Particle correlations in a Fermi superfluid

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We discuss the correlations between particles of different momentum in a superfluid Fermi gas, accessible through noise measurements of the absorption images of the expanded gas. We include two elements missing from the simplest treatment, based on the BCS wavefunction: the explicit use of a conserving approximation satisfying particle number conservation and the inclusion of the contribution from Cooper pairs at finite momentum. We expect the latter to be a significant issue in the strongly correlated state emerging in the BCS-Bose-Einstein condensate (BEC) crossover.

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The recent observation of resonance pairing in gases of fermionic atoms in the BCS-Bose–Einstein condensate (BEC) crossover regime [1] has been followed by an explosion in experimental and theoretical activity aimed at understanding this canonical problem of many-body physics. The measurement of the paring gap [2] and most recently the observation of superfluid flow [3] have dramatically confirmed the presence of superfluid condensates in these systems.

One experiment that is yet lacking is a direct measurement of *order*, that is, a demonstration of the condensation of pairs into a zero momentum state. In the case of a BEC of bosonic atoms, or molecules, the distribution $n(\mathbf{k})$ of the number of particles in each momentum state is readily available by time-of-flight imaging. The signature of BEC is a sharp peak in this distribution at zero momentum. By contrast, $n(\mathbf{k})$ in a Fermionic superfluid is a smooth function that resembles the corresponding distribution in a normal Fermi gas at finite temperature—see the recent experiment in Ref. [4]. Thus such a one-particle measure is of little use.

An ingenious resolution to this problem was the suggestion in Ref. [5] to measure noise correlations in the time-offlight images. The density-density correlation function of the gas following expansion can be interpreted as the (columnintegrated) correlator of $n(\mathbf{k})$ at two different momenta in a gas prior to release from the trap. Then the condensation of pairs at zero momentum corresponds to a peak in the correlator

$$\mathcal{C}_{\uparrow\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) \equiv \langle n_{\uparrow}(\mathbf{k}_1) n_{\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_2) \rangle - \langle n_{\uparrow}(\mathbf{k}_1) \rangle \langle n_{\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_2) \rangle \qquad (1)$$

at opposite momenta $\mathbf{k}_1 = -\mathbf{k}_2$. We denote the two atomic species between which pairing occurs as $s = \uparrow, \downarrow$, and assume species-selective imaging. In Ref. [5] this correlation function was evaluated at zero temperature using the usual BCS ground state ansatz

$$|\text{BCS}\rangle = \prod_{\mathbf{k}} \left(u_{\mathbf{k}} + v_{\mathbf{k}} a_{\uparrow \mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} a_{\downarrow - \mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \right) |0\rangle \tag{2}$$

to give

$$\mathcal{C}_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{\text{BCS}}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) = \delta_{\mathbf{k}_1, -\mathbf{k}_2} u_{\mathbf{k}_1}^2 v_{\mathbf{k}_1}^2 = \delta_{\mathbf{k}_1, -\mathbf{k}_2} \frac{|\Delta|^2}{4E_{\mathbf{k}_1}^2}, \qquad (3)$$

where $E_p = \sqrt{\xi_p^2 + |\Delta|^2}$, and $\xi_p = \mathbf{p}^2/2m - \mu$. The first experiments demonstrating the possibility of such measurements have now been performed [6,7]. Since a measurement of $C_{\uparrow\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$ in the BCS-BEC crossover may be attempted soon, and given the utility of such a measurement in constraining many-body theories of the strongly interacting gas, our purpose in this paper is to develop the theory of noise correlations in the following two directions:

1. Conserving approximation. We note that Eq. (3), together with the correlator $C_{\uparrow\uparrow}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$, which has the same form but with a delta-function $\delta_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2}$, can be used to calculate the density structure factor $S(\mathbf{q}) = \langle \rho_{\mathbf{q}} \rho_{-\mathbf{q}} \rangle$ of the system at zero momentum. The result in Eq. (3) gives

$$S(0) = 2 \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2} C^{\text{BCS}}_{\uparrow\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) + C^{\text{BCS}}_{\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$$
$$= \nu \int d\xi \frac{|\Delta|^2}{E_{\mathbf{k}_1}^2} = \pi \nu |\Delta|, \qquad (4)$$

(in the BCS limit, where ν is the density of states per atomic species at the Fermi energy). However, it is well known (see Ref. [9] for a recent discussion in the context of Fermi gases) that the structure factor of a quantum fluid with finite compressibility vanishes at zero momentum at zero temperature [8]. The incorrect result in Eq. (4) first appeared in Ref. [10] where it was used to conclude that the low energy modes of a neutral superconductor would have a dispersion of $\omega \sim q^2$, rather than the linearly dispersing Bogoliubov-Anderson mode. Since Eq. (4) arises entirely from the correlations found in Ref. [5], one may worry that the result in Eq. (3) will be changed in some essential way.

Note that this problem is unrelated to the nonconserving form of Eq. (2). It is easy to see that the projected form

$$|\mathrm{BCS}\rangle_{N} = \left(\sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{v_{\mathbf{k}}}{u_{\mathbf{k}}} a_{\uparrow \mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} a_{\downarrow - \mathbf{k}}^{\dagger}\right)^{N/2} |0\rangle,$$

lacks the long-ranged correlations in position space required to make the structure factor vanish [11].

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The resolution to this problem, as described in Ref. [12], is to use a conserving approximation. In the language of diagrams, we must include vertex corrections required by particle number conservation. Our first goal in this paper is to explain the effect these have on the correlator $C_{\uparrow\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$. The good news is that the delta-function structure of Eq. (3) remains intact, but the correlations function acquires a smooth background

$$\mathcal{C}_{\uparrow\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) = \mathcal{C}_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{\mathrm{BCS}}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) + \widetilde{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2), \qquad (5)$$

where $\tilde{C}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$ depends only on the magnitude of the two momenta and is smooth on the scale of the gap. This term cancels the first one when we compute the structure factor as in Eq. (4). It is natural to interpret $C(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$ as arising from correlations between different pairs so that, as in a singlespecies BEC, the vanishing of the structure factor at zero wavenumber is due to pairwise correlations between bosons (i.e., the Bogoliubov approximation). Such an interpretation implies that a measurement of four-particle correlations would reveal a peak at $\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4 = 0$.

2. Cooper pairs at nonzero momentum. Another wellknown consequence of including correlations between bosons is that the distribution function $n(\mathbf{q})$ of the number of bosons with a given momentum acquires a nontrivial structure, which leads to condensate depletion. Thus the true correlation function $C_{\uparrow\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$ will likely have a strong angular dependence outside of the main peak at $\mathbf{k}_1 = -\mathbf{k}_2$ due to the presence of such pairs, particularly in the crossover region where we expect deviations from the BCS picture to be most extreme. In fact, part of this dependence turns out to be universal and has the form

$$N_p \mathcal{C}_{\uparrow\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_1 \to -\mathbf{k}_2) \to \frac{\Delta^2}{4E_{\mathbf{k}_1}^2} \bigg[N_p \delta_{\mathbf{k}_1, -\mathbf{k}_2} + \frac{(2m)c_s}{2|\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2|} \bigg],$$

$$|\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2| \ll \xi^{-1} \tag{6}$$

where $N_p = k_F^3/(6\pi^2) \times \text{Vol}$, with k_F the Fermi wave vector, is the number of pairs, i.e., the number of atoms of each species, c_s is the sound velocity, and ξ is the Ginzburg–Landau coherence length that interpolates between the familiar coherence length $k_F/m\Delta$ of the BCS superfluid and the healing length $1/4mc_s$ of the BEC [13]. The meaning of this contribution is very simple [see Fig. 2(b)]. Outside the brackets we have the square of the usual Cooper pair wave function $\phi(\mathbf{k}) = \Delta/E_k$, describing the internal structure of the pairs. Inside the bracket we have a new contribution, which should be interpreted as the momentum distribution of uncondensed pairs $n_p(\mathbf{q}) = (2m)c_s/2q$. This form is precisely that expected in a simple BEC [14,15], and can be deduced very generally from the uncertainty principle [16].

