A one-dimensional liquid of fermions with tunable spin



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Quantum simulation with ultracold atoms

Ultracold atoms: experimentally controllable quantum systems (quantum statistics, dimensionality, mobility, interactions, disorder...)

Quantum simulators: *dedicated* quantum computers to solve fundamental problems of quantum physics

R. P. Feynman, International Journal of Theoretical Physics 21, 467 (1982)

Already successful for:

Superfluid-insulator transition, Anderson localization, Fermionic superfluidity, ...

Big challenges:

High-Tc superconductivity, Quantum chromodynamics, ...



I. Bloch et al., Nat. Phys. 8, 267 (2012) I. Bloch et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. 80, 885 (2008) M. Lewenstein et al., Adv. Phys. 56, 243 (2007)

Low-dimensional physics

Ultracold gases offer a unique platform for low-dimensional quantum physics



2D systems

layered superconductors, quantum Hall effect, graphene, ...

1D systems

organic superconductors, carbon nanotubes, quantum wires, ...

1D is special!

Low dimensions strongly amplify the effects of interactions between particles



1D ultracold physics

1D bosons

Tonks and super-Tonks gas

2- and 3-body correlations

Mott and pinning transition

integrability and non-equilibrium

quasiBEC and phase fluctuations

transport of impurities

1D fermions

formation of molecules unbalanced superfluidity few-fermions physics T. Kinoshita et al., Science 2004B. Paredes et al., Nature 2004E. Haller et al., Science 2009

B. Laburthe Tolra et al., PRL 2004 T. Kinoshita et al., PRL 2005 V. Guarrera et al., PRA 2012

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T. Kinoshita et al., Nature 2006 M. Cheneau et al, Nature 2012

J. Estève et al., PRL 2006 S. Hofferberth et al., Nature 2007

S. Palzer et al., PRL 2009 J. Catani et al, PRA 2012 T. Fukuhara et al., Nat. Phys. 2013

H. Moritz et al., PRL 2005Y. Liao et al., Nature 2010G. Zurn et al., PRL 2012

1D spinful fermions

Spin degree of freedom: fundamental in magnetism, superconductivity, ...

1D spinful fermions: intense studies in theoretical physics in the last 50 years Breakdown of Landau's liquid Exactly solvable: Tomonaga-Luttinger (Mattis-Lieb) liquid (low E physics)

Collective (bosonic) excitations Density and spin waves

$$H \sim rac{u}{2} \int \mathrm{d}x \left[K \Pi^2 + rac{1}{K} \left(\partial_x \phi
ight)^2
ight]$$

Luttinger (1963), Tomonaga (1950)

Spin ½: Gaudin-Yang model (using Bethe ansatz)

Recent extensions:

Spin-incoherent Luttinger liquid (*finite T*) Nonlinear Luttinger liquid (*larger E*) Fiete, Rev. Mod. Phys. (2007) Imambekov & Glazman, Science (2009)

Gaudin (1967), Yang (1967)

1D spin-1/2 fermions





fermionized fermions!

Multi-component fermions

Strongly-interacting *M*-component (large-spin) fermions

How does the physics change as a function of M?

1D multi-component liquids of fermions:

Theoretically studied long time ago Relevant for materials with large spin-orbit coupling ...a novel system!

Precious resource for advanced quantum simulators:

Extradimensions SU(N) magnetism Quantum field theories



Sutherland (1968)



Boada et al., PRL (2012)

e.g. Bonnes et al., PRL (2012); Messio & Mila, PRL (2012)

see Zoller, Lewenstein, Cirac

¹⁷³Yb ultracold Fermi gas



http://periodictable.com



Natural Ytterbium comes in **seven** stable isotopes:

¹⁶⁸ Yb	0.13%	I=0	boson
¹⁷⁰ Yb	3.04%	I=0	boson
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¹⁷² Yb	21.83%	I=0	boson
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Ytterbium

BEC and Ultracold Fermi gas

Alkaline-earth-like structure



399nm Zeeman slower (Γ ~ 30 MHz)

 ^{1}P

556nm laser cooling + spin manipulation $(\Gamma \sim 180 \text{ kHz})$

 $^{3}P_{2}$

 $^{3}\mathbf{P}$ 3P₀

> Electronic configuration [...]1s² Singlet/triplet states Purely nuclear spin / no hf coupling



¹⁷³Yb ultracold Fermi gas

Ultracold ¹⁷³Yb Fermi gas

 $T \sim 0.1 T_F$ $N = 10^4 \text{ atoms/spin}$ scattering length a = +200 a₀

Purely nuclear spin I=5/2



Same interaction between different spins No spin-changing collisions No quadratic Zeeman effect

 \rightarrow SU(6) symmetry

 \rightarrow all mixtures are stable

Experimental setup

556nm intercomb. MOT

399nm Zeeman slower

optical transport

Experimental setup



Spin detection and manipulation



optical Stern-Gerlach beam 556 nm, 3000 Γ detuning, σ^+

Spin detection and manipulation

¹⁷³Yb Fermi gases in an arbitrary number of equally-populated components:



 1 spin
 2 spins
 3 spins
 4 spins
 5 spins
 6 spins

 SU(2)
 SU(3)
 SU(4)
 SU(5)
 SU(6)

1D multi-component Fermi gases



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1D Fermi gases

2D optical lattice

- 2D square optical lattice
- lattice depth 40 E_{rec} (no tunnelling)

1 3D Fermi gas is

TOF expansion



Momentum distribution

Momentum distribution measured after time-of-flight expansion:



Momentum distribution

repulsion gives

effective deconfinment

narre

<u>- n(k)</u>

Broadening not explained by a mean-field treatment of interactions

trap V(x) + gn(x)

GY-model + LDA, Astrakharchik et al. PRL 93, 050402 (2004)

Broadening of n(k) is evidence of strong correlations in the 1D many-body system

atoms

Ogata & Shiba, PRB **41**, 2326 (1990) Cheianov et al., PRA **71**, 033610 (2005)

(work in progress by M. Dalmonte)



Low-energy excitations of a 1D Fermi gas

1 component: ideal 1D Fermi gas particle-hole excitations



$$\hbar\omega = E_{part.} - E_{hole} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left[(k+q)^2 - k^2 \right] = \frac{\hbar^2}{m} \left[kq + \frac{q^2}{2} \right] \simeq \frac{\hbar k_F}{m} \hbar q$$

Luttinger model for 1D spin-1/2 fermions

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2-component: 1D Luttinger liquid collective (bosonic) excitations



momentum ħq

spin-charge separation

A. Recati et al., PRL 90, 020401 (2003)
C. Kollath et al., PRL 95, 176401 (2005)
M. Polini & G. Vignale, PRL 98, 266403 (2007)



x

MIT, LENS, JILA, Weizmann, Palaiseau, Swinburne, ...



absorption

 $\omega, {f k}$

atoms

Inelastic scattering of light Stimulated two-photon (Raman) transition Selection of energy and momentum

 $\delta\omega = \omega - \omega'$ $\delta \mathbf{k} \simeq \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k}'(\theta/2)$

stimulated emission

Small-angle Bragg spectroscopy



momentum transfer $\delta k = 0.2k_F$

Linear part of the spectrum Sensitive probe of Luttinger physics

Dynamic structure factor - ideal 1D Fermi gas



Bragg excitation spectrum:



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Shift in the excitation peak frequency

 $(+10 \pm 2)\%$ expected by Bethe ansatz solution

Bragg excitation spectrum:



Larger shift for increased number of spin components

Collective oscillations

harmonic trap

Low-energy shape oscillations: sensitive probes of the state of a trapped gas

breathing mode



Breathing oscillations

(Ratio of the breathing mode frequency to trap frequency)²

Redshift of the breathing frequency caused by strong 1D interactions

Niest the curle for 1/162 im >2 by E. Hist & Mardhik (Stwah DR MC 96, 0/50 #02) (2004) Bethe Ansatz + LDA + Hydrodynamic

Fac Munibertbestatesthing frequency approaches that of spinless bosons! Interplay between interactions and spin yang tiplicition (distinguish ability)(2011)

"Bosonization" of a multicomponent fermionic liquid

For $M \rightarrow \infty$ a 1D fermionic liquid exhibit properties of a **bosonic spinless liquid**:

- The ground-state energy per particle $E(\gamma)$
- The local pair-correlation function $g^{(2)}_{\sigma,\sigma'}(0)$

C. N. Yang & Y. Yi-Zhuang, CPL **28**, 020503 (2011) X.-W. Guan et al., PRA **85**, 033633 (2012)

A general result first demonstrated in 2011 by C. N. Yang (age 89)

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One-Dimensional w-Component Fermions and Bosons with Repulsive Delta Function Interaction *

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- 1948: Assistant to Enrico Fermi in Chicago
- 1957: Nobel Prize in Physics (age 35) for parity violation in weak interaction
- 1957: Lee-Huang-Yang theory of interacting Bose gases
- 1969: Development of Thermodynamic Bethe Ansatz

Conclusions

Interacting ¹⁷³Yb fermions with tunable number of components



Multicomponent 1D liquids of fermions

Momentum distribution \rightarrow Evidence of correlations Bragg spectroscopy \rightarrow Luttinger physics, sound velocity Collective mode frequencies \rightarrow Modified equation of state



Valuable platform for: large-spin physics, spin dynamics, novel quantum simulation...

Perspective: Raman transitions

Raman transitions coupling coherently different nuclear spin states:



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Realization of a synthetic dimension

Quantum simulation of 4-dim models Gauge potentials in extra-dimension



Boada et al., PRL (2012) Celi et al., arXiv:1307.8349 (2013) Spin-orbit coupling in a large spin

Multiple potential wells in momentum space



Clock spectroscopy



Many stable fermionic/bosonic isotopes and mixtures

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¹⁷⁶ Yb	I=0	boson

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e.g. ¹⁷⁴Yb bosons in optical lattices





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