

## Spinors lectures

### 1. Introduction

- a. Bose gases with spin:
  - i. Alkali atoms:
    1. hyperfine structure, Breit Rabi
    2. magnetic vs. optically trapped states
    3. hyperfine relaxation
    4. Start a table:

OK. Magnetization conserved	OK. Mag. not conserved	Not OK
Na F=1		
Rb F=1, etc.		

- ii. High spin atoms, half filled shells...
    - iii. Other atoms: metastable noble gases, alkali earth
  - b. Magnetic order and Bose statistics
    - i. BEC's pick out low energy states
    - ii. Yamada's Bose ferromagnetism
  - c. Symmetry breaking
    - i. argue why this is relevant
    - ii. go through argument
- ### 2. High-spin states
- a. Bloch sphere
  - b. Majorana representation
    - i. spin nodes
    - ii. orthogonal states
  - c. Some examples
  - d. Relation to spin moments: have to recreate derivation?
- ### 3. Rotational symmetry and collisions
- ### 4. External fields
- a. Linear Zeeman shift
  - b. quadratic shifts, static and microwave derived
- ### 5. Ground states and detection methods
- a. Mean-field
    - i. F=1. Show Stenger diagram and energy of extremal states. Show experimental examples and use them to demonstrate methods of probing. Sodium and rubidium
    - ii. F=2. Describe experiments.
  - b. Bigelow non-mean field state. Describe how this is fragmented? Give a calculation.
- ### 6. Spin mixing
- a. Two particle spin mixing
  - b. Coherent spin mixing oscillations. Chapman results.
  - c. Spin mixing instability

- d. Quantum quenches, connection to Kibble Zurek
- e. Spin squeezing
- 7. Topological defects
  - a. Spin vortices:
    - i. Mermin Ho vortices
    - ii. Berkeley experiment
  - b. Polar-state skyrmions
    - i. Seoul experiment
  - c. Polar-state half-vortices
    - i. 2D physics
- 8. Dipolar stuff
  - a. Predicted spin textures
  - b. Berkeley experiment that "demonstrated" dipolar interactions
- 9. Last words
  - a. Equilibration
  - b. Magnetometry, limit to coherence?
  - c.

## Spinor Bose gases

"text book" for those lectures: arxiv: 1205.1888

Lectures outline: 6x45 minutes

1. Introduction + general concepts
2. High spin states - spin moments
3. Interactions with rotational symmetry
4. Effects of external fields

Longer \* 5. Ground states + experimental methods

\* 6. Spin dynamics

7. Topological defects

8. Magnetic dipole interactions

9. Leftovers + future

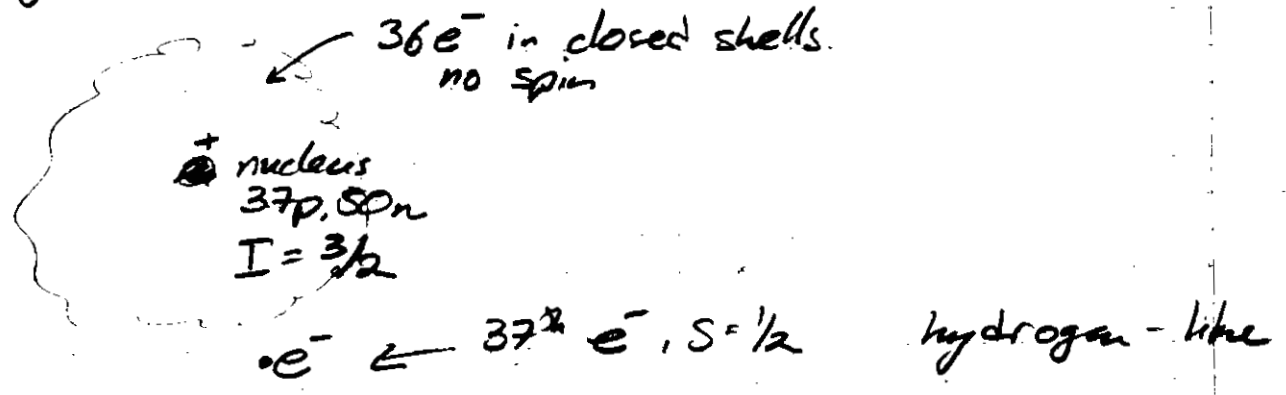
1. Introduction

Bose gases w/ internal-state degree of freedom  
 → quantum fluids w/ possibility of multicomponent order parameter

Out of very many possibilities, here are some examples

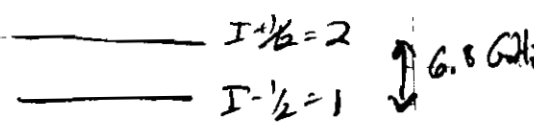
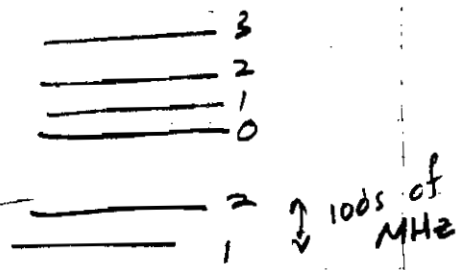
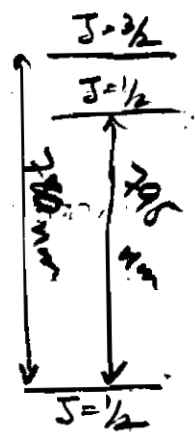
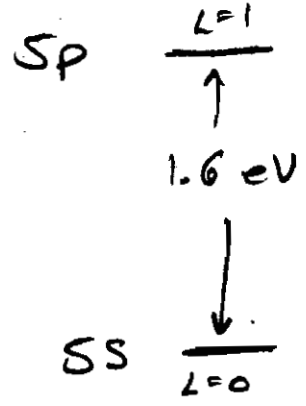
a. Alkali atoms, hyperfine spin

Eg  $^{87}\text{Rb}$



electronic structure

↑ higher states



$$H_{HF} = a \hbar \frac{\vec{I} \cdot \vec{S}}{\hbar^2} - \vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{\mu} = -g_S \mu_B \frac{\vec{S}}{\hbar} + g_L \mu_B \frac{\vec{L}}{\hbar}$$

given by Landé formula

for  $\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$ , 
$$g_J = g_L \left( \frac{J(J+1) - S(S+1) + L(L+1)}{2J(J+1)} \right) + g_S \left( \dots \right)$$

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For  $\vec{B}=0$ ,  $\mathcal{H}_{HF}$  is rotationally invariant. Solved by state of total ang. momentum

$$\vec{F} = \vec{J} + \vec{I}$$

Now add small  $\vec{B}$ :  $F \approx$  good quantum number

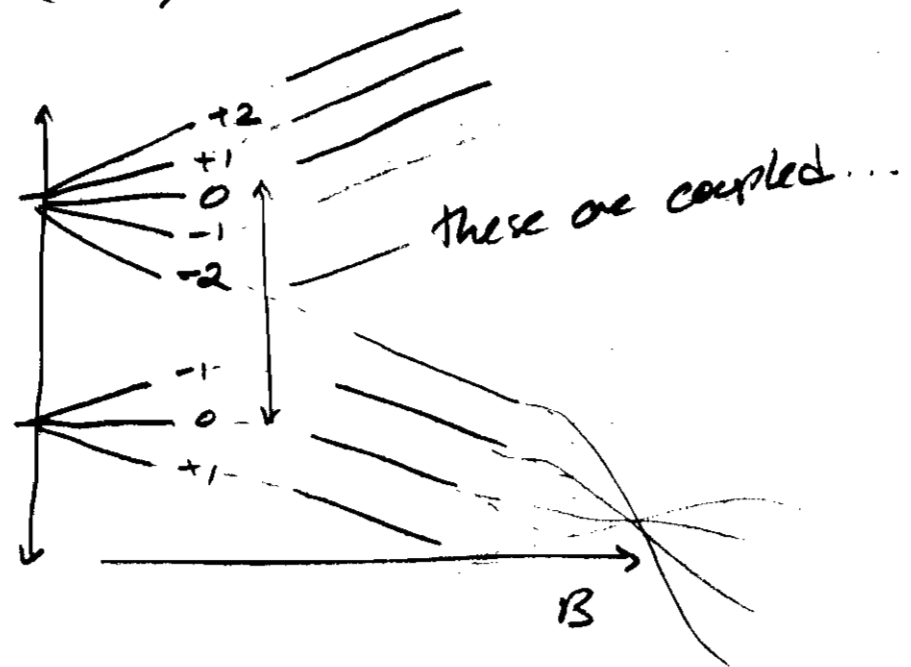
$$\langle F, m_F, | \vec{\mu} | F, m_F \rangle \propto \langle \dots | \vec{F} | \dots \rangle$$

$$g_F \approx g_J \frac{F(F+1) + J(J+1) - I(I+1)}{2F(F+1)} = -g_F \mu_B \frac{F}{\hbar}$$

$$= \frac{\pm 1}{(I + \frac{1}{2})} \text{ for } F = I \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$a(I + \frac{1}{2}) = 2a$$



+ Magnetic vs. optical traps:

In a mag trap, we imagine the atom moves so slowly that it remains in a fixed projection of  $sp_z$  along field axis.

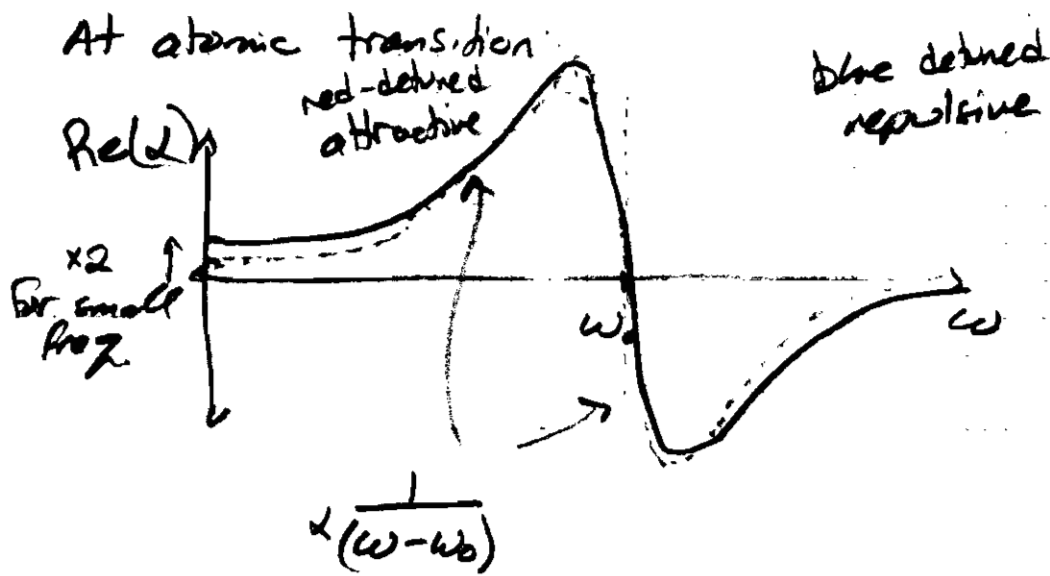
$$V(F) \approx -g_F \mu_B m_F |B|$$

+  $|B|$  cannot have maximum in current-free region where  $\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = \nabla \times \vec{B} = 0$

So can only trap weak-field seeking: mark No. 3  
 → Pseudo-spi- states (more later) Diagram  
Optical traps:

$$V = - \vec{d} \cdot \vec{E} = - \frac{1}{2} \langle \alpha \vec{E}^* \cdot \vec{E} \rangle$$

$\uparrow$   $\uparrow$   
 $= 0$  in absence of  $\vec{E}$ , by parity  $\alpha(\omega) =$  atomic polarizability



$$V = \sum_{\text{transitions}} \frac{\hbar \Omega_i^2}{4} \left( \frac{1}{\omega - \omega_{0,i}} + \frac{1}{\omega + \omega_{0,i}} \right)$$

Some key properties.

