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Resonantly interacting degenerate atomic gases.

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Resonant atomic gases



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Revolution in AMO physics

• degenerate Bose and Fermi atomic gases

Cornell and Wieman



Ketterle

Expansion of a Bose-Einstein Condensate $\int \frac{1}{10} \int \frac{1}{10} \int$



Kohl, Esslinger, et al. '05

Revolution in AMO physics

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- optical lattices



S-wave Feshbach resonant scattering • tunability (strength and sign) of interactions (sudden and adiabatic) Uclosed channel atom atom $\omega_{\rm c}$ diatomic open channel molecule $\mathcal{H}_{2ch} = \psi^{\dagger}_{\sigma} rac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} \psi_{\sigma} + \phi^{\dagger} ig(rac{\hat{p}^2}{4m} + \epsilon_0 ig) \phi - g \phi \psi^{\dagger}_{\uparrow} \psi^{\dagger}_{\downarrow}$ $\longrightarrow f_s(p) = \frac{1}{-a^{-1} + \frac{r_0}{2}p^2 - ip}, \quad \text{with} \ a \sim -\frac{g^2}{\omega_0} \sim a_{bg} \frac{\Delta B}{B_0 - B}, \quad r_0 \sim -\frac{1}{q^2}$ $f_s(p) = \frac{1}{F(p^2) - ip}$ Re $E = \operatorname{Re} \frac{p^2}{2}$ 3000 a2000 scattering length (a) 1000 U(r)В molecular binding energy (kHz) -1000 -100 $\overline{2|r_0|}$ -200 -2000 -300 Regal, et a -400 -3000 230 215 220 225Virtual -500 Resonance *Regal, et al.* B (gauss) bound state 220 221 222 223 224 B (gauss)

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• BCS superfluid (Regal, Jin 04 Zwierlein, Ketterle '04)





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Finite angular momentum superfluidity

Motivation:

• p-wave Feshbach resonances exist



- examples of ³He and high-Tc superconductors
- multiple superfluids phases



- anisotropic gap with gapless excitations
- conventional (thermal and quantum) and topological phase transitions with detuning
- non-Abelian vortex excitations \Rightarrow topological QC?

P-wave Feshbach resonant scattering



Experimental hopes for p-wave superfluidity





P-wave resonant superfluidity $\mathcal{H}_{2ch} = \psi^{\dagger} \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} \psi + \vec{\phi}^{\dagger} \big(\frac{\hat{p}^2}{4m} + \epsilon_0 \big) \vec{\phi} - ig \vec{\phi} \cdot \psi^{\dagger} \nabla \psi^{\dagger}$ dimensionless coupling: $\gamma \sim \left(\frac{g\sqrt{n}k_F}{\epsilon_F}\right)^2 \sim g^2 \epsilon_F^{1/2} \sim \frac{n^{1/3}}{a_0}$ • <u>*narrow*</u> resonance $\gamma \ll 1 \rightarrow \text{MFT} : \vec{\phi}(x) = \vec{B}$ • *complex vector* order parameter: $\vec{B} = \vec{u} + i \vec{v} \iff \psi_0 = B_z, \ \psi_{\pm} = \pm (B_x \pm i B_y)$ $ec{B}\cdotec{k}=\sum \psi_m Y_{1,m}(\hat{k})k$ • sample states: $m = 0, \pm k$ $v = 0 \iff |m = 0\rangle$ along \vec{u} $(k_x \quad \beta - state \ in \ ^3He)$ $u = v \iff |m = 1\rangle$ along $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$ $L_z = \pm 1, 0$ $(k_x + ik_y \text{ "axial" Anderson - Morel state in ³He})$

<u>Mean-field theory</u> $(\gamma \sim g^2 \epsilon_F^{1/2} \ll 1)$

$$H_p = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{k^2}{2m} a_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}} + \sum_{\mathbf{q},\alpha} (\frac{q^2}{4m} + \epsilon_{0\alpha}) b_{\mathbf{q},\alpha}^{\dagger} b_{\mathbf{q},\alpha} + \sum_{\mathbf{k}} [\Delta_{\mathbf{k}}(\vec{B}) a_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} a_{-\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} + h.c.]$$

• superfluid ground state:

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{molecular BEC} |\vec{B}\rangle + \text{Cooper pairing } |\text{BCS}_{\vec{B}}\rangle = \Pi_k(u_{\mathbf{k}} + v_{\mathbf{k}}a_{-\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger}a_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger})|0\rangle \\ (closed) & (open) \end{array}$

• excitation spectrum: $H_{ex} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} E_{\mathbf{k}}^{(a)} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}} + \sum_{\mathbf{k},\alpha} E_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{(m)} \beta_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{\dagger} \beta_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}$

$$E_{\mathbf{k}}^{(a)} = \sqrt{arepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + \Delta_{\mathbf{k}}^2}, \qquad E_{\mathbf{k},\alpha}^{(m)} = \sqrt{\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + \mu_{lpha}\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}}} \qquad with \; gap: \; \Delta_k = 2g|\vec{B}\cdot\vec{k}|$$

• \vec{B} , n_b , n_a , μ determined by :

> energy minimization (gap equation) $\rightarrow \frac{\partial E(\vec{B})}{\partial B} = 0$

 \blacktriangleright atom number equation $\rightarrow 2n_b + n_a = n$

• BEC $(\omega \ll 2\epsilon_F)$:



Dipolar-interaction FR splitting

Ticknor, et al '03



<u>P-wave superfluid phases</u>

$$E = \sum_{\alpha} (u_{\alpha}^{2} + v_{\alpha}^{2}) \left[\omega_{0\alpha} - 2\mu + a_{1} \ln \left\{ a_{0} \left(u + v \right) \right\} \right] + a_{1} \frac{u^{3} + v^{3}}{u + v} + a_{2} \left[\left(u^{2} + v^{2} \right)^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left(u^{2} - v^{2} \right)^{2} \right]$$

•
$$k_x$$
 - state: β -phase of ³He ($m_{||}=0$)

- $u \approx u_0 e^{\delta}$, v = 0
- equatorial node line for $\mu > 0 \Rightarrow C \sim T^{\alpha}$, ... fully gapped for $\mu < 0 \Rightarrow C \sim e^{-|B-B_0|^2/T}$, ...
- spontaneously broken symmetries: U(1)



• $k_x + i \sigma k_y$ - state: "deformed" A_1 -phase of ³He ($m_1=1$)



- $u \approx u_0 (1+\delta) e^{\delta/2}$, $v \approx u_0 (1-\delta) e^{\delta/2} \implies |m_1| = 1 > +\delta |m_1| = -1 >$
- polar point nodes for $\mu > 0 \Rightarrow C \sim T^{\alpha}$, ...
- fully gapped for $\mu < 0 \implies C \sim e^{-|B-B_0|^2/T}$, ...
- spontaneously broken symmetries: U(1), O(2), T





Anisotropic p-wave superfluidity

Gurarie, L.R., Andreev '05 Cheng and Yip '05



<u>Gapless — gapped superfluid transitions</u>



G. E. Volovik, JETP Lett. 80, 343 (2004)



<u>p_x+ i p_y superfluid in 2D</u>

- Pfaffian (Moore-Read) state from FQH $|p_x + ip_{y_{BCS}}\rangle = \prod_p \left[u_p + v_p a_{-p}^{\dagger} a_p^{\dagger} \right] |0\rangle$ $\Psi (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{2N}) = \sum_P (-1)^P \frac{1}{z_{P_1} - z_{P_2}} \frac{1}{z_{P_3} - z_{P_4}} \dots \frac{1}{z_{P_{N-1}} - z_{P_N}}$
- topological classification in terms of u_p and v_p

Anderson's pseudospin
$$\begin{cases} n_x + in_y = 2v^* u \\ n_z = |v|^2 - |u|^2 \end{cases} \quad \vec{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{p^2}{2m_a} - \mu\right)^2 + 4B^2 \left(p_x^2 + p_y^2\right)}} \begin{pmatrix} 2gBp_x \\ -2gBp_y \\ \frac{p^2}{2m_a} - \mu \end{pmatrix}$$



<u>p_x+ i p_v superfluid in 2D</u>



- topological classification in terms of u_p and v_p
- gapped (N=1, BCS) ⇒ gapped (N=0, BEC) superfluid transition at μ=0 Read and Green, PRB 61, 10267 (2000)
- vortex excitations with non-Abelian statistics

