Ferromagnetism in coherently coupled atomic mixtures





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Polaron problem (and the Normal Phase for highly polarisation) Strongly interacting problem and out of equilibrium problem



What happens under a coupling which Transform a non-interacting impurity in a strongly interacting one. How does the system react? (Time dependent variational Ansatz/ *semiclassical derivation of dressed Bloch equation*)

$$\begin{array}{l}
\partial n_{2} + i\frac{\Omega}{2}(f_{23} - f_{23}^{*}) = 0 \\
\partial n_{\alpha} - iZ_{\alpha}\frac{\Omega}{2}(f_{23} - f_{23}^{*}) = I_{\text{coll}}^{\alpha} \\
\partial f_{23} + i\tilde{Z}_{\alpha}\delta_{\alpha}f_{23} + i\frac{\Omega}{2}(n_{\alpha} - n_{2}) = -\frac{\Gamma_{\alpha}^{\text{dec}}}{2}f_{23}
\end{array}$$

Liquid droplets and supersolidity in dipolar Bose gases (beyond mean field equation of state)





[Gallemi, Roccuzzo, Stringari, AR, PRA (2020)]

[Pfau's group, Nature (2015)]



Ultra-cold Bose Gases: Condensate





Hadzibabic PRL 2013

homogeneous:

$$\hat{a}_{p=0} = a_0$$

 $\hat{\psi} = a_0/\sqrt{V} + \dots$
 $e(n) = \frac{1}{2}gn^2$

Dynamics and non-homogeneity- Gross-Pitaevskii equation: $\ \hat{\psi}(x) = \Psi(x) + \dots$

$$\begin{split} i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Psi &= \left[-\frac{\hbar^2\nabla^2}{2m} + V(x) + g|\Psi|^2\right]\Psi \quad \text{with} \quad |\Psi(x)|^2 = n(x) \\ g &= \frac{4\pi\hbar^2a_s}{2m_r} & \begin{array}{c} \text{s-wave} \\ \text{scattering length} \end{array} \end{split}$$

T=0 Bose gases: Elementary excitations

Uniform system (Mean-Field):

$$e(n) = \frac{1}{2}gn^2$$

Bogoliubov Spectrum (Goldstone mode of the U(1) broken symmetry)



$$\omega_k = \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{2m} \left(2mc^2 + \frac{q^2}{2m}\right)}$$

where the speed of sound is:

$$c^2 = gn/m$$

and the healing length

$$\xi = \frac{\hbar}{\sqrt{2}mc}$$



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Coherently Coupled Bose Condensates



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$$H = \int_{\mathbf{r}} \left[\sum_{\sigma} \left(\frac{\nabla \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger} \nabla \psi_{\sigma}}{2m} + V_{\sigma} \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger} \psi_{\sigma} \right) - \frac{\Omega}{2} (\psi_{a}^{\dagger} \psi_{b} + \psi_{b}^{\dagger} \psi_{a}) + \sum_{\sigma \sigma'} \frac{g_{\sigma \sigma'}}{2} \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger} \psi_{\sigma'}^{\dagger} \psi_{\sigma'} \psi_{\sigma} \right]$$

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In the weakly interacting regime at T=0 the system forms a BEC well described within mean-field (MF) theory by a spinor order parameter

$$\Psi = e^{i\phi_d/2} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{n_{\uparrow}} e^{i\phi_r/2} \\ \sqrt{n_{\downarrow}} e^{-i\phi_r/2} \end{pmatrix}$$

The MF energy reads:
$$\varepsilon_{MF} = \frac{g_{dd}}{2}n^2 + \frac{g_{ss}}{2}s_z^2 - \frac{\Omega}{2}\sqrt{n^2 - s_z^2}\cos(\phi_s)$$

$$n = n_a + n_b \qquad \phi_d = \phi_a + \phi_b \qquad g_{dd} = (g + g_{ab})/2$$
$$s_z = n_a - n_b \qquad \phi_s = \phi_a - \phi_b \qquad g_{ss} = (g - g_{ab})/2$$

