Quantum transport with ultracold atomic gases



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- Small sample (conduction channel) attached to macroscopic reservoirs
- Electric current induced by external bias voltage







C. Rossler et al., APL 93, 071107 (2008)

Fractional charge / measurement in FQHE



R. de-Picciotto et al., Nature **389**, 162 (1997); L. Saminadyar et al., PRL **79**, 2526 (1997).

Mesoscopic system w/ cold atoms



Two-terminal setup realized by Esslinger's group at ETH

2.0

- Atomic current (charge neutral)
- Current induced by biases on thermodynamic quantities (chemical potential, temperature)







~500 µm





Why cold atoms?





• Control of quantum statistics Bosons as well as fermions



S. Eckel et al., PRA 93, 063619 (2016).

$$\mathcal{H} = \int d^3r \Big[\sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger} \Big\{ -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} + V(\mathbf{r}) \Big\} \psi_{\sigma} - g \psi_{\uparrow}^{\dagger} \psi_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} \psi_{\downarrow} \psi_{\uparrow} \Big]$$



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g (attractive interaction) can be tuned with Feshbach resonance!



S.Inouye et al., Nature **392**, 151 (1998).

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M. Randeria, E. Taylor, Annual Review of Condensed matter physics **5**, 209 (2014).



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Interaction inside the wire



M. Randeria, E. Taylor, Annual Review of Condensed matter physics **5**, 209 (2014).



S. Tarucha et al., Solid State Commun. 94, 413 (1995).

Later on, this discrepancy was resolved with inhomogeneous Tomonaga-Luttinger theory.

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Interaction inside reservoirs



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Breakdown of conductance quantization



New phenomenon found in cold atoms!



Dissipation in quantum transport



Condensed matter example: dissipation in Josephson junctions



Coupling to environment: Caldeira & Leggett PRL 46, 211 (1981)



Condensed matter example2: continuous measurement of mesoscopic currents

E.V. Sukhorukov et al., Nat. Phys. **3**, 243, (2007)





The quantum dot distribution affects the current in the quantum point contact .



Dissipation in cold atoms





Local single particle loss as dissipation

Quantum master equation:
$$\partial_t \rho = i[\rho, H] + \gamma \Big[\psi \rho \psi^{\dagger} - \frac{\{\psi^{\dagger} \psi, \rho\}}{2} \Big]$$



Dissipation in cold atoms







Experimental results were interpreted with a phenomenological analysis



Theoretical model 1





$$H = H_L + H_R + H_{1D} + H_T$$
$$\partial_t \rho = i[\rho, H] + \gamma \Big[d_0 \rho d_0^{\dagger} - \frac{\{d_0^{\dagger} d_0, \rho\}}{2} \Big]$$

Physical quantities of interest

$$I = \frac{\langle (\partial_t N_R - \partial_t N_L) \rangle}{2}$$
$$-\dot{N} = -\langle (\partial_t N_R + \partial_t N_L) \rangle$$



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L.M. Sieberer et al., Rep. Prog. Phys. **79**, 096001 (2016).

Result based on Keldysh+Lindblad formalism

$$I = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \Big[\mathcal{T}(\omega) + \frac{\mathcal{L}(\omega)}{2} \Big] [n_L(\omega) - n_R(\omega)]$$
$$\mathcal{T}(\omega) : \text{transmittance}$$
$$-\dot{N} = -\int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \mathcal{L}(\omega) [n_L(\omega) + n_R(\omega)]$$
$$\mathcal{L}(\omega) : \text{loss probability}$$





SU, Phys. Rev. A 106, 053320 (2022).

Three-terminal Landauer-Büttiker analysis

$$I_{j}(t) = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \int d\omega' e^{i(\omega-\omega')t} [a_{j}^{\dagger}(\omega)a_{j}(\omega') - b_{j}^{\dagger}(\omega)b_{j}(\omega')]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} b_{L} \\ b_{R} \\ b_{3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} r & t & t_{L} \\ t' & r' & t_{R} \\ t'_{L} & t'_{R} & r_{3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_{L} \\ a_{R} \\ a_{3} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathcal{T} = |t|^{2} = |t'|^{2}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = |t_{L}|^{2} = |t_{R}|^{2} \qquad \mathcal{R}$$

Result based on the scattering formalism $I = \int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \Big[\mathcal{T}(\omega) + \frac{\mathcal{L}(\omega)}{2} \Big] [n_L(\omega) - n_R(\omega)] \\ -\dot{N} = -\int \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \mathcal{L}(\omega) [n_L(\omega) + n_R(\omega)]$

provided that the injection from the third reservoir is $\operatorname{absent}(\mathcal{L}n_3 = 0)$.

