Two-dimensional Fermi gases

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BEC-BCS crossover



Sa de Melo, Physics Today (2008)



A very short theory overview for 2D



- BKT transition at $T_{BKT} \approx 0.1 T_F$ in the strongly interacting regime
- T_{BKT} decays exponentially towards weak attractive interactions (as in 3D)

- L~J

Theory: Bloom, P.W. Anderson, Randeria, Shlyapnikov, Petrov, Devreese, Julienne, Duan, Zwerger, Giorgini, Sa de Melo, ...



Quasi-2D geometry



Conditions for 2D

 E_F , $k_BT \ll \hbar \omega_z$

Strong axial confinement required

 $E_F \approx h \times 8 \text{ kHz}$ $\omega_z \approx 2\pi \times 80 \text{ kHz}$ $\omega_\perp \approx 2\pi \times 130 \text{ Hz}$

Optical lattice: array of 2D quantum gases



- lattice depth 83 $\rm E_{\rm rec}$
- hopping rate 0.002 Hz
- ~ 2000 Fermions per spin state
- ~ 30 "pancakes" / layers

B. Fröhlich, M. Feld, E. Vogt, M. Koschorreck, W. Zwerger, MK, PRL 106, 105301 (2011) other 2D Fermi gases: Inguscio, Grimm, Esslinger, Turlapov, Vale, Zwierlein



Preparing strongly interacting 2D systems





Radio-frequency spectroscopy



3D: Regal et al., Nature (2003) 2D: B. Fröhlich, M. Feld, E. Vogt, M. Koschorreck, W. Zwerger, MK, PRL 106, 105301 (2011)



Momentum-resolved RF spectroscopy ("ARPES")



ARPES in 3D Experiment: Jin Theory: Georges, Strinati, Levin, Ohashi, Zwerger, Drummond, ...



Population of the spin states





Single-particle spectral function



"BCS" side

 $ln(k_Fa_{2D}) > 0$, $E_B < E_F$

no isolated dimers, attractive interactions, pairs are huge compared to inter-particle spacing

"Condensation energy" of Cooper pairs (MF theory, T=0, Randeria 1989)

$$E_{th}(k=0) = \frac{\Delta^2}{2E_F} = E_B$$

Only the case in 2D (in 3D: $E_B = 0$ on the BCS side)



Pairing pseudogap phenomenon

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In 3D weak coupling BCS: $T_c \approx T^*$ (pairs condense as they form)

Theory: Randeria, Levin, Sa De Melo, Kleinert, ...



Spectra at k=0: Determining the pseudogap



M. Feld et al., Nature 480, 75 (2011)



Temperature dependence



M. Feld et al., Nature 480, 75 (2011)



Pairing pseudogap



- In 3D: Observation of Fermion condensates below $T/T_F \approx 0.15$ [by projection onto molecules]
- In 2D: No condensation observed.



Back-bending of dispersion relation



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Strongly imbalanced Fermi gases in 2D

The "N+1" problem: one $|\downarrow\rangle$ impurity in a large $|\uparrow\rangle$ Fermi sea

$$|P\rangle = \alpha_0 c_{0\downarrow}^{\dagger} |N\rangle + \frac{1}{\Omega} \sum_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{q}} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}\mathbf{q}} c_{\mathbf{q}-\mathbf{k}\downarrow}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{k}\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{q}\uparrow} |N\rangle,$$

- Mobile impurity interacting with a Fermi sea of atoms
- Tunable interactions
- Polaron properties determine phase diagram of imbalanced Fermi mixtures



3D Theory: Bruun, Bulgac, Chevy, Giorgini, Lobo, Prokofiev, Stringari, Svistunov, ...

3D Expmt: Zwierlein, Salomon, Grimm

2D Theory: Bruun, Demler, Enss, Parish, Pethick, Recati, ...



Characterizing the attractive polaron



M. Koschorreck et al., Nature (2012), Advanced Online Publication 23/5/2012



Coherence of the polaron



Incoherent transfer: rate ~ amplitude

M. Koschorreck et al., Nature (2012), Advanced Online Publication 23/5/2012



Repulsive polaron



Theory: V. Ngampruetikorn et al., EPL 98 30005 (2012).

Energies comparable to: R. Schmidt, T. Enss, V. Pietilä, E. Demler, PRA 85, 021602 (2012)

Similar experiments in 3D: Ketterle & Grimm groups M. Koschorreck et al., Nature (2012), Advanced Online Publication 23/5/2012



Scale invariance and viscosity of a 2D Fermi gas



Quadrupole mode

- insensitive to EoS
- measures shear viscosity



Breathing mode

- measures compressibility
- measures bulk viscosity



Equation of state and scale invariance

- Scale invariance in a homogeneous system: H(λx)= H(x)/λ²
 → Simple equation of state P=2ε/D
- In cylindrically symmetric trap: scale invariance is replaced by a SO(2,1) Lorentz symmetry (Pitaevskii/Rosch, 1997)

Two remarkable predictions:

1. Breathing mode: $\omega_B = 2\omega_{\perp}$ (independent of interaction strength!) 2. bulk viscosity is zero

 Quantum anomaly due to log-dependence of coupling strength? (Olshanii 2010)

For bosons: Pitaevskii/Rosch, Perrin/Olshanii, Chin, Dalibard;

for fermions: Schaefer, Hofmann, Randeria/Taylor, Bruun,...



Collective modes



Quadrupole mode

E. Vogt et al, PRL 108, 070404 (2012).



Temperature dependent damping



Shear viscosity

$$\eta = \hbar n \alpha (T / T_F)$$

dimensionless function

$$\alpha(T/T_F) = \alpha_0 \times (T/T_F)^{\beta}$$

E. Vogt et al, PRL 108, 070404 (2012).



Summary

- ARPES measurements in 2D
- Pairing pseudogap
- 2D Fermi polaron
- Collective modes to determine equation of state



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