

# 3.5. Quantum-field-theory of Bose-Einstein condensates

- in 3.3:
  - Non-interacting quasiparticles
  - No conversion from condensed to uncondensed component (heating)
- this section discusses QFT methods that can rectify this

## 3.5.1. Hartree-Fock Bogoliubov method

We start again from Heisenberg eqn for field operator (3.26)

$$i\hbar \dot{\hat{\psi}} = \hat{H}_0 \hat{\psi} + U_0 \hat{\psi}^\dagger \hat{\psi} \hat{\psi}$$

and take the expectation value, using  $\hat{\psi}(x,t) = \phi(x,t) + \hat{\chi}(x,t)$  (3.44)

We obtain and  $\langle \hat{\chi} \rangle = 0$

$$i\hbar \dot{\phi}(x,t) = \hat{H}_0 \phi(x,t) + U_0 \langle (\phi^\dagger + \hat{\chi}^\dagger)(\phi + \hat{\chi})(\phi + \hat{\chi}) \rangle$$

$$= \hat{H}_0 \phi(x,t) + U_0 [\phi(x,t)]^2 \phi(x,t) + 2 \langle \hat{\chi}^\dagger \hat{\chi} \rangle \phi(x,t) + \langle \hat{\chi} \hat{\chi} \rangle \phi(x,t) + \langle \hat{\chi}^\dagger \hat{\chi} \hat{\chi} \rangle$$

We in general don't know  $\langle \hat{\chi}^\dagger \hat{\chi} \rangle$ . Let us define

Normal correlation function  $G_N(x, x') = \langle \hat{\chi}^\dagger(x') \hat{\chi}(x) \rangle$

anomalous correlation function  $G_A(x, x') = \langle \hat{\chi}(x) \hat{\chi}(x') \rangle$  (3.60)

- We can write pieces of (3.45) as  $G_N(x, x)$ ,  $G_A(x, x)$
- For  $\langle \hat{\chi}^\dagger \hat{\chi} \hat{\chi} \rangle$  we use  $\downarrow$  got here (3.61)

Wick's theorem! For a Gaussian quantum state

$$\langle \hat{\sigma}_1 \hat{\sigma}_2 \hat{\sigma}_3 \rangle = \langle \hat{\sigma}_1 \hat{\sigma}_2 \rangle \langle \hat{\sigma}_3 \rangle + \langle \hat{\sigma}_1 \hat{\sigma}_3 \rangle \langle \hat{\sigma}_2 \rangle + \langle \hat{\sigma}_2 \hat{\sigma}_3 \rangle \langle \hat{\sigma}_1 \rangle - 2 \langle \hat{\sigma}_1 \hat{\sigma}_3 \rangle \langle \hat{\sigma}_2 \rangle$$

$$\langle \hat{\sigma}_1 \hat{\sigma}_2 \hat{\sigma}_3 \hat{\sigma}_4 \rangle = \langle \hat{\sigma}_1 \hat{\sigma}_2 \rangle \langle \hat{\sigma}_3 \hat{\sigma}_4 \rangle + \langle \hat{\sigma}_1 \hat{\sigma}_3 \rangle \langle \hat{\sigma}_2 \hat{\sigma}_4 \rangle + \langle \hat{\sigma}_1 \hat{\sigma}_4 \rangle \langle \hat{\sigma}_2 \hat{\sigma}_3 \rangle + \langle \hat{\sigma}_1 \hat{\sigma}_2 \rangle \langle \hat{\sigma}_3 \hat{\sigma}_4 \rangle - \langle \hat{\sigma}_1 \hat{\sigma}_3 \rangle \langle \hat{\sigma}_2 \hat{\sigma}_4 \rangle - \langle \hat{\sigma}_1 \hat{\sigma}_4 \rangle \langle \hat{\sigma}_2 \hat{\sigma}_3 \rangle$$

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Coherent state:

Single mode example

$$\hat{\rho} = N \exp\left(-\bar{n} \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} - \frac{1}{2} \bar{m} \hat{a}^{\dagger 2} - \frac{1}{2} \bar{m}^* \hat{a}^2\right)$$

Coherent state:  
thermal state:  $\bar{m} = \bar{m}^* = 0$ ,  $\bar{n} = -\beta(\epsilon - \mu)$  [see Eq. (3.4) Grand Can.]

Many mode generalisation:  
(M-modes)

$$\hat{\rho} = N \exp\left(\sum_{i,j=1}^{2M} K_{ij} \hat{C}_i^\dagger \hat{C}_j\right) \quad \{\hat{C}\} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \hat{a}_M \\ \hat{a}_1^\dagger \\ \vdots \\ \hat{a}_M^\dagger \end{pmatrix}$$

- Gardiner/Zoller "Quantum Noise" 3rd ed p. 119
- See Blaizot & Ripka "Quantum theory of finite systems" (p. 93, Eq. (4.47))
- ~~See~~ Many "variants" of Wick's theorem all over QFT, all express results of bringing  $\hat{a}, \hat{a}^\dagger$  into some default order.

