Bose-Einstein Condensation II. Some exotic states

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Topics

- I. Binding superfluid bosons and boson-fermion mixture without a trap in 3D: Quantum ball (QB)
- Attractive 2-body and repulsive 3-body interactions, Lee-Huang-Yang correction
- Non-dipolar and dipolar atoms
- Numerical and variational solution of mean-field model
- Quasi-elastic collision of QBs
- II. Stable dark soliton in dipolar BEC in 1D
- III. Unitarity and beyond-mean-field model: Vortex lattice
- Future perspectives

Why study trapless 3D BEC quantum ball?

- The study is expected to be more universal being solely controlled by the atomic interactions, no effect of binding trap.
- New studies: collision, multipole oscillation, Josephson tunneling, interference, vortex formation, spontaneous symmetry breaking, self trapping etc.

Three-body interaction K_3

- At small densities the effect of K_3 is small and is usually neglected
- The quantum two-body interaction is related to the two-body *t* matrix/scattering length *a*
- The three-body term K_3 is related to the threebody *t* matrix and is in general complex, the imaginary part corresponding to a loss of atoms due to molecule formation.
- A very small repulsive (with real part positive) K_3 may have a significant effect on stabilizing a 3D BEC QB.

Lee-Huang-Yang beyond mean-field correction

Lee-Huang-Yang beyond mean-field correction

- The GP equation is valid in the weak-coupling limit.
- The next order correction(s) for repulsive interction involve higher orders in nonlinearity and can stabilize a quantum ball against collapse.

Lee-Huang-Yang Correction, PR 106, 1135 (1957)

Lee - Huang - Yang found the next order correction of the nonlinear term

$$\mu(n,a) = 4\pi n a + 2\pi \alpha n^{3/2} a^{5/2} + \dots, \qquad \alpha = \frac{64}{3\sqrt{\pi}}, \qquad n = N |\psi|^2$$

in dimensionless unit with $\hbar = m = 1$. As $a \to \infty$, by dimensional argument (unitarity limit)

$$\mu(n,a) \approx \frac{\hbar^2}{2mL^2} = \eta n^{2/3}$$

L is atomic separation, *n* density, and η a universal constant. These two results can be combined into the analytic formula:

$$\mu(n,a) = n^{2/3} f(x), \quad f(x) = 4\pi \frac{x + \alpha x^{5/2}}{1 + \frac{\alpha}{2} x^{3/2} + \frac{4\pi\alpha}{\eta} x^{5/2}}, \quad x = a n^{1/3}$$

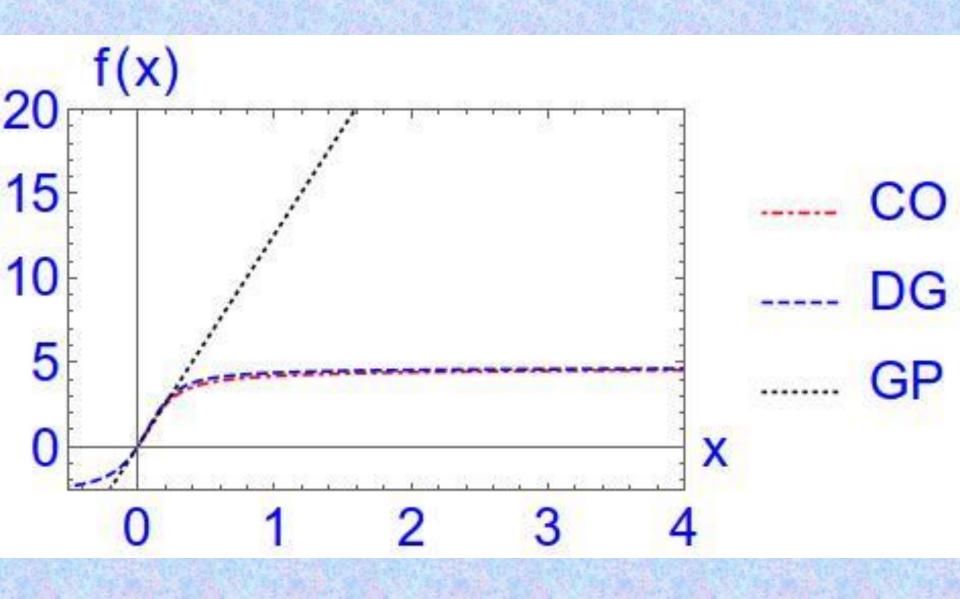
Beyond-mean-field model: Weak-coupling to unitarity crossover

Then we get the modified beyond - mean - field nonlinear Schrödinger equation

$$\frac{-\frac{1}{2}\nabla^{2} + V(r) + n^{2/3}f(x) \left[\psi(r,t) = i\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi(r,t)\right]}{f(x) = 4\pi \frac{x + \alpha x^{5/2}}{1 + \frac{\alpha}{2}x^{3/2} + \frac{4\pi\alpha}{\eta}x^{5/2}}, \quad x = an^{1/3}, \ n = N |\psi|^{2}$$

where f(x) is a universal function. We compare this function with a microscopic Hartree calculation, without Hartree approximation.

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The three-body interaction and/or LHY correction can stabilize

- A BEC QB
- A dipolar BEC
- A binary BEC QB for attractive interspecies interaction
- A binary boson-fermion QB for attractive boson-fermion interaction

Experiments on QB formation

- H. Kadau, M. Schmitt, M. Wenzel, C. Wink, T. Maier, I. Ferrier-Barbut, and T. Pfau, Nature (London) 530, 194 (2016). → Dipolar BEC with repulsive interaction.
- C. R. Cabrera, L. Tanzi, J. Sanz, B. Naylor, P. Thomas, P. Cheiney, and L. Tarruell, Science 359, 301 (2018) →
 Quantum liquid droplets in a mixture of Bose-Einstein condensates .
- G. Semeghini, G. Ferioli, L. Masi, C. Mazzinghi, L. Wolswijk, F.Minardi, M. Modugno, G. Modugno, M. Inguscio, and M. Fattori, arXiv:1710.10890 → Selfbound quantum droplets in atomic mixtures

Generalized Gross-Pitaevskii (GP) Equation (mean-field equation for the BEC)

 $\left|i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi(\mathbf{r},t)}{\partial t}\right| = \left|-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 - \frac{4\pi\hbar^2|a|N}{m}|\psi|^2 + \frac{\hbar N^2 K_3}{2}|\psi|^4 \quad \left|\psi(\mathbf{r},t)\right|;$

Dynamics

 $= \mu \psi(\mathbf{r},t);$

Stationary state

Dimensionless GP equation

$$i\frac{\partial \psi(\mathbf{r},t)}{\partial t} = \left[-\frac{1}{2} \nabla^2 - 4\pi |a| N |\psi|^2 + \frac{N^2 K_3}{2} |\psi|^4 \right] \psi(\mathbf{r},t)$$

Unit of length $l_0 = 1 \mu \mathrm{m}$
Unit of time $t_0 = \frac{m l_0^2}{\hbar} = 0.11 \mathrm{ms}$
Unit of energy $\varepsilon_0 = \frac{\hbar^2}{m l_0^2} \approx 10^{-30} \mathrm{J}$
Unit of $K_3 = \frac{\hbar l^4}{m}$
Results reported are for ⁷Li atoms, e.g.,
 $a = -27.4a_0, \mathrm{m} = 7 \mathrm{amu}.$
All results will be expressed in actual physical units.

Variational Approximation

Variational Gaussian Ansatz for wavefunction

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\pi^{-3/4}}{w^{3/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{r^2}{2w^2}\right], \quad w \to \text{width of the QB}$$

$$\varepsilon(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{|\nabla \psi(\mathbf{r})|^2}{2} - 2\pi N |a| |\psi(\mathbf{r})|^4 + \frac{K_3 N^2}{6} |\psi(\mathbf{r})|^6,$$

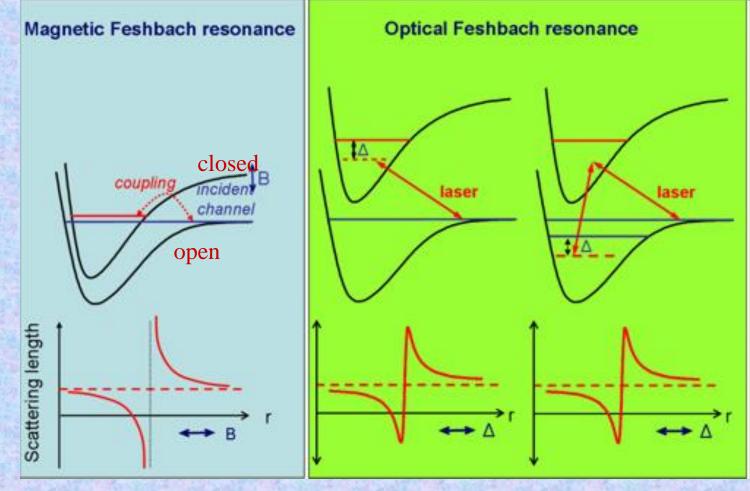
$$\pi^{-3/2} - \kappa N^2 - \pi^{-3}$$

$$E = \int \varepsilon(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} = \frac{3}{4w^2} - 2\pi N |a| \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}w^3} + \frac{\kappa_3 N}{2} \frac{\pi}{9\sqrt{3}w^6},$$

Energy minimum determines width w:

$$\frac{dE}{dw} = 0, \dots > \frac{1}{w^3} - \frac{4\pi N |a|}{(2\pi)^{3/2} w^4} + \frac{N^2 K_3}{2} \frac{4}{9\sqrt{3}\pi^3 w^7} = 0$$

