

Quantum transport properties in a quasi-2D- electron liquid

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Summary

We have carried out a new systematic study of the quasi-particle effective mass, Renormalization constant, Lande' g factor and the spin susceptibility in a quasi-two dimensional electron liquid.

Our work is based on a recent extensive analysis of the electron self-energy and includes charge- and spin-density fluctuations beyond the “Random Phase Approximation” (RPA) through the use of static charge-charge and spin-spin many-body local-field factors ($G_{\equiv}$ & G_{-}) incorporating the quantum well thickness. These are very well known to be very important in quantitative calculations of properties of the electron liquid at strong-coupling (Q2D systems with large r_s values where the experiments are done nowadays).

We find that the effective mass is substantially enhanced by spin fluctuations.

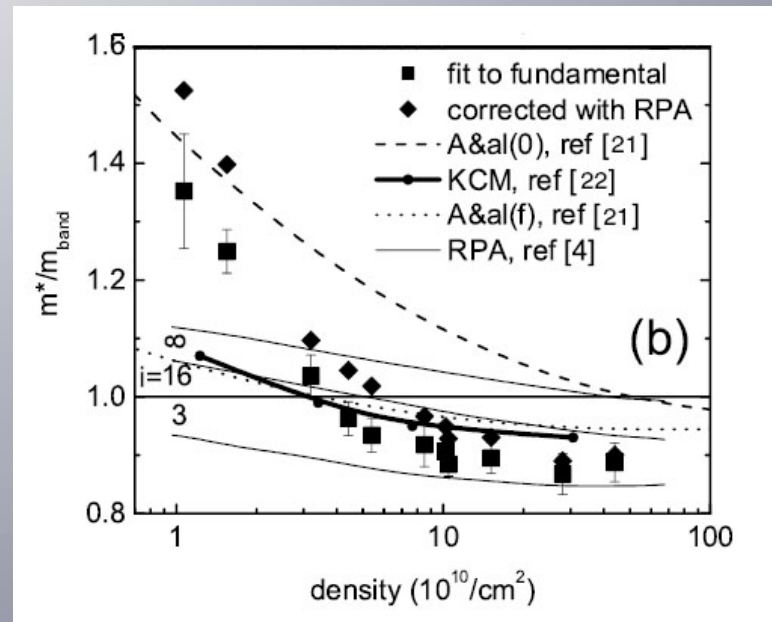
We will also discuss the relative merits of on-shell vs Dyson methods. In particular the divergence of the effective mass at very low densities ($r_s \rightarrow 1$), as found using the on-shell formula, disappears within the Dyson scheme.

Finally we find the Lande' g factor and spin susceptibility and they are in good agreement with the recent experimental measurements.

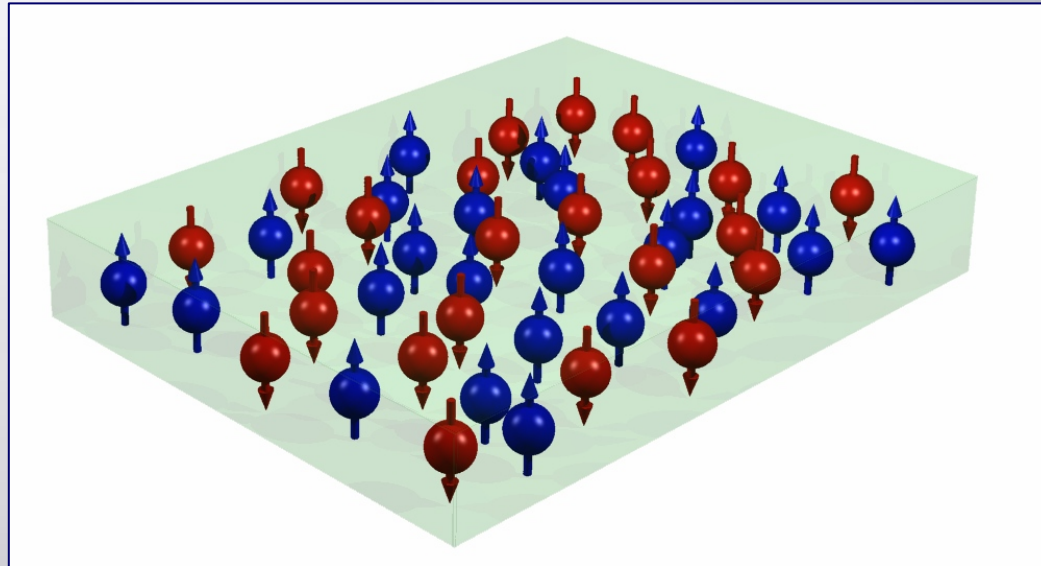
Motivations

- ✓ Lots of recent experimental works on Q2D electron liquids related to the issue of the apparent metal-insulator transition.
- ✓ State-of-the-art Monte Carlo calculations (Moroni and Senatore) have not addressed the interplay between effective mass and modified Landè g-factor but have just provided us with the spin-susceptibility enhancement in strictly 2D EG

$$\chi_S/\chi_P = (m^*/m_b)(g^*/g_b)$$



The quasi-2D electron liquid (jellium)



Coulomb
interaction
 $e^2 \int \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} d\mathbf{r}'$ + the effect
of thickness