The contribution of pairs of finite momentum is already one of the issues in the experiment [6] that measured the correlations of dissociated molecules. The result in Eq. (6) shows how superfluid order manifests itself in this contribution. Clearly this term is small in the extreme BEC limit as $c_s \rightarrow 0$. In the BCS limit c_s goes to the finite value $v_F/\sqrt{3}$, where v_F is the Fermi velocity, but the region of validity of

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FIG. 1. Diagrams corresponding to (a) the naive approximation of Eq. (3) and (b) the vertex correction required for a conserving approximation.

Eq. (6) becomes very small as $\xi \rightarrow \infty$. Since ξ attains a minimum value of order, the Fermi wavelength in the crossover is a promising place to look for the contribution of finite momentum pairs. The experimental confirmation of these strong deviations from the prediction of the simple BCS wavefunction would be very interesting.

We now turn to the derivation of these results. Let us first repeat the calculation of Ref. [5] in the Green's function language to establish our formalism. In terms of fermion creation and annihilation operators the number of particles of each species with momentum \mathbf{k} is $n_s(\mathbf{k}) = \psi_s^{\dagger}(\mathbf{k})\psi_s(\mathbf{k})$. To calculate the correlation function in Eq. (1) we introduce the Gor'kov Green's functions (real time, zero temperature)

$$G(\mathbf{k}_1, t_1; \mathbf{k}_2, t_2) = -i \langle T \Psi(\mathbf{k}_1, t_1) \otimes \Psi^{\dagger}(\mathbf{k}_2, t_2) \rangle$$

in terms of the Nambu spinor

$$\Psi(\mathbf{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\uparrow}(\mathbf{k}) \\ \psi_{\downarrow}^{\dagger}(-\mathbf{k}) \end{pmatrix}$$

Evaluating the correlation function in Eq. (1) using Wick's theorem gives

$$C_{\uparrow\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2) = -G_{12}(\mathbf{k}_1, 0; -\mathbf{k}_2, 0)G_{21}(-\mathbf{k}_2, 0; \mathbf{k}_1, 0)$$

The diagram corresponding to this contribution is just the bubble (see Fig. 1). The explicit form of the Green's function is $\hat{G}(\mathbf{k}_1, \varepsilon_1; \mathbf{k}_2, \varepsilon_2) = (2\pi) \delta(\varepsilon_1 - \varepsilon_2) \delta_{\mathbf{k}_1 \mathbf{k}_2} \hat{G}_0(\mathbf{k}_1, \varepsilon_1)$, with

$$\hat{G}_{0}(\mathbf{p},\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{2} - E_{\mathbf{p}}^{2} + i\delta} \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon + \xi_{\mathbf{p}} & -\Delta \\ -\Delta^{*} & \varepsilon - \xi_{\mathbf{p}} \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (7)

A straightforward calculation yields the result in Eq. (3) of Ref. [5]. The δ -function peak at $\mathbf{k}_1 = -\mathbf{k}_2$ is the signature of condensation of Cooper pairs with opposing momenta. We could also study the correlations of the same species:

$$\mathcal{C}_{\uparrow\uparrow} = G_{11}(\mathbf{k}_1, + ; \mathbf{k}_2, 0)G_{11}(\mathbf{k}_2, 0; \mathbf{k}_1, +) = \delta_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2} \frac{|\Delta|^2}{4E_{\mathbf{k}_1}^2}$$

(we have to pay attention to the point splitting in the time direction to get the right answer). The origin of this term is simply the binomial variance $n(\mathbf{k})[1-n(\mathbf{k})]$ arising from having $0 < n(\mathbf{k}) < 1$ due to the pairing, so this part resembles the correlations at finite temperature in a normal Fermi gas.