Tuning of short-range interaction by a Feshbach resonance

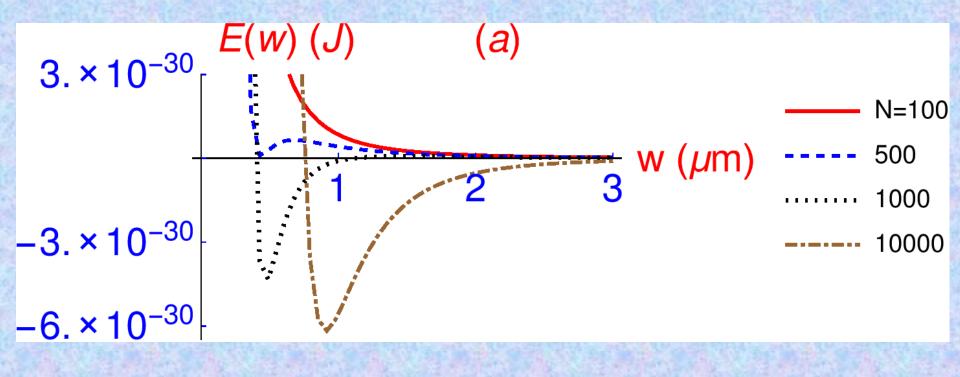


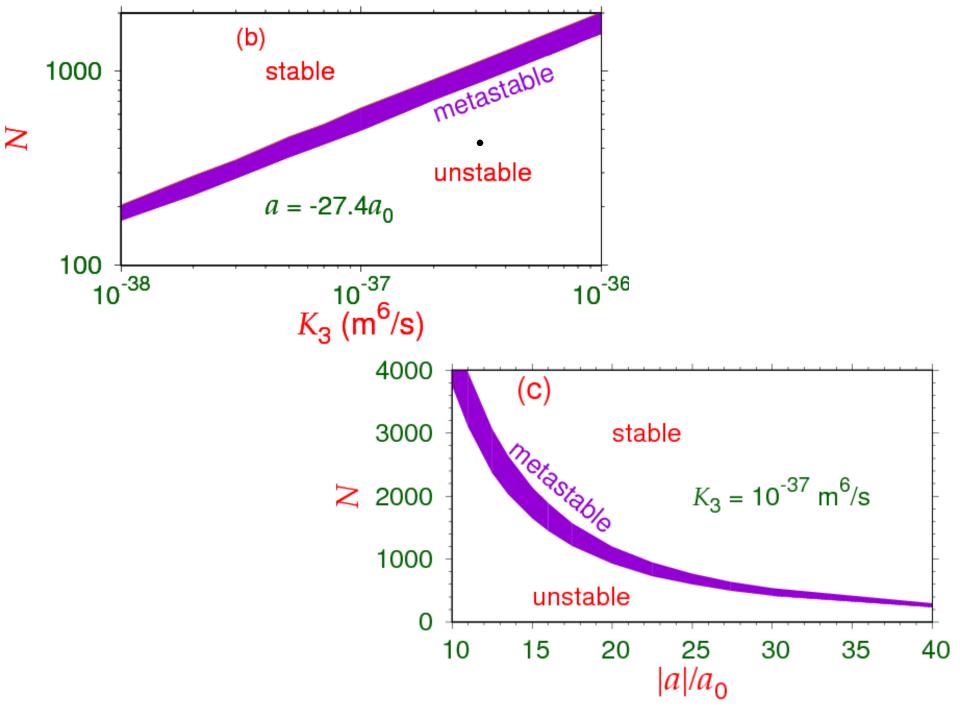
Binding mechanism of a 3D QB

- Problems in QB binding: weak attraction -> leakage & strong attraction ->collapse
- Attraction provided by Feshbach technique to manipulate scattering length to a negative value
- Collapse stopped by a small three-body repulsion K₃.
 The energy is + infinity at the centre. This eliminates the possibility of a collapsed state.

Variational energy vs width of a QB

Stable and metastable states





Real-time propagation

Numerical Solution :

Real - time propagation :

$$i\frac{\partial\psi(x,t)}{\partial t} = \left[-\frac{1}{2}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + g|\psi|^2\right]\psi(x,t)$$

Stationary state: Start with a solution of the linear equation (g = 0). Propagate this solution for a small time *dt* setting g = dg. As $dt \rightarrow 0$, $dg \rightarrow 0$ this yields the solution of the GP equation with g = dg. Repeat this iteration many times so that the solution of the GP equation with a finite *g* is obtained.

Non - stationary state: It is also possible to study dynamics.

Imaginary-time propagation

Numerical Solution :

Imaginary - time propagation for stationary ground state : Set $t = -i\tau$,

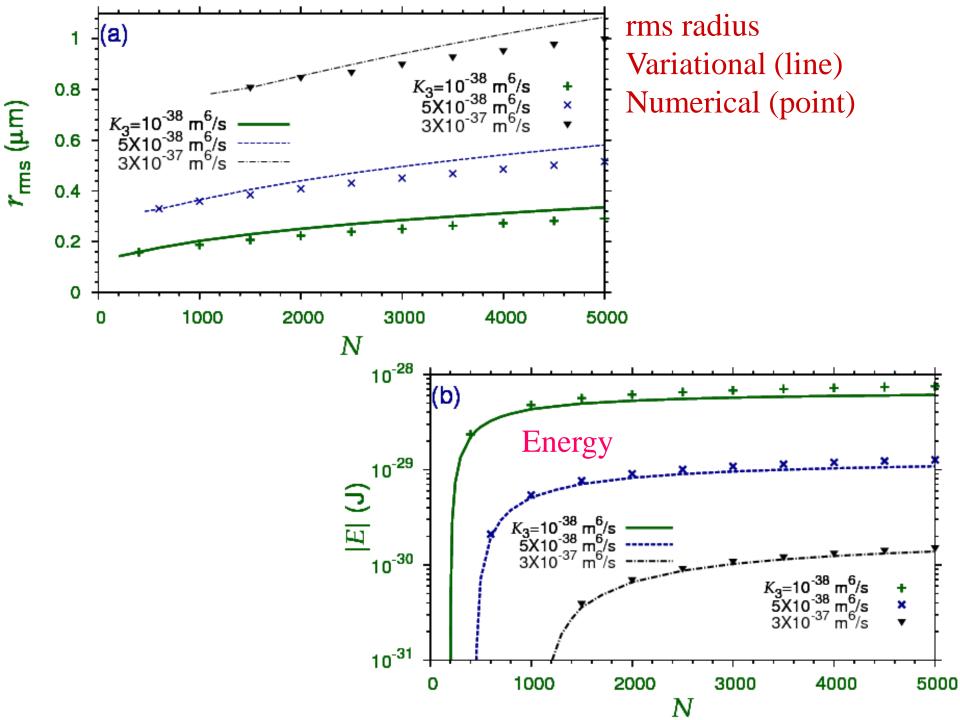
$$-\frac{\partial \psi(x,\tau)}{\partial \tau} = \left[-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} x^2 + g |\psi|^2 \right] \psi(x,\tau) \equiv E_0 \psi(x,\tau)$$

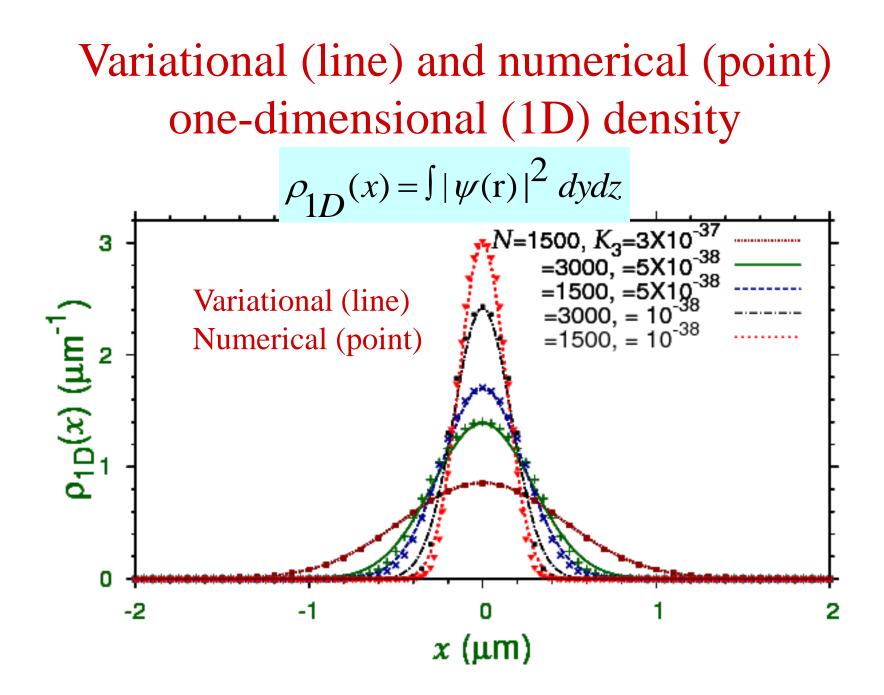
Time propagation yields $\psi(x,\tau) = \psi(x,0) \exp(-E_0\tau)$.

An arbitrary initial state $\psi(x,0)$ is usually a linear combination of all eigenstates *n*. As a result of time propagation all states decay. The excited states *n* decay much rapidly as they have larger energy $(E_n > E_0)$. So after some time only the ground state remains. Involves real algebra only.

