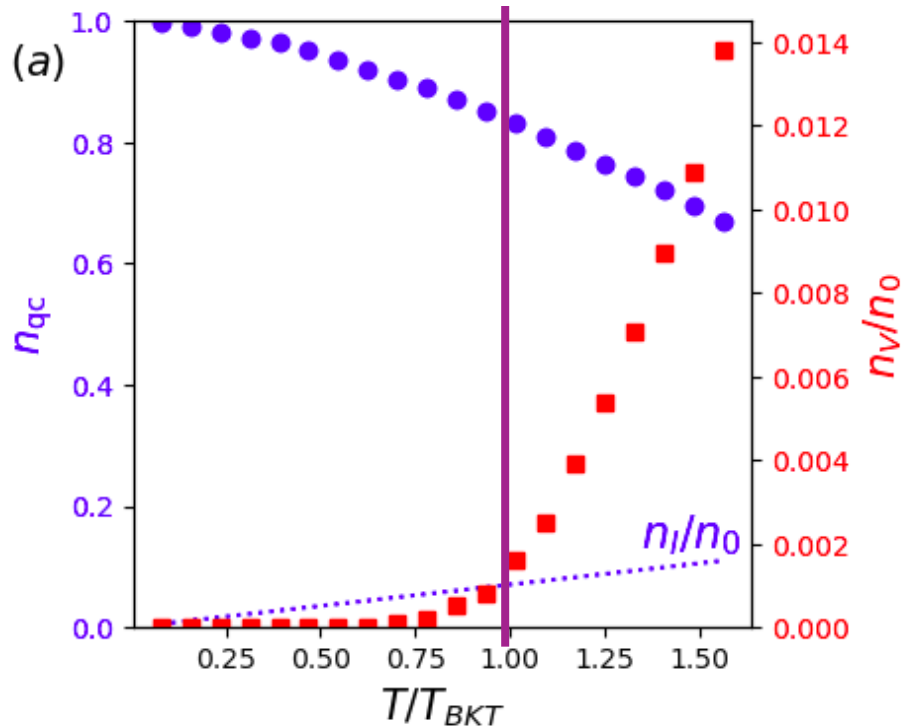
# Quantum impurity across BKT

Quasi-condensate fraction is smooth across BKT transition!

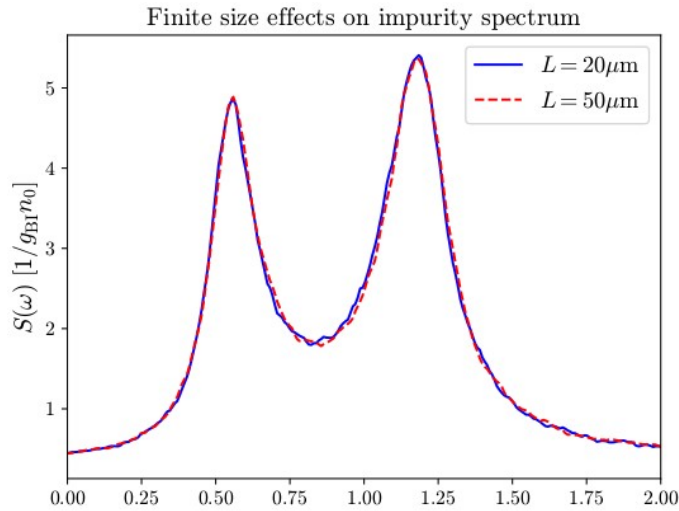
$$n_{qc} = \sqrt{2\langle\langle|\psi|^2\rangle\rangle^2 - \langle\langle|\psi|^4\rangle\rangle} / \langle\langle|\psi|^2\rangle\rangle$$

Vortex unbinding at

$$T_{\text{BKT}} \simeq \frac{2\pi n_0}{m \log(380/mg_{\text{BB}})}$$

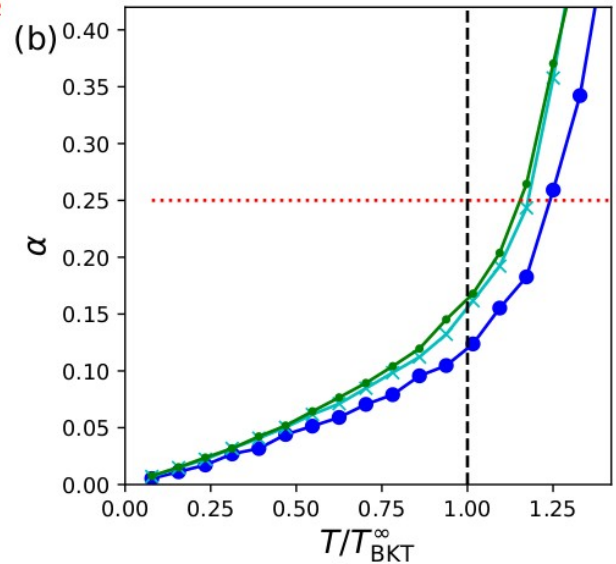
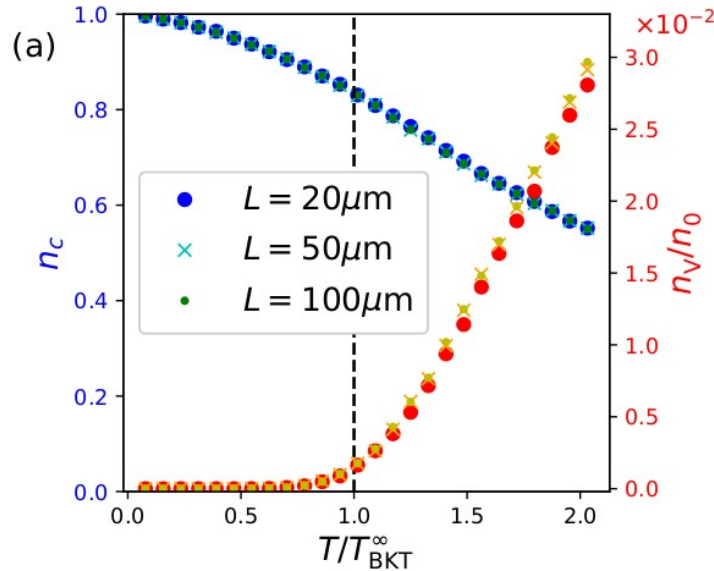


