

Townes soliton beyond mean field

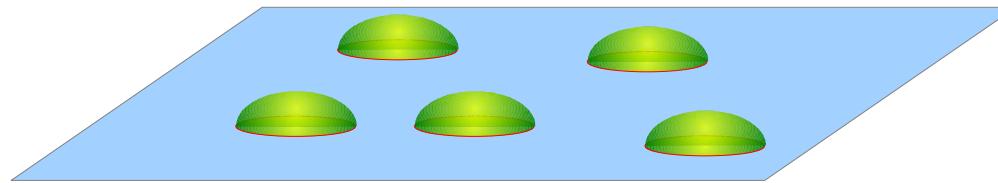
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2D attractive bosons

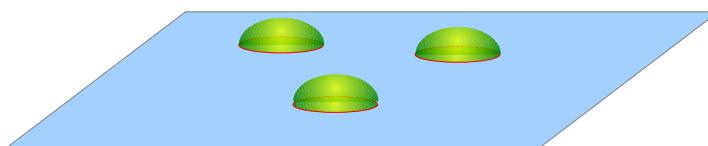
Bosons, dimension=2, zero-range attraction (a – unit of length)

single parameter: number of bosons N



$N=3,4,\dots$

Few-body methods,
Efimov ?...

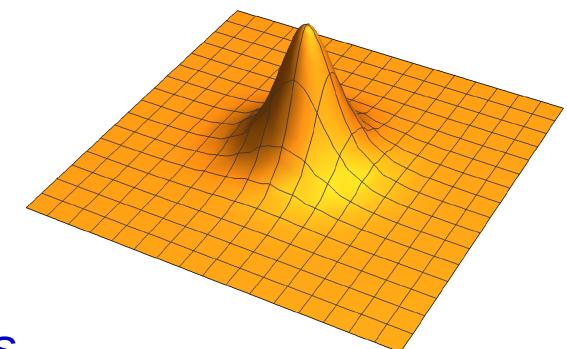


$N=10-20$

1/ N expansion, inhomogeneous
Bogoliubov theory, excitations, etc.
possibilities for ultracold expts

$N >> 1$

Mean field (classical) soliton,
scaling invariance, optical
and ultracold expts,...

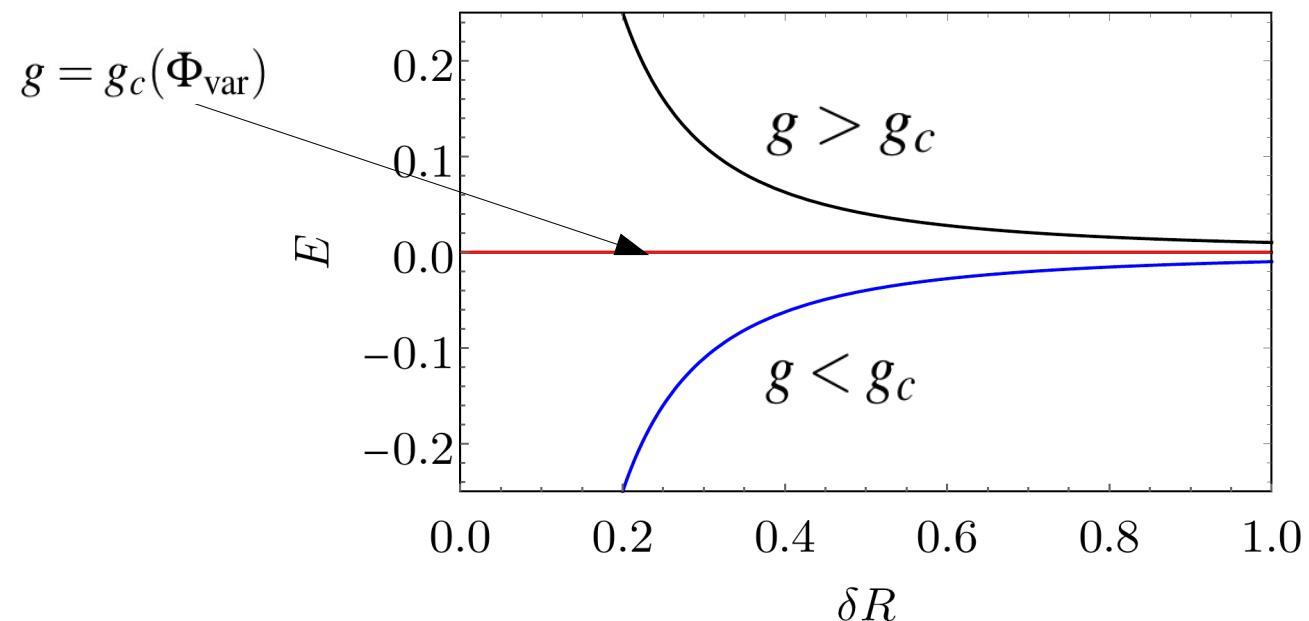
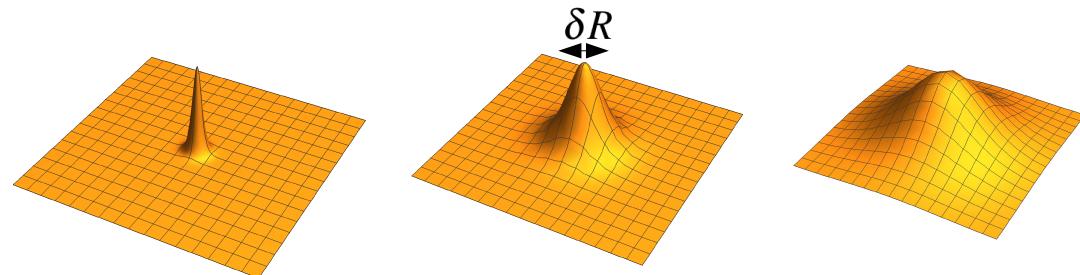


MF scaling invariance

Choose arbitrary profile $\Psi(\rho) = \Phi_{\text{var}}(\rho)$ with $N = \int |\Phi_{\text{var}}(\rho)|^2 d^2\rho$

$$E_{\text{MF}}(\Psi, \Psi^*) = (1/2) \int d^2\rho [|\nabla_\rho \Psi(\rho, t)|^2 + g|\Psi(\rho, t)|^4] \quad \longrightarrow \quad E_0 = E_{\text{MF}}[\Phi_{\text{var}}(\rho)]$$

Norm-conserving rescaling $\Phi_{\text{var}}(\rho) \rightarrow \Phi_{\text{var}}(\rho/\delta R)/\delta R$ $\longrightarrow E_0 \rightarrow E_0/\delta R^2$



Note that we variationally force the shape to be conserved !

