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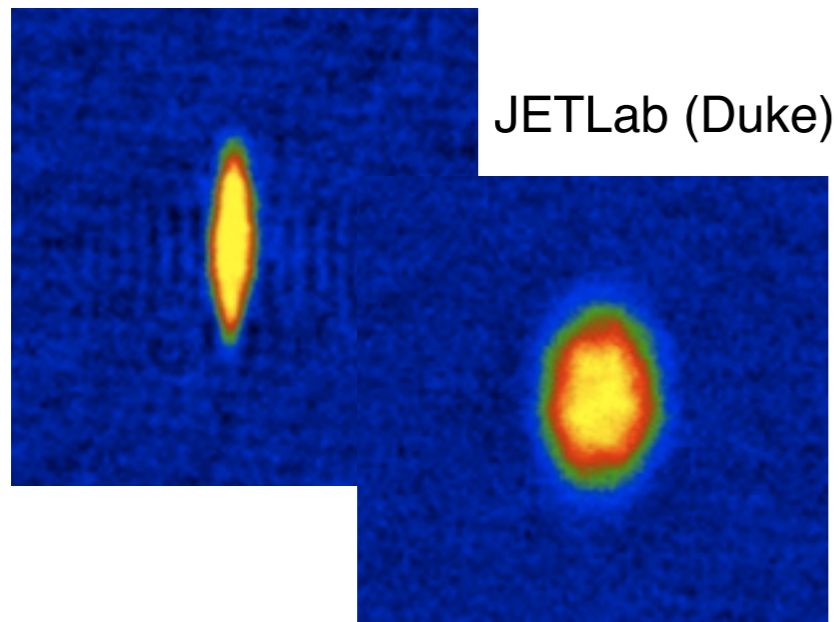
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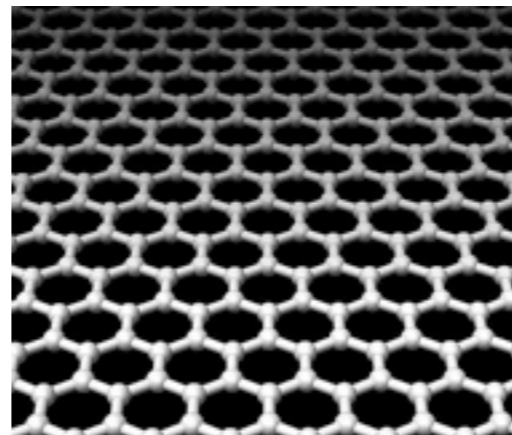
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# Improved lattice operators

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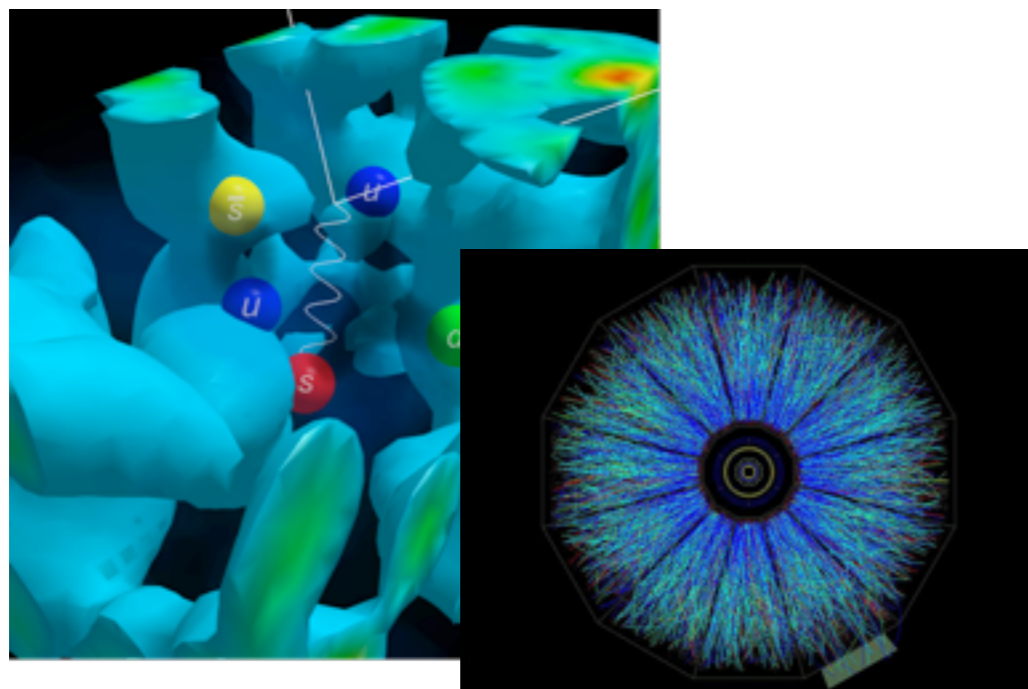
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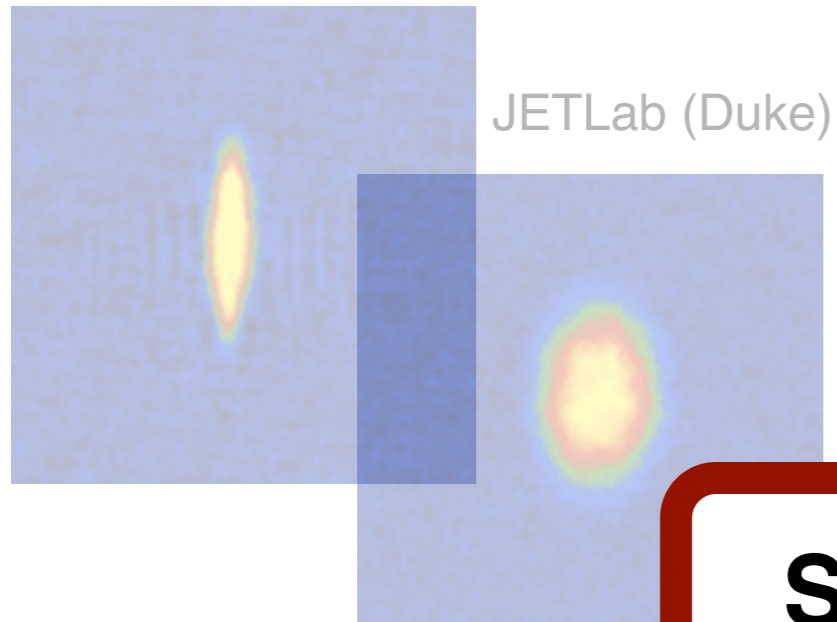
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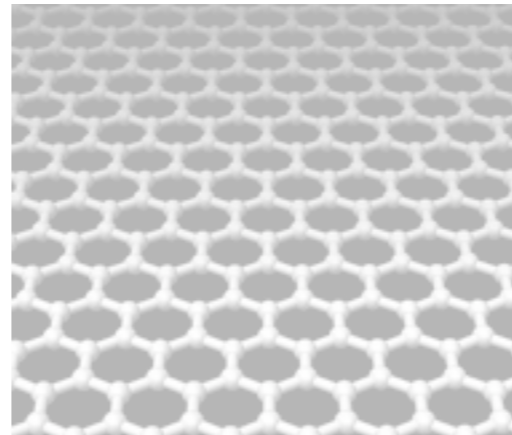
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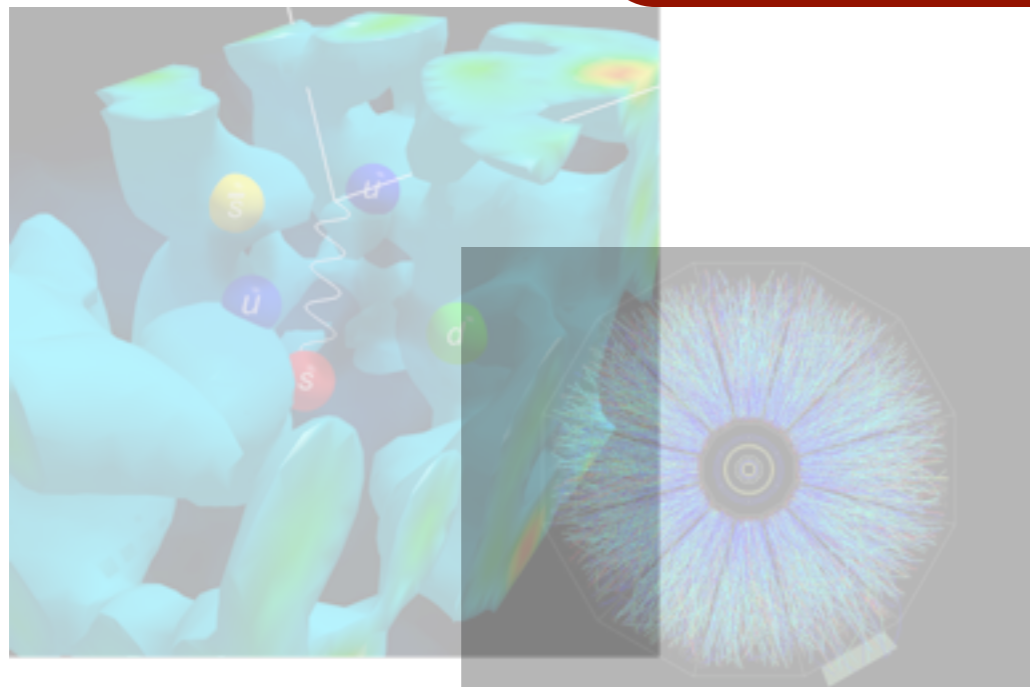


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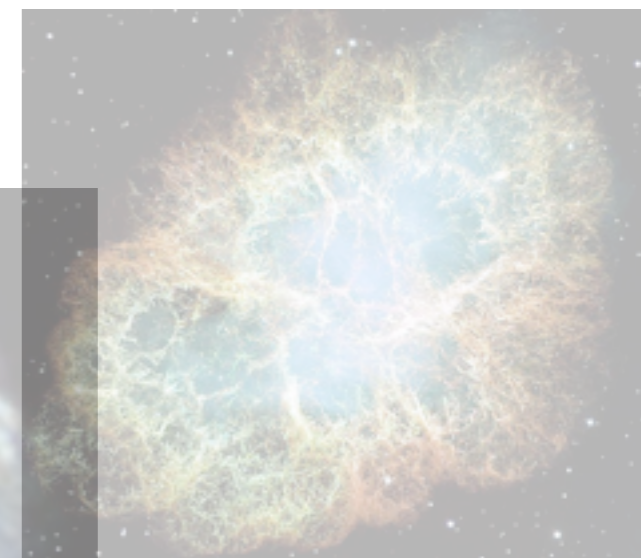
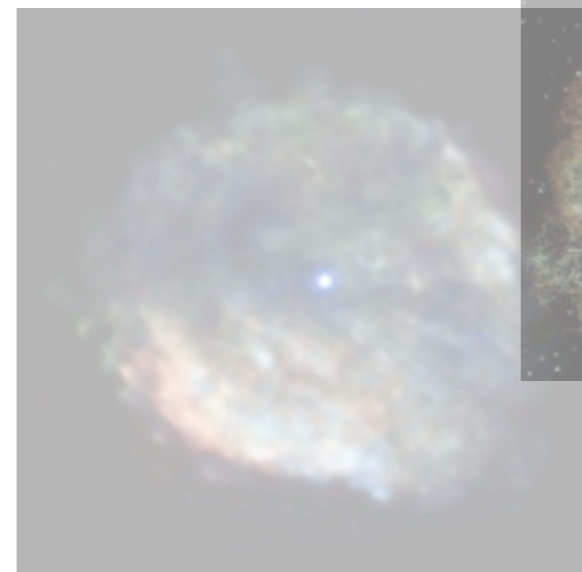