Ivanov, PRL (2001)



one fermion (2 states –either empty or occupied fermion) per two vortices

 $2^{\frac{n}{2}}$ states per *n* vortices

• suggested to be used as qubits for quantum computers *Kitaev, Ann. Phys.* 303, 2 (2003)

Summary of p-wave superfluidity

- mapped out T, $\omega_0 \propto B$, δ phase diagram for p-wave Feshbach resonant Fermi gas
 - p_x and $p_x + i p_y$ superfluids
 - thermal, quantum and topological SF => SF transitions
- quantitatively accurate description for small $\gamma = \Gamma/\epsilon_F$ (low n)



- realization of topological states, majorana zero modes, and non-Abelian statistics of Pfaffian (Moore-Read) state
- p-wave Feshbach molecules observed in K⁴⁰
- ...BUT
 - *short (msec) molecular lifetime (see Levinson, et al, PRL 2007)*
 - \clubsuit what about Li^6
 - ✤ need better quantitative understanding of stability

Imbalanced ("magnetized") BEC-BCS

- motivation: *superconductivity in B field, quarks-gluon plasma,...*
- natural realization in cold atoms: $H_h = H h(N_{\uparrow} N_{\downarrow})$

Fermionic Superfluidity with Imbalanced Spin Populations



$$b_{q} = B_{Q} \,\delta_{q,Q} \quad \underline{Mean-field theory} \quad (valid for \ \gamma \sim g^{2}/\epsilon_{F}^{1/2} \ll 1 \)$$

$$H_{\mu,h} = H - \mu N - h\Delta N \qquad \qquad N = N_{a\uparrow} + N_{a\downarrow} + 2 N_{b}$$
• ground state: $|gs\rangle = \Pi'_{\mathbf{k}} (u_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{Q}} + v_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{Q}} a^{\dagger}_{-\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}/2,\downarrow} a^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{Q}/2,\uparrow})|0\rangle \qquad \qquad \Delta N = N_{a\uparrow} - N_{a\downarrow}$

• ground state energy:

$$E_{gs} = \left(\frac{Q^{2}}{4m} + \delta - 2\mu\right)B_{Q}^{2} - \sum_{k} (E_{k} - \varepsilon_{k}) + \sum_{k} \left[E_{k,\uparrow}\theta(-E_{k,\uparrow}) + E_{k,\downarrow}\theta(-E_{k,\downarrow})\right]$$

$$E_{k} = (\varepsilon_{k}^{2} + g^{2}B_{Q}^{2})^{1/2}, \quad \varepsilon_{k} = \frac{k^{2}}{2m} - \mu + \frac{Q^{2}}{8m}$$
• excitation spectrum:

$$H_{ex} = \sum_{k,\sigma}' E_{k,\sigma}^{(a)} \alpha_{k,\sigma}^{\dagger} \alpha_{k,\sigma} + \sum_{k,\sigma}' E_{k,\sigma}^{(b)} \beta_{k}^{\dagger} \beta_{k}$$

$$E_{k,\sigma}^{(a)} = E_{k} \mp (h + \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{Q}/2m), \quad E_{k}^{(b)} = \sqrt{\varepsilon_{k}^{2} + V_{0}\varepsilon_{k}} \quad (\text{for } Q = 0)$$

$$(gapped and gapless k's) \quad (gapless k's collective; also phonons Q \neq 0))$$

$$F_{gapless}^{(a)} = k_{k,\sigma} \quad (for \mu < 0, h \neq 0, Q = 0)$$

$$F_{gapless}^{(a)} = k_{k,\sigma} \quad (for \mu > 0, h \neq 0, Q \neq 0)$$

• determine B_Q , N_b , $N_{a\uparrow}$, $N_{a\downarrow}$ (ΔN_a), Q by:

energy minimization $\longrightarrow \frac{\partial E_{gs}}{\partial B_Q} = 0$ (gap equation), $\frac{\partial E_{gs}}{\partial Q} = 0$ ($P_{total} = 0$)