Numerical Solution

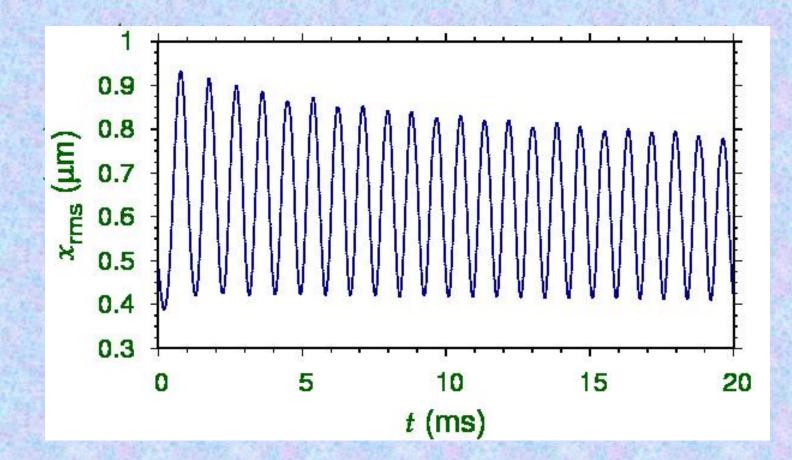
 We solve the 3D GP equation by splitstep Crank-Nicolson method using both real- and imaginary-time propagation in Cartesian coordinates employing a space step 0.025 and a time step 0.0002 using Fortran and C programs published by us in Comput. Phys. Commun.





Dynamics of a N=1500, $K_3=3X10^{-37}$ m⁶/s QB at t = 0 changed to

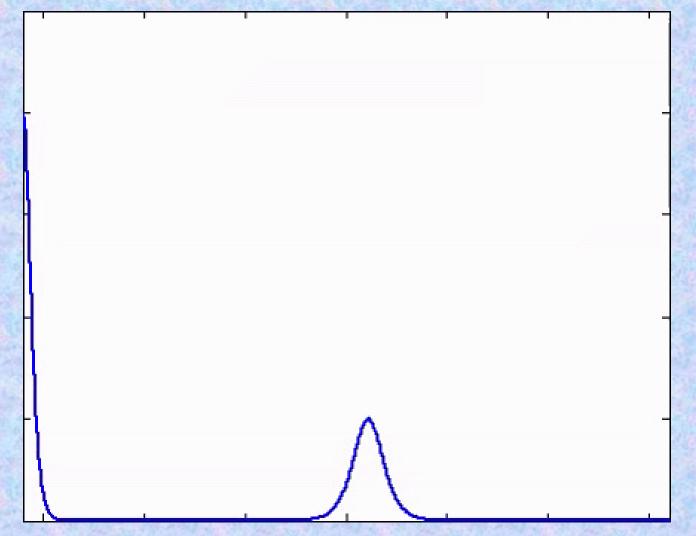
 $K_3 = 3(1-0.1i) \times 10^{-37} \text{ m}^{6/\text{s}}$



Soliton in one dimension (1D)

- A 1D **soliton** is a solitary wave that maintains its shape while travelling.
- It is generated from a balance between repulsive kinetic energy and attractive nonlinear interaction.
- Analytic soliton: Energy momentum conservation
- Elastic collision: Two 1D solitons can pass through each other in collision without a change in shape.

Soliton-soliton collision



Set the QBs in motion

Multiply stationary wavefunction by $\exp(ipx/\hbar)$ $\psi(\mathbf{r}) \Rightarrow \psi(\mathbf{r})\exp(ipx/\hbar)$, where momentum p = mvwith v the generated velocity

Numerically this is achieved by accurate(real - time) simulation with small space and time steps over a large domain of space

Quasi Soliton in 3D

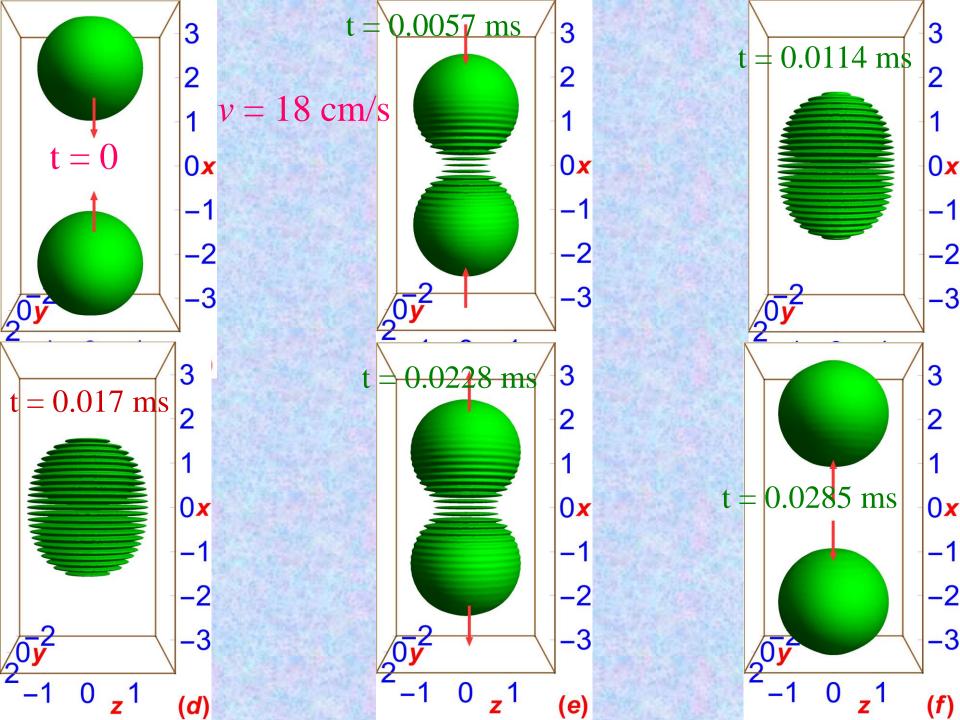
- No rigorous energy momentum conservation
- Inelastic collision: Solitonic nature is approximate and there is some change of shape of quantum balls during collision.

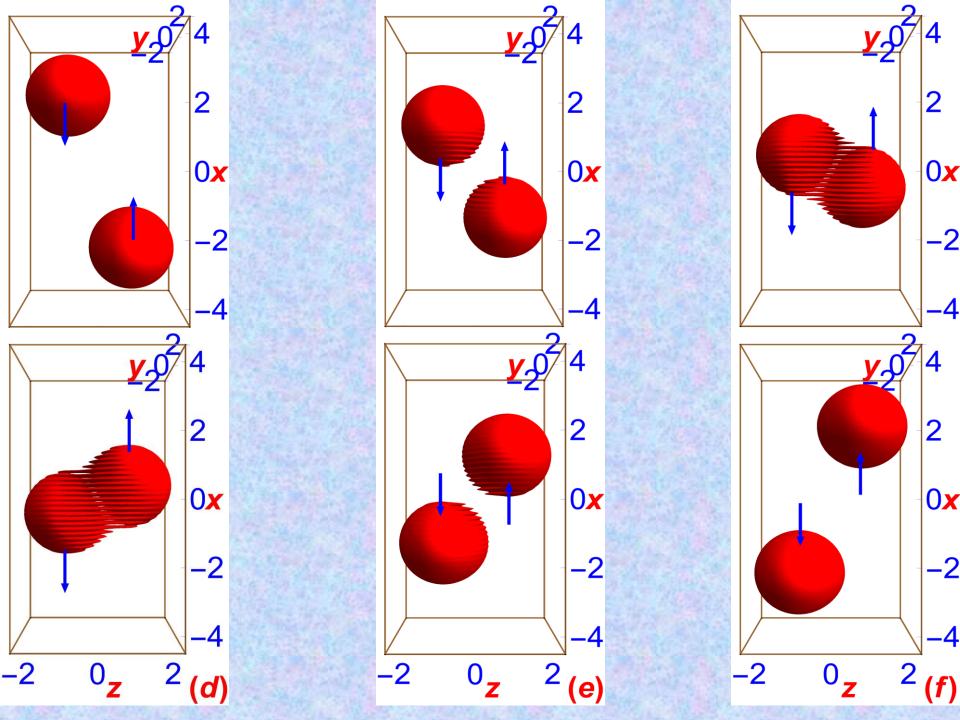
Collision of 2 QBs: 3 types of collision

- Large velocities: Elastic collision (small encounter time, kinetic energy of motion much larger than internal energies)
 Frontal and angular collision and that with an impact parameter
- Small velocities: Inelastic collision and destruction of QBs, formation of bound QBs (large encounter time, kinetic energy of motion much smaller than internal energies)
- Intermediate velocities: Collision with some change in shape.