MF scaling invariance

Gross-Pitaevskii equation : $i\partial_t \Psi(\rho, t) = -(1/2)\nabla_\rho^2 \Psi(\rho, t) + g|\Psi(\rho, t)|^2\Psi(\rho, t)$

Initial condition : $\Psi(\rho, t=0) = \Phi_{\text{var}}(\rho)$



$\Psi(\rho, t)$

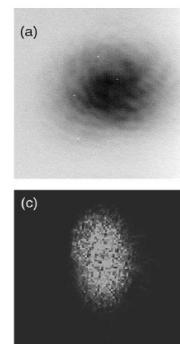
A few facts about this dynamics :

$$N \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \langle \rho^2 \rangle = 4E$$

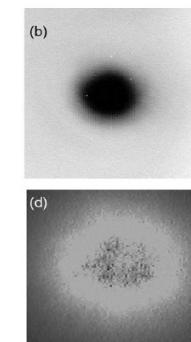
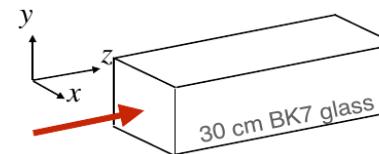
[Mlasov, Petrishchev,Talanov'71, Pitaevskii'96]

$$\frac{1}{N} \int |\Psi(\rho, t)|^2 \rho^2 d^2\rho \quad E_{\text{MF}}[\Psi(\rho, 0), \Psi^*(\rho, 0)]$$

Optical wave collapse
[Moll, Gaeta, and
Fibich'2003]



Their z is our t



Input : randomly distorted or elliptic



Output : clean isotropic ``Townsian''

Townes soliton [Chiao, Garmire, Townes'1964]

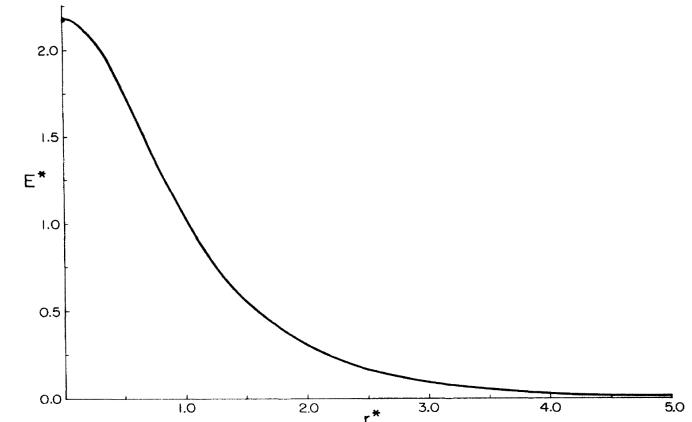
Townes profile [Chiao, Garmire, Townes'1964]

$$\frac{d^2 E^*(r^*)}{dr^{*2}} + \frac{1}{r^*} \frac{d E^*(r^*)}{dr^*} - E^*(r^*) + E^{*3}(r^*) = 0$$

$$-f''(r) - f'(r)/r - f(r)^3 = -f(r)$$

$$C := \int_0^\infty dr r f^2(r) = \int_0^\infty dr r [f'(r)]^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty dr r f^4(r) = 1.862$$

$$M_2 := \int_0^\infty dr r^3 f^2(r) = 2.211$$



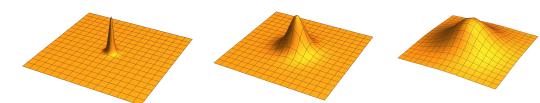
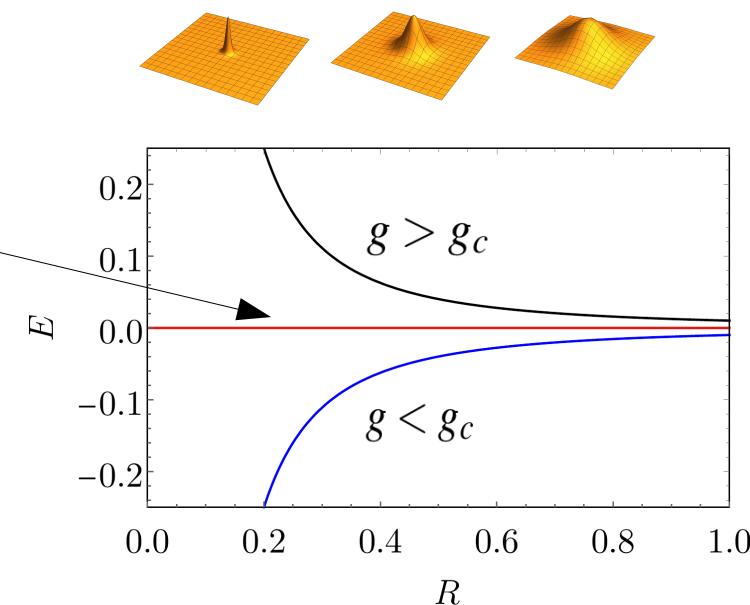
The stationary state (R is arbitrary but time-independent)

$$\Psi_R(\rho, t) = e^{it/(2R^2)} \Psi_R(\rho) = e^{it/(2R^2)} \sqrt{N/(2\pi C)} f(\rho/R)/R$$

solves GPE

$$i\partial_t \Psi(\rho, t) = -(1/2)\nabla_\rho^2 \Psi(\rho, t) + g|\Psi(\rho, t)|^2 \Psi(\rho, t)$$