- Can hold all F, m<sub>F</sub> states

Candidates for interesting q. fluids:

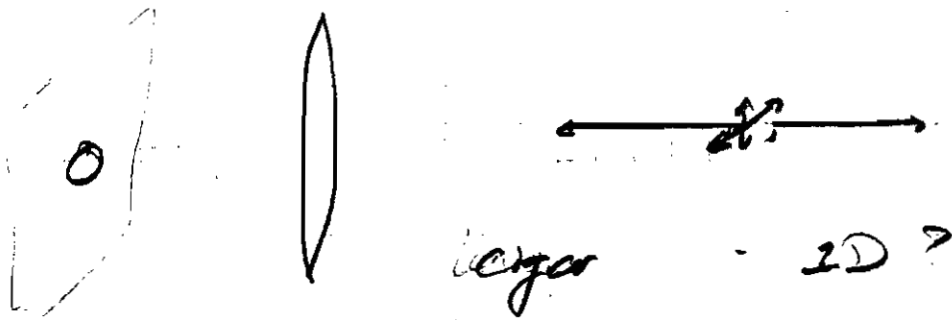
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} F = I - 1/2, \text{ "spinor" gases} \\ F = I + 1/2 \end{array} \right.$$

mixtures of these? Not yet explored

[other properties, pp. ~~1.4-1.6~~ later]

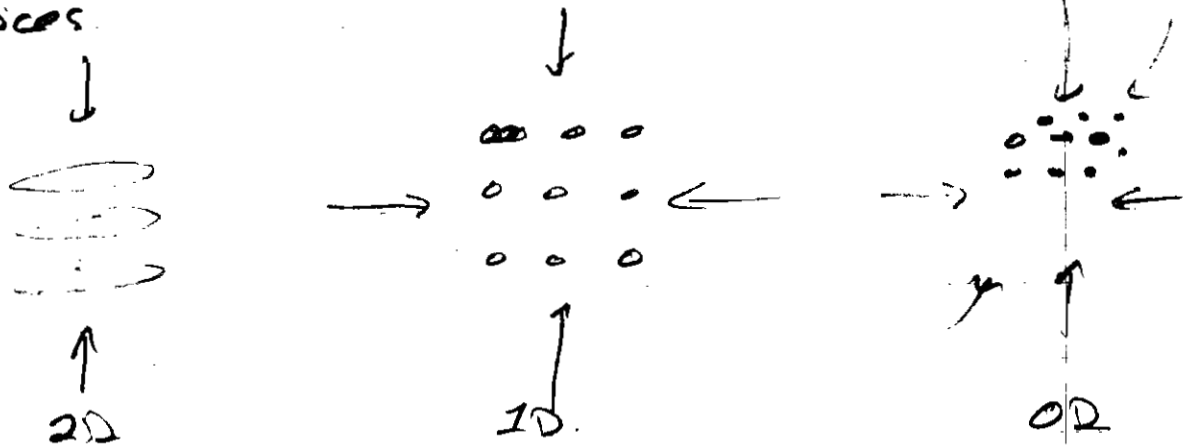
• Variable geometry / dimension

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"crossed dipole" ~ 0D?

or lattices



# Criteria for dimensionality:

2/15

Energy  
 $\hbar\omega \gg kT$

Length

$$\lambda_{HO} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}$$

$$\lambda_{dB} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2\pi m kT}}$$

$$\lambda_{HO} \ll \lambda_{dB}$$

Implication

Thermodynamics  
 is strictly in  
 restricted dim.

Achieved  
 sometimes in  
 lattices

for a degenerate Bose gas...

$$\mu_{int} = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a}{m} n$$

$$\xi_n = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar^2}{2m\mu}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi a n}}$$

$$\Gamma_{TF} = \sqrt{\frac{2\mu}{m\omega^2}}$$

$\hbar\omega \gg \mu_{int}$

$\lambda_{HO} \gg \Gamma_{TF}$

$\lambda_{HO} \ll \xi_n$

Density dynamics  
 of BEC freeze  
 out



vs



- Quasi-cond + TB gas = 2D
- Kosterlitz-Thouless in 2D

spin dependent interactions

$$\mu_{int} = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a_s}{m} n$$

$$\xi_s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8\pi a_s n}}$$

$$\lambda_{HO}, \Gamma_{TF} \ll \xi_s$$

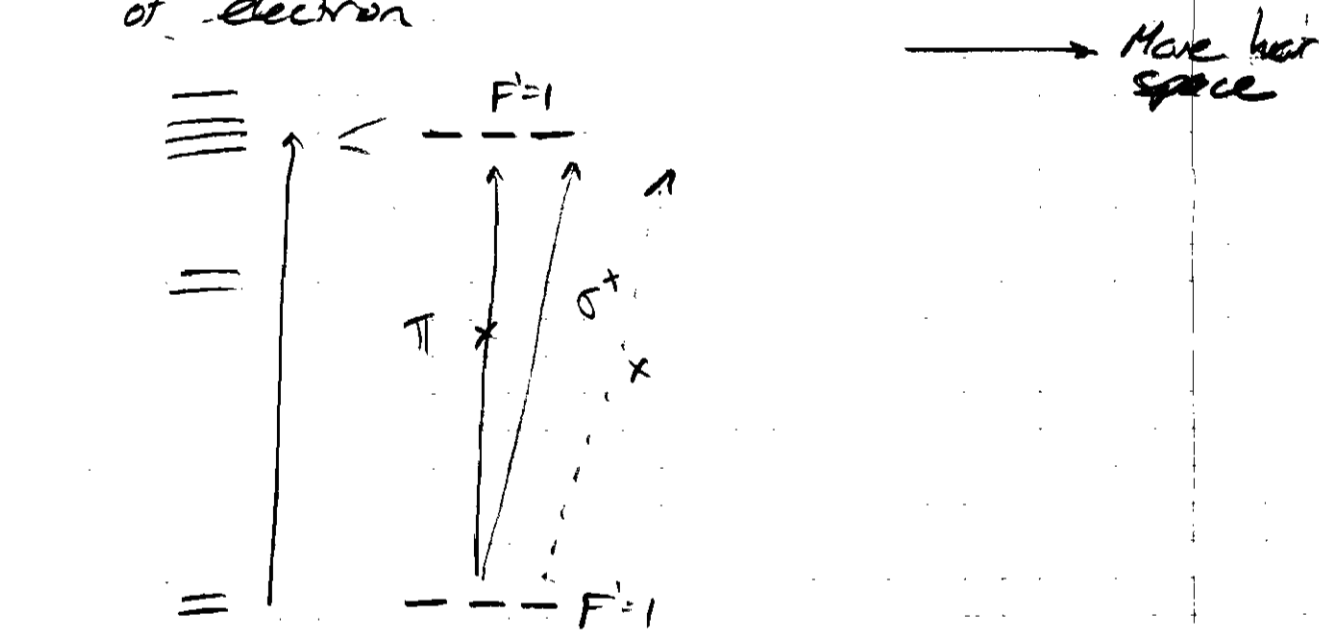
Spin dynamics  
 of BEC freeze  
 out

- low D spin physics



- Trapping pot. may be spin dependent 1.6
  - Polz
  - Detuning

key: light couples strongly to orbital motion of electron.

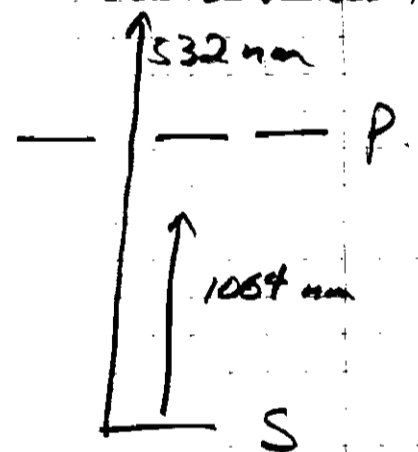
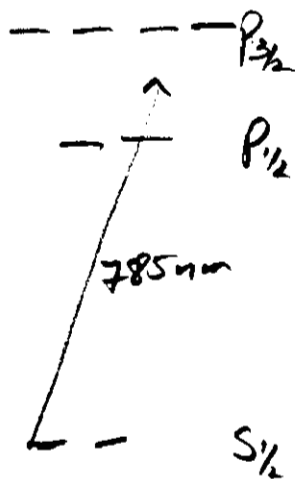


near detuning

2<sup>nd</sup> order energy

$$\sim \vec{E}^* \cdot (\vec{d}^+ \vec{d}) \cdot \vec{E}$$

scalar + vector + rank 2 tensor



farther detuning: ignore nucleus - excited state  
ignore tensor part  
→ "Fictitious B-field"

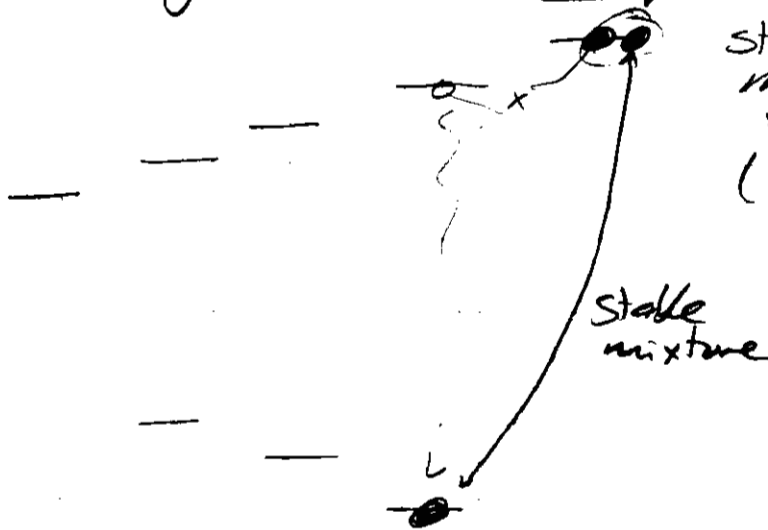
even farther  
ignore electron spin  
ignore vector part  
scalar potential

Back to alkali gases

+ Stability: Collisions usually conserve  $m_F$

stable to spin mixing b/c hyperfine state

(h. relaxation)



KEEP  
leave enough room

most sit on spin base gas

OK.  
 $m_F$  conserved

OK  
 $m_F$  not cons.

Not OK

- $^{23}\text{Na}$   $F=1$  (anti-ferro)
- $^{87}\text{Rb}$   $F=1$  (ferro).
- $^{85}\text{Rb}$   $F=2$  (af. or cyclic)
- $^{87}\text{Rb}$  pseudospin
- $|F=1, m=0\rangle, |F=2, m=0\rangle$
- $|F=1, m=\pm 1\rangle, |F=2, m=\pm 1\rangle$
- $^7\text{Li}$ ?  $^{39,41}\text{K}$ ?  $\text{Fr}$ ?

$^{133}\text{Cs}$   $F=3$  (?)

