

Strong coupling theory for odd-frequency superfluidity

奇周波数超流動の強結合理論

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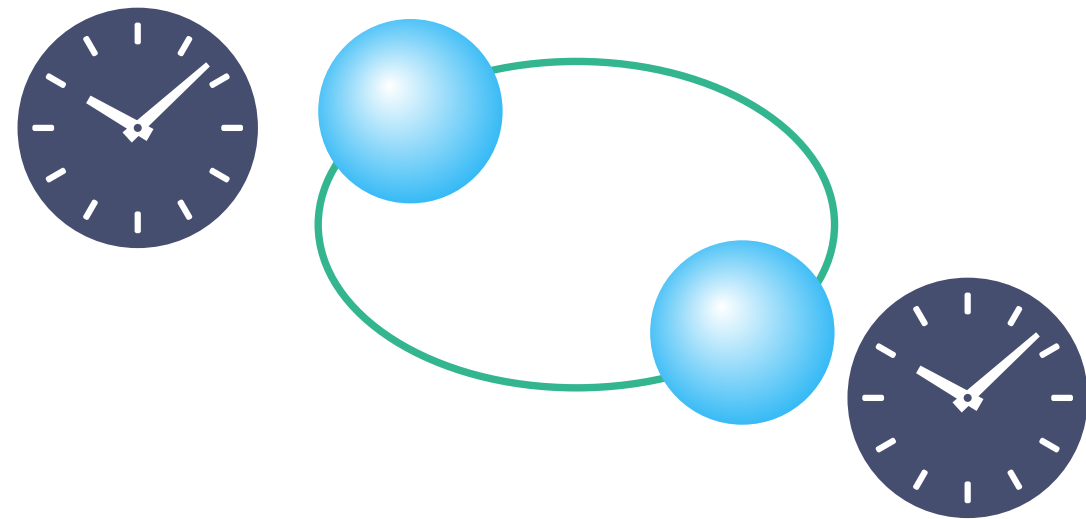
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Odd frequency superfluidity (奇周波数超流動)

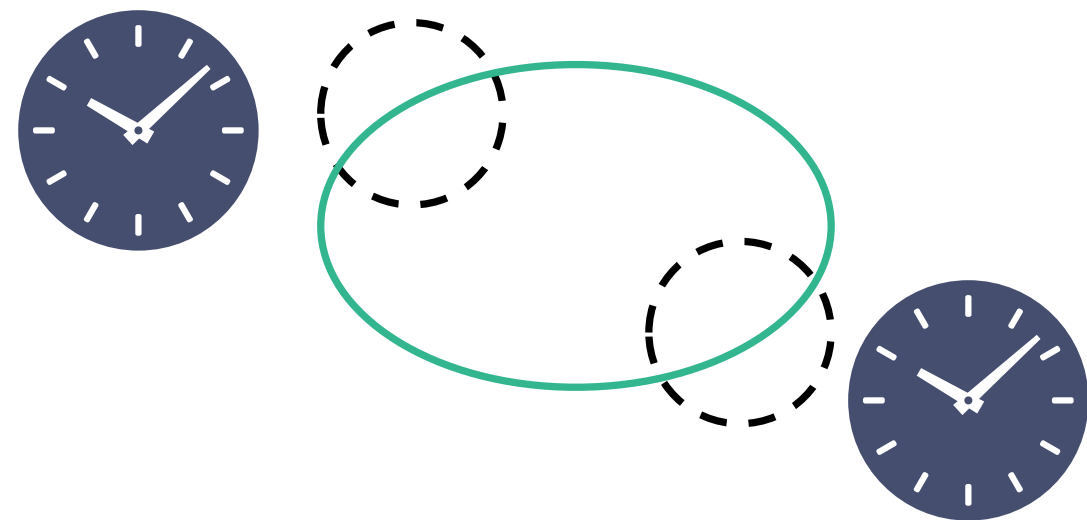
even frequency superfluidity



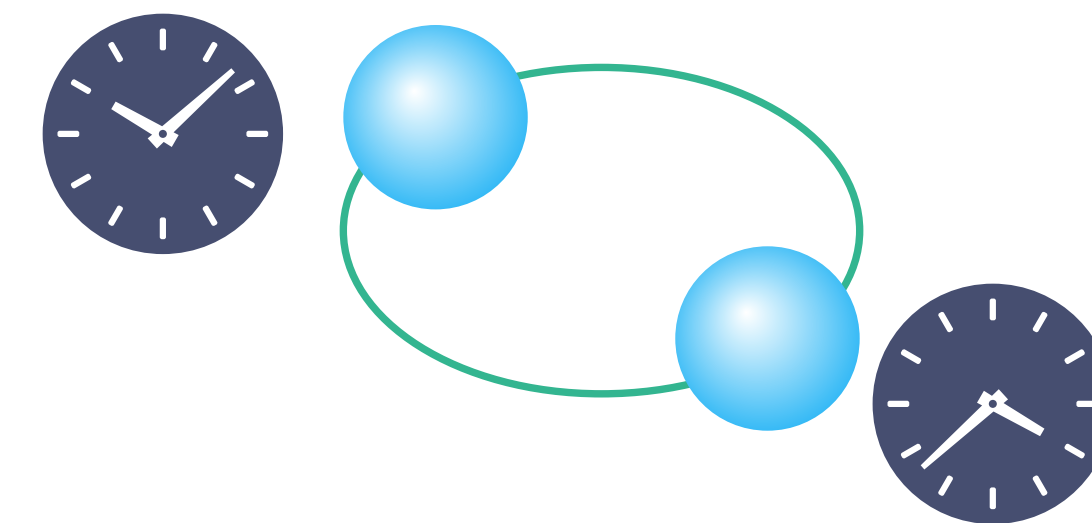
Ex. *s*-wave singlet, *p*-wave triplet

It is possible to form a pair with the particles at the same time.

odd-frequency superfluidity



A pair with particles at the same time is prohibited.



A pair only exists with particles at different times.