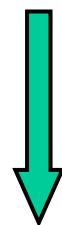
Under the condition $g = g_c = -\pi C/N = -5.85/N$



Dynamics of Townes soliton

Consider the anzats $\Psi(\rho, t) = \sqrt{N/(2\pi C)} e^{i\theta(\rho, t)} f[\rho/R(t)]/R(t)$

Determine $\theta(\rho, t)$ and $R(t)$ by minimizing the action $S = \int dt d^2\rho \mathcal{L}(\Psi, \Psi^*)$ with Lagrangian density



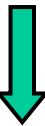
$$\mathcal{L}(\Psi, \Psi^*) = \text{Re}[i\Psi^*(\rho, t)\partial_t\Psi(\rho, t)] - |\nabla_\rho\Psi(\rho, t)|^2/2 - g|\Psi(\rho, t)|^4/2$$

Minimization wrt $\theta(\rho, t)$

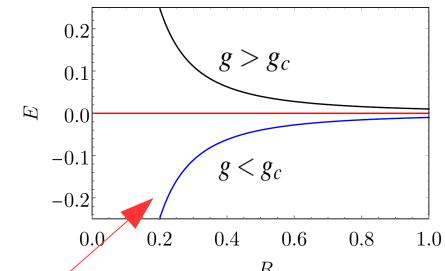
Continuity equation : $\partial_t|\Psi|^2 + \nabla_\rho(|\Psi|^2\nabla_\rho\theta) = 0$



$$\theta(\rho, t) = [\dot{R}(t)/R(t)]\rho^2/2 - \mu't$$



$$S = \text{const} + \int dt \left\{ NM_2\dot{R}^2(t)/(2C) - (g - g_c)N^2/[2\pi CR^2(t)] \right\}$$



Classical motion of a particle of mass $m_{\text{eff}} = NM_2/C$ in external potential $(g - g_c)N^2/(2\pi CR^2)$

with total energy $E = m_{\text{eff}}\dot{R}^2/2 + (g - g_c)N^2/(2\pi CR^2) = \text{const}$

...check that $d^2R^2/dt^2 = 4E/m_{\text{eff}}$

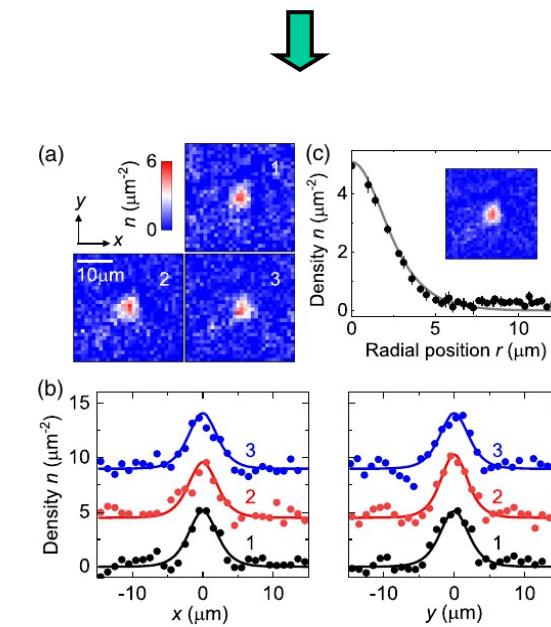
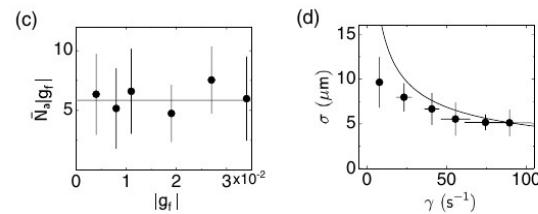
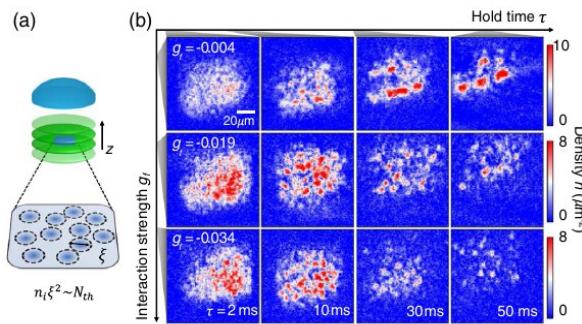


$$R(t) = \sqrt{(g - g_c)N/(\pi A) + A(t - t_0)^2/M_2}$$

where A and t_0 are determined by $R(0)$ and $\dot{R}(0)$

Purdue Cs exp

[Chen&Hung'20]



prepare repulsive
2D Cs condensate

$$g = \sqrt{8\pi}a_{3D}/l_\perp > 0$$



quench to

$$g < 0$$



Depending on g and init density \rightarrow Modulational instability gives solitons with more or less expected R and N

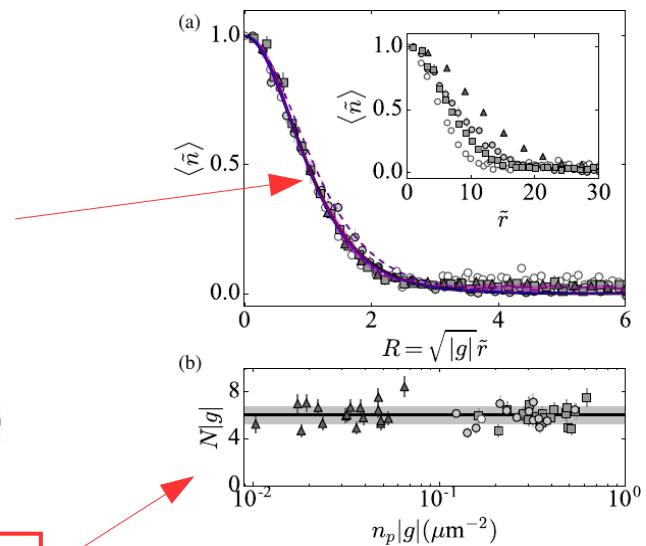
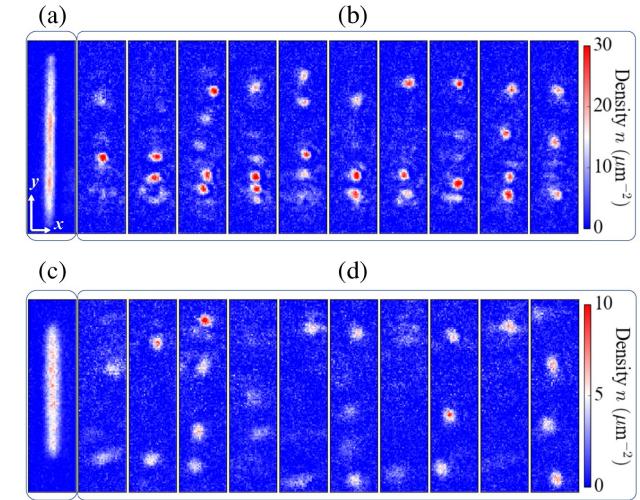


