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Basic introduction to Hubbard models

Interactions and tunneling in the BHM

Basic introduction into 1D systems

Strongly interacting bosons in 1D systems

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Motivation



Investigating Bose/Fermi-Hubbard models



Basis for all lattice experiments: cold atoms

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An apparatus like this:





Trapping and cooling atoms down to μK

Further cooling by evaporation for getting a BEC

Creation of an optical lattice



Original concept





Local particles

Band structure optical lattice

metal

F. Bloch

Energy



insulator

Localized wavefunctions optical lattice: Wannier functions $w_i(x)$



Controllable interactions







Groundstates and phase diagram



Experiment

External confinement



• No excitation gap • No excitation gap Mott insulator (MI) • Localized particles • No phase coherence • No phase coherence • No phase coherence • No phase coherence

• Excitation gap

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Bosons (2002)

Quantum phase transition from a superfluid to a Mott insulator in a gas of ultracold atoms

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For a system at a temperature of absolute zero, all thermal fluctuations are frozen out, while quantum fluctuations prevail. These microscopic quantum fluctuations can induce a macroscopic phase transition in the ground state of a many-body system when the relative strength of two competing energy terms is varied across a critical value. Here we observe such a quantum phase transition in a Bose–Einstein condensate with repulsive interactions, held in a three-dimensional optical lattice potential. As the potential depth of the lattice is increased, a transition is observed from a superfluid to a Mott insulator phase. In the superfluid phase, each

Fermions (2008)

Metallic and Insulating Phases of Repulsively Interacting Fermions in a 3D Optical Lattice

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The fermionic Hubbard model plays a fundamental role in the description of strongly correlated materials. We have realized this Hamiltonian in a repulsively interacting spin mixture of ultracold ⁴⁰K atoms in a three-dimensional (3D) optical lattice. Using in situ imaging and independent control of external confinement and lattice depth, we were able to directly measure the compressibility of the quantum gas in the trap. Together with a comparison to ab initio dynamical mean field theory

LETTERS

A Mott insulator of fermionic atoms in an optical lattice

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articles

Strong interactions between electrons in a solid material can lead to surprising properties. A prime example is the Mott insulator, in which suppression of conductivity occurs as a result of interactions rather than a filled Bloch band¹. Proximity to the Mott insulating phase in fermionic systems is the origin of many intriguing phenomena in condensed matter physics², most notably high-temnerature superconductivity². The Hubbard model⁴, which encom-

the physics of strongly correlated systems. In an optical lattice three mutually perpendicular standing laser waves create a periodic potential for the atoms. The kinetics of the atoms is determined by their tunnelling rate between neighbouring lattice sites, and the interaction is due to interatomic collisions occurring when two atoms are on the same site. In a gas of fermions in different spin states this collisional interaction can be widely tuned through a Fesbhach resonance with-

Typical experimental setup, as in our group



Measurement method

Probe coherence by TOF measurements





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Observable: Contrast









Mark et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 175301 (2011)

Quantum-gas microscope



System

Greiner group @ Harvard



'wedding cake structure'





uning cake structure

Bose-Hubbard and beyond



The standard Bose-Hubbard model

$$\widehat{H} = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \widehat{a}_i^{\dagger} \widehat{a}_j + \sum_i \frac{U}{2} \widehat{n}_i \left(\widehat{n}_i - 1 \right) + \sum_i \epsilon_i \widehat{n}_i$$



Is this enough to describe the systems accuratly?



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Let's have a closer look at on-site contact interactions!



0.7

BEC fraction x_{BEC} 5.0 x_{BEC} 7.0 x_{BEC}

0.3

0



2.6



Busch *et al.,* Found. of Physics 28, 549 (1998) Schneider *et al.,* Phys. Rev. A 80, 013404 (2009) Büchler *et al.,* Phys. Rev. Lett. 104, 090402 (2010)

Kraemer et al., Nature 440, 315 (2006)







Measurement

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Let's have a closer look on tunneling dynamics!





Starting point

Each tube is initially in a 1D Mott insulator configuration with one atom per lattice site

Loading distribution

3D Mott insulator with an almost pure singly occupied Mott shell

About 2000 tubes are populated with up to 60 atoms per tube

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Maps to a spin model: S. Sachdev et al., Phys. Rev. B 66, 075128 (2002)



Experiment with a quantum-gas microscope: J. Simon *et* al., Nature 472, 307 (2011)

Ising-type phase transition: PM-AFM



Quench near the critical point

100 50 50 -40 -20 0 20 Detuning (U-E)/J

On resonance:

$$f_{osc} = 2\frac{\sqrt{2}J}{2\pi\hbar}$$

With detuning:

 $f_{osc} \sim (E - U)^2$

Theory: P. Rubbo et al., Phys. Rev. A 84, 033638 (2011)

Measurement

Double-well system

- Change tilt within 1ms
- Wait hold time
- Change tilt back
- Freeze the system (lattice depth)
- Measure double occupancy







Multibody effects





Tunneling modified by interactions

density-induced tunneling



Long-range interactions extensions



Let's have a closer look on long-range interactions!