# Locality vs non-locality



The polaron spectrum is sensitive only to local properties.

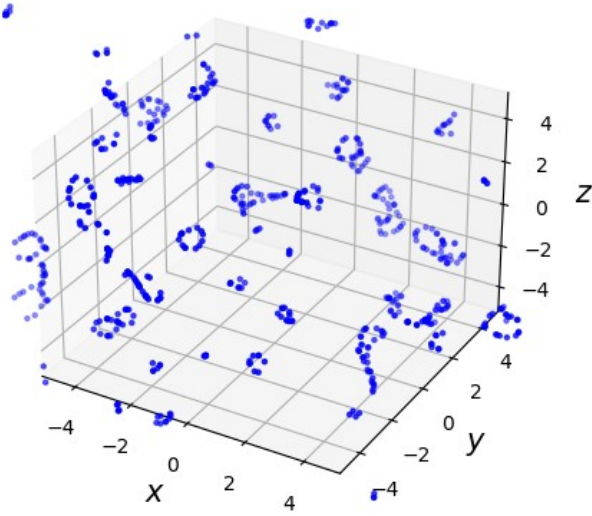
Polaron spectroscopy can detect BKT transition only INDIRECTLY.



Superfluidity, or quasi-long-range order has logarithmic finite size corrections

$$\langle\langle \psi^*(\mathbf{x})\psi(\mathbf{x}') \rangle\rangle \propto |\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x}'|^{-\alpha}$$

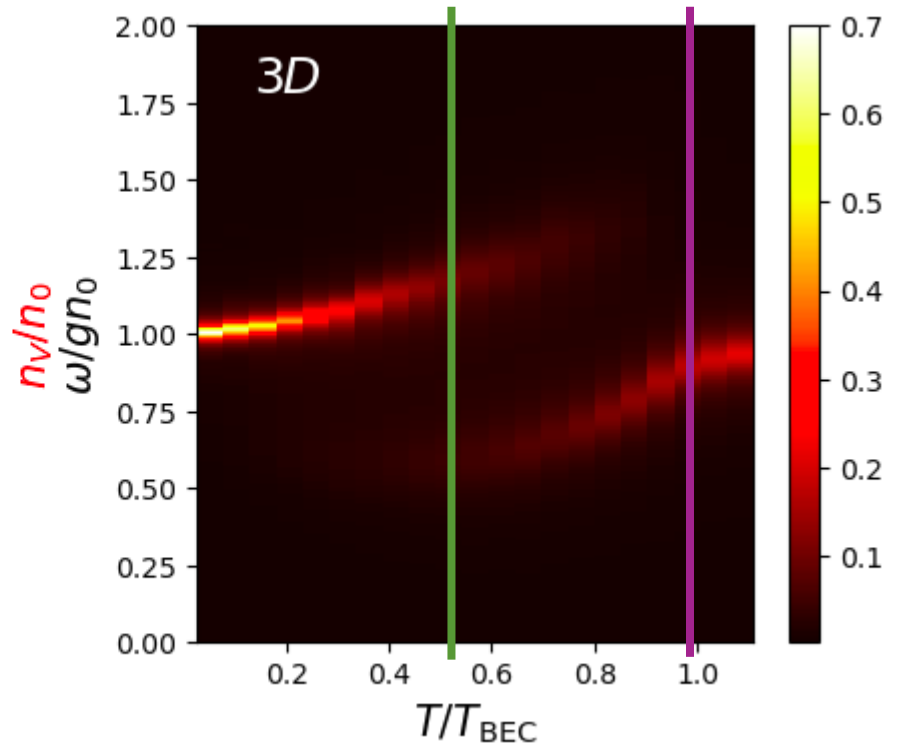
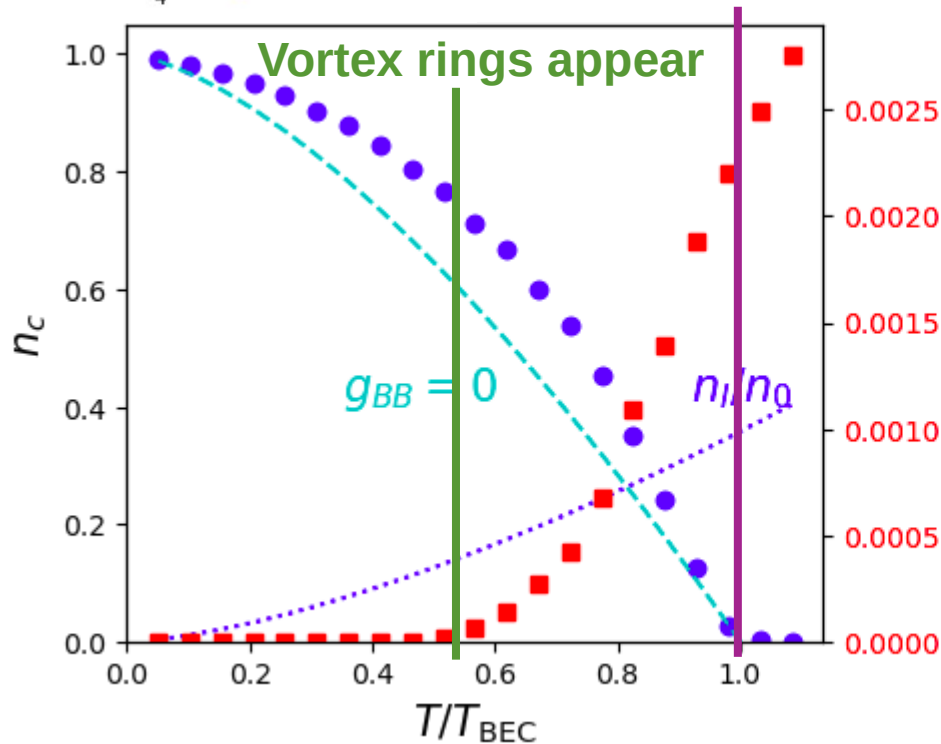
# And in 3D?



