Paired superfluidity in resonant atomic gases



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Atomic physics (naïve view)

- atomic spectra
- collisions
- molecules
- laser-atom interaction





Dilute atomic gases

• density ~ $10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3} \Leftrightarrow d \sim 10^4 \text{ Å, mfp} \sim 10 \text{ cm}$ (cf. density_{air} = $10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3} \Leftrightarrow d_{air} \sim 10^2 \text{ Å}$)



• classically: \Rightarrow (boring) IDEAL GAS

Revolution in AMO physics

• degenerate Bose and Fermi atomic gases



Alkali atoms





• Li 6: $2S_{1/2}$ $|n=2,l=0,s=1/2,s_z>|i=1,i_z>$

• K40: $4S_{1/2}$ |n=4,1=0,s=1/2,s_z>|i=4,i_z>



Condensed matter with cold atomic gases?



need strong interactions



I. Bloch '98

• standing-wave of interfering laser beams (cf optical tweezers) ac-Stark effect

(red-detuned, attractive)

 $V(r) = E_g - \frac{\frac{1}{2}d^2I(r)}{E_{eg} - \omega_L}$

- Superfluid-Insulator transition of bosons (Doniach'81, Fisher, et al. '89)
- realization in cold atoms (M. Greiner, et al., '01, Jaksch, et a '98)



•...and much, much more

Feshbach resonance

Ketterle, '98



Feshbach resonances on youtube

"*Quantum decoupling transition in a one-dimensional* superfluid", Sheehy and Radzihovsky, PRL (2005)

l am writing a song a day.

(song by Jonathan Mann, 2009)





- scattering theory -> two-channel model
- two-channel resonant pairing model: narrow resonance
- one-channel model: broad resonance
- large-N Sp(2N) theory
- universality
- resonant bosonic superfluidity





S-wave Feshbach resonant scattering

• tunability (strength and sign) of interactions (sudden and adiabatic)





two-channel model:
("bare") detuning
$$\mathcal{H}_{2ch} = \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger} \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} \psi_{\sigma} + \phi^{\dagger} \left(\frac{\hat{p}^2}{4m} + \epsilon_0\right) \phi - g\phi \psi_{\uparrow}^{\dagger} \psi_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} + \text{h.c.}$$
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(open channel)

molecules (closed channel)

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S-wave Feshbach resonant scattering • tunability (strength and sign) of interactions (sudden and adiabatic) closed channel atom atom diatomic open channel molecule $\mathcal{H}_{2ch} = \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger} \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} \psi_{\sigma} + \phi^{\dagger} \left(\frac{\hat{p}^2}{4m} + \epsilon_0\right) \phi - g \phi \psi_{\uparrow}^{\dagger} \psi_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} + \text{h.c.}$ $\longrightarrow f_s(k) = \frac{1}{-a^{-1} + \frac{r_0}{2}k^2 - ik}, \text{ with } a \sim -\frac{g^2}{\omega_0} \sim a_{bg} \frac{\Delta B}{B_0 - B}, \quad r_0 \sim -\frac{1}{g^2}$ $f_s(k) = \frac{1}{F(k^2) - ik}$ $\operatorname{Re} E = \operatorname{Re} \frac{p^2}{2}$ 3000 \boldsymbol{a} 2000 scattering length (a) $\Gamma \sim E^{1/2}$ 1000 1 $-a^{-1}$ В -100 -200 -300 -1000 molecular binding energy (kHz) $\overline{2|r_0|}$ -2000 Regal. et d -400 -3000 215 230 220225-500 Virtual Regal, et al. Resonance B (gauss) bound state 222 223 220 221 224onance B (gauss)

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S-wave resonant fermionic superfluidity

• molecular BEC (Regal, Jin '03)



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





• BCS-BEC crossover:

$$\mathcal{H}_{2ch} = \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger} \left(\frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} - \mu\right) \psi_{\sigma} + \phi^{\dagger} \left(\frac{\hat{p}^2}{4m} + \epsilon_0 - 2\mu\right) \phi - g\phi \psi_{\uparrow}^{\dagger} \psi_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} + \text{h.c.}$$
$$(\phi = B + \delta\phi)$$

$$F(B,\mu) = -T \log[\operatorname{Tr}(e^{-H/T})]$$

gap equation: $\frac{\delta F}{\delta B} = 0,$
number equation: $-\frac{\delta F}{\delta \mu} = n = n_a + 2n_m$

$$\frac{\textbf{S-wave resonant superfluidity}}{H = \sum_{k} \left[(\frac{k^2}{2m} - \mu) a_{k\sigma}^{\dagger} a_{k\sigma} + (\frac{k^2}{4m} + \epsilon_0 - 2\mu) b_k^{\dagger} b_k - gBa_{-k\downarrow}^{\dagger} a_{k\uparrow}^{\dagger} \right]$$

exactly solvable g -> 0⁺ limit: *free Fermi- and molecular Bose gases in chemical equilbrium*

$$H^{g=0} = \sum_{k} \left(\frac{k^2}{2m} - \mu\right) n_k^a + (\epsilon_0 - 2\mu) n_0^m$$

$$n_a = \frac{(2m)^{3/2}}{3\pi^2} \mu^{3/2}, \text{ for } \mu > 0 \implies n_0^m = |B|^2 = \frac{n}{2} \left[1 - \left(\frac{\mu}{\epsilon_F}\right)^{3/2} \right]$$