**Strongly correlated  
quantum many-body  
systems**

High-Energy Physics  
QCD, Low-Energy



Astrophysics  
(e.g., neutron stars)





# In all of these cases...

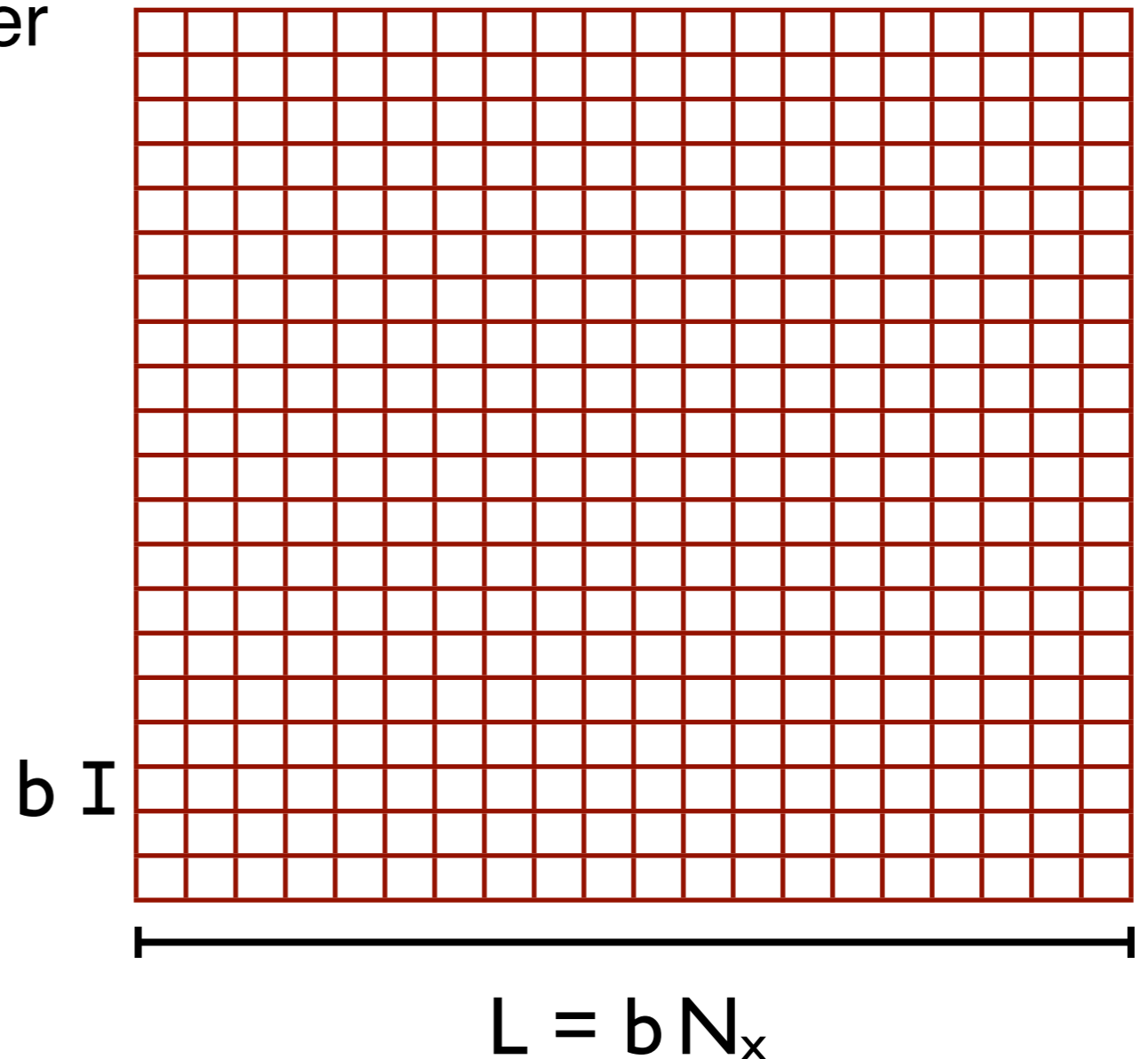
The lattice gives us a finite number of degrees of freedom.

Signal-to-noise issues aside, we can treat **any** problem *fully non-perturbatively*, taking complete account of fluctuations, quantum and thermal.

We pay the price in terms of systematic effects:

- Lattice spacing
- Lattice volume

(These are of course related!)



**Only systematic uncertainties left!**

**In particular...**

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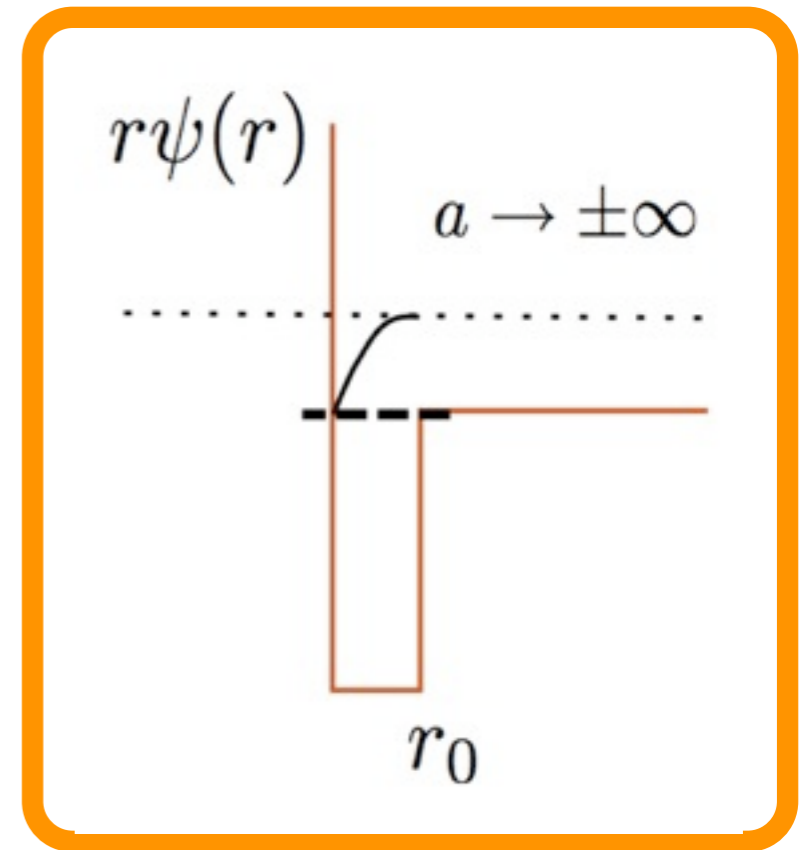
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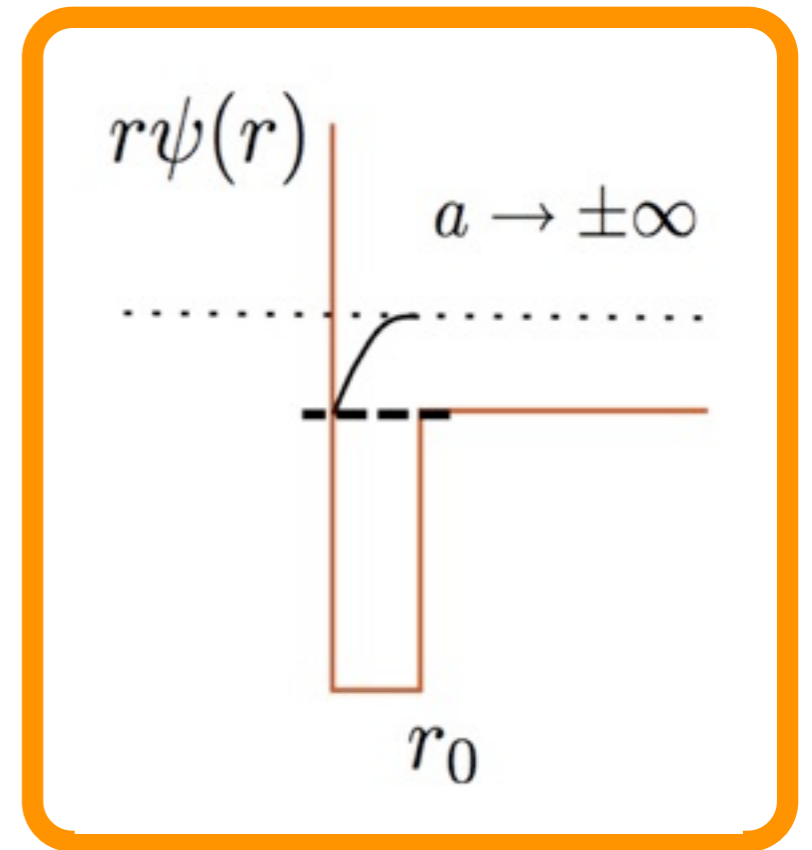
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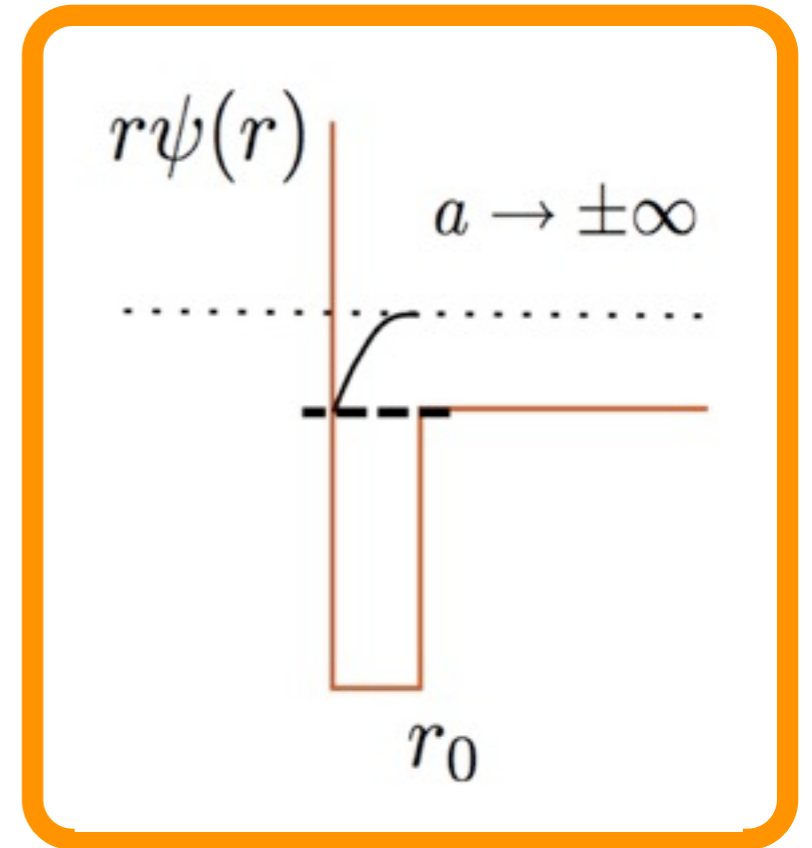
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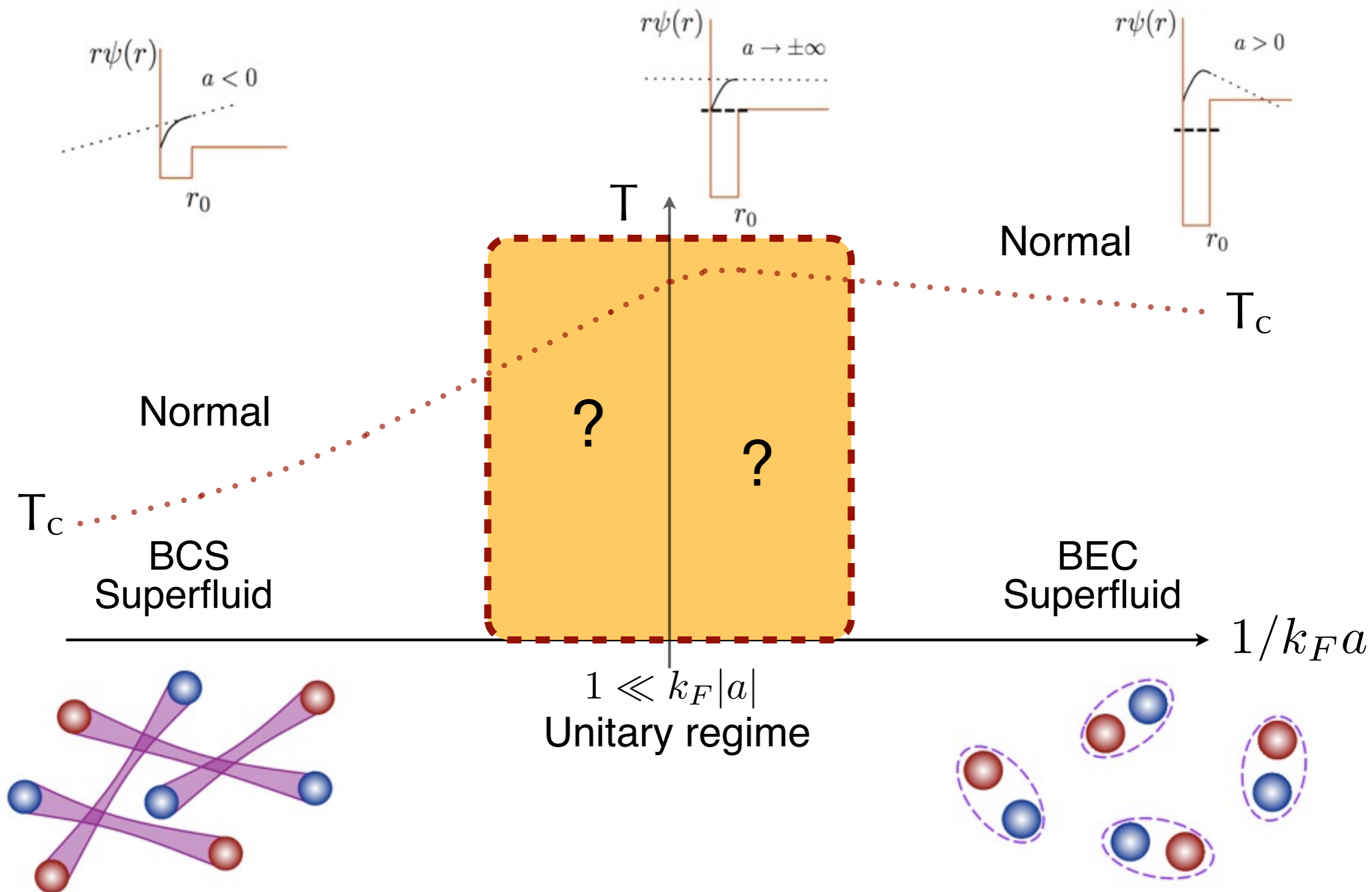
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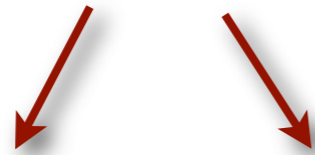
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# The BCS-BEC Crossover