BEC transition

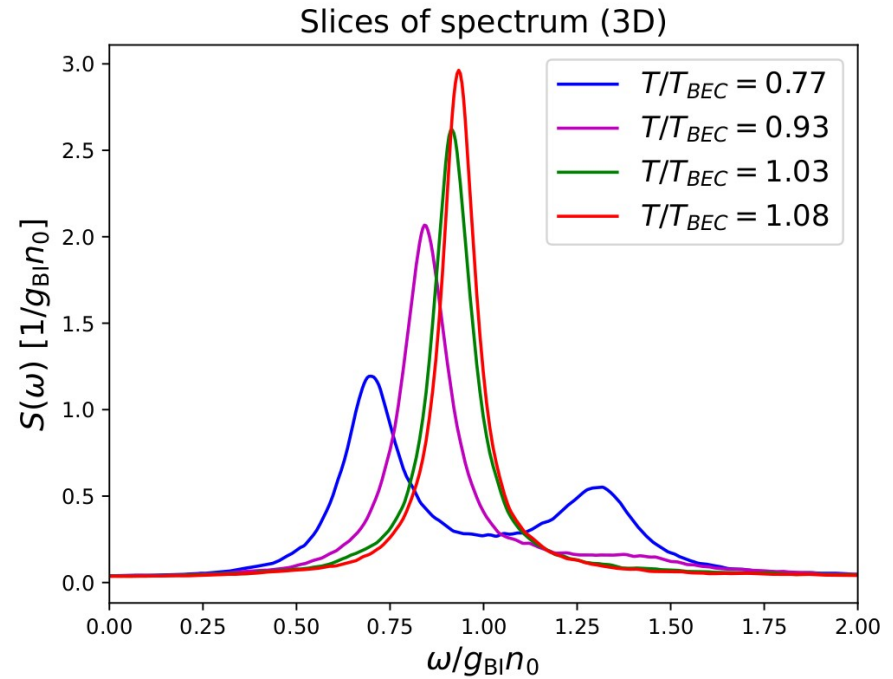
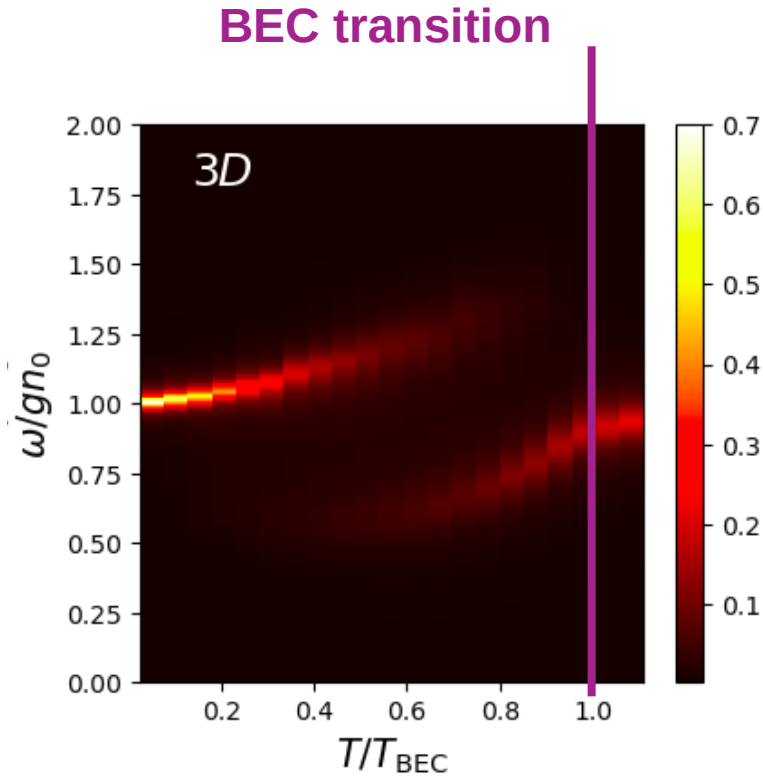
$$n_c(g_{BB} = 0) = 1 - (T/T_{\text{BEC}})^{3/2}$$

