

Dipolar quantum gases

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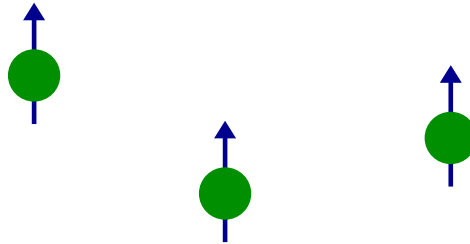
Outline

- Experiments with ultracold dipolar particles
- Scattering problem. Dipolar bosons
- Dipolar BEC. Stability problem
- Dipolar Fermi gas. Scattering problem
- Superfluid pairing
- Several ideas

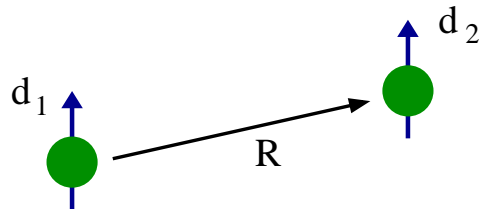
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Novel object - Dipolar gas

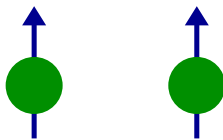
Polar molecules or atoms with a large magnetic moment



Dipole-dipole interaction $V_d = \frac{\vec{d}_1 \vec{d}_2 R^2 - 3(\vec{d}_1 \vec{R})(\vec{d}_2 \vec{R})}{R^5} \sim \frac{1}{R^3}$



long-range, anisotropic



repulsion



attraction

Different physics compared to ordinary atomic ultracold gases

Alkali-atom molecules d from $0.6 D$ for KRb to $5.5 D$ for LiCs

Atoms with large μ

Remarkable experiments with Cr atoms ($\mu = 6\mu_B \Rightarrow d \approx 0.05 \text{ D}$)

T. Pfau group (Stuttgart)

Effects of the dipole-dipole interaction in the dynamics
Stability diagram of trapped dipolar BEC

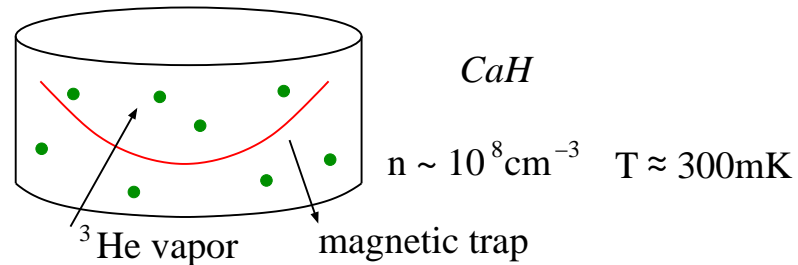
Spinor physics in chromium experiments at Villetaneuse, B. Laburthe-Tolra

Now dysprosium ($\mu = 10\mu_B$, (B. Lev))

and erbium ($\mu = 7\mu_B$, (F. Ferlaino)) are in the game

Polar molecules. Creation of ultracold clouds

- Buffer gas cooling (Harvard, J. Doyle)



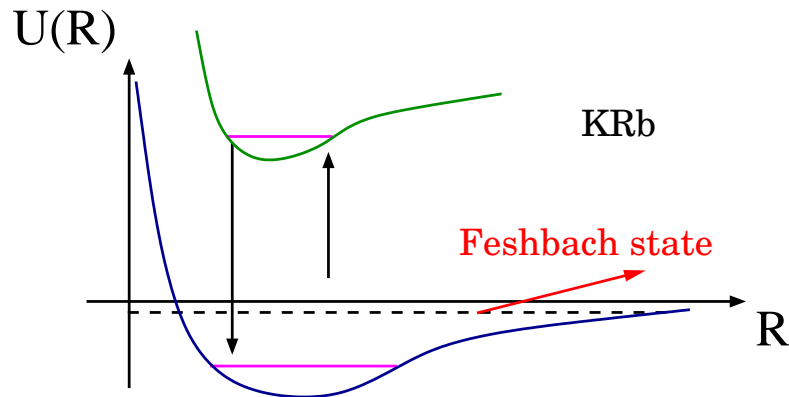
- Stark deceleration (Meijer, Berlin; JILA)
 H_3 , ND_3 , CO , etc. ; $T \sim 1 \text{ mK}$ and low density
- Optical collisions (photoassociation, D. DMille group, JILA, elsewhere)

Polar molecules. Creation of ultracold clouds

Photoassociation

Transfer of weakly bound KRb fermionic molecules to the ground rovibrational state

JILA, D. Jin, J. Ye groups



$$n \sim 10^{12} - 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$T \approx 200 \text{ nK} \sim E_F$$

Ground-state LiCs molecules at Heidelberg

Ground-state RbCs molecules in Innsbruck

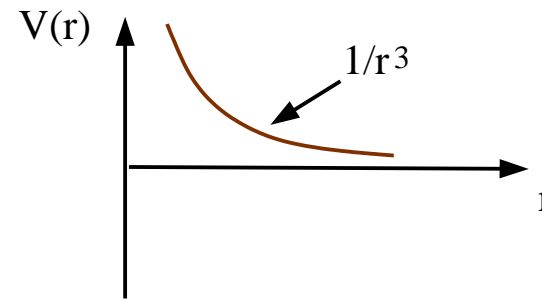
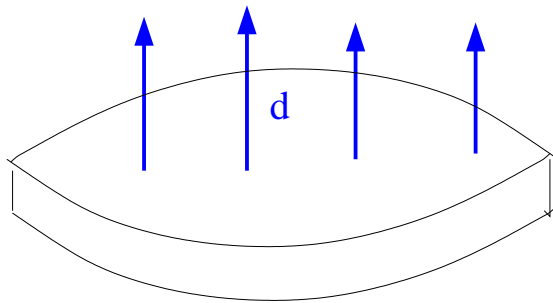
Ground-state KRb bosonic molecules in Tokyo

Experiments with NaK (MIT, Munich, Hannover, Trento) and KCs (Innsbruck) molecules

Ultracold chemistry

Ultracold chemical reactions $\text{KRb} + \text{KRb} \Rightarrow \text{K}_2 + \text{Rb}_2$
New trends in ultracold chemistry

Suppress instability \rightarrow induce intermolecular repulsion
For example, 2D geometry with dipoles perpendicular to the plane



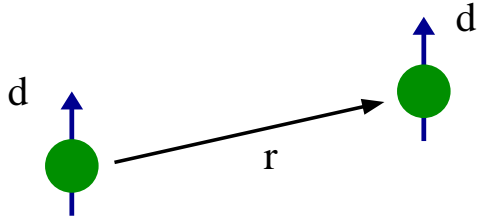
Reduction of the decay rate by 2 orders of magnitude at JILA

Select non-reactive molecules, like NaK, KCs, RbCs

Theoretical studies

- Innsbruck group (P. Zoller, G. Pupillo, M.A. Baranov et al). Large variety of proposals including bilayer systems, Rydberg atoms etc.
- Trento group (S. Stringari et al). Excitation modes etc
- Harvard group (E. Demler, M. Lukin et al). Multilayer systems etc
- Hannover group (L. Santos et al). Spinor and dipolar systems
- Tokyo group (M. Ueda et al) Spinor and dipolar systems
- Cambridge group (N.R. Cooper, Jesper Levinsen). Novel states
- Rice group (H. Pu et al). Excitations and stability etc
- Maryland group (S. Das Sarma et al) Fermi liquid behavior etc
- Taipei group (D.-W. Wang et al)
- Barcelona group (M. Lewenstein et al)

Dipole-dipole scattering



$$V_d = \frac{d^2}{r^3} \underbrace{(1 - 3 \cos^2 \theta_{rd})}_{\sim Y_{20}(\theta_{rd})}$$

Wave function of the relative motion

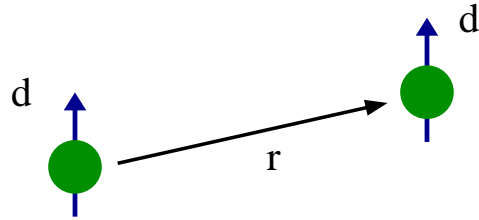
$$\psi_{in} \rightarrow \sum_{l,m} \psi_{kl}(r) i^l Y_{lm}^*(\theta_{kd}, \varphi_{kd}) Y_{lm}(\theta_{rd}, \varphi_{rd})$$

$$\psi_{out} \rightarrow \sum_{l',m'} \psi_{kl'}(r) i^{l'} Y_{l'm'}^*(\theta_{kd}, \varphi_{kd}) Y_{l'm'}(\theta_{rd}, \varphi_{rd})$$

Scattering matrix $\sim \int Y_{lm}^* Y_{l'm'} Y_{20} d\Omega_{rd}$

V_d couples all even l , and all odd l , but even and odd l are decoupled from each other

Radius of the dipole-dipole interaction



The diagram shows two green spheres representing dipoles. Each sphere has a blue vertical arrow pointing upwards, labeled with the letter 'd'. A black arrow labeled 'r' points from the center of the left dipole to the center of the right dipole.

