

Collapse and stable self-trapping for Bose-Einstein condensates with $1/r^b$ type attractive interatomic interaction potential

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Catastrophic self-focusing of laser beam or collapse in Bose-Einstein condensate

Nonlinear Schrödinger equation:

$$i\frac{\partial\psi(\mathbf{r})}{\partial t} + \nabla^2\psi(\mathbf{r}) + |\psi(\mathbf{r})|^2\psi(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

Catastrophic collapse (self-focusing):

$$\langle r^2 \rangle \rightarrow 0, \quad \max |\psi| \rightarrow \infty$$

Temporal and spatial dependence of solutions near collapse: strong collapse vs. weak collapse

Strong collapse: Traps into collapsing region a finite number of particles. Collapsing self-similar solution often has a form of rescaled ground-state soliton. Critical number of particles N_c is determined by the ground state soliton. For $N < N_c$ collapse is impossible

Weak collapse: Traps into collapsing region a vanishing number of particles (close to a collapse time lesser and lesser particles are trapped into collapse). Critical number of particles is not defined (without trap).

The time-dependent Gross-Pitaevskii equation:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \left\{ -\frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \gamma^2 x_3^2) + g |\Psi|^2 + \int V(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') |\Psi(\mathbf{r}')|^2 d^3 \mathbf{r}' \right\} \Psi$$

$V(\mathbf{r})$ - long range interaction potential

$$g = 4 \pi \hbar^2 a / m,$$

a - **s**-wave scattering length

Particular cases of $V(\mathbf{r})$

Dipole-dipole interaction potential:

$$V(\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}') = \frac{[\mathbf{d}_1(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{d}_2(\mathbf{r}')] - 3[\mathbf{d}_1(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{u}][\mathbf{d}_2(\mathbf{r}') \cdot \mathbf{u}]}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|^3},$$

$$\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}')/|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|,$$

$$\text{If } \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{r}) = \text{const} \quad \Rightarrow \quad V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1 - 3 \cos^2 \theta}{r^3}$$

$$\text{Gravity-like potential}^1: \quad V(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{C}{r}$$

¹O'Dell, Giovanazzi, Kurizki, and Akulin, Phys. Rev. Lett. **84**, 5687 (2000).

Consider a general potential of the following form

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{f(\mathbf{n})}{r^b}, \quad b > 0, \quad \mathbf{n} \equiv \frac{\mathbf{r}}{r}, \quad r \equiv |\mathbf{r}|$$

$|f(\mathbf{n})| < \infty$ - arbitrary function of angle

Energy functional: $i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \frac{\delta E}{\delta \Psi^*}$

$$E = E_K + E_P + E_{NL} + E_R,$$

Where $\frac{dE}{dt} = 0$, and

$$E_K = \int \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} |\nabla \Psi|^2 d^3 \mathbf{r},$$

$$E_P = \int \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \gamma^2 x_3^2) |\Psi|^2 d^3 \mathbf{r},$$

$$E_{NL} = \frac{g}{2} \int |\Psi|^4 d^3 \mathbf{r},$$

$$E_R = \frac{1}{2} \int |\Psi(\mathbf{r})|^2 V(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') |\Psi(\mathbf{r}')|^2 d^3 \mathbf{r} d^3 \mathbf{r}'.$$

The mean-square radius of the wave function:

$$\langle r^2 \rangle \equiv \int r^2 |\Psi|^2 d^3 \mathbf{r} / N,$$

$$N = \int |\Psi|^2 d^3 \mathbf{r} \text{ - the total number of atoms in condensate}$$

First time derivative of the mean-square radius:

$$\partial_t \langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2mN} \int 2ix_j (\Psi \partial_{x_j} \Psi^* - \Psi^* \partial_{x_j} \Psi) d^3 \mathbf{r}$$

Second time derivative of the mean-square radius:

$$\partial_t^2 \langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2mN} \left[8E_K - 8E_P + 12E_{NL} - 2 \int |\Psi(\mathbf{r})|^2 |\Psi(\mathbf{r}')|^2 (x_j \partial_{x_j} + x'_j \partial_{x'_j}) V(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') d^3 \mathbf{r} \right].$$