$^{23}\text{Na}$   $F=2$

$^{52}\text{Cr}$   $J=3$

$^{132}\text{Cs}$   $F=4$

$\text{Dy}$   $J=8$

$^{85}\text{Rb}$  (?)

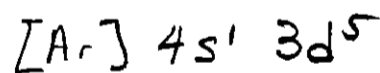
$\text{Er}$   $J=6$

$\text{Th}$   $F=4$  (?)

High spin atoms

Many in recent years

Chromium:

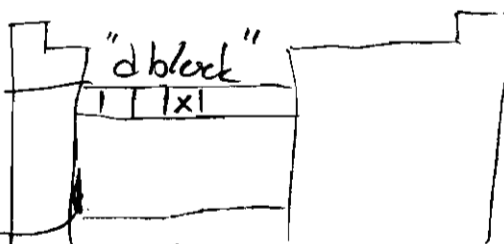


6 electrons

$S=J=3, \mu = 6\mu_B$

$^{52}\text{Cr}$  - no nuclear spin

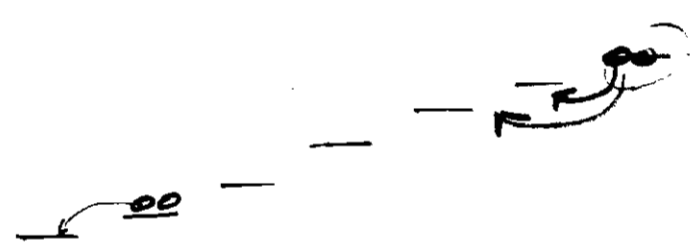
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↑ transition metals - incomplete d-shell

Lanthanide  
"f block"  
Actinide

Cr: strong dipolar relaxation



so cannot be mag trapped

strong dipolar interaction.

Add  $\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{\mu}$   $\rightarrow$   $36 \mu_B^2$  for Cr

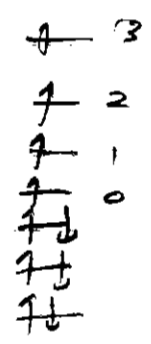
$\frac{1}{4} \mu_B^2$  for  $F=1$  Na, Rb

"rare earths"  
Lanthanides

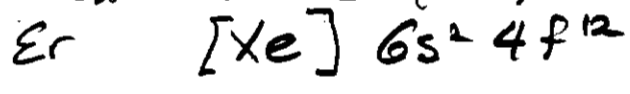


$S=2, L=6, J=8$

$\mu = 4 \quad 6 \quad \underline{\underline{10 \mu_B}}$



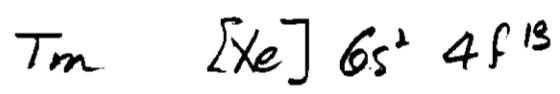
"most magnetic atom"  
both Boronic ( $I=0$ ) + ferromagnetic



$S=1, L=5, J=6$

$7 \mu_B$

(named after Ytterby, Sweden along with Ytterbium, Yttrium, Terbium !)



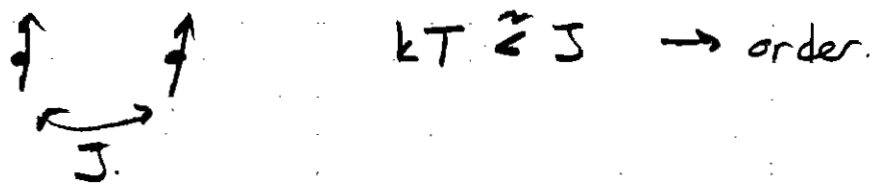
$S=\frac{1}{2}, L=3, J=\frac{7}{2}$

$I=\frac{1}{2} \rightarrow F=4. g.s.$

Add to table

b. Magnetic order + Bose statistics.

Usual paradigm for magnetic order



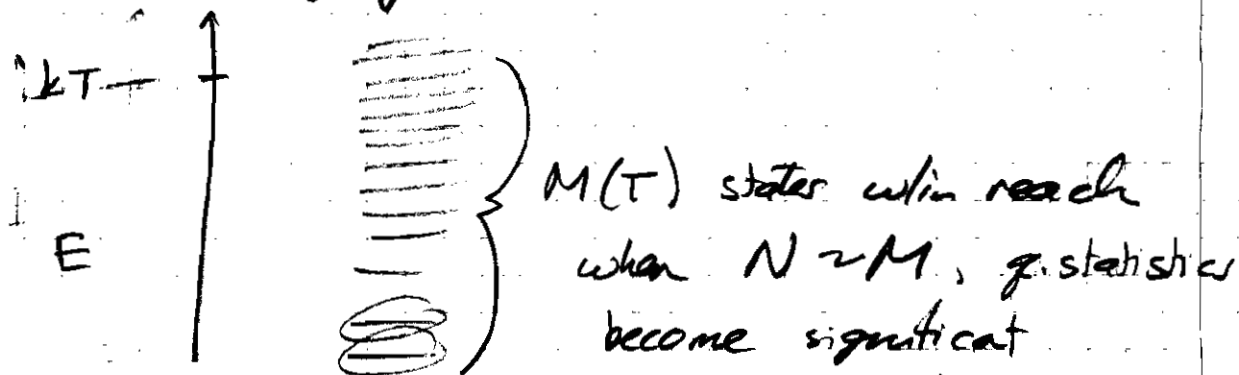
Bose goes order at very high temperature  
we'll find

$$E_{spin} \sim \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 (\Delta d)^2}{m} \sim k_B \times nK \ll k_B T_c \sim k_B \times 100K$$

why?

Start w/ observation that scalar BEC "knows" it's ground state

Argument roughly as follows:



What happens? Consider just g.s. - 1st excited state

Does BEC occur?  $\approx$  Is g.s. the only one macroscopically occupied?

$$N_1 \sim \frac{k_B T_c}{\Delta E} \sim N^{2/D}$$

So, in 3D, large  $N_1$   
BEC can distinguish  
even tiny  
energies

in box  $E = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \times \left(\frac{2\pi}{L}\right)^D \cdot (n_1^2 + n_2^2 + \dots + n_D^2)$

$$M(T) \sim n_T^D \sim \left(\frac{kT}{\Delta E}\right)^{D/2} \sim N$$

→ "Bose-Einstein ferromagnetism"

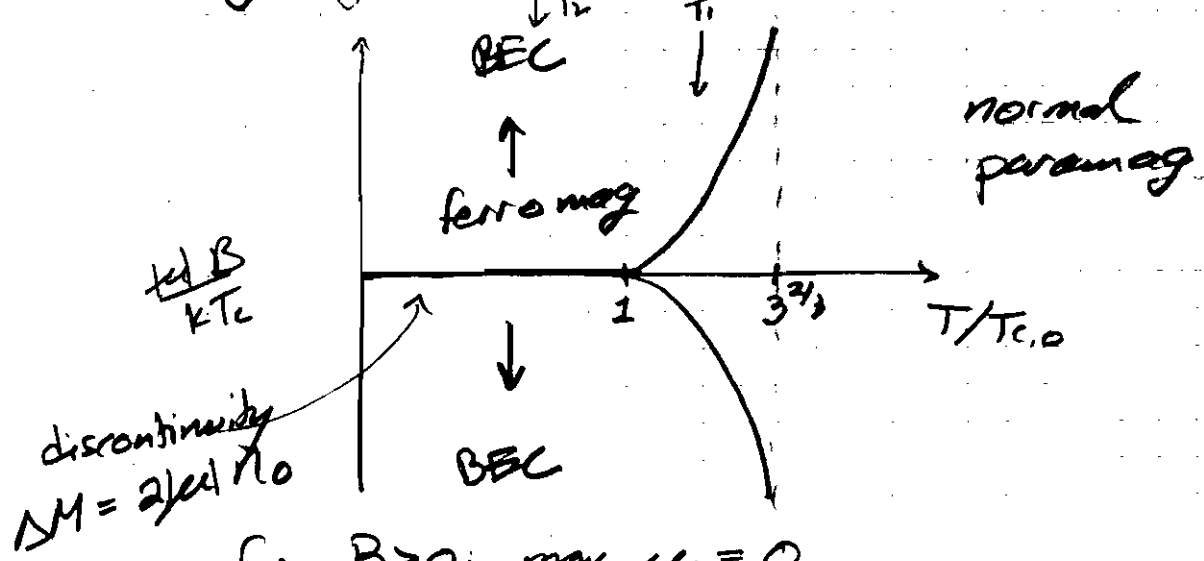
Yamada, Prog. Th. Physics 67, 443 (1982)  
 consider spin 1 BEC, no interactions, in magnetic field.

$$\mu_{m_f} = \mu_0 - \mu_B m_f B$$

$$N_{thermal, m_f} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{dB}^3} \times g_{3/2} \left( e^{-\frac{\mu_{m_f}}{kT}} \right)$$

$$\sum_i \frac{x_i^c}{i^{3/2}}$$

say  $\mu_0 < 0$  (electron spin)



for  $B \geq 0$ :  $\max \mu_1 = 0$

$$N_{th, max} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{dB}^3} \left( g_{3/2}(1) + g_{3/2} \left( e^{-\frac{\mu_B B}{kT}} \right) + g_{3/2} \left( e^{-\frac{2\mu_B B}{kT}} \right) \right)$$

at  $B=0$ :  $N_{th, max} = N_{tot}$  at  $T_{c,0}$ .

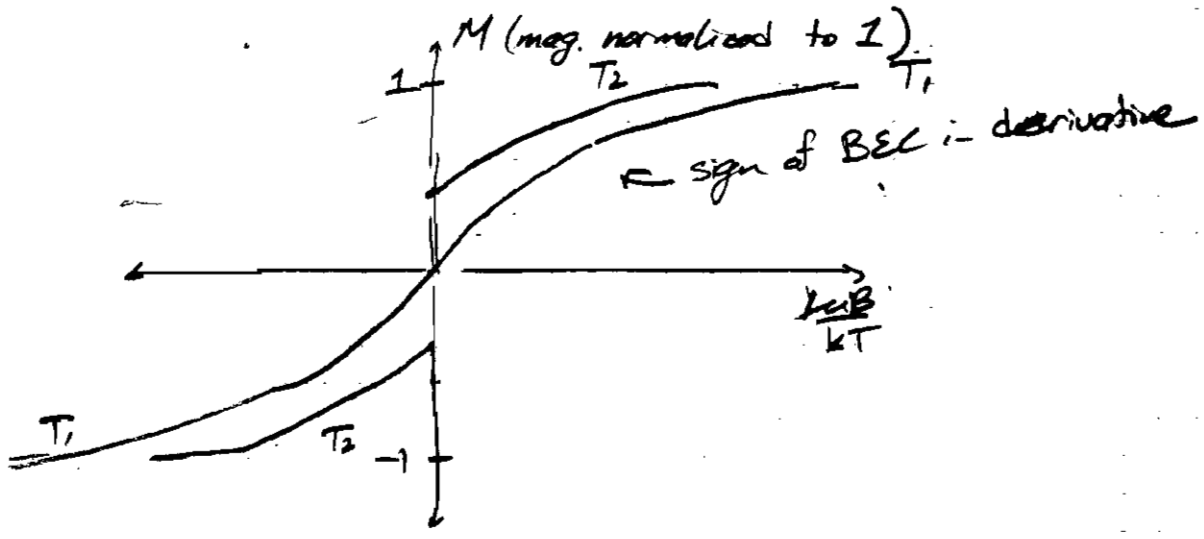
at  $B \gg \frac{kT_c}{\mu_B}$ :  $N_{th, max} = N_{tot}$  at  $T_{c,0} \times (2F+1)^{2/3}$ .

in BEC regime,  $B > 0$ ,  $\mu_1$  remains pegged at zero.  
 extra density  $\rightarrow m_f = +1$  state

Still unanswered:

→ What about spin conservation?