$$T_{\text{BEC}} \simeq 3.3125 n^{2/3}/m$$



# And in 3D?

Bimodal structure rapidly lost above  $T_{BEC}$



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# Directions

Properly including Goldstone & phonons in treatment of superfluid & CDWs

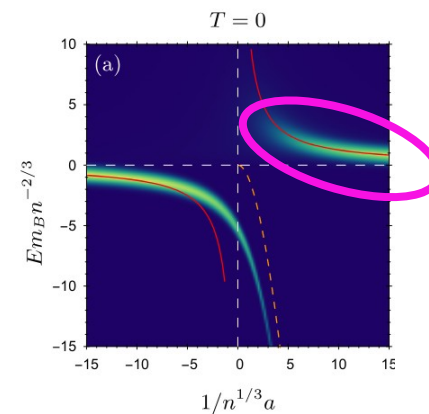
Propose new ways of experimentally tuning trion  $E_B$  in TMDs

Finite-T Bose polaron: splitting in repulsive branch?

**Polaron-polaron interactions**

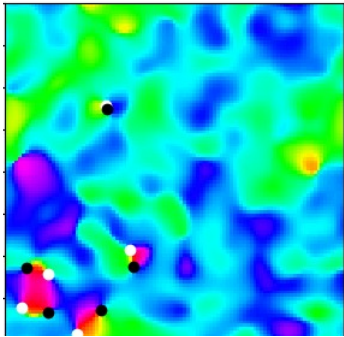
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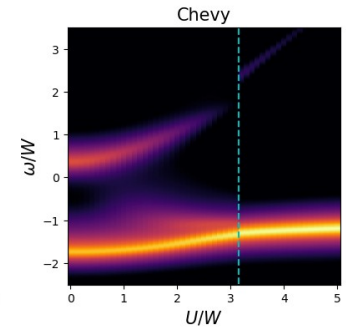
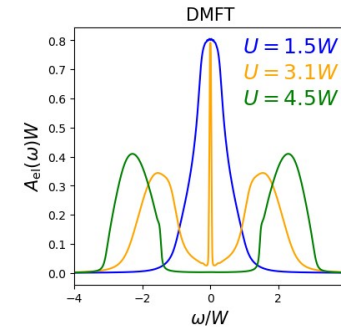
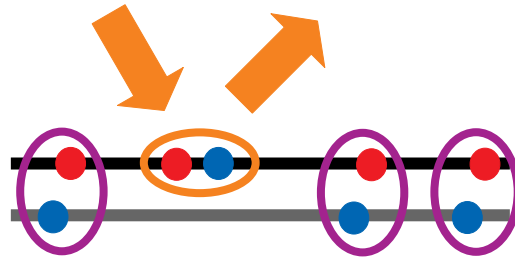
# Summary

Replace Fermi sea with interesting many-body states!  
“Properly done” Chevy generally gives good results,  
in agreement with Exact Diagonalization & Matrix Product States



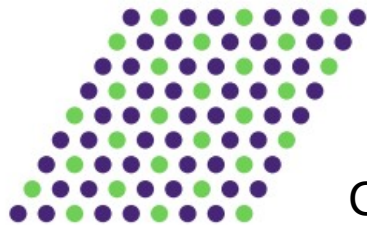
BKT transition

EXI & fermionic superfluids

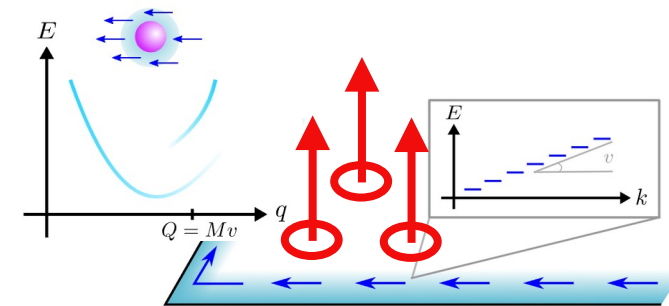


Mott transition

Thank you  
for the attention!



Charge density waves



Topological insulators

# **Supplementary Slides**

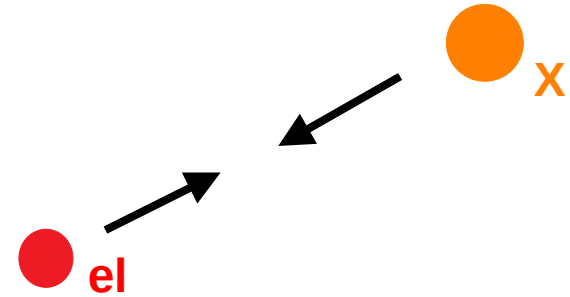
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(sloppy notation, Matsubara frequencies needed to do it properly...)