For $E_P = 0$, $V(\mathbf{r}) \equiv 0$, we recover the virial theorem for NLS with local interaction [Vlasov, Petrishchev, Talanov (1971); Zakharov (1972)]:

$$\partial_t^2 \langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2mN} [12E - 4E_K]$$

Property of interaction potential $V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{f(\mathbf{n})}{r^b} :$

$$(x_j \partial_{x_j} + x'_j \partial_{x'_j}) V(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') = -bV(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')$$

\Rightarrow

The virial theorem is reduced to:

$$\partial_t^2 \langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2mN} \left[4bE + (8 - 4b)E_K - (4 + 2b)m\omega_0^2 N \langle r^2 \rangle \right. \\ \left. - (4 + 2b)m\omega_0^2 N (\gamma^2 - 1) \langle x_3^2 \rangle + (12 - 4b)E_{NL} \right]$$

$$E_{NL} = \frac{g}{2} \int |\Psi|^4 d^3\mathbf{r}, \quad E_K \text{ and } \langle x_3^2 \rangle \text{ are unknowns}$$

Collapse of BEC:

$$\langle r^2 \rangle \rightarrow 0, \quad \max |\psi| \rightarrow \infty$$

from

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t^2 \langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2mN} & \left[4bE + (8 - 4b)E_K - (4 + 2b)m\omega_0^2 N \langle r^2 \rangle \right. \\ & \left. - (4 + 2b)m\omega_0^2 N (\gamma^2 - 1) \langle x_3^2 \rangle + (12 - 4b)E_{NL} \right] \end{aligned}$$

The trap can be ignored near collapse: $\omega_0 = 0$

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$b > 3$ is similar to finite range potential;
requires cutoff at small distance

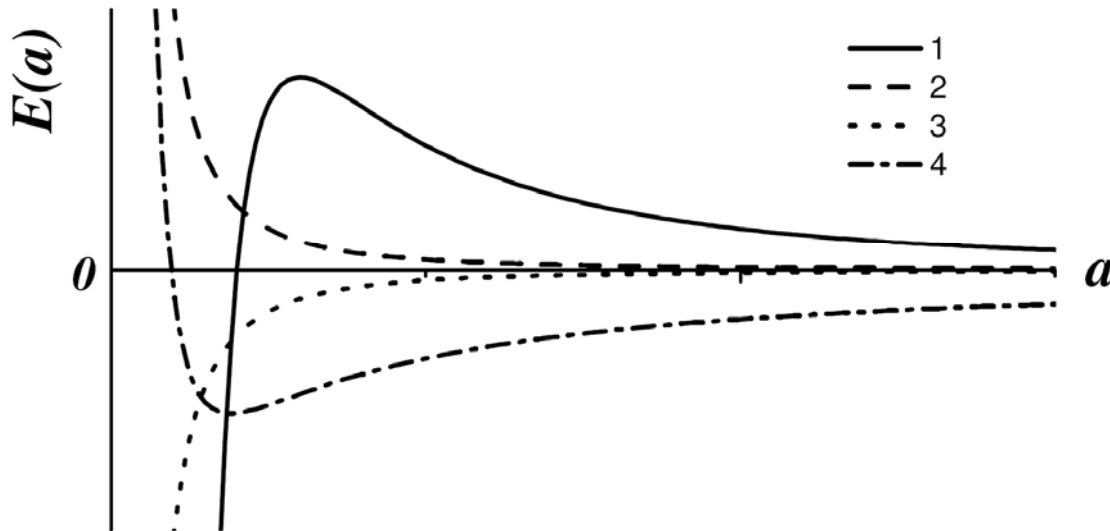
$2 \leq b \leq 3$ collapse is possible even for $g=0$

$b < 2$ collapse is impossible for $g=0$

Scaling arguments ($g=0$, no trap)