Collision of two ⁷Li balls, with N = 1500, $K_3 = 3X10^{-37}(1-i) \text{ m}^6/\text{s}$

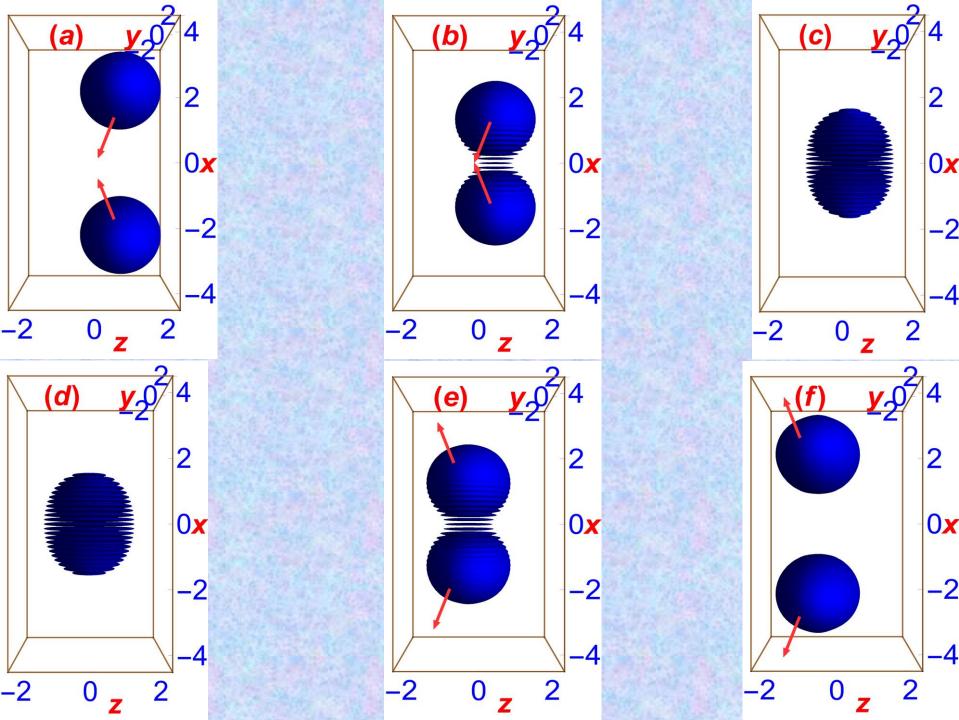
Moving in opposite directions along x axis with velocity 18 cm/s, at times (a) t = 0, (b) = 0.0057 ms, (c) = 0.0114 ms, (d) = 0.017 m (e) = 0.0228 ms, (f) = 0.0285 ms. The density on the con is 10^{10} atoms/cm³ and unit of length is µm.



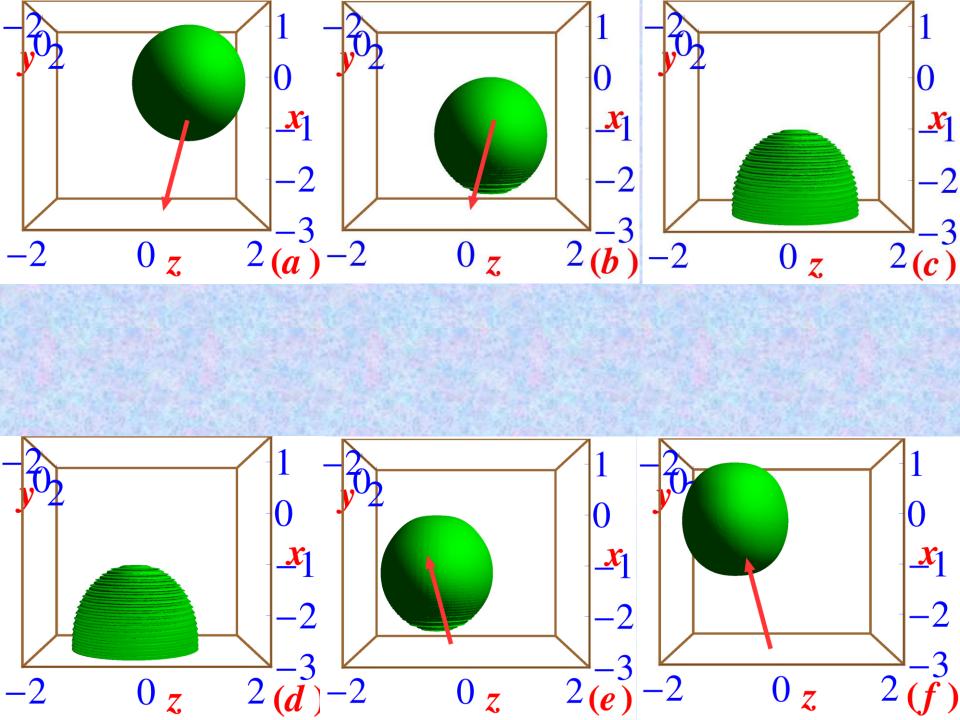


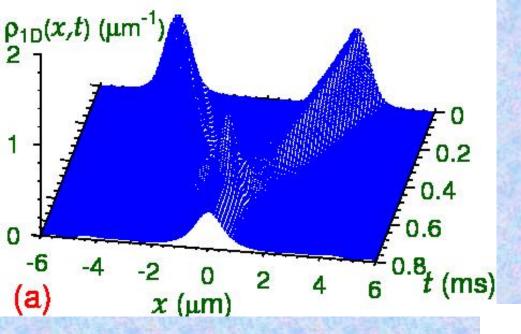
Angular Collision of two ⁷Li balls, with N = 1500, K₃ = 3X10⁻³⁷(1-i) m⁶/s

Angular collision with velocity 19 cm/s, at times (a) t = 0, (b) = 0.0057 ms, (c) = 0.0114 ms, (d) = 0.017 m (e) = 0.0228 ms, (f) = 0.0285 ms. The density on the con is 10^{10} atoms/cm³ and unit of length is µm.



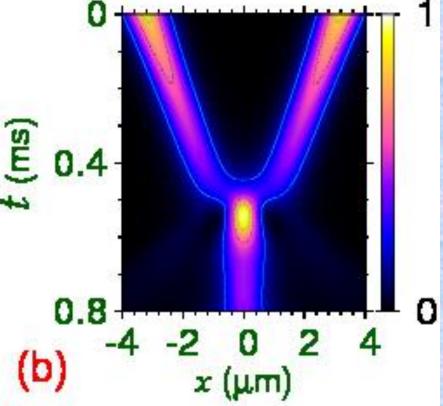
Bouncing of a ⁷Li ball, with N = 1500, $K_3 = 3X10^{-37}(1-i) \text{ m}^6/\text{s}$, against a hard rigid noninteracting wall



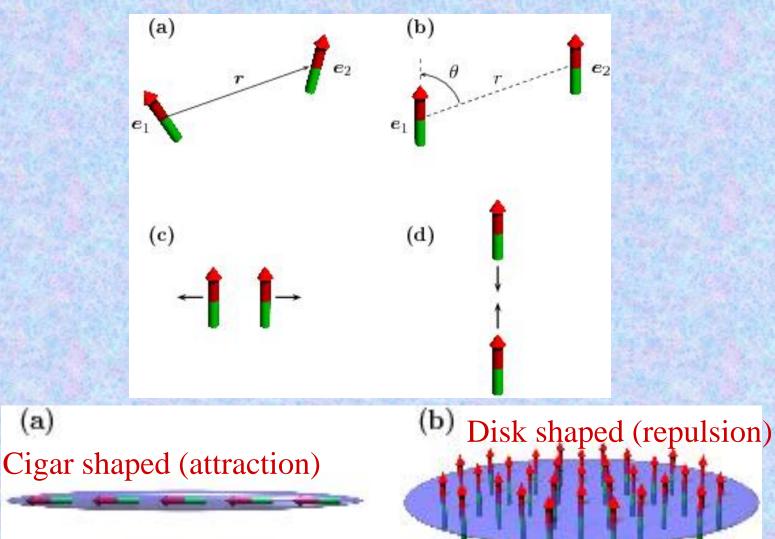


Molecule formation at small velocities

Quantum balls with N = 1500. $K_3 = 3X10^{-37}(1-0.05i)$ m⁶/s placed at x = 3.2/-3.2 micron at t = 0 and moving with velocity 0.45 cm/s



Dipolar interaction: Atoms and molecules



Static Dipole-Dipole Interactions

Magnetic dipole-dipole interaction: the magnetic moments of the atoms are aligned with a strong magnetic field [Goral, Rzazewski, and Pfau, 2000]

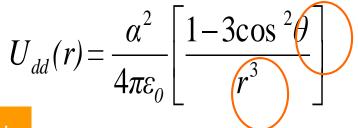
 $U_{dd}(r) = \frac{\mu_0 \mu^2}{4\pi} \left| \frac{1 - 3\cos^2\theta}{(r^3)} \right|$

un-favorable

the atomic cloud likes

to be cigar-shaped

Electrostatic dipole-dipole interaction: (i) permanent electric moments (polar molecules); (ii) electric moments induced by a strong electric field *E* [Yi and You 2000; Santos, Shlyapnikov, Zoller and Lewenstein 2000]