Using Wick's theorem, we see  $\langle \hat{x}^\dagger \hat{x}^\dagger \hat{x} \rangle = 0$  since  $\langle \hat{x} \rangle = 0$ .

We arrive at a modified GPE  $\equiv \bar{G}_N(x)$   $\equiv \bar{G}_+(x)$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \phi(x,t) = \hat{H}_0 \phi(x,t) + U_0 |\phi(x,t)|^2 \phi(x,t) + 2U_0 \bar{G}_N(x,x,t) \phi(x,t) + U_0 \bar{G}_+(x,x,t) \phi^\dagger(x,t) \quad (3.62)$$

$\bar{G}_N(x,x) = n_{unc}(x)$   $\equiv$  density of uncondensed (thermal) atoms

[see p. 44 / 48] (3.62), we need to know  $G_N(x,x,t), G_+(x,x,t)$

We can get those from the Heisenberg equations for  $\hat{x}^\dagger(x) \hat{x}(x)$  and  $\hat{x}(x) \hat{x}(x)$ :

Hartree-Fock Bogoliubov equations:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} G_+(x,x') = \langle [\hat{x}^\dagger(x) \hat{x}(x), \hat{H}] \rangle = [\hat{H}_0(x) + \hat{H}_0(x')] G_+(x,x') + 2U_0 [|\phi(x)|^2 + |\phi(x')|^2 + \bar{G}_N(x) + \bar{G}_N(x')] G_+(x,x') + U_0 [\phi(x)^2 G_N^*(x,x') + \phi(x')^2 G_N(x,x') + \bar{G}_+(x) G_N^*(x,x') + \bar{G}_+(x') G_N(x,x')] + U_0 [\phi(x)^2 + G_N(x,x)] \delta^{(3)}(x-x')$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} G_N(x,x') = [\hat{H}_0(x) - \hat{H}_0(x')] G_N(x,x') + 2U_0 [|\phi(x)|^2 - |\phi(x')|^2 + \bar{G}_N(x) - \bar{G}_N(x')] G_N(x,x') + U_0 [\bar{G}_N(x) G_N^*(x,x') - \bar{G}_N(x') G_N(x,x')] + U_0 [\phi(x)^2 G_N^*(x,x') - \phi(x')^2 G_N(x,x')]$$



# Depletion and renormalisation

In  $|\psi\rangle = |0\rangle$  (Pd G $\ddagger$ -vacuum)  $n_{unc}(x) = G_N(x,x)$  is the density of uncondensed density. For homogeneous BEC:

$$n_{unc}(x) = \sum_n |v_n(x)|^2 = \frac{1}{V} \sum_q v_q^2 \xrightarrow{3D} \frac{1}{V} \int_0^\infty dq q^2 (4\pi) \underset{\substack{\text{density of states } D \\ (\frac{2\pi}{L})^3}}{V q^2} V q^2$$

[We have converted sum  $\rightarrow$  integral, using density of states  $D$  for quantised particles in 3D box ( $k_i = \frac{n\pi}{L}$ ) [but only one  $k_i$  per cell not two ( $\pm k_i$ )]]

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dq q^2 v_q^2 \quad \text{Eq. (3.51)} \quad \frac{8(m U_0 \rho)^{3/2}}{3\pi^3 \pi^2}$$

Using also  $U_0 = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 a_s}{m}$  we find

Condensate depletion:  $\frac{n_{unc}}{\rho} = \frac{8}{3\sqrt{\pi}} (\frac{8}{3} a_s^3)^{1/2} \quad (3.65)$

• Typical numbers:  $a_s = 5.5 \text{ nm}$  (Rb),  $\rho = 10^{19} / \text{m}^3$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{n_{unc}}{\rho} = 0.2\%$  uncondensed density due to vacuum fluctuations.

Let us also calculate

$$\overline{G_A}(x) = G_A(x,x) = - \sum_n u_n(x) v_n^*(x) \underset{\text{above}}{\approx} \infty \quad \downarrow \text{divergent integral.} \quad (3.66)$$

$$\underset{\text{integral}}{\text{cut-off}} \frac{4}{\pi^2} \int_0^{K_{1200}} dq q^2 u_q v_q^* \approx - \frac{4m U_0 \rho K}{\pi^2 \hbar^2} \approx - \frac{2e}{\hbar} U_0 \rho$$

This divergence has the same cause as in other local quantum-field theories (e.g. particle physics): The implicit mathematical (but not physical) assumption that the theory is valid to arbitrarily high energy scales.

Solution: Renormalisation = we absorb "infinities" (here  $K$ ) into parameters in the Hamiltonian.