Eg. (back to sketch)



$T_1$ :  $\frac{\mu_0 B}{kT}$  as Lagrange multiplier to get  $M$

$T_2$ : ? Range of  $M$  where prediction fails

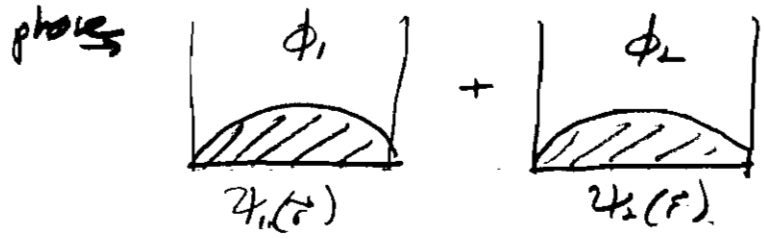
⇒ "Double condensation" Isoshima, Chmi, Machida  
(see in Paris) JPSJ 69, 3864 (2000)

→ What is magnetic order in this case, or in case of  $B=0$ ?

→ Interactions?

Simpler case: 2 component BEC ("pseudo spin 1/2")  
Possibilities:

i) 2BEC picture

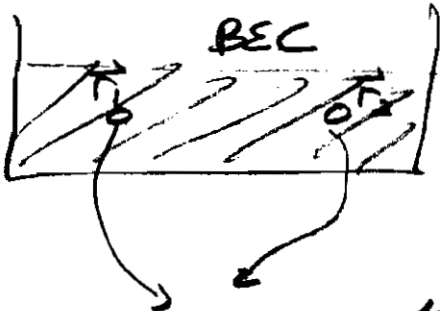


order parameter = spinor wavefunction

$$\vec{\psi} = e^{\frac{i(\phi_1 + \phi_2)}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\phi_1/2} |\psi_1\rangle \\ e^{i\phi_2/2} |\psi_2\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

BEC wfn when, say  $\langle n_{\pm} \rangle = n/2$

This spinor wfn. implies long range coherence  
Accessible in interference expt

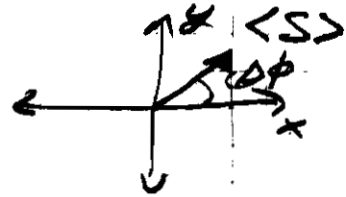


Definite outcome

$$\langle \psi_i^\dagger(\vec{r}_1) \psi_j(\vec{r}_2) \rangle = \psi_i^*(\vec{r}_1) \psi_j(\vec{r}_2)$$

→ Broken symmetry state

•  $\Delta\phi$ : orientation of pseudospin



•  $\phi_1 + \phi_2$ : choice of absolute phase [overall]  
(seen in interference w/ another BEC)

For  $\langle N_1 \rangle = \langle N_2 \rangle$ : choose pseudospin on equator

For unconstrained  $N_1, N_2$ ?



choose any  $\vec{\psi}$  out of  $SU(N)$ ?  
has 2.  
can be more...

## 2) Statistical picture (molecular chaos)

All zero E states equally likely...

$$P = |N, 0\rangle \langle N, 0| + |N-1, 1\rangle \langle N-1, 1| + \dots ?$$

"Fragmentation" - more than one macroscopically occupied single particle state.

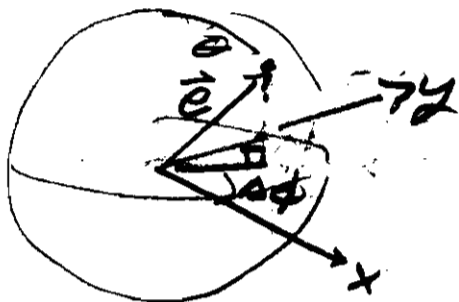
How to tell difference? [Discuss]

2. High-spin states:

Spin  $\frac{1}{2}$ : Bloch sphere.

All spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  q. states point somewhere

$$\vec{\psi} = e^{i\phi} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\theta/2} \cos \theta/2 \\ e^{-i\theta/2} \sin \theta/2 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$F_{\vec{e}} = \vec{F} \cdot \vec{e} \text{ dir usually}$$

$$F_{\vec{e}} \vec{\psi} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \vec{\psi}$$

Also, even for mixed states, all information in vector space moments.

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} + S_z & S_x + iS_y \\ S_x - iS_y & \frac{1}{2} - S_z \end{pmatrix}$$

Higher spin states

Derived by Majorana (1932) trying to explain evolution of high spin states

Construction 1: Build spin  $F$  state as composite state of  $2F$  spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  particles.

→ must be fully symmetric under particle exchange

Example  $F=1$ :  $|1, 1\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle|\uparrow\rangle$  bc were put lower plus

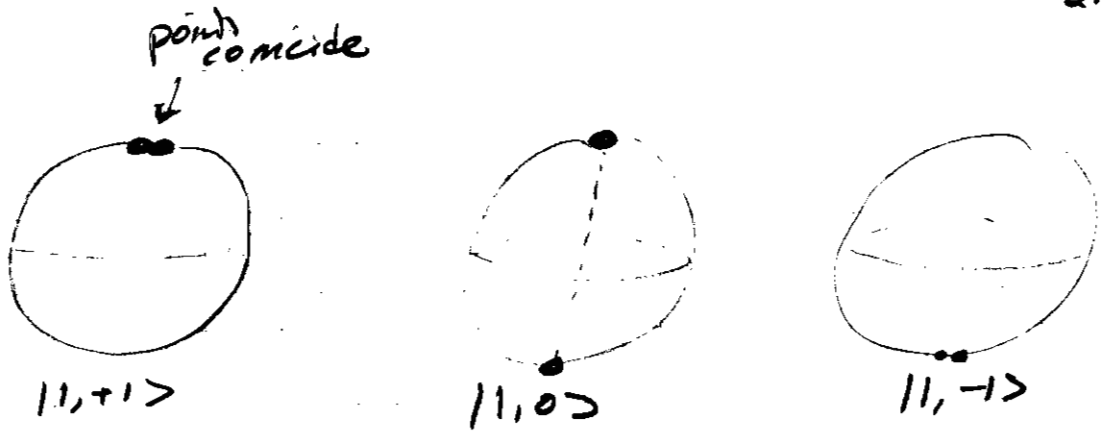
$$|1, 0\rangle = \frac{|\uparrow\rangle|\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle|\uparrow\rangle}{2}$$

$$|1, -1\rangle = |\downarrow\rangle|\downarrow\rangle$$

Represent state as  $2F$  points on Bloch sphere

$$\{\vec{e}_{\psi}\}$$





Construction 2:

"ferromagnetic state"  $|\vec{e}'_F\rangle = \hat{R}_{\vec{z} \rightarrow \vec{e}} |F, F\rangle$

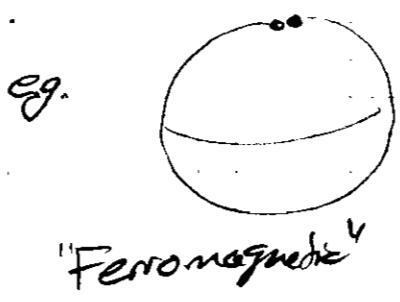
find all  $\vec{e}'_F$  s.t.  $\langle \vec{e}'_F | \Psi \rangle = 0$

can be expressed as polynomial of order  $2F$   
 clearly  $\{\vec{e}'_F\} = \{-\vec{e}_F\}$

$$\langle -\vec{e}_i | \langle \vec{e}_i | \langle \vec{e}_i | \sum P(|\vec{e}_1\rangle |\vec{e}_2\rangle |\vec{e}_3\rangle) = 0$$

Representation is useful to see geometric group symmetry

CAUTION: Misses "Berry phase" information [Kip]



looks symmetric for rot. about  $\hat{z}$   
 actually no: picks up phase

"spin-gauge symmetry" - connects the rotations of  $\vec{M}$  and superfluid velocity



looks symmetric for  $\pi$  rotation about  $x$  or  $y$

Actually no:  $e^{-i\pi F_1}$  topological binding of phase + nematicity  
 $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$   
 → half vortices

More physical quantities are the spin/mag. moments

$$P_{F=1} = \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} & x & x \\ x & p_{22} & x \\ x & x & p_{33} \end{pmatrix} = \text{3x3 matrix}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\substack{2 \text{ diagonal} \\ 6 \text{ off diagonal}}} = \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{3}I\right)}_{\text{scalar}} + \underbrace{(3)}_{\text{vector spin}} + \underbrace{(5)}_{\text{rank 2 spin quadrupole}}$

= 8 degrees of freedom

$$\hat{N}_{uv} = \frac{1}{2} (F_u F_v + F_v F_u) - \frac{1}{3} (F^2)_{uv}$$

Can relate  $\{\vec{E}\}$  to these moments, but not simple  
 Even higher order mag moments for  $F=2$ , etc.

### 3. Interactions under rotational symmetry

As in many areas of physics, symmetry helps us simplify a problem + make general (universal) predictions.

Here: what does rotational symmetry imply

re: interactions in spin-1 Bose gas?

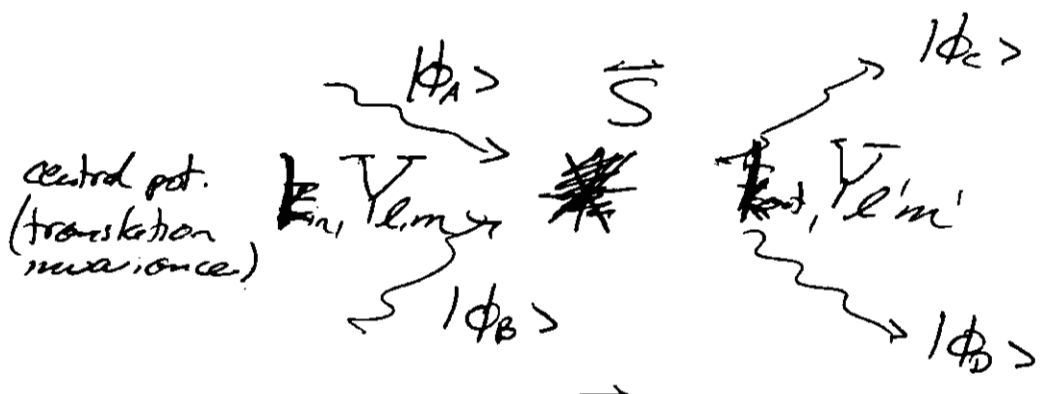
[use notes from MIT summer school]. (3.2 and 3.3)

continues...

a) Ultracold <sup>(quantum)</sup> collisions

b) Example of an alkali atom ~~slide~~

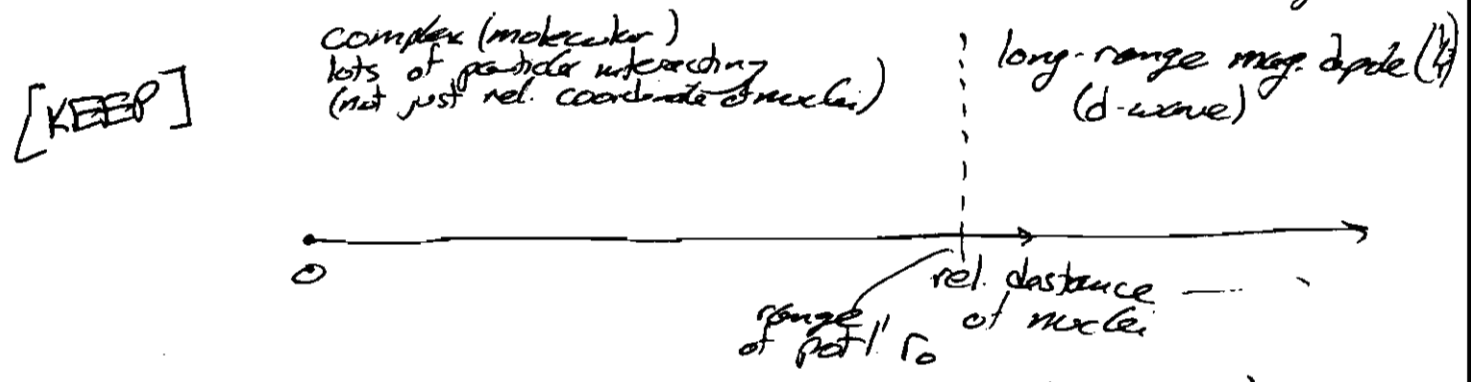
Implication for interactions. Consider binary collisions



How complicated is  $\bar{S}$ ?

