Non-linear effects in modulated 1D BEC Decoherence and out of equilibrium physics, Observing the *pre-heating* scenario?

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Mainly based on **1802.00739**, PRD 98 (2018), but also on PRD 97 (2018) 065018, PRD 96 (2017) 045012. QFT in curved space-time leads to two remarkable predictions

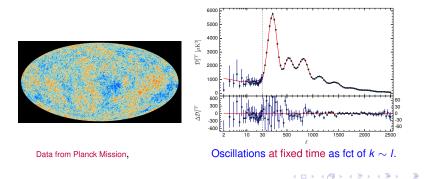
- black holes emit a steady thermal flux of quanta that are entangled to inside partners of opposite energy, Hawking '74.
- pairs of quanta with opposite momenta $(\vec{k}, -\vec{k})$ are spontaneously produced in cosmological **t-dependent** metrics, Parker-Zeldovich late '60s, aka DEC (Dynamical Casimir Effect).

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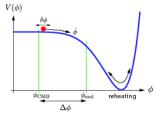
- to nearly scale-invariant spectra: $P_k \propto H^2 k^{\epsilon}$ with $\epsilon \ll 1$.
- Sakharov oscillations in the CMB anisotropy spectrum.



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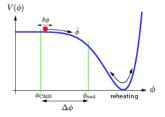
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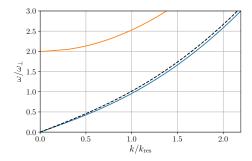
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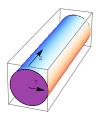
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- Longitudinal excitations (in z) with $\omega \ll \omega_{\perp}$ are effective 1D phonons, where $\omega_{\perp} = \hbar/(ma_{\perp}^2)$ is the radial trapping freq. and a_{\perp} the cloud radius.
- Dispersion relations of cyl. symmetric lowest and "breathing" modes for n₁a_s = 0.6, in the so-called "quasi-condensate 1D regime", see next slide



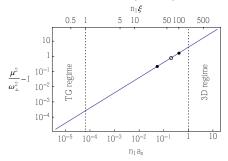


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The dotted line is the approximate law obtained using the factorization $\Phi = \Phi_0(r) \times (\sqrt{n_1} + \delta \phi(z, t)).$

• Have a rather rich phase space characterized by several scales: a_{\perp} , L, a_s , ξ , ...



Chemical potential μ/ω_{\perp} as a fct of $n_1 a_s$ (bottom) and $n_1 \xi$ (top), for $a_s/a_{\perp} = 5.5 \ 10^{-3}$.

empty circle is Chris' 2012, filled circles are sup. and subsonic Jeff's 2016

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Have been used in many analog gravity experiments:

- Engels et al. for studying "Faraday" waves (PRL 2007) Abstract: "intriguing nonlinear dynamics ... are observed"
- Westbrook et al. for studying k, -k correlations (PRL 2012).
 very close settings as the above
- Jeff' experiments of the BH-laser (Nat. Phys. 2014), for entanglement (Nat. Phys. 2016), and thermality (Nature. 2019) of analog BH radiation

Elongated cyl. symm. quasi-condensates

The Bose gaz is described by

$$\hat{\Phi} = \Phi_0 + \delta \hat{\Phi} \,, \tag{1}$$

where Φ_0 is the mean field condensate and $\delta \hat{\Phi}$ describes perturbations.

The mean field Φ_0 obeys the **3D GPE (** $\hbar = 1$ **)**:

$$\mathbf{i}\partial_t \Phi_0 = -\frac{1}{2m} \nabla^2 \Phi_0 + V(\vec{x}) \Phi_0 + g |\Phi_0|^2 \Phi_0$$
(2)

Assuming a cylindrically symmetric harmonic potential:

$$V\left(\vec{x}\right) = \frac{m}{2} \left(\omega_{\perp}^2 r^2 + \omega_{\parallel}^2 z^2 \right),\tag{3}$$

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 $\omega_{\parallel}^2 \ll \omega_{\perp}^2$, gives an elongated cigar with $a_{\parallel} \gg a_{\perp}$, where $a_i \doteq 1/(m\omega_i)^{1/2}$.

In our analysis, we put $\omega_{\parallel} = 0$ and work with homogeneous cyl. symm. condensates of size $L \gg a_{\perp}$, typically $L/a_{\perp} \sim 100$.

Longitudinal excitations with momentum k

Linear longitudinal (node-less) pert. are (approx.) described by a 1D field $\hat{\phi}(t, z)$

$$\hat{\Phi} = \Phi_0(t, r) \left(\sqrt{n_1} + \hat{\phi}(t, z) \right) , \qquad (4)$$

where $\rho_0(t, r) = n_1 \times |\Phi_0(t, r)|^2$ is the background density of mean radius a_{\perp} .

