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# Mobile impurity = itinerant ferromagnet



#### Excitations in one-dimensional itinerant ferromagnets

Take bosons or fermions in 1D carrying spin (1/2 for simplicity) Consider ferromagnetic state (which is not necessarily ground state)

Excitations: longitudinal spin waves (linear dispersion = plasmons)



Excitations: transverse spin waves (quadratic dispersion = magnons)



#### δ interacting bosons/fermions: Bethe-Ansatz solvable

(iso)spin 1/2 bosons/fermions, *E* spin-independent interaction:

$$H = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{p_j^2}{2m} + \sum_{i < j} U(x_i - x_j)$$
$$U(x) = \tilde{U}(x) + \alpha \delta(x)$$

Bethe-Ansatz solvable when  $\tilde{U}(x) = 0$  Yang - <u>Gaudin</u> model



#### Effective mass in the Yang-Gaudin model



Tonks-Girardeau (TG) limit: short-range potential  $\gamma 
ightarrow \infty$ 

Effective mass diverges in the TG limit:  $m_* = m \frac{3\gamma}{2\pi^2}, \qquad \gamma \to \infty$  (it costs no energy to flip a spin when  $\gamma = \infty$  )

#### Limit of infinite repulsion (TG): logarithmic diffusion

$$G_{\perp}(x,t) = \langle \Uparrow | s_{+}(x,t) s_{-}(0,0) | \Uparrow \rangle$$
 Spin flip = change particle color

Infinite repulsion: spin-down (red) particle cannot exchange the position with its neighbors

Results:  
$$G_{\perp}(x,t) \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\ln(t/t_{\rm F})}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{K} \frac{(\pi \rho x)^2}{2\ln(t/t_{\rm F})}\right\} \quad \text{``logarithmic diffusion''} \\ \text{as } x, t \to \infty \quad \text{or } x = 0, \ t \to \infty$$

Here 
$$t_{\rm F} = \hbar/E_{\rm F}$$
,  $E_{\rm F} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} (\pi \rho)^2$   
 $\tilde{U}(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow K = 1$ 

M. B. Zvonarev, V. V. Cheianov, T. Giamarchi, PRL 99, 240404 (2007)

#### How to get logarithmic diffusion: bosonization reminder

Consider equation of motion for the 1D fluid:  $\partial_t^2 \phi - v^2 \partial_x^2 \phi = 0$ 

 $\phi(x)$  gives deviation of the particle density  $\rho(x)$  from average value,  $\rho$ 

$$\rho(x) = \rho - \frac{1}{\pi} \partial_x \phi(x)$$

Quantization:  $\theta(x)$  such that  $[\partial_x \theta(x), \phi(y)] = -i\pi \delta(x-y)$  leads us to

$$\mathcal{H}(x) = \frac{v}{2\pi} : K(\partial_x \theta)^2 + \frac{1}{K} (\partial_x \phi)^2 :$$

Luttinger parameter KCompressibility  $\kappa$   $K = \pi v \kappa, \quad \kappa = \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \mu}\right)_L$ 

Boson creation operator: 
$$\psi^{\dagger}(x) \sim \sqrt{
ho_{-}} e^{-i\theta(x)}$$

## Solution: from spinful problem to spinless



Solid and dashed curves should not cross each other! – the only effect of spin  $G_{\perp}(x,t) = \langle \delta[N(x,t)]\rho(x,t)\rho(0,0) \rangle \qquad \delta(N(x,\tau)) = \int d\lambda \, e^{i\lambda N(x,\tau)}$ Operator  $N(x,\tau)$  counts the number of crossings!

Solid lines do not disappear  $\implies$  continuity equation:  $\partial_x j_x + \partial_\tau j_\tau = 0$ 

$$N(x,\tau) = \int_{(0,0)}^{(x,\tau)} j_{\tau} dx - j_{x} d\tau = \rho x - \frac{1}{\pi} [\phi(x,\tau) - \phi(0,0)]$$

# Estimate for the escape time S

The "red" particle is trapped between impenetrable neighbors

Estimate for the escape time can be obtained from the Kronig-Penney model:

$$t_* \sim \gamma t_{
m F}, \qquad t_{
m F} = \hbar/E_{
m F}, \qquad \gamma \gg 1$$

What happens when  $t > t_*$  ?