As explained earlier, the result in Eq. (3) cannot be all there is as it gives the wrong value of S(0). In general, the approximation for a two-particle quantity such as $C_{\uparrow\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$

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must be consistent with that used for the self-energy. The self-energy approximation in question is just the usual BCS self-consistency equation. We now describe the resulting approximation for $C_{\uparrow\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$. Digrammatically, vertex corrections (see Fig. 1) are required to ensure particle number conservation, i.e., that the vertex function satisfies the generalized Ward identity [12].

Consider the case of the model interaction

$$H_{\rm int} = \lambda \int d\mathbf{r} \psi_{\uparrow}^{\dagger} \psi_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} \psi_{\downarrow} \psi_{\uparrow} d\mathbf{v}_{\downarrow} \psi_{\uparrow} d\mathbf{v}_{\downarrow} d\mathbf{v}_{\uparrow} d\mathbf{v}_{\downarrow} d\mathbf{v}_{\uparrow} d\mathbf{v}_{\downarrow} d\mathbf{v}_{\uparrow} d\mathbf{v}_{\downarrow} d\mathbf{v}_{\uparrow} d\mathbf{v}_{\downarrow} d\mathbf{v}_{\uparrow} d\mathbf{v}_{\downarrow} d\mathbf{v}_{\downarrow} d\mathbf{v}_{\uparrow} d\mathbf{v}_{\downarrow} d\mathbf{v$$

We can represent this operator in Nambu form in the following way:

$$\begin{split} \psi_{\uparrow}^{\dagger}\psi_{\downarrow}^{\dagger}\psi_{\downarrow}\psi_{\uparrow} &= \Psi_{1}^{\dagger}\Psi_{2}\Psi_{2}^{\dagger}\Psi_{1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\Psi^{\dagger}\tau_{3}\Psi)(\Psi^{\dagger}\tau_{3}\Psi) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\Psi\otimes\Psi^{\dagger}|\tau_{3}\otimes\tau_{3}|\Psi^{\dagger}\otimes\Psi). \end{split}$$
(8)

(some δ -function terms arising from anticommutation drop out). The final form is for later convenience. The simplest approximation for the self-energy corresponding to this interaction is

$$\hat{\Sigma}(\mathbf{p},\varepsilon) = i\lambda \int \frac{d\mathbf{p}'^{3}d\varepsilon'}{(2\pi)^{4}} \tau_{3}\hat{G}(\mathbf{p}',\varepsilon')\tau_{3} - \tau_{3}\mathrm{tr}[\tau_{3}\hat{G}(\mathbf{p}',\varepsilon')].$$
(9)

Note that this includes the Hartree and Fock channels as well as the Cooper channel. The Hartree part is the second term of Eq. (9); the Fock part is included in the first part. The Hartree-Fock potential appears as the coefficient of τ_3 in Eq. (9), the Cooper part is off-diagonal, and reproduces the usual self-consistent equation. In the following calculation we will work in the weakly coupled BCS limit. For now we drop the Hartree part (the second term), and we will explicitly demonstrate shortly why the Cooper part is the only one that needs to be accounted for in the weakly coupled problem.