The linearized 3D GPE then gives the 1D-BdG equation

$$i \partial_t \hat{\phi} = -\frac{1}{2m} \partial_z^2 \hat{\phi} + n_1 g_1 \left(\hat{\phi} + \hat{\phi}^\dagger \right)$$
(5)

 n_1 is the linear atom density, and $g_1 \doteq g/2\pi a_{\perp}^2$ the effective 1D coupling (which becomes t-dependent when varying ω_{\perp} or g).

Exploiting **homogeneity**, work with Fourier components $\hat{\phi}_k(t)$

$$\hat{\phi}(t,z) = \sum_{k \in 2\pi \mathbb{Z}/L} \hat{\phi}_k(t) \; \frac{e^{ikz}}{\sqrt{L}} , \qquad (6)$$

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where $\hat{\phi}_k$ destroys an **atom** carrying longit. momentum *k*.

Phonon dispersion relation

The 1D-BdG eq. for the **atomic operators** $\hat{\phi}_k$, $\hat{\phi}_{-k}^{\dagger}$ reads

$$i\partial_t \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\phi}_k \\ \hat{\phi}_{-k}^{\dagger} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_k & g_1 n_1 \\ -g_1 n_1 & -\Omega_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\phi}_k \\ \hat{\phi}_{-k}^{\dagger} \end{bmatrix},$$
(7)

where $\Omega_k \equiv k^2/2m + g_1n_1$.

They are related to **phonon operators** $\hat{\varphi}_k$, $\hat{\varphi}_{-k}^{\dagger}$ by a Bogoliubov transformation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\phi}_{k} \\ \hat{\phi}^{\dagger}_{-k} \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} u_{k} & v_{k} \\ v_{k} & u_{k} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\varphi}_{k} \\ \hat{\varphi}^{\dagger}_{-k} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad (8)$$

where u_k, v_k obey $|u_k| - |v_k|^2 = 1$.

The phonic dispersion relation is (approx.)

$$\omega_k^2 = c^2 k^2 + \left(\frac{k^2}{2m}\right)^2 \,, \tag{9}$$

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where $c \equiv (g_1 n_1 / m)^{1/2}$ is the eff. 1D speed of sound (on the lowest phonic branch).

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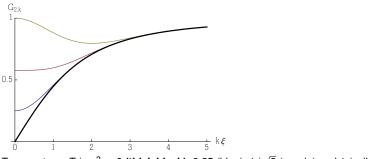
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Before a quench, starting with a stationary incoherent thermal state, $c_k \equiv 0$ (hence no k, -k correl.), and n_k is Planckian.

For 4 different temperatures, $G_{2,k}$ as a function of k is



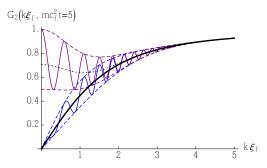
Temperature: $T/mc^2 = 0$ (thick black), 0.25 (blue), $1/\sqrt{3}$ (purple) and 1 (yellow).

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The low-k intercept gives the temperature in units of mc^2 ,

see in situ observations of J. Steinhauer et al, PRL 2013

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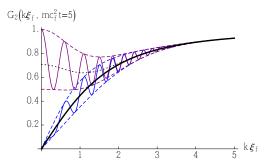


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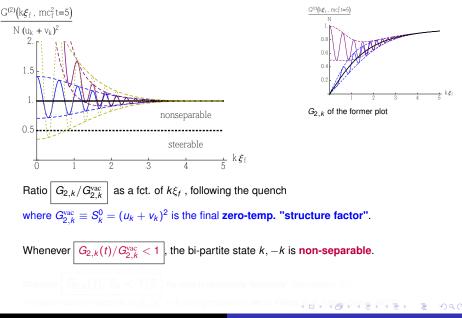


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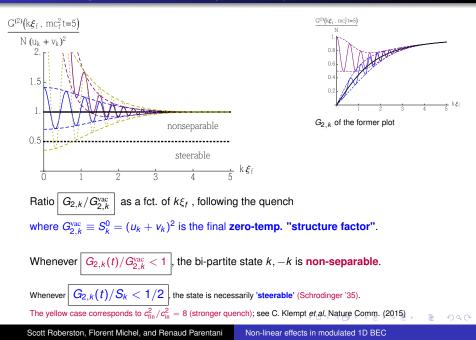
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Westbrook's second 2012 experiment

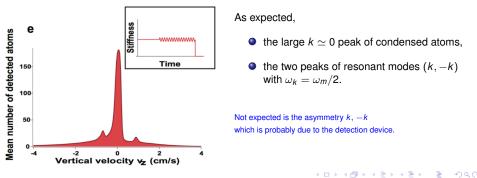
To isolate resonant modes, they periodically modulated ω_{\perp} :

 $\omega_{\perp}(t)/\omega_{\perp}^{0} = 1 + A \sin(\omega_{\text{mod}} t)$

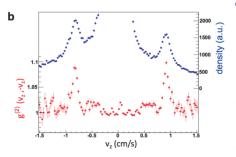
with $A=0.05, N_{oscil.}\sim$ 10, and with $\omega_{\rm mod}=0.7\,\omega_{\perp}$ in order

to excite only node-free soft modes, and be adiabatic wrt cloud oscillations.