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{m} \Delta + V_d(\vec{r}) \right) \psi(\vec{r}) = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{m} \psi(\vec{r})$$

$$\frac{\hbar^2}{mr_*^2} = \frac{d^2}{r_*^3} \Rightarrow r_* \approx \frac{md^2}{\hbar^2}$$

$r \gg r_*$ → free relative motion

$$r_* \sim 10^6 \div 10^3 a_0$$

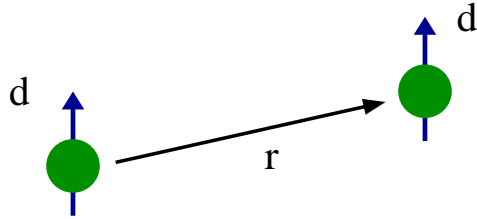
polar molecules

$$r_* \approx 50 a_0 \rightarrow$$

chromium atoms

$$kr_* \ll 1 \quad \rightarrow \underbrace{\text{Ultracold limit}}_{T \ll 1 \text{ mK for Cr}}$$

Scattering amplitude I



$$V(\vec{r}) = \mathcal{U}(\vec{r}) + V_d(\vec{r})$$
$$f = \int \psi_{k_i}^*(\vec{r}) V(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{k}_f \vec{r}} d^3r$$

Ultracold limit $kr_* \ll 1$

$$V_d = 0 \Rightarrow f = g = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2}{m}a$$

What V_d does?

$$k = 0 \rightarrow g = \int \psi_0^*(\vec{r}) (\mathcal{U}(\vec{r}) + V_d(\vec{r})) d^3r = \text{const}; \quad r \lesssim r_*$$

g may depend on d and comes from all even l

Scattering amplitude II

$$k \neq 0$$

$$f = \int \psi_{k_i}^*(\vec{r}) V(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{k}_f \vec{r}} d^3 r$$

$$r \lesssim r_* \rightarrow \text{put } k = 0 \rightarrow g$$

$$r \gg r_* \rightarrow \psi_{k_i} = e^{i\vec{k}_i \vec{r}}$$

$$f = \int V_d(\vec{r}) e^{i\vec{q} \vec{r}} d^3 r \longrightarrow \frac{4\pi d^2}{3} (3 \cos^2 \theta_{qd} - 1); \vec{q} = \vec{k}_f - \vec{k}_i$$

$$f = g + \frac{4\pi d^2}{3} (3 \cos^2 \theta_{qd} - 1)$$

Dipolar BEC I

Uniform gas $g > 4\pi d^2/3 \rightarrow f > 0 \Rightarrow$ stable BEC

$$H = \int d^3 \left[\psi^\dagger(\vec{r}) \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta \right) \psi(\vec{r}) + \frac{1}{2} g \psi^\dagger(\vec{r}) \psi^\dagger(\vec{r}) \psi(\vec{r}) \psi(\vec{r}) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} \int d^3 r' \psi^\dagger(\vec{r}) \psi^\dagger(\vec{r}') V_d(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') \psi(\vec{r}') \psi(\vec{r}) \right]$$

Bogoliubov approach $\psi = \psi_0 + \delta\Psi \rightarrow$ bilinear Hamiltonian

$$H_B = \frac{N^2}{2V} g + \sum_k \left[\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} a_k^\dagger a_k + n \left(g + \frac{4\pi d^2}{3} (3 \cos^2 \theta_k - 1) \right) a_k^\dagger a_k \right. \\ \left. \frac{n}{2} \left(g + \frac{4\pi d^2}{3} (3 \cos^2 \theta_k - 1) \right) \left(a_k^\dagger a_{-k}^\dagger + a_k a_{-k} \right) \right]$$

Dipolar BEC II

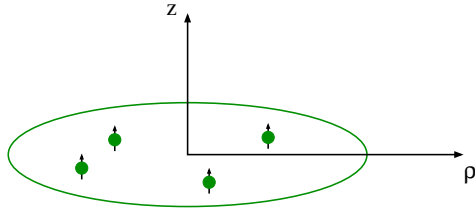
Excitation spectrum

$$\epsilon_k = \sqrt{E_k^2 + 2E_k n \left(g + \frac{4\pi d^2}{3} (3 \cos^2 \theta_k - 1) \right)}$$

$g > \frac{4\pi d^2}{3} \rightarrow$ dynamically stable BEC

$g < \frac{4\pi d^2}{3} \rightarrow$ complex frequencies at small k
and $\cos^2 \theta_k < \frac{1}{3} \rightarrow$ collapse

Trapped dipolar BEC



Cylindrical trap

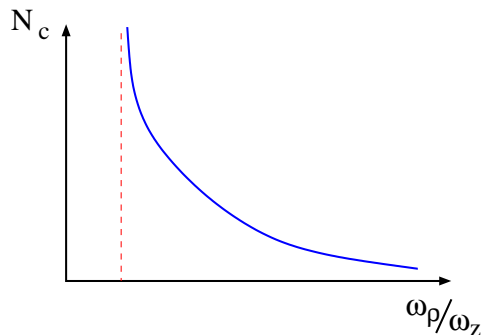
$$V_h = \frac{m}{2} (\omega_\rho^2 \rho^2 + \omega_z^2 z^2)$$

Gross-Pitaevskii equation

$$\left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta + V_h(\vec{r}) + g\psi_0^2 + \int \psi_0(\vec{r}')^2 V_d(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') d^3 r' \right] \psi_0(\vec{r}) = \mu \psi_0(\vec{r})$$

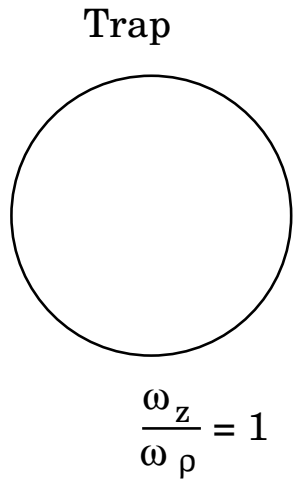
Important quantity

$$V_{eff} = g \int \psi_0^4(\vec{r}) d^3 r + \int \psi_0^2(\vec{r}') V_d(\vec{r} - \vec{r}') \psi_0^2(\vec{r}) d^3 r d^3 r'$$

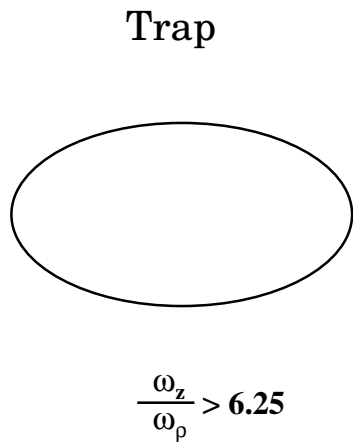
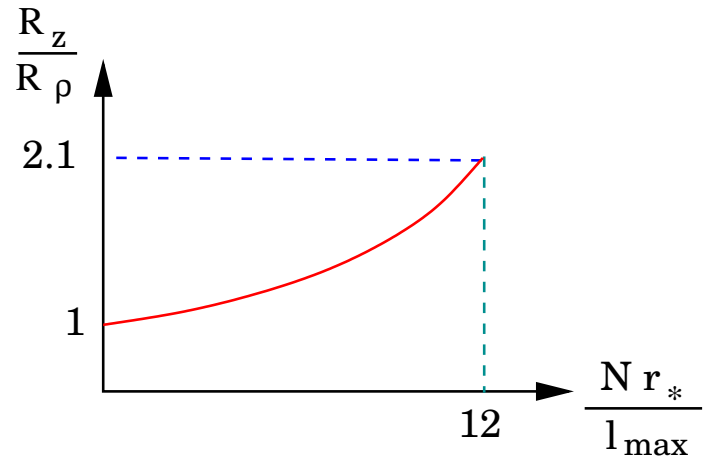
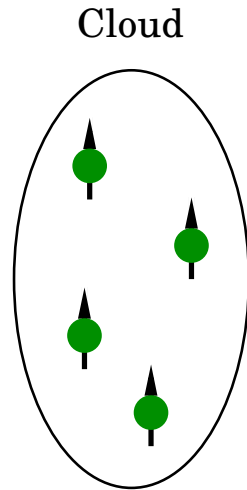


$V_{eff} > 0$ or $V_{eff} < 0$ and $|V| < \hbar\omega$
 $g = 0 \rightarrow N < N_c \rightarrow$ suppressed
low k instability
(Santos et.al, 2000)

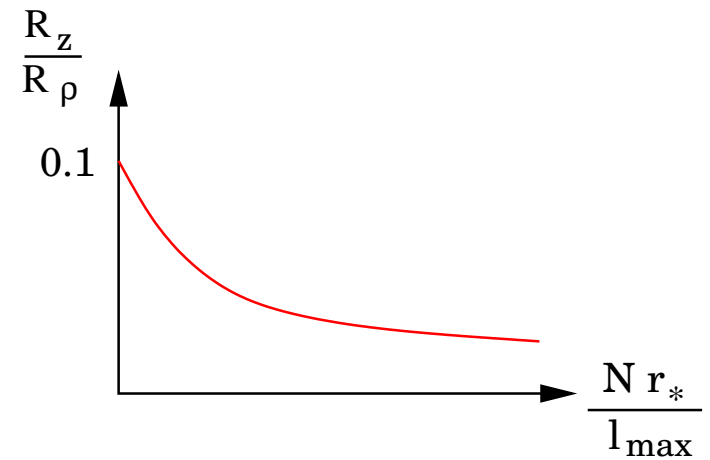
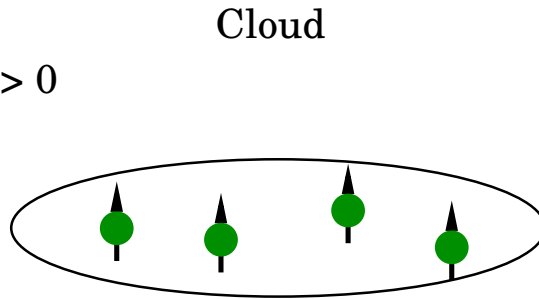
It is sufficient?



