

# Dipolar bosons: from solitons to rotons



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# in search of stronger dipolar gases...

Chromium: 2005, Tilman Pfau, Stuttgart

$$\mu_{Cr} = 6\mu_B$$

Erbium, 2012, Francesca Ferlaino, Innsbruck

$$\mu_{Er} = 7\mu_{B}$$

Dysprosium, 2011, Ben Lev, Urbana-Champaign

$$\mu_{Dy} = 10\mu_{B}$$

## dark solitons-contact interactions

## Hartree wave function for N bosons:

$$\Phi(x_1, x_2, ..., x_N, t) = \prod_{i=1}^N \varphi(x_i, t)$$

**BEC equation - Gross-Pitaevski equation** 

$$i\hbar\dot{\varphi}(x,t) = \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + g|\varphi|^2\right]\varphi(x,t)$$

on a line is of soliton category, but....

•g>0 - dark solitons

never infinite line

always 3D

•(almost) always trap (additional harmonic potential)

## collision of dark solitons



S. Stellmer, C. Becker, P. Soltan-Panahi, E-M. Richter, S. Dörscher, M. Baumert, J. Kronjäger, K. Bongs, and K. Sengstock, Collisions of Dark Solitons in Elongated Bose-Einstein Condensates. PRL, **101**, 120406 (2008)

## effective 1D potential



## (kill the contact term by Feshbach resonance)

## single dipolar soliton 1D - box with periodic boundary conditions

**constraint:** 
$$\varphi(z) = \frac{\pi}{2} \left( \frac{2z}{L} - \operatorname{sgn}(z) \right)$$



## evolution of a single dipolar soliton

## (in a co-moving frame)



## inter-soliton potential





K. Pawłowski and K. Rz. New J. Phys. 17 (2015) 105006)

# How about realistic trapping potential?

## N=10000 Dysprosium atoms

## $(\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z) = 2\pi (128, 128, 2) Hz$

T. Bland, K. Pawłowski, M. J. Edmonds, K. Rzążewski, and N. G. Parker, Anomalous oscillations of dark solitons in trapped dipolar condensates, Phys. Rev. A, 95, 063622 (2017)

## inelastic collisions of dipolar solitons in a 3D trap





FIG. 4. (Color online) Oscillation frequency and phase d gram for a dark soliton in a <sup>164</sup>Dy BEC with Feshbach tuni of  $a_s$ , based on a recent experiment set-up [43]. Shown a cases where the soliton is imposed in the initial conditi (blue triangles, as per Fig. 1) and imprinted in real tim (red crosses). Outside of the dark soliton regime, the co

Lieb-Liniger model (1963)

- ID model, no trap
- N bosonic atoms
- periodic boundary condition
- contact, repulsive, interaction potential

$$\left[-\sum_{j=1}^{N}\frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{j}^{2}}+2c\sum_{j>l}\delta(x_{j}-x_{l})\right]\Psi=E\Psi$$

## small number of atoms in a ring trap



R. Kanamoto, L. D. Carr, and M. Ueda, Phys. Rev. A, 81, 023625 (2010).



#### wave function of a "dark soliton"

$$=\frac{1}{\sqrt{L^{N}\binom{N}{N/2}}}\sum_{\sigma}e^{i2\pi(x_{\sigma(1)}+x_{\sigma(2)}+\ldots+x_{\sigma(N/2)})/L},$$

#### wave function of the last atom

$$\psi_{\text{con}}^{x_1,...,x_{N-1}}(x_N) \propto 1 + e^{2i\pi(x_N+X)/L},$$



R. Ołdziejewski, W. Górecki, K. Pawłowski, and K. Rzążewski, Many-body solitonlike states of the bosonic ideal gas *Phys. Rev. A*, **97**, 063617 (2018)



Roton in a many-body dipolar system <u>Rafał Ołdziejewski, Wojciech Górecki, Krzysztof Pawłowski</u>, K. Rz.

arXiv:1801.06586

## Hamiltonian first!

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{k} \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} \hat{a}_k^{\dagger} \hat{a}_k + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k_1, k_2, k} \hat{a}_{k_1 + k}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{k_2 - k}^{\dagger} V_{\text{eff}}(k) \hat{a}_{k_1} \hat{a}_{k_2},$$
(1)

Bogoliubov spectrum

$$\epsilon_k = \sqrt{\frac{k^2}{2} \left(\frac{k^2}{2} + 2NV_{\text{eff}}(k)\right)}$$

L L. Santos, G. V. Shlyapnikov, and M. Lewenstein, PRL 90, 250403 (2003)

#### number conserving Bogoliubov vacuum:

$$|0\rangle_B \propto \left( \left( \hat{a}_0^{\dagger} \right)^2 + 2\sum_{k>0}^{\infty} \frac{v_k}{u_k} \hat{a}_k^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{-k}^{\dagger} \right)^{N/2} |\text{vac}\rangle$$

## Can roton appear as the yrast state?



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## deep roton N=8





# conclusions:

- solitons in dipolar gas interact
- their collisions are inelastic
- also in this case dark solitons exist in thermal equilibrium
- their oscillation frequency strongly depends on the strength of dipolar interactions

few dipolar atoms - a soluble problem
with rich structure