Para- or ferro-magnetic ground state

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$$ferro \quad s_z = \pm n\sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{\Omega}{2g_{ss}n}\right)^2} \quad \text{for } \Omega + 2g_{ss}n < 0.$$

Critical condition for the II order phase transition: $\Omega + 2g_{ss}n = 0$

$$s_z \propto (-(2g_{ss}n + \Omega))^{\beta}$$
 $\beta = 1/2$





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Indeed the system is a single condensate with a 2-component wave function

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Goldstone mode - coming from no cost to change the global total phase.
 A gapped mode - due to the cost of changing the relative phase



Static structure factor across the transition



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$$\begin{split} \widehat{\mathcal{H}}(t) &= \sum_{k \neq 0} \left(\hbar \omega(k) + F(k,t) \right) \widehat{b}_k^{\dagger} \widehat{b}_k + \sum_{k > 0} F(k,t) \left(\widehat{b}_k^{\dagger} b_{-k}^{\dagger} + h.c. \right) \\ F(k,t) &= \mu S(k) f(t) \quad \text{with} \quad f(t) = \eta \sin(\omega_M t) \end{split}$$

The time evolution of the quasi-particle operator is equivalent to parametrically driven harmonic oscillators described by the Mathieu equation:

$$\ddot{x}_k + \omega(k) \Big[\omega(k) + 2\eta \mu S(k) \sin(\omega_M t) / \hbar \Big] x_k = 0.$$
 instabilities for: $\omega_M = 2\omega(k) / l$



 $\Omega = 0$

 $\Omega \neq 0$

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$$\Omega(|a\rangle\langle b| + |b\rangle\langle a|) = \Omega\sigma_x$$

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The dynamics of the classical fields are given by <u>coupled Gross-Pitaevskii equations</u>. They can be recast in a very convenient as the equation of motion for the relevant variables describing the gas, namely the **density** and the **spin-density**.

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density:
$$n(\mathbf{r}) = (\Psi_{\uparrow}^*, \Psi_{\downarrow}^*) \cdot (\Psi_{\uparrow}, \Psi_{\downarrow})^T = n_{\uparrow} + n_{\downarrow}$$

spin-density: $s_i(\mathbf{r}) = (\Psi^*_{\uparrow}, \Psi^*_{\downarrow}) \sigma_i(\Psi_{\uparrow}, \Psi_{\downarrow})^T$ with $|\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{r})| = n(\mathbf{r})$

They satisfy what can be called collision-less spin hydrodynamic equations [1]:

a

$$\dot{n} + \operatorname{div}(n\mathbf{v}) = 0,$$

$$m\dot{\mathbf{v}} + \nabla\left(\frac{mv^2}{2} + \mu + \frac{s_z}{n}h + V - \frac{\hbar^2\nabla^2\sqrt{n}}{2m\sqrt{n}} + \frac{\hbar^2|\nabla\mathbf{s}|^2}{8mn^2}\right) = 0,$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{s}} + \sum_{\alpha = x, y, z} \partial_{\alpha}(\mathbf{j}_{s, \alpha}) = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{s}) \times \mathbf{s},$$

where the superfluid and the spin currents read:

$$\mathbf{v}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r})}{n} = \frac{\hbar}{2mni} \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} (\Psi_{\sigma}^* \nabla \Psi_{\sigma} - \Psi_{\sigma} \nabla \Psi_{\sigma}^*) = \underbrace{\frac{\hbar}{2m} (\nabla \phi_d + s_z/n \nabla \phi_r)}_{(\mathbf{r} \in \mathbf{r},\downarrow)} \xrightarrow{\text{Mermin-Ho}}_{A-\text{phase He-3}}$$

$$\mathbf{j}_{s,\alpha} = \underbrace{\mathbf{v}_{\alpha} \mathbf{s}}_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} - \frac{\hbar}{2m} \underbrace{\left(\frac{\mathbf{s}}{n} \times \partial_{\alpha} \mathbf{s}\right)}_{\mathbf{r} \in \mathbf{r},\downarrow}, \quad \alpha = x, y, z,$$

$$\mathbf{dvection} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{vectorial nature}$$
and the non-linear magnetic field is
$$\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{s}) = (-\Omega, 0, (g - g_{\uparrow\downarrow})s_z/\hbar)$$