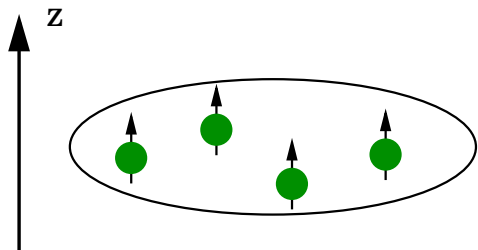
$$V_{\text{eff}} < 0$$



$$V_{\text{eff}} > 0$$



Stability problem



Dipolar BEC

$$\langle V_d \rangle = \int n_0(\vec{r}') V_d(\vec{r}' - \vec{r}) d^3 r = -d^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \int \frac{n_0(\vec{r}')}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} d^3 r$$

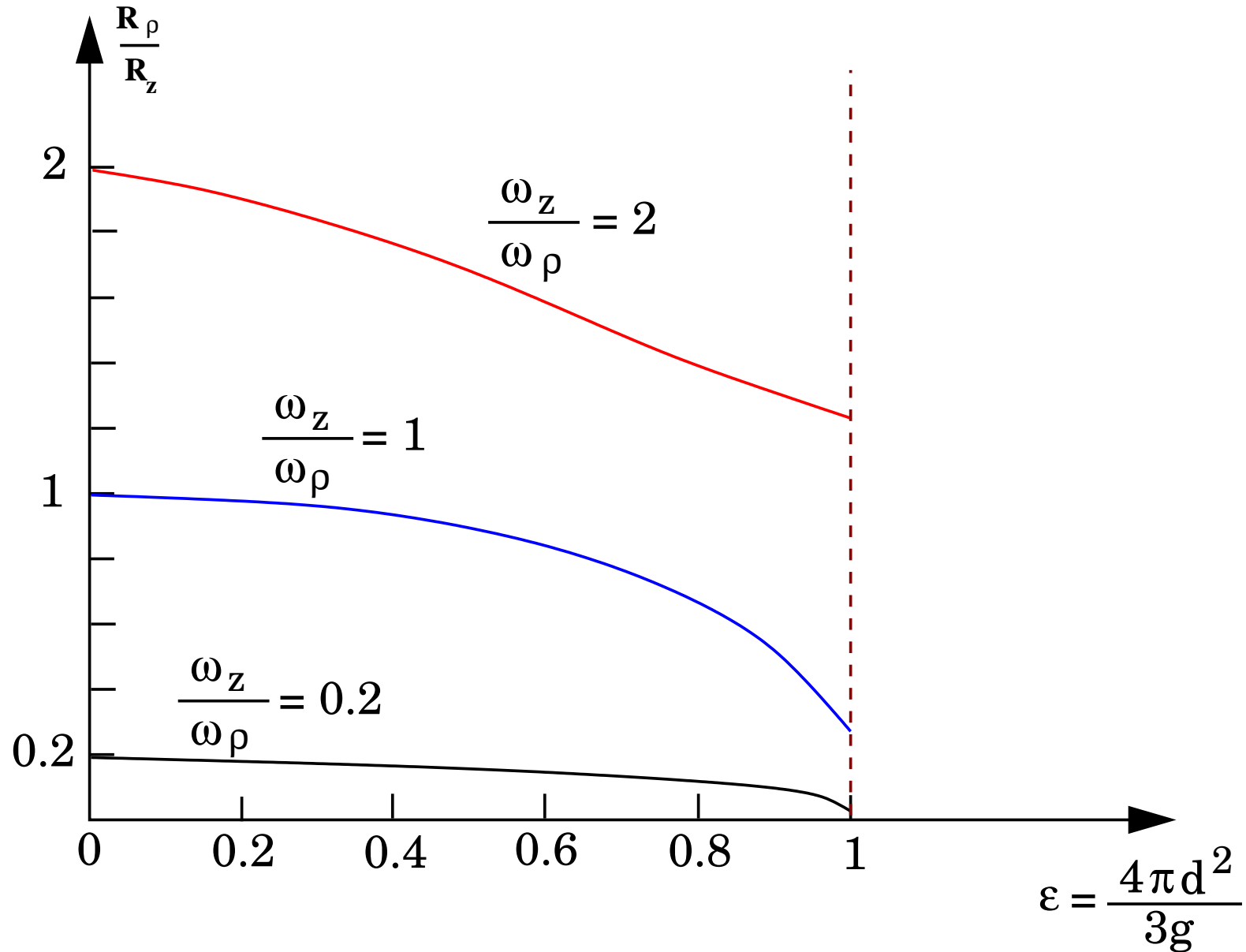
$$V_d = -d^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \frac{1}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|} - \frac{4\pi d^2}{3} \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}')$$

Large $N \Rightarrow$ Thomas-Fermi BEC

$$n_0 = n_{0 \max} \left(1 - \frac{z^2}{R_z^2} - \frac{\rho^2}{R_\rho^2} \right) \quad \text{Eberlein et. al (2005)}$$

$$g > \frac{4\pi d^2}{3} \rightarrow \text{stable at any } N$$

Example



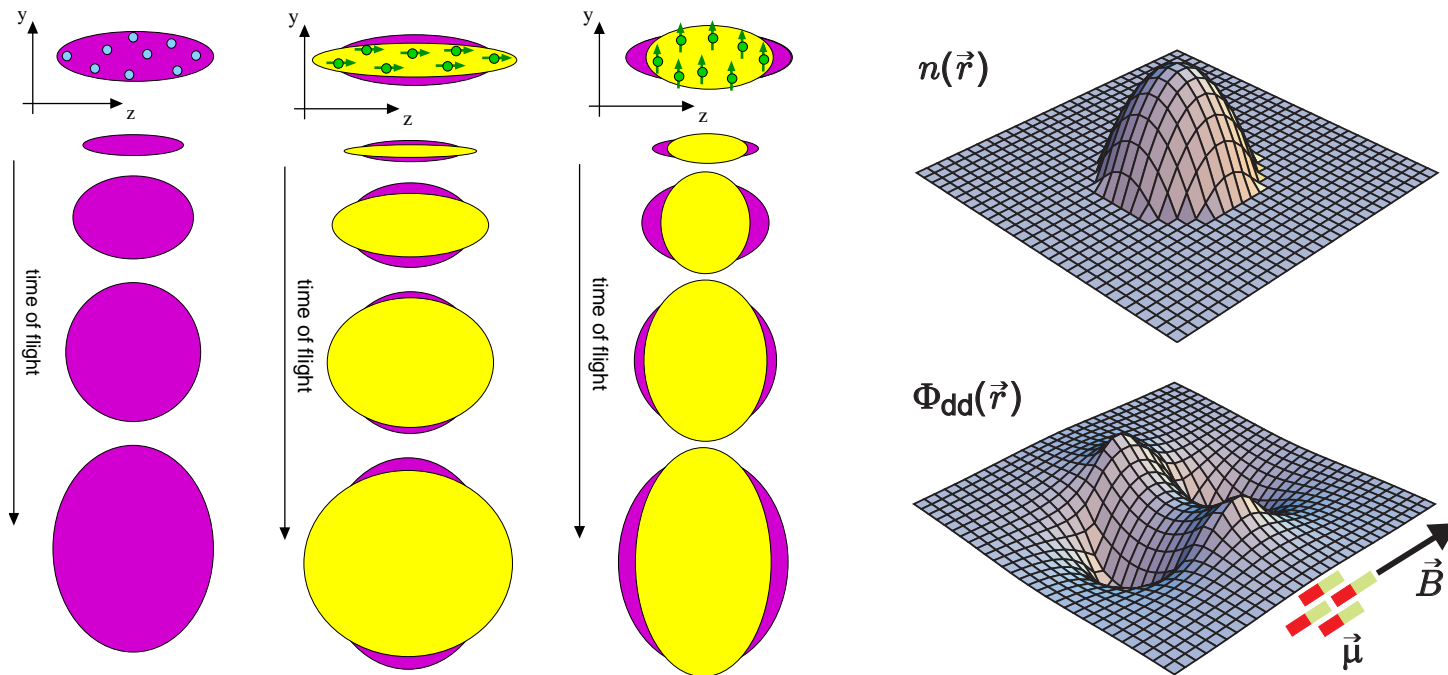
Experiment with Cr

$$g > \frac{4\pi d^2}{3}$$

$$(\mu = 6\mu_B!)$$

(T. Pfau, Stuttgart) BEC ($n \sim 10^{14} \text{cm}^{-3}$)

effect of the dipole-dipole interaction (small)