Scaling transformation $\Psi(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow a^{-3/2}\Psi(\mathbf{r}/a)$

$$E(a) = a^{-2}E_K + a^{-b}E_R$$



Curve 1: $b > 2$

Curve 2: $b = 2$ and $N < N_c$

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Curve 4: $b < 2$

$$2 \leq b \leq 3$$

Assume for simplicity that contact interaction =0 (i. e. $g=0$)

$$\partial_t^2 \langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{2mN} \left[4bE + (8 - 4b)E_K \right] \leq \frac{2bE}{mN}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle r^2 \rangle \leq \frac{bE}{mN} t^2 + \partial_t \langle r^2 \rangle|_{t=0} t + \langle r^2 \rangle|_{t=0}$$

$$\text{If } E < 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle r^2 \rangle \rightarrow 0, \quad \max |\psi| \rightarrow \infty$$

Sufficient condition for the collapse of BEC

We can do much better by the Kinetic Energy estimate:

$$\Psi \equiv R e^{i\phi}, \quad R = |\Psi|$$

$$E_K = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \int [(\nabla R)^2 + (\nabla \phi)^2 R^2] d^3 \mathbf{r}.$$

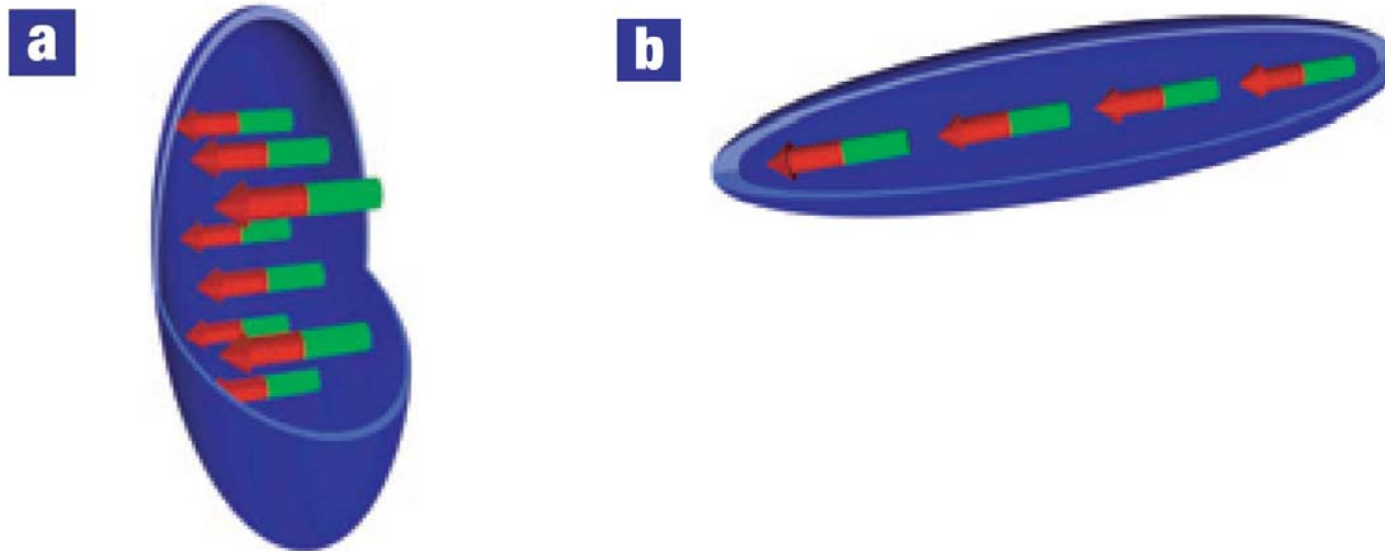
Integrating by part and applying Cauchy-Schwartz inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2mN}{\hbar} |\partial_t \langle r^2 \rangle| &= 4 \left| \int x_j \partial_{x_j} \phi R^2 d^3 \mathbf{r} \right| \\ &\leq 4 \left(N \langle r^2 \rangle \int (\nabla \phi)^2 R^2 d^3 \mathbf{r} \right)^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

$$N = -\frac{2}{3} \int x_j R \partial_{x_j} R d^3 \mathbf{r} \leq \frac{2}{3} \left(N \langle r^2 \rangle \int (\nabla R)^2 d^3 \mathbf{r} \right)^{1/2}$$