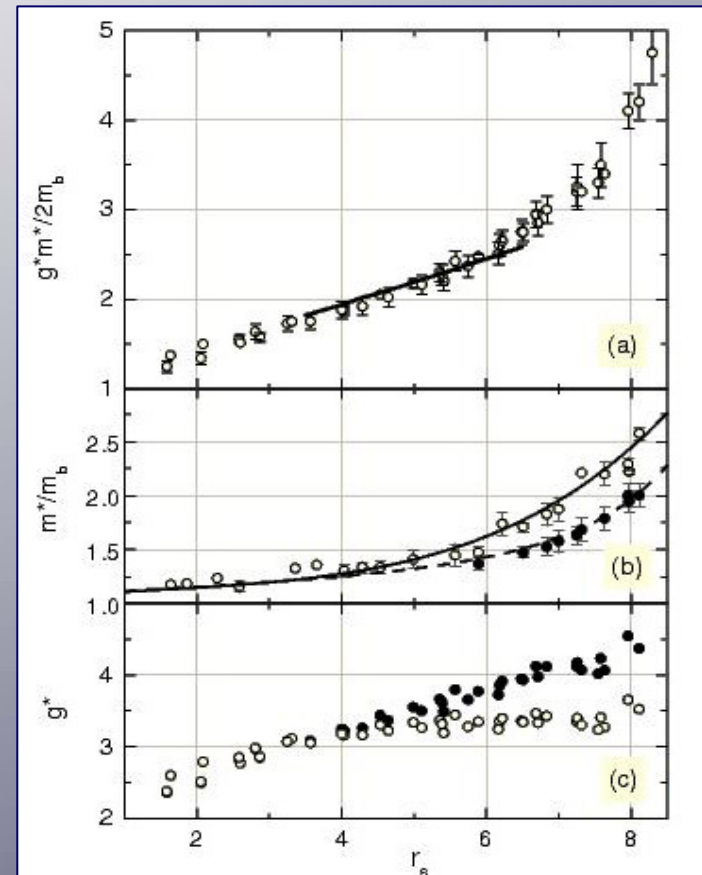
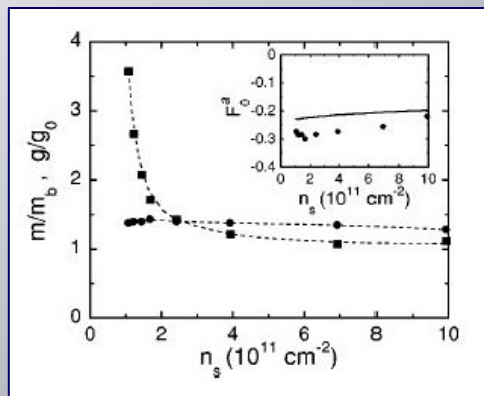
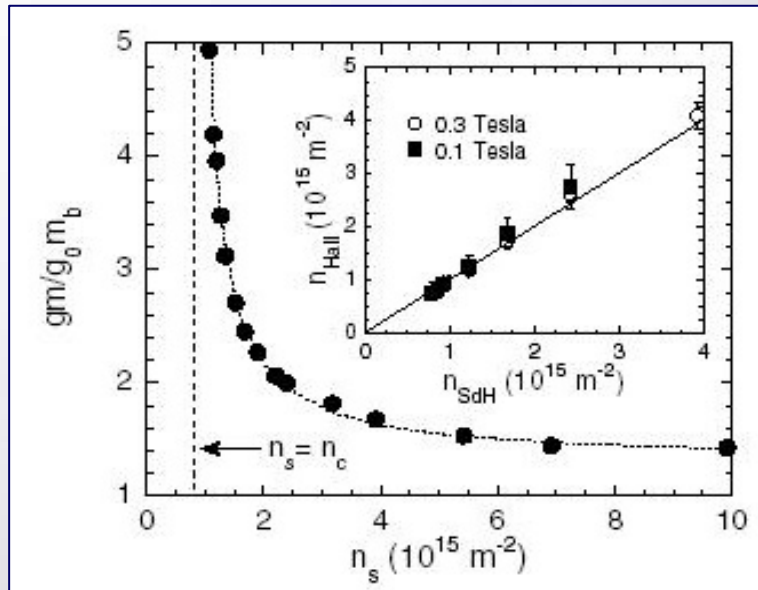
3 parameters @
zero magnetic field
and
spin-orbit coupling

$$n_{2D}, \zeta, T$$

Wigner-Seitz density parameter

$$r_s = (\pi n_{2D} a_B^2)^{-1/2}$$

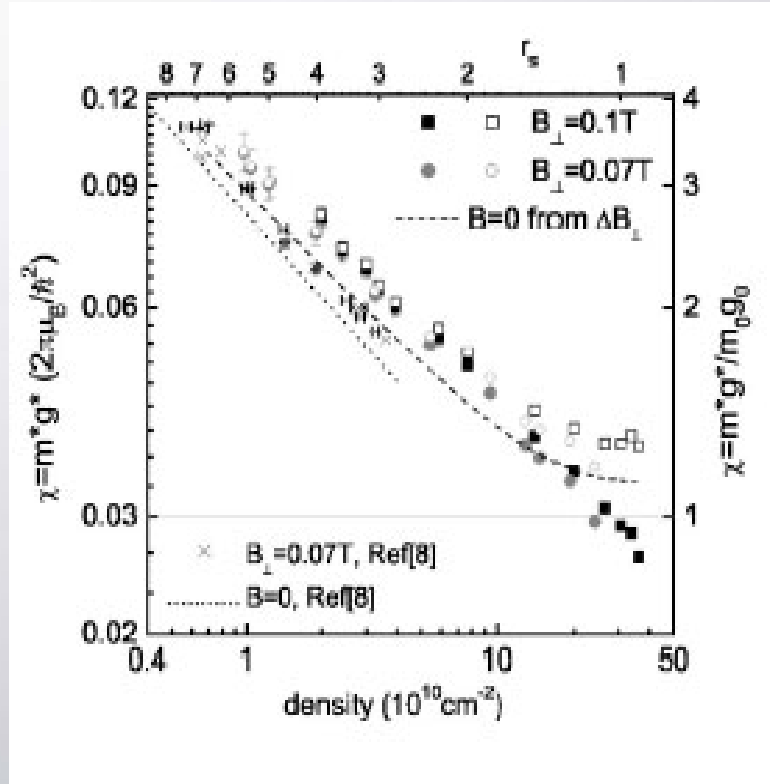
Some of the recent experimental results in Silicon MOSFETs



