Optically Induced Quantum Correlations in Ultracold Gases

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Plan of the talk

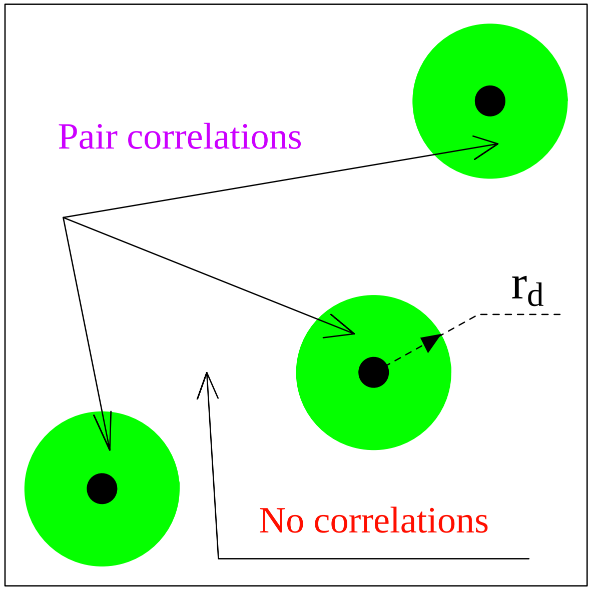
- Review of the theory of weakly non-ideal Bose-condense
  gases
- Quasi-1D BECs with laser-induced dipole-dipole interactions
- Off-resonant Raman and Bragg light scattering in BECs

Interactions in weakly non-ideal BEC

Field theory: S.T. Beliaev, Sov. Phys. JETP **34(7)**, 299 (1958).

LOCV approach: S. Cowell et al., PRL **88**, 210403 (2001).

$$E_0 = \frac{N(N-1)}{2} E_{pair} \approx \frac{N^2}{2} E_{pair}$$



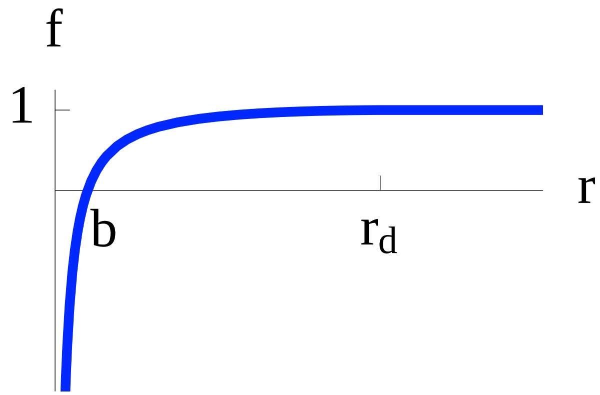
$n^{-1/3} \gg a \gtrsim r_0 \Rightarrow$ Jastrow wave function

$\Psi = \prod_i \psi(\mathbf{r}_i) \prod_{j>i} f(\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i)$, $\psi(\mathbf{R}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}}$

$f(r) \equiv 1$ for $r > r_d \sim n^{-1/3}$ (loss of correlation) $\partial f/(\partial r)|_{r=r_d} = 0$

$(rf)^{-1}\partial(rf)/(\partial r) = -1/a$

$-\frac{\hbar^2}{m}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} r f(r) = \frac{\hbar^2 k_d^2}{m} r f(r)$



Solution for $r < r_d$:

$$f(r) = \frac{r_d}{r}\,\frac{\sin[\,k_d(r-b)\,]}{\sin[\,k_d(r_d-b)\,]}$$

$$b \approx a, \qquad k_d^2 \approx 3ar_d^{-3}$$

$$E_{pair} = \frac{\int d^3\mathbf{r}\, f\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{m}\nabla^2\right) f}{\int d^3\mathbf{r}\, f^2} = \frac{4\pi \int_0^{r_d} dr\, r^2 f^2 \hbar^2 k_d^2/m}{V} \approx \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a}{mV}$$

Ground-state energy of BEC: $E_0 = \frac{2\pi\hbar^2 a N^2}{mV}$

Chemical potential: $\mu = (\partial E_0/\partial N)_V = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a n}{m}, \quad n \equiv$

Interactions are reduced to pseudopotential $\frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a}{m}\delta(\mathbf{r}) \equiv g\delta(\mathbf{r})$

Second-quantized Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = \int d^3\mathbf{r} \left\{ \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}) \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 + U_{trap}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{g}{2} \int d^3\mathbf{r}'\, \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}')\hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r})\delta(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}')\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r})\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}') \right\}$$

Homogeneous BEC ($U_{trap}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$) $\Rightarrow$ plane wave basis

$$\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\exp(i\mathbf{kr})}{\sqrt{V}}, \quad \sum_{\mathbf{k}} = V \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3}$$

