Dual Bose-Fermi Superfluids



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Ultra-cold Fermi Gases

2007

IOS

Varenna 2006

Outline of the two lectures

- Dual Bose-Fermi superfluid with ⁶Li-⁷Li isotopes
- Center of mass modes and link with Equation of State
- Measurement of critical velocity for superfluid counterflow
- Lifetime of the Bose Fermi mixture: a simple formula !
- Link with Tan's contact

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111 years of quantum fluids

Bose Einstein condensate



T~ 2.2 K

Superconductivity



High T_c 77 K

³He 2.5 mK



Mixtures of Superfluids

Bose-Bose superfluid mixtures first observed long ago !

Two hyperfine states in Rb at JILA (Myatt et al. '97) and vortex production Mixtures of BEC's at LENS, Hamburg,....

Spinor condensates at MIT, Hamburg, Berkeley, ENS,

Dark-bright soliton production in two Rb BEC, Engels group, PRL 2011



Many groups are studying Bose-Fermi mixtures but until 2014 none had achieved double Bose-Fermi superfluidity

Today at least 3 examples, ⁶Li-⁷Li at ENS (2014) ⁶Li-⁴¹K at USTC, ⁶Li-¹⁷⁴Yb at Washington Univ., (2016)

Searching for superfluid Bose-Fermi systems: ⁴He - ³He mixture



Molar fraction of He-3 in the mixture (%)

Volovik, Mineev, Khalatnikov, JETP, 42, 342 (1975): Fermi liquid theory of mixture

Expected $T_c \sim 1$ to 20 μK ?



Bose-Einstein condensate

~200µm





⁷Li (boson)

⁷Li and ⁶Li isotopes



Fermions with two spin states and attractive interaction the BCS-BEC Crossover

Increasing attraction strength



BCS regime: $k_F|a| << 1$ Cooper pairs k, -k Well localized in Momentum: $k \sim k_F$ Delocalized in position



On resonance $na^3 >> 1$ $k_Fa \ge 1$ Pairs stabilized by Fermi sea Size of pairs $hv_F/\Delta \sim k_F^{-1}$



Leggett, Nozières, schmidt-Rink,... '80

a Molecular Condensate

A two-body bound state strongly bound molecules Size: a << n^{-1/3} n^{-1/3}: average distance between particles



Fermi Superfluid in the BEC-BCS Crossover

Fermions with two spin states $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and tunable attractive interaction

M. Greiner, C. Regal & D. Jin, Nature 2003 with potassium 40 Emergence of a molecular Bose–Einstein condensate from a Fermi gas



S. Jochim et al., Science 2003, with Lithium 6 Bose-Einstein condensation of molecules

Followed by large number of studies of BCS-BEC

crossover, both theory and experiment, see book edited by W. Zwerger



Equation of State of Quantum Gases

$$PV = Nk_BT$$

is a useful but incomplete equation of state !

Complete information is given by thermodynamic potentials:

Grand potential
$$\Omega = -PV = E - TS - \mu N$$

Pressure / Temperature Chemical potential
Volume / Entropy Atom number
Internal energy

 $P(\mu,T)$ is an equation of state of the gas

S. Nascimbène et al., Nature, **463**, 1057, (2010) temperature dependence and spin imbalance.

See also:

M. Horikoshi et al., Science, 327, 442 (2010), M. Zwierlein et al., MIT (2012)

The Equation of State of a Cold Gas

Q. Zhou, T.L. Ho, Nature Physics, 09 C. Cheng, S.Yip, PRB (2007)

The pressure is obtained from *in situ* images

$$P(\mu_z, T) = \frac{m\omega_r}{2\pi} \overline{n}(z)$$
$$\overline{n}(z) = \int dx dy \, n(x, y, z)$$

Doubly-integrated density profile Local density approx.

$$\mu(r) = \mu_0 - V(r)$$



 $P(\mu_z, T)$ is an Equation of State of the locally homogeneous gas

Universal Equation of State at unitarity

$$1/k_{F} a = 0$$

Thermodynamics is universal T. L.Ho, E. Mueller, '04

The system has continuous scale invariance

Pressure depends only on μ/k_BT

Critical temperature $T_c = 0.16 T_F$ is universal

At very low Temp.

$$\mu = \xi E_F$$

$$\xi = 0.37 E_F$$

Carlson, Hausmann, MIT, Ku et al., Science 2012

Universal Equation of State at Unitarity Comparison with Bold Diagrammatic Monte-Carlo

S. Nascimbène, N. Navon, K. Jiang, F. Chevy, C. Salomon, Nature 2010



5% agreement with a Many-Body theory in strongly interacting regime

Comparison with Bold Diagrammatic Monte-Carlo and MIT (2012)



5% agreement with a Many-Body theory in strongly interacting regime

Equation of State of Fermi gas in the BEC-BCS crossover

Pressure equation of state $P/P_0 = f(1/k_F a)$



An example of quantum simulation in the strongly correlated regime

N. Navon, S. Nascimbène, F. Chevy, C. Salomon, Science 328, 729-732 (2010)

Bose-Fermi superfluidity recipe

Requirements:

- Low a_{bf} (no interspecies demixing)
- High $|a_f|$ (high fermionic superfluid T_c)
- Positive a_{bb} (stable BEC)