"Red" and "blue" particles can exchange positions:



#### Green's function for strong but finite repulsion

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#### Dynamics of spin excitations at finite interaction strength

Intensity plot of  $\operatorname{Re} G_{\perp}(x,t)$  in the x,t plane at  $\gamma=100$ 



Universal dynamics & edge singularity in the momentum space

## Excitation spectrum of the 1D non-interacting Fermi gas



Multiple particle-hole pair spectrum



Figure 1. (a) Single-particle spectrum of the free Fermi gas in 1D; (b) Particle-hole pair spectrum; (c) full zero-charge (multiple particle-hole) excitation spectrum (energy differences  $E(n) = 2\pi v_F n^2/L$  of extremal states at  $k = 2nk_F$  greatly exaggerated).

#### Excitation spectrum of the 1D interacting Fermi gas

Like in the non-interacting case, has a gap at all finite momenta: (except for multiple integers of  $2k_F$ )

Proved by perturbation theory, numerics, exactly solvable models

 $\Rightarrow$  Threshold energy  $\omega_{-}(q) = \min_{\nu} E_{\nu}(q)$ 

u enumerates all the states with total momentum q



No excitations below  $\omega_{-}$ 



#### Spectral functions: definition & non-interacting case

Dynamic structure factor: gives absorption rate of a photon with

Energy  

$$S(q,\omega) = \sum_{\nu} |\langle \nu, q | n_q^{\dagger} | gs \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - E_{\nu}(q))$$
  
Momentum  
 $n_q^{\dagger} = \sum_k \psi_k^{\dagger} \psi_{k-q}$ 

No interaction  $\Rightarrow$  Photon creates single particle-hole pair:



#### Spectral functions: effects of the interaction

Interaction  $\Rightarrow$  Multiple particle-hole pairs can be excited

⇒ Some spread of structure functions is expected





Back to real space: get  $G_{\perp}(x,t)$  from  $S(q,\omega)$ Fourier transform:  $G(x,t) = \int dq \, e^{iqx} \int d\omega \, e^{-i\omega t} S(q,\omega)$ We know  $S(q,\omega) \simeq c(q)\theta(\omega - \omega_{-})(\omega - \omega_{-})^{\Delta(q)}$  near threshold  $\Rightarrow$  we know  $S(q,\omega)$  as  $q, \omega \to 0$ Using symmetry  $S(q,\omega) = S(-q,\omega)$  we expand  $\Delta(q)$  and  $\omega_{-}(q)$  at  $q \to 0$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} \Delta(q) = -1 + \alpha q^2 + \cdots \\ \omega_{-}(q) = q^2/2m_* + \cdots \\ x, t \to \infty \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \text{Logarithmic diffusion for } m/m_* \ll 1 \\ \dots ??? \dots \text{ for } m/m_* \simeq 1 \end{array}$ 

How Luttinger physics can appear as  $q \rightarrow 0$  ?

$$\Delta(q) = -1 + \alpha |q| + \cdots \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad G(x,t) \sim \frac{1}{(x^2 - v^2 t^2)^{\mu}} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{Luttinger} \\ \text{form of the} \\ \text{Green's} \\ \text{function!} \end{array}$$

#### Do we have experiments/numerics for

Momentum space  $\Rightarrow$   $S(q, \omega)$ 

Real space  $\Rightarrow$   $G_{\perp}(x,t)$ 

#### Experiment/numerics in momentum space



"Typical" numerical plot of the structure factor (this one is for the Heisenberg magnet).

#### More numerics in momentum space



Pierre Bouillot et. al., Phys. Rev. B 83, 054407 (2011)



How to extract exponents from numerics of such precision - see Imambekov's talk) There is no "no go" theorem but!

To resolve the exponents of the edge singularity of the structure functions is a difficult and open problem for both numerics and "solid state" experiment

May be experiments in cold gases could do it better?

# Are so far done with the impurity subjected to the external (gravity) force

driven motion problem in the <u>real</u> space

Why should we always stick to the momentum space?

#### First (cold gases) experiment

Stefan Palzer, Christoph Zipkes, Carlo Sias, and Michael Köhl, PRL 103, 150601 (2009) Quantum Transport through a Tonks-Girardeau Gas

#### Quantum impurity is driven by the gravity force



FIG. 2 (color online). In situ measurement of the time evolution of both the trapped component (upper curve) and the impurity (lower curve) for different times  $\tau$ . The data are taken for  $\gamma = 7$ . The solid line is a two-point average of the data to guide the eye.