Superfluid order parameter

$$\Delta(t_2, t_1) = +\Delta(t_1, t_2)$$

$$\Delta(-\omega) = +\Delta(\omega)$$

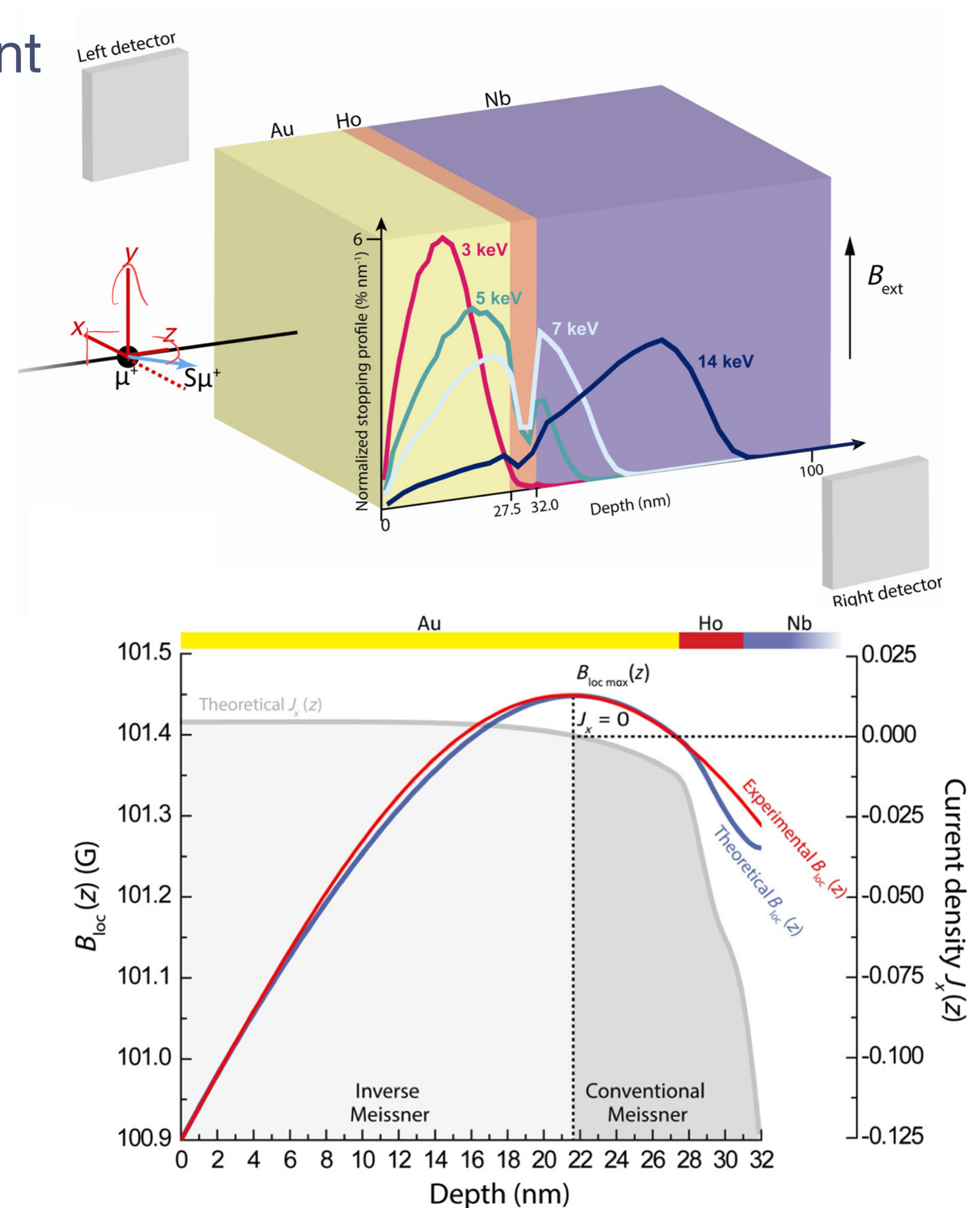
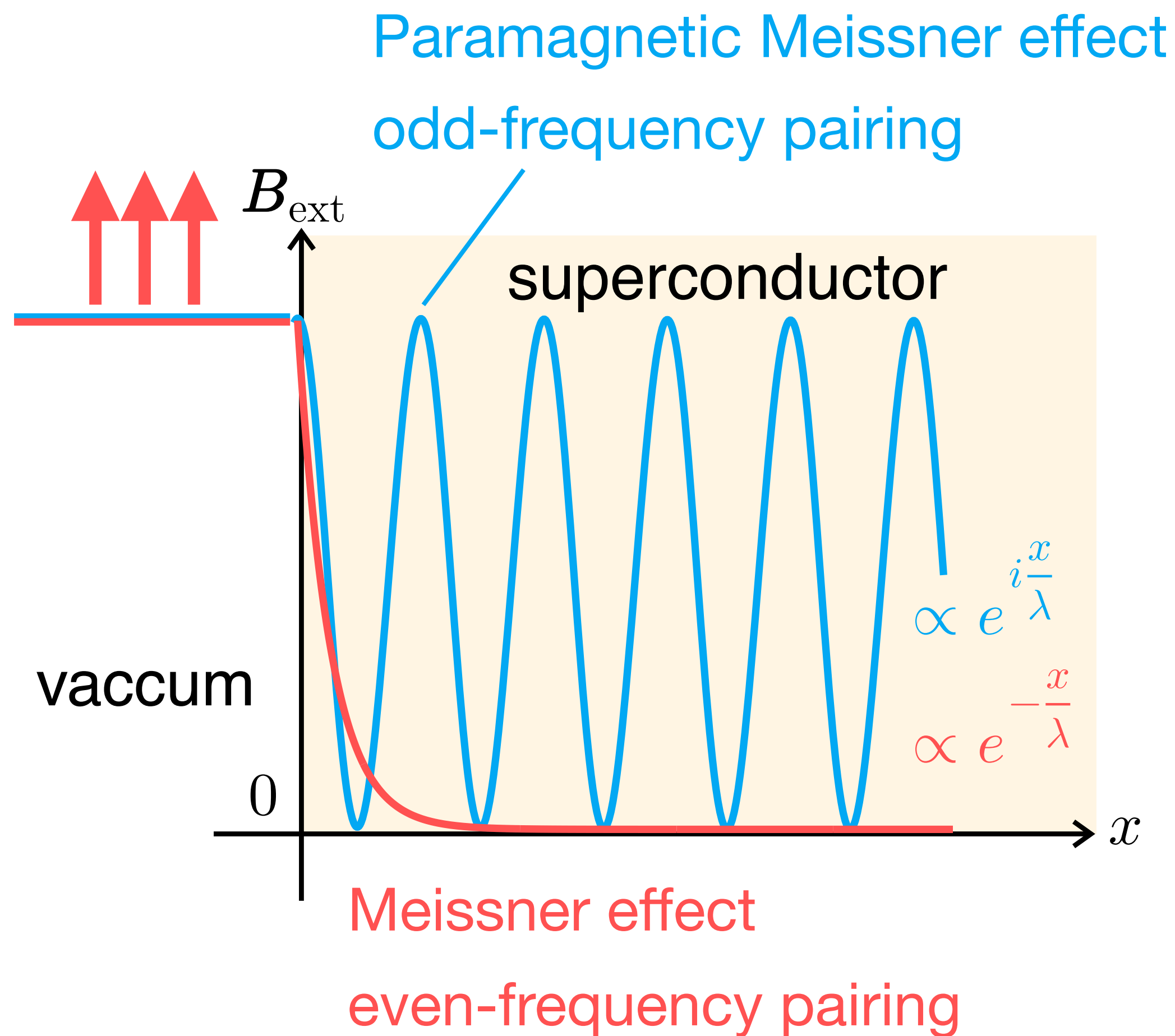
$$\Delta(t_2, t_1) = -\Delta(t_1, t_2)$$

$$\Delta(-\omega) = -\Delta(\omega)$$

Experimental result (junction system)

