

# THEORETICAL PHYSICS

## Swift state-of-the-art calculations of the 2D Electron Liquid in the Hyper-Netted-Chain Theory



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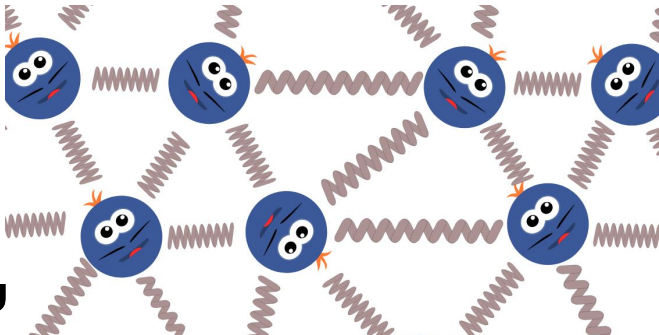
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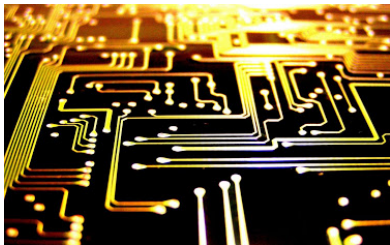
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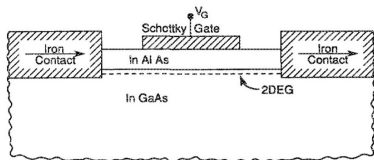
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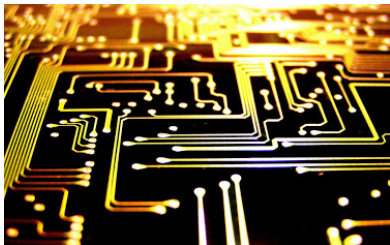


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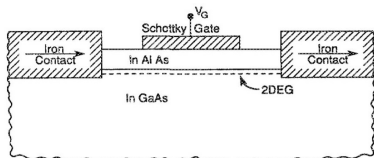




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- applications in spintronics
- spin transistor of Datta and Das, **Applied Physics Letters** (1990)



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**kinetic energy, potential energy, total energy, pressure, compressibility etc.**

# Important Functions

## Pair Distribution Function $g(r)$

normalised probability density of finding two particles a distance  $r$  apart


## Structure Factor $S(k)$

measurable in elastic scattering experiments  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \propto S(k)$

2D Electron Liquid

$g(r)$ :

$S(k)$ :



## Fourier-Transform

$$S(k) = 1 + \text{FT}_{2\text{D}}[g - 1](k)$$

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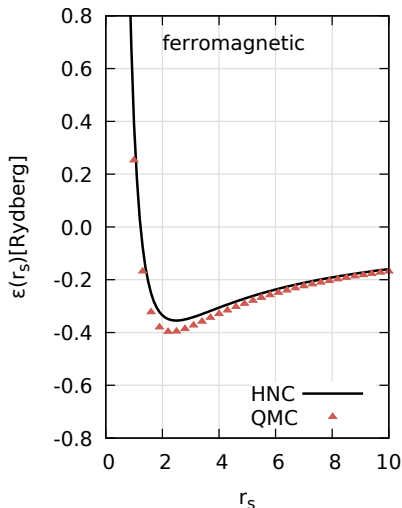
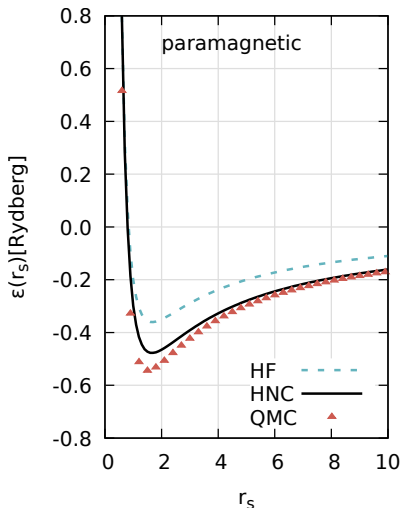
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## 2. Hyper-Netted-Chain Theory (HNC)

- pair theory which takes correlations into account
- developed in the 60ies for classical liquids
- moderate computational effort
  - **59 min** for **100**  $r_s$ -values ( $r_s = 0.1 \dots 10$ ,  $\Delta r_s = 0.1$ ) on an average laptop
- results in agreement with QMC (!)

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# HYPER-NETTED-CHAIN THEORY



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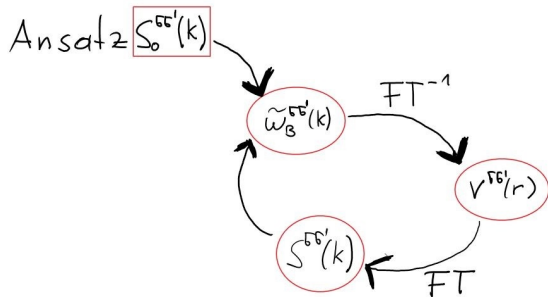
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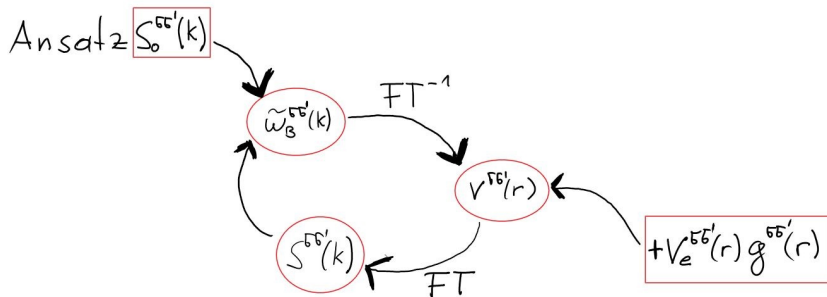
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  - $g^{\sigma, \sigma'} \propto \frac{\delta}{\delta u_2^{\sigma, \sigma'}} \ln \langle \psi | \psi \rangle$
  - Mayer Cluster expansion
  - minimise energy
- ⇒ HNC-EL equations (Euler-Lagrange)