**« self-cleaned »
[Townes profile]²**

$$|\Psi_R(\rho)|^2 = \frac{N}{2\pi CR^2} f^2(\rho/R)$$

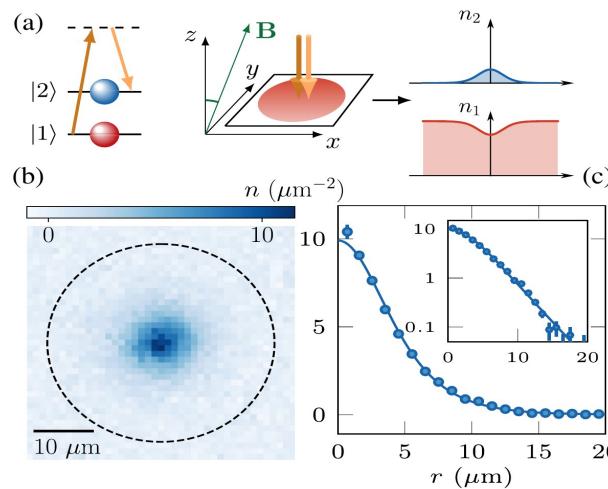
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[Chen&Hung'21]



Collège de France Rb exp

[Bakkali-Hassani et al.'21, see also Bakkali-Hassani & Dalibard, Varenna'2022]



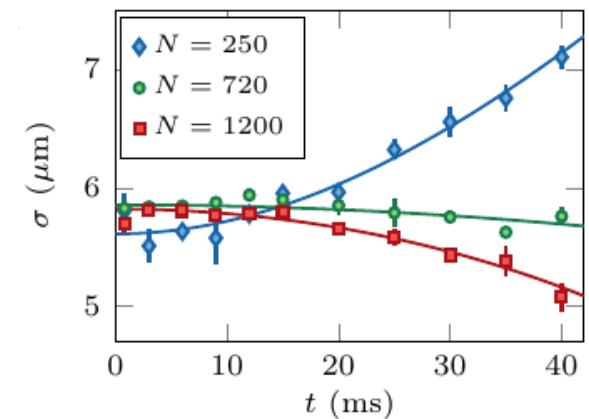
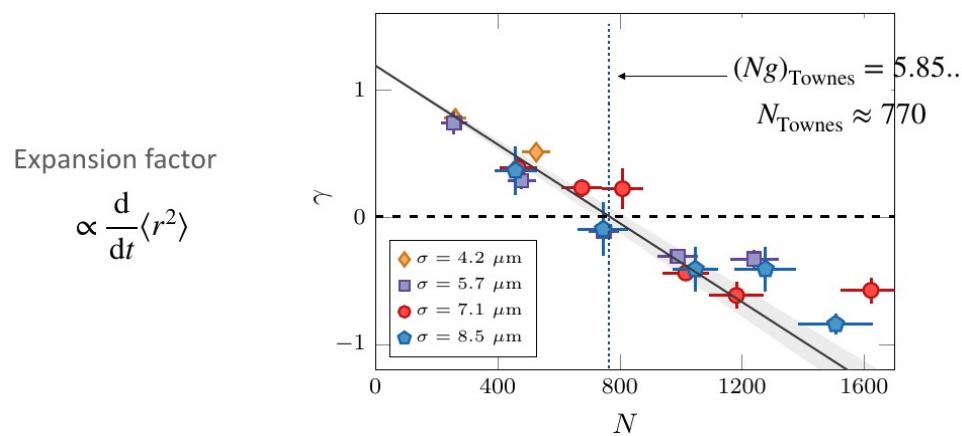
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{3D} \\ \text{scattering} \\ \text{lengths} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} a_{11}=100.9 \text{ a}_0 \\ a_{12}=100.4 \text{ a}_0 \\ a_{22}=94.9 \text{ a}_0 \end{array}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{2D} \\ \text{coupling} \\ \text{strengths} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} g_{11}=0.160 \\ g_{12}=0.159 \\ g_{22}=0.151 \end{array}$$

$$g_{\text{eff}} = g_{22} - \frac{g_{12}^2}{g_{11}} \approx -0.0076$$

$$\downarrow N_{\text{Townes}} |g| = 5.85$$

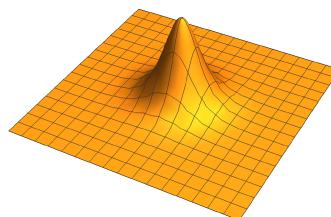
$$N_{\text{Townes}} \approx 770$$



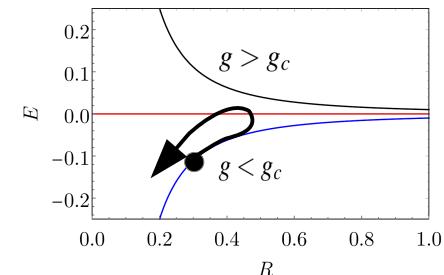
Summary (up to this point)

Townes soliton :

- universal profile
- Self-similar dynamics (if proper phase factor) parametrized by collective var. $R(t)$
- No periodic dynamics, no collective excitations (self-evaporation or self-cleaning)
- Vanishing breathing mode frequency
- If stationary, $E = Kin + Int = 0 \rightarrow$ automatic cancellation of the MF energy



$$g = g_c = -5.85/N$$



- higher-order terms become important ! Beyond-mean-field terms may be too weak in current expts. Need lower N ...
- $1/R^2$ scaling of the energy... relation to Efimov ?