 $\mu, h \text{ fixed} \qquad \boxed{BSC \text{ and } crossover regimes}_{\mu, h \text{ fixed}} (\delta > 0)$ $\cdot \underline{BCS SF}_{Q} = 0, B_{Q} = 0, \Delta N = 0: \quad 0 < h < h_{c} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} g B_{0}(\mu, \delta)$ $\cdot \underline{FFLO}_{Q} = 0, B_{Q} \neq 0, \Delta N \neq 0: \quad h_{c} < h < h_{FFLO} (\delta) \xrightarrow{\delta \gg 2\epsilon_{F}} 1.1 h_{c} \text{ (Fulde-Ferrell)}$

supersolid: broken rotational and translational symmetry

• <u>Normal</u> $B_0 = 0, B_0 = 0, \Delta N \neq 0$ (Pauli "paramagnet"): $h_{FFLO}(\delta) < h$



$$h = \mu_{\uparrow} - \mu_{\downarrow}(\mu \text{ fixed})$$
fully magnetized
$$h_{c} + h_{c} + h_$$

E_{gs}



N, h fixed

<u>BEC regime</u> ($\delta < 0$)

• <u>BECSF</u> $B_0 \neq 0$, $B_Q = 0$, $\Delta N = 0$: $0 < h < h_m(\delta) \approx -\delta/2$

AN[•] E_{gs} B₀





• <u>Normal</u> $B_0 = 0, B_Q = 0, \Delta N \neq 0$ (Pauli "paramagnet"): $h > h_{c2}(\delta) \approx 2^{3/2} \epsilon_F - \delta/2$









Imbalanced BEC-BCS experiments

• Ketterle's experiments (vortices, phase separation)





• Hulet's experiments (phase separation, surface tension)







• scattering T-matrix relates λ to a:



γ >> 1 Broad resonance superfluidity: Large N

• no small parameter for $k_F a \sim n^{1/3} a >> 1 \rightarrow introduce 1/N$

$$\mathcal{H}_{1ch} \stackrel{Sp(2N)}{\longrightarrow} \mathcal{H}_{N} = \psi_{\sigma\alpha}^{\dagger} (\frac{p^{2}}{2m} - \mu_{\sigma})\psi_{\sigma\alpha} + \frac{\lambda}{N}\psi_{\uparrow\alpha}^{\dagger}\psi_{\downarrow\alpha}^{\dagger}\psi_{\downarrow\beta}\psi_{\uparrow\beta}$$

$$egin{aligned} S[\phi] &= -rac{N}{\lambda} \int_{0}^{eta} d au d^{3}r |\phi|^{2} - N ext{Tr} \log igg[- G_{\phi}^{-1} igg] & G_{\phi}^{-1} = igg(rac{-\partial_{ au} + rac{
abla^{2}}{2m} + \mu_{\uparrow}}{\phi_{x}^{*}} rac{\phi_{x}}{-\partial_{ au} - rac{
abla^{2}}{2m} - \mu_{\downarrow} igg) \ f &= -rac{1}{eta V} \log \int D\phi e^{-S[\phi]}, \ &= N f^{(0)} + f^{(1/N)} + \dots \end{aligned}$$



MFT

$$f^{(0)} = -\frac{|\Delta|^2}{\lambda} - \int_k \left(E_k - \xi_k\right) - \sum_{\sigma=\pm} \int_k \log\left[1 + e^{-\beta(E_k + \sigma h)}\right]$$

Veillette, Sheehy, LR Nikolic, Sachdev also Nishida, Son ɛ-expansion $\gamma >> 1, k_{F}a \rightarrow \infty$ **Universality at unitary point** T.

T.L. Ho '04





Questions of current interest

- What are the big fundamental questions?
- Specific questions of current experimental interest:
 - Unitary Fermi gas (universality)
 - Resonant Bose gas (beyond Beliaev)
 - Stability to 3-body collisions and other inelastic processes

Radio-frequency offset [kHz

- Cooling and thermalization
- Experimental probes (development and understanding)
- Phases realizations (e.g., FFLO, p-wave SF, magnetism, ...,
- Nonequilibrium quantum dynamics

<u>On the horizon</u>

- p-wave superfluidity?
- degenerate molecular gases?
- local many-body lattice models
- multi-site many-body lattice models \Rightarrow exotic models?
- quantum Hall regime?

... but not before technical hurdles are overcome:

- cooling
- off-site interactions
- stability to inelastic processes near Feshbach resonances
- much larger clouds
- flat traps
- better and wider range of experimental probes