# In the last few years...

- Advances in theory and experiment

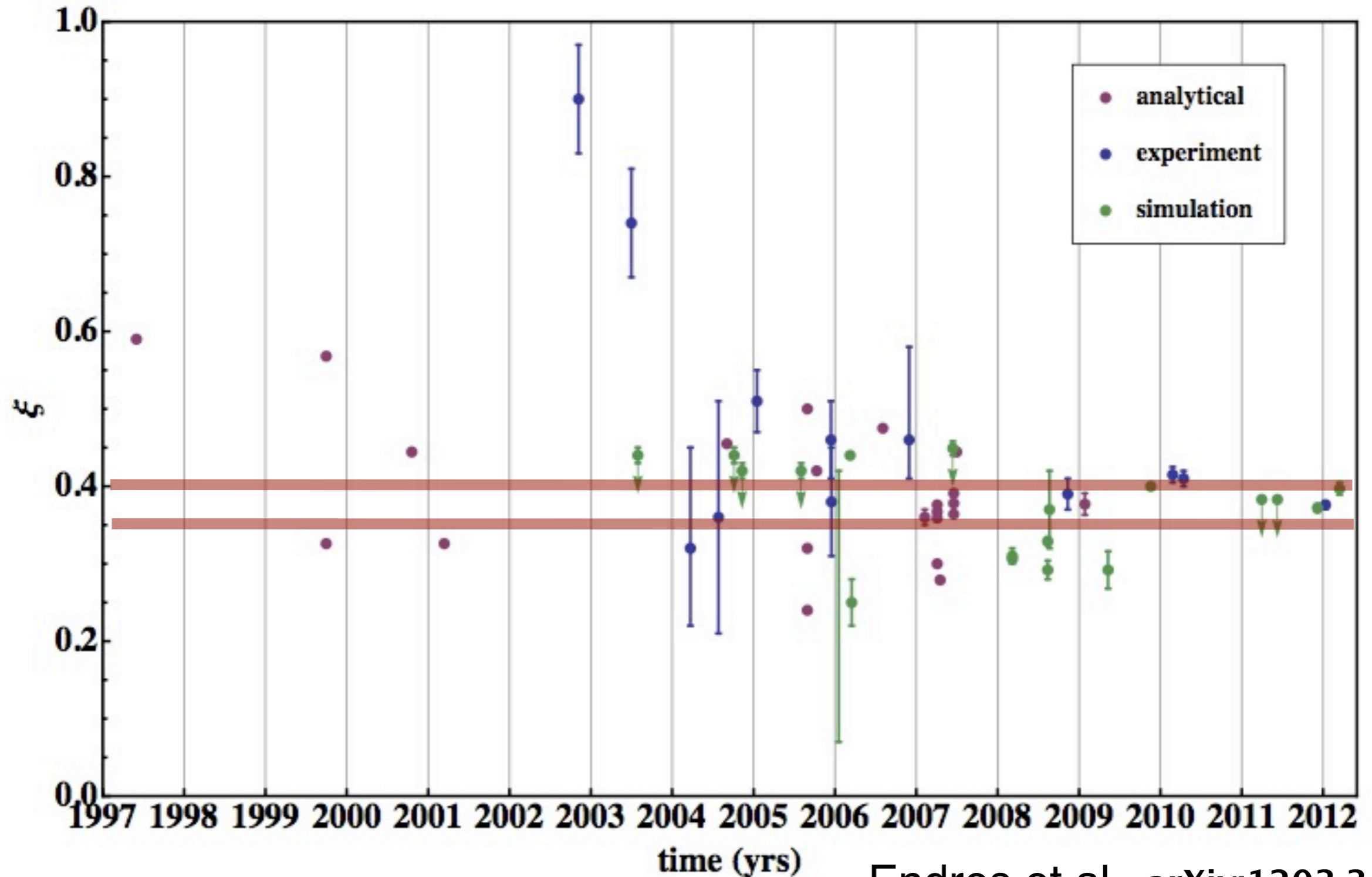


Analytic & numerical

- Energy & chemical potential (zero and finite T)
- Momentum distribution & contact
- Critical temperature
- Quasiparticle spectral properties
- Structure factor (static & dynamic)
- Virial coefficients
- Various susceptibilities
- ...