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \hat{a}^\dagger_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{g}{2V} \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{k}',\mathbf{q}} \hat{a}^\dagger_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}} \hat{a}^\dagger_{\mathbf{k}'-\mathbf{q}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}'} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}$$

The Bogoliubov transformation

The number of condensed atoms $N_c = N - \sum_{\mathbf{k}\neq 0} \hat{a}^\dagger_{\mathbf{k}}\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} \approx N \gg 1$

$\Rightarrow$ We may regard $\hat{a}_0$ and $\hat{a}^\dagger_0$ as c-numbers $= \sqrt{N_c}$ $\Rightarrow$

$$\hat{H} = \frac{gN^2}{2V} + \sum_{\mathbf{k}\neq 0}\left[\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}\hat{a}^\dagger_{\mathbf{k}}\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{gN}{2V}(\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}\hat{a}_{-\mathbf{k}} + \hat{a}^\dagger_{\mathbf{k}}\hat{a}^\dagger_{-\mathbf{k}} + 2\hat{a}^\dagger_{\mathbf{k}}\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}})\right]$$

Diagonalization of $\hat{H}$ by the Bogoliubov transformation

$$\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} = u_k\hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}} - v_k\hat{b}^\dagger_{-\mathbf{k}}, \quad \hat{a}^\dagger_{\mathbf{k}} = u_k\hat{b}^\dagger_{\mathbf{k}} - v_k\hat{b}_{-\mathbf{k}}$$

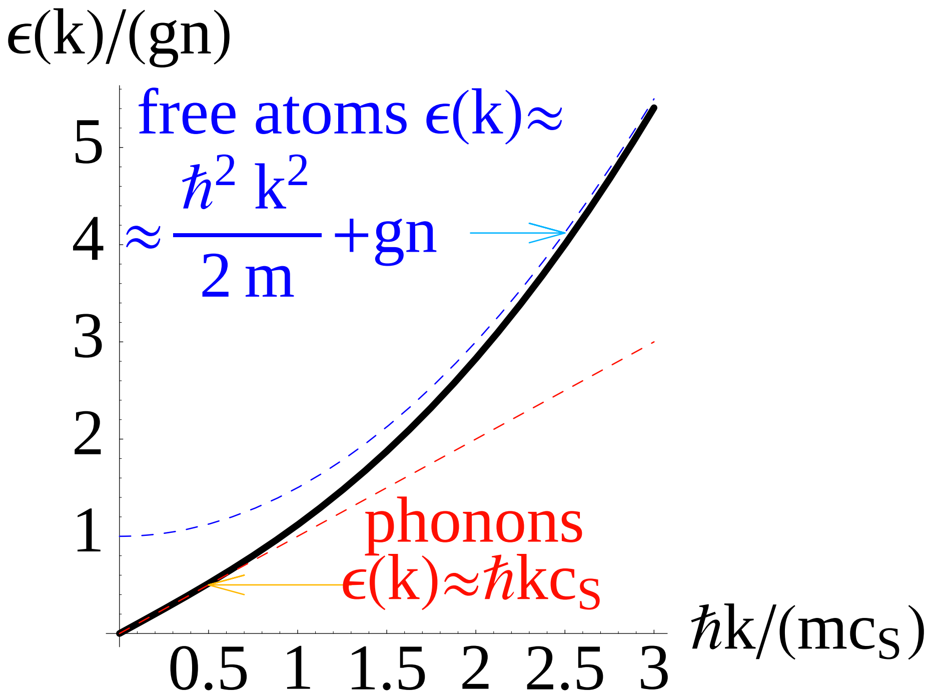
Unitarity ($[\hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}}, \hat{b}^\dagger_{\mathbf{k}'}] = \delta_{\mathbf{k}'\mathbf{k}}$, $[\hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}}, \hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}'}] = 0$) is ensured by:

$$u_k = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2 k^2/(2m) + gn}{2\epsilon(k)} + \frac{1}{2}}, \qquad v_k = -\sqrt{u_k^2 - 1}$$