# Bosonic HNC



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# Fermionic HNC (Kallio (1996), Davoudi)

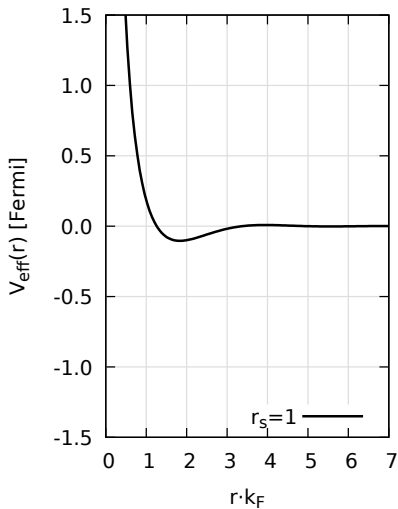
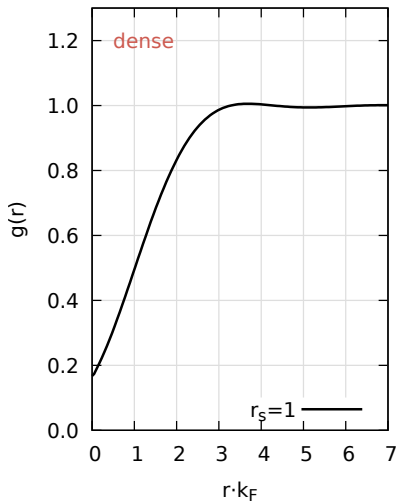


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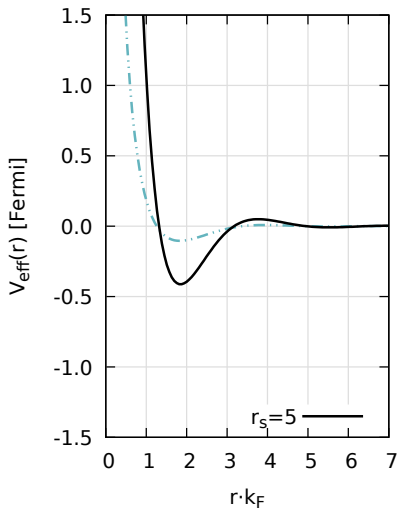
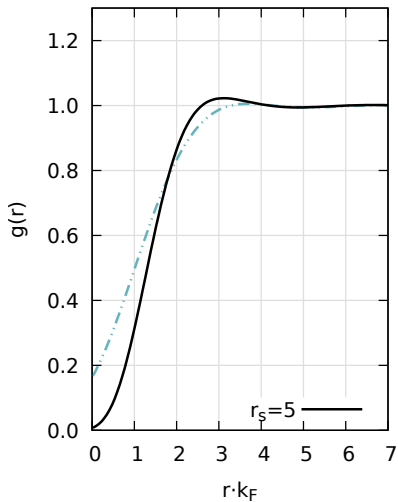
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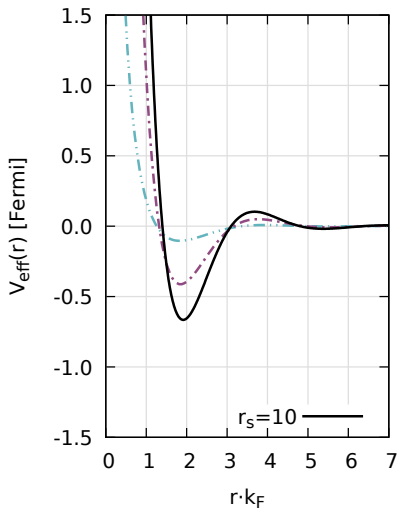
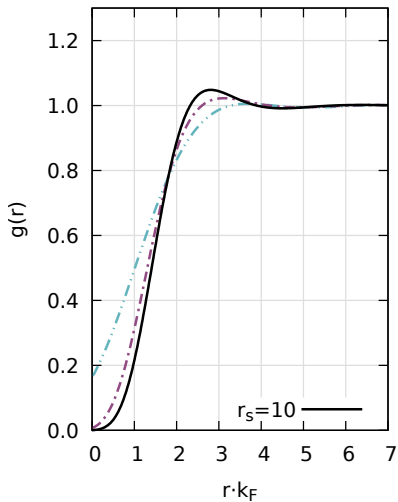