long-range + anisotropic

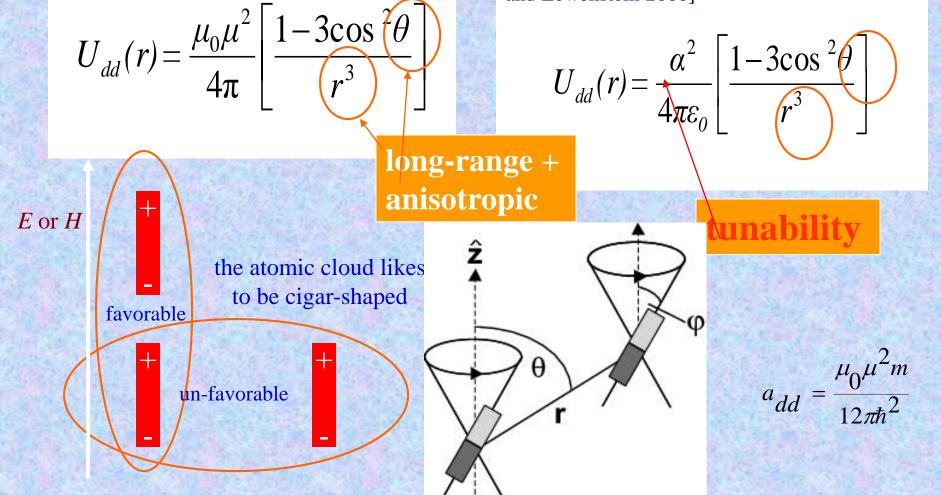
E or H

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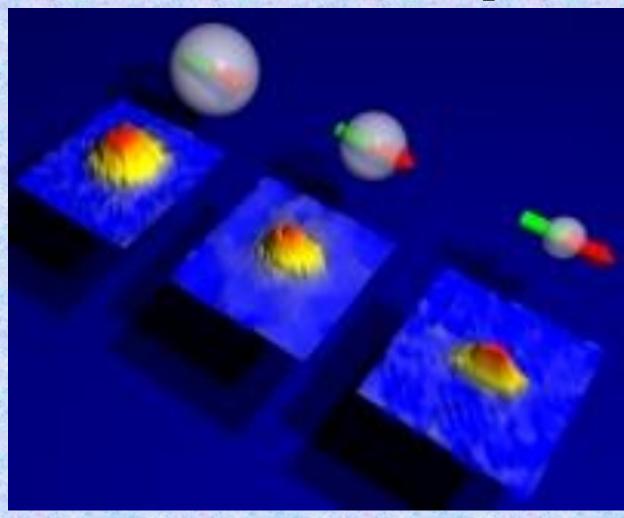
 $a_{dd} = \frac{\mu_0 \mu^2 m}{12 \mu^2}$

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Change of shape of BEC as the atomic interaction is reduced in a dipolar BEC



BECs of ⁵²Cr (Griesmaier/Pfau 2005), ¹⁶⁴Dy (Lu/Lev 2011), ¹⁶⁸Er (Ferlaino 2012)

Dipole moment μ of ${}^{52}Cr = 6\mu_{B}$, Dipole moment μ of ${}^{168}Er = 7\mu_{B}$ Dipole moment μ of ${}^{164}Dy = 10\mu_{B}$ Dipole moment μ of ${}^{87}Rb = 1\mu_{B}$ $\mu_{B} = Bohr Magneton$

 $a_{dd} = 15.3 a_0$ $a_{dd} = 66.7 a_0$ $a_{dd} = 132.7 a_0$ $a_{dd} = 0.69 a_0$ $a_0 = Bohr radius$ $a_{dd} = \frac{\mu_0 \mu^2 m}{12\pi \hbar^2}$

Generalized Gross-Pitaevskii (GP) Equation (mean-field equation for the BEC)

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi(\mathbf{r},t)}{\partial t} = -\left[\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 - \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 aN}{m}|\psi|^2 - \frac{\hbar N^2 K_3}{2}|\psi|^4\right]\psi(\mathbf{r},t)$$
$$+ \frac{3\hbar^2 a_{dd}N}{m}\int U_{dd}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r})|\psi(\mathbf{r},t)|^2 d\mathbf{r}\psi(\mathbf{r},t)$$
$$+ \frac{2\hbar^2}{m}\alpha\pi a^{5/2}N^{3/2}|\psi|^3\psi; \qquad a_{dd} = \frac{\mu_0\mu^2 m}{12\pi\hbar^2}$$

Dynamic s

 $=\mu\psi(\mathbf{r},t);$

Stationary state

Dimensionless Gross-Pitaevskii (GP) Equation for attractive interaction

$$i\frac{\partial\psi(\mathbf{r},t)}{\partial t} = -\left[\frac{1}{2}\nabla^{2} + 4\pi |a|N|\psi|^{2} - \frac{N^{2}K_{3}}{2}|\psi|^{4}\right]\psi(\mathbf{r},t)$$
$$+ 3a_{dd}N\int U_{dd}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r})|\psi(\mathbf{r},t)|^{2}d\mathbf{r}\psi(\mathbf{r},t); \qquad \text{Dynamics}$$

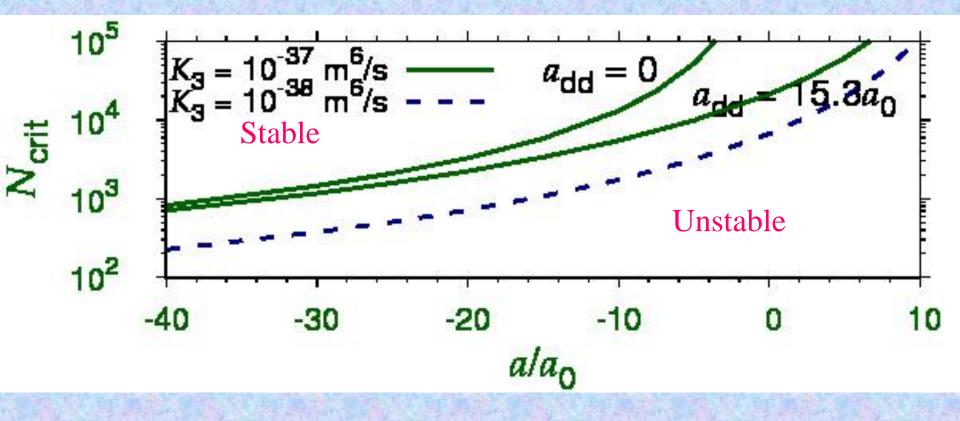
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Stationary state

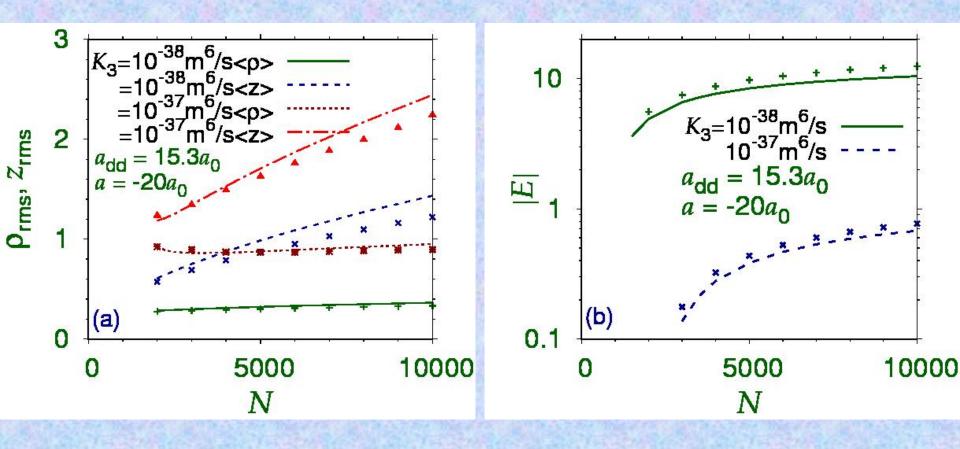
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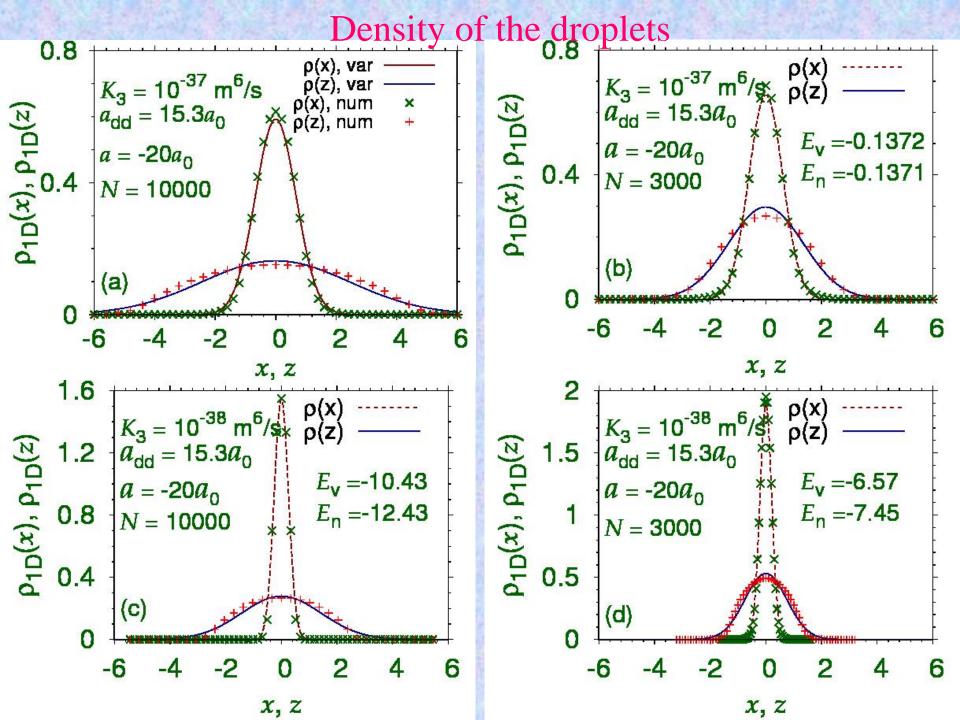
- Work with ⁵²Cr atom with magnetic moment $\mu = 6 \mu_B$
- $a = -20a_0, a_{dd} = 15.3a_0$
- Unit of length 1μ m
- Unit of time 0.82 ms