Few-body results

Few-body studies



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[Platter,Hammer&Meissner'04; Brodsky et al'06]

$N \rightarrow \infty$ Hammer&Son'04;

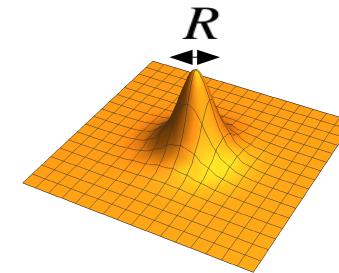
$$B_N / B_{N-1} \xrightarrow[N \rightarrow \infty]{} e^{4/C} = 8.567 \dots \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad B_N \propto B_2 e^{4N/C}$$

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Hammer&Son'2004:

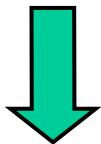
$$g \rightarrow g(R) = \frac{4\pi}{\ln(|B_2|R^2 \times \text{const})}$$

Renormalized coupling constant



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$$E_{\text{MF}}(R) = (1/2) \int d^2\rho [|\nabla_\rho \Psi_R(\rho)|^2 + g(R)|\Psi_R(\rho)|^4]$$



$$E_{\text{MF}}(R) = [g(R) - g_c]N^2/(2\pi CR^2) \text{ has minimim at } R_{\min} : g(R_{\min}) = g_c + O(N^{-2})$$



$$g_c = -\pi C/N = -5.85/N$$

$$R_{\min} = R_N \propto |B_2|^{-1/2} e^{-2N/C}$$



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$N \leq 7$ finite-range calculations
[Blume'05] (inconclusive)

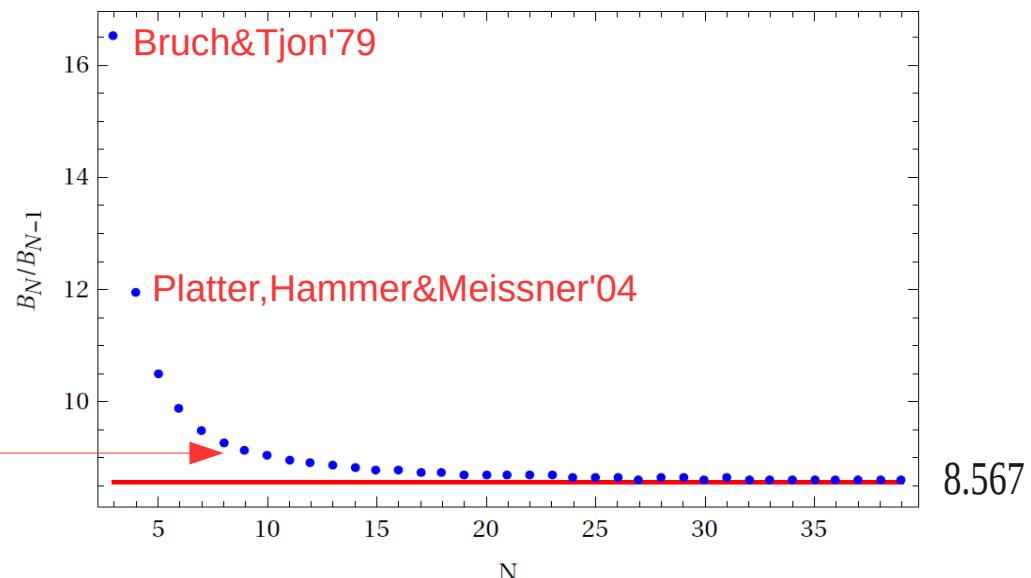
$N \leq 10$ lattice EFT
[Lee'06] $B_N/B_{N-1} \rightarrow 8.3(6)$

$N \leq 26$ STM-DMC approach
[Bazak&DSP'18]