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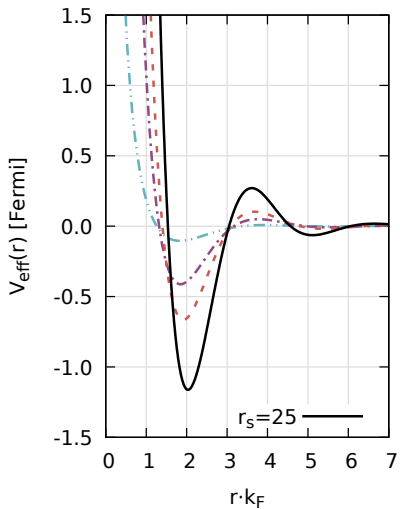
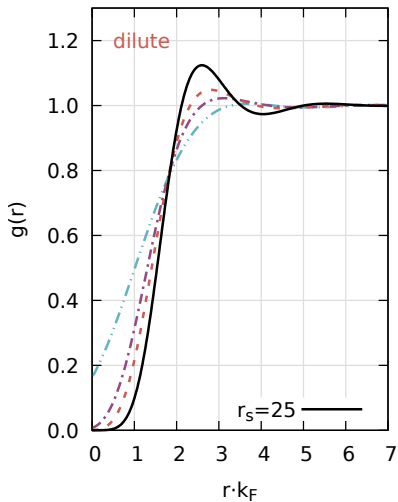




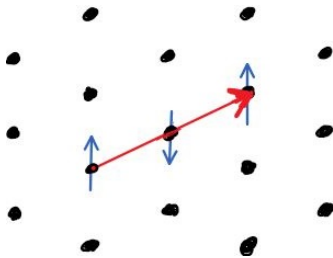
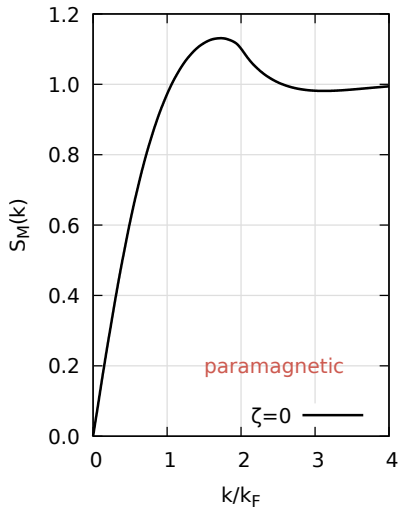
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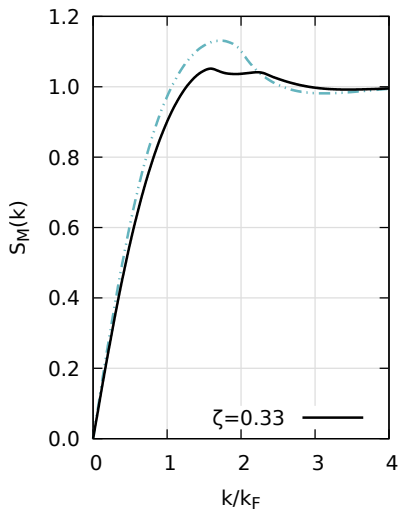
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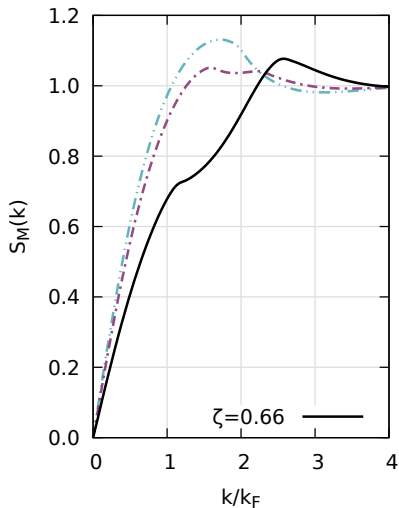
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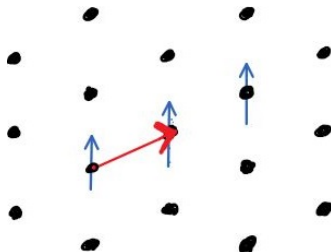
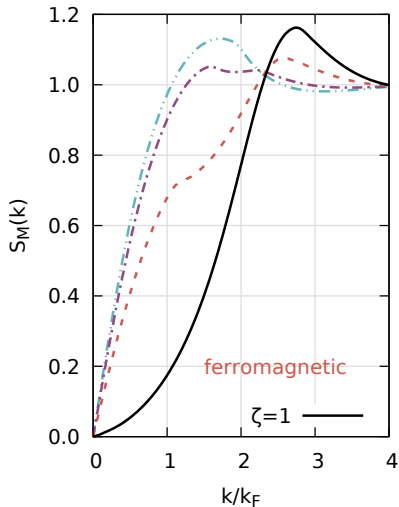
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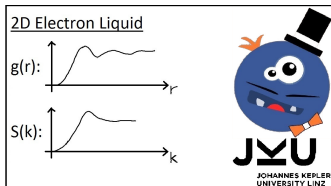
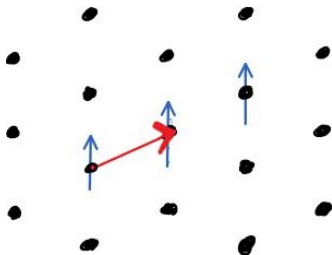
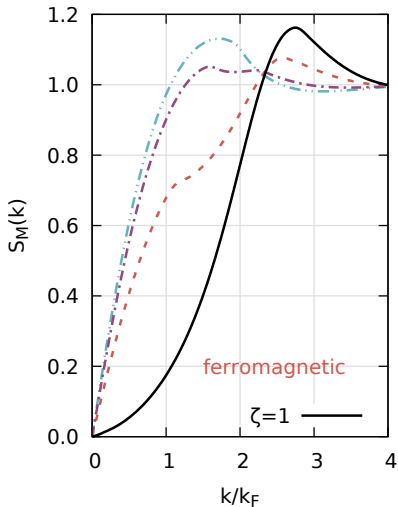
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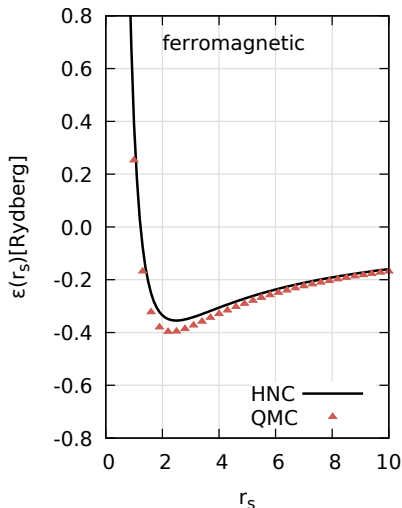
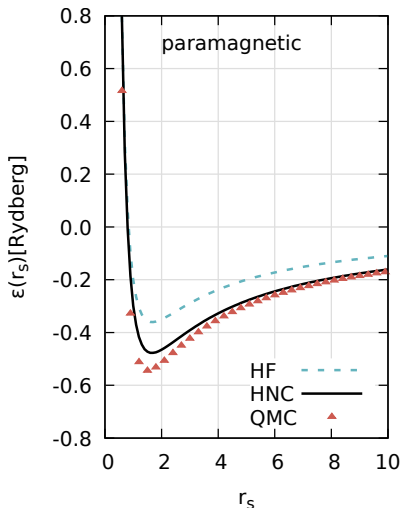
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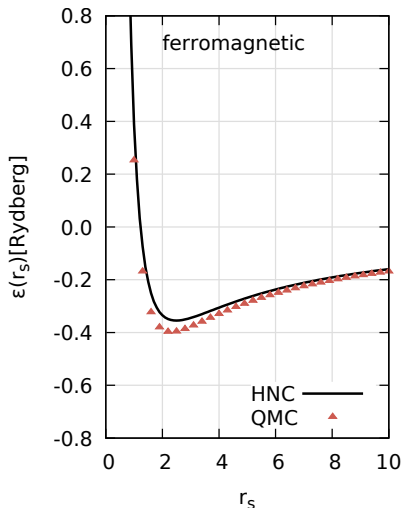
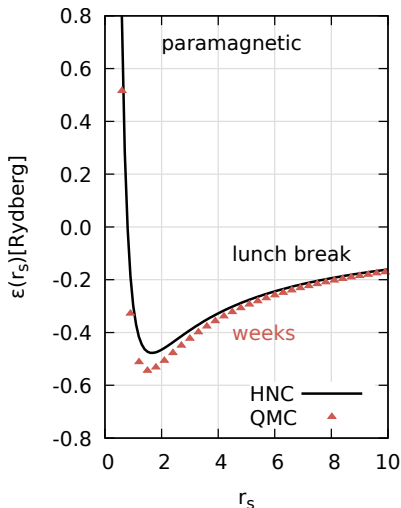