Critical number of atoms

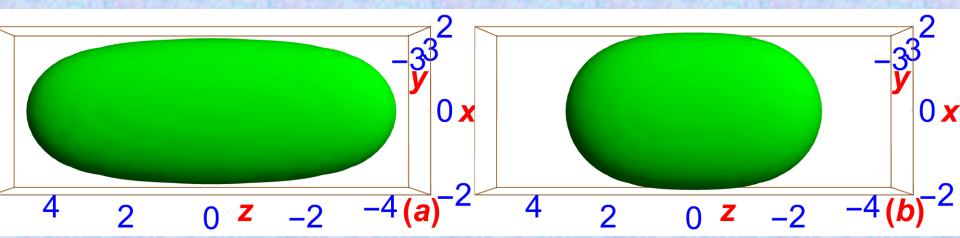


Energy and size of droplets

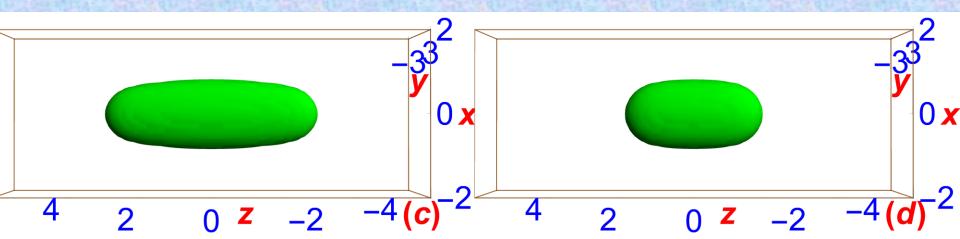




3D Isodensity contour of the QB

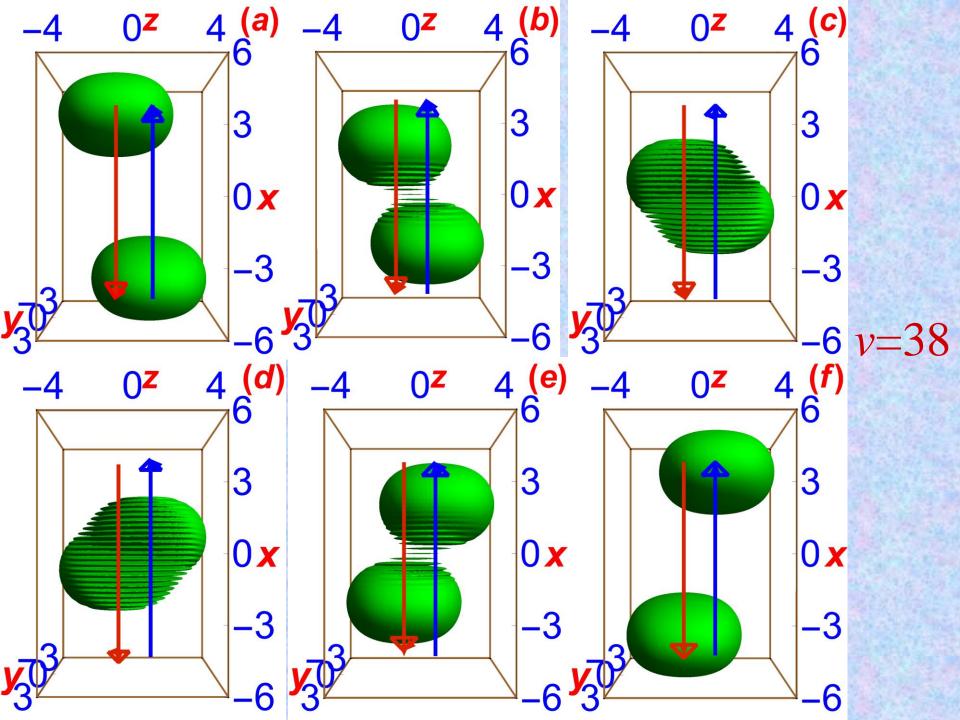


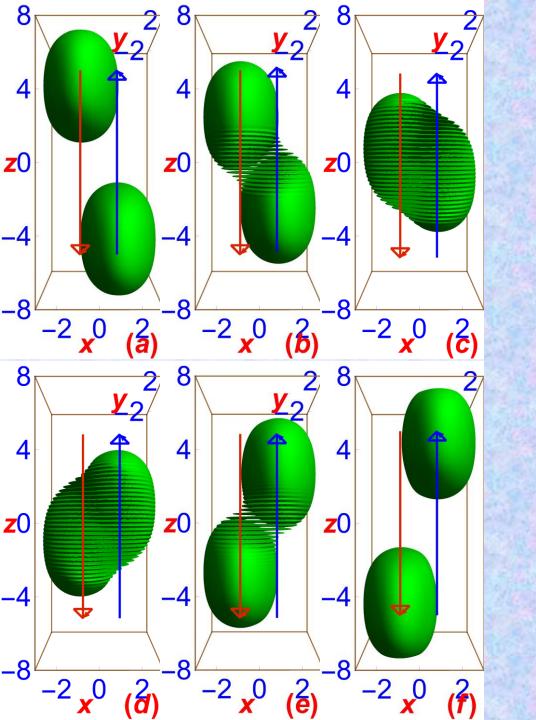
⁵²Cr QB with a =-20a₀ for: (a) N = 10000, K₃ = 10^{-37} m⁶/s, (b) N = 3000, K₃ = 10^{-37} m⁶/s, (c) N = 10000, K₃ = 10^{-38} m⁶/s, and (d) N = 3000, K₃ = 10^{-38} m⁶/s.

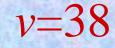


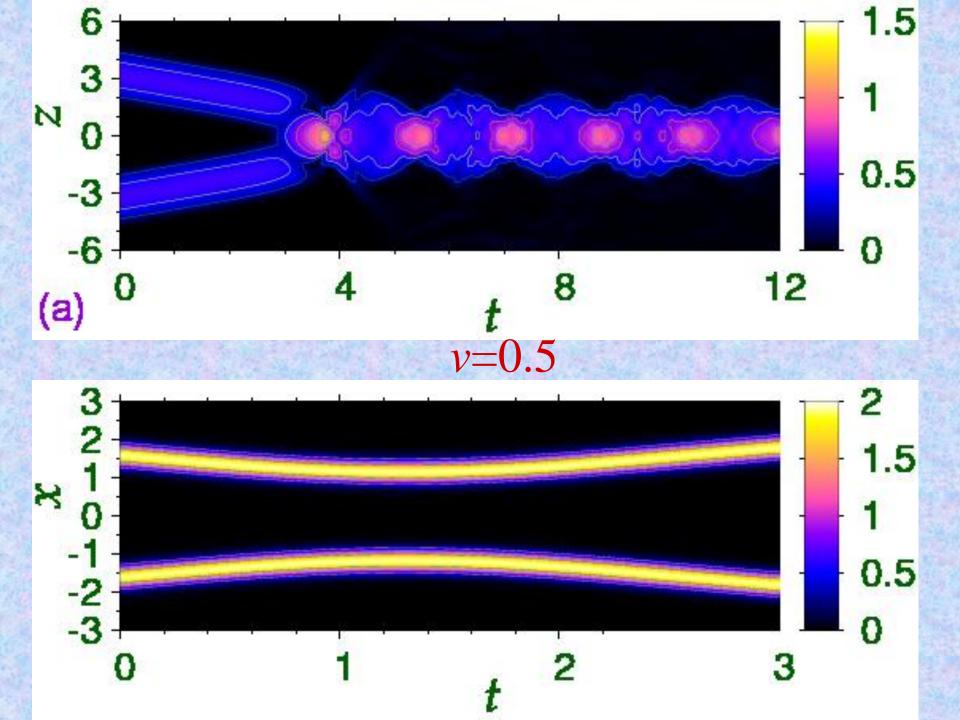
QB-QB Collision

- Numerical simulation in 3D demonstrates quasi-elastic frontal collision at high velocities.
- Molecule formation at low velocities along polarization direction z.
- Bouncing back at low velocities along direction x.