They observed (after TOF) the final atomic distribution n_k^{at}



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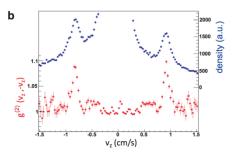
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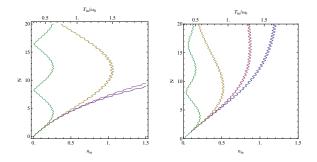
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Theory: adding some weak dissipation

Effect of weak dissipation $\Gamma/\omega_0 = 0.01$ on non-separability.



Non-separability threshold $\Delta_k = 0$ in the plane (n^{in} , N_{osc}): Left without dissipation, resonant modes become non-separable $\forall n^{in}$ Right with dissipation, for $n^{in} \gtrsim 1.2$ non-sep. is not reached even for $N_{osc} \rightarrow \infty$. This reduction could play a crucial role in Chris' 2^d experiment

More work is needed to compute the decoherence rate Γ in 1D-BEC at finite T, work in progress

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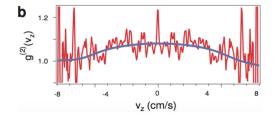
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- They suddenly increased ω_{\perp} :

$$\perp : \boxed{\omega_{\perp fin}^2 / \omega_{\perp in}^2 = 2},$$

- They waited 30ms before opening the trap.
 - The observed cross correlation $g_{\text{cross}}^{(2)}(k)$ is:





- One sees: smoothed $g_{cross}^{(2)}(k) \lesssim 1.1$, hence very weak (k, -k) correlations over a wide range: $|k|\xi \lesssim 3$.

Comparison with theory

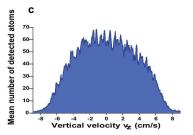
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- is also supported by their measurement of n^{at}_k versus k



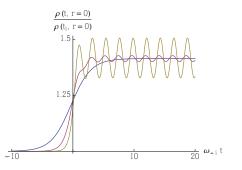
- no central peak of atoms near k = 0.
- their condensate has been **burned out**:
- they have observed a hot gas of atoms, analogous to a radiation dominated era.

Explanation: varying ω_{\perp} suddenly

Their change was sudden: $\omega_{\perp}^2(t)/\omega_{\perp in}^2 \sim A + B \tanh(Ht)$ wi

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$$H/\omega_{\perp} \sim 1$$

It is thus **non-adiabatic w.r.t. the radial cloud dynamic** and induces **large oscillations** of the "**breathing**" mode.



The density $\rho(t, r = 0)/\rho_0$ for various $H/\omega_{\perp in}$.

The yellow curve with $H/\omega_{\perp} = 1$ matches the exp.

The radial density oscillates with a frequency $= 2\omega_{\perp}$.

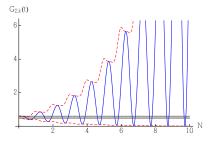
see Kagan et al. PRA 1996)

Hence one expects an exponential amplification of resonant modes with

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 $\omega_{\rm res} = \omega_{\perp}$.

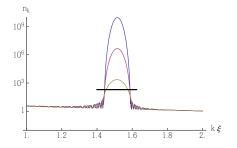
Predictions from BdG PRD 2017



Exponential growth of resonant modes with $\omega_{k_{res}} = \omega_{\perp}$.

They obey a Mathieu eq. driven by the coherent oscill. of the cloud.

NB. In the experiment $N_{
m oscillations}$ \sim 60.



Phonon nb. $n_{k_{res}}$ for $N_{osc.} = 15, 30, and 60,$ using experimental parameters.

Black line indicates when BdG is no longer valid: for $N_{\rm osc.} \sim 10$, i.e. ~ 5 ms.

One must work beyond (mean field + BdG).

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 \rightarrow Out of equilibrium physics

Non-linear dynamics: 1. Longitudinal effects

Keeping the factorization ansatz:

$$\Psi(r,\theta,z,t)=\psi(r,t)\times\phi(z,t)\,,$$

longitudinal perturbations now obey a non-linear 1D GPE

$$i \hbar \partial_t \phi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \partial_z^2 \phi + g_1(t) \left(|\phi|^2 - n_1 \right) \phi \, , \tag{15}$$

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where $g_1(t) = g/2\pi\sigma(t)^2$ as in BdG.