 $\mu(\epsilon_0) = \epsilon_F$, for $\epsilon_0 > 2\epsilon_F \to \text{no molecules}$ = $\epsilon_0/2$, for $0 < \epsilon_0 < 2\epsilon_F \to \text{atomic Fermi sea \& molecular BEC}$

 $= \epsilon_0/2$, for $\epsilon_0 < 0 \rightarrow$ molecular BEC, no free atoms



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T=0:



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S-wave resonant fermionic superfluidity





• scattering T-matrix relates λ to a:



γ >> 1 Broad resonance superfluidity: Large N

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

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



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

Veillette, Sheehy, LR Nikolic, Sachdev also Nishida, Son *\varepsilon*

_{γ>>1} Broad resonance superfluidity: N->∞

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• $E_{gs}(\Delta, \mu) = -\frac{m}{4\pi\hbar^2} \frac{|\Delta|^2}{a} - \sum_k (E_k - \varepsilon_k - \frac{1}{2\epsilon_k} |\Delta|^2)$
• $-\frac{m}{4\pi\hbar^2 a} = \frac{1}{2} \int_k \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{(\epsilon_k - \mu)^2 + \Delta^2}} - \frac{1}{\epsilon_k}\right] \qquad n = \int_k \left[1 - \frac{\epsilon_k - \mu}{\sqrt{(\epsilon_k - \mu)^2 + \Delta^2}}\right]$

for a < 0 (BCS): $\Delta \sim \mu e^{\frac{\pi}{2k_F a} \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\epsilon_F}}}$

for a > 0 (BEC): $\Delta \sim \epsilon_F \sqrt{\frac{1}{k_F a}}$









Summary s-wave

- Revolution in AMO physics
- Feshbach resonances as a road to strong interactions
- s-wave Feshbach resonant scattering
- s-wave Feshbach resonant paired superfluidity
 - 2-channel model (narrow resonance) small coupling
 - *1-channel model (broad resonance) large N theory*
 - o universality at unitary point

Questions of interest

- What are the big fundamental questions?
- Specific questions of current experimental interest:
 - Unitary Fermi gas (universality)
 - Feshbach resonant superfluidity in an optical lattice
 - Resonant Bose gas (beyond Beliaev)
 - Stability to 3-body collisions and other inelastic processes
 - Cooling and thermalization
 - Experimental probes (development and understanding)
 - Phases realizations (e.g., FFLO, p-wave SF, magnetism, ...,
 - Nonequilibrium quantum dynamics



Radio-frequency offset [kHz]

Supplementary material

• Feshbach resonances classic references

• Hyperfine structure of alkali

• Probes of Feshbach resonances

• Experimental realizations

• AMO experimental probes

Feshbach resonances

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- H. Feshbach, Ann. Phys. 5, 357 (1958) and 19, 287 (1962) developed general projection operator formalism that cleanly separates "bound" and "continuum" subspaces and systematically treats their interaction
- U. Fano, Phys. Rev. 124, 1866 (1961) more elegant reformulation of his 1935 theory of asymmetric line profiles from discrete-continuum interactions
- P. Anderson, Phys. Rev. 124, 41 (1961) model of localized impurity state in a continuous band

Feshbach resonances

Feshbach resonances in neutron-sulfur scattering, from Blatt&Weisskopf, 1950s



FIG. 2.2. Total neutron cross section for sulfur; experimental data taken from Adair (49) and Peterson (50).

Hyperfine interaction in a B field

$$H_{HF} = \alpha_{HF}\vec{I}\cdot\vec{S} - (g_I\mu_N\vec{I} + g_S\mu_B\vec{S})\cdot\vec{B}$$

• Li 6: $2S_{1/2}$ |n=2, l=0, s = 1/2, s_z>|i=1, i_z> $\longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \otimes 1 = \frac{3}{2} \oplus \frac{1}{2}$ |n=2, l=0, f, m_f> (B=0)

• K40: $4S_{1/2}$ $|n=4,l=0,s=1/2,s_z>|i=4,i_z>$ $\longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \otimes 4 = \frac{9}{2} \oplus \frac{7}{2}$ $|n=4,l=0, f, m_f>$ (B=0)

Hyperfine states of Li6







Atomic Feshbach resonances

A magnetic-field tunable atomic scattering resonance



Channels are coupled by the hyperfine interaction



microscopics: project quantum chemistry short-scale calculation of V^{s/t}(r) onto hyperfine states at long scales *-> diagonalize 36 × 36 (e.g., for Li6)*

 $V_{\alpha\beta}(r) = \langle \alpha_1 \alpha_2 | \hat{V}_s + \hat{V}_t | \beta_1 \beta_2 \rangle$





• atom loss via enhanced three-body decay rate: $\Gamma_3 \sim \frac{\hbar^2}{-a^4 n^2}$

• bound state Rabi oscillations (Ramsey fringes):



<u>Rb85-Rb85 Feshbach resonance</u>





Li7-Li7 s-wave Feshbach resonance





Pollack, Dries, Junker, Chen, Corcovilos, Hulet, PRL 102, 090402 (2009)

K40-K40 s-wave Feshbach resonance





Kohl, Esslinger, et al. '05











Variety of experimental probes

• Time-of-flight density imaging

§ momentum distribution function
§ scattering length
§ temperature
§ noise → pairing correlations
§ interference → phase-fluctuations
§ vortices