Paramagnetic Meissner effect

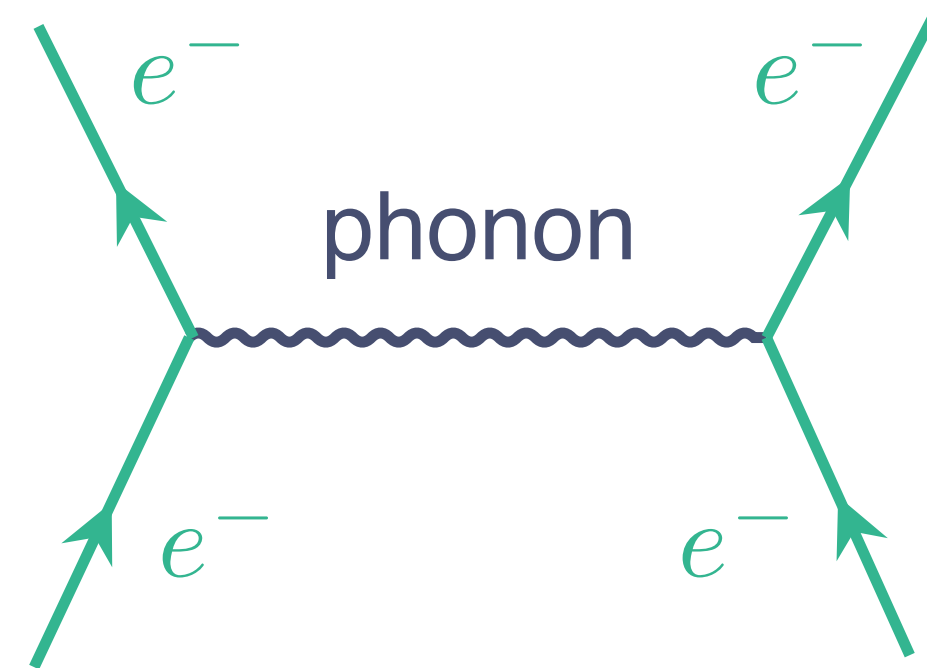
μ SR experiment



Theoretical proposal (bulk system)

Effect of retardation (Interaction propagates slowly) is important

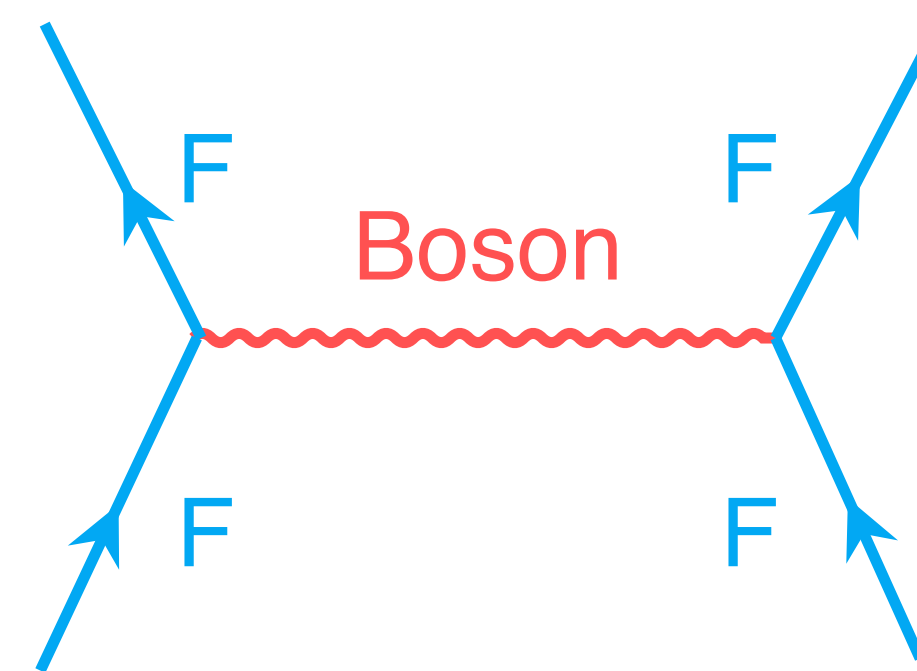
Electron-Phonon System



- Coulomb repulsive interaction between electrons at same time
- strong attractive interaction between electron by phonon

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J. Phys. Soc. Jpn. 80 (2011) 044711

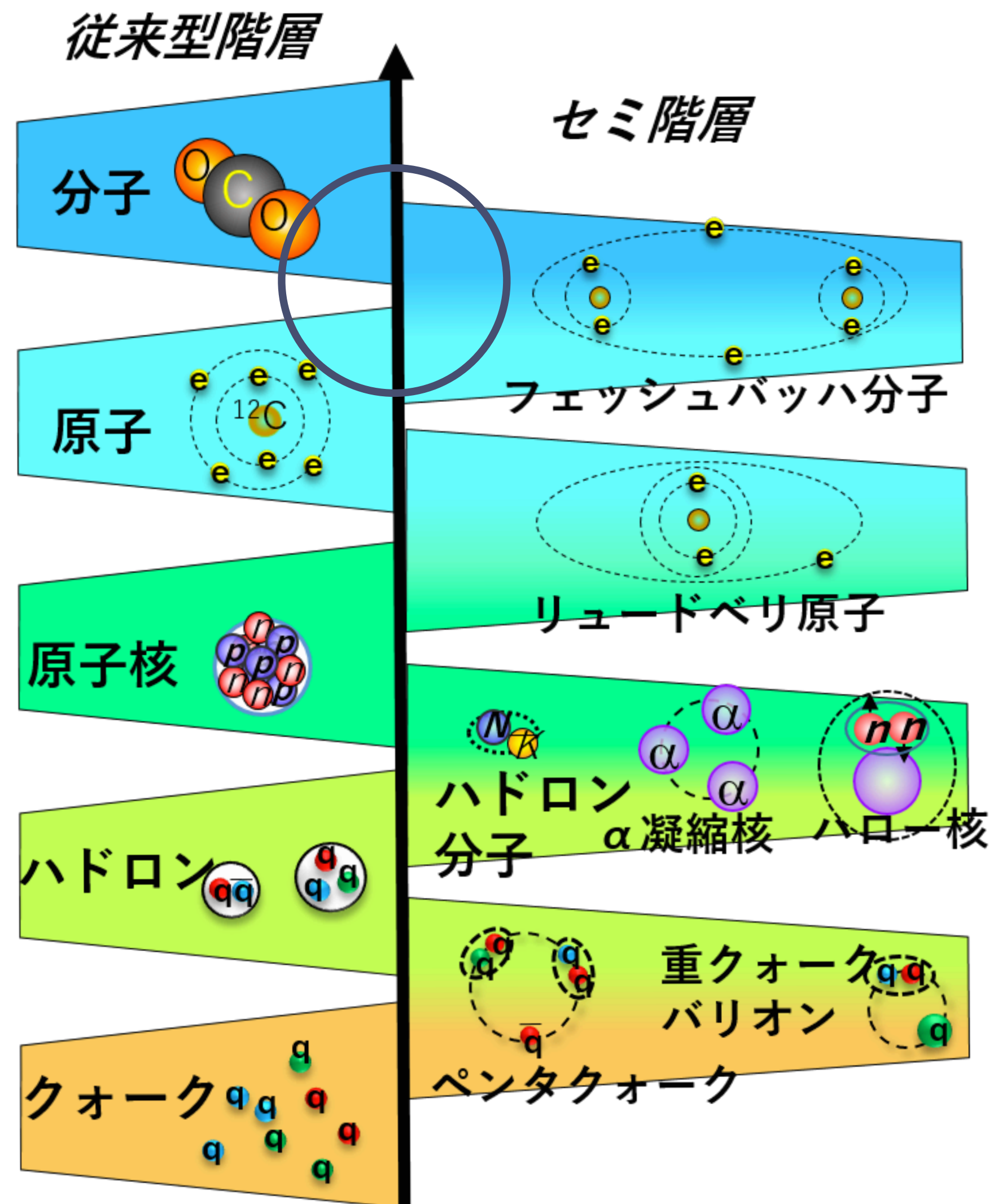
Mixture of bosonic and fermionic cold atoms