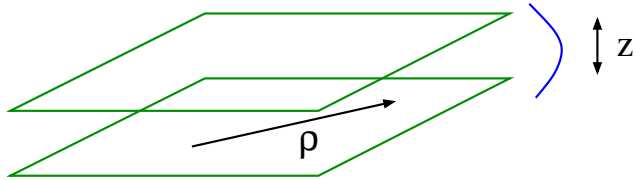


Pancake dipolar BEC

$$g < g_d = \frac{4\pi d^2}{3} \quad ?$$

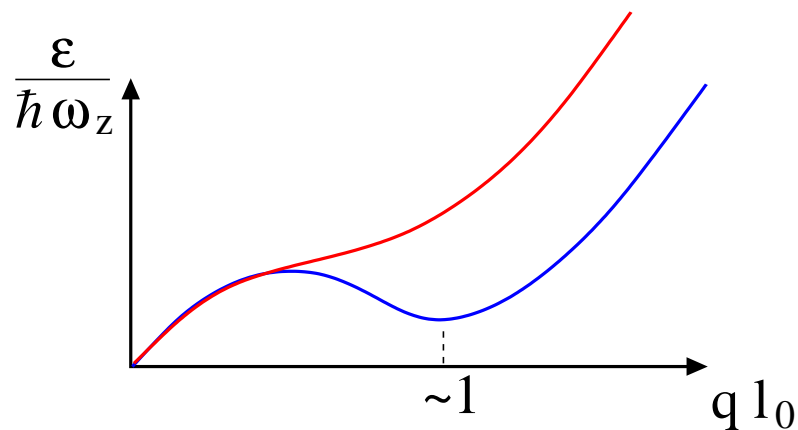
Thomas-Fermi in the z direction

Extreme pancake ($\omega_\rho = 0$)



$$l_0 = \left(\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_z} \right)^{1/2}$$

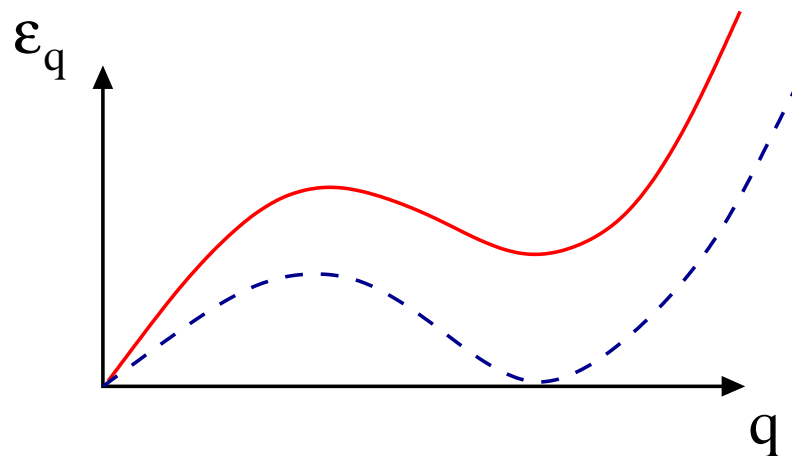
$V_d + g$ (short-range) $g > 0$



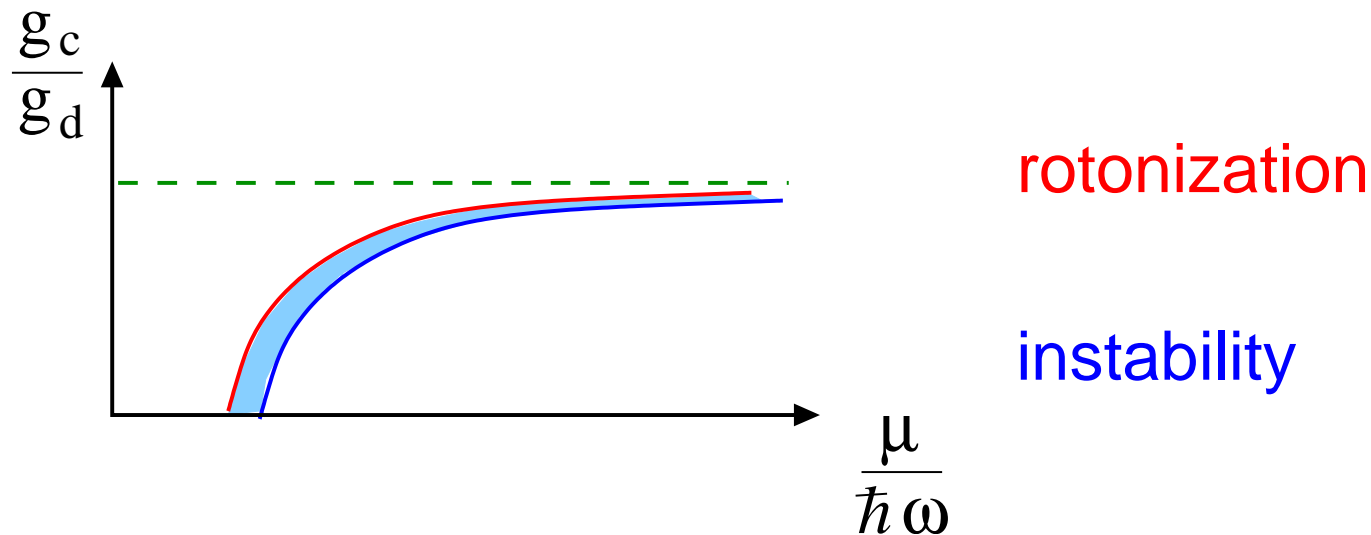
$$\begin{array}{ll} g/g_d = 1.06 & \mu/\hbar\omega_z = 46 \\ g/g_d = 0.94 & \mu/\hbar\omega_z = 53 \end{array}$$

Roton structure \Rightarrow decrease of the interaction amplitude

Roton-maxon structure

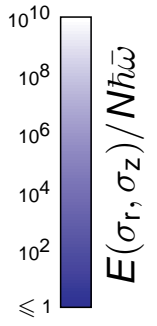
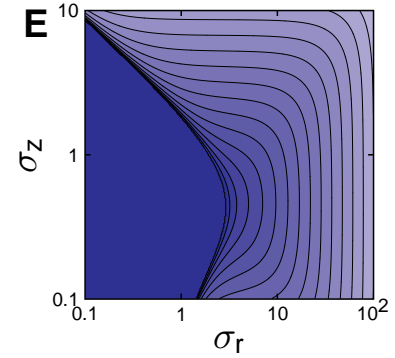
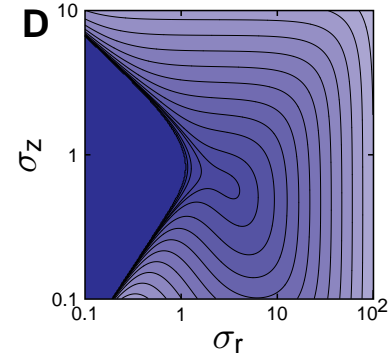
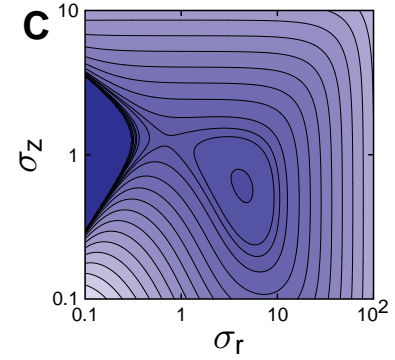
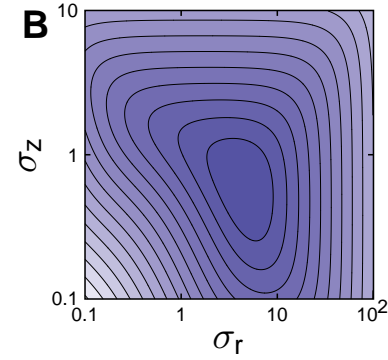
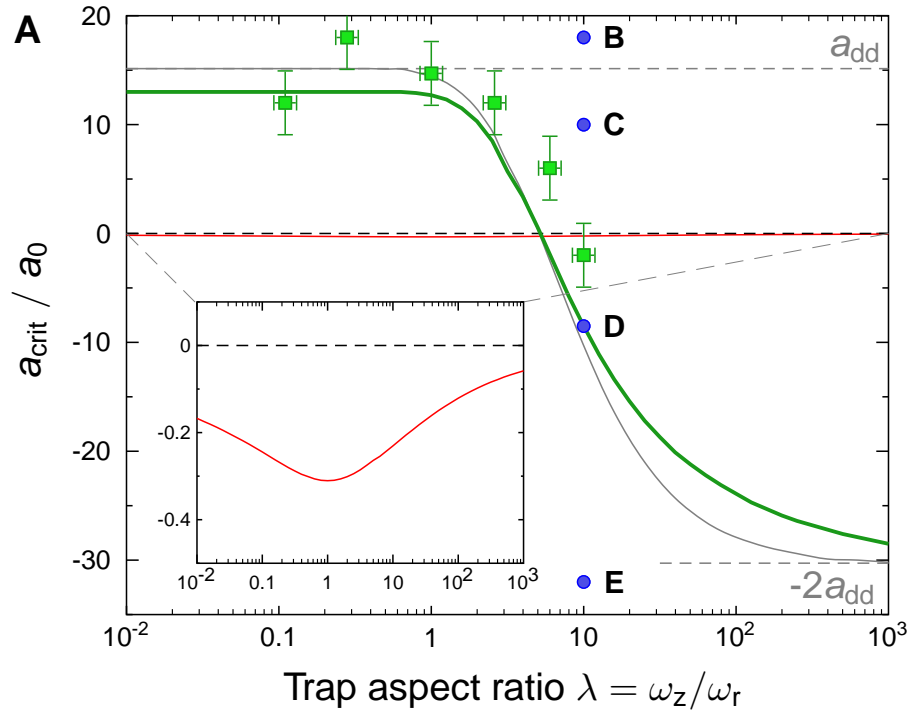


Roton minimum can be but at zero
Instability!