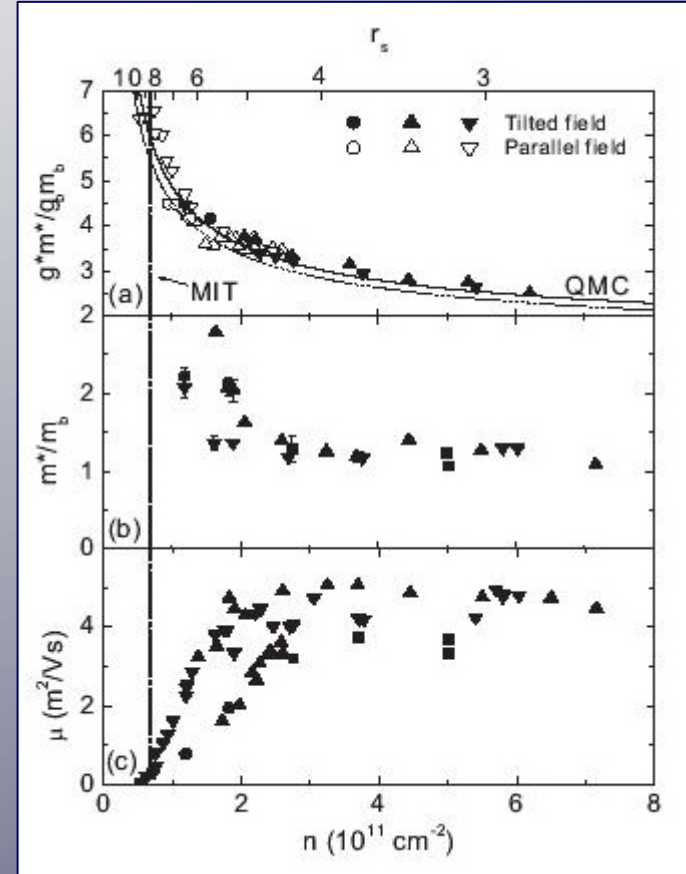
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Some of the recent experimental results in GaAs and AlAs heterostructures



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Microscopic calculation of the QP effective mass

PART I: effective mass from self-energy

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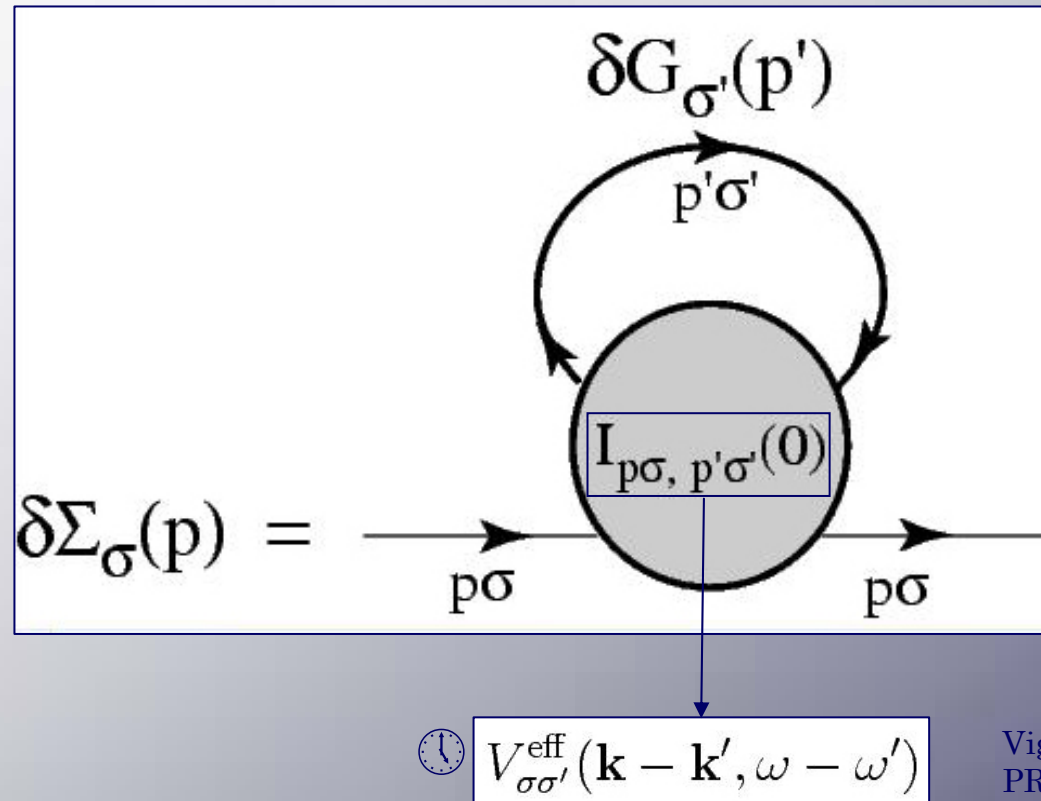
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Self-energy



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Kukkonen-Overhauser effective interactions

$$V_{\uparrow\uparrow}^{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{q}, \Omega) = v_{\mathbf{q}} + \{v_{\mathbf{q}}[1 - G_{+}(\mathbf{q})]\}^2 \chi_C(\mathbf{q}, \Omega) + [v_{\mathbf{q}}G_{-}(\mathbf{q})]^2 \chi_S(\mathbf{q}, \Omega)$$

$$V_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{\text{eff}}(\mathbf{q}, \Omega) = 2[v_{\mathbf{q}}G_{-}(\mathbf{q})]^2 \chi_S(\mathbf{q}, \Omega) .$$

Minimal (boring) details



$$\frac{1}{\varepsilon(\mathbf{q}, \omega)} = 1 + v_{\mathbf{q}} [1 - G_+(\mathbf{q})]^2 \chi_C(\mathbf{q}, \omega) + 3 v_{\mathbf{q}} G_-^2(\mathbf{q}) \chi_S(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$$

Screened-exchange

$$\Sigma_{\text{SX}}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = - \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{v_{\mathbf{q}}}{\varepsilon(\mathbf{q}, \omega - \xi_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}/\hbar)} \Theta(-\xi_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}/\hbar)$$

Coulomb hole

$$\Sigma_{\text{CH}}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) = - \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^2} v_{\mathbf{q}} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{d\Omega}{\pi} \frac{\Im[\varepsilon^{-1}(\mathbf{q}, \Omega)]}{\omega - \xi_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}/\hbar - \Omega + i\delta}$$

Bosonic-like Schrödinger equations for the spin-resolved pair functions

$$(\diamond) \quad \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^2 + v(r) + W_{\text{B}}^{\sigma\sigma'}(r) + W_{\text{e}}^{\sigma\sigma'}(r) + v_{\text{P}}^{\sigma\sigma'}(r) \right] [g_{\sigma\sigma'}(r)]^{1/2} = 0$$

these approximate the excess potential

Purely bosonic HNC/0 two-component induced interaction:

$$W_{\text{B}}^{\sigma\sigma}(q) = -\frac{\varepsilon_q}{2n_{\sigma}} \{2S_{\sigma\sigma}(q) - 3 + [S_{\bar{\sigma}\bar{\sigma}}^2(q) + S_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}^2(q)]/\Delta^2\}$$

$$W_{\text{B}}^{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}(q) = -\frac{\varepsilon_q}{2\sqrt{n_{\sigma}n_{\bar{\sigma}}}} \{2S_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}(q) - S_{\sigma\bar{\sigma}}(q)[S_{\bar{\sigma}\bar{\sigma}}(q) + S_{\sigma\sigma}(q)]/\Delta^2\}$$