- Classical view of identical particles  $A \leftrightarrow B$   
 $C \leftrightarrow D$
- Time reversal  $in \leftrightarrow out$   
 $S \leftrightarrow S^*$
- Energy conservation: diff. b/w  $k_{in, out}$  made up by ~~potential~~ internal energies

Further simplifications:



Common approx 1 - incident low energy ( $\lambda_{dB} \ll r_0$ )

s-wave only (quantum collision regime).  
affected by short range potential  
+ treat long range separately.

Focus for now on short range - still pretty open

Spinless gas approx (~~at zero field~~) (note - imperfect)

- interactions are rotationally symmetric

Total ang mom in = " out

Note: Imperfect assumption - in applied B field (see Fesh. res)  
- non spherical container

Common approx 2 - Short-range potl: dipolar,

hyperfine interactions are weak

⇒ Ignore "spin-orbit coupling" → e.g. shape resonances  
Orbital ang. mom. separately conserved in Cs

$$F_{tot}(in) = F_{tot}(out)$$

Common approx 3 - Collision keeps you w/in ang. mom. manifold

$$\langle F_1, F_2; F_{tot} \parallel \begin{matrix} \text{short-range} \\ \text{stuff} \end{matrix} \parallel F_1, F_2; F_{tot} \rangle = 0$$

~~2 & 3 are related~~

or • energetics - stay in low energy hyperfine manifold.

After all these assumptions ...

- s-wave s-f interaction, characterized by scat. length
- $a_{F_{tot}}$  depends only on total spin  $F_{tot}$

$$F: V_{\text{short range}} = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2}{m} \left[ a_0 \hat{P}_0 + 0 \hat{P}_2 + a_2 \hat{P}_2 + a_4 \hat{P}_4 + \dots + a_{2\ell} \hat{P}_{2\ell} \right]$$

Bose statistics

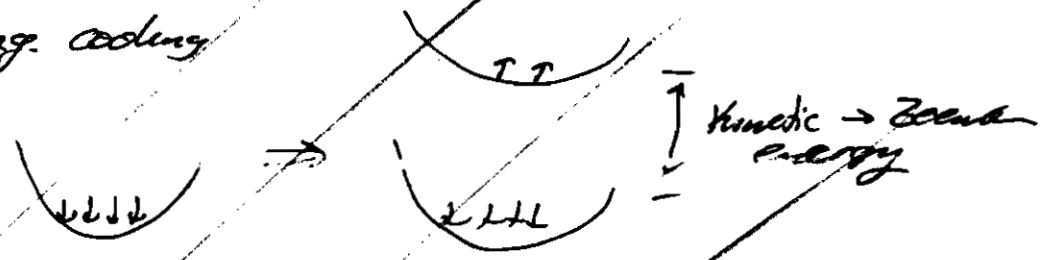
~~Famous exception: Einstein de Haas effect (Ueda)~~

~~Chromium, PtAu, Santos, Ueda~~

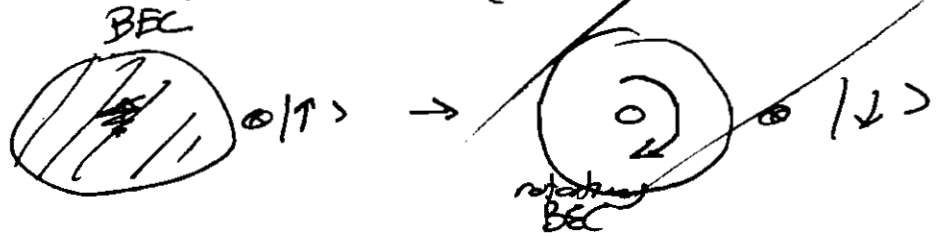
~~$\mu = \frac{3}{2} \mu_B$   $F=3$~~

~~Both short + long-range dipolar effects are very large~~

- ~~• Dens. cooling~~



- ~~• Einstein de Haas effect (Ueda)~~



b) Spin-dependent s-wave interactions in terms of spin operators.

Spin 1: use 2 identities.

$$\textcircled{1} \underbrace{\hat{I}_1 \otimes \hat{I}_2}_{\substack{\text{identity op} \\ \text{in 2 atom} \\ \text{tensor space}}} = \sum_{F_{\text{pair}}} \hat{P}_{F_{\text{pair}}} = \hat{P}_0 + \hat{P}_1 + \hat{P}_2$$

For just symmetric states:

$$(\hat{I}_1 \otimes \hat{I}_2)_s = \sum_{\substack{F_{\text{pair}} \\ \text{even}}} \hat{P} = \hat{P}_0 + \hat{P}_2$$

$$\textcircled{2} \hat{F}_1 \cdot \hat{F}_2 = \sum_{F_{\text{pair}}} \frac{1}{2} (F_{\text{pair}}(F_{\text{pair}} + 1) - 2F(F+1)) \hat{P}_{F_{\text{pair}}}$$

$$(\hat{F}_1 \cdot \hat{F}_2)_s = P_2 - 2P_0$$

$$\text{So } P_0 = \frac{1}{3} (\hat{I} \otimes \hat{I} - \hat{F} \cdot \hat{F})$$

$$P_2 = \frac{1}{3} (2\hat{I} \otimes \hat{I} + \hat{F} \cdot \hat{F})$$

$$\text{So } V_{\text{short range}} = V_s = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2}{m} \left[ \underbrace{\frac{2a_2 + a_0}{3}}_{C_0^{(1)}} + \frac{a_2 - a_0}{3} \hat{F} \cdot \hat{F} \right] S^2(\vec{r})$$

$C_1^{(1)}$

Spin-2: similar approach  $\rightarrow$

$$\frac{4\pi\hbar^2}{m} \left[ \frac{4a_2 + 3a_4}{7} \hat{I} \otimes \hat{I} + \frac{(a_4 - a_2)}{7} \hat{F}_1 \cdot \hat{F}_2 + \frac{(7a_0 - 10a_2 + 3a_4)}{35} \hat{P}_0 \right]$$

$\uparrow$   
 $A^+ A$  singlet amplitude

Note:  $F=1$  spin interaction leads to following terms

$$\frac{C_i^{(1)}}{2} \sum_{\substack{k,l \\ m,n}} \psi_k^+ \psi_l^+ \psi_m \psi_n * [F_{x,kn} F_{x,lm} + F_y F_y F_z F_z]$$

all these collisions preserve  $M_F$

the sum generates terms like

$$C_i^{(1)} (\psi_{+1}^+ \psi_{-1}^+ \psi_0 \psi_0 + \psi_0^+ \psi_0^+ \psi_{+1} \psi_{-1})$$

"spin mixing collisions"

$$|0\rangle + |0\rangle \rightleftharpoons |+1\rangle + |-1\rangle$$

- These occur only for  $C_i^{(1)} \neq 0$ ,  $a_2 \neq a_0$
- Relative phase b/w components of spinor w/ta is meaningful. In particular

$$\Theta = \phi_{+1} + \phi_{-1} - 2\phi_0$$

determines direction of spin mixing.

Also for energetics:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

vs.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ i/\sqrt{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$



ferromagnetic

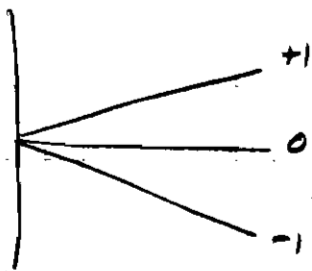


polar. ( $\hat{y}\hat{z}$  plane)

## 4. External fields - experimental tools.

## a. Magnetic fields

## 1. Linear Zeeman shift



This is "typically" a  
HUGE energy!

Eg.  $B \sim 50$  mG. or more

$$\mu_B = \frac{700 \text{ kHz}}{\text{G}} \times 50 \text{ mG}$$

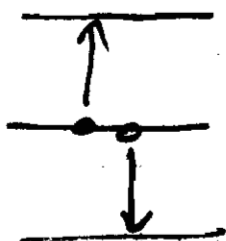
$$= 35000 \text{ Hz}$$

$$\rightarrow 1.75 \mu\text{K}$$

compare to  $T_c \sim 100 \text{ nK}$

$\mu_B \sim 1 \text{ nK}$

BUT for alkali atoms, at least,  $m_F \approx$  conserved  
in collisions



no change in Zeeman  
energy.

NO "mag. reservoir"

Linear Zeeman has no effect!

In contrast, for Cr, etc. it does

Laburthe-Tolra: gas totally polarized for large B.

condensate " " for  $B \approx 1 \text{ mG}$



To accommodate spin conservation, try Lagrange multiplier  
say field is uniform:

$$H_{eff} = H_0 - \underbrace{\frac{\mu_B B_z}{\hbar}}_P - \lambda F_z$$

$$\underbrace{(\mu_B + g_F \mu_B B_z - \lambda)}_P F_z$$

By symmetry, for  $F_z$   
set  $P=0$   
Field gone completely!

non uniform? If constant orientation:

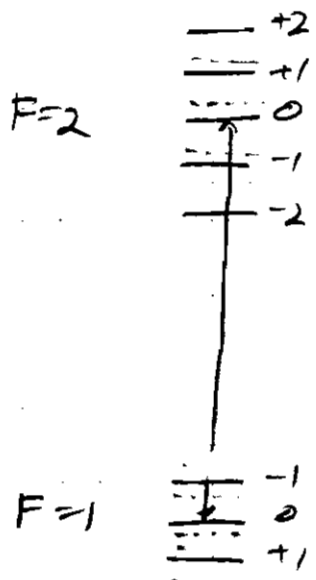


$$P = P(z)$$

↑ inhomogeneity of Zeeman shift is still important.

if non-constant orientation → potentially complicated

2. Quadratic Zeeman shift - next order term



$$\langle F=2, m_F=0 | \hat{\mu}_z B_z | F=1, m_F=0 \rangle \neq 0$$

$$\sim -g_s \mu_B S_z$$

Solving simple Q.M. problem, find net

$$H_q \approx \mp \frac{(g_s \mu_B)^2}{(\Delta E)(2I+1)^2} B_z^2 F_z^2 = g F_z^2$$

h.f. splitting

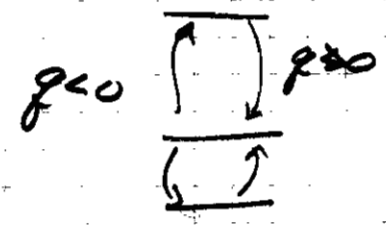
$$Rb : g = \mp h \times 70 \text{ Hz} \left(\frac{B}{G}\right)^2$$

$$Na : \times \left(\frac{0.8}{1.7}\right) = \mp h \times 290 \text{ Hz} \left(\frac{B}{G}\right)^2$$

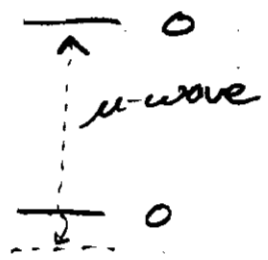
$I_z$  relevant.