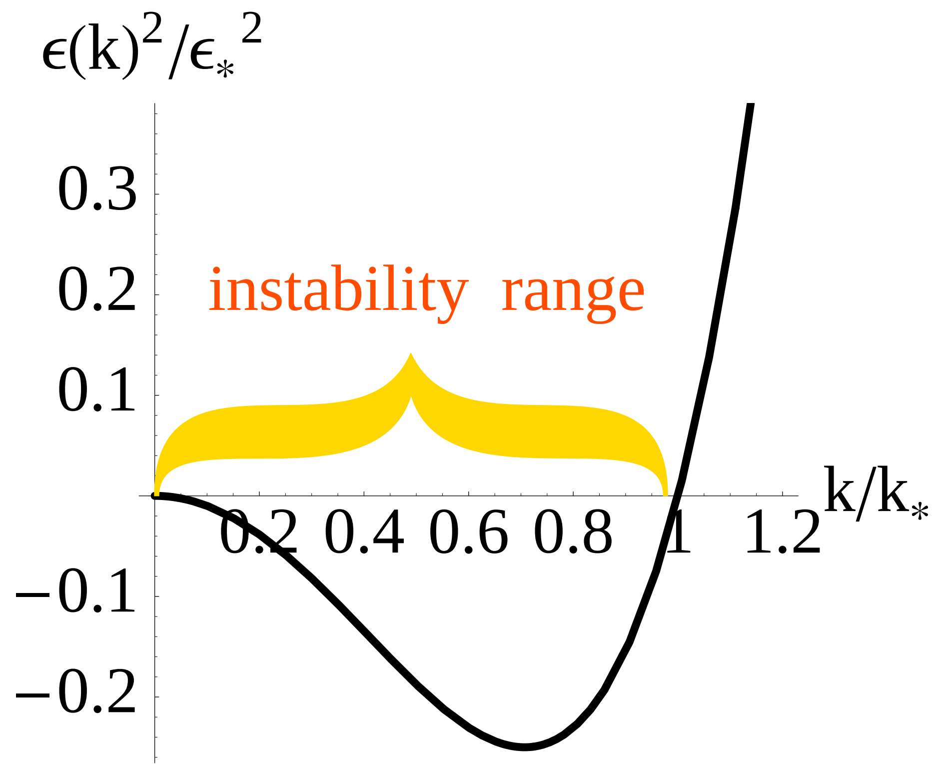
$$\epsilon(k) = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}\left(\frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} + 2gn\right)}, \quad \hat{H} = \tilde{E}_0 + \sum_{\mathbf{k}\neq 0}\epsilon(k)\hat{b}^\dagger_{\mathbf{k}}\hat{b}_{\mathbf{k}}$$

The Bogoliubov excitation spectrum

$a > 0$



$a < 0$



Speed of sound:

$$c_s = \sqrt{\frac{gn}{m}} = \frac{\hbar}{m}\sqrt{4\pi n a}$$

$$\epsilon_* = \hbar^2 k_*^2/(2m)$$

$$k_* = \sqrt{16\pi n|a|}$$

^{23}Na: $a \approx 3$ nm ^{87}Rb: $a \approx 5.3$ nm ^{85}Rb: $a \approx -200$ nm

Quasi-1D BECs with laser-induced dipole-dipole interaction

Review: G. Kurizki et al. Int. J. Mod. Phys. **18**, 961 (2004)

Long-Range Interactions

- Decrease as r^{-3} or slower
- Cannot be reduced to a pseudopotential $g\delta(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}')$

$$\hat{H} :\rightarrow \hat{H}_{new} = \hat{H} + \hat{H}_{lr}$$

$$\hat{H}_{lr} = \frac{1}{2}\int d^3\mathbf{r} \int d^3\mathbf{r}'\, \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r}')\hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{r})U_{lr}(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}')\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r})\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}')$$

Laser-induced dipole-dipole interactions (LIDDI)

- Off-resonant laser radiation induces dipole moment on BEC aton
- *Retarded* dipole-dipole interaction of atoms emerges at separatio $\sim 1/k_L$ (k_L - laser wavevector).

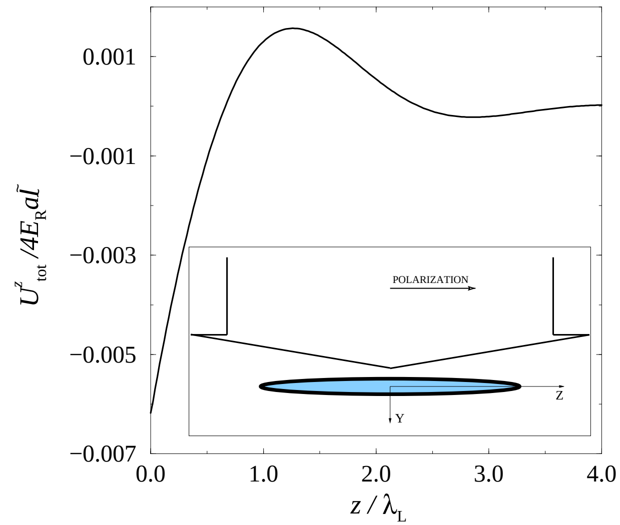
Optically-induced rotons

D.H.J. O'Dell, S. Giovanazzi, G. Kurizki, PRL **90**, 110402 (2003);
I.E. Mazets, D.H.J. O'Dell, G. Kurizki, N. Davidson, W.P. Schleich, J. Phys. B **37**,S155 (2004).

$$U_{\rm dd}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{I\alpha^2(\omega)\,k_{\rm L}^3}{4\pi c\varepsilon_0^2}\frac{1}{k_{\rm L}^3 r^3}\Big[(1-3\cos^2\theta)\big(\cos k_{\rm L}r + k_{\rm L}r\sin k_{\rm L}r\big) - \sin^2\theta \;\; k_{\rm L}^2 r^2 \;\; \cos k_{\rm L}r\Big]\cos k_{\rm L}y\ ,$$