Chosen to cancel the spin-parallel part of the W_{B} interaction in the low r_s limit

$$W_{\text{e}}^{\sigma\sigma}(q) = \frac{\varepsilon_q}{2n_{\sigma}} \left[\frac{S_{\sigma\sigma}^{\text{HF}}(q) - 1}{S_{\sigma\sigma}^{\text{HF}}(q)} \right]^2 [2 S_{\sigma\sigma}^{\text{HF}}(q) + 1]$$

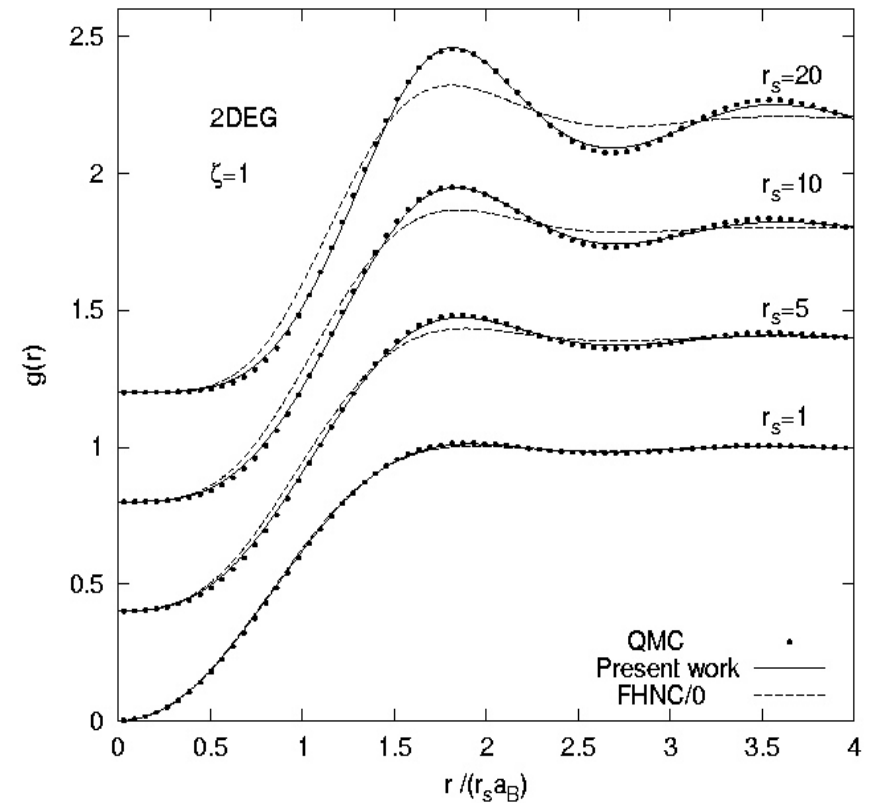
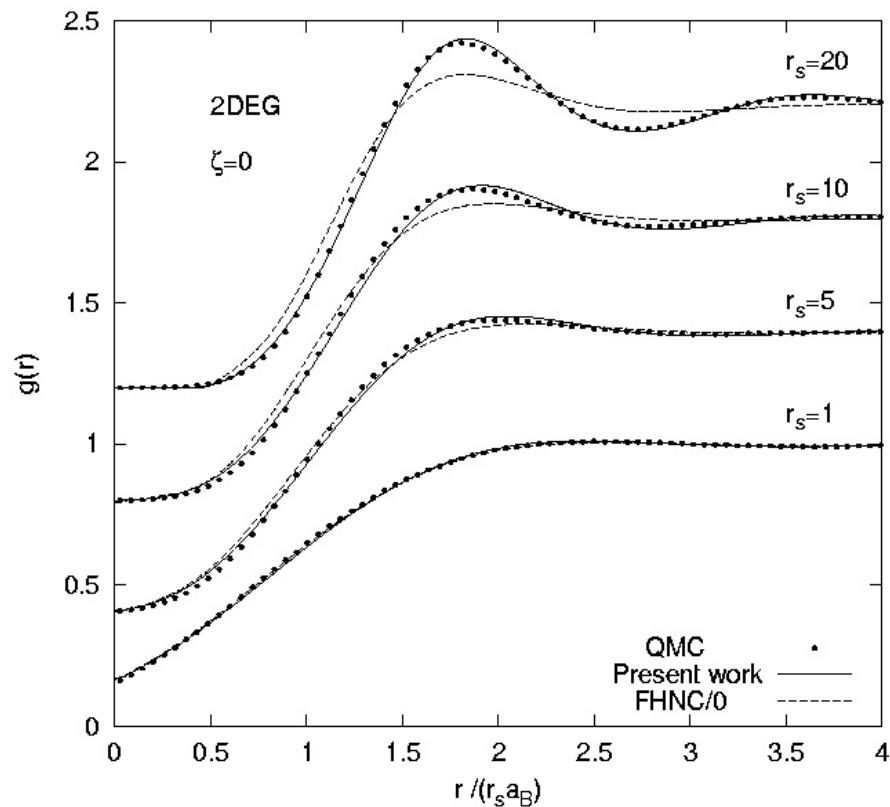
$$\lim_{r_s \rightarrow 0} v_{\text{P}}^{\sigma\sigma'}(r) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{\nabla^2 \sqrt{g_{\sigma\sigma'}^{\text{HF}}(r)}}{\sqrt{g_{\sigma\sigma'}^{\text{HF}}(r)}}$$

This choice for the Kohn-Sham potential satisfies all the list of know sum-rules

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Paramagnetic and fully spin-polarized results in 2D EG