Renormalisation

# Renormalised interaction $U$

$$U_0 = \frac{U}{1 - \alpha U}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{4mK}{2\pi^2 A^2} \quad (3.67)$$

- $\alpha$  "infinite",  $U_0$  "infinite",  $U$  "finite"  
(parameter in  $\hat{H}$ ) ( $\uparrow$  observable quantity)

• "infinite" means  $\infty$  in the limit  $K \rightarrow \infty$

• To see (3.67) can ~~do~~ e.g. Born scattering from  $\hat{H}$  calc.

Example here: Renormalised mean-field interaction in modified GPE (3.62)

$$i\hbar \dot{\phi} = \hat{H}_0 \phi + U_0 |\phi|^2 \phi + 2U_0 \bar{\psi}_N \phi + U_0 \bar{\psi}_A \phi^*$$

*Oh ignore, may  $\bar{\psi}_N$  small can't ignore if  $\rightarrow \infty$*

Use  $\bar{\psi}_A = -\alpha \underline{U} \psi$  (from (3.66))

*Would need Pde with  $|\phi| + \bar{\psi}_N$  per this (self correlated eqn)*

$\uparrow$  Replacing  $U_0 \rightarrow U$  in Pde equations (derived fr. already renormalized GPE)

Then

$$i\hbar \dot{\phi} = \hat{H}_0 \phi + \underbrace{(U_0(1 - \alpha U))}_{=U, \text{ finite, fr. (3.53)}} |\phi|^2 \phi + 2U \bar{\psi}_N \phi \quad (3.68)$$

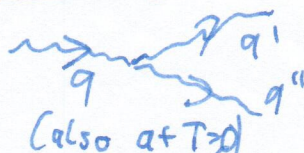
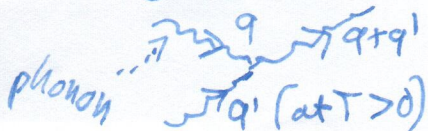
(steps in brown are allowed because perturbations  $\bar{\psi}$  (hence  $\bar{\psi}_N, \bar{\psi}_A, \bar{\psi}_N, \bar{\psi}_A$ ) are "small")

- For numerical implementation:  $K$  frequently small enough that renormalisation can be ignored

## Appraisal of HFB:

- PRO
- Seemingly straightforward implementation
  - Easy implementation conceptually
  - Includes repulsion between BEC & thermal cloud
  - Includes convesion  $\rightarrow$  (heating)

- CON
- Subtleties with renormalisation  $\rightarrow$  self-consistent  $\rho \rho$
  - Excitations from (3.48) have gap, ( $E_q \rightarrow$  nonzero for  $q \rightarrow 0$ ) should be gapless (Hugenholtz-Pines theorem & Goldstone theorem)
  - Computationally hard in general 3D case ( $\Rightarrow$  6D  $G_n, G_n$ )
  - No  $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}$  terms  $\Rightarrow$  Absence of phonon damping



$\Rightarrow$  Various "fixes" of HFB & Alternatives (see next page) 56

### 3.5.2. Other Bose-gas QFTs

• HFB straightforward to derive, but issues listed on previous page

Alternative methods to study quantum-field corrections beyond the GPE, or fully quantum models

① → FPI

Truncated Wigner approximation:

• Write  $W(\alpha, \alpha^*) = F[\hat{A}(\alpha, \alpha^*), \hat{\rho}]$   
 Wigner function      here, not operators      functional      operator basis      density matrix

• review  
 • + single mode  
 • later review  
 (see p. 246 for single mode example)

• Convert  $\hat{S} \rightarrow \hat{W} = \dots$

• Map to stochastic differential equation

$i\hbar \dot{\alpha}(x) = \dots$

• Looks like GPE + random noise

• Get e.g.  $\langle \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(x') \hat{\Psi}(x) \rangle = \overline{\alpha^*(x') \alpha(x)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \delta(x-x')$

renormalisation issues again

② tDMRG: time dependent density matrix renormalisation group

$\hat{\Psi}(x) \rightarrow \hat{\Psi}(x_k)$  solve all of (3.26) HE. Heisenberg eqn

• Works well in 1D for not "too much entanglement"

③ MCTDH(B) Multi-configurational time-dependent Hartree for Bosons.

• Starts with a more complicated Ansatz than (3.16)  $\left[ \prod_{i=1}^N \psi(x_i) \right]$  into the many-body ~~SE~~ SE, that allows multiple strongly occupied states.

④ Few exact solutions: 1D,  $U_0 < 0$  (attractive)

Lieb-Liniger Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_n^2} + \sum_{n,m=1}^N \frac{U_0}{2} \delta(x_n - x_m)$$

Soliton solution

$$\Psi(x_1, \dots, x_N) \sim e^{iKX_{cm}} \exp\left[-\frac{m|U_0|}{2\hbar^2} |x_i - x_j|\right]$$

(see Eq. (2.23),  $v=0$ , 0 from (3.17) (Firstquad A).