$g > 0$  : favors  $m=0$

$g < 0$  : favors  $m=\pm 1$



Can also be obtained by "u-wave dressing"



AC Zeeman (2nd order) shifts  $m_F=0$  state up or down

### 5. Ground states

a. Mean-field + single mode approx.

Ansatz:  $|\Psi_{gs}\rangle = \left( |\vec{\Psi}(\vec{r})\rangle_{\text{single particle spinor}} \right)^N$  mean-field

and  $|\vec{\Psi}(\vec{r})\rangle = \phi(\vec{r}) \times |\vec{\Psi}\rangle$

↑  
all components have same spatial wfn

valid in tight traps.

also sheds light on preferred state in extended systems

$$\hat{H} = \hat{V}_s + p \hat{F}_z + g \hat{F}_z^2 + \hat{H}_{\text{spin indep}}$$

ignore

spin 1: mean-field energy functional

$$E^{(1)} = \frac{C_1^{(1)} n}{2} \langle \vec{F} \rangle^2 + p \langle F_z \rangle + g \langle F_z^2 \rangle$$

↑  
density-averaged density

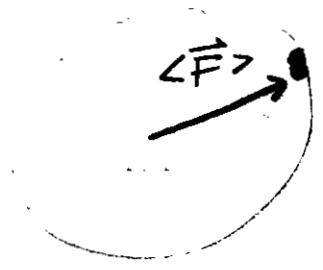
interactions:

$C_1^{(1)} < 0$  [ $^{87}\text{Rb}$ ] "ferromagnetic"

favors states that maximize

$\langle \vec{F} \rangle$

$\hat{R} |m_f = +1\rangle$

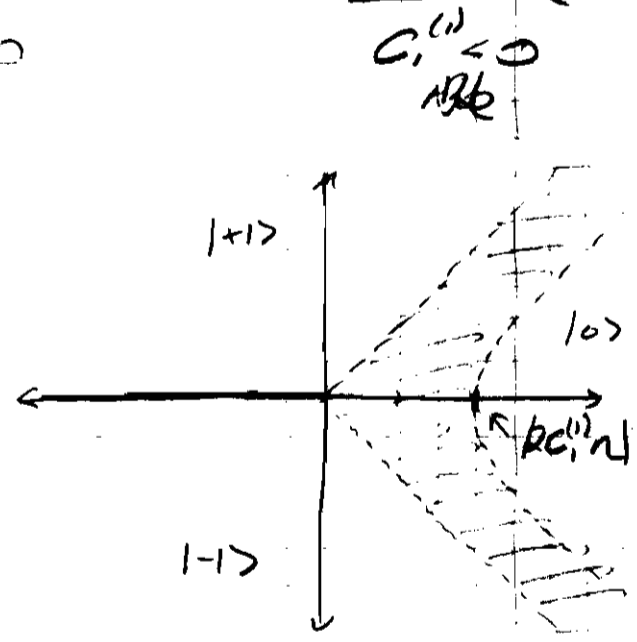
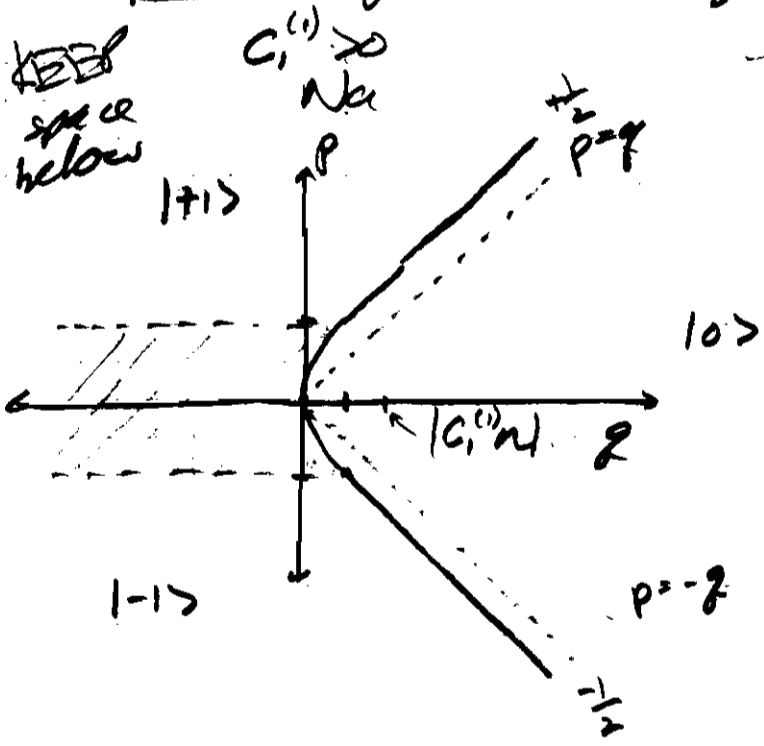


$C_1^{(1)} > 0$  [ $^{23}\text{Na}$ ] "antiferromagnetic"  
 favors minimizing  $\langle \hat{P} \rangle$



polar states  
 $\hat{R} |m_F = 0\rangle$

phase diagrams Stenger et al, Nature 396, 345 (1999)



- had vs. soft boundaries
- explain regions

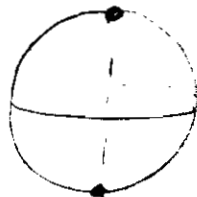
Experimental evidence: Stenger et al. result

- S<sub>0</sub> imaging
- size of  $m=0$
- immiscibility

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Also examine along  $P=0$ .

Consider several extremal energy states



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle \vec{F} \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle F_z^2 \rangle = 0$$

$$E^{(1)} = 0$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle E \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle F_z^2 \rangle = 1$$

$$E^{(1)} = g$$



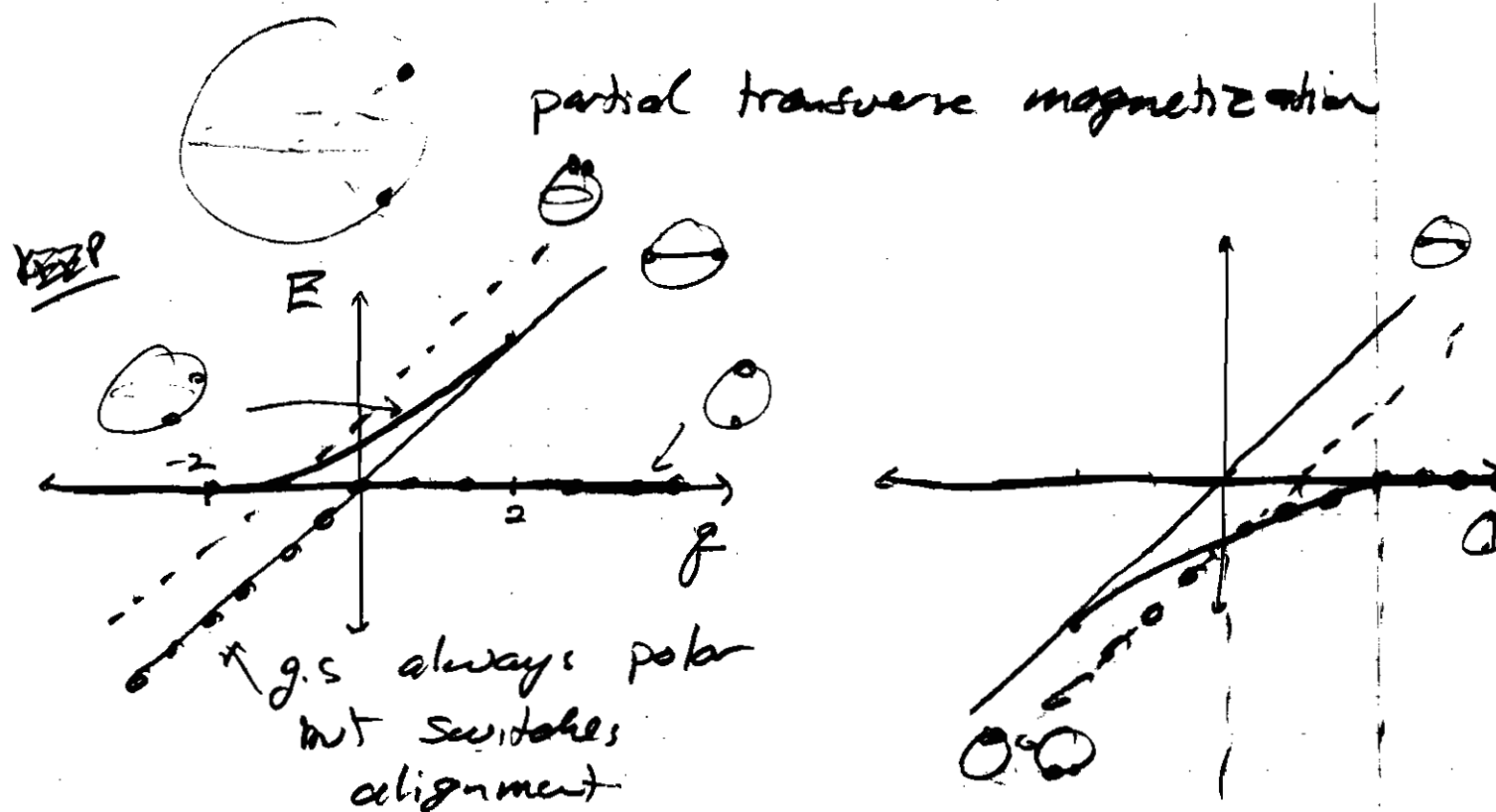
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ or } \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle \vec{F} \rangle = 1$$

$$\langle F_z^2 \rangle = 1$$

$$E^{(1)} = c_1^{(1)} n + g$$

+ another state emerges for  $-2 < \frac{g}{c_1^{(1)} n} < 2$  :



- Raman Ne QPT. PPT

Rb evidence

- Chapman data PPT

F=1 populations correct

- Coherences

How to determine coherences, so can to detect eg. transverse mag. vs. polar state?

1. Apply pulses to convert remanence into spin  
 → Pulse on a quadratic Zeeman shift

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{pulse}]{\text{}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\text{with it}]{\text{rotate spin vector}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \text{image}$$

Chapman:

Nature Physics 1, 111 (2005) - Launch coherent spin dynamics, confirms starting point

Nature Physics 8, 305 (2012) - Detect spin squeezing by rotating - phase space before imaging.