# Energy (ground state)

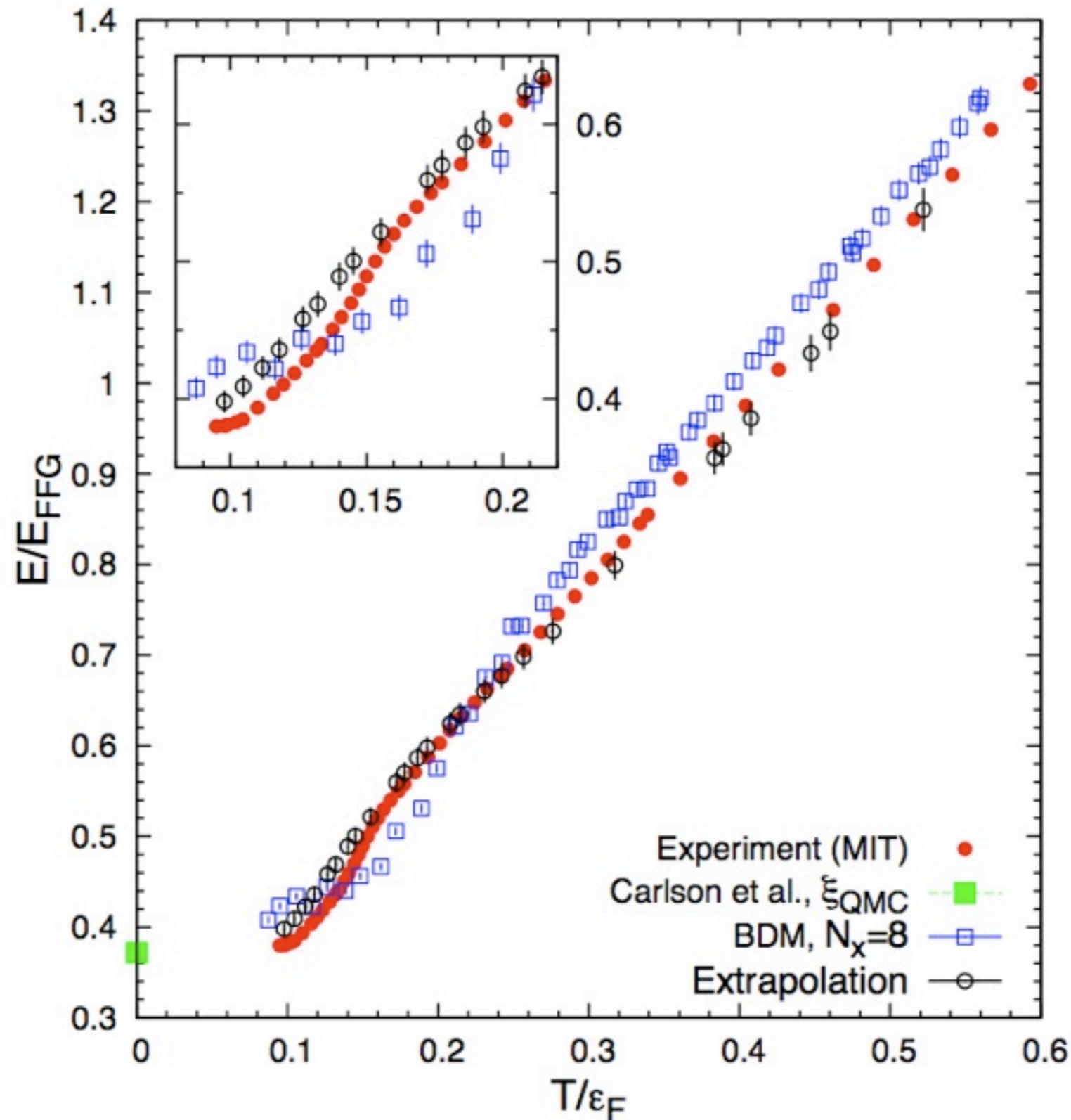
- Ground state energy per particle





# Energy (finite temperature)

- Finite T equation of state (theory & experiment)



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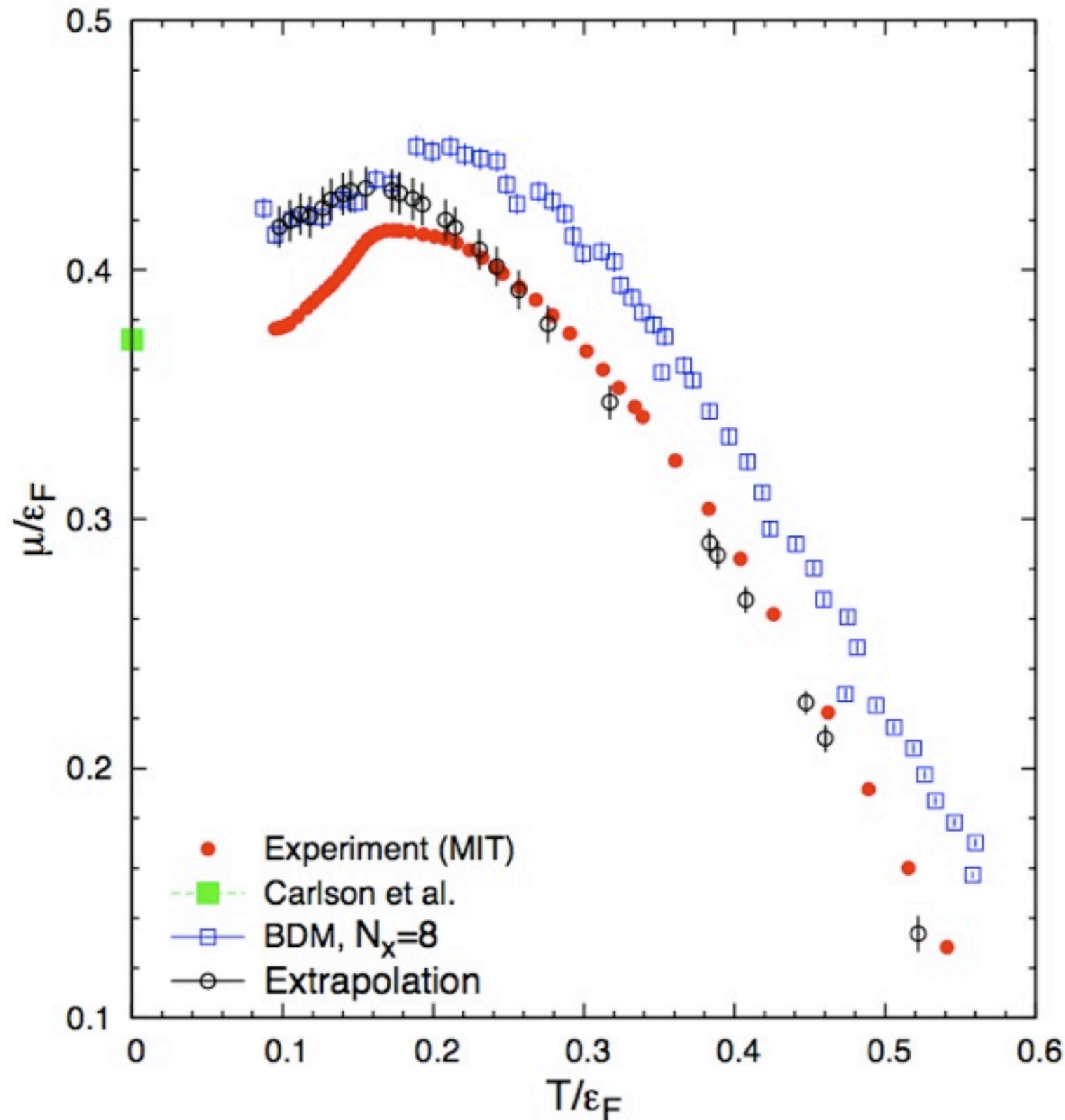
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# The Tan relations and the “contact”

- Momentum distribution tail

$$n_{\mathbf{k}} \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} C/k^4$$

S. Tan, Annals of Physics **323**, 2952 (2008).

E. Braaten and L. Platter,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **100**, 205301 (2008).

- Energy relation

$$T + U = \sum_{\sigma} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \left( n_{\sigma}(\mathbf{k}) - \frac{C}{k^4} \right) + \frac{\hbar^2}{4\pi m a} C$$

- Short distance density-density correlator

$$\langle n_1(\mathbf{R} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{r}) n_2(\mathbf{R} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{r}) \rangle \longrightarrow \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left( \frac{1}{r^2} - \frac{2}{ar} \right) C(\mathbf{R})$$

- Adiabatic relation

$$C = \frac{4\pi m a^2}{\hbar^2} \frac{d\mathcal{E}}{da}$$

- Pressure relation

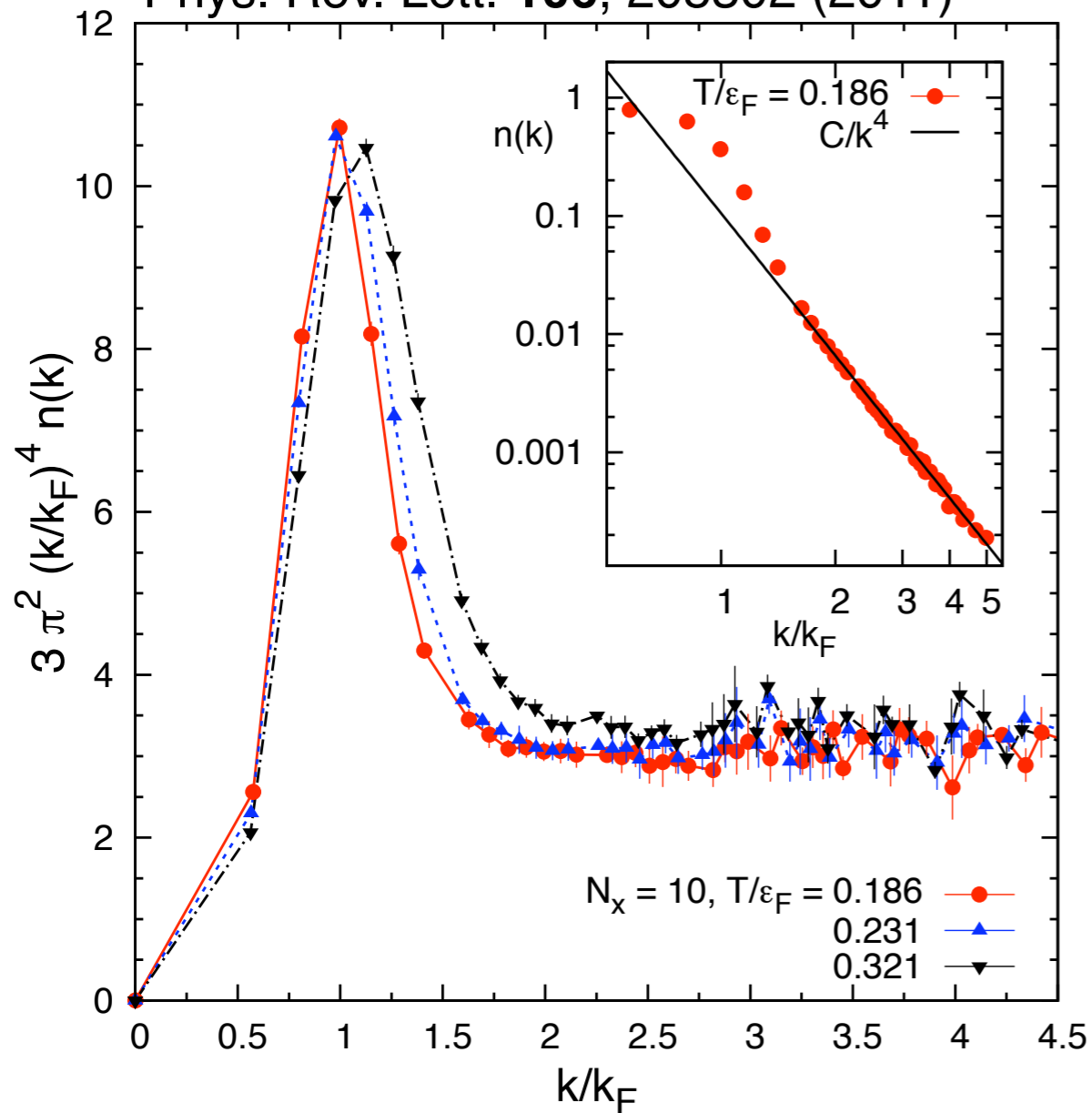
$$P = \frac{2\mathcal{E}}{3} + \frac{C}{12\pi m a}$$

