

Composite particles in medium - effects of substructure

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Abstract

The role of phase space occupation effects for the formation of two- and three-particle bound states in a dense medium is investigated within an algebraic approach suitable for systems with short-range interactions. While for two-fermion bound states due to Pauli blocking in a dense medium the binding energy is reduced and vanishes at a critical density (Mott effect), for three-fermion bound states it is shown that within a Faddeev approach the Bose enhancement of fermion pairs can partially compensate the Pauli blocking between the fermions. Therefore, three-fermion bound states in a medium can exist as Borromean states beyond the Mott density of the two-fermion bound state.

The Lipkin Model for Composite Bosons

Introduction of composite boson operators (deuterons as nucleon pairs [1])

$$\langle R, r | D, 2K \rangle = e^{2iKR} \phi(r) = \sum_q g_q e^{i(K+q)r_1} e^{i(K-q)r_2} \quad (1)$$

$$D_{2K}^\dagger = \sum_q g_q a_{(K+q)\uparrow}^\dagger a_{(K-q)\downarrow}^\dagger, \quad D_{2K} = \sum_q g_q a_{(K-q)\downarrow} a_{(K+q)\uparrow} \quad (2)$$

$$[D_{2K'}, D_{2K}^\dagger] = \delta_{KK'} - \Delta_{KK'} \quad (3)$$

$$\Delta_{KK'} = \sum_q g_q \{ g_{(K'-K+q)} a_{(2K-K'-q)\downarrow}^\dagger a_{(K'-q)\downarrow} + g_{(K'-K-q)} a_{(2K-K'+q)\uparrow}^\dagger a_{(K'+q)\uparrow} \}$$

$$\Delta_{KK} = \sum_q g_{K-q}^2 n_{q\downarrow} + g_{q-K}^2 n_{q\uparrow} \quad (4)$$

m Deuteron State

The interaction could be developed within the quasi-spin formalism. That allows the calculation of multi particle states. Now it is only a small step to calculate the result of $V = -\epsilon_D D_{2K} D_{2K}^\dagger$, acting on the m - deuteron state

$$V (D_{2K}^\dagger)^m |0\rangle = -(\epsilon_D/\Omega) \left(\frac{\Omega}{2} \left(\frac{\Omega}{2} + 1 \right) - \left(\frac{2m - \Omega}{2} \right)^2 + \frac{2m - \Omega}{2} \right) (D_{2K}^\dagger)^m |0\rangle \quad (5)$$

$$= -m\epsilon_D \left(1 - \frac{m-1}{\Omega} \right) (D_{2K}^\dagger)^m |0\rangle \quad (6)$$