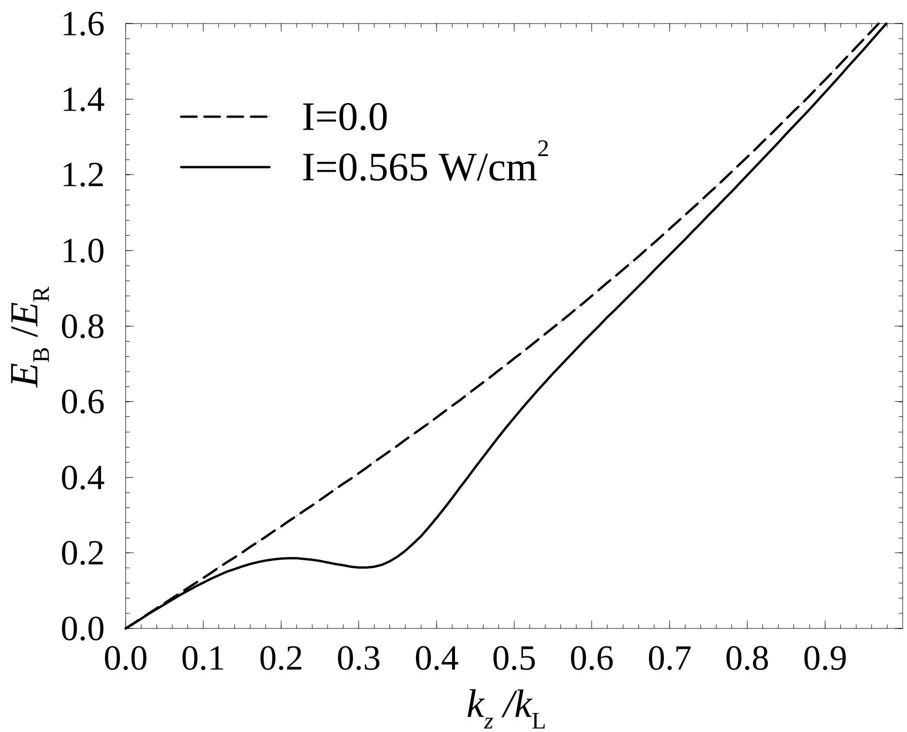
Lin. polariz.

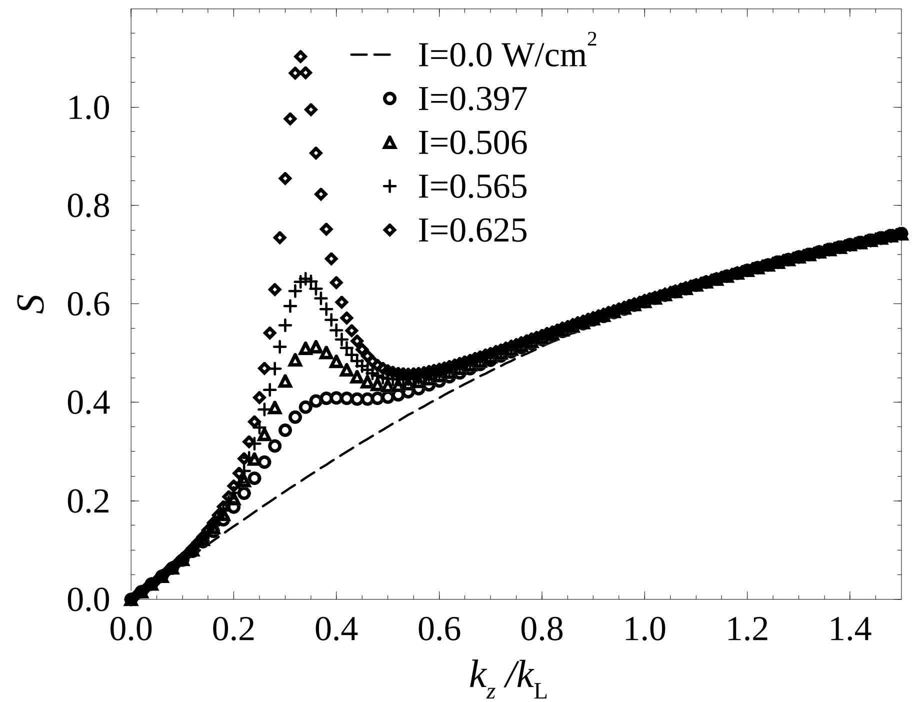
Quasi-1D BEC: Tight radial trapping. Averaging over the radial profile $\exp[-(x^2+y^2)/w_r^2]/(\pi w_r^2)$, $k_{\rm L}w_r \lesssim 1$, results in 1D Hamiltonian with $U_{\rm dd}^{(1D)}(z)$



Roton-like spectrum

^{87}Rb BEC peak density $= 10^{12}$ cm^{-3} $w_r = 3.5\lambda_L$





$$E_R = \hbar^2 k_L^2/(2m)$$

Static structure factor $S(k) = (u_k - v_k)^2 = \hbar^2 k_L^2/[2m\epsilon(k)]$

Enhancement of atomic pair correlation

For higher intensities the roton dip approaches 0

Onset of instability? Phase transition to a supersolid state?