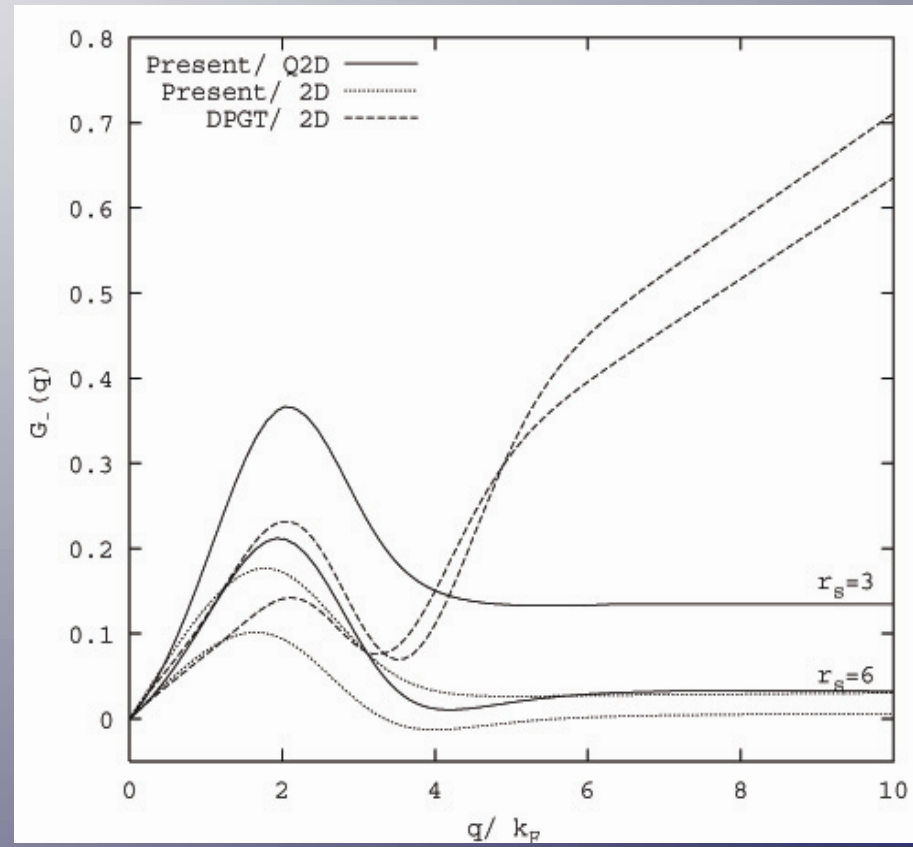
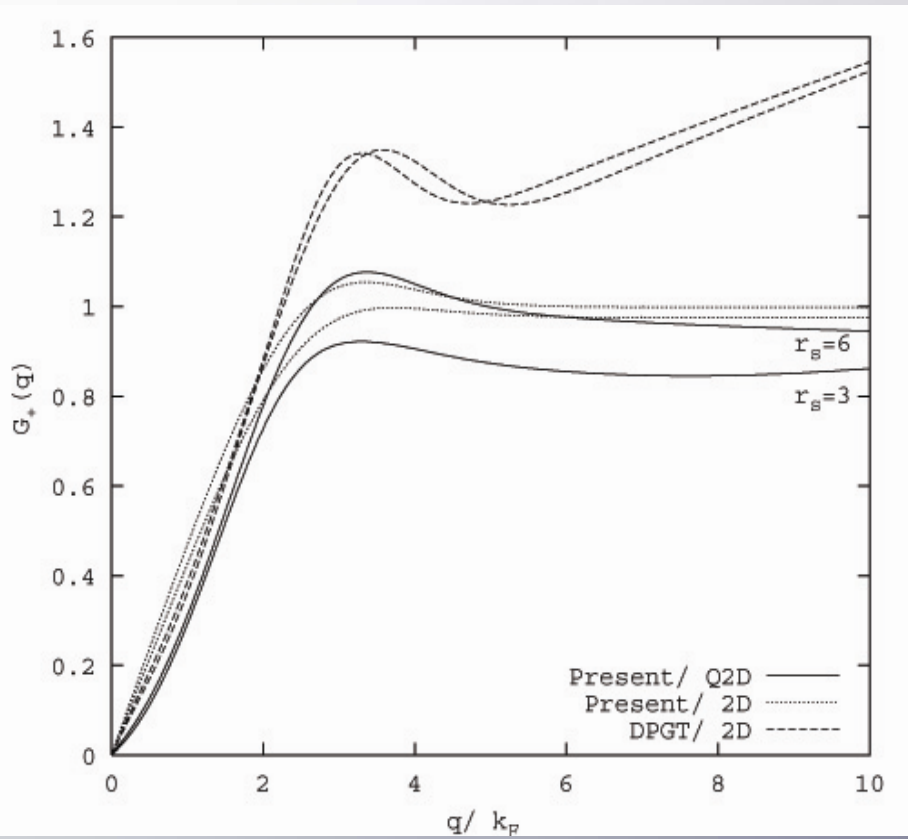


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$$G_+(q) = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4r_s} \left(\frac{q}{k_F} \right)^3 \frac{1}{F(qd)} \left[\frac{1}{S_+(q)^2} - \frac{1}{S_{HF}(q)^2} \right]$$

$$G_-(q) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4r_s} \left(\frac{q}{k_F} \right)^3 \frac{1}{F(qd)} \left[\frac{1}{S_-(q)^2} - \frac{1}{S_{HF}(q)^2} \right]$$



Effective mass from QP excitation energy

Dyson equation for the QP excitation energy

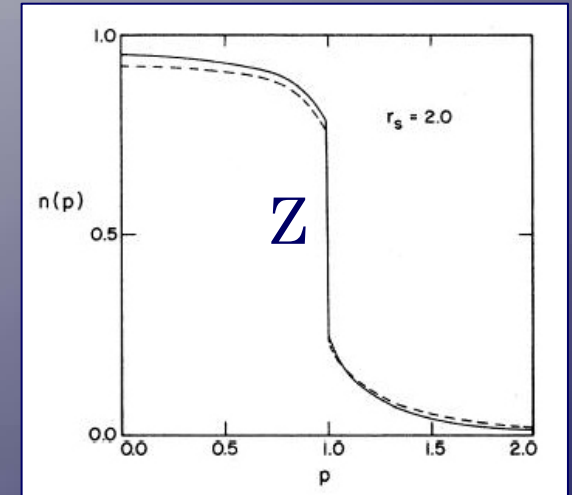
$$\delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{QP}}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(\mathbf{k}^2 - k_F^2) + \Re\Sigma_{\text{ret}}^{\text{R}}(\mathbf{k}, \omega) \Big|_{\omega=\delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{QP}}(\mathbf{k})/\hbar}$$