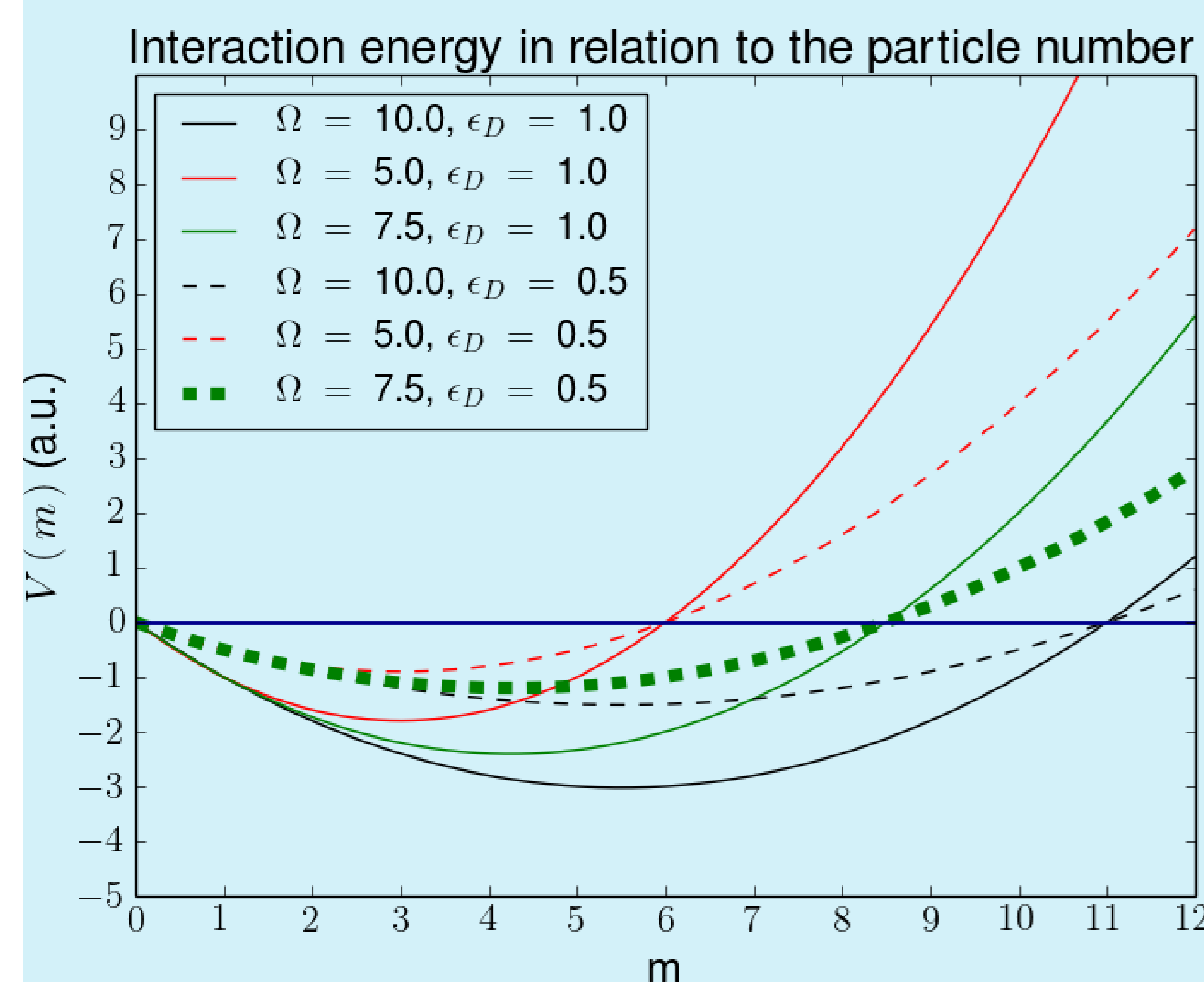


Fig. 1: The figure shows how Bose enhancement evolves with growing particle density and then the Pauli blocking takes over.

Composite Baryon Model

Baryon composed by fermionic (a^\dagger) and bosonic (b^\dagger) creation operators for quarks and diquarks, resp.

$$N_K^\dagger = \sum_q g_q a_{\frac{K}{2}+q}^\dagger b_{\frac{K}{2}-q}^\dagger, \quad N_K = \sum_q g_q b_{\frac{K}{2}-q} a_{\frac{K}{2}+q} \quad (7)$$

$$[N_{K'}, N_K^\dagger] = \delta_{K,K'} + \Delta_{K,K'} \quad (8)$$

$$\Delta_{K,K'} = \sum_q g_q \left(g_{\frac{K-K'}{2}-q} b_{K-\frac{K'}{2}-q}^\dagger b_{\frac{K}{2}-q}^\dagger - g_{\frac{K-K'}{2}+q} a_{K-\frac{K'}{2}+q}^\dagger a_{\frac{K}{2}+q} \right) \quad (9)$$

The next step is to calculate multi particle states. It is possible to write down quasi spin operators like in the case of bosons, see Blaizot [2]. Phase space occupation factors as in PNJL model [3] show partial compensation of Pauli blocking and Bose enhancement \rightarrow baryon bound even when diquarks unbound (borromean state).

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N-particle T-matrix in ladder approximation

$$T_N = V_N G_N^0 T_N = \frac{V_N}{1 - V_N G_N^0} \quad (10)$$

two-particle propagator

$$G_2^0(\Omega, e_1, e_2) = \sum_{\omega_1} \frac{1}{\omega_1 - e_1 \Omega - \omega_1 - e_2} = \frac{(1-f_1)(1-f_2) - f_1 f_2}{\Omega - e_1 - e_2} \quad (11)$$

three-particle propagator

$$G_3^0(\Omega, e_1, e_2, e_3) = \sum_{\omega_1 \omega_2} \frac{1}{\omega_1 - e_1 \omega_2 - e_2 \Omega - \omega_1 - \omega_2 - e_3} = \frac{(1-f_1)(1-f_2)(1-f_3) + f_1 f_2 f_3}{\Omega - e_1 - e_2 - e_3} \quad (12)$$

Evaluation of the numerator in G_2^0 for $f = 1/2$ lead to zero. In case of G_3^0 one could discuss the influence of the pairing terms.