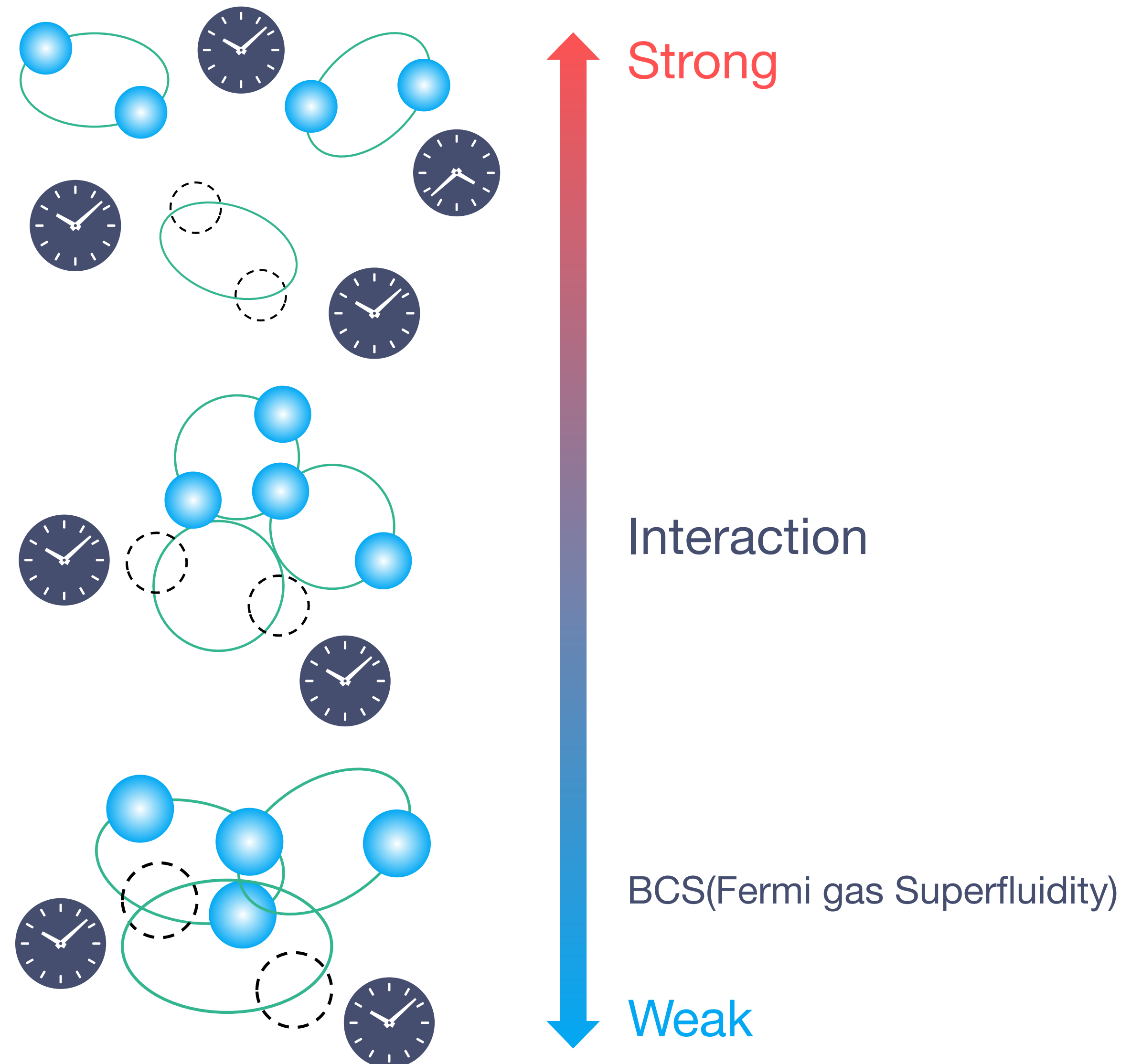
- strong attractive interaction between Fermion by boson
- s -wave odd- ω $T_c > p$ -wave even- ω T_c

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Phys. Rev. B. 78 (2008) 184513

Motivation



What is the molecule which only exists with atoms at different times ?



| Research topic

We construct a strong-coupling theory for odd-frequency superfluidity.

We calculate

- superfluid order parameter $\Delta(\omega)$ at $T = 0$
- superfluid phase transition temperature T_c

Formalism

Action (1 component Fermi Gas) $S = S_0 + S_1$

$$S_0 = \sum_{\mathbf{p}, \omega_n} \bar{\psi}_{\mathbf{p}, \omega_n} (-i\omega_n + \xi_{\mathbf{p}}) \psi_{\mathbf{p}, \omega_n} \quad \xi_{\mathbf{p}} = \frac{p^2}{2m} - \mu$$

$$S_1 = \frac{1}{2\beta} \sum_{\mathbf{p}_1, \omega_{n_1}, \mathbf{p}_2, \omega_{n_2}, \mathbf{q}, \nu_n} V_{\mathbf{p}_1, \omega_{n_1}, \mathbf{p}_2, \omega_{n_2}} \bar{\psi}_{\mathbf{p}_2 + \frac{\mathbf{q}}{2}, \omega_{n_2} + \nu_n} \bar{\psi}_{-\mathbf{p}_2 + \frac{\mathbf{q}}{2}, -\omega_{n_2}} \psi_{-\mathbf{p}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{q}}{2}, -\omega_{n_1}} \psi_{\mathbf{p}_1 + \frac{\mathbf{q}}{2}, \omega_{n_1} + \nu_n}$$

Strongly retarded attractive interaction
(depending on frequency)

Partition function

$$Z = \int D\bar{\psi} D\psi e^{-S(\bar{\psi}, \psi)}$$

Separable interaction

Assumed frequency dependence: **separable** form

$$V_{\mathbf{p}_1, \omega_{n_1}, \mathbf{p}_2, \omega_{n_2}} = -U \gamma_{\omega_{n_1}} \gamma_{\omega_{n_2}}$$