Landau theory

$$\frac{1}{m^*} = \frac{1}{\hbar^2 k_F} \frac{d\delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{QP}}(k)}{dk} \Big|_{k=k_F}$$

$$\frac{m_{\text{D}}^*}{m} = \frac{Z^{-1}}{1 + (m/\hbar^2 k_F) \partial_k \Re\Sigma_{\text{ret}}^{\text{R}}(k, \omega) \Big|_{k=k_F, \omega=0}}$$

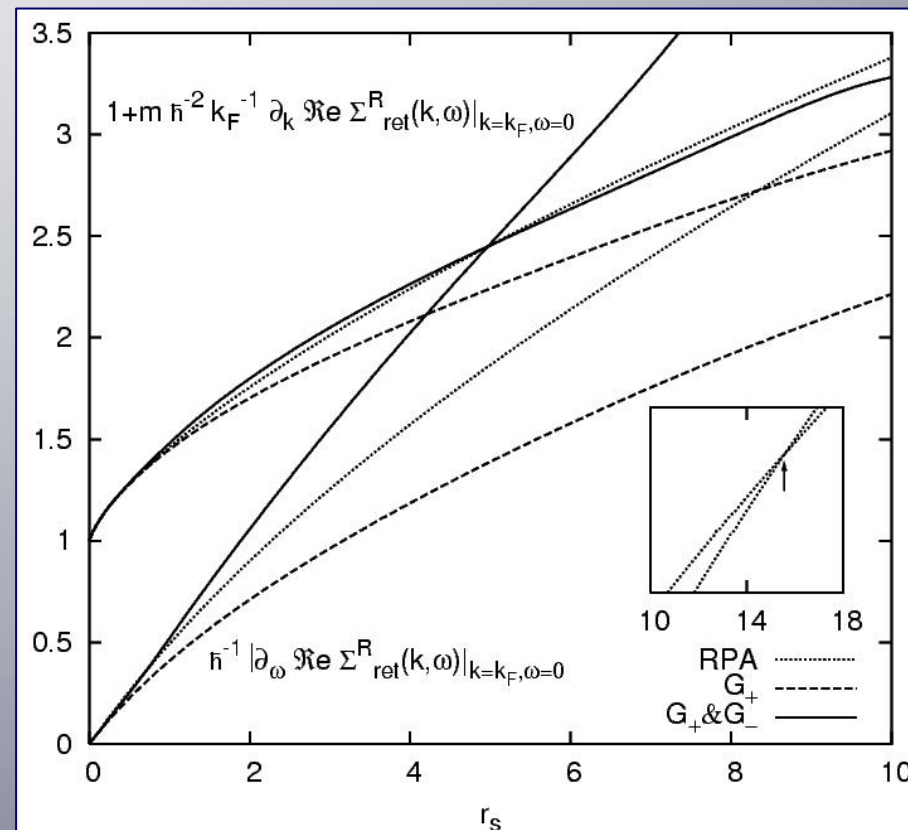
$$Z = \frac{1}{1 - \hbar^{-1} \partial_{\omega} \Re\Sigma_{\text{ret}}^{\text{R}}(k, \omega) \Big|_{k=k_F, \omega=0}}$$



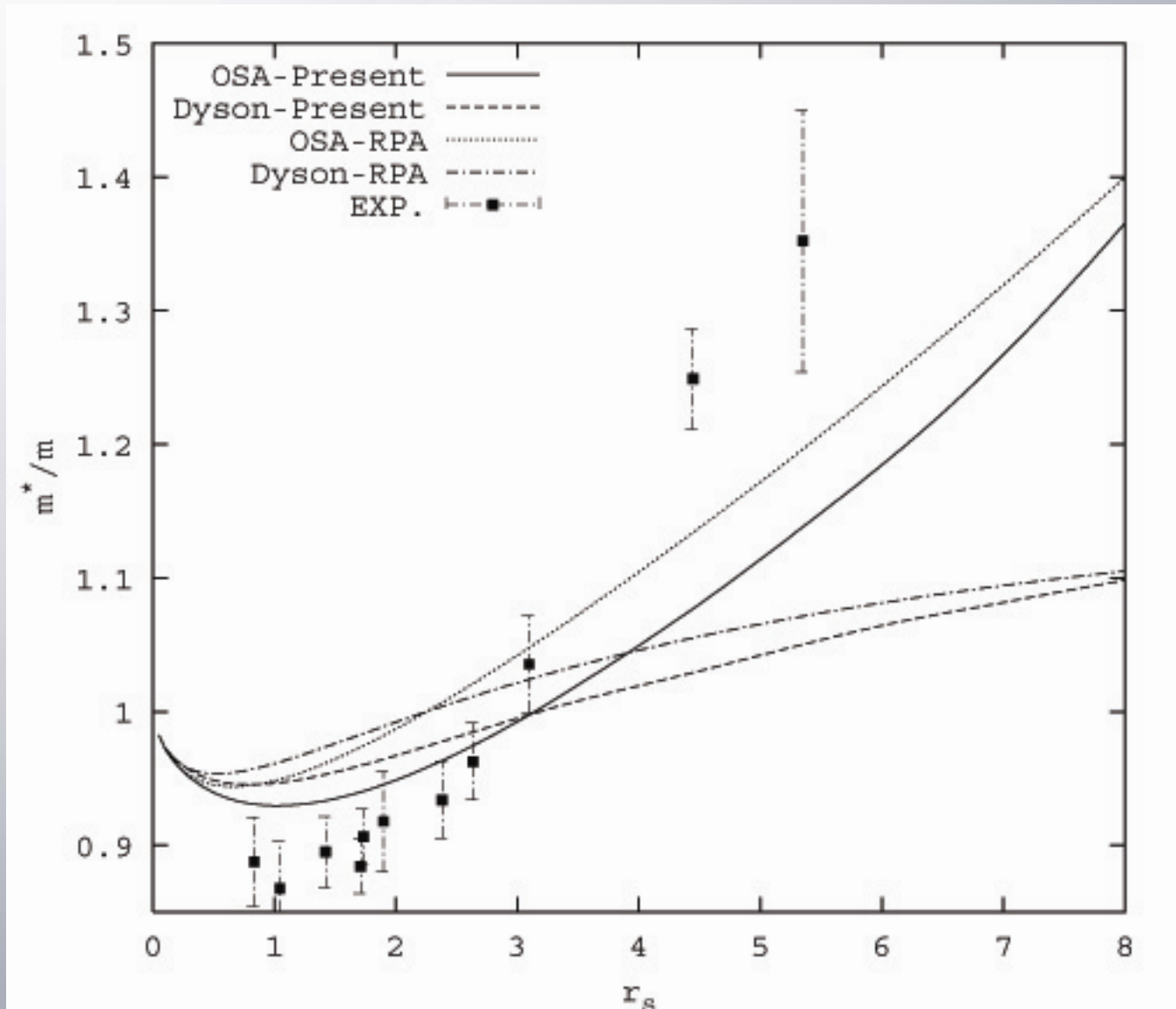
On-shell approximation (OSA): weak-coupling theory