[1] T. Nikuni, J.E. Williams, J. Low Temp. Phys. 133, 323 (2003)

A Landau-Lifshitz magnetic functional

$$E(\mathbf{S}) \propto -\int \left(-\frac{\gamma}{2} |\nabla \mathbf{S}|^2 + \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{S} + \kappa S_z^2\right) dV$$
$$\gamma = \frac{\hbar^2}{2mn}, \ \mathbf{B} = (\Omega, 0, \delta(n)), \ \kappa \propto (g_{12} - g)$$



Our system is harmonically trapped in an elongated potential







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Susceptibility and magnetic Fluctuations

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$$E_c = \frac{\hbar n}{4} \int \left\{ \frac{\hbar}{2m} \frac{(\nabla Z)^2}{1 - Z^2} + V \right\} dx$$

$$V = \kappa n Z^2 - 2\Omega (1 - Z^2)^{1/2} - 2\delta_{\text{eff}} Z$$



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From the general of False Vacuum Decay the exponential behaviour of the decay rate can be inferred

 $1/ au \sim e^{ ilde{E}c/T}$ with $ilde{E}_c$ the critical (istanton) bubble field configuration

NOTE:

we indeed observe orders of magnitude change in the bubble formation

DISCLAIMER:

instanton theory provides only the qualitative behaviour (Temperature, quantum fluctuations, noise, complex field...still a lot to do)

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[Exp+Theory: Nat. Phys. 17, 1359 (2021), PRA 104, 023326 (2021), PRL 128, 210401 (2022), arXiv:2209.13235]

Beyond Mean Field Effect: anomalous Goldstone mode damping and "tunable" LHY correction

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 $V^{dss}_{{\bf k},{\bf q},{\bf k}-{\bf q}}$

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For a two-component gas more process are possible. What happens to the Goldstone (in-phase Bogolyubov mode) close to the FM $V_{k,q,k-q}^{dss}$ k-q transition? k-q

Due to symmetries the possible term are not that many and it is easy to find out that the most relevant one is $\Pi_d \Pi_s^2$ (density in 2 spin modes):

Beilaev Decay across the phase transition

 \mathbf{k}

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{\mathrm{Pm}_V}{(2\pi)^2} \int d^3 \mathbf{q} |V_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q},\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}}|^2 \delta(\omega_k^d - \omega_q^s - \omega_{|\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{q}|}^s)$$

For a mixture at the PS point the Goldstone mode is still well defined at low-*k*

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{(mc_d k)^{5/2}}{48nm\pi}.$$

For coh. coup. gases at the PT point the Goldstone mode is not well defined anymore at low-*k*

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{(mc_s)^4 k}{4nm\pi}$$

[AR and F. Piazza, PRB 99, 064505 (2019)]

LHY corrections

The LHY correction to the mean-field equation is obtained as by expanding the energy functional to second order in the fluctuations around the mean-field solution and considering the zero-point energy:

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- 2. For $\Omega \gg (g g_{\uparrow\downarrow})n$ strong change. *From a 2.5-body to 2+3-body* interaction:

$$\frac{\sqrt{\Omega}}{2\sqrt{2}\pi} \left(\frac{g - g_{ab}}{2}n\right)^2 + \frac{1}{8\sqrt{2\Omega}\pi} \left(\frac{g - g_{ab}}{2}n\right)^3$$

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Therefore if the interspecies interaction is $g_{ab} = -g < 0$ the mean-field energy as well as the LHY for the in-phase vanishes and the EoS reads:

$$\frac{\sqrt{\Omega}}{2\sqrt{2}\pi} \left(-g_{ab}n\right)^2 + \frac{1}{8\sqrt{2\Omega}\pi} \left(-g_{ab}n\right)^3$$

[L. Lavoine, A. Hammond, AR, D. Petrov, T. Bourdel, PRL 127, 203402 (2021)]

Beyond-Mean-Field Correction close to collapse

In collaboration with Dima Petrov (LPTMS, France)

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See also A. Cappellaro, F. Macri, G. Bertacco, and L. Salasnich, Scientic Reports 7, 13358 (2017) for the discussion of the effect of coherent coupling on (Z_2 symmetric) droplets