(L. Santos et al., 2003)

Stuttgart experiment

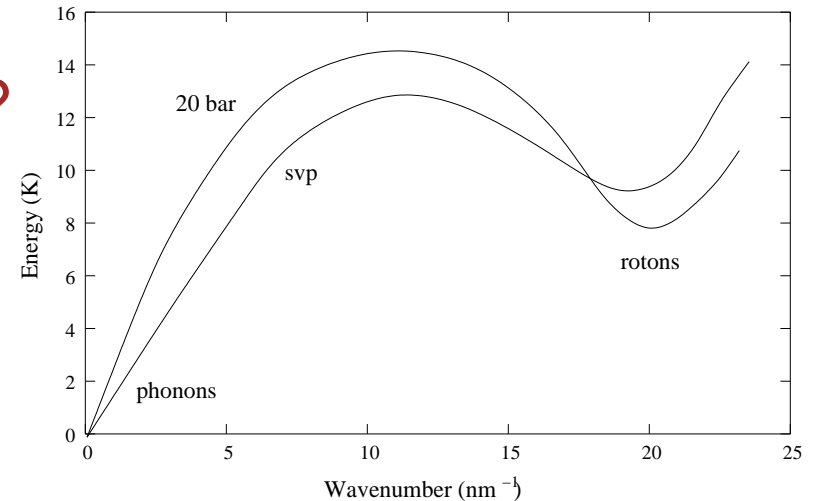


Ideas from superfluid ^4He

Why the roton-maxon structure?

R. Feynman

$$\epsilon_q = \frac{q^2}{2mS(q, \epsilon)}$$



How to put the roton minimum higher (*) or lower (**)?

What happens? (S.Balibar, P. Nozieres, L. Pitaevskii)

(*) negative pressure (acoustic pulses)

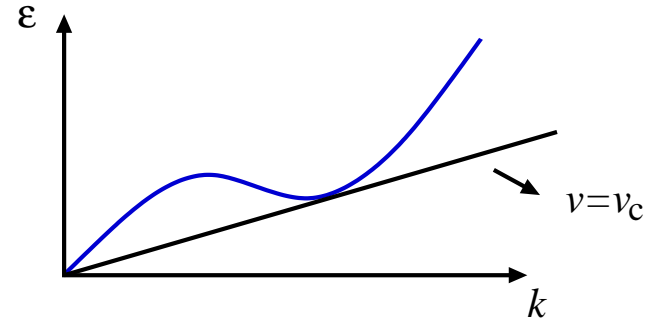
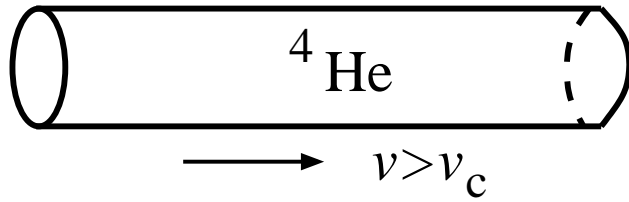
(**) increase the pressure

Metastable liquid

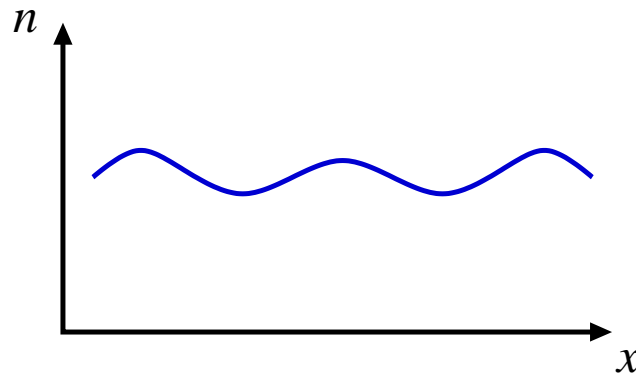
(**) \Rightarrow supersolid (density wave), loss of superfluidity, or?

Prehistory

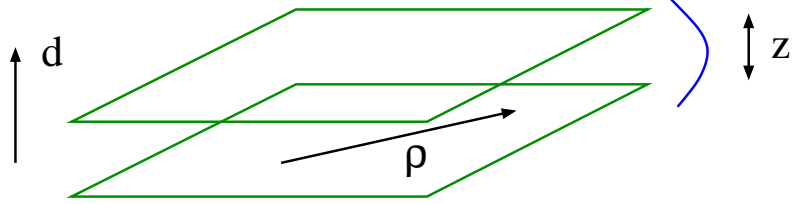
L.P. Pitaevskii(1981)



$v > v_c \Rightarrow$ Density wave



Quasi2D dipolar BEC at $T = 0$



$$l_0 = \left(\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_z} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\varphi_0(z) = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/4} l_0^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ \frac{-z^2}{2l_0^2} \right\}$$

short range interaction (g) + dipole-dipole

Consider $0 < g \ll \frac{4\pi d^2}{3}$. Then, for $qr_* \ll 1$

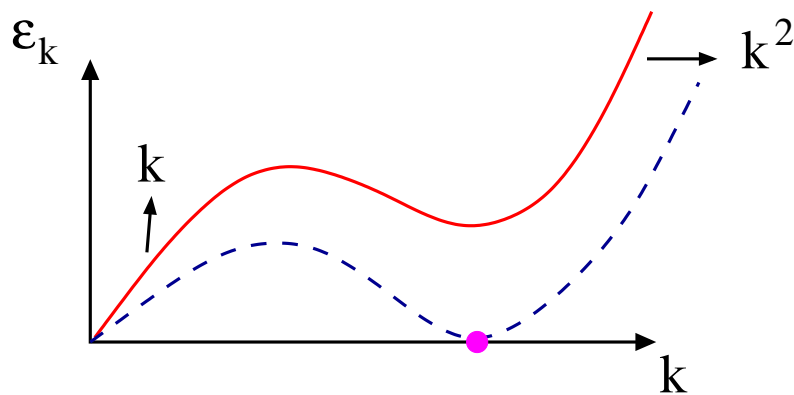
$$V_{\vec{q}\vec{p}} = g(1 - C|\vec{q} - \vec{p}|)$$

where

$$C = \frac{2\pi d^2}{g}$$

Spectrum

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\vec{k}} \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{\vec{k}} + \frac{g}{2} \sum_{\vec{k}, \vec{q}, \vec{p}} (1 - C|\vec{q} - \vec{p}|) a_{\vec{k}+\vec{q}}^\dagger a_{\vec{k}-\vec{q}}^\dagger a_{\vec{k}+\vec{p}} a_{\vec{k}-\vec{p}}$$



$$\epsilon_k^2 = E_k^2 + 2\mu E_k(1 - Ck)$$

$$k_r = \frac{3}{2} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{C^2}{\xi^4} - \frac{8}{9\xi^2}} \right) \quad \xi = \frac{\hbar}{mng}$$

Rotonization

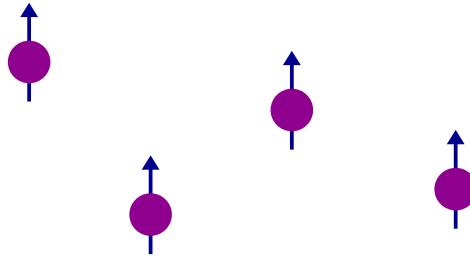
$$\xi \geq C \geq \frac{\sqrt{8}}{3} \xi$$

The roton minimum touches zero for

$$C = \xi \Rightarrow k_r = \frac{2C}{\xi}$$

For $C > \xi$ we have collapse. No stable supersolid state
Pedri/Shlyapnikov; Cooper/Komineas (2007)

Dipolar Fermi gas



What does the dipole-dipole interaction do in a Fermi gas?

- Single component gas

The dipole-dipole scattering amplitude is independent of $|k|$ at any orbital angular momenta allowed by the selection rules.