Laser-induced "supersolid"

S. Giovanazzi, D. O'Dell, G. Kurizki, PRL **88**, 130402 (2003); M. Kalinski
I.E. Mazets, G. Kurizki, B.A. Malomed, K. Vogel, W.P. Schleich,
cond-mat/0310480.

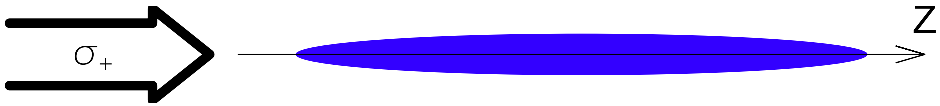
Supersolid: periodically modulated ground state structure AND superfluidity [A.J. Leggett, PRL **25**, 1543 (1970)].

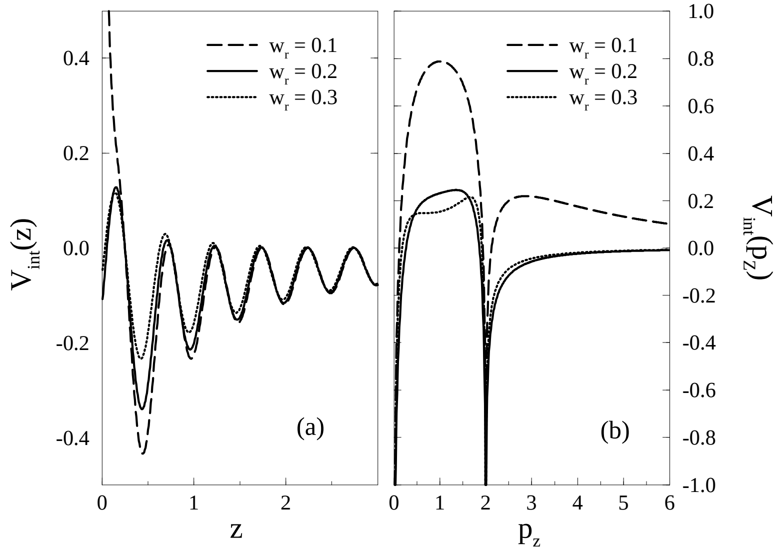
LIDDI in the case of *circular* polarization:

$$V_{\mathrm{dd}}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{I\alpha^2(\omega)k_{\mathrm{L}}^3}{8\pi c\varepsilon_0^2}\left[\frac{2z^2-x^2-y^2}{(k_{\mathrm{L}}r)^5}\left(\cos k_{\mathrm{L}}r + k_{\mathrm{L}}r\sin k_{\mathrm{L}}r\right) - \frac{2z^2+x^2+y^2}{(k_{\mathrm{L}}r)^3}\cos k_{\mathrm{L}}r\right]\cos k_{\mathrm{L}}z$$

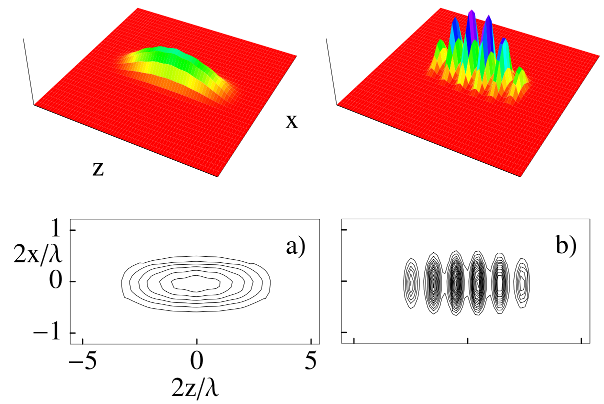
Spontaneous symmetry breaking. An optical lattice is formede by interference of the *incident* and *back-scattered* light.

