Fermion mediated interactions between ultracold bosonic atoms

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Nuclear Physics: Feshbach molecules Efimov physics







Condensed Matter: Quantum criticality Exotic excitations

Cosmology Sakharov oscillations Kibble mechanism Inflation



Particle Physics Jet formation Pattern recognition



Thermal Levitation

Experimental Setup





Fermi droplet in BEC, B. DeSalvo, K. Patel, J. Johansen, CC, PRL (2017)

Bosons s. Fermions



Bose-Fermi mixture with Feshbach resonances



Cs BEC embedded in Li Fermi gas



Degenerate Fermi gas inside a Bose Einstein condensate



Bose-Fermi droplet



Fermion-mediated (RKKY) interactions

Ruderman-Kittel-Kasuya-Yosida



$$V(R) = -2m_F g_{BF}^2 \hbar^2 \frac{\sin 2k_F R - 2k_F R \cos 2k_F R}{(2k_F R)^4}$$

Cold atom RKKY, De and Spielman, APB 2014

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$$E = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_B} |\nabla \psi_B(r)|^2 + V_{\text{eff}}(r) |\psi_B(r)|^2 + \frac{g_{\text{eff}}}{2} |\psi_B(r)|^4$$

 $g_{\rm eff} = g_{BB} - \xi \frac{3}{2} \frac{n_F}{E_F} g_{BF}^2$

Hydrodynamics (Tsurumi et al, JPSU 2000) Path Integral (Chui et al, PRA 2004) Diag. Expansion (Santamore et al, PRA 2008) Scattering (De and Spielman, APB 2014)

ξ=1=1 =1 =π³

Trap frequency measurement



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Effective scattering length measurement



Bose-Fermi Solitons with *a*_{eff}<0



- In field range where
 a_{Eff} becomes
 negative, fermions
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- Striking, qualitative change in the BEC!



-0.1 Optical depth 1.3

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Conclusion

Fermion mediated interactions between bosons

- Long range RKKY interaction at 1 micron scale
- Effective attractive interactions at short range

$$g_{\text{eff}} = g_{BB} - \xi \frac{3}{2} \frac{n_F}{E_F} g_{BF}^2$$
 $\xi = 1.7$ (6)

- Mediated interactions lead to Bose-Fermi soliton train
- Novel collective oscillation and damping behavior

Future

- Collision thin to hydrodynamic behavior
- Demonstration of long range interactions
- New quantum phases in Bose-Fermi mixtures



Magnetometry



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Bose fireworks





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Oscillate scattering length a(t)

Step 1: Create thin, homogeneous Bose-Einstein condensates Step 2: Modulate the interaction strength





BEC in harmonic trap vs circular well trap





Harmonic

Circular well

Same color code



$$g_2(\phi) = \frac{\langle \int d\theta N(\theta) (N(\theta + \phi) - \delta(\phi)) \rangle}{\langle \int d\theta N(\theta) \rangle^2}$$

Mode structure and occupation



Top view



Jet energy



Side view



Quantum simulation of Unruh effect



Unruh radiation

 $R_A |vac> = |thermal>$ Unruh temperature $T_U = \frac{\hbar A}{2\pi k_B c}$

T=1 μ K when A=2.5x10¹⁴ m/s²

$$A = \frac{\pi \omega c}{2\ln\coth(g\tau)}$$



Quantum simulation of frame transformation

$$\hat{R}_A \Psi_0 = \hat{U}(\tau) \Psi_0$$

 $U(\tau)=e^{-iH\tau/h}$: evolution operator

$$H = \sum_{k} g_{k} a_{k}^{+} a_{-k}^{+} + h.c.$$



Interference of matterwave radiations





Angular correlation pattern of matterwave interference



Phase correlations of matterwave fields





Time reversal of matterwave radiation field







Reversal of heating and entropy reduction (from local measurement)



Recent works

Bose fireworks:

•	Matterwave HHG	1803.01786
•	Density waves	1807.08718
•	Simulation of Unruh effect	1807.07504

Shaken lattices

- Inflation NPhys (2018)
- Density dependent gauge field PRL(2018)

Bose-Fermi mixture

- Fermion droplet in BEC PRL (2017)
- Fermi-mediated interactions 1808.07856

Super-resolution imaging 1807.02906

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