Particular case: dipolar Bose-Einstein condensate

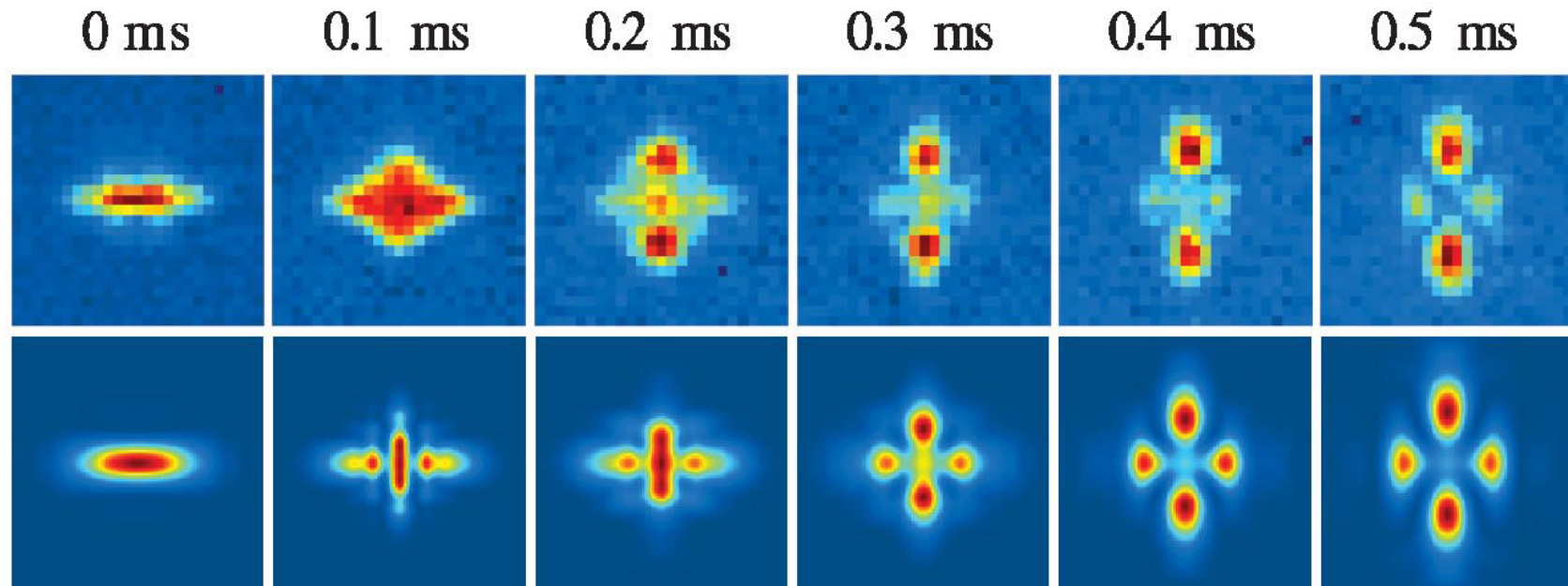
$$\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{r}) = \text{const}$$



a – stable condensate

b – collapse of condensate

Experimental observation of the dipolar Bose-Einstein condensate collapse



¹T. Lahae et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. **101**, 080401 (2008).