Statics and dynamics of supersolid formation

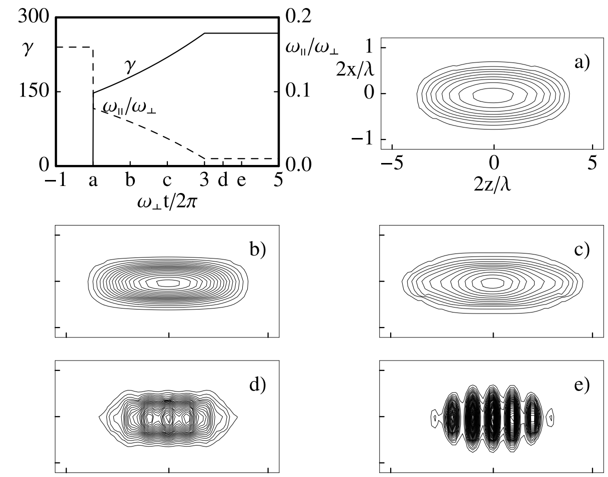




Static solution



Time behavior



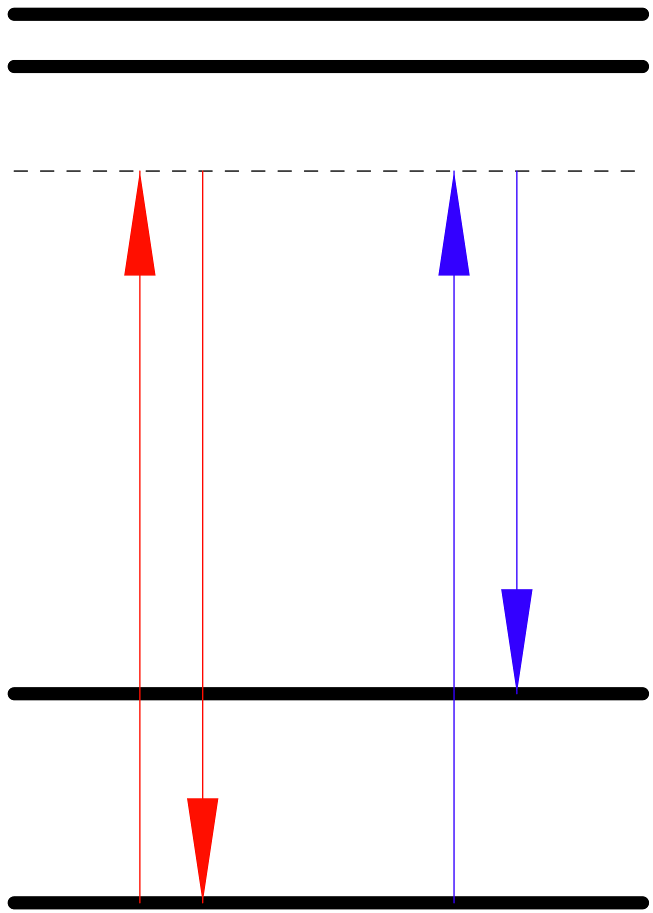
Intensity threshold:

$$\frac{I\alpha^2(\omega)n^{(1D)}m\Lambda}{16\pi c\hbar^2\varepsilon_0^2} > 1,$$

$$\Lambda = 2\log[\,\ell/(2w_r)\,]$$

(typically 10 – 100 mW/cm^2)

Temporal correlation probing: Off-resonant Raman and Bragg light scattering in BECs



Transferred momentum: $\hbar\mathbf{q} = \hbar(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_2)$

Transferred energy:

Bragg: $\hbar\Delta = \hbar(\omega_1 - \omega_2)$

Raman: $\hbar\Delta = \hbar(\omega_1 - \omega_2) - E_D$

E_D – Zeeman/hyperfine splitting

Resonance:

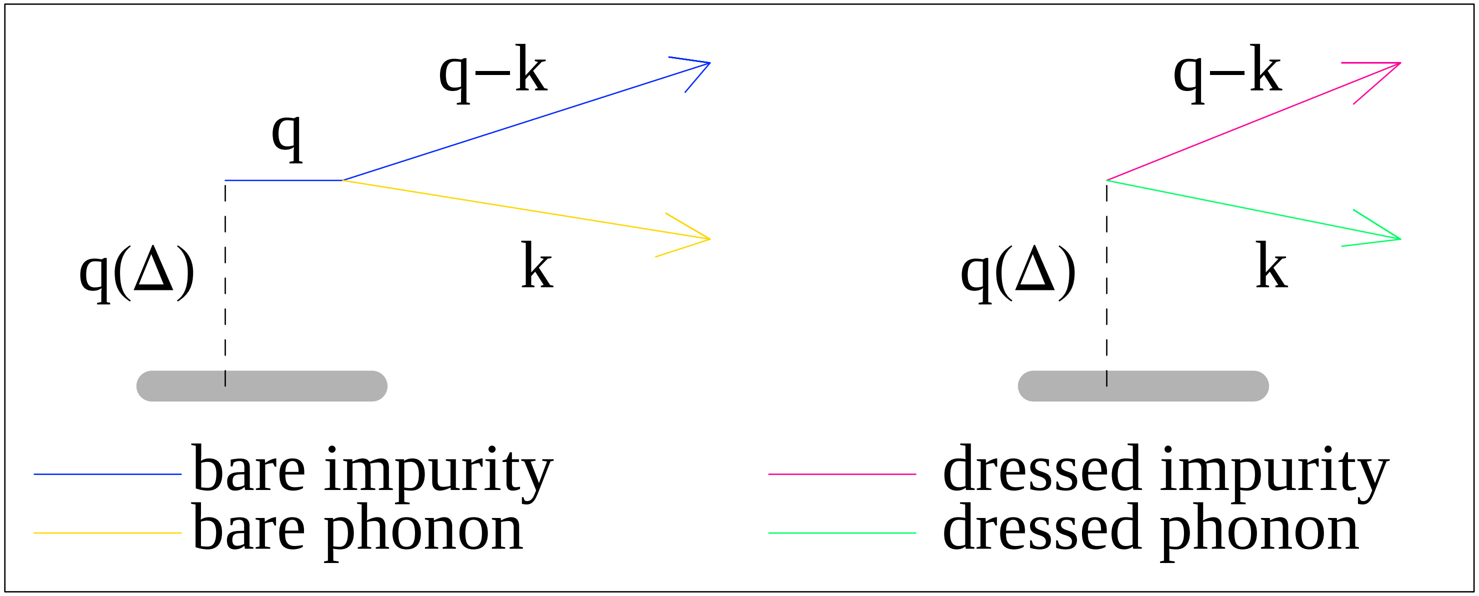
Bragg: $\hbar\Delta = \epsilon(\mathbf{q})$