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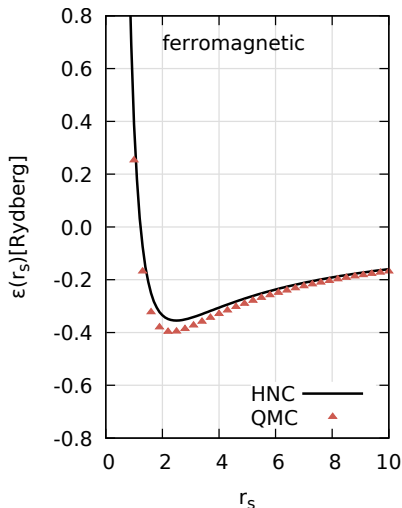
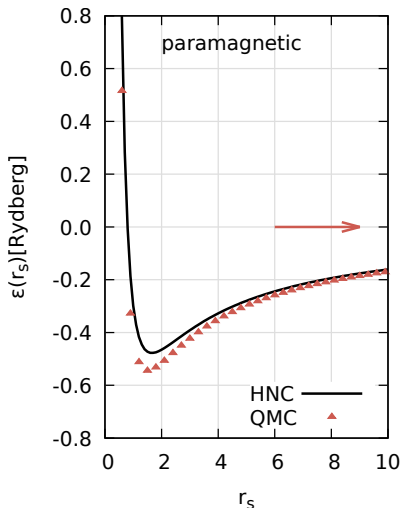
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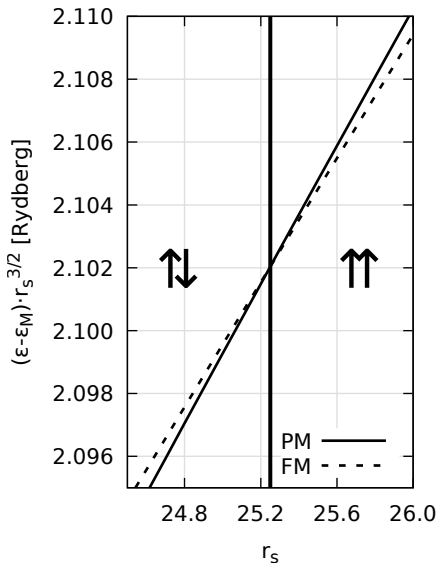
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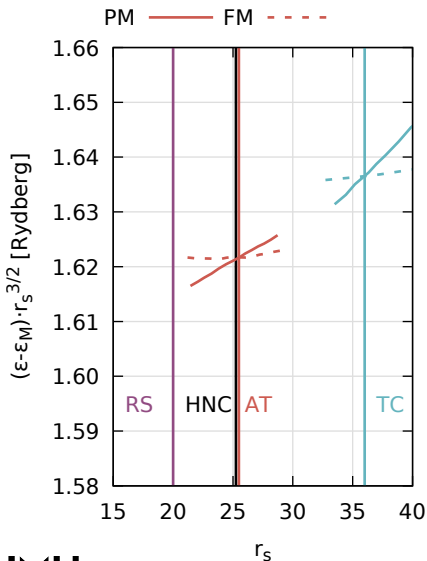
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Year	Group	Transition
1978	Ceperley	$r_s = 13$
1989	Tanatar	$r_s = 37$
1996	Senatore	$r_s = 20$
<b>2002</b>	<b>Attacalite</b>	$r_s = 26$
2009	Drummond	$r_s = 31$