Erbium properties



*Lanthanide series

* * Actinide series

63 66 67 59 60 61 62 65 Pr Nd Pm Sm Eu Gd Tb Dv Ho 140.91 144.24 [145] neptunium 150.36 151.96 157.25 164.93 protactiniu uranium plutonium americium curium berkelium californium einsteiniur 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 Pa U Np Pu Bk Cf Es Am Cm

europium

gadolinium

Bose-condensed

terbium

ysprosiu

holmium

Laser-cooled

Submerged-shell structure

lanthanun

57

_a

138.91

actinium

89

Ac

cerium

58

Ce

140.12

thorium

90

Th

aseodym

neodymiur

promethiu

samarium

• Large electronic orbital angular momentum (L=5)

Anisotropic van der Waals interaction

 \bullet Large mass and large magnetic moment of 7 μ_{B}

Dipole-dipole interaction comparable to s-wave interaction

DIPOLE-DIPOLE INTERACTION (DDI)

$$U_{\rm dd} = \frac{C_{\rm dd}}{4\pi} \frac{1 - 3\cos^2\theta}{r^3} \quad \text{anisotropic} \\ \log range$$

Review articles:

T. Lahaye et al., Rep. Prog. Phys. 72, 126401 (2009).

M.A. Baranov, Phys. Rep. 464, 71 (2008).



thulium

Tm

endeleviu

101

Md

68

Er

100

Fm

ytterbium

70

Yb

173.04 nobelium

102

No

atoms

 $C_{dd} = \mu_0 \mu$

The extended Bose-Hubard model



O. Dutta et al., Reports on Progress in Physics 78, 066001 (2015)

C. Trefzger et al., Journal of Physics B: Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics 44, 193001 (2011)

Anisotropic on-site interactions





Nearest-neighbour interactions







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One-dimensional systems



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One-dimensional systems



Interactions in one-dimensional systems

gamma parameter

$$\gamma = \frac{\text{interaction energy}}{\text{kinetic energy}} = \frac{mg_{1\text{D}}}{\hbar^2 n}$$

- g_{1D} coupling constant in 1D
- n 1D density in a uniform system

General properties

- weakly interacting system, γ<1
- strongly interacting system, γ>1
- counter-intuitive: more interacting for smaller density *n*

alpha parameter

Interaction parameter for system with harmonic confinement

$$\alpha = \frac{mg_{1\mathrm{D}} a_{||}}{\hbar^2}$$

 $a_{||}$ – harmonic oscillator length

replace distance between atoms (1/n) by harmonic oscillator length

$$a_{||} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m\omega_{||}}}$$



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Phases in one-dimensional systems



Phases in one-dimensional systems

Phase diagram at T≠0



normal density distribution

$$\psi = \sqrt{n_0} e^{i\varphi(z,t)}$$



D.S. Petrov et al., J. Phys. IV France **1** (2007)



Lieb - Liniger model

Model: E. Lieb and W. Liniger, Phys. Rev. **130**, 1605 (1963)

- bosons in uniform 1D system
- repulsive contact potential
- TG gas is exactly solvable

Hamilton operator: $H = -\sum_{i} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + c \gamma \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \delta(x_i - x_j)$ c - constant g - interaction strength $\gamma = \frac{m g_{\rm 1D}}{\hbar^2 n}$ kinetic energy interaction energy $\gamma = 0$ Ideal gas Tonks-Girardeau gas (TG) (non-interacting bosons) (non-interacting fermions) (hard spheres) $\gamma \to \infty$ g - parameter

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Interaction regimes of 1D quantum gases





One-dimensional systems





Scattering in quasi one-dimensional systems

M. Olshanii, PRL **81**, 938 (1998).

T. Bergeman et al., PRL 91,163201 (2003).



Hamiltonian: $H = H_{CM} + H_{rel}$

relative coordinates $H_{\rm rel} = \frac{p_z^2}{2\mu} + g_{\rm 3D} \delta(z, r_{\perp}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{r}} \mathbf{r} + H_{\perp}(p_{\perp}, r_{\perp})$ longitudinal $\int \int transversal$ $H_{\rm 1D} = \frac{p_z^2}{2\mu} + g_{\rm 1D}(a_{\rm 3D}, \omega_{\perp}) \delta(z)$





Bose-Fermi mapping

Identical density profiles





Bose-Fermi mapping

Identical density profiles



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Extended Bose-Fermi mapping





Extended Bose-Fermi mapping

Matching wave functions on both sides of the confinement-induced

resonance





Super Tonks-Girardeau gas





Properties of the super Tonks-Girardeau gas



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Interaction regimes of 1D quantum gases



Realization of a Tonks-Giradeau gas



Science 325, 1224 (2009)

Innsbruck group,

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0.5

1.0

ratio a_3/a_1

1.5

other approaches: B. Paredes et al., Nature 429, 277 (2004) N. Syassen et al., Science 320, 1329 (2008)

Realization of a Tonks-Giradeau gas

magnetic Feshbach resonances Cesium 133, F = 3, m_F = 3



Experimental results



Experimental realization

magnetic Feshbach resonances Cesium 133, F = 3, m_F = 3



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Observation of the sTG gas

Collective oscillations

the oscillation frequency depends on the interaction regime.





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Observation of the sTG gas

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E. Haller *et al.,* Science **325** 1224 (2009)



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