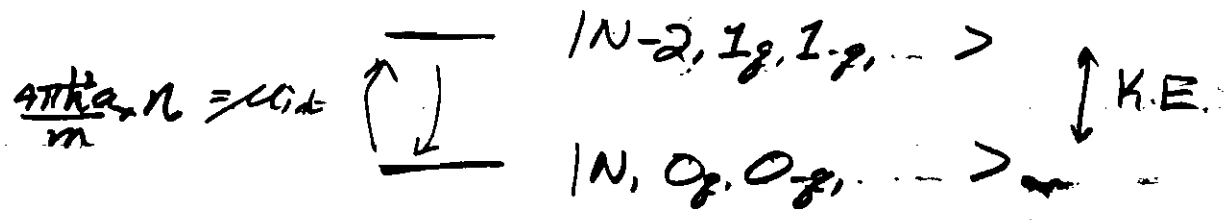
2. Detect coherence optically

coupling  $\vec{E} \cdot \vec{d} \int \vec{d} \cdot \vec{E}^*$  optical susceptibility

$$\chi = \text{Tr} \left( \hat{\rho} \sum_{\text{eg}} \frac{1}{\hbar \Delta_{\text{eg}}} \vec{d} |e\rangle \langle e| \vec{d} |g\rangle \langle g| \right)$$

or  $\vec{E} \cdot \langle \vec{d} \rangle \langle \vec{d} \rangle \cdot \vec{E}$   
 so  $\curvearrowright$

So  $(\hat{b}_i^\dagger)^N |0\rangle$  cannot be correct ground state  
 $\vdots$



K.E limits how much these  $\neq 0$  momentum states can mix in

$$\frac{\sum_{g \neq 0} (\rho_{g})}{\text{total}} = \text{"quantum depletion"} \propto \sqrt{nc^3} \ll 1.$$

But spin mixing collisions need not increase energy... Do we get massive quantum depletion??

Law, Pu, Brueckner, PRL 81, 5257 (1998).

For  $F=1$ .  $\hat{A}$  is rot. + exchange symm so contains only:

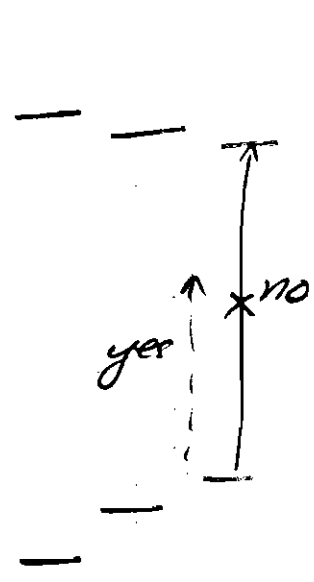
$$\hat{N}, \quad \hat{F}_{tot} \cdot \hat{F}_{tot}, \quad \hat{F}_{tot} = \sum_i \hat{F}_i$$

$$\hat{A} = \frac{C_1^{(1)}}{2} \left( \frac{\hat{F}_{tot} \cdot \hat{F}_{tot}}{N} - 2 \right)$$

ferro:  $C_1^{(1)} < 0$ ,  $\max F_{tot} = N \Rightarrow |F_{tot} = N, M_{F_{tot}}\rangle$   
 All fully ferromagnetic states and their macroscopic superpositions.

antiferro:  $C_1^{(1)} > 0$ ,  $\min F_{tot} = 0 \Rightarrow |\underline{\Psi}\rangle = |F_{tot} = 0, M = 0\rangle$   
 unique singlet state solution!  
 preserves rotational symmetry.

Consider typical case that  $k \gg \dots$ ,  $l \gg \dots$  come in families of spin manifolds, for which the energies are  $\sim$  identical (w.r.t. large detuning)



$$\Rightarrow \chi = \text{Tr} \left( \hat{P} \sum_{\text{set of e.g.}} \frac{1}{\hbar \Delta_{eg}} \vec{d}(\Sigma |e\rangle\langle e|) \vec{d}(\Sigma |g\rangle\langle g|) \right)$$

↑  
scalars

dyed ... composed of ranks 0, 1, 2

$$\chi_{ij} = \chi^{(0)} S_{ij} n(\vec{r}) + \chi^{(1)} i \epsilon_{ijk} M_k(\vec{r}) + \chi^{(2)} N_{ij}(\vec{r})$$

$\chi^{(0)}, \chi^{(1)}, \chi^{(2)}$  give strength of response to density, magnetization, nonreciprocity

For  $F=1$  spins:  $\chi$  carries all information

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$F=2, F=3 \dots$

b. Exact Many-body ground states:

Question: should we expect mean-field state, Hartree wavefunction, to be true many-body ground state?

Recall scalar BEC Bogoliubov (1947)

3 collision terms in  $\hat{H}$ :  $\frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a}{m} \frac{1}{V} [b_g^\dagger b_g^\dagger b_0 b_0 + \text{h.c.}]$



can be expressed as follows.

$$\text{Let } \hat{A} = \frac{(\hat{\Psi}_0^2 - 2\hat{\Psi}_1\hat{\Psi}_{-1})}{\sqrt{3}}$$

F=1 singlet amplitude

$$|\bar{\Psi}\rangle = ( ) \underbrace{\hat{A}^{\dagger (N/2)}}_{\text{mean-field BEC of singlets}} |0\rangle$$

mean-field BEC of singlets.

observables: get populations  $N_1 = N_{-1}$  exactly.

and  $\langle N_1 \rangle = \langle N_{-1} \rangle = \langle N_0 \rangle$  on every realization.

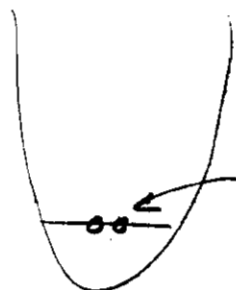
compare to Random  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

↑  
 $\langle N_1 \rangle = \langle N_{-1} \rangle$  but not exactly  
and get large fluctuations in populations.

## 6. Spin dynamics.

## a. Microscopic

Consider just 2  $F=1$  atoms in ground state of trap



$$\hat{H} = \text{const} + \frac{4\pi\hbar^2}{m} \langle n \rangle \left[ a_0 \hat{P}_0 + a_2 \hat{P}_2 \right]$$

say we start in

$$|\Psi(0)\rangle = |0, 2, 0\rangle \quad m_F = 0.$$

Superposition of

$$|F=2, m=0\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |0, 2, 0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |1, 0, 1\rangle$$

$$|F=0, m=0\rangle = -\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} |0, 2, 0\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} |1, 0, 1\rangle$$

So we expect temporal oscillations of the spin composition

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi(t)\rangle &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} e^{-i\omega t} |F=2\rangle - \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}} e^{-i\omega t} |F=0\rangle \\ &= \left( \frac{2}{3} e^{-i\omega t} + \frac{1}{3} e^{-i\omega t} \right) |0, 2, 0\rangle \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} e^{-i\omega t} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} e^{-i\omega t} \right) |1, 0, 1\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

"spin mixing oscillations"

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## b. SMA, mean-field dynamics

Approach: Write out  $\hat{H} = \dots$

from  $i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \hat{\Psi}_i = \frac{\delta \hat{H}}{\delta \hat{\Psi}_i^\dagger}$  get eqs of motion

Lots of papers...

Simplified by Zhang et al. PRA 72, 013602 (2005)

$$E^{(1)} = \frac{C_1^{(1)} n}{2} \langle F \rangle^2 + p \langle F_x \rangle + g \langle F_z \rangle^2$$

let  $\psi_j = \sqrt{p_j} e^{-i\theta_j}$       pos.  $\begin{cases} p_0 + p_1 + p_{-1} = 1 \\ p_1 - p_{-1} = m \end{cases}$

phases: note  $\bar{\theta} = \theta_1 + \theta_0 + \theta_{-1}$  is irrelevant

$\theta_{1,-1} = \theta_1 - \theta_{-1}$  is also (just rotate about z)

so only:  $\theta = \theta_+ + \theta_- - 2\theta_0$  is important  
controls mag. vs. nematichity,  
so enters in  $\langle F_x \rangle^2 + \langle F_y \rangle^2$  term

$$\Rightarrow E_1^{(1)} = C_1^{(1)} n \left[ p_0(1-p_0) + p_0 \sqrt{(1-p_0)^2 - m^2} \cos \theta \right] + pm + g(1-p_0)$$

More importantly find

$$\dot{p}_0 = -\frac{2}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E}{\partial \theta}, \quad \dot{\theta} = \frac{2}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E}{\partial p_0}$$

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Features:

- High  $g$ : single particle physics

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\theta/\hbar} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

ferro  $\rightarrow$  nematic  $\rightarrow$  ferro...  
as  $\dot{\theta} = \frac{2g}{\hbar}$

• zero  $g$ : Consider initial state:  $\rho_0 = \frac{1}{2} + S\rho$  ( $m=0$ )

$$\theta = 0 + \delta\theta$$

$$\frac{\partial\theta}{\partial t} = \frac{2}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E}{\partial \theta} = \frac{2}{\hbar} \times G^{(1)} n (1-2\rho_0) (\hbar \cos\theta) \approx \frac{2}{\hbar} G^{(1)} n S\rho$$

$$\frac{\partial^2\theta}{\partial t^2} = -\frac{2}{\hbar} G^{(1)} n \times -\frac{2}{\hbar} \times G^{(1)} n \rho_0 (1-\rho_0) \times -\sin\theta$$

$$= -\left(\frac{2G^{(1)}n}{\hbar}\right)^2 \theta \quad \text{Harmonic at } \frac{2G^{(1)}n}{\hbar} \text{ freq}$$

• separatrix: blow pendulum + running solutions  
 (slow motion "spin mixing resonance")

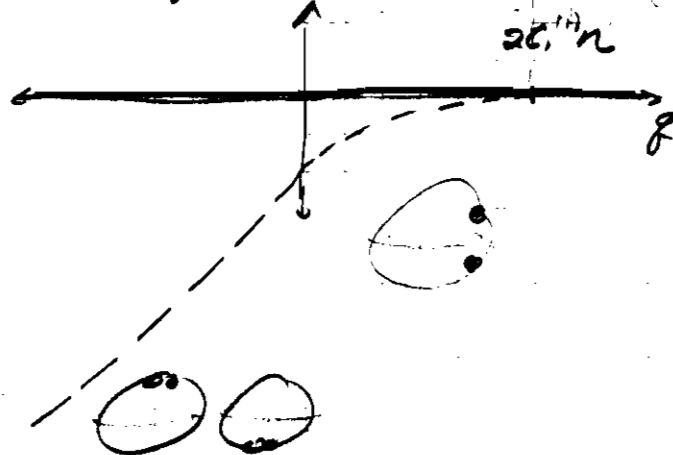
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spin mixing resonance + separatrix also examined  
 by Liu et al., PRL 102, 125301 (2009)

### C. Spin mixing instability

Specific example:  $m_2=0$  state

ferro: high  $E$   $\leftarrow$   $\rightarrow$  min  $E$



mean field  
dynamics

$\rightarrow$  stationary

Consider perturbation  $\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \psi_x \begin{pmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} + \psi_y \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$

or  $\hat{\Psi} = \psi_z + \underbrace{\hat{\psi}_x + \hat{\psi}_y}_{\text{fluctuations}}$   
 ↑  
 mean-field

Bogoliubov's linear stability analysis

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\beta=x,y} (\epsilon + g + c^{(1)} n) \hat{\psi}_{\beta}^{\dagger} \hat{\psi}_{\beta} - \frac{c^{(1)} n}{2} (\hat{\psi}_{\beta}^{\dagger 2} + \hat{\psi}_{\beta}^2)$$

↑  
 difference in  
 single particle  
 energy of  
 mode

Identify  $\hat{z}_{\beta} = \frac{\hat{\psi}_{\beta}^{\dagger} + \hat{\psi}_{\beta}}{2}$  ,  $\hat{p}_{\beta} = \frac{i(\hat{\psi}_{\beta}^{\dagger} - \hat{\psi}_{\beta})}{2}$

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\beta} (\epsilon + g) \hat{z}_{\beta}^2 + (\epsilon + g + 2c^{(1)} n) \hat{p}_{\beta}^2$$

	ferro	polar
Stable (H.O.-like)	$\epsilon + g >  2c^{(1)} n  = g_0$	$\epsilon + g > 0$
Stable (rotates in opposite sense)	$\epsilon + g < 0$	$\epsilon + g < -2c^{(1)} n$
Unstable	— middle range —	

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~~Outside SMA:  $\epsilon = \epsilon_k = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$~~

Obtain spectrum of spin excitations (2 pole.)  $\hat{p}^2$   
 recall, for HO.