Raman: $\hbar\Delta = \frac{\hbar^2 q^2}{2m} + \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a_{imp} n}{m} - \mu$

Resonant Bragg spectroscopy (MIT, Weizmann Inst.) yields $\epsilon(\mathbf{q})$ (line position) and $S(\mathbf{q})$ (line intensity)

Blue-detuned Raman process

$$\hbar\Delta > \frac{\hbar^2 q^2}{2m} + \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 an}{m} - \mu$$



Impurity scattering length $\equiv a$

Correlated pairs production:

Raman production of correlated (dressed impurity+photon) pairs $|q-k,k\rangle_d$ The case of far-subcritical virtual impurity velocity $(\hbar q \ll mc_s$

admits analytic treatment within the Wigner-Weisskopf approach

Production rate:

$$\Gamma(t) = 2\,\mathrm{Re}\,J(t)$$

$$J(t) = \frac{\Gamma_*}{2}\int_0^t dt\,\frac{\mu}{\hbar}\Xi_{\Delta_q}\left(\frac{\mu t}{\hbar}\right), \quad \Gamma_* = \frac{8}{\sqrt{\pi}}\sqrt{\frac{a}{a_0}}\frac{\hbar\Omega^2}{\mu}\sqrt{na^3},$$

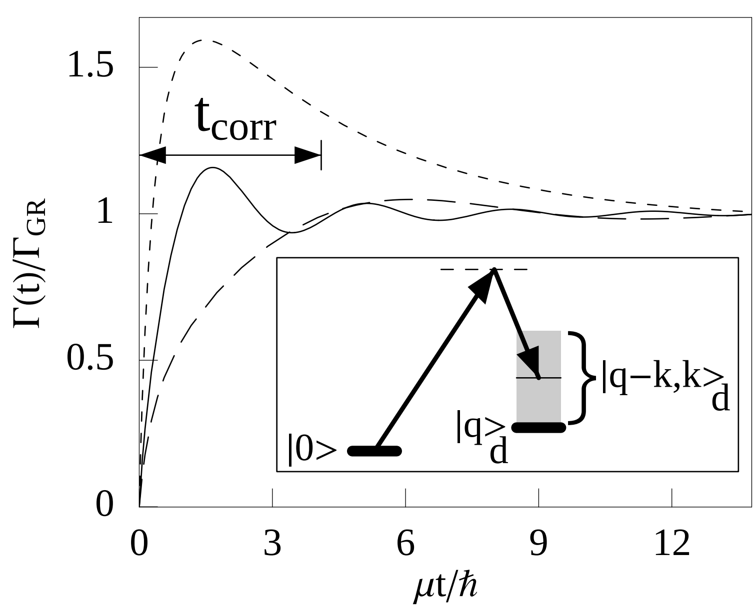
Ω - effective Rabi frequency.

$$\Xi_\Delta(z) \;=\; e^{i\hbar\Delta z/\mu}\left\{\frac{2}{3}(1+iz) - e^{iz}\left(1+\frac{2iz}{3}\right)\sqrt{2\pi z}\,\times\right.$$
$$\left.\left[\frac{1+i}{2} - S\left(\sqrt{\frac{2z}{\pi}}\right) - iC\left(\sqrt{\frac{2z}{\pi}}\right)\right]\right\}$$

S, C - Sine, Cosine Fresnel integrals.