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$$T(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \left[ \frac{1}{g} - \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{1}{\omega - \frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{2m} - \epsilon_{\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}}} \right]^{-1}$$



Diagrammatic sketch  
(ladder resummation):



Legend:  $\overset{G_X^0}{\text{---}}$   $\overset{G_{el}^0}{\text{---}}$   $g$

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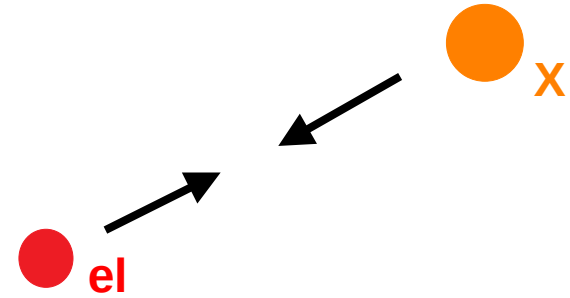
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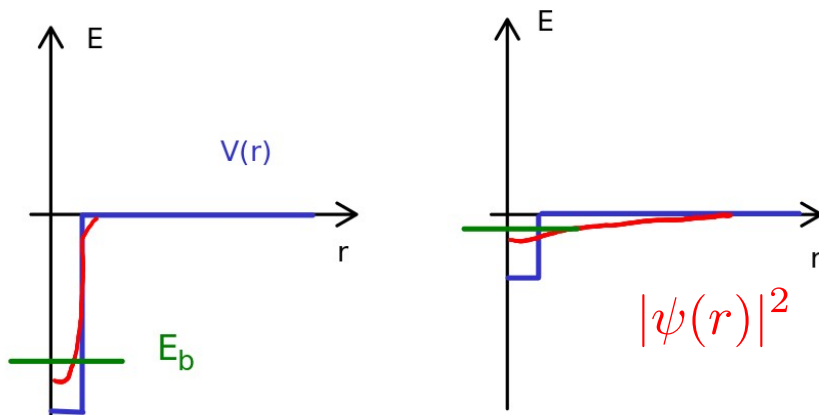
*At this level this is just solution of Schrödinger equation in momentum space with contact interactions!*

A bound state may exist with energy  $E_B(g, E_{\text{cutoff}})$

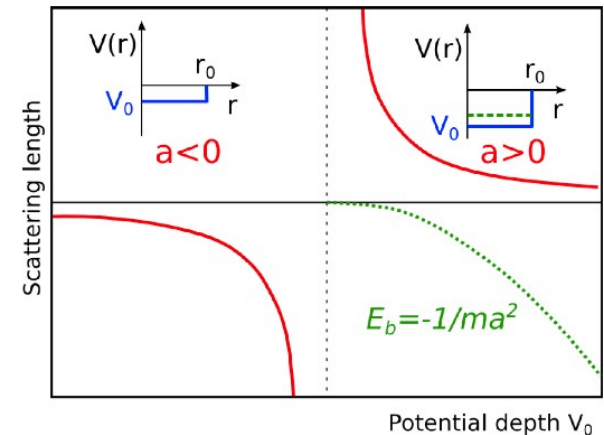
This shows up as pole of T-matrix

(see later for precise relation!)

**2-body hint for existence of repulsive & attractive branches:**



P.e. in 3D:



# T-matrix approach to polarons

Impurity in a Fermi bath:

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \xi_{\mathbf{k}} c_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}} + \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \epsilon_{\mathbf{q}}^X x_{\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} x_{\mathbf{q}} + g \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}\mathbf{q}} x_{\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger} x_{\mathbf{q}} c_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{p}}$$

Impurity Green's function:

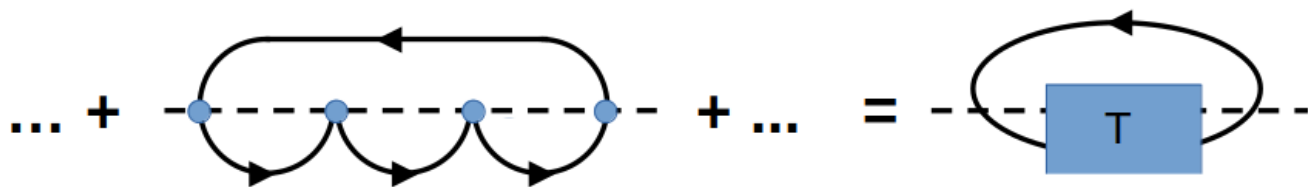
$$G_X(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \langle FS | x_{\mathbf{q}} \frac{1}{\omega - H + i0^+} x_{\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} | FS \rangle = \frac{1}{\omega - \epsilon_{\mathbf{q}}^X - \Sigma_X(\mathbf{q}, \omega)}$$