$$\delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{QP}}(\mathbf{k}) \simeq \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(\mathbf{k}^2 - k_F^2) + \Re\Sigma_{\text{ret}}^{\text{R}}(\mathbf{k}, \omega)\big|_{\omega=\hbar(\mathbf{k}^2 - k_F^2)/2m}$$

$$\frac{m_{\text{OSA}}^*}{m} = \frac{1}{1 + (m/\hbar^2 k_F) \partial_k \Re\Sigma_{\text{ret}}^{\text{R}}(k, \omega)\big|_{k=k_F, \omega=0} + \hbar^{-1} \partial_\omega \Re\Sigma_{\text{ret}}^{\text{R}}(k, \omega)\big|_{k=k_F, \omega=0}}$$



Numerical results: Theory vs Experimental



Microscopic calculation of the QP spin- susceptibility

$$\frac{\chi_P}{\chi_S} = \frac{m_b}{m^*} + \frac{m_b}{\pi \hbar^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} f_a(\cos \theta),$$

$$f_a(\cos \theta) \equiv S(f_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}^{||} - f_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}^{||})/2$$

$$f_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}^{\sigma\sigma'} = \frac{\delta^2 E[\{\mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}\}]}{\delta \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{k},\sigma} \delta \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{k}',\sigma'}} \Big|_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{k},\sigma} = \mathcal{N}_{\mathbf{k},\sigma}^{(0)}},$$

(recall that $f_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}'}^{\sigma\sigma'}$ scales like $1/S$), $\cos \theta = \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k}' / k_F^2$ with $\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{k}' \in \mathcal{S}_F$.

$$\frac{\chi_S}{\chi_P} = \frac{\frac{m^*}{m_b}}{1 - \frac{m^*}{m_b}(f_{SX} - f_{CH})}.$$

$$f_{SX} = \frac{m_b}{\hbar^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\theta}{(2\pi)^2} \mathcal{V}_q \left\{ 1 + \mathcal{V}_q [1 - G_+(q)]^2 \chi_C(q, 0) - \mathcal{V}_q G_-^2(q) \chi_S(q, 0) \right\}_{q=|\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}'|}.$$

$$\chi_C(q, \omega) = \frac{\chi_0(q, \omega)}{1 - \mathcal{V}_q [1 - G_+(q)] \chi_0(q, \omega)}$$

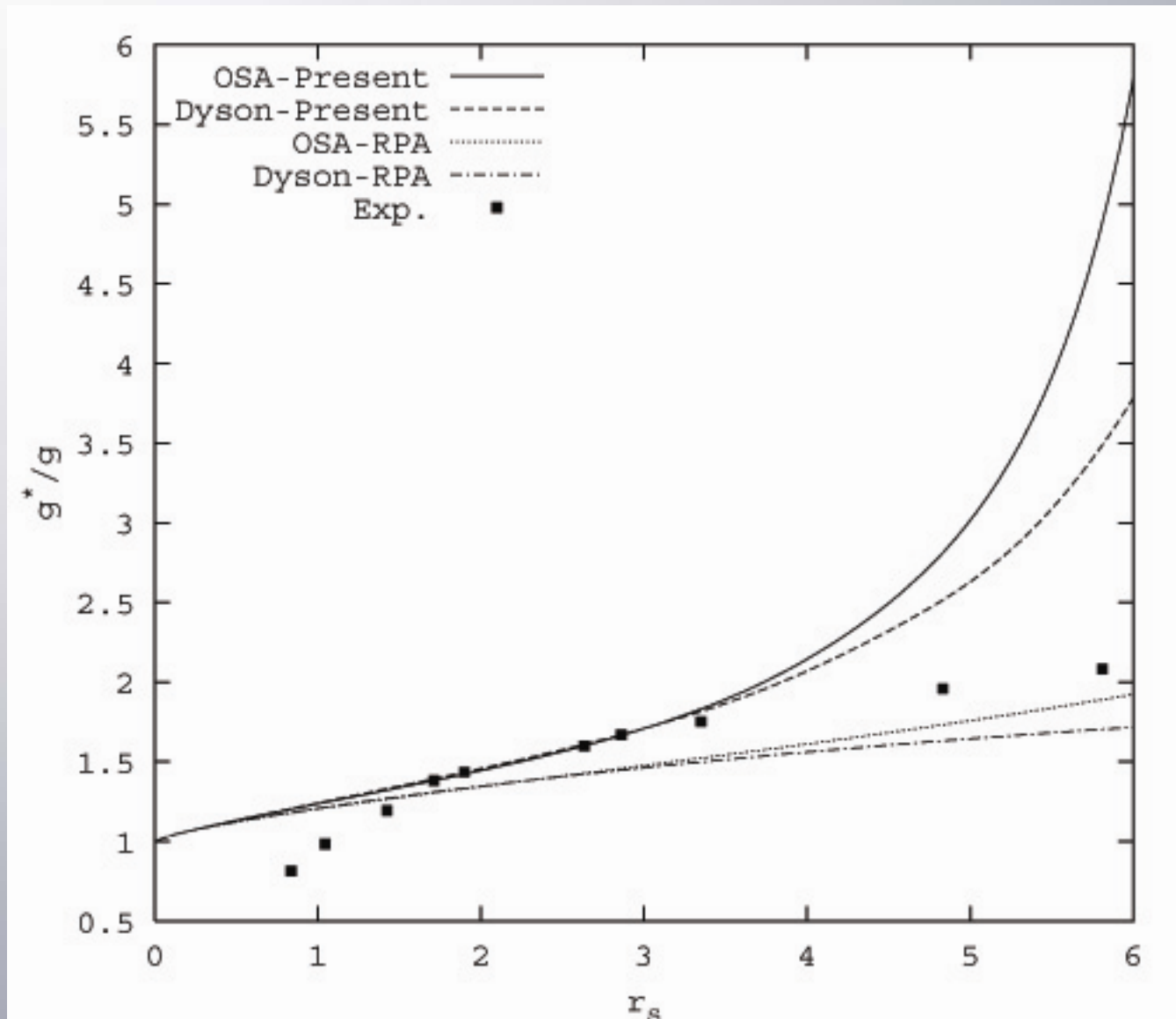
$$\chi_S(q, \omega) = \frac{\chi_0(q, \omega)}{1 + \mathcal{V}_q G_-(q) \chi_0(q, \omega)},$$