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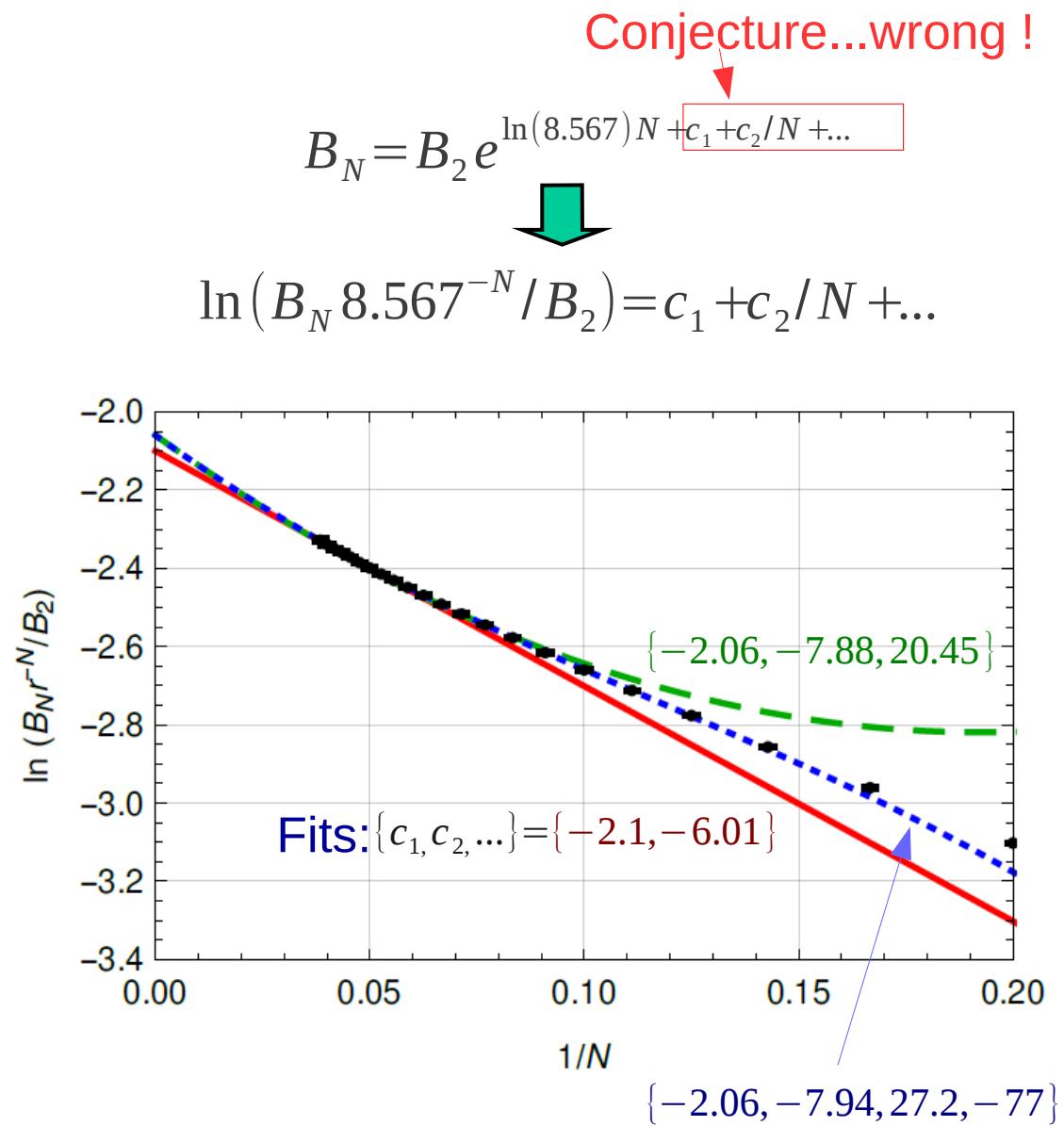
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For $N > 4$ no information about excited states:(

STM-DMC [Bazak&DSP'18]

N	B_N/B_2	N	B_N/B_2
3	$1.65225(2) \times 10^1$	15	$8.135(2) \times 10^{12}$
4	$1.9720(1) \times 10^2$	16	$7.129(4) \times 10^{13}$
5	$2.0745(1) \times 10^3$	17	$6.232(2) \times 10^{14}$
6	$2.0471(1) \times 10^4$	18	$5.438(3) \times 10^{15}$
7	$1.9462(1) \times 10^5$	19	$4.734(2) \times 10^{16}$
8	$1.8070(1) \times 10^6$	20	$4.119(2) \times 10^{17}$
9	$1.6508(4) \times 10^7$	21	$3.577(2) \times 10^{18}$
10	$1.4905(2) \times 10^8$	22	$3.108(4) \times 10^{19}$
11	$1.3345(2) \times 10^9$	23	$2.694(5) \times 10^{20}$
12	$1.1873(4) \times 10^{10}$	24	$2.332(4) \times 10^{21}$
13	$1.0508(3) \times 10^{11}$	25	$2.018(4) \times 10^{22}$
14	$9.2596(9) \times 10^{11}$	26	$1.748(4) \times 10^{23}$



Updated conjecture [Petrov'2024] : $B_N = B_2 e^{4N/C + c_1 - 2\sqrt{2}/\sqrt{M_2 N} + \dots}$

↑ MF ↑ LO BMF « free bonus »

Bogoliubov analysis

Renormalization



$$\hat{H} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^2\rho (-\hat{\Psi}_\rho^\dagger \nabla_\rho^2 \hat{\Psi}_\rho + g \hat{\Psi}_\rho^\dagger \hat{\Psi}_\rho^\dagger \hat{\Psi}_\rho \hat{\Psi}_\rho) \quad - \text{needs regularization}$$

square lattice

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{k_x, k_y \in [-\pi/h, \pi/h]} \varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^{(0)} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{g}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{q}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$$

$$\varepsilon_{\mathbf{k}}^{(0)} = [2 - \cos(k_x h) - \cos(k_y h)]/h^2 \approx k^2/2$$

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{k^2}{2} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{q}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{q}}^\dagger U(\mathbf{q}) \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$$

$$U(\mathbf{q}) = \begin{cases} g, & \text{for } |\mathbf{q}| < \kappa \\ 0, & \text{for } |\mathbf{q}| > \kappa \end{cases}$$

Both models should correspond to $\psi(\rho) \xrightarrow[\rho \rightarrow 0]{} C \ln\left(\frac{\rho}{a_{2D}}\right)$

$$\frac{1}{g} \approx \frac{\ln(|B_2| h^2 / 32)}{4\pi}$$

or, equivalently, reproduce $B_2 = -4e^{-2\gamma}/a_{2D}^2$

$$\frac{1}{g} \approx \frac{\ln(|B_2|/\kappa^2)}{4\pi}$$

Both valid when $|g| \ll 1$ i.e., for large (repulsion) or small (attraction) $|B_2|/\kappa^2$

Trade a single (universal) interaction parameter $B_2 < 0$ for a pair (g, κ) , but can now do perturbation theory in $|g| \ll 1$!