U : strength of the contact interaction

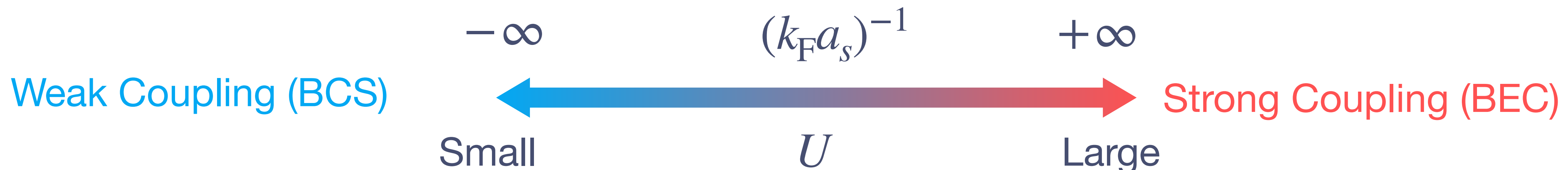
$$\gamma_{\omega_n} = \frac{\omega_n}{\sqrt{\omega_n^2 + \omega_0^2}}$$

Odd in $\omega_n \rightarrow$ **odd-frequency** superfluidity

Renormalized interaction: a_s (cf. even frequency s -wave case)

$$\frac{1}{U} = -\frac{m}{4\pi a_s} + \sum_{p < p_{\max}} \frac{1}{2\epsilon_p}$$

a_s : s -wave scattering length



$\Delta(\omega)$ at $T = 0$: BCS-Leggett theory

$$Z = \int D\bar{\psi} D\psi e^{-S(\bar{\psi}, \psi)} \longrightarrow Z = \int D\bar{\psi} D\psi \int D\bar{\Delta} D\Delta e^{-S(\bar{\psi}, \psi, \bar{\Delta}, \Delta)} \longrightarrow Z = \int D\bar{\Delta} D\Delta e^{-S_{\text{eff}}(\Delta, \bar{\Delta})}$$

Hubbard-Stratonovich Trans.

Integrate out ψ

Saddle point approx. (= Mean Field approx.)

$$\int D\bar{\Delta} D\Delta \text{ in } Z \text{ is replaced by saddle point value: } Z_{\text{MF}} \simeq e^{-S_{\text{eff}}(\Delta, \bar{\Delta})}$$

Free energy

$$\Omega_{\text{MF}} = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z_{\text{MF}}$$

Gap equation

$$\frac{\partial \Omega_{\text{MF}}}{\partial \bar{\Delta}} = 0$$

Particle num. eq.

$$N = -\frac{\partial \Omega_{\text{MF}}}{\partial \mu}$$



$$\Delta_{\text{MF}}$$

$$\mu$$

T_c : Saddle point approx.

$$Z = \int D\bar{\psi} D\psi e^{-S(\bar{\psi}, \psi)} \xrightarrow{\text{Hubbard-Stratonovich Trans.}} Z = \int D\bar{\psi} D\psi \int D\bar{\Delta} D\Delta e^{-S(\bar{\psi}, \psi, \bar{\Delta}, \Delta)} \xrightarrow{\text{Integrate out } \psi} Z = \int D\bar{\Delta} D\Delta e^{-S_{\text{eff}}(\Delta, \bar{\Delta})}$$

Saddle point approx. (= Mean Field approx.) at T_c

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Gap equation} & \frac{\partial \Omega_{\text{MF}}}{\partial \bar{\Delta}} = 0 \quad \Delta_{\text{MF}} = 0 \quad (T \geq T_c) \\ \text{Particle num. eq.} & N = N_0 = \sum_p f(\xi_p) \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{l} T_c \\ \mu \end{array} \quad \text{X}$$

Free particle

This approx. does not work when the interaction is strong at $T > 0$ because it ignores pairing fluctuation effects.

We improve this theory. $\xrightarrow{\quad}$ **Mean Field theory + fluctuation effect**

T_c : NSR theory

$$Z = \int D\bar{\psi} D\psi e^{-S(\bar{\psi}, \psi)} \longrightarrow Z = \int D\bar{\psi} D\psi \int D\bar{\Delta} D\Delta e^{-S(\bar{\psi}, \psi, \bar{\Delta}, \Delta)} \longrightarrow Z = \int D\bar{\Delta} D\Delta e^{-S_{\text{eff}}(\Delta, \bar{\Delta})}$$

Hubbard-Stratonovich Trans.

Integrate out ψ

Gaussian fluctuation approx. around saddle point

$$\Delta_q = \Delta_{\text{MF}} + \underline{\eta_q} \quad \text{Normal Fluid phase} \quad \Delta_{\text{MF}} = 0 \quad (T \geq T_c)$$

$$Z \simeq \underline{Z_0} \times \underline{Z_{\text{NSR}}} \quad Z_{\text{NSR}} = \int D\bar{\eta} D\eta e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_q \bar{\eta}_q \Gamma_q^{-1} \eta_q}$$

Free particle Fluctuation

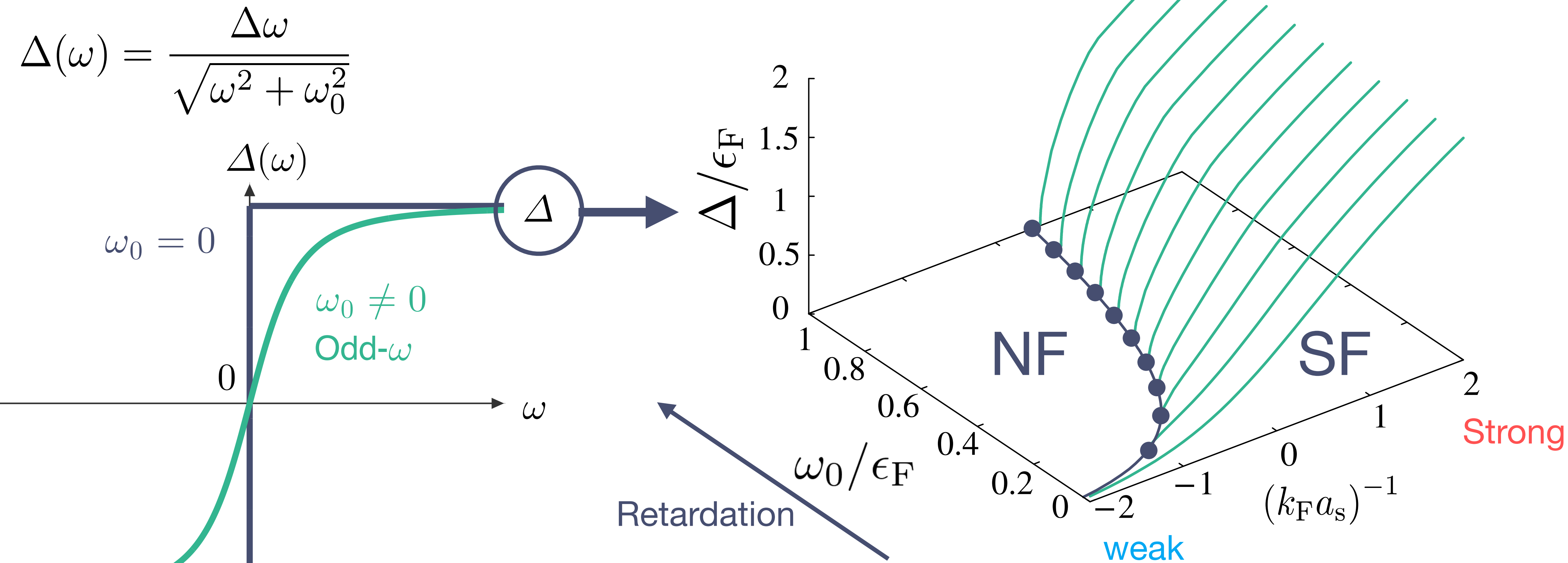
$$\text{Gap equation} \quad \frac{\partial \Omega_{\text{MF}}}{\partial \bar{\Delta}} = 0 \quad \Delta_{\text{MF}} = 0 \quad (T \geq T_c) \quad T_c$$

$$\text{Particle num. eq.} \quad N = N_0 + \underline{N_{\text{NSR}}} \quad \text{Fluctuation} \quad \mu$$