This first term of Eq. (9) implies that the vertex function should be taken to be the geometric series of bubbles $\hat{\Phi}(q, \omega)$

$$\hat{\Lambda}(\mathbf{q},\omega) = \lambda \tau_3 \otimes \tau_3 [1 - \lambda \hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{q},\omega)]^{-1}$$
(10)

where

$$\hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{q},\omega) = -i \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d\varepsilon}{2\pi} \hat{G}_{\mathbf{p}+\mathbf{q}/2,\varepsilon+\omega/2} \otimes \hat{G}_{\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{q}/2,\varepsilon-\omega/2}^{\mathrm{T}}.$$

The matrix structure of Eq. (10) is inherited from Eq. (8). $\hat{\Lambda}(q,\omega)$ is a 4×4 matrix. We denote the restriction of $\Lambda_{aa'bb'}$ to the subspace $a \neq b'$, $a' \neq b$ as $\hat{\Lambda}_c$, corresponding to the Cooper channel. The restriction $\hat{\Phi}_c(q,\omega)$ is afflicted with the usual log divergence. To handle this we use the gap equation

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$$\frac{2}{\lambda} = -\int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta^2 + \xi_{\mathbf{p}}^2}} = -\nu \int d\xi \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta^2 + \xi^2}}$$

(ν is the Fermi surface density of states per spin degree of freedom) to write

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\lambda} - \hat{\Phi}(0,\omega) \end{bmatrix}_c = \nu \int d\xi \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta^2 + \xi^2} (4(\Delta^2 + \xi^2) - \omega^2)} \\ \times \begin{pmatrix} -\Delta^2 + \omega^2/2 & -\Delta^2 \\ -\Delta^2 & -\Delta^2 + \omega^2/2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Outside of the Cooper subspace $\hat{\Phi}(0, \omega)$ is completely convergent. When we take the limit $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ with the cut-off going to infinity (limit of a δ -function potential); we can treat $[1/\lambda - \hat{\Phi}]^{-1}$ as zero outside of this subspace.

The final form of the vertex function is

$$\begin{split} \hat{\Lambda}_{c}(0,\omega) &= \begin{pmatrix} -\Delta^{2} + \omega^{2}/2 & \Delta^{2} \\ \Delta^{2} & -\Delta^{2} + \omega^{2}/2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\times \frac{2}{\nu |\omega| \sqrt{4\Delta^{2} - \omega^{2}}} [\cos^{-1}(\sqrt{1 - \omega^{2}/4\Delta^{2}})]^{-1} \\ &\equiv \begin{pmatrix} \Lambda_{1}(0,\omega) & \Lambda_{2}(0,\omega) \\ \Lambda_{2}(0,\omega) & \Lambda_{1}(0,\omega) \end{pmatrix}. \end{split}$$

Note that the vertex matrix has one eigenvalue $\Lambda_1(0,\omega) - \Lambda_2(0,\omega)$ that goes like $1/\omega^2$ as $\omega \rightarrow 0$. This is due to the phase mode. The other eigenvalue corresponds to the amplitude mode.

It is now straightforward to find the vertex correction to $C_{\uparrow\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$. We have to compute

$$\frac{i}{2} \sum_{k,k'} \int dt_1 dt_2 \langle \Psi_1^{\dagger}(\mathbf{k}_1, 0) \Psi_1(\mathbf{k}_1, 0) (\Psi^{\dagger}(\mathbf{k}, t_1)) \\ \otimes \Psi(\mathbf{k}, t_1) | \hat{\Lambda}(0, t_1 - t_2) | \Psi(\mathbf{k}', t_2) \\ \otimes \Psi^{\dagger}(\mathbf{k}', t_2)) \Psi_2^{\dagger}(\underline{k}_2, 0) \Psi_2(\mathbf{k}_2, 0) \rangle.$$
(11)

The vertex correction shown in Fig. 1 corresponds to pairing the Ψ_1 's with one side of the vertex operator and the Ψ_2 's with the other side. The other diagram, which corresponds to the "crossed" pairings, will be discussed later. Taking into account that only the 2–3 subspace of the vertex operator is nonzero gives

$$i \int \frac{d\varepsilon_1 d\varepsilon_2 d\omega}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_{i,j=1,2} G_{1i}(\varepsilon_1 + \omega/2, \mathbf{k}_1) G_{\overline{i}1}(\varepsilon_1 - \omega/2, \mathbf{k}_1)$$
$$\times G_{j2}(\varepsilon_2 + \omega/2, \mathbf{k}_2) G_{2\overline{j}}(\varepsilon_2 - \omega/2, \mathbf{k}_2) \Lambda_{cij}(0, \omega)$$
(12)