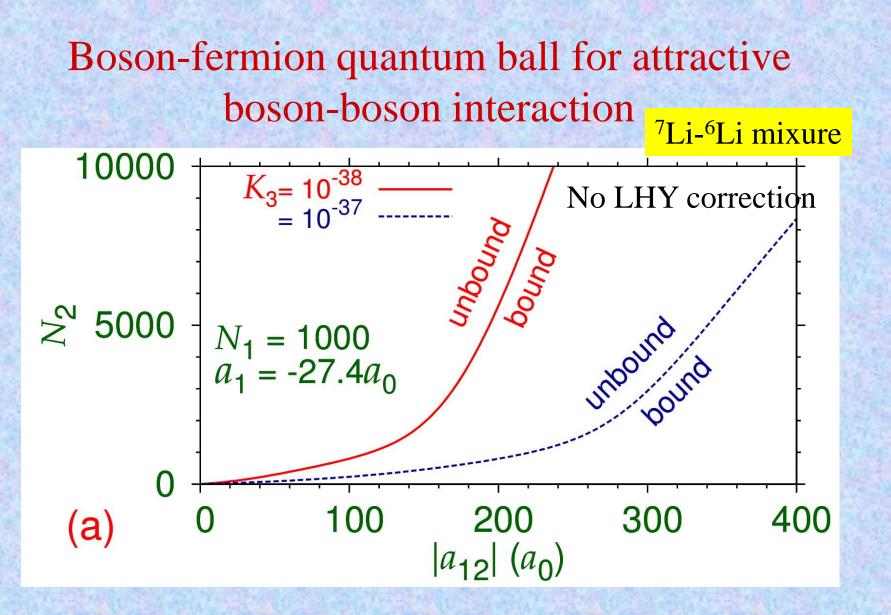


Boson-fermion quantum ball

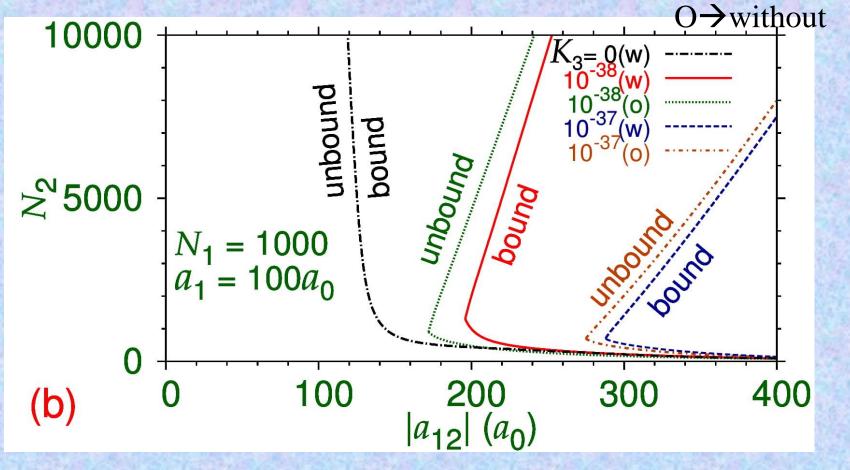
- Repulsive or attractive boson-boson interaction and fermion-fermion Pauli repulsion
- Attractive boson-fermion interaction
- A repulsive three-boson interaction and/or LHY correction for repulsive two-boson interaction will stop collapse

Trapped boson - fermion mixture :

$$\begin{split} & \left[-\frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m_{1}}\nabla^{2}+V+\frac{4\pi\hbar^{2}a_{1}N_{1}}{m_{1}}|\psi_{1}|^{2}+\frac{2\hbar^{2}}{m_{1}}\alpha\pi a_{1}^{5/2}N_{1}^{3/2}|\psi_{1}|^{3}\right.\\ & \left.+\frac{\hbar N_{1}^{2}K_{3}}{2}|\psi_{1}|^{4}+\frac{2\pi\hbar^{2}a_{12}N_{2}}{m_{R}}|\psi_{2}|^{2}\right]\psi_{1}(\mathbf{r},t)=i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi_{1}(\mathbf{r},t)\\ & \left[-\frac{\hbar^{2}}{8m_{2}}\nabla^{2}+V+\frac{\hbar^{2}(3\pi^{2}N_{2}|\psi_{2}|^{2})^{2/3}}{2m_{2}}\right.\\ & \left.+\frac{2\pi\hbar^{2}a_{12}N_{1}}{m_{R}}|\psi_{1}|^{2}\right]\psi_{2}(\mathbf{r},t)=i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi_{2}(\mathbf{r},t) \end{split}$$

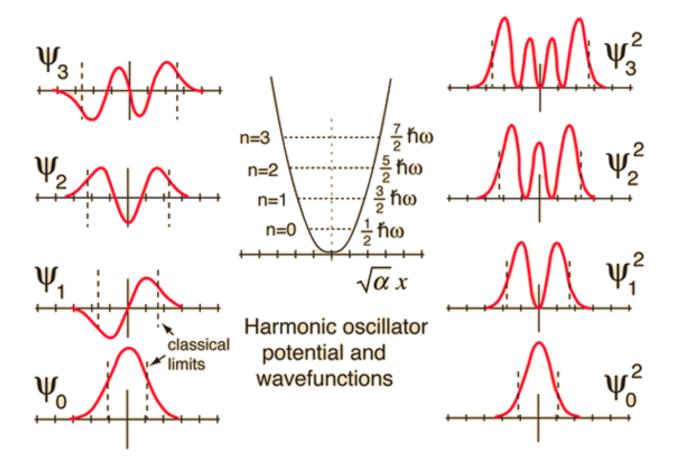


Boson-fermion quantum ball for repulsive boson-boson interaction W→ with LHY

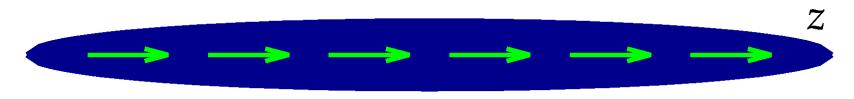


One-dimensional dark soliton

• Like the first excited state of harmonic oscillator

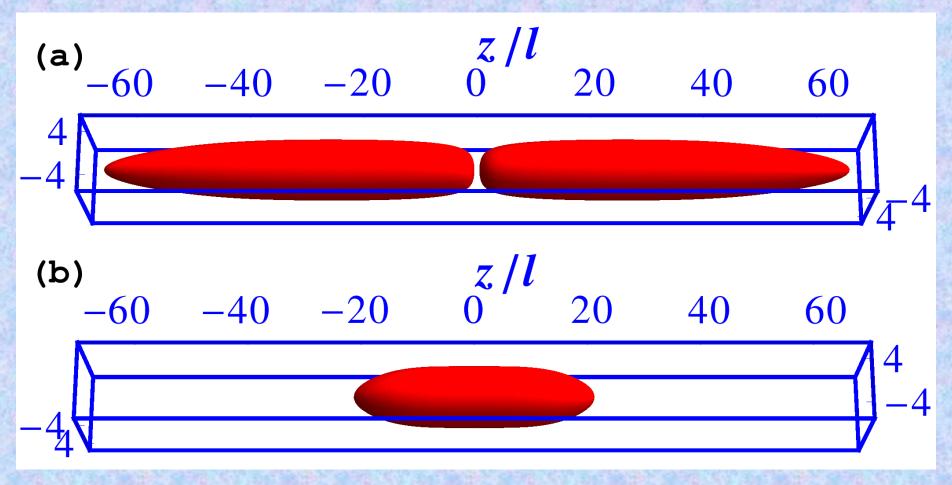


1D dipolar solitons with repulsive contact interactions (a) x



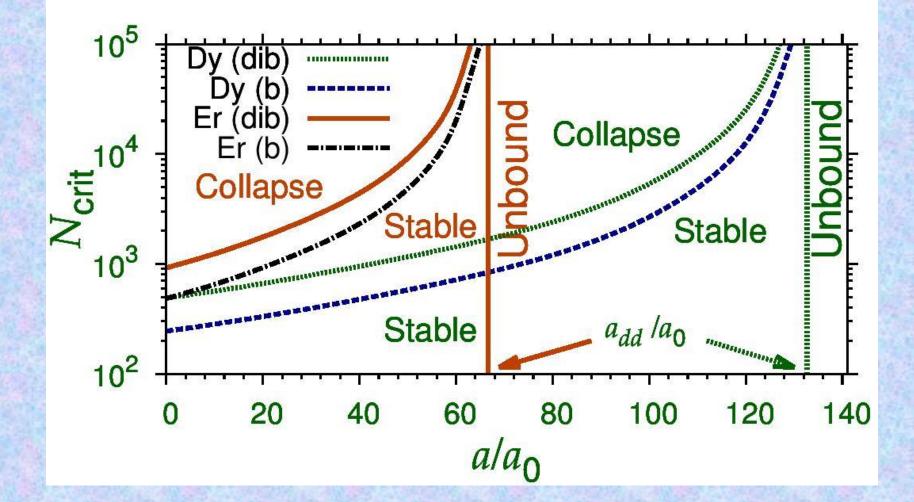


Stable dark soliton of a dipolar BEC 1000¹⁶⁴Dy atoms $a_{dd} = 132.7a_0$, $a = 80a_0$, $l = 1\mu m$

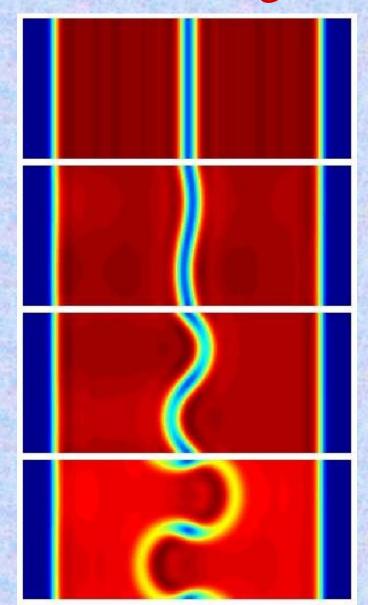


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$a_{dd}(Dy) = 132.7a_0, a_{dd}(Er) = 66.7a_0$