self-energy

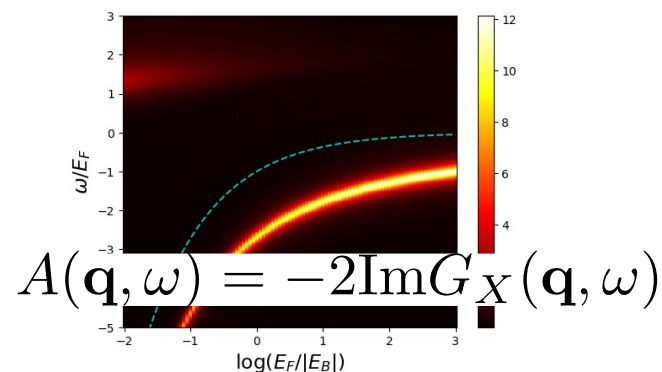
$$\Sigma_X(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \simeq \sum_{|\mathbf{p}| < k_F} T(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{p}, \omega + \xi_{\mathbf{p}})$$

$$\Lambda(\mathbf{q}, \omega) = \left[ \frac{1}{g} - \sum_{|\mathbf{k}| > k_F} \frac{1}{\omega - \frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{2m} - \epsilon_{\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}}} \right]^{-1}$$

2-body T-matrix on top of Fermi sea (Pauli blocking)



Ladder resummation:



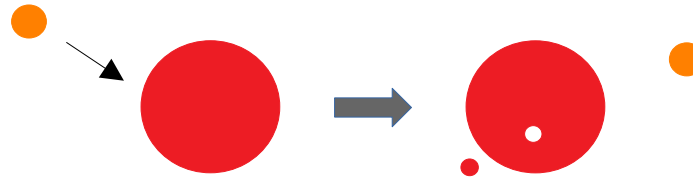
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Schrödinger equation in Chevy subspace  $|\Psi_{\mathbf{Q}}\rangle = \left\{ \psi_0 x_{\mathbf{Q}}^{\dagger} + \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}} \psi_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}} x_{\mathbf{Q}-\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{p}}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{p}} \right\} |FS\rangle$

$$i\partial_t \psi_0 = (\epsilon_{\mathbf{Q}} + gn)\psi_0 + g \sum_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}} \psi_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}}$$

**p-h creation**



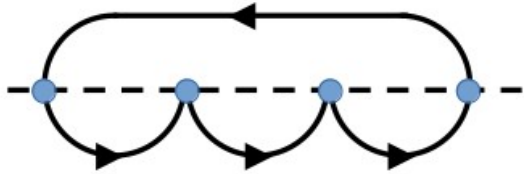
$$i\partial_t \psi_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}} = (\epsilon_{\mathbf{Q}-\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{p}} + \xi_{\mathbf{k}} - \xi_{\mathbf{p}} + gn)\psi_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}} + g\psi_0 + g \sum_{|\mathbf{k}'| > k_F} \psi_{\mathbf{k}'\mathbf{p}} - g \sum_{|\mathbf{p}'| < k_F} \psi_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}'}$$

**p-X scattering**      **hole-X scattering**

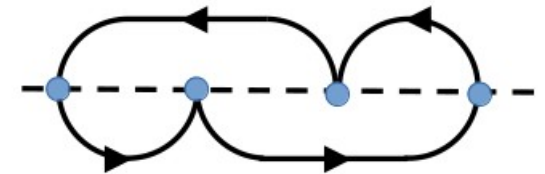


# Chevy ansatz vs T-matrix

Typical ladder diagram



Typical Chevy diagram



So, in principle Chevy accounts for more diagrams than T-matrix...

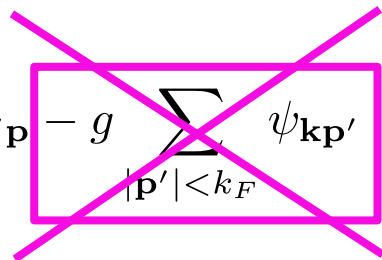
... however, hole-X scattering term is typically negligible due to finite phase space for hole scattering  $\sim k_F$

Moreover, for contact interactions and in the continuous 2D or 3D space  $g$  has to be renormalized and goes to 0 for infinite cutoff & fixed  $E_b$

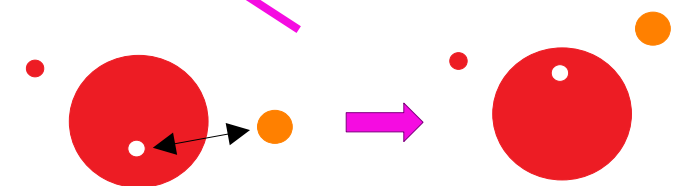
p.e in 2D

$$\frac{1}{g} = -\frac{m_{\text{red}}}{2\pi} \log \left( \frac{E_{\text{cutoff}}}{|E_b|} \right)$$

$$i\partial_t \psi_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}} = (\epsilon_{\mathbf{Q}-\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{p}} + \xi_{\mathbf{k}} - \xi_{\mathbf{p}} + gn)\psi_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}} + g\psi_0 + g \sum_{|\mathbf{k}'|>k_F} \psi_{\mathbf{k}'\mathbf{p}} - g \sum_{|\mathbf{p}'|<k_F} \psi_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{p}'}$$