# Momentum distribution & Contact

## Theory (lattice)

J. E. Drut, T. A. Lähde, T. Ten

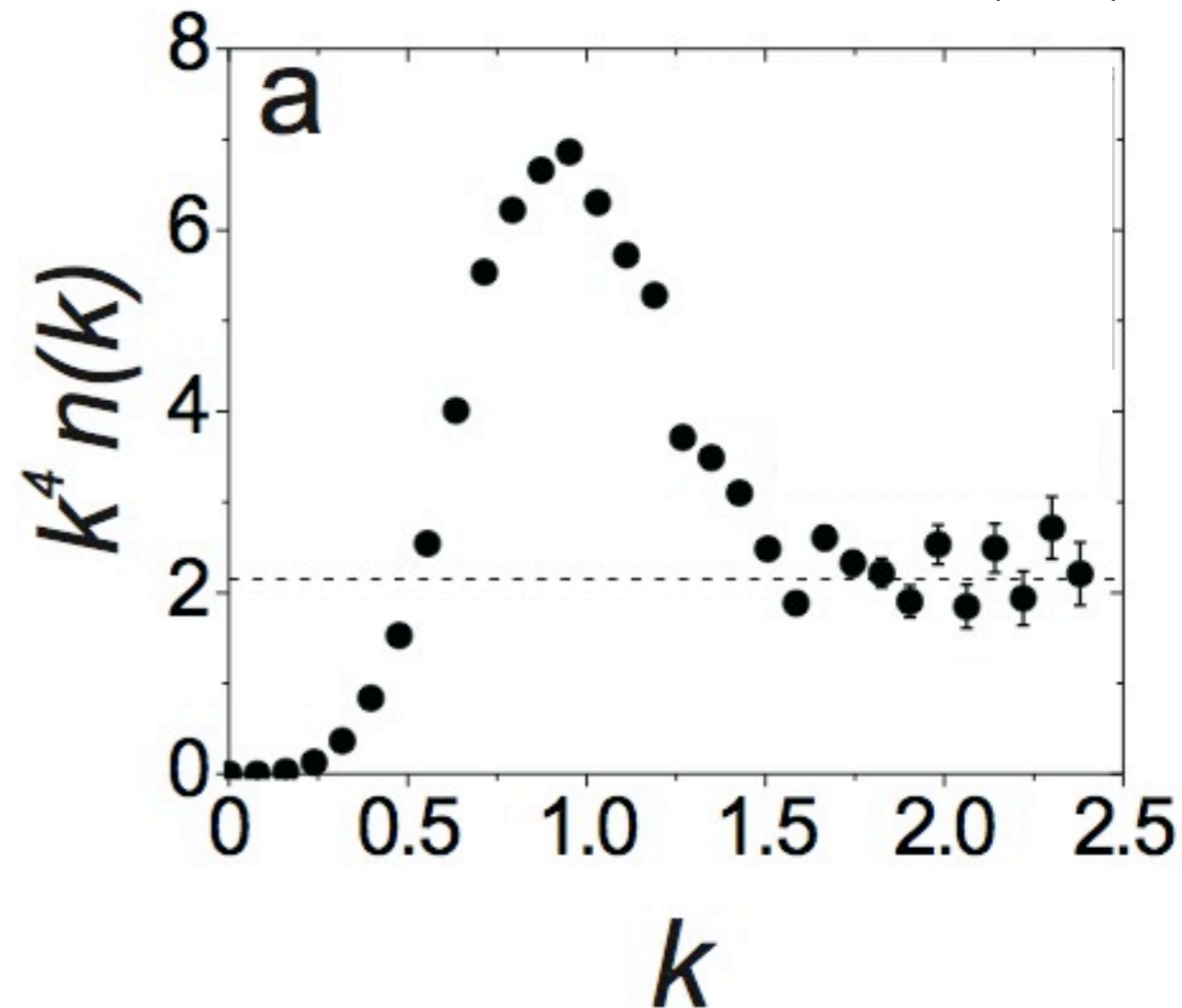
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## Experiment

J. T. Stewart et al

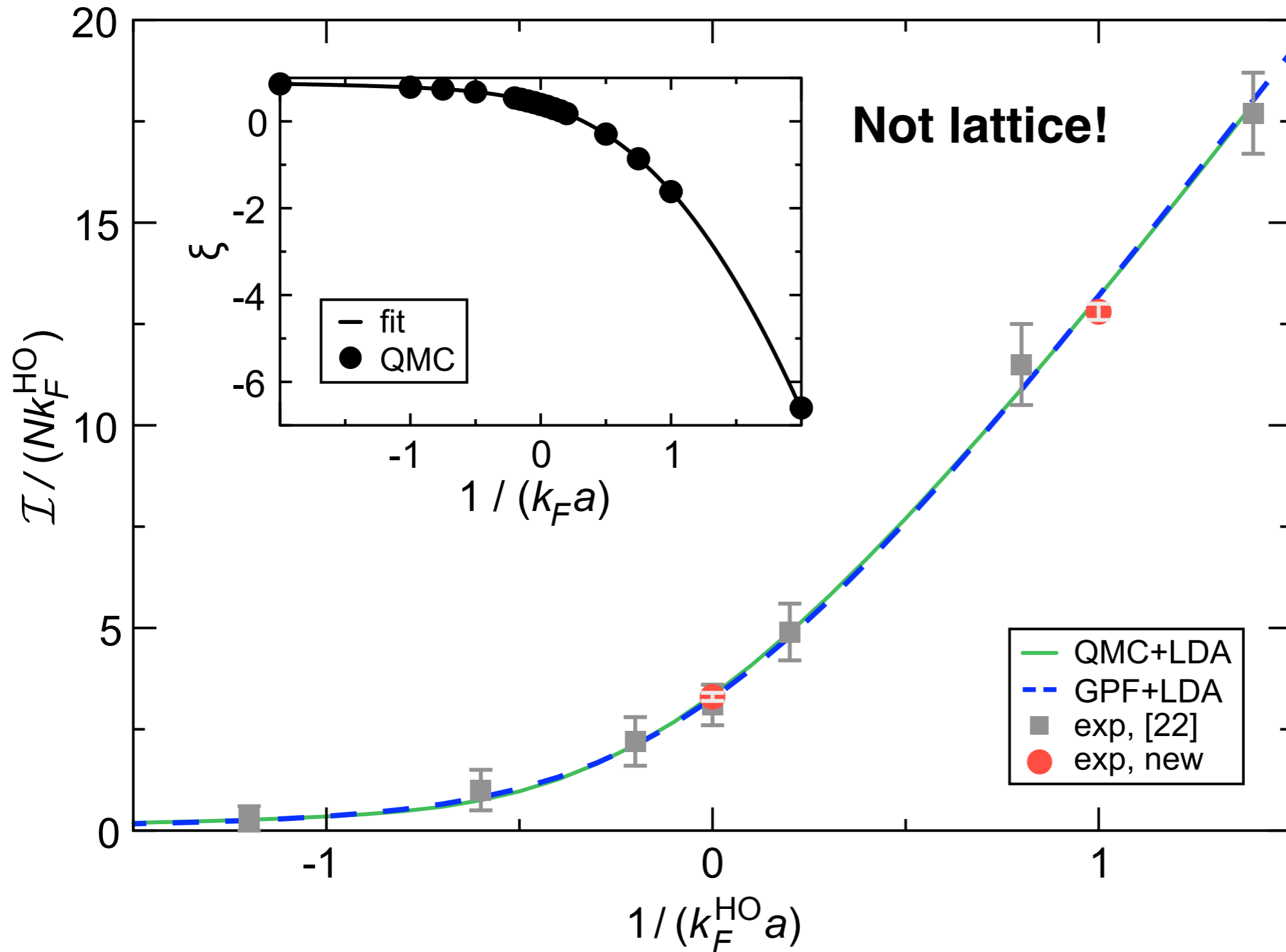
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●  $T/T_F = 0 - 0.5$      $k_F r_{\text{eff}} \simeq 0.3 - 0.5$

● Plateau seen both in **theory** and **experiment**!

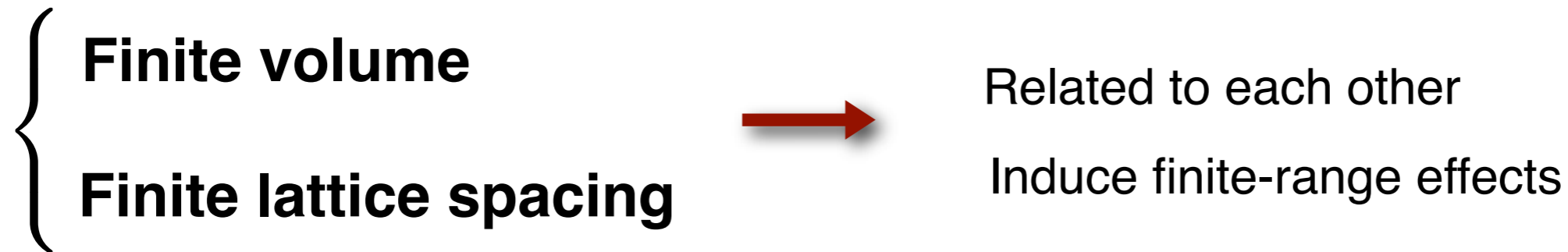
# Contact (ground state, in a trap)



How...

(...to deal with finite-range effects)

# Dealing with systematic effects



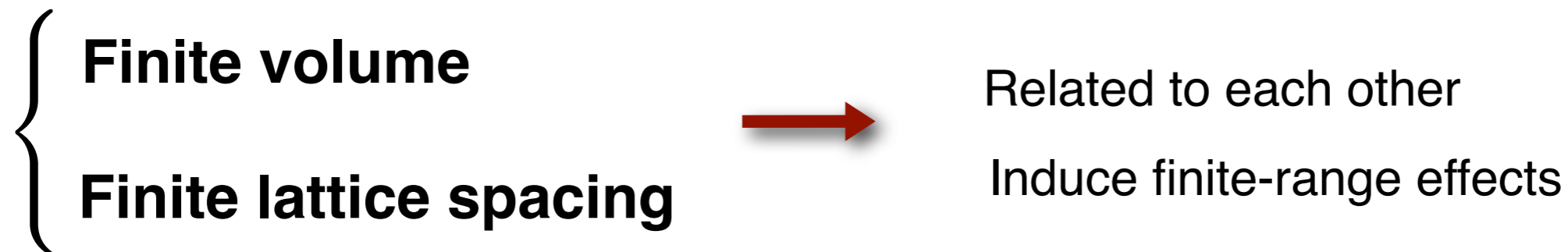
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→ **Can't do that with only one parameter!**

Effective range  
remains finite!

Point-like interaction

$$\hat{V} \equiv -g \sum_i \hat{n}_{\uparrow,i} \hat{n}_{\downarrow,i}$$

Transfer matrix

$$\mathcal{T} \equiv e^{-\tau \hat{H}} \simeq e^{-\frac{\tau \hat{T}}{2}} e^{-\tau \hat{V}} e^{-\frac{\tau \hat{T}}{2}} + O(\tau^2)$$



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→ We need a “richer” HS transformation

Endres et al.  
multiple papers.