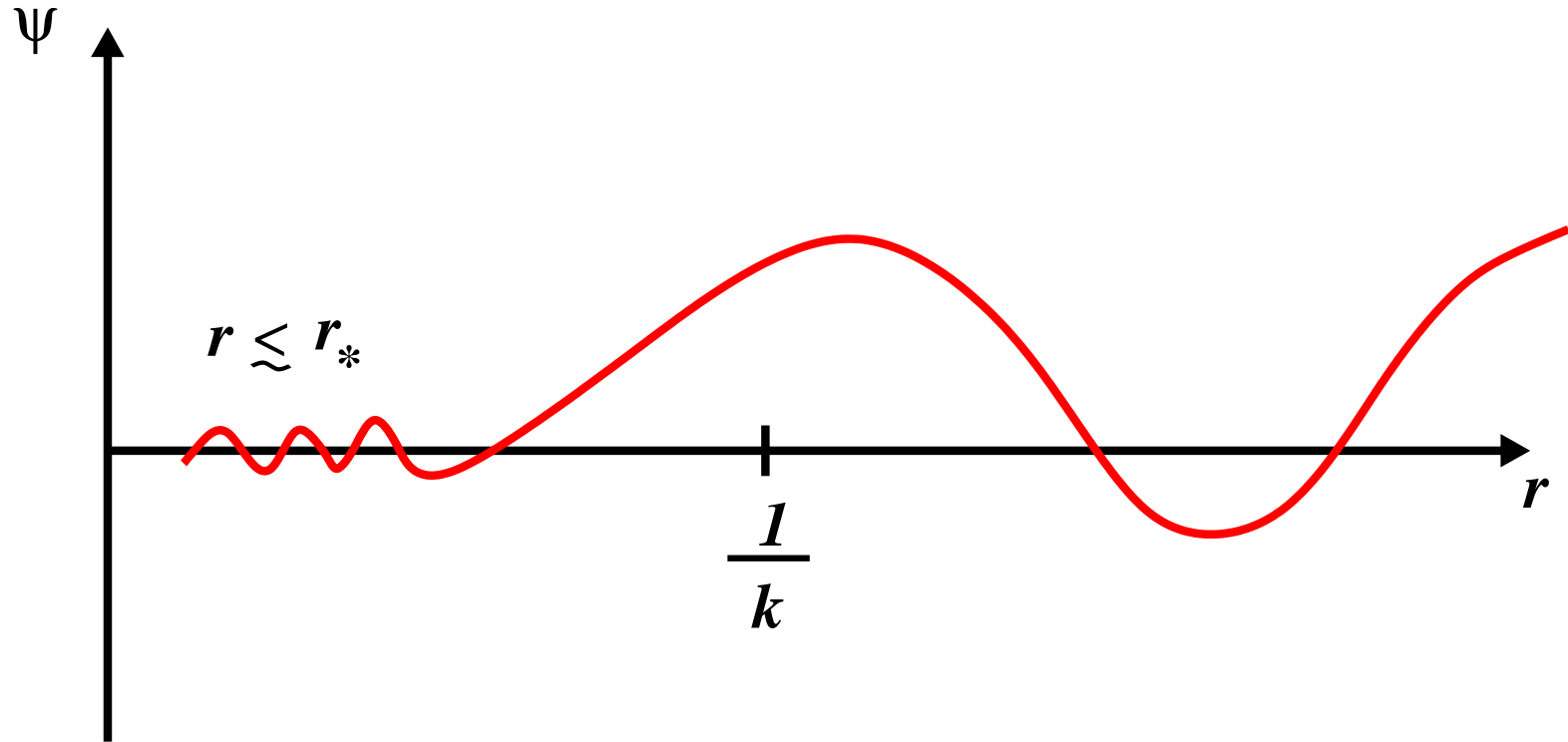
Long-range contribution $\sim d^2$

Short-range contribution $\sim k^2$

omit

Universal result for f

Physical picture. Stability



$$nd^2 \text{ significantly larger than } E_F = \frac{(6\pi^2 n)^{2/3}}{2m},$$

which is $k_F r_*$ significantly larger than 1, leads to collapse

Odd- l scattering amplitude

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \frac{1}{2} \int \left(e^{i\vec{k}_i \vec{r}} - e^{-i\vec{k}_i \vec{r}} \right) V_d(\vec{r}) \left(e^{-i\vec{k}_f \vec{r}} - e^{i\vec{k}_f \vec{r}} \right) d^3r = \\ &= 4\pi d^2 (\cos^2 \theta_{dq_-} - \cos^2 \theta_{dq_+}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\vec{q}_{\pm} = \vec{k}_i - \vec{k}_f$$

$$e^{i\vec{k}\vec{r}} = 4\pi \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l j_l(kr) i^l Y_{lm}(\hat{r}) Y_{lm}^*(\hat{k})$$

Partial amplitude $f(l_i m_i; l_f m_f)$

$$f(10; 10) = -\frac{6d^2}{5} \cos \theta_{dk_i} \cos \theta_{dk_f}$$

Superfluid p -wave pairing

$$nd^2 \ll E_F$$

Analog of $a \rightarrow \sim \frac{md^2}{\hbar^2}$ (r_* !)

$$\Delta = g \langle \psi_{\uparrow} \psi_{\downarrow} \rangle \sim E_F \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\lambda}\right); \lambda \sim \frac{1}{k_F r_*};$$

$$\Delta \propto E_F \exp\left\{-\frac{\pi E_F}{12nd^2}\right\}$$

Cooper pairs are superpositions

of all odd angular momenta (for $m_l = 0$)

Transition temperature

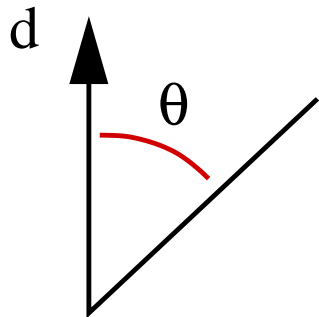
$$nd^2 \ll E_F$$

$$T_c = 1.44E_F \exp \left\{ -\frac{\pi E_F}{12nd^2} \right\}$$

Baranov et.al (2002)

GM correction included

$$\Delta \rightarrow \text{anisotropic} \propto \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \cos \theta \right)$$



- Maximum in the direction of the dipoles.
- Vanishes in the direction perpendicular to the dipoles

Distiguished features

Anisotropic gap → gapless excitations
in the direction perpendicular to
the dipoles. Damping rates etc.

Anisotropy → different from p -wave
superfluid B and A phases of ^3He . In B
 Δ is isotropic, and in A it vanishes only at
2 points on the Fermi shpere ($\theta = 0$ and $\theta = \pi$)

Value of T_c

$$d \sim 0.1 \div 1 \mathcal{D}$$

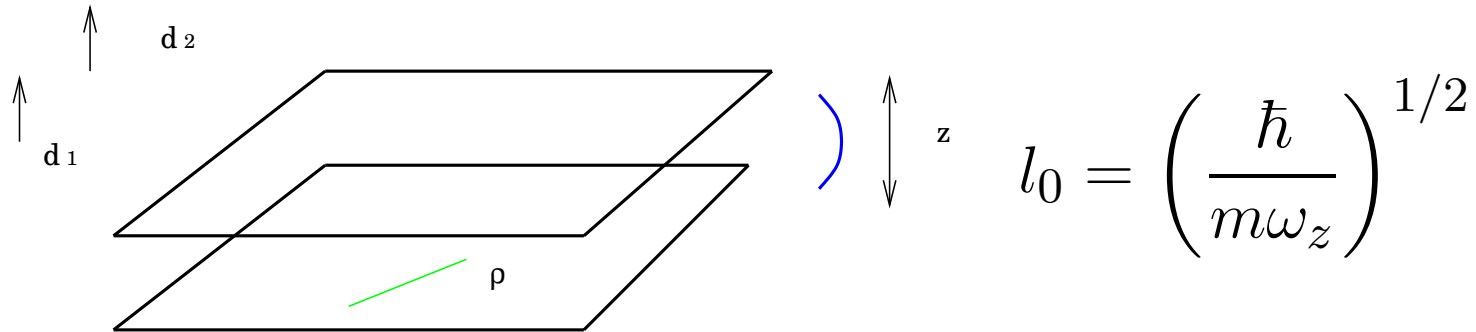
NaK \Rightarrow $d = 2.7\mathcal{D}$ and can be made $0.5\mathcal{D}$
($r_* = 2500\text{\AA}$) in a certain electric field

$$\frac{T_c}{E_F} \rightarrow 0.025 \text{ at } n \rightarrow 6 \times 10^{12} \text{cm}^{-3} \quad (E_F \approx 400 \text{ nK})$$

$$(T_c \rightarrow 10 \text{ nK})$$

One easily achieves the strongly interacting regime

2D dipolar Fermi gas



$$\varphi_0(z) = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/4} l_0^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ \frac{-z^2}{2l_0^2} \right\}$$