- Different QMC groups obtain vastly different results!!

# Outlook

- algorithm also applicable to other Fermi systems
- systems with more than two components
- spin-resolved extension to 2D systems with finite thickness
- input for dynamic theories

# Thank you!



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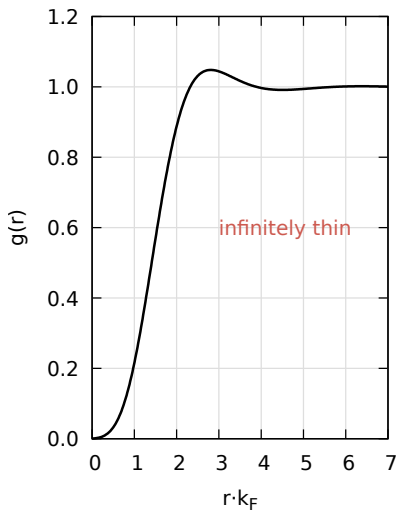
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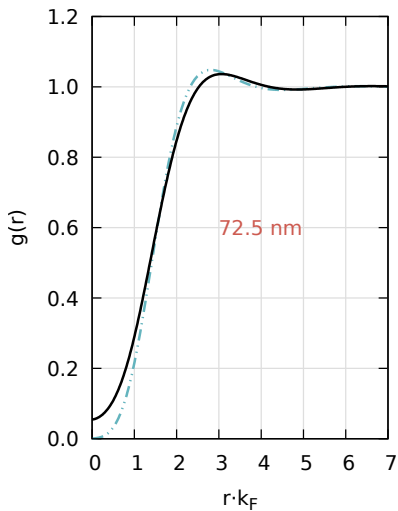
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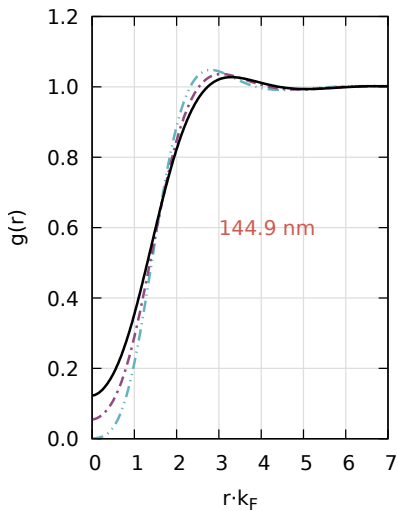


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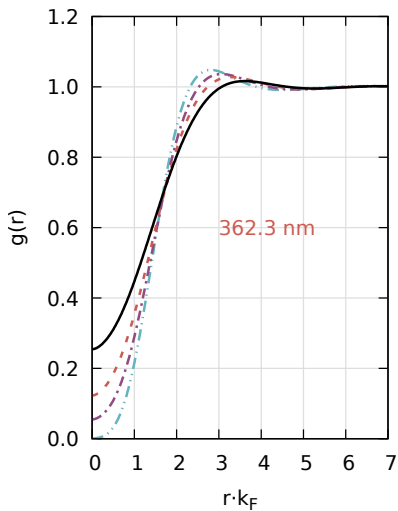