Beyond-Mean-Field Correction

Experimental results vs extended Gross-Pitaevskii equation (eGPE)

Black line: R_{TF} (µm) full LHY equation of state in the eGPE including experimental noise $\Omega/2\pi$ (kHz) $\frac{\sqrt{\tilde{\Omega}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}g_{\uparrow\downarrow}^2\frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{3}{4\sqrt{2\pi}\sqrt{\tilde{\Omega}}}|g_{\uparrow\downarrow}|^3\frac{n^3}{6}$ $E_{\rm BMF} \approx$

[L. Lavoine, A. Hammond, AR, D. Petrov, T. Bourdel, PRL 127, 203402 (2021)]

For a recent review on coherently coupled Bose gases including spin-orbit coupling:

Alessio Recati and Sandro Stringari, Ann. Rev. Cond. Matter Physics 13, 407 (2022)

Vortices in coherently coupled BECs

Phase domain walls: simple picture [Son & Stephanov PRA '02]

$$e(n_a, n_b) = \frac{1}{2}g_a n_a^2 + \frac{1}{2}g_b n_b^2 + g_{ab}n_a n_b + 2|\Omega|\cos(\phi_a - \phi_b)\sqrt{n_a n_b}$$

For fixed (equal) densities
the functional energy of
the relative phase reads:
$$E_{spin} = \int \left[\frac{\hbar^2 n}{4m} (\nabla \phi_s)^2 + 2\Omega n \cos(\phi_s)\right]$$

Global minimum for $\phi_s = (2n+1)\pi$

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Tylutky, AR, Pitaevskii, Stringari, PRA (2016) see also K. Kasamatsu, M. Tsubota, and M. Ueda, PRL 93, 250406 (2004).

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An elongated inhomogeneous system: 1) Local Josephson oscillations

1) We first prove the local BJJ in an elongated inhomogeneous cloud in the Josephson oscillation regime. 1D spin dynamics with Thomas-Fermi profile and "large" Rabi coupling

$$\dot{\mathbf{s}}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \Omega \\ 0 \\ \delta + \kappa s_z(x) \end{pmatrix} \times \mathbf{s}(x) \text{ in the Josephson regime } \omega_J(x) = \sqrt{\Omega(\Omega + \kappa n(x))}$$

The parameter $\,\kappa\,$ is determined experimentally from the local Josephson oscillation frequency (black dots) and from the loa

Coherently coupled BEC and Josephson junction dynamics

An elongated inhomogeneous system: 2) Critical region and Quantum-torque

Emulating Landau-Lifshitz equations

Dissipationless Landau Lifshitz Equation (LLE, 1935)

New Exp: An elongated inhomogeneous system

$$\dot{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{s}) \times \mathbf{s} \qquad \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{s}) = (\Omega, 0, 2g_{ss}s_z)$$

the correct equation reads
$$\dot{\mathbf{s}} + \partial_x \mathbf{j}_{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{s}) \times \mathbf{s}$$

Spin
$$\int_{\mathbf{r}_0^2}^{\mathbf{a}_0^2} \int_{\mathbf{r}_0^2}^{\mathbf{a}_0^2} \int_{\mathbf$$

Equation of motion for the "hydrodynamic" quantities

Note: total density (and total current, not shown) pretty much constant, thus the LLE description can be safely applied

Question: What is generated by the torque? Dispersive magnetic shock wave? (shape and constant front speed) Turbulence?

The correlation looks very much as for a quenched anti-ferromagnet

Need more theoretical and experimental investigations...

Supercurrent stability

phase slips due to vortices in the minority component (spin dominated)

Supercurrent stability

BUT if the RF is kept on the current is stable for over 1 minute

Elementary excitations

Only Na+Nb is conserved: The system is a *single condensate* with a 2-component (spinor) wave function

Ground state breaks one cont. symmetry U(1):

1 gapless Goldstone modes: no cost to change the phase of the order parameter

1 gapped mode: due to the cost of changing the relative phase (explicit U(1) symmetry breaking)

Two Component (mixture) BEC

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