Typically...

$$\mathcal{T} = \int \mathcal{D}\sigma \mathcal{T}_\uparrow[\sigma] \mathcal{T}_\downarrow[\sigma]$$

$$\mathcal{T}_s[\sigma] = e^{-\frac{\tau \hat{T}_s}{2}} \prod_i \left( 1 + \sqrt{A} \hat{n}_{s,i} \sin \sigma_i \right) e^{-\frac{\tau \hat{T}_s}{2}}$$

Now...

$$A(\mathbf{p}) = \sum_{n=0}^{N_{\mathcal{O}}-1} C_n \mathcal{O}_n(\mathbf{p})$$

How do we tune these  
coefficients?

$$\mathcal{O}_n(\mathbf{p}) = \left( 1 - e^{-\mathbf{p}^2} \right)^n$$

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(transfer matrices, actually)

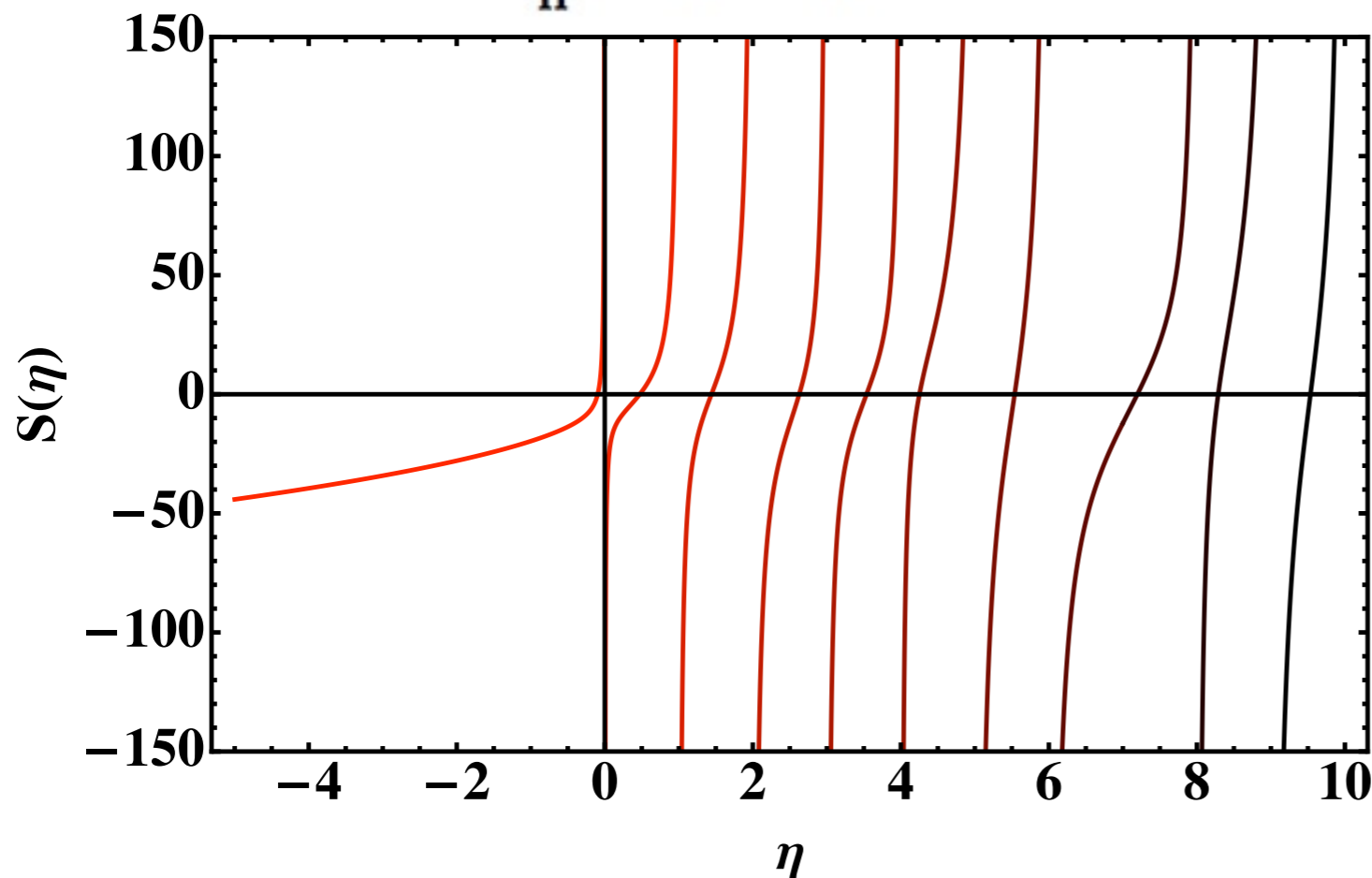
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s-wave phase shift

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in a box (no lattice)

$$\mathcal{S}(\eta) \equiv \lim_{\Lambda \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \frac{\Theta(\Lambda^2 - \mathbf{n}^2)}{\mathbf{n}^2 - \eta^2} - 4\pi\Lambda$$



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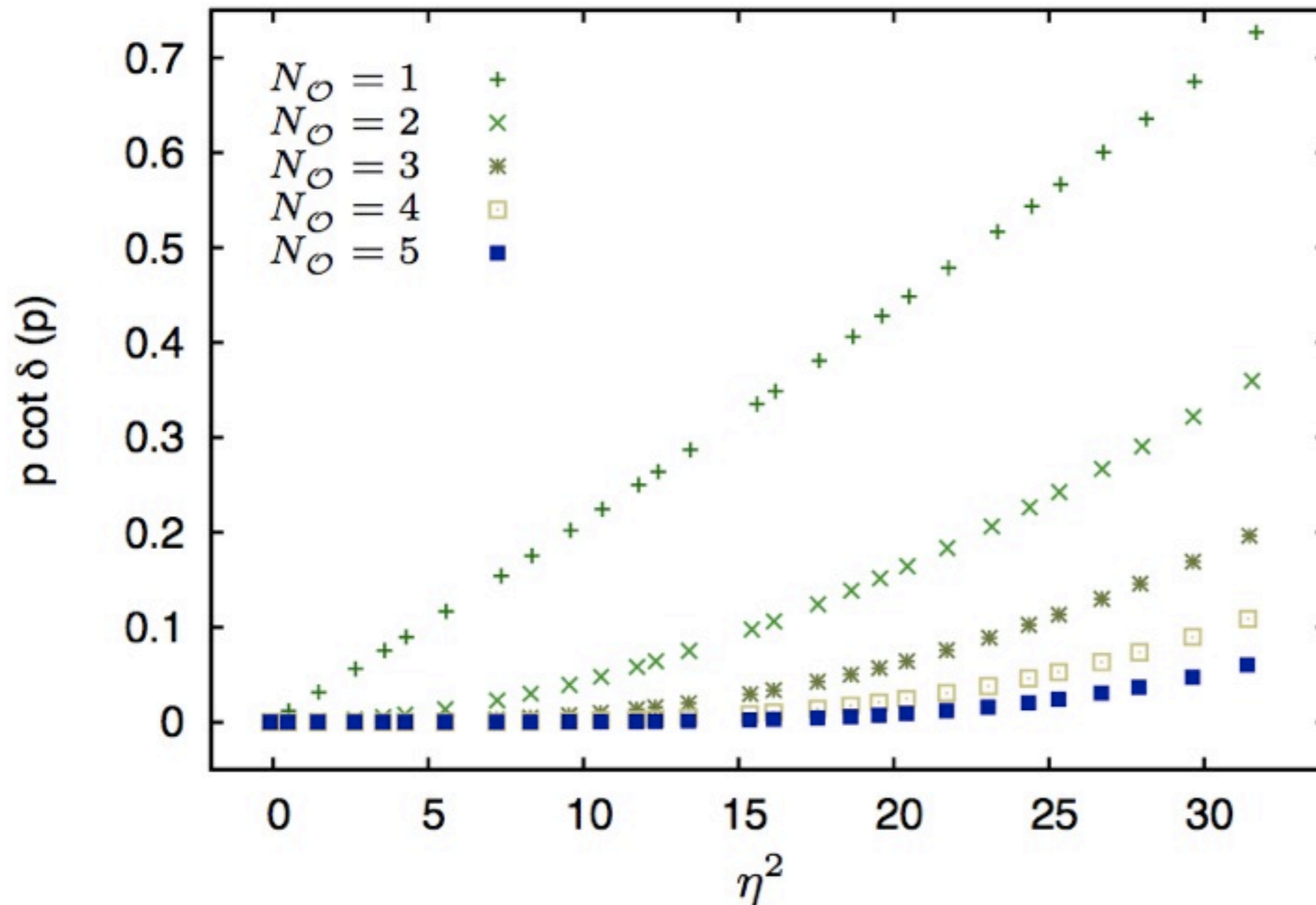
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1	0.68419	–	–	–	–
2	0.53153	0.07896	–	–	–
3	0.49278	0.04366	0.01807	–	–
4	0.47217	0.03711	0.00784	0.00467	–
5	0.45853	0.03331	0.00718	0.00132	0.00129

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PRA **86**, 013604 (2012)



How about operators?

# Dealing with systematic effects: energy

- Highly improved actions & operators

$$-\frac{\partial \log \mathcal{Z}}{\partial \beta} = E - \mu N.$$

$$-\frac{\partial \langle E | \mathcal{T}_2 | E \rangle}{\partial \tau} = \langle E | e^{-\frac{\tau p_r^2}{2m}} [K_2 + U_2] e^{-\frac{\tau q_r^2}{2m}} | E \rangle = E_2 \exp(-\tau E_2)$$

$$K_2 \equiv \left[ \frac{p_r^2}{2m} + \frac{q_r^2}{2m} \right] \left[ \delta_{\mathbf{p}_r \mathbf{q}_r} + \frac{A(\mathbf{p}_r)}{2V} \right]$$

$$U_2 \equiv -\frac{1}{2V} \frac{\partial A(\mathbf{p}_r)}{\partial \tau} = \frac{1}{2V} \sum_{n=0}^{N_{\max}-1} D_n \mathcal{O}_n(\mathbf{p}_r)$$

We need these for an improved Hamiltonian operator!