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} \frac{(a^{\dagger} + a)^2}{4} + \frac{1}{2m} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar m \omega}{2}} \frac{(i(a^{\dagger} - a))^2}{4}$$

mult. coe.  $\hbar^2 \omega^2$

Similarly  $E^2 = (E+g)(E+g+2G^{(1)}n)$

in unstable regime,  $E_k^2 < 0$   
 get solutions  $\sim e^{-|k|t}$  (squeezing) and  $e^{+|k|t}$  (amplification)

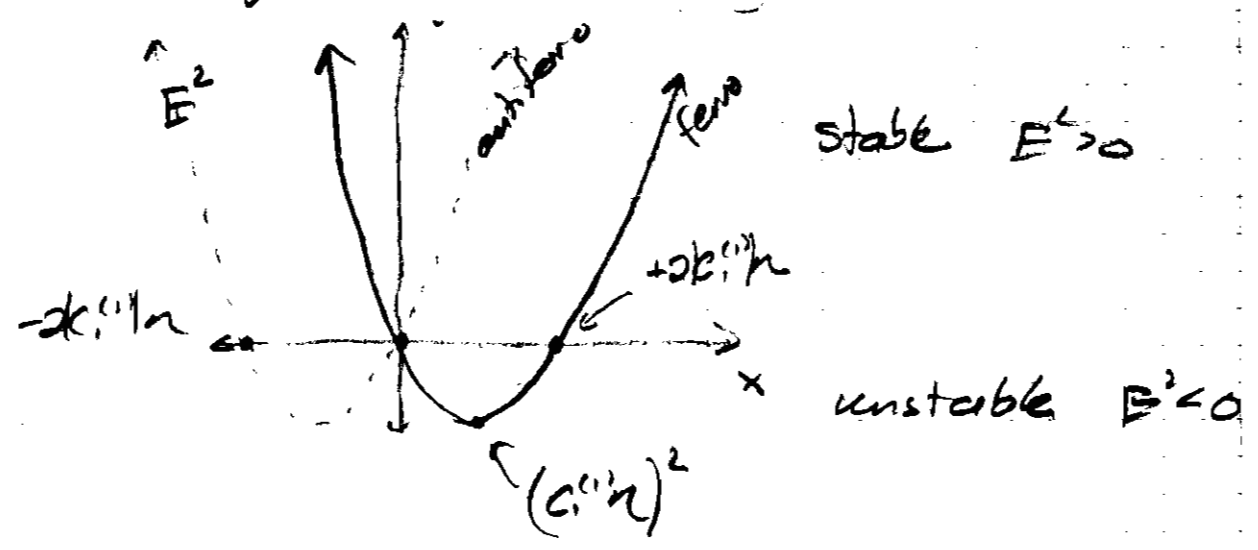
For spatially extended sample,  $\exists$  many spatial modes

$E = E_k = \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m}$

$E^2(k)$  is new spectrum of spin excitations

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let  $x = E+g$



# 7 Topological defects.

2. Observed so far

1. polar core spin vortex

Explain spin currents picture

2. 2D skyrmion

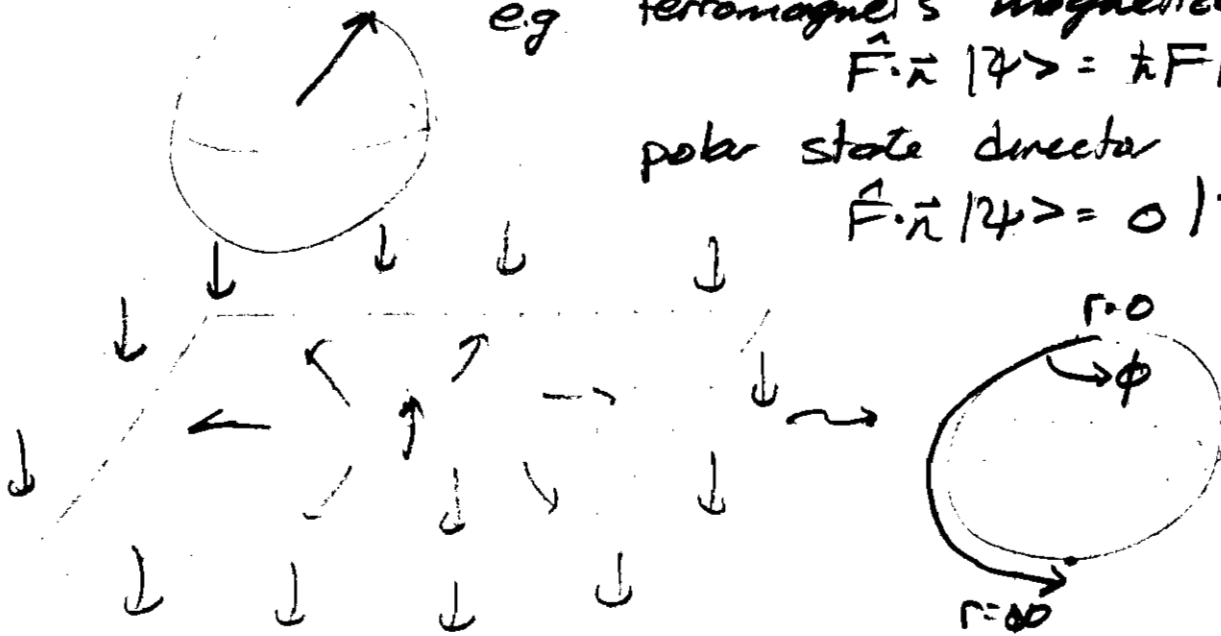
Consider order parameter defined on sphere

e.g. ferromagnet's magnetization

$$\hat{F} \cdot \hat{n} |\psi\rangle = \hbar F |\psi\rangle$$

polar state director

$$\hat{F} \cdot \hat{n} |\psi\rangle = 0 |\psi\rangle$$



For  $F=1$

$$|\psi(r, \phi)\rangle = |\psi(0, \phi)\rangle = \hat{R}(0, \phi) |\psi(0, 0)\rangle$$

↑  
goes  $0 \rightarrow \pi$   
for  $r: 0 \rightarrow \infty$

$$\hat{R}(0, \phi) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\phi} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-i\phi} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\hbar \cos \phi}{2} & \frac{\sin \phi}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\hbar \cos \phi}{2} \\ \frac{\sin \phi}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 & \frac{\sin \phi}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{\hbar \cos \phi}{2} & -\frac{\sin \phi}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\hbar \cos \phi}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\phi} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix}$$

Ferro :  $m=1$

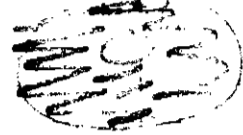


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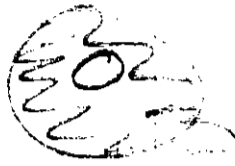
$$e^{-i\phi}$$

-1



$$e^{-2i\phi}$$

polar



$$e^{i\phi}$$

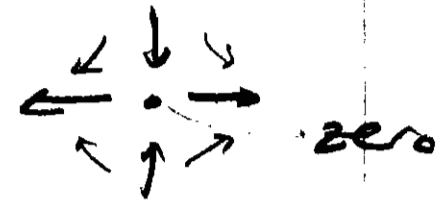


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$$e^{-i\phi}$$

Make using mag. field

Squard :



$$B = -2B'z\hat{z} + B'\rho\hat{\rho}$$

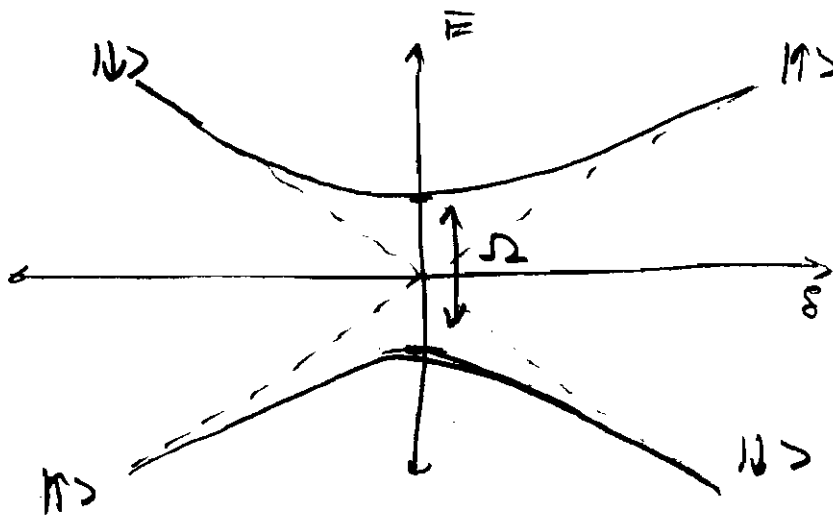
Plunge zero through gas.

For atom fixed spatially, this is a Landau-Zener transition.



Simpler picture of 2 levels

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \delta & \Omega \\ -\Omega & -\delta \end{pmatrix}$$



Now  $\delta = \dot{\delta} \times t$  ← units  $\delta^{-2}$

if  $\left( \text{time crossing resonance} \right) \gg \Omega^{-1}$  ( $\gamma \rightarrow \infty$ )

adiabatic  
 $|\downarrow\rangle \rightarrow |\uparrow\rangle$

$\ll$   
( $\gamma \rightarrow 0$ )

diabatic  
 $|\downarrow\rangle \rightarrow |\downarrow\rangle$

2 experiments:

Choi et al. PRL 108, 035301 (2012)

Berkeley, in progress

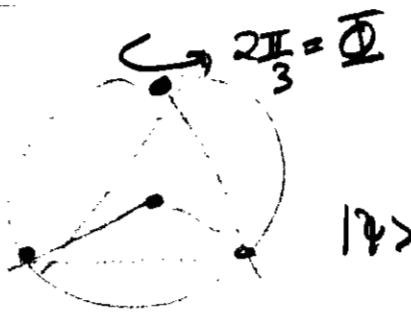
b. Fractional vortices.

geometric

Consider spinor states w/ discrete symmetry:  
May be accompanied by discrete phase increment

$$Z_2 \left( \text{circle} \right) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

or



$$|\psi\rangle \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{i4\pi/3} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} e^{-2\pi/3} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{3}} |\psi\rangle \quad (4)$$

implies fractional vortices

fractional circulation



$$|\psi(\phi)\rangle = e^{-i\theta \frac{\Phi}{2\pi}} R\left(\frac{\Phi \cdot \phi}{2\pi}\right)$$

so that  $|\psi(0)\rangle = |\psi(2\pi)\rangle$ .

F=1 polar:  $\frac{1}{2}$  vortices

F=2 tetrahedral:  $\frac{1}{3}$  vortices

biaxial nematic:  $\frac{1}{2}$  vortices.

Implications for 2D physics