⁶Li – ⁷Li mixture in the $|1>_{f}$, $|2>_{f}$ and $|2>_{b}$

Experimental Setup

Magneto-optical trap of bosonic ⁷Li and fermionic ⁶Li

After evaporation in a magnetic trap we load the atoms in a single beam optical trap (OT) with magnetic axial confinement. T~ 40 μ K

Evaporative cooling of mixture in OT

~ 4 second ramp, T~ 50-80 nK

Absorption imaging of the *in-situ* density distributions or Time of Flight





In situ density profiles



Unitary ⁶Li Fermi gas can cool any species fulfilling the requirements to BEC See also ⁶Li-⁴¹K, USTC, China, PRL '16, and ⁶Li-¹⁷³Yb, UWash, PRL'17

Long-lived Oscillations of both Superfluids

Fermi Superfluid



Coupled Superfluids

Single Superfluid Ratio = $(7/6)^{1/2} = (m_7/m_6)^{1/2}$

time

Oscillations of both superfluids



Coherent energy exchange between the two oscillators

Mean field model

- 1.5% down shift in ⁷Li BEC frequency
- BEC osc. amplitude beat at frequency $(\tilde{\omega}_6 \tilde{\omega}_7)/2\pi$
- Weak interaction regime: $k_F a_{bf} <<1$ and $N_7 << N_6$ Boson effective potential $V_{eff} = V(r) + g_{bf} n_6(r)$ with $g_{bf} = \frac{2\pi\hbar^2 a_{bf}}{m_{67}}$ $m_{67} = m_6 m_7 / (m_6 + m_7)$ LDA $n_6(r) = n_6^0 (\mu_6^0 - V(r))$

Where $n_6(\mu)$ is the Eq. of State of the stationary Fermi gas. For the small BEC: $V(r) \ll \mu_6^0$ Expand $n_6(r) \approx n_6^0(\mu_6^0) - V(r) \frac{dn_6^0}{d\mu_6} + \dots$

Boson effective potential and link with Equation of State

Thomas Fermi radius of BEC<< TF radius of Fermi Superfluid:

$$V_{eff} = g_{bf} n_6(0) + V(r) \left[1 - g_{bf} \left(\frac{dn_6^{(0)}}{d\mu_6} \right)_0 \right]$$

The potential remains harmonic with rescaled frequency

$$\tilde{\omega}_7 = \omega_7 \sqrt{1 - g_{bf} \left(\frac{dn^{(0)}}{d\mu_6}\right)_0}$$

A new means to access properties of the EoS!

The equation of state $n(\mu)$ at low T is known in the BEC-BCS crossover N. Navon et al., Science, 2010, M. Ku et al., Science 2012

Example: at unitarity, 1/a=0

From Thomas Fermi radius of ⁶Li superfluid, we find: $\tilde{\omega}_7 = 2\pi \times 15.43 \ Hz$ very close to the measured value: $\tilde{\omega}_7 = 2\pi \times 15.40(1) \ Hz$

Equation of State and Bose-Fermi Coupling in BEC-BCS crossover



What is the critical velocity for superfluid counterflow ?

Increase initial displacement

Increase relative velocity

Critical velocity for superfluid counterflow



Landau criterion



Momentum Conservation : $M\mathbf{V} = M\mathbf{V}' + \hbar \mathbf{k}$ Energy Conservation : $MV^2 / 2 = MV'^2 / 2 + \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}$

$$\hbar k V \geq \hbar \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{V} = \varepsilon_k + \hbar^2 k^2 / 2M \geq \varepsilon_k$$

Motion of impurity is damped by the creation of elementary excitations if:

$$V \ge V_c = \min_k \left(\frac{\varepsilon_k}{\hbar k}\right)$$

For a linear excitation spectrum $\varepsilon_k \sim kc$, $V_c = c$, the sound velocity

Critical velocities



Revisiting Landau criterion for a Bose-Fermi mixture @ T=0

Y. Castin, I. Ferrier-Barbut and C. Salomon Comptes-Rendus Acad. Sciences, Paris, **16**, 241 (2015)

$$\hbar \mathbf{k}', \varepsilon_{F,\mathbf{k}'}$$
 $\hbar \mathbf{k}, \varepsilon_{B,\mathbf{k}}$

1 Excitation in the bosonic superfluid $E_{B,k}$

$$E_{\mathrm{B},\mathbf{k}} = \varepsilon_{\mathrm{B},\mathbf{k}} + \hbar \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{B}}$$

1 Excitation in the fermionic superfluid

Energy-momentum conservation:

$$E_{\mathsf{F},\mathbf{k}'} = \mathcal{E}_{\mathsf{F},\mathbf{k}'} + \hbar \mathbf{k}' \cdot \mathbf{V}_{\mathsf{F}}$$
$$E_{\mathsf{B},\mathbf{k}} + E_{\mathsf{F},\mathbf{k}'} = \mathbf{0} \qquad \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}' = \mathbf{0}$$

$$|\mathbf{V}_{B} - \mathbf{V}_{F}| \ge \min_{k} \left(\frac{\mathcal{E}_{B,k} + \mathcal{E}_{F,-k}}{\hbar k} \right)$$

Sound Modes: $V_{c} = c_{B} + c_{F}$

See also Abbad et al. EPJD 69, 126 (2015), F. Chevy, PRA **91**, 063606 (2015), W. Zheng and H. Zhai, Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 265304 (2014)

Counter-flow critical velocity



Next lecture

What is the lifetime of the Bose-Fermi mixture ?

Three-body recombination as a probe of quantum correlations in a strongly interacting system