Bogoliubov for homogeneous gas

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \frac{k^2}{2} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{q}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{q}}^\dagger U(\mathbf{q}) \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_2}$$



$\hat{a}_0, \hat{a}_0^\dagger \rightarrow a_0$ - assume real

$$\hat{H} = H_0 + \underbrace{\hat{H}_2 + \hat{H}_3 + \hat{H}_4}_{\text{Red bracket}}$$

$$H_0 = \frac{1}{2} g a_0^4$$

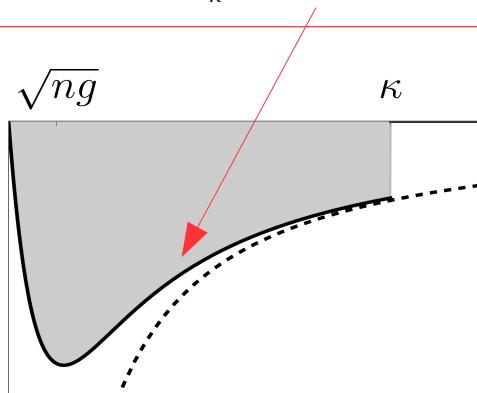
$$a_0^2 = n - \sum'_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}$$

$$\hat{H}_2 = \sum'_{\mathbf{k}} \left[\frac{k^2}{2} + g a_0^2 \right] \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum'_{\mathbf{k}} U(\mathbf{k}) a_0^2 (\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{k}}^\dagger + \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{k}} + 2 \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}})$$



Diagonalization

$$\frac{E}{\text{Surface}} = \frac{g n^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_k^{\kappa} [\sqrt{k^4/4 + g n k^2} - k^2/2 - g n] \approx \frac{g n^2}{2} + \frac{g^2 n^2}{8\pi} \ln \frac{g n \sqrt{e}}{\kappa^2}$$

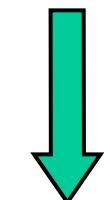


$$\propto \int \frac{dk}{k}$$



BMF correction is local !

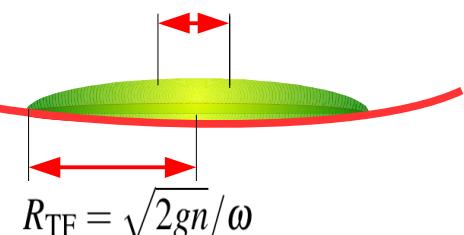
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_3 &= \sum'_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2} U(\mathbf{k}_1) a_0 \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2}^\dagger (\hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_1} + \hat{a}_{-\mathbf{k}_1}^\dagger) \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_2} \\ \hat{H}_4 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum'_{\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{q}} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{q}}^\dagger \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{q}}^\dagger U(\mathbf{q}) \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \hat{a}_{\mathbf{k}_2} \end{aligned}$$



Higher orders
[Mora&Castin'2009]

$$+ \sim n^2 g^3$$

$$\text{Healing length } \xi = 1/\sqrt{gn}$$



Local-density approx when $\omega \ll gn$

Independence of the cutoff

$$\frac{E}{\text{Surface}} = \frac{gn^2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_k [\sqrt{k^4/4 + gnk^2} - k^2/2 - gn] \approx \frac{gn^2}{2} + \frac{g^2 n^2}{8\pi} \ln \frac{gn\sqrt{e}}{\kappa^2}$$

$$g \approx 4\pi / \ln(|B_2|/\kappa^2) \rightarrow dg/d\kappa = -g^2/(2\pi\kappa) \rightarrow dE/d\kappa \propto g^3$$

Beyond Bogoliubov

Cutoff independence on the Bogoliubov level
(g just has to remain small)

$$\kappa^2 = gn\sqrt{e}$$

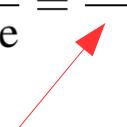


Implicit eq. : $g = \frac{4\pi}{\ln \frac{|B_2|}{gn\sqrt{e}}} \rightarrow g(n, B_2)$

cf. [Schick'1971]:

$$g = \frac{4\pi}{\ln \frac{1}{a_{2D}^2 n}}$$

$$\frac{E}{\text{Surface}} = \frac{g(n, B_2)n^2}{2}$$



Leading BMF result [Popov'1972]
LHY (or Bogoliubov) accuracy

Jargon : « density-dependent interaction»



LDA +GPE ...

Inhomogeneous Bogoliubov [Petrov'2024]

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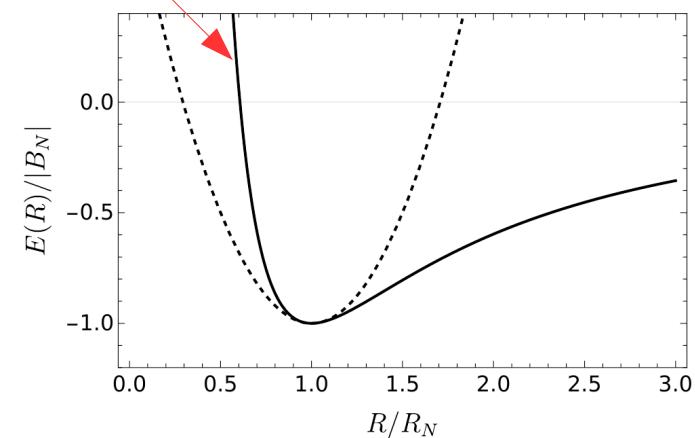
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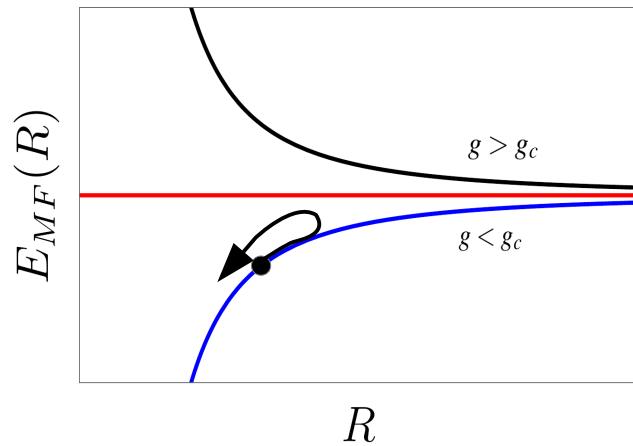


Breathing dynamics [Petrov'2024]