Eq. (15) describes a self-interacting 1D field propagating in an oscillatory background described by $\sigma(t)$.

2. Backreaction on radial oscillations

• Since the system is isolated, $|E_{Total} = E_{rad}(t) + E_{longit}(t)|$ is conserved.

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- Hence the increase of $E_{\text{longit}}(t)$ causes a reduction of the amplitude of radial (inflaton) oscillations.
- The modified EoM of $\sigma(t)$ is $m\ddot{\sigma} = -\partial_{\sigma} V_{\text{eff}}$

where the effective radial potential is $V_{\text{eff}}(\sigma, t) = V_0(\sigma) + V_{\text{longit}}(\sigma, t)$.

- We then self-consistently solved the coupled eqs. for $\phi(t, z)$ and $\sigma(t)$. ۰
- NB. The interesting effects are found in the longitudinal 1D physics and not in the (expected) decrease of radial oscillations.

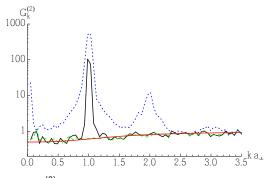
Initial conditions and TWA

The initial conditions are

- for the **radial profile** $\rho^{in}(r)$:
 - at t < 0, ρⁱⁿ(r) describes the cloud at rest in the ω_{⊥in}-trap,
 - at $t = 0^+$, the radial oscillations caused by the jump $\omega_{\perp fin}^2 / \omega_{\perp in}^2 = 2$.
- for the **longitudinal profile** $\phi^{in}(z)$
 - a homogeneous 1D condensate, and
 - a (homogeneous) phonon bath with initial temperature T_{in}.
 - the latter is described a Gaussian set of random realizations, typically 100 using the Truncated Wigner Approximation (TWA)

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Ensemble averaged results: Early times, all k



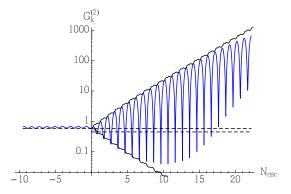
In situ $G_k^{(2)}$ after 0, 14, and 28 oscillations (in a log scale).

- At N = 0, the thermal $G_k^{(2)}$ with $T = mc^2/2$. (In red: BdG, in dashed green: TWA outcome)

- At N = 14, only a single narrow peak with $\omega_{k_{res}} = \omega_{\perp}$, as in BdG.

- At N = 28, saturation of the growth and several broadened peaks due to non-linearities neglected in BdG

First deviations wrt to BdG for resonant modes



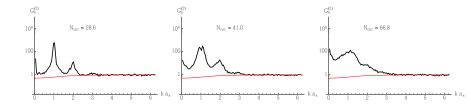
In situ $G_{k=k_{res}}^{(2)}(t)$ as function of N_{osc} , in black the corresp. BdG envelops

For $N \gtrsim 7$, first visible deviations wrt to BdG

The first non-trivial effect is **decoherence** of the k, -k pairs, i.e. a **loss of non-separability**, here near $N_{osc} = 17$.

NB. In Chris' experim. it should occur earlier.

Behavior of $G_k^{(2)}(t)$ at late times, all k.



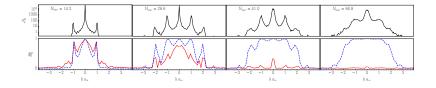
Behavior of $G_k^{(2)}$ for N = 28.6, 41.0, 66.8, in a log scale.

The **broadening of the peaks** at k = 0, k_{res} and $2k_{res}$ is manifest.

This is (probably) due to exchanges of many soft phonons, work in progress.

They reveal a trend towards thermal equilibrium at high $T \sim 100 mc^2$, indicated by the late value of $G_{k \rightarrow 0}^{(2)}$.

Atomic number and correlations, all k, late times

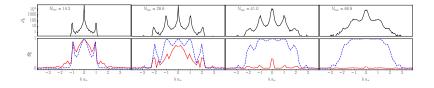


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In dashed blue, the non-separability threshold

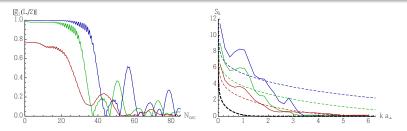
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The early left plot shows atomic non-separability, since $|\eta_k > \eta_{k,\text{threshold}}$

The last plot shows a loss of (classical) coherence, in agreement with Chris' observations

Spatial coherence and entropy



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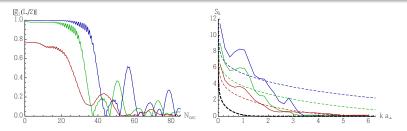
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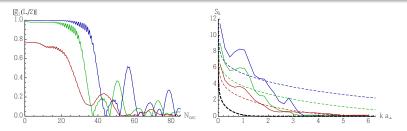
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