

# Manipulation of Ultracold Atoms



#### near semiconductor surfaces

Workshop "Introduction to Solitary Waves: Mathematical & Physical Perspectives"

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# **Content:**

#### Session 1: 9.00am - 12.00pm

 \* Basic Concept & Theoretical aspect of Bose-Einstein Condensate (BEC)
 \* Gross-Piteavskii Equation
 \* Significant Research in BEC

#### Session 2: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Manipulating BEC near semiconductor surfaces:

- Modeling of Quantum Reflection

- Modeling of atom-surface Casimir-Polder















# Bose-Einstein CONDENSATES

deep scientific interrelationship in Pl

Atom Chip

This phenomenon

(a) Thermody Dec

ong. (c) Statistic. phase space cells. (d) Field Theory: Rel. (e) Nuclear Physics: (f) Condensed Matte has opened up a new systems, Quantum

Large variety of f Shape, stability, manipulation, dynamics like su excitations, etc...

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# Session II:

Quantum Reflection of BECs from semiconductor surfaces



Summary of van der Waals (vdW) Casimir effects between atoms and solid bodies.



# Casimir-Polder (CP) Interaction



van der Waals (vdW) atom-atom interaction, where m = 6 (non-retarded, NRt) and m = 7 (retarded, Rt) regimes (interaction strength). Integration over volume of surface  $\Omega$  (GEOMETRY).  $\overline{n}$  is volume density of atoms in the surface.  $V_{CP; total} = \left(V_{NRt}^{-1} + V_{Rt}^{-1}\right)^{-1}$ 







# SURFACE

# BEC & Casimir-Polder



# Quantum Reflection of BECs



# Quantum Reflection of BECs



#### Quantum Reflection of BECs (Experimental works: MIT group)







# **Quantum Reflection of BECs**



QR of the BECs from a hard wall Si surface with  $v_x = 1.2$  mm/s at t = 90ms (black = high density)



#### Quantum Reflection of BECs from cylindrical (curved) surface

**BEC C**  $v_x = 1.2 \text{mm/s}$ 



#### Current & Future works



Flexibility of PWS-CP method from film, cylinder & sphere (finite curved) surfaces, and, extended for surface temperature effect (attractive to repulsive) – MSc (on-going)





# Thank You

for your attention



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## The Gross-Pitaevskii Equation a nonlinear Schrodinger Equation

#### and Bose-Einstein Condensates (BEC)

# Low Temperature, atom & waves

- At very low temperature the de Broglie wavelengths of the atoms are very large compared to the range of the interatomic potential.
- This, together with the fact that the density and energy of the atoms are so low that they rarely approach each other very closely, means that atom—atom interactions are effectively *weak* and dominated by (elastic) *s*-wave scattering.
- The *s*-wave scattering length "*a*" the sign of which depends sensitively on the precise details of the interatomic potential.
- \* a > 0 for <u>repulsive</u> interactions.
- \* a < 0 for <u>attractive</u> interactions.
- In the Bose-Einstein Condensation, the majority of the atoms condense into the same single particle quantum state and lose their individuality (*identity crisis*).

# Low Temperature, atom & waves

- Since any given atom is not aware of the individual behaviour of its neighbouring atoms in the condensate, the interaction of the cloud with any single atom can be approximated by the cloud's mean field, and the whole ensemble can be described by the same single particle wavefunction.
- In |g>, each of the *N* particles occupies a definite single-particle state, so that <u>its motion is independent</u> of the presence of the other particles.
- Hence, a natural approach is to assume that each particle moves in a single-particle potential that comes from its average interaction with all the other particles.
- This is the definition of the self-consistent mean-field approximation.

# Mean-field theory (concept)

- Decompose wave function into two parts:
- 1) The <u>condensate wave function</u>, which is the expectation value of wave function.
- 2) The <u>non-condensate wave function</u>, which describes quantum and thermal fluctuations around this mean value but <u>can be</u> ignored due to ultra-cold temperature.

# The Mean-Field Approximation

• The many-body Hamiltonian describing N interacting bosons confined by an external potential  $V_{trap}$  is given, in second quantization, by

$$\hat{H} = \int d^3 \mathbf{r} \hat{\Psi}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}, t) \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla_{\mathbf{r}}^2}{2m} + V_{trap}(\mathbf{r}, t) \right] \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

$$+\frac{1}{2}\int\int d^{3}\mathbf{r}d^{3}\mathbf{r}'\hat{\Psi}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r},t)\hat{\Psi}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}',t)V(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}')\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}',t)\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r},t)$$

boson field operators that create and annihilate particle at the position *r*, respectively.