(AEA) Strongly-interacting superfluid + dissipation



M. Randeria, E. Taylor, Annual Review of Condensed matter physics **5**, 209 (2014).

 $1/(k_{\rm F}a_{\rm s})$

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Nonlinear current-bias characteristics stemming from multiple Andreev reflections

(AEA) Strongly-interacting superfluid + dissipation







Synthetic dimensions





 Ω : hopping amplitude along synthetic space

(AEA) Mesoscopic transport via magnetic impurity

S. Nakada et al., PRA 102, 031302(R) (2020).

$$\mathcal{H} = \int d^3r \Big[\sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger} \Big\{ -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} + V(\mathbf{r}) \Big\} \psi_{\sigma} - g \psi_{\uparrow}^{\dagger} \psi_{\downarrow}^{\dagger} \psi_{\downarrow} \psi_{\uparrow} \Big] + \sum_{\sigma} V_{\sigma} \psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger} \psi_{\sigma}(\mathbf{0}) \Big]$$

$$spin rotation \quad |\sigma\rangle \rightarrow |\alpha\rangle = \sum_{\sigma} |\sigma\rangle U_{\sigma\alpha}^{\dagger}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \int d^3r \Big[\sum_{\alpha=1,2} \psi_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \Big\{ -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} + V(\mathbf{r}) \Big\} \psi_{\alpha} - g \psi_{1}^{\dagger} \psi_{2}^{\dagger} \psi_{2} \psi_{1} \Big] + \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1,2} \psi^{\dagger} V_{\alpha\beta} \psi_{\beta}(\mathbf{0}) \Big]$$

$$V_{12(21)} \neq 0 \quad \text{if } V_{\uparrow} \neq V_{\downarrow}$$







K. Ono et al., Nat. Commun. 12, 6724 (2021).

Two-orbital lattice system with ¹⁷³Yb

¹S₀ atoms: itinerant fermions

³P₀ atom: localized impurity

Spin-dependent potential can be tuned with the orbital Feshbach resonance

G. Pagano et al., PRL **115**, 265301 (2015); M. Hofer et al., PRL **115**, 265302 (2015).







Dominant Andreev current in an internal space junction



T. Zhang et al., Commun. Phys. 6, 86 (2023).

$$H = H_{\rm SF} + H_3 + H_T$$



$$I = \dot{N}_3 = -i[N_3, H_T]$$

Tunneling w/ momentum conservation



Analogy between Andreev reflection and physics of black holes





PRD **96**, 124011 (2017);PRD **98**, 124043 (2018); PRD **102**, 064028 (2020). Dominant Andreev current in an internal space junction



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e.g., analysis up to $\Omega_{\sigma,3}$

Rf spectroscopy

 $\approx~$ tunneling junction of superfluid & normal states





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Interaction dependence







Tunneling Hamiltonian formalism



$$H = H_L + H_R + H_T$$

$$I = -\dot{N}_L = i[N_L, H_T]$$

$$H_T = \sum_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}} \left(e^{-i\Delta\mu\tau} t_{\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{p}} b_{\mathbf{k}, L}^{\dagger} b_{\mathbf{p}, R} + h.c. \right)$$
absence of the momentum conservation

There must be the conversion process between condensation and normal elements.

Linear response theory: F. Meier & W. Zwerger PRA **64** 033610 (2001). Beyond linear response effect: SU & J.P. Brantut, PRR **2**, 023284 (2020); SU, PRR **2**, 023340 (2020).

Experiment: G. Del Pace et al., PRL **126**, 055301 (2021).







Editors' Suggestion

Asymmetry and nonlinearity of current-bias characteristics in superfluid–normal-state junctions of weakly interacting Bose gases

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Normal Superfluid bosons bosons

Normal bosons: Hartree-Fock theory Superfluid bosons: Bogoliubov theory





 Asymmetry arises from the conversion process between condensation and normal elements, and the bosonic Andreev reflection.

> Rectification effect (e.g., diode)

Strongly interacting Fermi gas in a cavity



V. Helson et al., Phys. Rev. Res. 4, 133199 (2022)

$$H = H_{\text{atom}} + H_c + H_{\text{int}}$$
$$H_c = \Delta a^{\dagger} a$$
$$H_{\text{int}} = \Omega a^{\dagger} a \int d^3 r n(\mathbf{r}) \cos^2 \mathbf{k}_c \cdot \mathbf{r}$$



• Photon measurement reflects density-density correlation of atoms $\chi^{R}(\mathbf{q}, \omega = 0) = -\int d\omega \Big[\frac{S(\mathbf{q}, \omega) + S(-\mathbf{q}, \omega)}{\omega} \Big]$

compressibility sum rule

 Agreement with a theory with the operator product expansion







Two-terminal transport of Fermi gases

Nonlinear current-bias characteristics D. Husmann et al., Science **350**, 1498 (2015).

Breakdown of conductance quantization

SU and M. Ueda, PRL **118**, 105303 (2017).

Particle loss effect in mesoscopic transport

SU, PRA106, 053320 (2022).

M.-Z. Huang et al., arXiv:2210.03371 (PRL, In press)

Transport with synthetic junctions
 Realization of multi terminal mesoscopic transport
 S. Nakada et al., PRA 102, 031302(R) (2020).
 K. Ono et al., Nat. Commun. 12, 6724 (2021).

Andreev reflection transport with rf lasers

Transport of bosons

T. Zhang et al., Commun. Phys. 6, 86 (2023).

Asymmetry and nonlinearity in SN junction

SU, PRA 106, L011303 (2022).

Compressibility sum rule via optical cavity

V. Helson et al., PRR 4, 133199 (2022).

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