Dynamics of the process

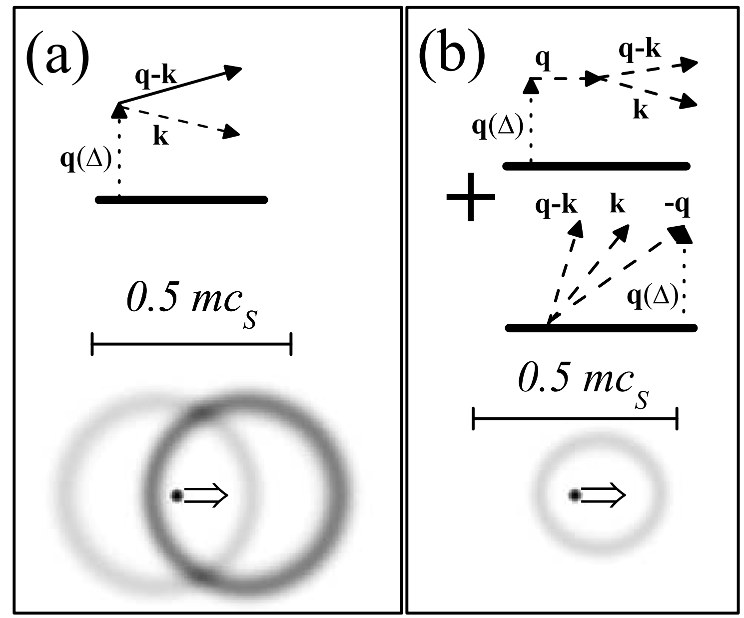
Golden Rule rate $\Gamma_{GR} = \Gamma_*[\,(\hbar\Delta/\mu) + 1\,]^{-5/2}\pi\hbar\Delta/(2\mu)$



$\hbar\Delta_q/\mu = 2.0$ (solid line),

0.66 (long-dashed line),

and 0.07 (short-dashed line)



Momentum distribution:

(a) Raman, (b) Bragg

$\hbar\Delta = 0.66\mu$, $\hbar q = 0.14mc_s$,

$t = 120\hbar/\mu$

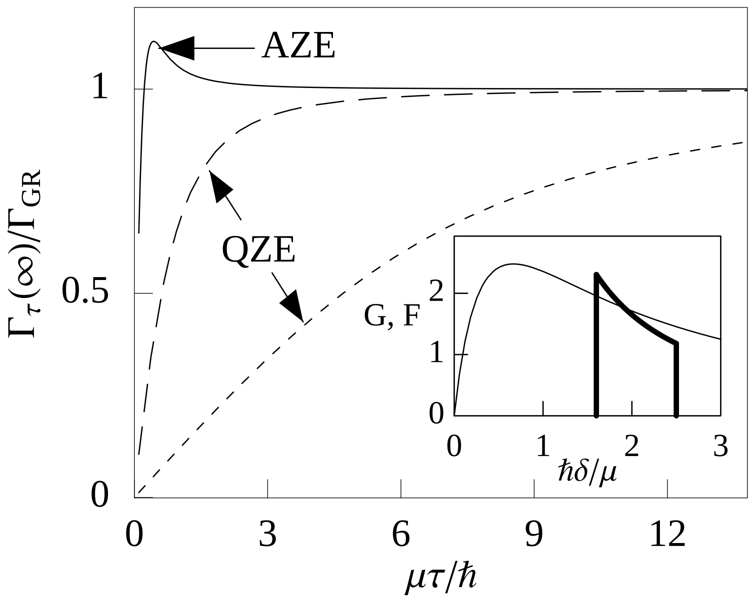
Probing the quasiparticle correlation time

The quantum Zeno (QZE) and anti-Zeno effects (AZE)

Well-defined Δ replaced by fluctuations spectrum $F(\delta)$ of probe lasers

$F(\delta) = (2\sqrt{3})^{-1}\tau(\delta/\Delta)^{-3/2}$ for $\delta_1 < \delta < \delta_2$ and 0 otherwise

$\Delta = \sqrt{\delta_1\delta_2}$ – mean frequency $\quad \tau = \sqrt{3}/(\delta_2 - \delta_1)$ – dephasing time



$$\Gamma_\tau(\infty) = \Gamma_* \int_0^\infty d\delta\, G(\delta) F(\delta)$$

$G(\delta)$ – unknown BEC correlation function

A.G. Kofman and G. Kurizki, Nature **405**, 546 (2000); PRL **87**, 270405 (2001).

The characteristic time τ of the QZE (production slowdown) and the AZE (production speedup) induced by the fluctuations is *experimentally accessible!* May be used to infer BEC correlation function.

Conclusions

- Oscillatory LIDDI potentials induce enhanced intrinsic correlatior in quasi-1D BECs, giving rise to a roton-like dip in the Bogoliubo spectrum and/or phase transition to the supersolid state

- Time-resolved monitoring of off-resonant Raman/Bragg processe can reveal the Zeno or the anti-Zeno effects (slowdown or speedu of the pair-production rate compared to its Golden Rule value), thus serving as *unique probes of temporal correlations* of the BE elementary excitations