Bose-Fermi mixtures with pairing

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I will review recent work by us on the properties of Bose-Fermi mixtures with a tunable pairing interaction between bosons and fermions. A many-body diagrammatic approach, able to describe the condensed phase of a Bose-Fermi mixture from weak to strong boson-fermion couplings, will be presented [1]. This approach will be validated by comparing it with previous [2] and new dedicated fixed-node diffusion Monte Carlo calculations. By using both methods, a universal behavior of the condensate fraction and bosonic momentum distribution with respect to the boson concentration is found in an extended range of boson-fermion couplings and concentrations. For vanishing boson density, the bosonic condensate fraction reduces to the quasiparticle weight Z of the Fermi polaron studied in the context of polarized Fermi gases, unifying in this way two apparently unrelated quantities. Finally, I will discuss an interesting effect occurring in the molecular limit of the boson- fermion coupling, where the condensation is completely suppressed [3]. This phenomenon is an indirect effect on bosons of the Pauli exclusion principle acting on fermions, and is the counterpart in Bose-Fermi mixtures of the so called "Sarma phase" discussed for polarized Fermi gases.

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