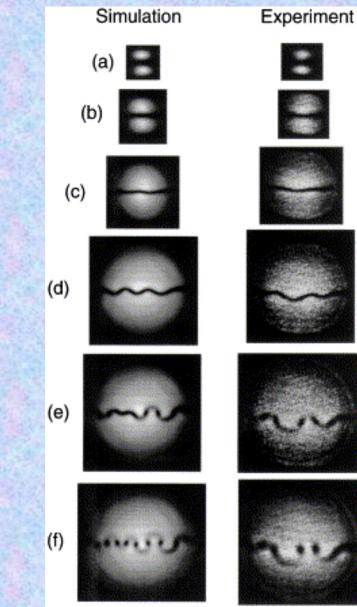


Snake instability of dark soliton in a fermion gas



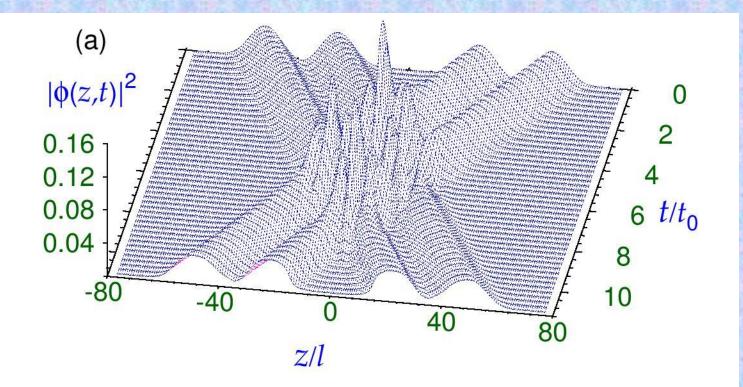
Pitaevskii, Trento

Snake instability of dark optical soliton

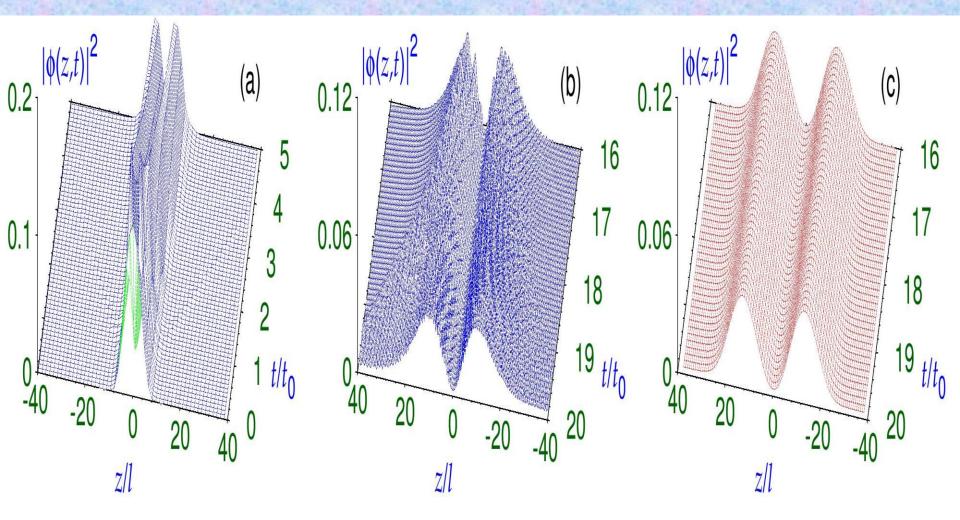


Yuri Kivshar, Canberra

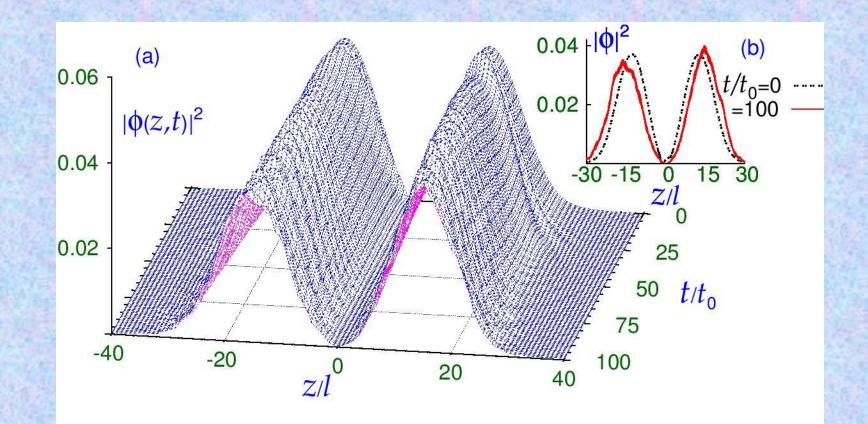
Collision of two dark-in-bright stable dipolar solitons



Velocity=2.4 mm/s, $t_0 = 2.6$ ms, 1000 ¹⁶⁴Dy atoms, $a_{dd} = 132.7 a_0$ $a = 80a_0, l = 1$ µm Create a dark soliton in a laboratory: From a phase-imprinted bright soliton of 1000 ¹⁶⁴Dy atoms with $a = 80a_0$ and $l = 1 \ \mu m$



Stability of dark-in-bright soliton of 1000 ¹⁶⁴Dy atoms with $a = 80a_0$. The initial state was moved to $z = -2 \mu m$.



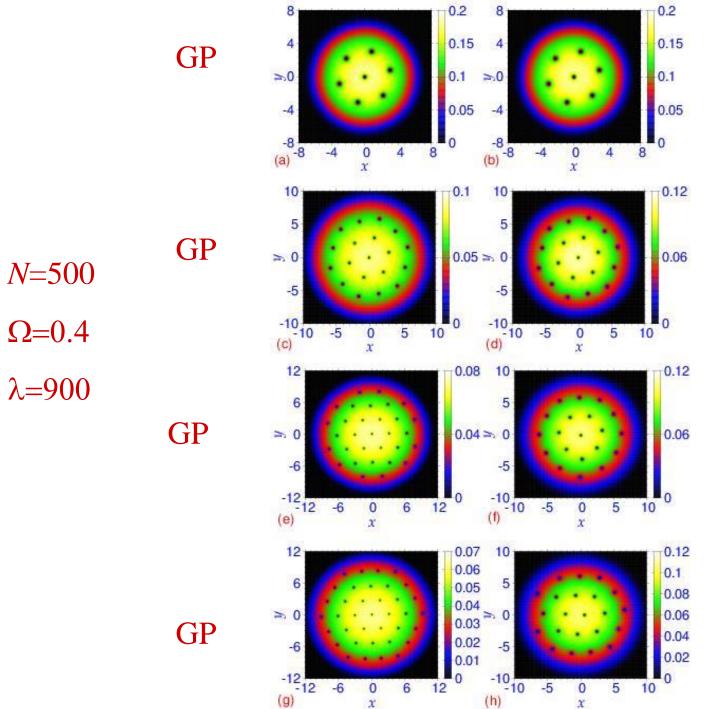
Unitarity achieved in BEC P. Makotyn, C. E. Klauss, D. L. Goldberger, E. A. Cornell, and D. S. Jin, Nature Phys. 10, 116 (2014)

"We present time-resolved measurements of the momentum distribution of a Bose-condensed gas that is suddenly jumped to unitarity, where contrary to expectation, we observe that the gas lives long enough to permit the momentum to evolve to a quasi-steady-state distribution, consistent with universality, while remaining degenerate."

Rapidly rotating BEC

Rotating BEC, vortex-lattice formation dynamics. We assume that the trap rotates with a fixed angular frequency around z axis. $\left| -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\rho}^{2} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial z^{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\gamma \rho^{2} + \lambda z^{2} \right) - \ell_{z} \Omega + 4\pi a N |\psi|^{2} |\psi| = i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}$ We assume that the trap rotates with a fixed angular frequency Ω around z axis. In the rotating frame the original Hamiltonia n changes to $H' = H - \ell_{\gamma} \Omega$, viz. Landau + Lifshitz, Mechanics, where $\ell_z = -i \left(x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \right).$

Vortex Lattice in weak-coupling to unitarity crossover



(g)

x

(h)

 $a=500a_{0}$

Crossover

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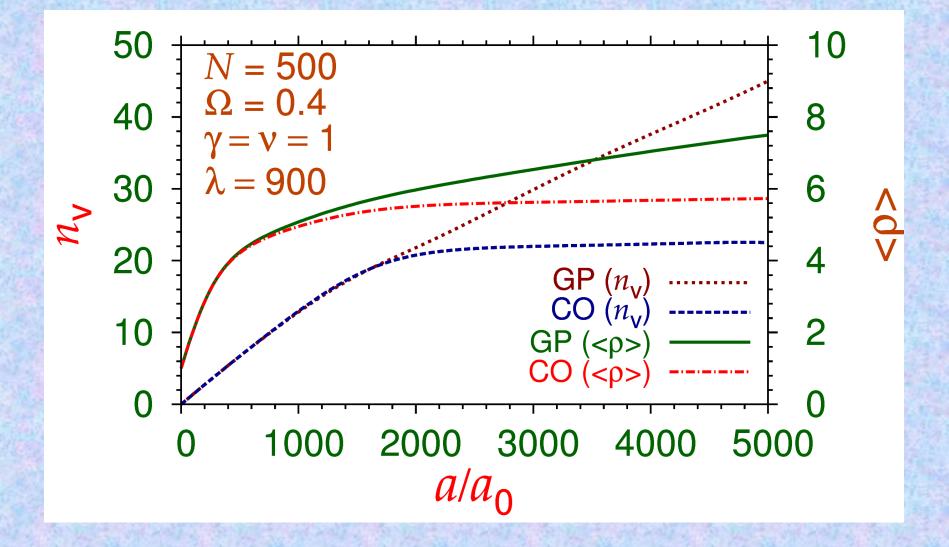
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Concluding remarks

- I. A quantum ball (dipolar, boson, boson-boson, boson-fermion) can be stabilized for a small repulsive three-body interaction and/or LHY correction
- II. Robust stable dark soliton in dipolar BEC
- III. Vortex lattice in BEC at unitarity
- IV. Further experiments expected in the future

• Thank you for your attention