 $(\bar{1}\equiv 2, \bar{2}\equiv 1)$. Performing the $\varepsilon_{1,2}$ integrals yields the contribution of the vertex correction to $C_{\uparrow\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$, and also to $C_{\uparrow\uparrow}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2)$,

$$\widetilde{C}_{\uparrow\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_{1},\mathbf{k}_{2})| = -2\Delta^{2} \operatorname{Im} \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta^{2} + \xi_{1}^{2}} [4(\Delta^{2} + \xi_{1}^{2}) - \omega^{2}]} \\ \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Delta^{2} + \xi_{2}^{2}} [4(\Delta^{2} + \xi_{2}^{2}) - \omega^{2}]} \\ \times (\xi_{1}\xi_{2} + \omega^{2}/4)\Lambda_{1}(0,\omega) \\ + (\xi_{1}\xi_{2} - \omega^{2}/4)\Lambda_{2}(0,\omega).$$
(13)

The result does not depend on the relative angle of \mathbf{k}_1 and \mathbf{k}_2 . Now we can check the basic idea that this contribution cancels the naive one calculated in Eq. (3) to give a vanishing structure factor at zero wavenumber. First note that after ξ integration only the $\Lambda_1 - \Lambda_2$ (phase mode) part of the vertex function contributes. Performing the ξ integrals gives

$$\sum_{\mathbf{k}_{1},\mathbf{k}_{2}} \widetilde{C}_{\uparrow\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_{1},\mathbf{k}_{2}) = -2\nu\Delta^{2} \int_{|\omega|>2\Delta} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{1}{|\omega|\sqrt{\omega^{2}-4\Delta^{2}}}$$
$$\times \cos^{-1}\sqrt{1-\omega^{2}/4\Delta^{2}}$$
$$= -\frac{\pi\nu\Delta}{4}.$$
(14)

With the required factor of 4 for the spin sum Eq. (14) exactly cancels Eq. (4).

Turning now to the contribution of finite-momentum Cooper pairs, we will see that the diagram in Fig. 2(a) is the leading contribution to $C_{\uparrow\downarrow}(\mathbf{k}_1 \rightarrow -\mathbf{k}_2)$. This diagram simply corresponds to the "crossed" pairing in Eq. (11). We can ignore vertex corrections as we know that they give rise only to a background independent of the angle between \mathbf{k}_1 and \mathbf{k}_2 , and so in particular they do not contribute to any singular contribution. The resulting expression is in general rather



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FIG. 2. (a) Diagram describing contribution from finite momentum Cooper pairs. (b) Schematic of the disintegration process

lengthy. Note that we now require the vertex function at finite $\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2$. At low \mathbf{q} , however, the final Ω integral is dominated by the singular residue of the phase mode $\Lambda_1(\mathbf{q}, \omega) - \Lambda_2(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$

$$\operatorname{Res}[\Lambda_1(\mathbf{q},\omega) - \Lambda_2(\mathbf{q},\omega)]_{\omega = \pm c_s q} = \pm \frac{2mc_s \Delta^2}{n_p q}$$

where $c_s = v_F / \sqrt{3}$ and $n_p = k_F^3 / 6\pi^2$ is the density of pairs. This singular behavior gives rise to the second term in Eq. (6). Though we worked in the BCS limit we believe this form is valid throughout the crossover with the appropriate sound velocity c_s . Note that because we worked at weak coupling no depletion of the condensate is accounted for. With depletion, both terms in Eq. (6) should be scaled by the condensate fraction.

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