$\Delta(\omega)$ at $T = 0$

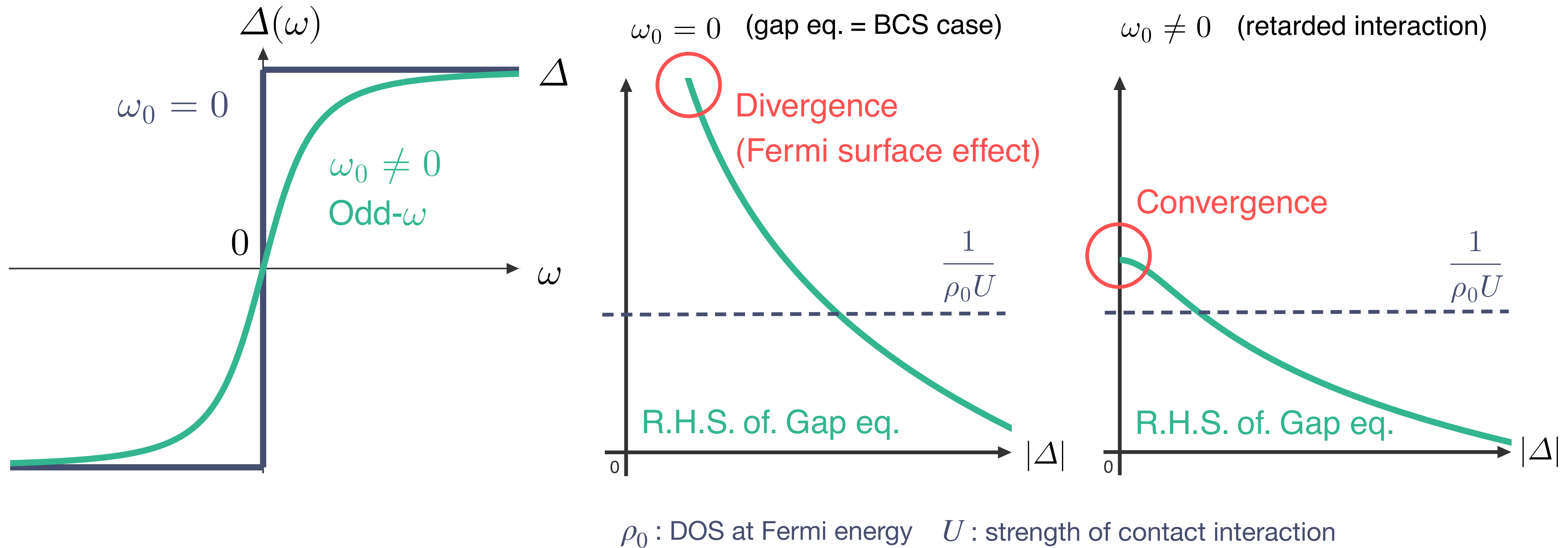
Frequency dependence of
Superfluid order parameter :

Odd- ω superfluid state prefers strong coupling regime at $T = 0$

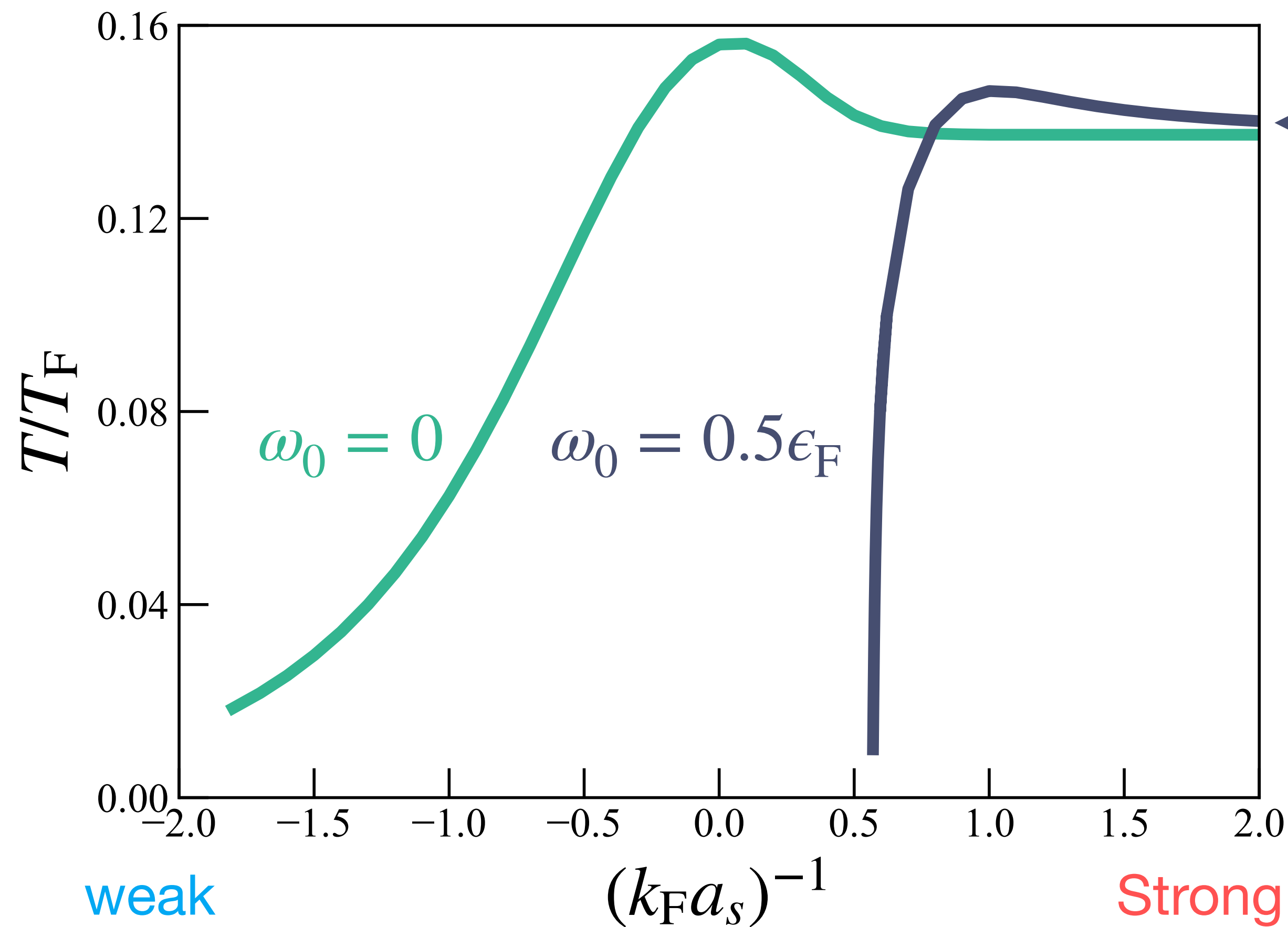


Reason why $\Delta(\omega)$ disappears in BCS side

Retardation of interaction suppresses Fermi surface effect.