V(r-r') is the two body interatomic potential (interaction potential) related to the s-wave scattering length a

# The Mean-Field Approximation

The boson field operators  $\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  satisfy the following commutation relations:

$$\begin{split} \left[\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r},t),\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r}',t)\right] &= \left[\hat{\Psi}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r},t),\hat{\Psi}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}',t)\right] = 0\\ \left[\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{r},t),\hat{\Psi}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}',t)\right] &= \delta(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}') \end{split}$$

• The field operators can in general be written as a sum over all participating <u>single-particle wave functions</u> and the corresponding boson creation and annihilation operators.

$$\hat{\Psi}(\vec{r},t) = \sum_{i} \Psi_{i}(\vec{r},t) \hat{a}_{i}^{\boldsymbol{\ell}}$$

## Gross-Piteavskii Equation (GPE)

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\mathbb{E}\left(\tilde{r},t\right) = -\frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m}\nabla^{2}\mathbb{E}\left(\tilde{r},t\right) + V_{\text{ext}}\mathbb{E}\left(\tilde{r},t\right) + g\left|\mathbb{E}\left(\tilde{r},t\right)\right|^{2}\mathbb{E}\left(\tilde{r},t\right)$$

- Schrodinger equation with nonlinear term cause by atom-atom interaction. The interaction constant given by

$$g = \frac{4f \, \hbar^2 a N}{m}$$

- The order parameter,  $\mathbb{E}$ , is normalized to the total number of atom, *N*, as follows:  $\int \left| \mathbb{E} (\tilde{r}, t) \right|^2 d\tilde{r} = N$ 

- The external trap potential  $V_{\text{ext}}$  often represented as a harmonic 3D:

$$V_{\text{ext}}(\tilde{r}) = \frac{m}{2} \left( \tilde{S}_{x}^{2} x^{2} + \tilde{S}_{y}^{2} y^{2} + \tilde{S}_{z}^{2} z^{2} \right)$$

# Gross-Piteavskii Equation (GPE)

- BEC in dependence of mean field:  $g = \frac{4f \hbar^2 aN}{m}$
- At very low temperature, one parameter sufficient to describe interaction is scattering length, *a*, where:

(i) Ideal gas, a = 0 (linear case)

(ii) Repulsive, a > 0 (nonlinear case)

e) <sup>87</sup>Rb, <sup>23</sup>Na Dark soliton Interacting BEC (Parabola)

Non-interacting BEC

(Gaussian)



The famous experimental picture of the density distribution in a *chain of 7 solitons* in Li-7 (produced by the group of *R. Hulet*):



# Gross-Piteavskii Equation (GPE)

Matter-Wave Soliton BEC:

- Better understanding of the <u>stability</u>, as well as the <u>static and dynamical</u> properties of matter-wave dark soliton.
- In experiments (not directly related to dark solitons) reported observation of these structure (i.e, manipulation of BEC near dielectric surfaces Quantum Reflection of BEC)

#### 1D and 2D Condensates (harmonic trap)



Using imaginary-time method to simulate GPE – ground state BEC (Number of atoms, N, and types of atom (mass))

#### Ground state BEC

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\mathbb{E}\left(\tilde{r},t\right) = -\frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m}\nabla^{2}\mathbb{E}\left(\tilde{r},t\right) + V_{\text{ext}}\mathbb{E}\left(\tilde{r},t\right) + g\left|\mathbb{E}\left(\tilde{r},t\right)\right|^{2}\mathbb{E}\left(\tilde{r},t\right)$$

$$g_{j} = \begin{cases} 2aN\hbar\check{S}_{\perp} & j = 1, 2, 3 \\ \frac{\sqrt{8f}\hbar^{2}aN}{m}\sqrt{\frac{m\check{S}_{z}}{\hbar}} & ; & V_{j} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}m\check{S}_{x}^{2}x^{2} & j = 1, 2, 3 \\ \frac{1}{2}m\bigl(\check{S}_{x}^{2}x^{2} + \check{S}_{y}^{2}y^{2}\bigr) & \\ \frac{1}{2}m\bigl(\check{S}_{x}^{2}x^{2} + \check{S}_{y}^{2}y^{2} + \check{S}_{z}^{2}z^{2}\bigr) & \\ \frac{1}{2}m\bigl(\check{S}_{x}^{2}x^{2} + \check{S}_{y}^{2}y^{2} + \check{S}_{z}^{2}z^{2}\bigr) & \end{cases}$$

Dimensionless GPE, using scaling parameters:  

$$\check{S}_x = 2f \times 3.3 \text{ Hz}$$
 $a_x = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\check{S}_x}}$ 
 $t = \frac{\ddagger}{\check{S}_x}$ 

Ground State: The Imaginary Time Method  $(\Delta t \rightarrow -i\Delta t)$ 



# Manipulating BECs

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\mathbb{E}\left(\tilde{r},t\right) = -\frac{\hbar^{2}}{2m}\nabla^{2}\mathbb{E}\left(\tilde{r},t\right) + V_{\text{ext}}\mathbb{E}\left(\tilde{r},t\right) + \left[g\left|\mathbb{E}\left(\tilde{r},t\right)\right|^{2}\mathbb{E}\left(\tilde{r},t\right)\right]$$

Harmonic Trap + Potential barrier \*

- \* Atom-surface interaction (Casimir-Polder theory)
- \* Gaussian barrier

Off harmonic trap (expansion of BEC)

- Species of atom

- Modified mean-field energy
- Many-body interaction with

surface

# Soliton in BEC

- Dark soliton in BEC (theoretical) started as early as 1971 (T. Tsuzuki , *J. Low Temp. Phys.* 4, 441 (1971)) and a new era for dark solitons started shortly after the realization of atomic BECs in 1995.
- See: D. J. Frantzeskakis "Dark solitons in atomic Bose-Einstein condensates: from theory to experiments" arXiv:1004.4071v1
- One of the example of manipulating BEC to create solition: Quantum Reflection of BEC from dielectric surfaces (semiconductor surfaces)