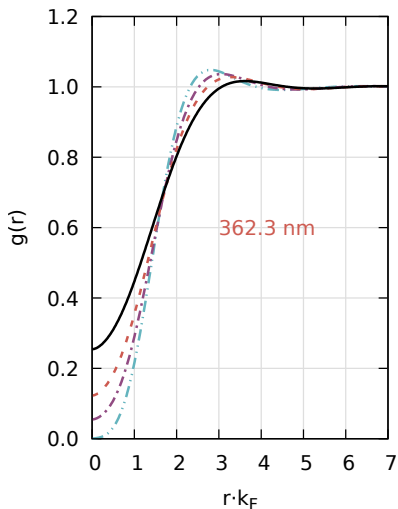
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- correlations diminish  $\rightarrow$  peak decreases
- value of  $g(0)$  increases
- GaAs/AlGaAs quantum well

# Analogies to Statistical Physics

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- Canonical Ensemble:  
$$Z_N = c_N \int d\Gamma \exp(-\beta H)$$
- $$U = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ln Z_N$$

- excellent summaries available at our institute (Bac Hebenstreit, Kobler, Kurunczi-Papp)
- Mayer Cluster Expansion and Diagrammatics

## HNC

- Normalisation:  
$$I = \int dX \exp\left(\sum u_2^{\sigma, \sigma'}\right)$$
- $$g^{\sigma, \sigma'} = \frac{2}{n_\sigma n_{\sigma'}} \frac{\delta}{\delta u_2^{\sigma, \sigma'}} \ln I$$

# HNC-Equations

$$g(r) = \exp \left[ u_2(r) + N(r) + E(r) \right]$$

$$S(k) = 1 + FT [g(r) - 1] (k)$$

$$\tilde{N}(k) = S(k) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{S(k)} \right)^2$$

- What are  $u_2(r)$ ,  $E(r)$  and  $N(r)$ ??
- $E(r) := 0 \rightarrow \text{HNC}/0$

Euler-Equation

$$\frac{\delta \langle \hat{H} \rangle}{\delta u_2(r)} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

# Euler-Equation

$$\left(\frac{\hbar^2}{m}\right) \Delta \sqrt{g^{\sigma,\sigma'}} = \underbrace{\left(v_C + w_b^{\sigma,\sigma'}\right)}_{\equiv V_{\text{eff}}^{\sigma,\sigma'}} \sqrt{g^{\sigma,\sigma'}}$$

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$$\tilde{w}_e^{\sigma,\sigma'}(k) = - \lim_{r_s \rightarrow 0} \tilde{w}_b^{\sigma,\sigma'}(k) = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \left(1 + 2S_F^{\sigma,\sigma'}(k)\right) \left(\frac{S_F^{\sigma,\sigma'}(k) - 1}{S_F^{\sigma,\sigma'}(k)}\right)^2$$

$$v_p^{\sigma,\sigma'}(r) = \frac{\hbar^2}{m} \frac{\Delta \sqrt{g_F^{\sigma,\sigma'}(r)}}{\sqrt{g_F^{\sigma,\sigma'}(r)}}$$

# HNC-EL Equations for Bosons

- (bosonic) induced potential

$$\underline{\tilde{w}}_b(k) = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \underline{S} \cdot \underline{T} + \underline{T} \cdot \underline{S} - 3\underline{T} + \underline{S}^{-1} \cdot \underline{T} \cdot \underline{S}^{-1} \right)$$

- particle-hole potential

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- structure factor

$$\underline{S}(k) = \sqrt{\underline{T}} \cdot \left( 2\sqrt{\underline{T}} \cdot \underline{\tilde{V}} \cdot \sqrt{\underline{T}} + \underline{T}^2 \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\underline{T}}$$

# Turning Bosons into Fermions

- include fermionic properties
- solution: alter interaction appropriately!

$$V^{\sigma,\sigma'}(r) = \left[ v_C^{\sigma,\sigma'} + v_P^{\sigma,\sigma'} + w_e^{\sigma,\sigma'} \right] g^{\sigma,\sigma'} + \frac{\hbar^2}{m} \left| \nabla \sqrt{g^{\sigma,\sigma'}} \right|^2 + (g^{\sigma,\sigma'} - 1) w_b^{\sigma,\sigma'}$$

- $v_P^{\sigma,\sigma'}(r)$  and  $w_e^{\sigma,\sigma'}(r)$  contain the quantities of the free system ( $S_F^{\sigma,\sigma'}(k)$  and  $g_F^{\sigma,\sigma'}(r)$ ) in a way that in the limit of  $r_s \rightarrow 0$  the solution of the equations is  $S_F^{\sigma,\sigma'}(k)$  and  $g_F^{\sigma,\sigma'}(r)$
- **feasible solution from a physical point of view**
- Solve the equations!

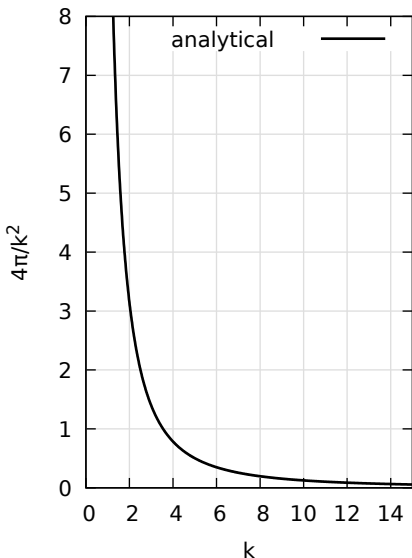
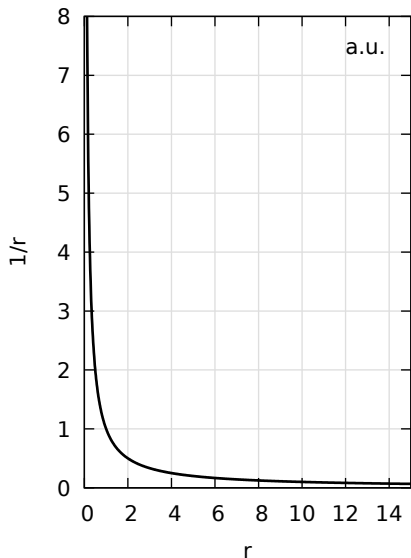