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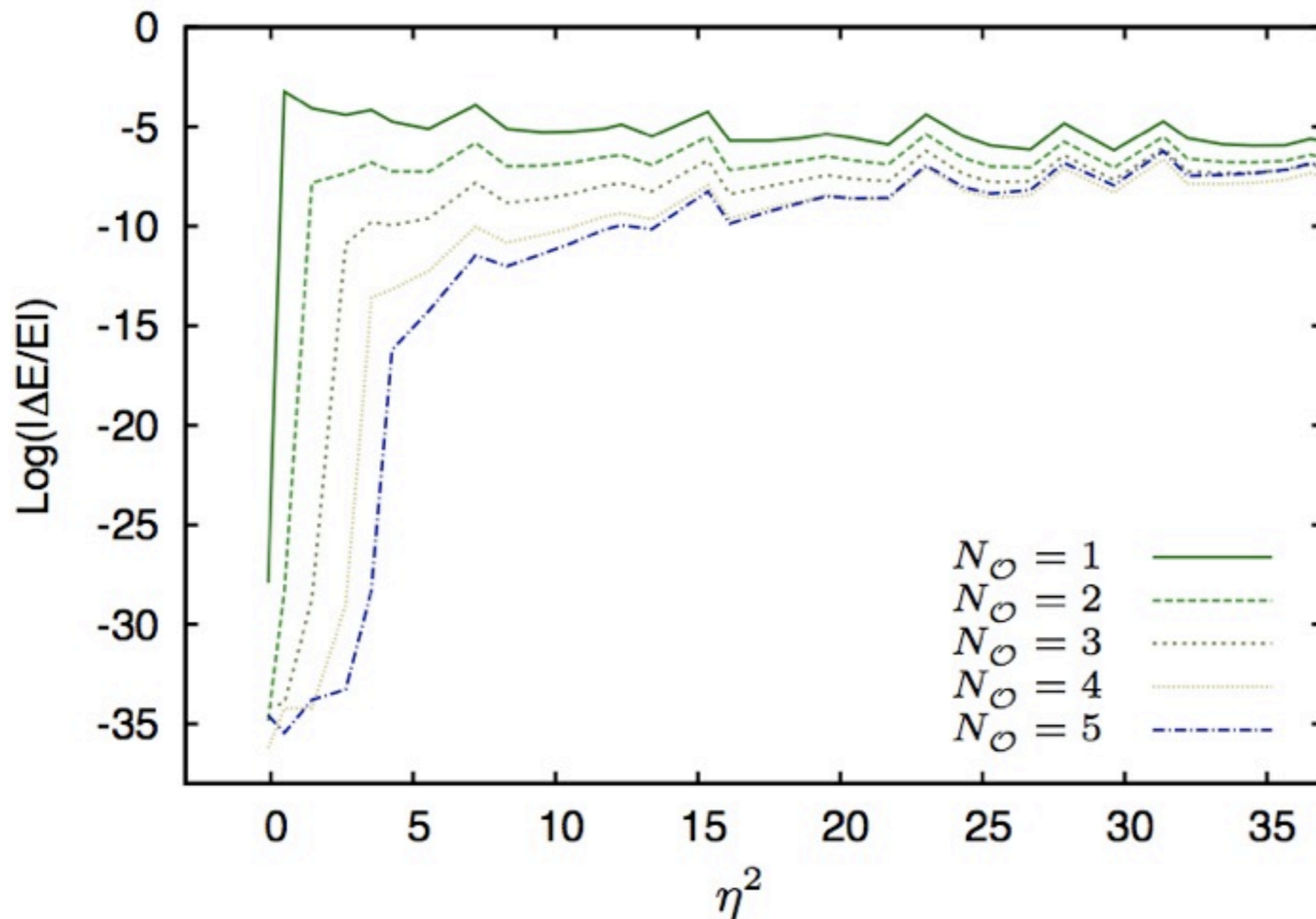
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2	-11.54894	-1.74519	—	—	—
3	-10.74506	-0.96946	-0.40164	—	—
4	-10.31974	-0.82605	-0.17494	-0.10404	—
5	-10.03874	-0.74266	-0.16064	0.02948	-0.02878

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# A more direct way to the contact...

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In both cases we need

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{T}_2^{\text{exact}}}{\partial a^{-1}} = -\tau \frac{\partial E_2}{\partial a^{-1}} \exp(-\tau E_2)$$

$$\frac{\partial E_2}{\partial a^{-1}} = -\frac{4\pi^3}{L} \left( \frac{d\mathcal{S}}{d\eta^2} \right)^{-1}$$

# Roots, etc...

TABLE IV. First 30 roots of  $\mathcal{S}(\eta)$ , and  $d\mathcal{S}/d\eta^2$  evaluated at those roots.

$k$	$\eta_k^2$	$d\mathcal{S}/d\eta_k^2$
1	-0.0959007	123.82387
2	0.4728943	39.75514
3	1.4415913	82.36519
4	2.6270076	106.24712
5	3.5366199	84.23133
6	4.2517060	161.88763
7	5.5377008	212.49220
8	7.1962632	62.95336
9	8.2879537	231.79580
10	9.5345314	247.82611
11	10.5505341	233.82976
12	11.7014957	185.61411
13	12.3102392	183.65019
14	13.3831152	316.68684
15	15.3537375	82.86757
16	16.1218253	506.59914
17	17.5325415	371.40245
18	18.6053932	308.00372
19	19.5186394	255.97969
20	20.4033187	329.98905
21	21.6944179	394.81924
22	23.0194727	94.98929
23	24.3306210	342.25749
24	25.3016129	526.27127
25	26.6803600	514.90705
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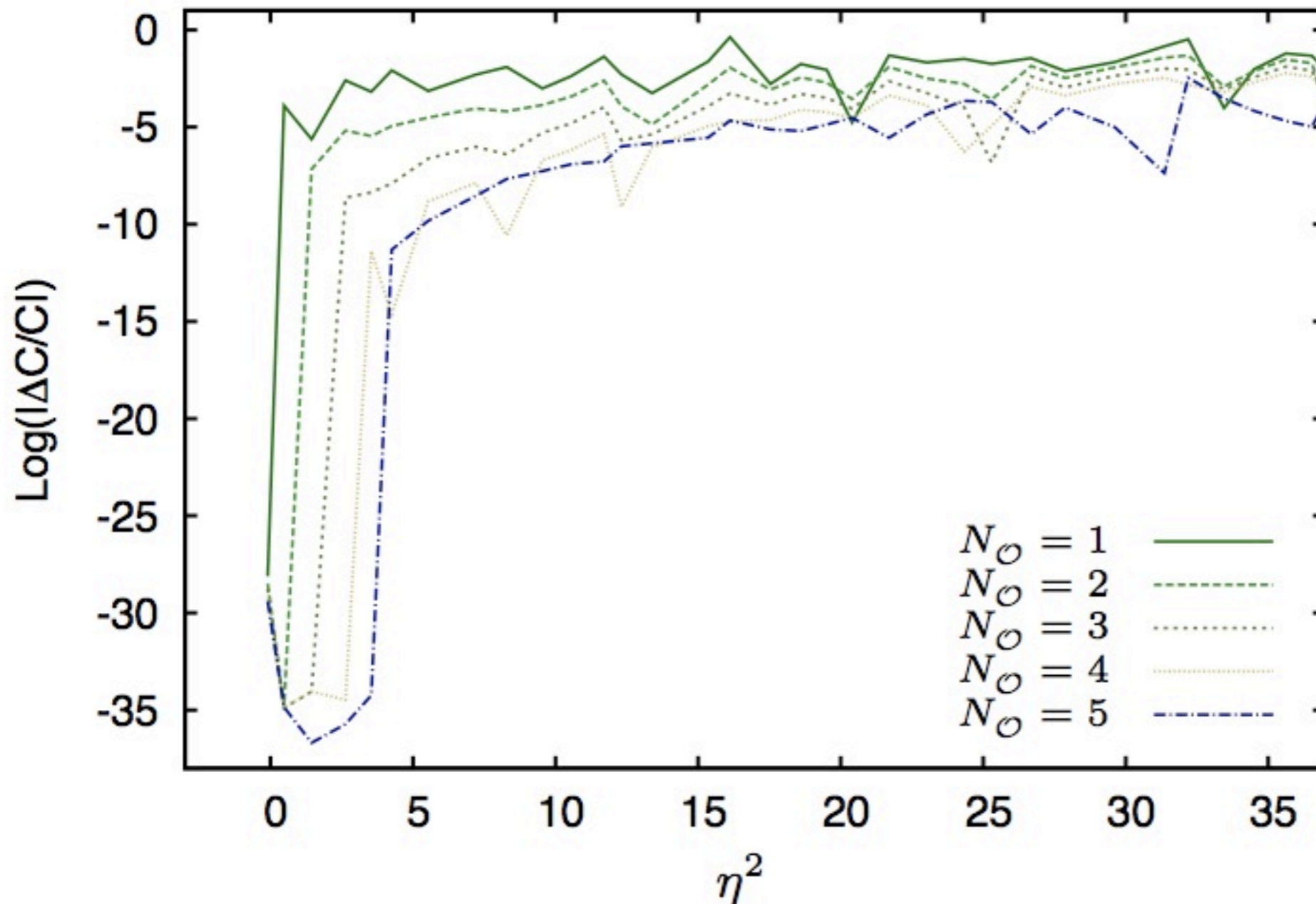
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3	0.11370	0.02220	0.01957	—	—
4	0.09659	0.01695	0.00415	0.00538	—
5	0.08205	0.01278	0.00406	-0.00023	0.00180