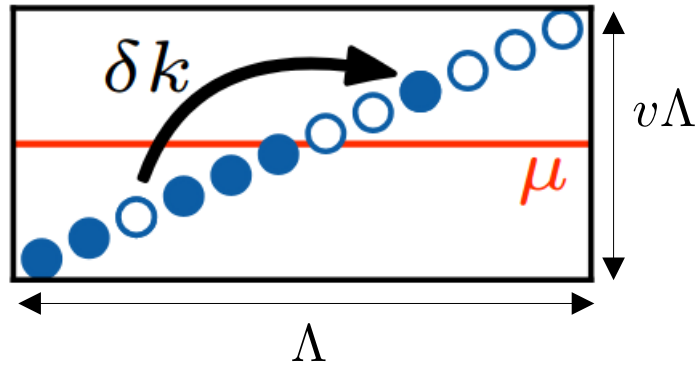
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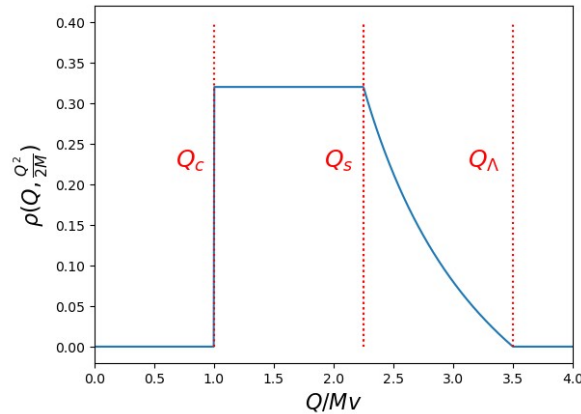
**In this case: T-matrix = Chevy !!!**

# Chiral polarons: 1D model

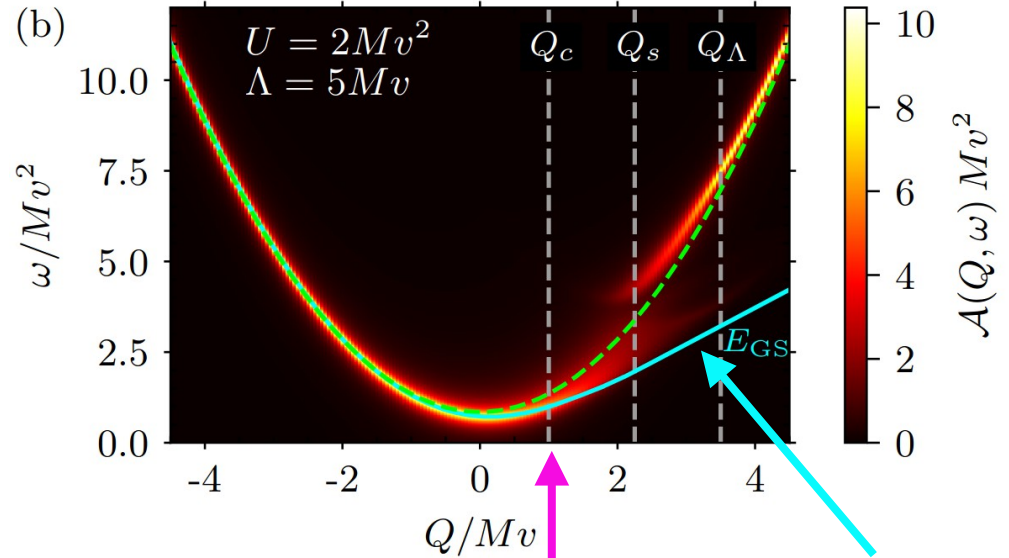
Idea: impurity dressed by excitations of chiral edge mode



DOS of bath  
1ph excitations



Chirality → asymmetry in momentum resolved polaron spectrum



GS dark for  $Q > Mv$

$Q_c = Mv$  special: resonant impurity-bath scattering

arXiv:2407.19093

# Impurity across BKT

Setting: impurity in a finite T Bose bath will bind to vortices, for repulsive Bose-impurity interactions  $g_{BI} > 0$

**Method: Stochastic Projected Gross-Pitaevskii for the bath**

$$i\partial_t\psi = \mathcal{P}(1 - i\gamma) \left\{ -\frac{1}{2m}\nabla^2 + g_{BB}|\psi|^2 - \mu \right\} \psi + \eta$$

**Incoherent density**

Projection:  $\mathcal{P} = \theta(\varepsilon_{\text{cut}} - \frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{2m})$

$$\varepsilon_{\text{cut}} = \mu + T \log 2$$

$$n_I = \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{\theta(|\mathbf{k}| - k_{\text{cut}})}{e^{\mathbf{k}^2/2mT} - 1}$$