$$f_{CH} = \frac{2m_b^2}{\pi^3 \hbar^4} \int_0^\infty dz \int_0^\infty du \mathcal{V}_q^2 \left\{ \frac{[1 - G_+(q)] G_-(q)}{Q_-(q, i\omega) Q_+(q, i\omega)} \mathcal{P}_+(z, u) + \frac{G_-^2(q)}{Q_-^2(q, i\omega)} \mathcal{P}_-(z, u) \right\},$$

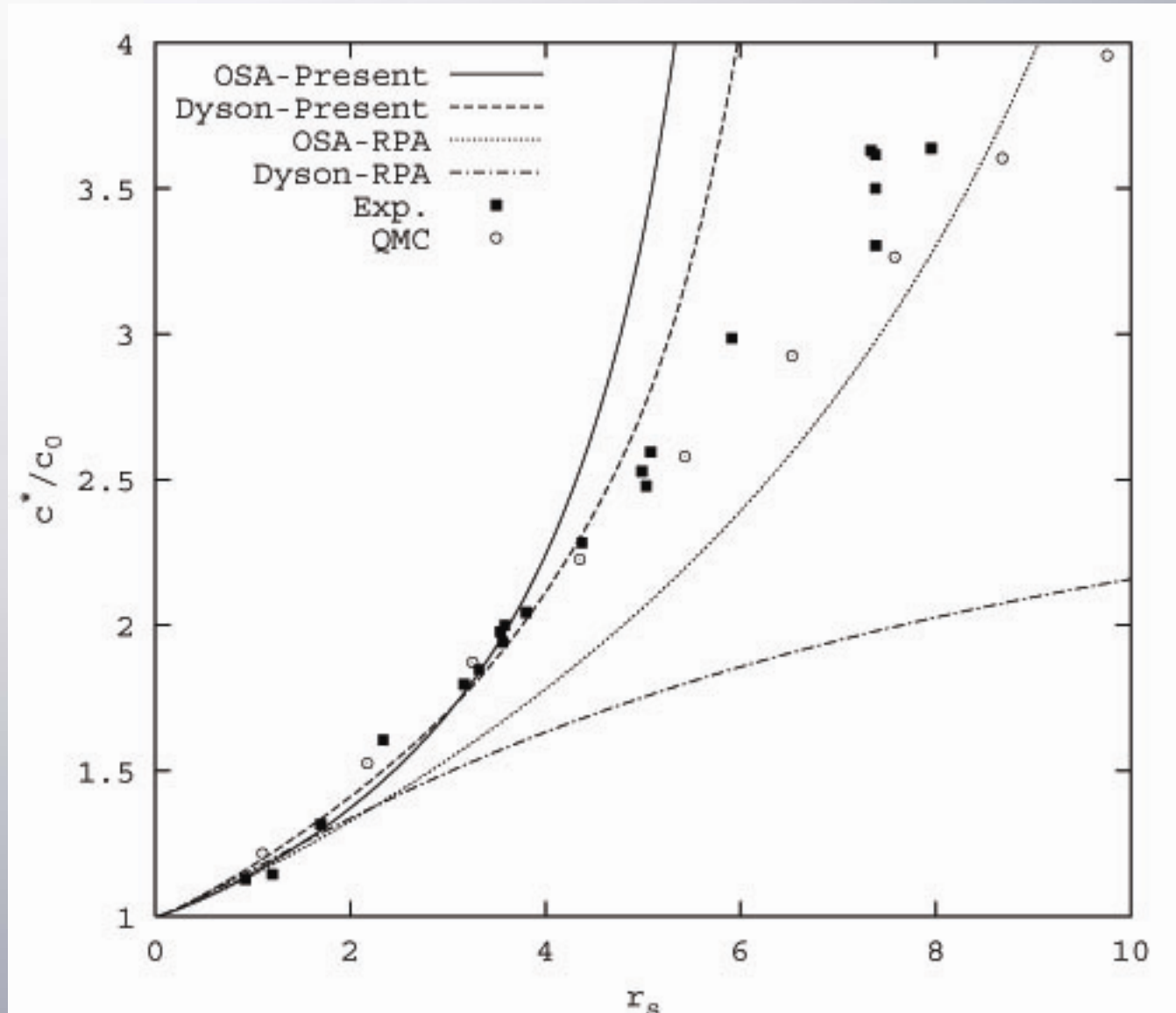
$$z = q/(2k_F), u = m_b \omega / (\hbar k_F q), Q_\pm(q, i\omega) \equiv \chi_0(q, i\omega) / \chi_{C,S}(q, i\omega),$$

$$\mathcal{P}_\pm(z, u) \equiv \frac{[(z^2 - u^2 - 1)^2 + (2zu)^2]^{1/2} \pm (z^2 - u^2 - 1)}{(z^2 - u^2 - 1)^2 + (2zu)^2}.$$

Numerical results: lande' g-factor vs Experimental



Numerical results: Spin Susceptibility vs Experimental



Low-T specific heat of an electron liquid

Quasiparticle-quasiparticle interactions do not enter
the low-temperature specific heat

$$C_V(T) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} \left(\frac{m^*}{m} \right) \frac{k_B^2 T}{\epsilon_F}$$

basic thermodynamics

$$C_V(T) = \left. \frac{\partial \mathcal{U}(T)}{\partial T} \right|_V$$