$\Delta(\omega)$ at $T = 0$ and T_c



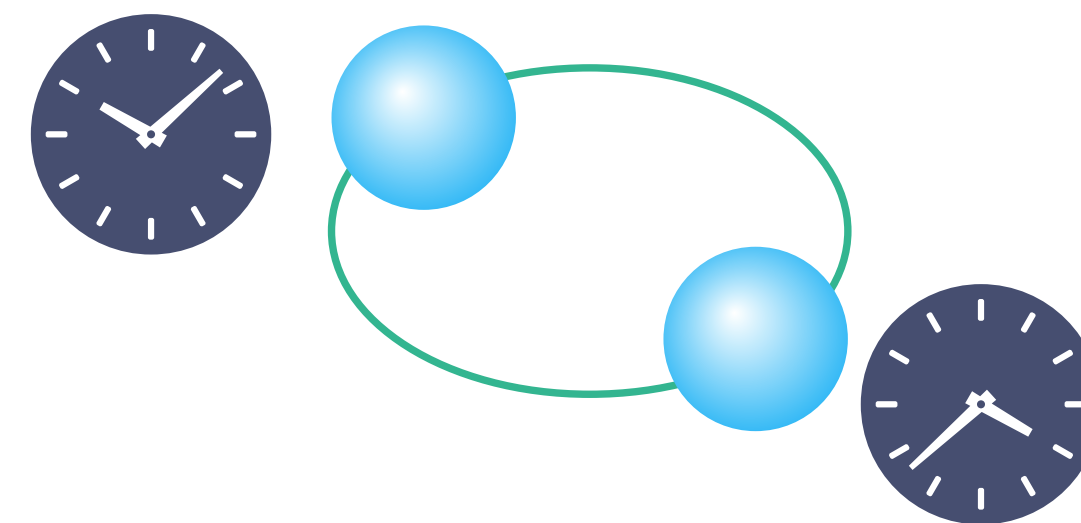
$$T_c = \underline{0.137 T_F}$$

BEC transition temperature of $N/2$ molecules



$$N = \frac{k_F}{6\pi^3} : \text{particle num. of atoms}$$

There are molecular bosons
composed of atoms at **different times**.



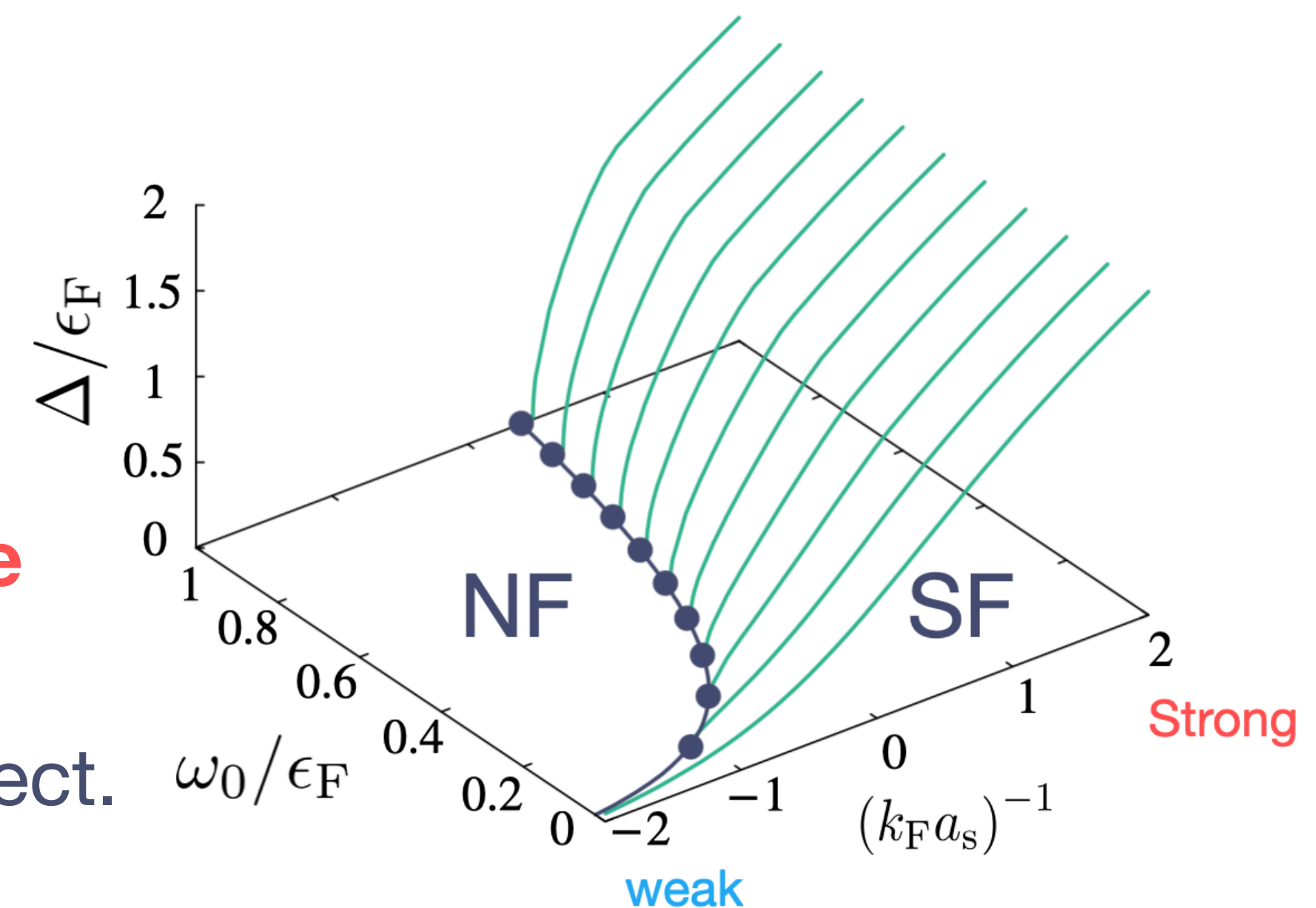
Effective molecular mass = $2m$
 m : atomic mass

Summary

We construct a **strong-coupling** theory for **odd- ω** superfluidity.