FIG. 3 (color online). The circles show the measured centerof-mass position taken for  $\gamma = 7$ . The error bars are the statistical error of the center of mass of the measured density distribution. The solid line is the prediction according to the model described in the text. The gray shaded area indicates the regime of uncertainty of 10% of  $n_{1D}$  given by our experimental parameters. The dashed curve indicates purely ballistic motion. The squares show the increase of the width of the impurity wave packet. The data point at 2 ms contains atoms which have already left the trapped gas which is not taken into account by the theory.

#### Details of the experiment



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#### Red: impurity; blue: host particles



Red: host centre mass; blue: impurity centre mass

dashed line: free falling particle  $\gamma = 7 \Rightarrow m/m_* \simeq 0.45$ Looks like particle falling with effective mass,  $a = \frac{m}{2}a$ 

$$a = \frac{1}{m_*}g$$

Finale velocity is more than 2 x sound velocity

#### Do we have a theory for such a problem?

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#### Superfluidity versus Bloch Oscillations in Confined Atomic Gases

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#### Motion of a heavy impurity through a Bose-Einstein condensate

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#### Drag Force on an Impurity below the Superfluid Critical Velocity in a Quasi-One-Dimensional Bose-Einstein Condensate

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The above cited papers are about the impurity of infinite mass moving with constant velocity

# What do we know about the finite mass impurity under the external force?

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#### **Bloch Oscillations in a One-Dimensional Spinor Gas**

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A force applied to a spin-flipped particle in a one-dimensional spinor gas may lead to Bloch oscillations of the particle's position and velocity. The existence of Bloch oscillations crucially depends on the viscous friction force exerted by the rest of the gas on the spin excitation. We evaluate the friction in terms of the quantum fluid parameters. In particular, we show that the friction is absent for integrable cases, such as an SU(2) symmetric gas of bosons or fermions. For small deviations from the exact integrability the friction is very weak, opening the possibility to observe Bloch oscillations.

The above paper further develops the ideas of some previous works

## This paper is about effective hydrodynamic theory

Suggested equation of motion for the impurity:  $\partial_t q = F - \kappa V$ 

2 crucial statements:

1: viscosity coefficient  $\kappa \sim T^4$ 

2: velocity  $V = \frac{\partial \varepsilon(q)}{\partial q}$   $\varepsilon(q)$  is the edge of the excitation spectrum

$$\Rightarrow V_{\text{drift}} = \kappa^{-1} \begin{cases} F; & F < F_c, \\ F - \sqrt{F^2 - F_c^2}; & F > F_c, \end{cases} \qquad F_c = \kappa \hbar n / M^*$$

In the strong forcing regime,  $F > F_c$ , the drift motion is superimposed with the Bloch oscillations with the period

$$\Delta T = 2\pi\hbar n / \sqrt{F^2 - F_c^2}$$

## How hydrodynamic theory is solved for strong repulsion

Bosons with spin-independent interaction:  

$$H = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{p_j^2}{2m} + \alpha \sum_{i < j} \delta(x_i - x_j)$$
Dimensionless coupling:  $\gamma = \frac{m\alpha}{\hbar^2 \rho}$  o.6  
Dispersion of spinless boson gas:  
 $\omega_-(k) = vk$   $k \to 0$   
Dispersion of bosons with spin:  
 $\omega_-(k) = \frac{k^2}{2m_*}$   $k \to 0$   
 $k_F = \pi \rho$   
 $k_F = \pi \frac{3\gamma}{2\pi^2}$ ,  $\gamma \to \infty$ 

# How hydrodynamic theory is solved for strong repulsion II

$$V = \kappa^{-1} F_c \sin(2\beta q), \qquad F_c = \kappa \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{m}{m_*} \frac{\varepsilon_F}{q_F} = \kappa \frac{q_F}{\pi m_*}, \qquad \beta = \frac{\pi}{2q_F} \qquad \gamma \to \infty$$

It is said that the viscosity coefficient is independent of velocity, therefore

$$\frac{dq}{F - F_c \sin(2\beta q)} = dt$$



## Summary

Mobile impurity in the quantum gas has non-Luttinger dynamics in real space due to quadratic dispersion

This non-Luttinger behavior can be obtained from looking at the behavior of the structure functions near the edge of the excitations spectrum

Many details of the edge behavior of the spectral functions are yet difficult to get in the numerics&experiment

The hope is that the real-space dynamics of impurity have some pronounced features (e.g. logarithmic diffusion) which are "easy" to observe in the numerics&experiment.

Cold gases are good for working with real-time dynamics of impurity

There is only one published experiment on the 1D impurity motion (driven by constant external force), but several other experiments are on the way.