$$Q_2^{\text{ladder}} = 1 - f_1 - f_2 \quad (13)$$

$$Q_2^{\text{brueckner}} = (1-f_1)(1-f_2) = 1 - f_1 - f_2 + f_1 f_2 \quad (14)$$

$$Q_3^{\text{linear approx}} = 1 - f_1 - f_2 - f_3 \quad (15)$$

$$Q_3^{\text{ladder}} = 1 - f_1 - f_2 - f_3 + f_1 f_2 + f_2 f_3 + f_1 f_3 \quad (16)$$

$$Q_3^{\text{fermi-bose}} = \frac{1}{3}(1-f_1 + g_{23}) + \frac{1}{3}(1-f_2 + g_{13}) + \frac{1}{3}(1-f_3 + g_{23}) \quad (17)$$

f_i	g_{ij}	Q_2^{ladder}	$Q_2^{\text{brueckner}}$	$Q_3^{\text{linear approx.}}$	Q_3^{ladder}	$Q_3^{\text{fermi-bose}}$
0	0	1	1	1	1	1
0.5	0	0	0.25	-0.5	0.25	1.5 borromean
0.5	0.5	0	0.25	-0.5	0.25	2.25 borromean

This is consistent with the introduction of 3 particle momenta and the numerical evaluation of the Pauli blocking operators

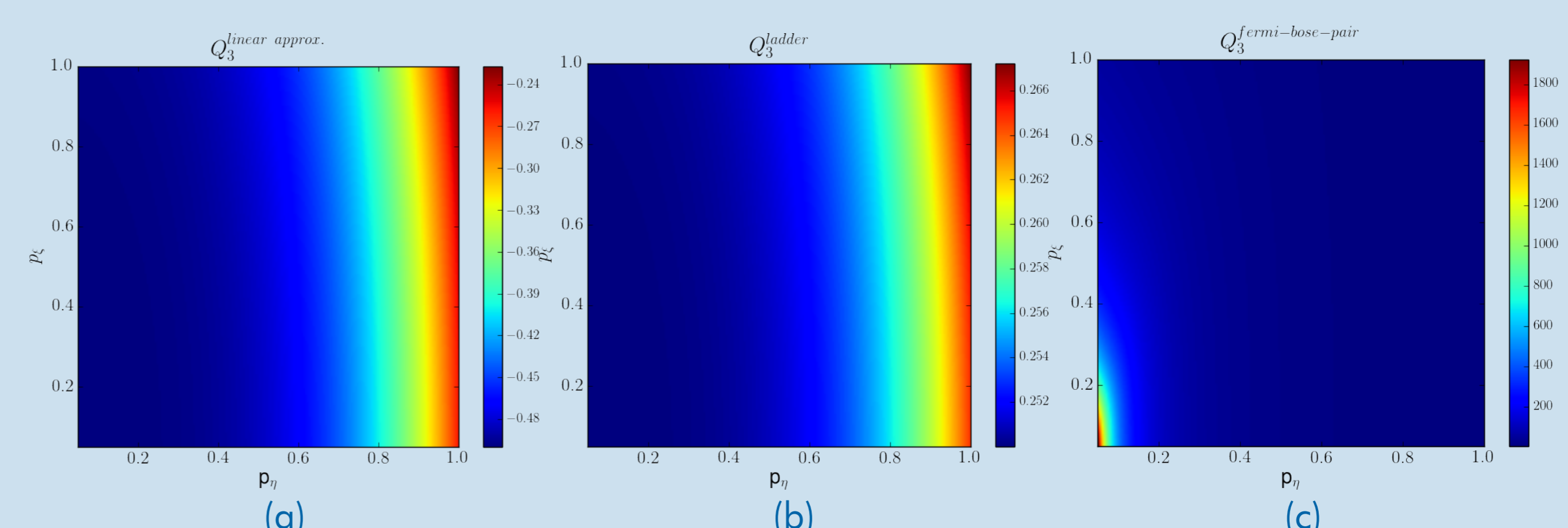


Fig. 2: Comparison of the different Pauli blocking operators $Q_3^{\text{linear approx.}}$, Q_3^{ladder} and $Q_3^{\text{fermi-bose}}$ were one gets a similar distribution for $Q_3^{\text{linear approx.}}$ and Q_3^{ladder} . Nevertheless there is a fundamental difference because values and especially the sign changes. In case of $Q_3^{\text{fermi-bose-pair}}$ one can see the region, where bosons form a condensate.

- Including ladder term changes sign
- Borromean three particle bound state possible while two particle state unbound.

Summary

- two-fermion bound states: Pauli blocking leads to Mott dissociation
- three-fermion (or fermion-boson) bound states can be stable while no two-fermion bound state possible under same conditions
- nucleon as in-medium Borromean state \rightarrow quarkyonic phase

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