2-component Fermi gas (\uparrow and \downarrow). Short range $g > 0$

$$H = \sum_k \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \left(a_{k\downarrow}^\dagger a_{k\downarrow} + a_{k\uparrow}^\dagger a_{k\uparrow} \right) +$$

$$+ |g| \sum_{k,p,q} (1 - C |\vec{q} - \vec{p}|) a_{k+q\uparrow}^\dagger a_{k-q\downarrow}^\dagger a_{k-p\downarrow} a_{k+p\uparrow}$$

$$C = \frac{2\pi d^2}{|g|}$$

Interesting problem

s -wave interaction on the Fermi surface

$$|g|(1 - 4Ck_F/\pi)$$

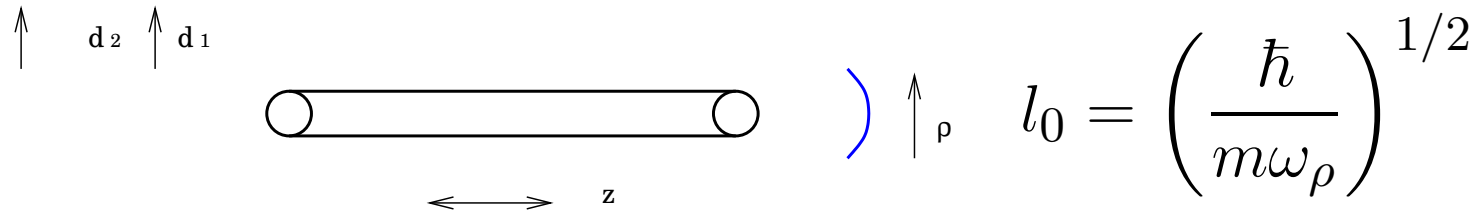
$$k_F C > \pi/4 \rightarrow 8d^2 k_F > |g| \rightarrow \text{superfluidity}$$

$$k_F C < \pi/4 \rightarrow 8d^2 k_F < |g| \rightarrow \text{no superfluidity}$$

Quantum transition to a normal state with decreasing density

Superfluid pairing for tilted dipoles \rightarrow Baranov/Sieberer (2011)

1D dipolar Fermi gas



$$\varphi_0(\rho) = \frac{1}{\pi^{1/2} l_0} \exp \left\{ \frac{-\rho^2}{2l_0^2} \right\}$$

short range $g > 0$

$$H = \sum_k \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \left(a_{k\downarrow}^\dagger a_{k\downarrow} + a_{k\uparrow}^\dagger a_{k\uparrow} \right) +$$

$$+ |g| \sum_{k,p,q} \left(1 + B |\vec{q} - \vec{p}|^2 \ln(|\vec{q} - \vec{p}| l_0) \right) a_{k+q\uparrow}^\dagger a_{k-q\downarrow}^\dagger a_{k+p\downarrow} a_{k-p\uparrow}$$

$$B = \frac{d^2}{|g|}$$

Quantum transition

Interaction at the Fermi points

$$g_{eff} = |g| [1 + 2B(k_F l_0)^2 \ln(k_F l_0)]$$

$g_{eff} < 0 \rightarrow$ superfluid

$g_{eff} > 0 \rightarrow$ ordinary Luttinger liquid

Quantum transition superfluid-Luttinger liquid with decreasing density

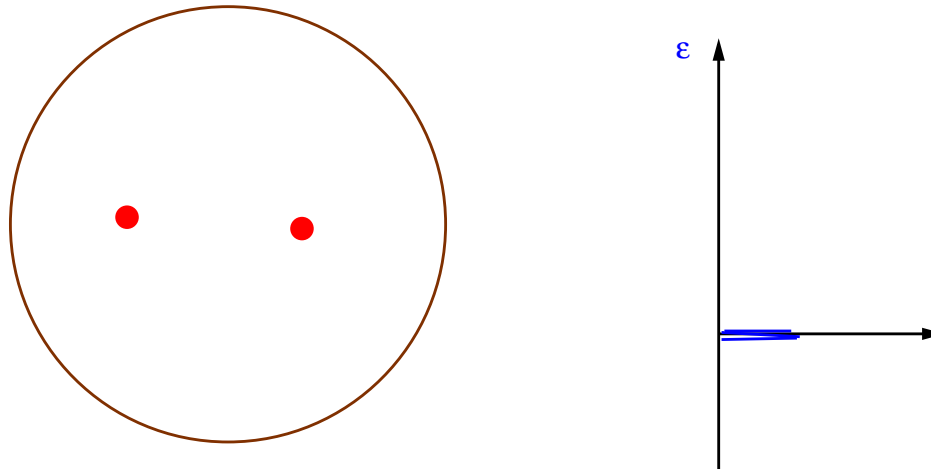
Are there novel many-body states?

Does the dipole-dipole interaction lead to the emergence of novel phases for identical fermions?

Why single-component fermions are interesting?

Topological aspects of $p_x + ip_y$ state in 2D

Vortices. Zero-energy mode related to two vortices. (Read/Green, 2000)



The number of zero-energy states exponentially grows with the number of vortices $2^{(N_v/2-1)}$

Non-abelian statistics \Rightarrow Exchanging vortices creates a different state!

Non-local character of the state. Local perturbation does not cause decoherence

Topologically protected state for quantum information processing

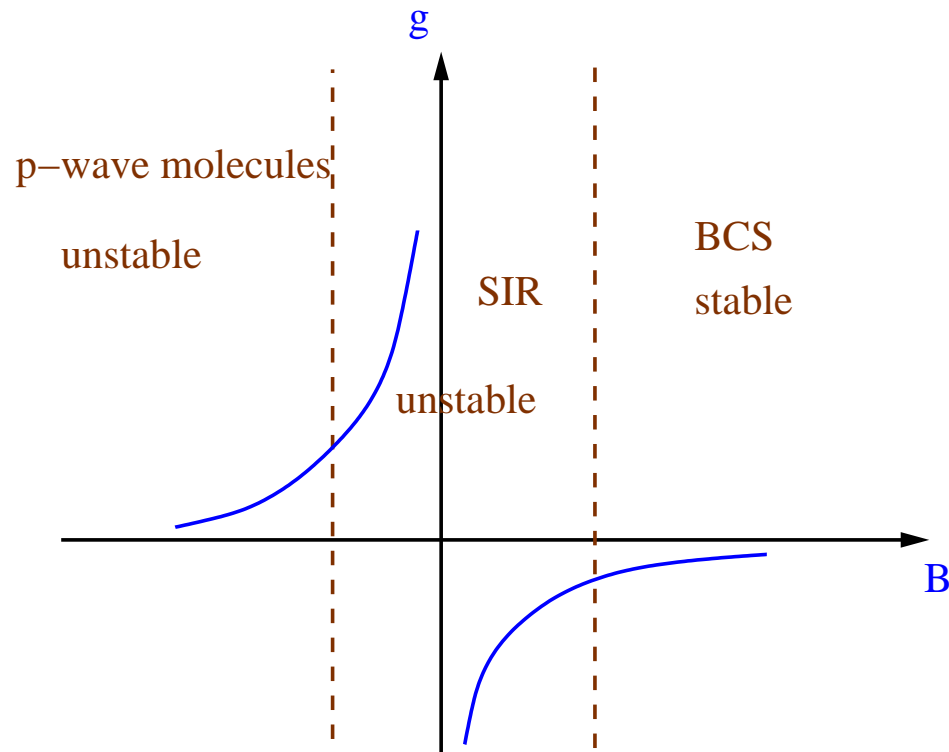
p-wave resonance for fermionic atoms

p-wave resonance Experiments at JILA, ENS, Melbourne, Tokyo, elsewhere

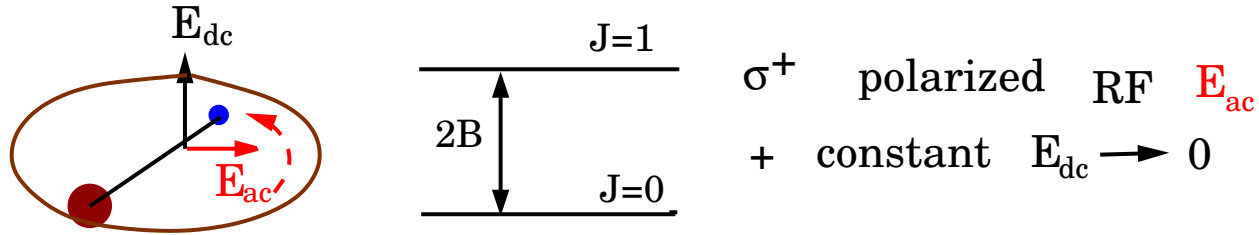
$$\text{BCS} \Rightarrow T_c \sim \exp\left(-\frac{1}{(k_F b)^2}\right) \text{ practically zero}$$

Molecular and strongly interacting regimes \Rightarrow rather high T_c , but collisional instability