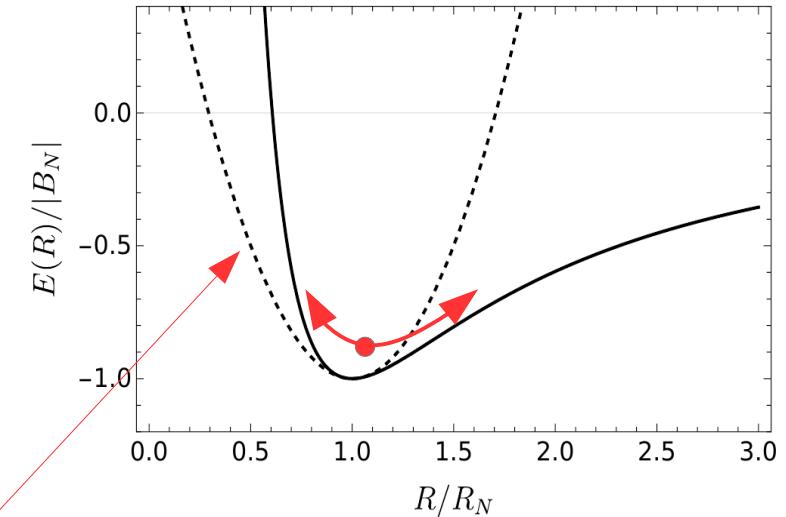
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Classical dynamics of collective coordinate R

$$S = \int dt \left[\frac{NM_2}{C} \frac{\dot{R}^2(t)}{2} - E[R(t)] \right]$$



+ BMF corr.



Harmonic approx.
low-amplitude breathing mode frequency :

$$\Omega = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{NM_2}} |B_N|$$

$$\tau = 2\pi/\Omega = 7.1mR_N^2\sqrt{N}/\hbar \quad \longrightarrow \quad \tau \approx 100\text{ms}$$

Cs mass
 $N = 16$
 $R_N = 1.3\mu\text{m}$

Conjectures. Attention: illegal stuff!

quantize $S = \int dt \left[\frac{NM_2}{C} \frac{\dot{R}^2(t)}{2} - E[R(t)] \right]$

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Discrete « breathing » spectrum

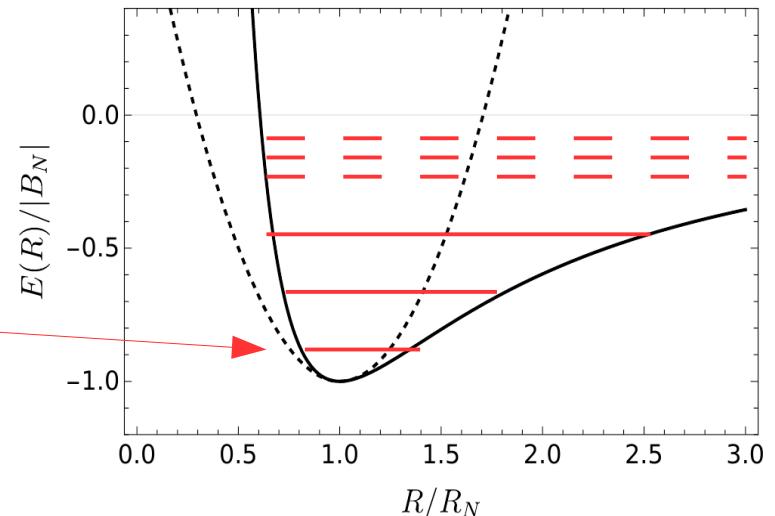
With level spacing/well depth $\sim N^{1/2}$

$$B_3^{ex} = 1.2704091(1) B_2$$

$$B_3 = 16.522688(1) B_2$$

$$B_4^{ex} = 25.5(1) B_2$$

$$B_4 = 197.3(1) B_2$$

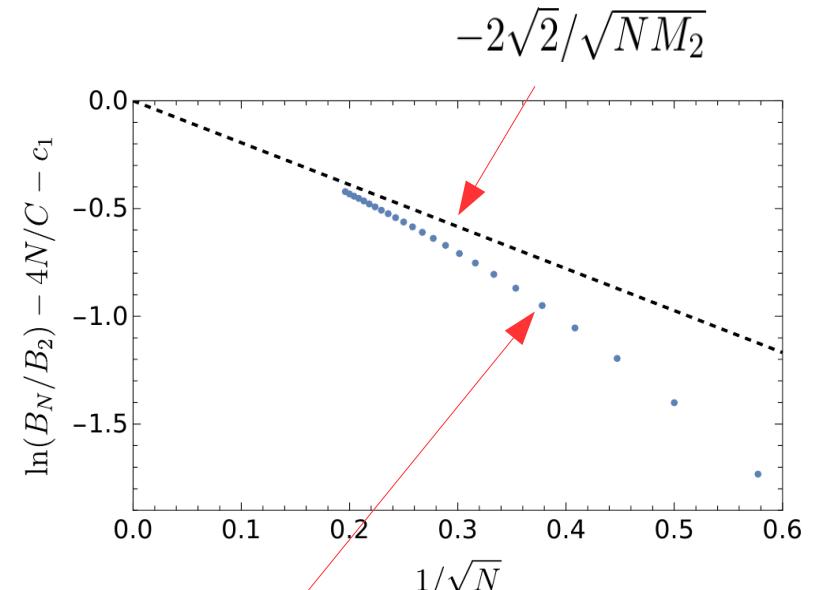


Conjecture #1 : with increasing N there will be second, third,... excited states

Conjecture #2 : include zero-point energy $\Omega/2$

$$B_N \rightarrow B_N + \Omega/2 \approx B_2 e^{4N/C + c_1 - 2\sqrt{2}/\sqrt{M_2 N}}$$

Very special term due to quantum anomaly. Otherwise, expect integer powers of $g \sim 1/N$ (cf. repulsive case [Mora&Castin'2009])



[Bazak&DSP'18]

Summary/Outlook

Scaling invariance ($1/R^2$ potential)

Few-body phys. : model nuclei (example $Dy+K+K \sim \alpha+n+n$)

Wish to control three-body and elasticity parameters

Include dipole-dipole interactions (think of Dy-Li...)

Universal fermionic clusters : 5+1 in 3D ? Method ?

2D self-bound clusters : automatic cancellation of MF : many things to think about...

Quantum Townes : to calculate : excited states for moderate N , precise E for $N \sim 100$

Quantization of the breathing mode : nonequidistant spectrum : dynamics ?

Topological excitations of Q Townes solitons (excited Townes profiles)

Trapped case ? 2D \rightarrow quasi-2D ?

Thank you !