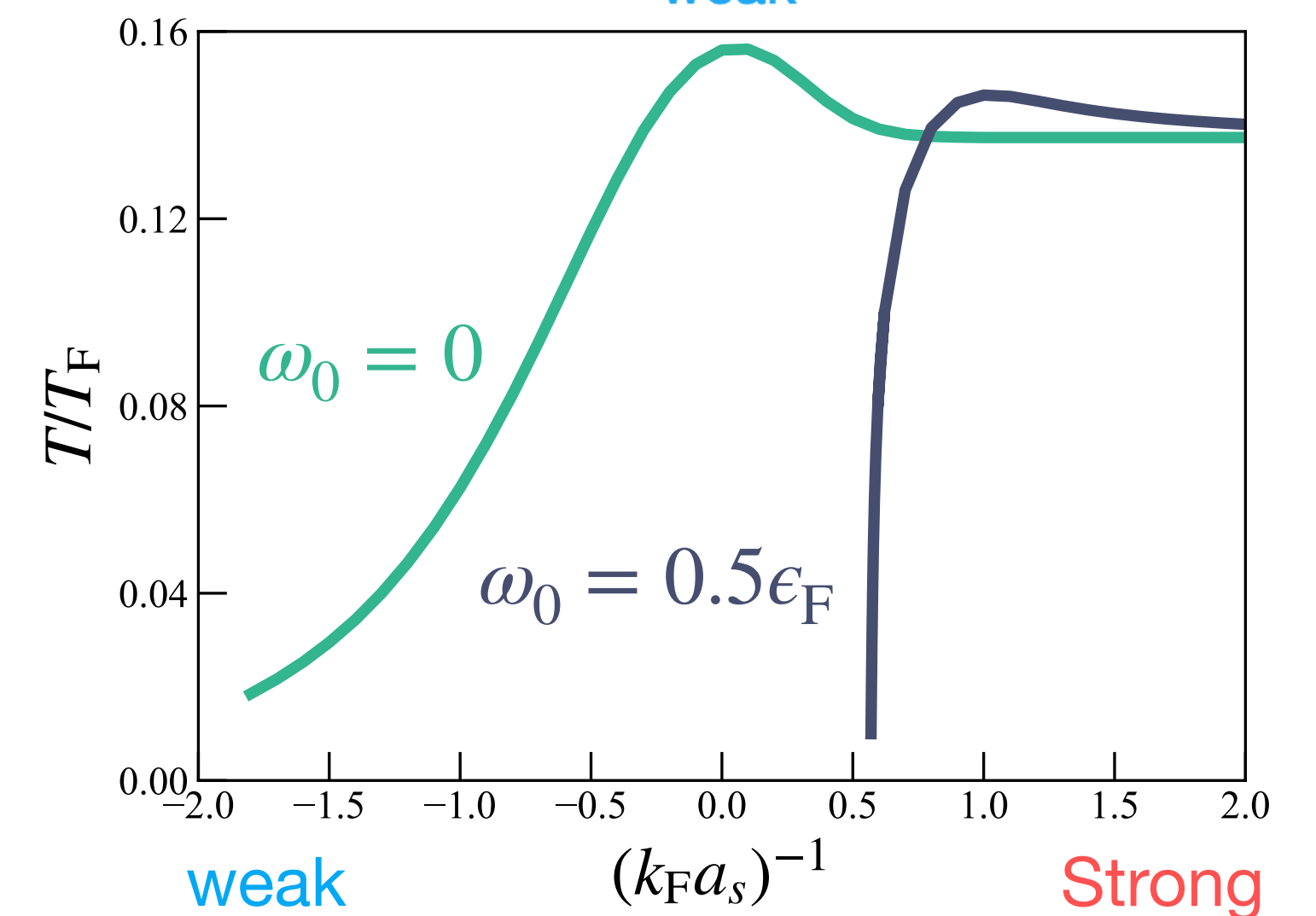
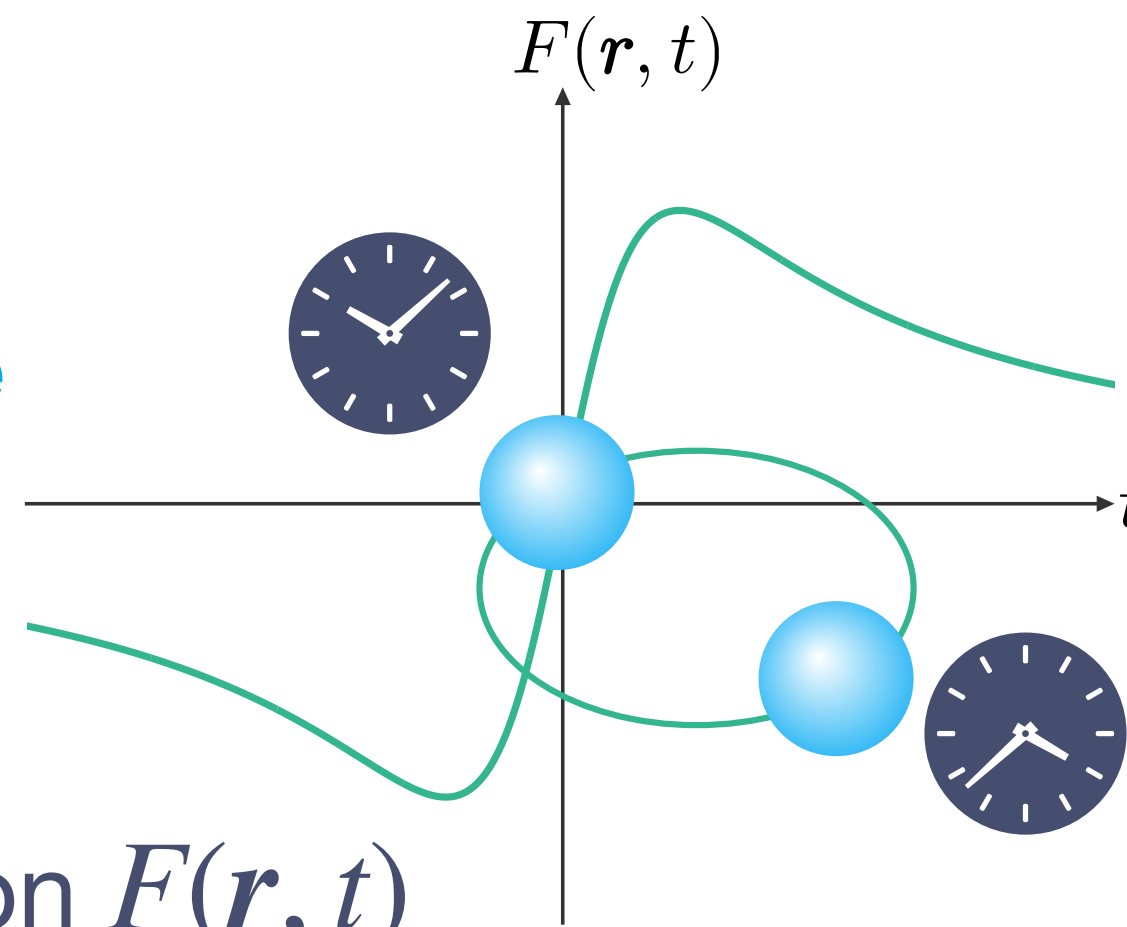
$\Delta(\omega)$ at $T = 0$

- Odd-frequency superfluid state prefers **strong coupling regime**
- $\Delta(\omega)$ disappears at **weak coupling regime** because retardation of interaction suppresses Fermi surface effect.



T_c

- **Strong coupling limit** : $T_c \simeq 0.137T_F$
- T_c disappears at **weak coupling regime**



Future work

Study on time structure of pair wave function $F(\mathbf{r}, t)$