Gurarie/Radzihovsky; Gurarie/Cooper; Castin/Jona-Lazinio



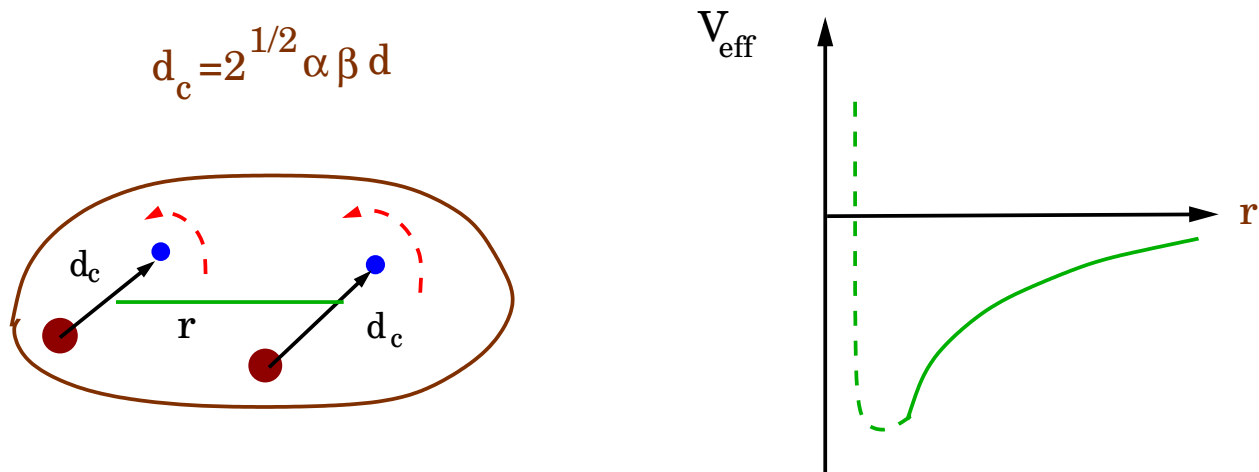
RF-dressed polar molecules in 2D. Innsbruck idea



Dressed states $|+\rangle = \alpha|0,0\rangle + \beta|1,1\rangle$; $|-\rangle = \beta|0,0\rangle - \alpha|1,1\rangle$

$$\alpha = -\frac{A}{\sqrt{A^2 + \Omega^2}}; \quad \beta = \frac{\Omega}{\sqrt{A^2 + \Omega^2}}; \quad A = \frac{1}{2}(\delta + \sqrt{\delta^2 + 4\Omega^2})$$

Two RFD molecules in 2D. The dipole moment is rotating with RF frequency



Large $r \rightarrow V_{eff} = \langle (1 - 3 \cos^2 \phi) \rangle \frac{d_c^2}{r^3} = -\frac{d_c^2}{2r^3}; \quad r_* = md_c^2/2\hbar^2$

Fermionic RFD molecules. Superfluid transition

Fermionic RFD molecules in a single quantum state in 2D

Attractive interaction for the p -wave scattering ($l = \pm 1$)

$$\hat{H} = \int d^2r \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \left\{ -(\hbar^2/2m)\Delta + \int d^2r' \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}') V_{eff}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}') - \mu \right\} \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\Delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') = \langle V_{eff}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}) \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}') \rangle$$

Gap equation
$$\Delta(\mathbf{k}) = - \int \frac{d^2k'}{(2\pi)^2} V_{eff}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \Delta(\mathbf{k}') \frac{\tanh(\epsilon(k')/T)}{2\epsilon(k')}$$

$$\epsilon(k) = \sqrt{(\hbar^2 k^2 / 2m - \mu)^2 + |\Delta(k)|^2}; \quad \mu \approx E_F$$

$$T_c \approx E_F \exp(-3\pi/4k_F r_*)$$

$$\Delta(\mathbf{k}) = \Delta \exp(i\phi_k) \quad p_x + ip_y \text{ state } (l = \pm 1)$$

Superfluid transition

In fact, Kosterlitz-Thouless transition (2D!)

However, for weak interactions T_{KT} is very close to T_{BCS}

Role of anomalous scattering

For short-range potentials should be $V_{eff} \propto k^2$ and $T_c \propto \exp(-1/(k_F b)^2)$

This is the case for the atoms

Polar molecules

Anomalous scattering in $1/r^3$ potential \rightarrow Contribution from $r \sim 1/k$

$$V_{eff}(k) = -\frac{8\hbar^2}{3m}(kr_*); \quad |k| = |k'|$$

$$T_c \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\nu(k_F)|V_{eff}(k_F)|}\right); \quad \nu = \frac{m}{2\pi\hbar^2}$$

$$T_C \propto \exp\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4k_F r_*}\right)$$

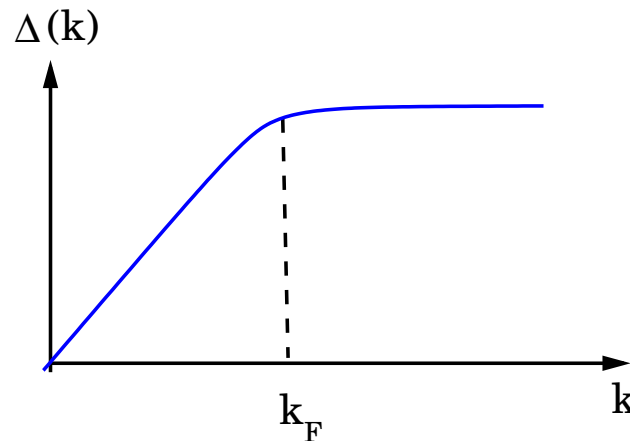
Transition temperature

Do better than simple BCS. Reveal the role of short-range physics

Renormalized gap equation

$$\Delta(\mathbf{k}') = - \int f(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}) \Delta(\mathbf{k}) \left\{ \frac{\tanh[\epsilon(k)/2T]}{2\epsilon(k)} - \frac{1}{(E_k - E_{k'} - i0)} \right\} \frac{d^2k}{(2\pi)^2}$$

$\Delta(\mathbf{k}) = \Delta(k) \exp(i\phi_k)$; $f(\mathbf{k}', \mathbf{k}) = f(k', k) \exp[i(\phi_k - \phi_{k'})]$ scattering amplitude
enterline $\Delta(k) = \Delta(k_F) f(k, k_F) / f(k_F, k_F)$



Exact low-energy solution $f = -(8\pi/3)d^2k + (\pi/2)d^2r_*k^2 \ln k$

Related results for the off-shell scattering amplitude

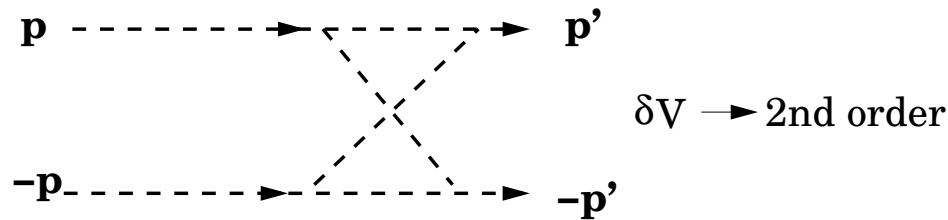
Manipulate T_c ?

Include k^2 -term $f = -\left(\frac{8\pi}{3}\right) d^2 k + \left(\frac{1}{2}\pi d^2 r_* k^2 \ln[kr_* u]\right)$

$u \rightarrow$ short-range physics

$$T_c = \frac{2e^C}{\pi} E_F \exp \left\{ -\frac{3\pi}{4k_F r_*} - \frac{9\pi^2}{64} \ln[k_F r_* u] \right\}$$

Take into account second-order Gor'kov-Melik-Barkhudarov processes



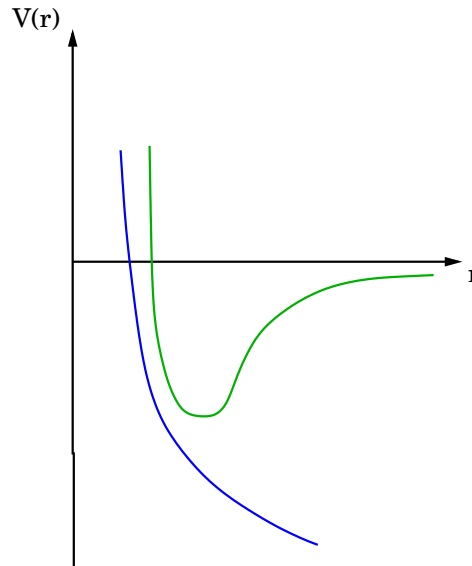
$$T_c = \kappa E_F^{0.3} E_*^{0.7} \exp \left\{ -\frac{3\pi}{4k_F r_*} \right\}; \quad E_* = \frac{\hbar^2}{2mr_*^2} \gg E_F$$

κ depends on short-range physics and can be varied within 2 orders of magnitude

Collisional stability and T_c

p -wave atomic superfluids: BCS $\Rightarrow T_c \rightarrow 0$ Resonance \Rightarrow collisional instability

Polar molecules \Rightarrow sufficiently large T_c and collisional stability



$$\alpha_{in} = A \frac{\hbar}{m} (kr_*)^2; \quad A \Rightarrow 10^{-3} - 10^{-4} \quad \alpha_{in} \rightarrow (10^{-8} - 10^{-9}) \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$$

LiK molecules $\rightarrow d \simeq 3.5 \text{ D}$ $r_* \approx 4000a_0$

$$n = 2 \times 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-2} \Rightarrow E_F = 2\pi\hbar^2 n/m = 120 \text{ nK} \quad T_c \approx 10 \text{ nK}; \quad \tau \sim 2\text{s}$$