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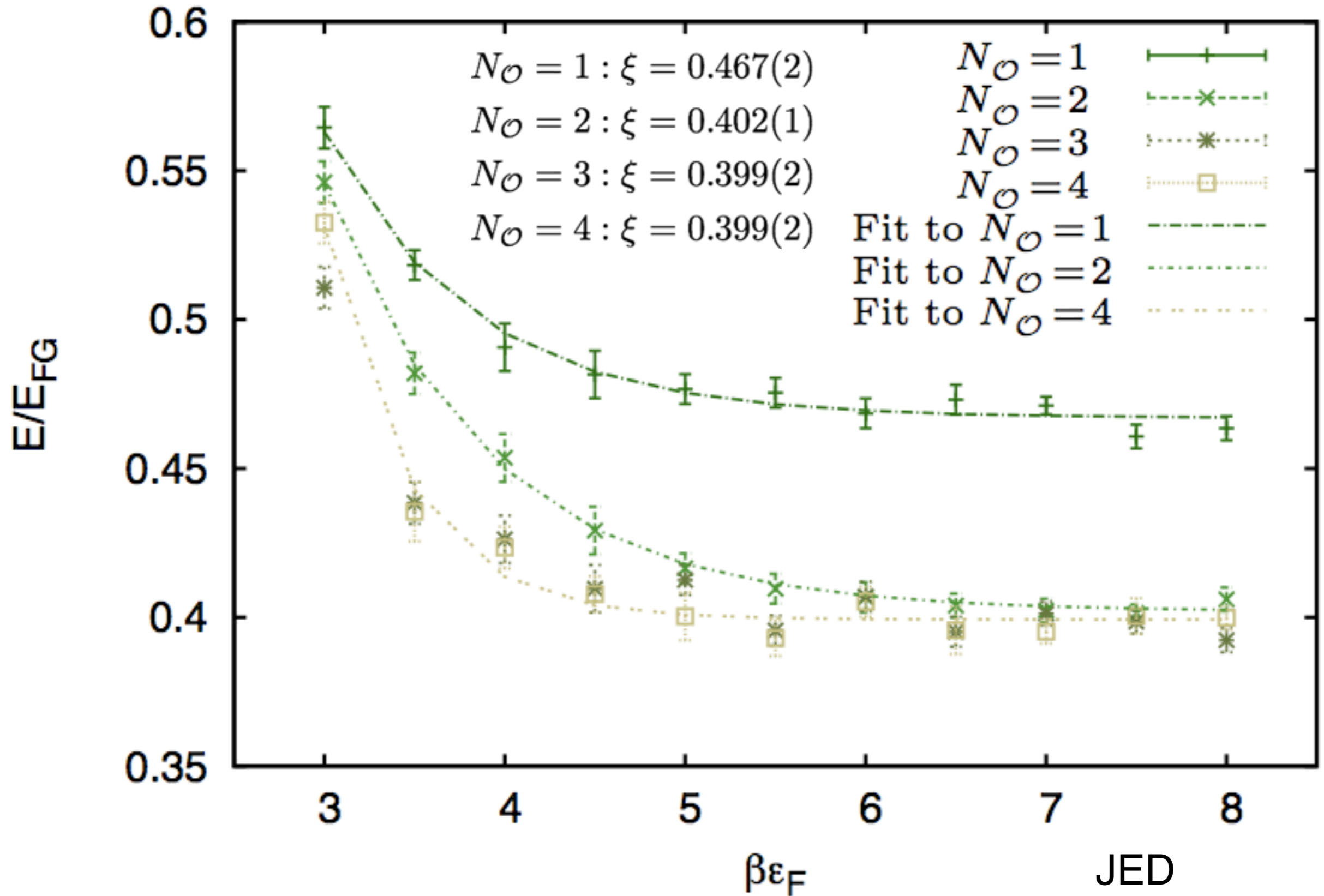
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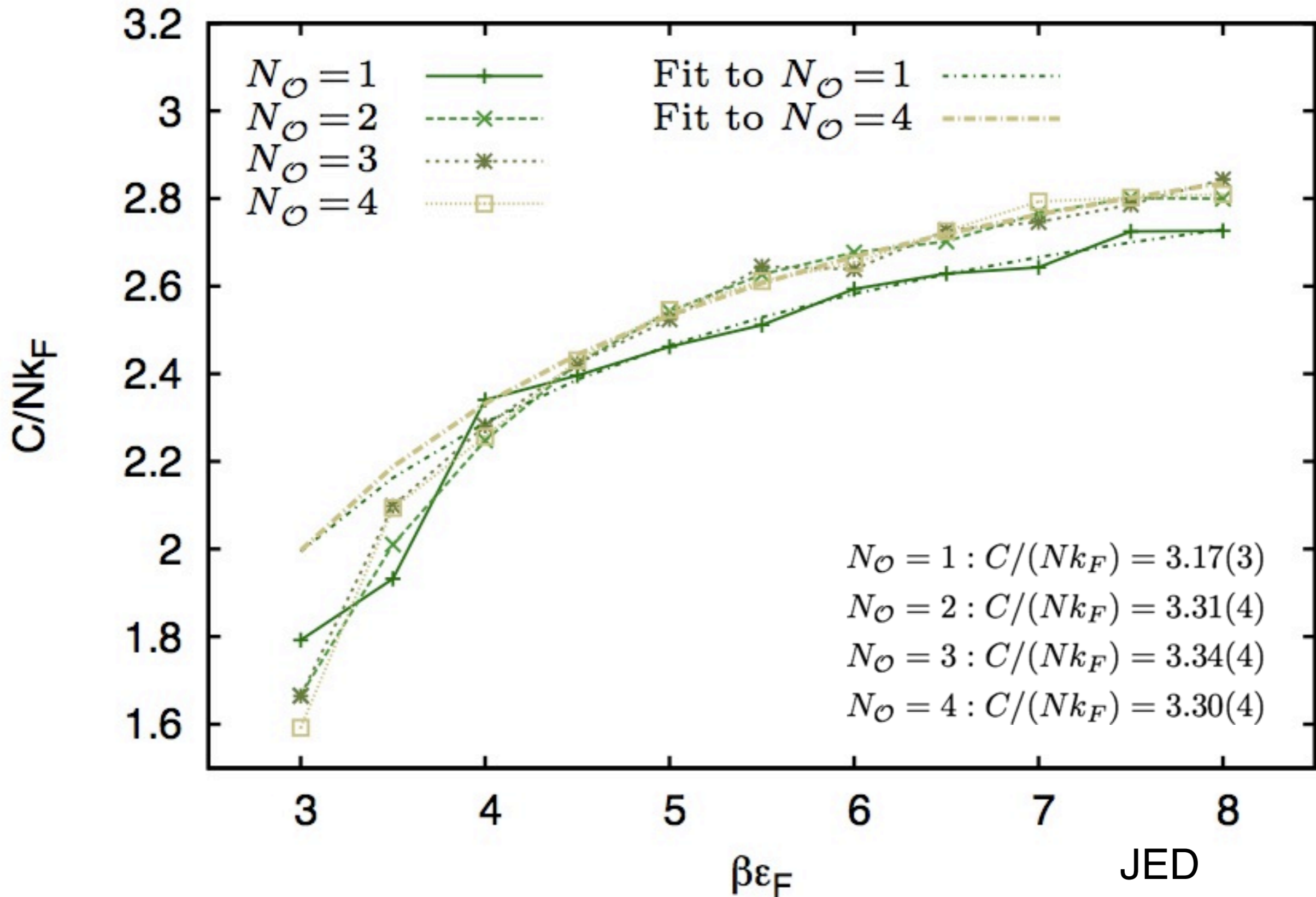
# Illustrative results

- Lattice transfer-matrix approach for ground-state calculations
- Only use one lattice size:  $N_x = 10$
- Starting wavefunction: single free-particle Slater determinant.
- Sampling via Hybrid Monte Carlo (about 500 field configurations)

# Illustrative results: Energy (ground state)



# Illustrative results: Contact (ground state)



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# Extrapolations

$$\mathcal{Z}_0(\beta) = \sum_k A_k e^{-\beta E_k} \quad A_k \equiv |\langle \psi_0 | E_k \rangle|^2$$

- Energy

$$E(\beta) \equiv -\frac{\partial \log \mathcal{Z}_0(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \rightarrow E_0 + b_E e^{-\beta \delta}$$

$$b_E = \frac{A_1}{A_0} (E_1 - E_0) \quad \delta = E_1 - E_0$$

- Contact

$$C(\beta) \equiv \frac{4\pi m}{\hbar^2 \beta} \frac{\partial \log \mathcal{Z}_0(\beta)}{\partial a^{-1}} \rightarrow C_0 + b_{C1} \beta^{-1} + b_{C2} e^{-\beta \delta}$$

$$b_{C1} = \frac{4\pi m}{\hbar^2} \frac{\partial \log A_0}{\partial a^{-1}},$$

$$b_{C2} = -\frac{4\pi m}{\hbar^2} \frac{A_1}{A_0} \left( \frac{\partial E_1}{\partial a^{-1}} - \frac{\partial E_0}{\partial a^{-1}} \right)$$

# Summary & Conclusions

- There is a natural way to extend the improvement of actions to improve also operators.
- It seems clear that using improved actions **and** operators does help in bringing lattice calculations closer to the continuum limit.
- Not unexpected: the impact of improvement is observable-dependent.
- The next step is to use all this at finite temperature. However, some testing remains to be done:
  - Does it help to tune **every other** Lüscher eigenvalue?
  - How about tuning using **virial coefficients**? (à la Lee-Schäfer)
- We are reassessing our previous calculations in the light of new ones done with these new tools.
- We are simultaneously pursuing the calculation of response functions (specific heat, compressibility, susceptibility, viscosities).

**Thank you!**



# What do we know so far?

- Growth at low T
- Decrease at high T
- Maximum around  $T \cong 0.4T_F$
- Finite density effects?
- What happens in the crossover?

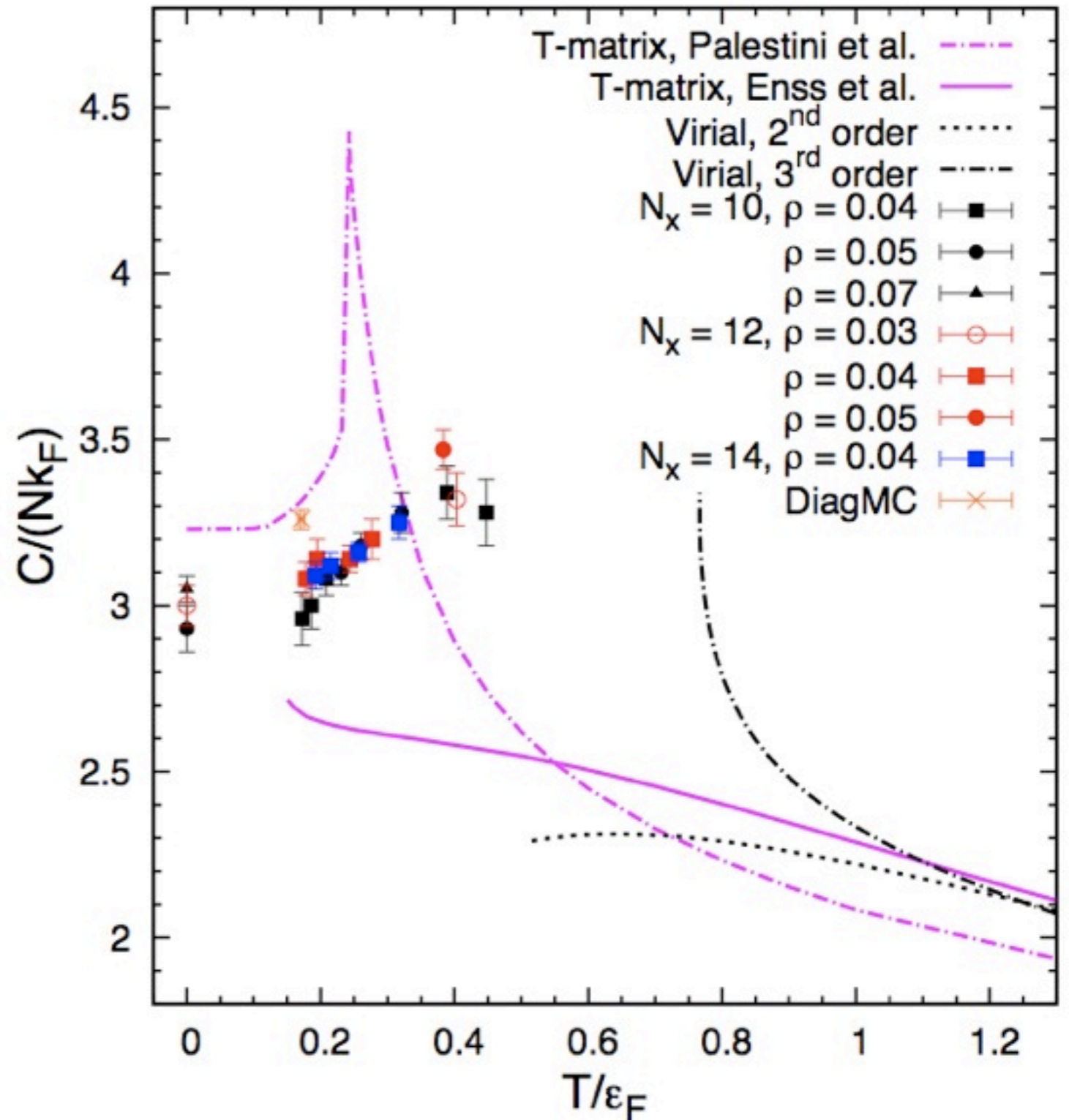
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