## Pair Distribution Function (Full Form)

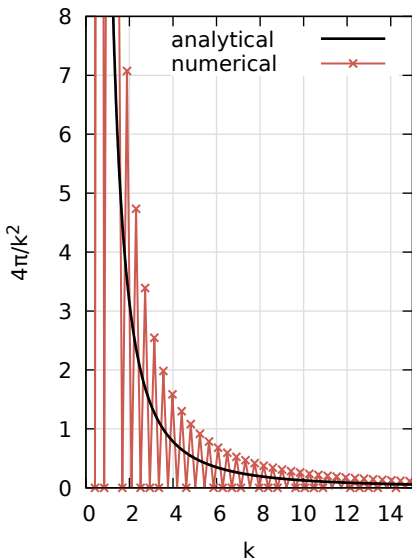
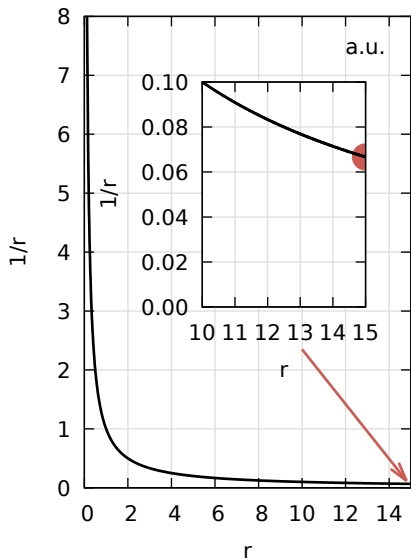
$$g(r) = \left(\frac{1+\zeta}{2}\right)^2 g^{\uparrow\uparrow}(r) + \left(\frac{1-\zeta}{2}\right)^2 g^{\downarrow\downarrow}(r) + \frac{1-\zeta^2}{2} g^{\uparrow\downarrow}(r)$$

$$g_M(r) = \left(\frac{1+\zeta}{2}\right)^2 g^{\uparrow\uparrow}(r) + \left(\frac{1-\zeta}{2}\right)^2 g^{\downarrow\downarrow}(r) - \frac{1-\zeta^2}{2} g^{\uparrow\downarrow}(r)$$

# Analytical FT



# Numerical FT



# Calculating Thermodynamic Observables

$$\varepsilon(r_s, \zeta) = \varepsilon_0(r_s, \zeta) + \frac{1}{r_s^2} \int_0^{r_s} dr'_s r'_s u(r'_s)$$

$$\left\langle \frac{V}{N} \right\rangle \equiv u(r_s) = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{\mathbf{k} \neq 0} \tilde{v}_C(\mathbf{k}; r_s) [S(\mathbf{k}; r_s) - 1]$$

$$p = - \left. \frac{\partial E}{\partial V} \right|_{T,N} = n^2 \left. \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial n} \right|_{T,N}, \quad \varepsilon = E/N$$

$$\frac{1}{\kappa} = -V \left. \frac{\partial p}{\partial V} \right|_{T,N} = -\frac{r_s}{4} \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial r_s} + \frac{r_s^2}{4} \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon}{\partial r_s^2}$$

## Contributions to the Energy

$$\varepsilon(r_s, \zeta) = \varepsilon_0(r_s, \zeta) + \varepsilon_x(r_s, \zeta) + \varepsilon_c(r_s, \zeta)$$

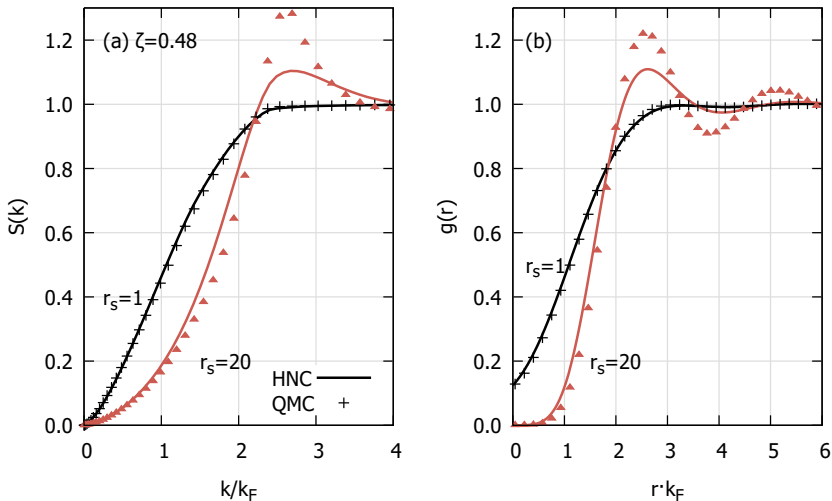
$$\varepsilon_0(r_s, \zeta) = \varepsilon_0(r_s) \frac{(1 + \zeta)^{\frac{D+2}{D}} + (1 - \zeta)^{\frac{D+2}{D}}}{2}, \quad \varepsilon_0(r_s) = D\varepsilon_F/(D+2)$$