# Some details on the edge exponents not shown in the talk

#### Excitations near threshold energy

Consider spectral function  $S(q,\omega) = \sum_{\nu} |\langle \nu, q | n_q^{\dagger} | g s \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - E_{\nu}(q))$  $n_q^{\dagger} = \sum_k \psi_k^{\dagger} \psi_{k-q}$ 

Problem: classify excitations with arbitrary  ${m q}$  and  $E_{
u}(q) 
ightarrow \omega_{-}(q)$ 

Hint: look at free fermions:



## Excitations near threshold energy (continued)



#### Effective theory near the edge of the spectrum

Should be a minimal theory of the 1D polaron problem: free plasmons interacting with a deep hole

Free plasmons = particle-hole pairs near Fermi points = Luttinger Liquid:

$$H_{LL} = \int \frac{dx}{4\pi} \sum_{\alpha=R,L} v_{\alpha} (\partial_{x} \varphi_{\alpha})^{2} \qquad [\varphi_{\alpha}(x), \varphi_{\alpha'}(y)] = i\pi \alpha \delta_{\alpha\alpha'} \operatorname{sgn}(x-y)$$
Plasmons linearly coupled  $H_{i} = -\int \frac{dx}{2\pi} \sum_{\alpha=R,L} v_{\alpha} \beta_{\alpha} (\partial_{x} \varphi_{\alpha}) d^{\dagger}(x) d(x)$ 
deep hole  
 $\psi(x) = \sum_{\alpha=R,L} e^{i\alpha k_{F}x} \psi_{\alpha}(x) + e^{i(k_{F}-q)x} d^{\dagger}(x)$ 

$$\Leftrightarrow S(q, \omega) \simeq c(q) \theta(\omega - \omega_{-})(\omega - \omega_{-})^{\Delta}(q)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \Delta(q) = -1 + \frac{1}{4\pi^{2}}(\beta_{+}^{2} + \beta_{-}^{2}) \qquad \beta_{\pm} \text{ depend on } q \text{ !!!}$$

Dynamical structure factor for  $G_{\perp}(x,t) = \langle \Uparrow | s_{+}(x,t) s_{-}(0,0) | \Uparrow \rangle$ 

$$S(q,\omega) = \int dx \, e^{-iqx} \int dt \, e^{i\omega t} G_{\perp}(x,t)$$

$$S(q,\omega) = \sum_{\nu \to \nu} |\langle \nu, q | s_q^- | \Uparrow \rangle|^2 \delta(\omega - E_{\nu}(q))$$

Exited states are made by one magnon and arbitrary number of plasmons (particle-hole pairs or density fluctuations)

#### ⇒ Similar to a polaron problem

Effective model: magnon carries momentum q, its dispersion has a minimum around q. Plasmons have a linear dispersion.

Effective Hamiltonian: 
$$H_{eff} = H_{LL} + H_i$$
  
Free plasmons = Luttinger Liquid Plasmons linearly coupled  
to the magnon

#### Effective theory & behavior in the momentum space

Free plasmons = Luttinger Liquid: 
$$H_{LL} = \int \frac{dx}{4\pi} \sum_{\alpha=R,L} v_{\alpha} (\partial_x \varphi_{\alpha})^2$$
  
 $[\varphi_{\alpha}(x), \varphi_{\alpha'}(y)] = i\pi \alpha \delta_{\alpha \alpha'} \operatorname{sgn}(x - y)$  magnon  
Plasmons linearly coupled  
to the magnon  $H_i = -\int \frac{dx}{2\pi} \sum_{\alpha=R,L} v_{\alpha} \beta_{\alpha} (\partial_x \varphi_{\alpha}) \tilde{s}^z(x)$   
 $s^{\pm}(x) = e^{\mp i q x} \tilde{s}^{\pm}(x)$   $s^z(x) = \tilde{s}^z(x) + \rho_0/2$   
 $S(q, \omega) \simeq c(q) \theta(\omega - \omega_-) (\omega - \omega_-)^{\Delta(q)}$   
 $\Delta(q) = -1 + \frac{1}{4\pi^2} (\beta_+^2 + \beta_-^2)$   $\beta_{\pm}$  depend on  $q$  !!!  
Momentum is arbitrary !!!

#### Threshold singularities for interacting fermions





Threshold singularities for interacting fermions



Free plasmons interact with mobile impurity: polaron problem

 $H_{\text{eff}} = H_{LL} + H_i$