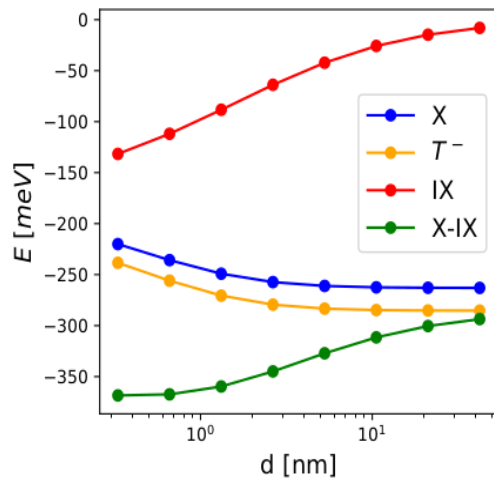
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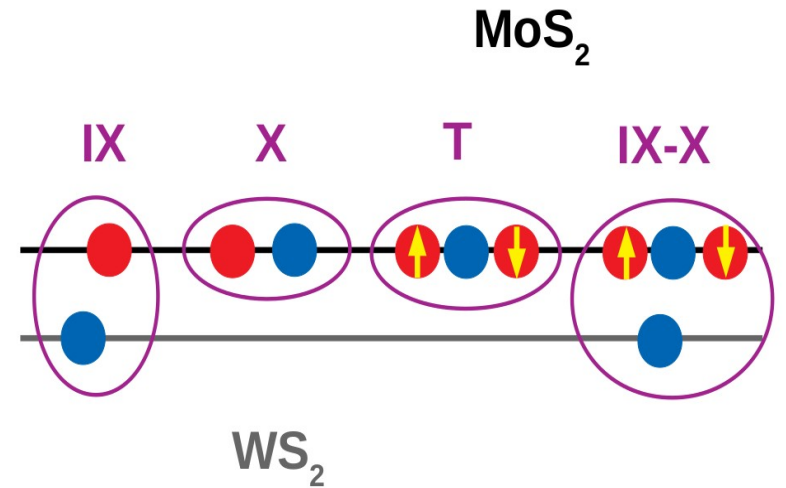
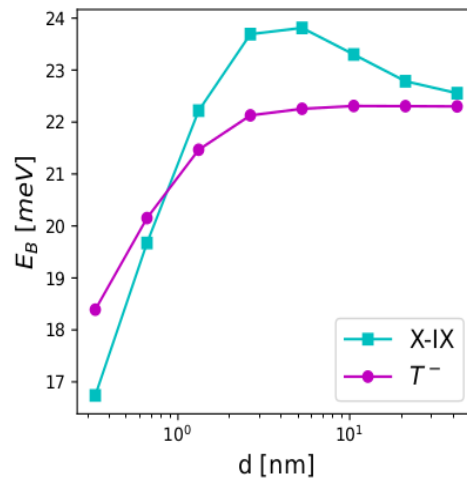
**Schrödinger eq. in time dependent potential for the impurity**

$$i\partial_t\Psi = \left\{ -\frac{1}{2M}\nabla^2 + g_{BI}|\psi|^2 \right\} \Psi$$

# [Few-body problem in EXI (Diffusion QMC)]



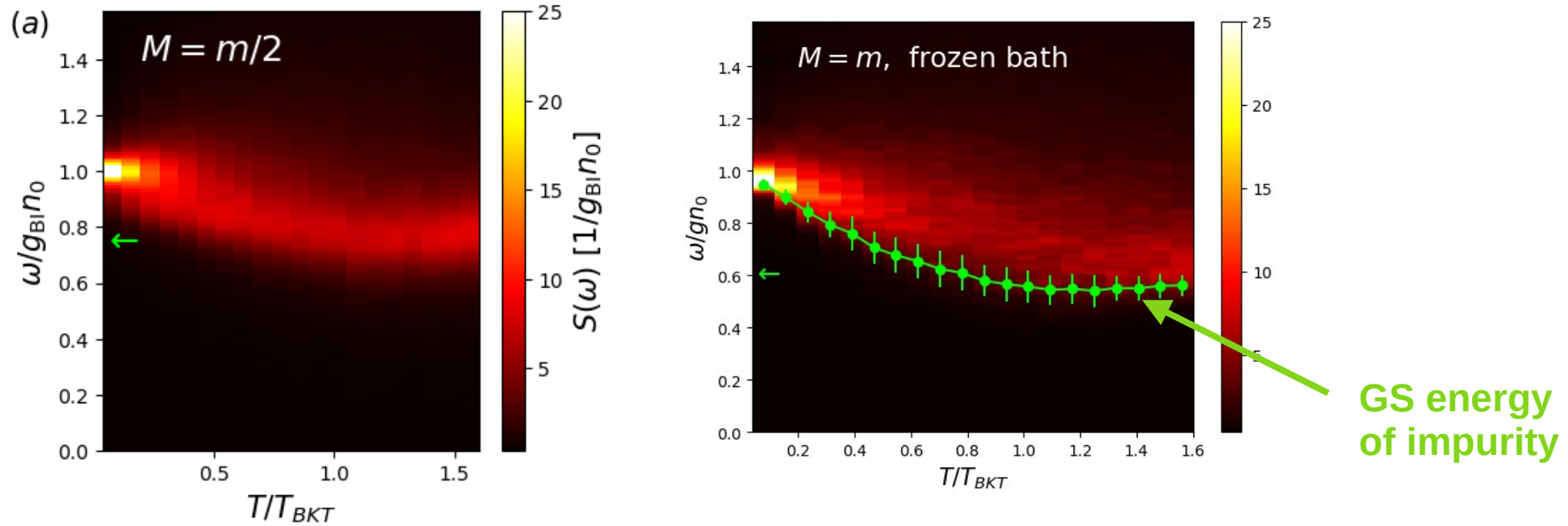
**interlayer distance**



Goal: to find binding energies.  
Cutoff given by excitonic Bohr radius.

# Light impurity

Varying the impurity mass!



# Heavy impurity

Varying the impurity mass!