$$\varepsilon_x(r_s, \zeta) = \varepsilon_x(r_s) \frac{(1 + \zeta)^{\frac{D+1}{D}} + (1 - \zeta)^{\frac{D+1}{D}}}{2}$$

$$\varepsilon_x(r_s) = -\frac{4}{3} \frac{e^2 k_F}{\pi} = -\frac{8\sqrt{2}}{3\pi r_s} \varepsilon_R \quad \text{in 2D}$$

$$\varepsilon_x(r_s) = -\frac{3}{4} \frac{e^2 k_F}{\pi} = -\frac{3}{2\pi\alpha r_s} \varepsilon_R \quad \text{in 3D}$$

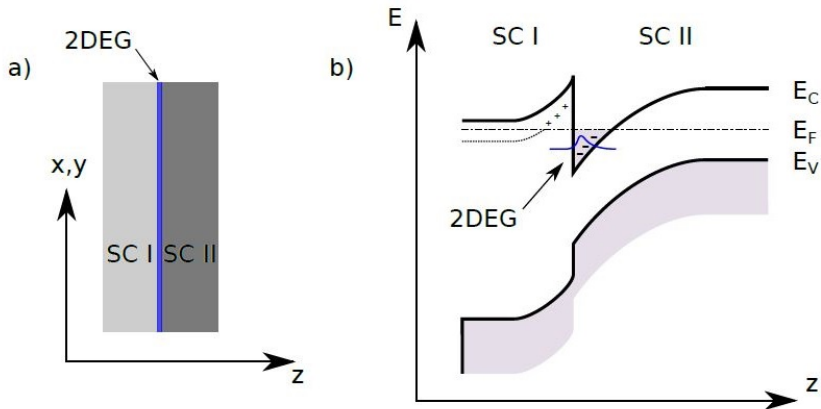
# Comparison with QMC<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>C. P. Gori-Giorgi, S. Moroni and G. B. Bachelet.

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# 2D Electron System in a Semiconductor<sup>1</sup>



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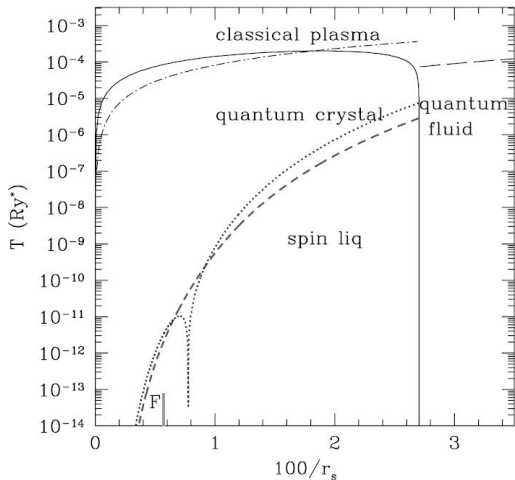
# Real Units<sup>1</sup>

	$r_s$	$r_s$	GaAs/AlGaAs		
			1	10	20
$n[\text{cm}^{-2}]$	$\frac{1.14 \times 10^{16}}{r_s^2} \left( \frac{\bar{m}_b}{\epsilon_b} \right)^2$	$\frac{3.02 \times 10^{11}}{r_s^2}$	$3.02 \times 10^{11}$	$3.02 \times 10^9$	$7.55 \times 10^8$
$k_F[10^5 \text{ cm}^{-1}]$	$\frac{2673}{r_s} \frac{\bar{m}_b}{\epsilon_b}$	$\frac{13.78}{r_s}$	13.78	1.38	0.69
$E_F[\text{meV}]$	$\frac{27230}{r_s^2} \frac{\bar{m}_b}{\epsilon_b^2}$	$\frac{10.80}{r_s^2}$	10.80	0.11	$2.7 \times 10^{-2}$

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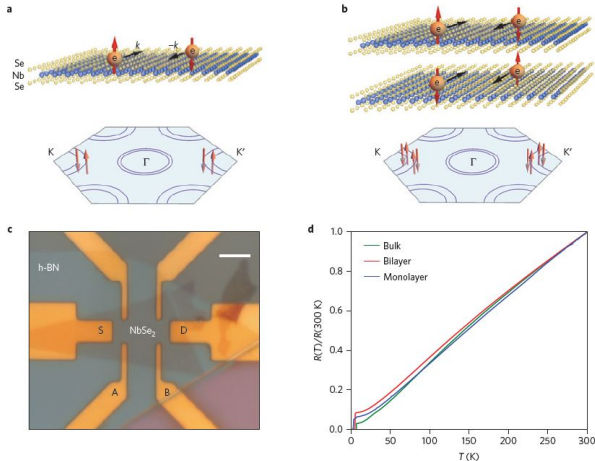


# Phase Diagram<sup>1</sup>



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# Superconductivity<sup>1</sup>



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# SFHNC vs. QMC<sup>1</sup>