$$b < 2$$

collapse is impossible for $g=0$

We use the inequality $\int \frac{|\Psi(\mathbf{r})|^2}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|^2} d^3\mathbf{r} \leq 4 \int |\nabla\Psi(\mathbf{r})|^2 d^3\mathbf{r}$

and generalize it using Hölder' inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{|\Psi(\mathbf{r})|^2}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|^b} d^3\mathbf{r} &= \int |\Psi(\mathbf{r})|^{2-b} \frac{|\Psi(\mathbf{r})|^b}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|^b} d^3\mathbf{r} \\ &\leq \left[\int (|\Psi(\mathbf{r})|^{2-b})^{\frac{1}{1-b/2}} d^3\mathbf{r} \right]^{1-\frac{b}{2}} \left[\int \left(\frac{|\Psi(\mathbf{r})|^b}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|^b} \right)^{\frac{2}{b}} \right]^{\frac{b}{2}} d^3\mathbf{r} \leq 2^b N^{1-\frac{b}{2}} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E_K \right)^{\frac{b}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

But $V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{f(\mathbf{n})}{r^b}$ $f_m \equiv -\min_{\mathbf{n}} |f(\mathbf{n})|$

\Rightarrow

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$$E_R = \frac{1}{2} \int |\Psi(\mathbf{r})|^2 V(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') |\Psi(\mathbf{r}')|^2 d^3 \mathbf{r} d^3 \mathbf{r}' \geq -f_m 2^{b-1} N^{2-\frac{b}{2}} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E_K \right)^{\frac{b}{2}}$$

\Rightarrow Energy is bounded from below (assuming $g=0$) by:

$$E \geq E_K - f_m 2^{b-1} N^{2-\frac{b}{2}} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E_K \right)^{\frac{b}{2}} \equiv P(E_K)$$

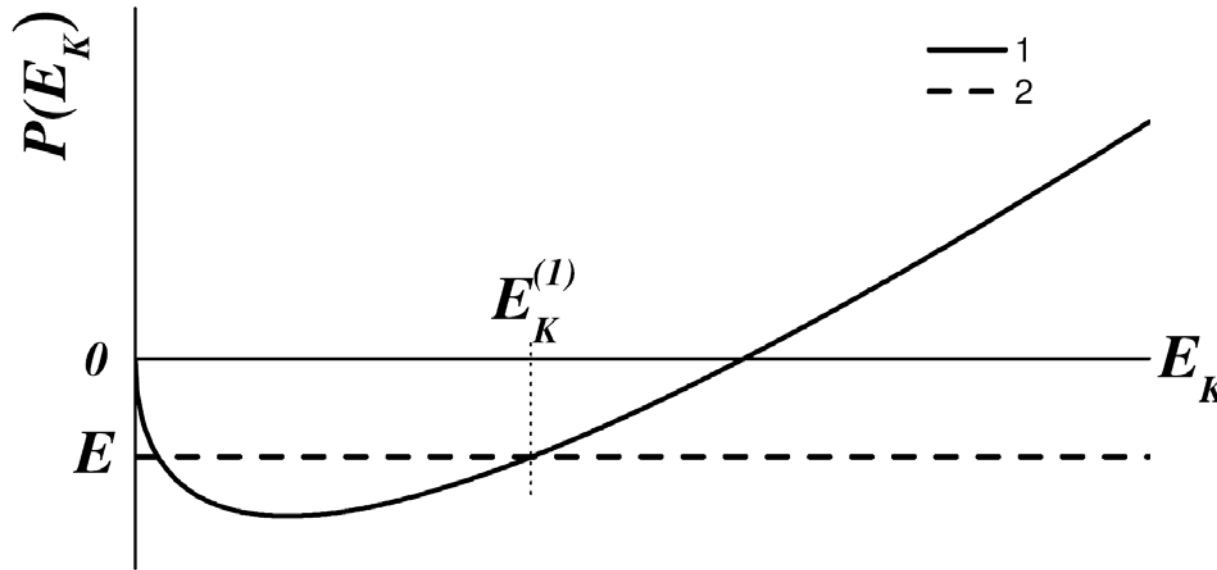
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$P(E_K)$ is bounded from below:



Curve 1: $P(E_K)$

$$\Rightarrow E \geq -\frac{2-b}{b} 2^{-2} [f_m b]^{\frac{2}{2-b}} N^{\frac{4-b}{2-b}} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} \right)^{\frac{b}{2-b}}$$

E is bounded from below for any E_K

Collapse is impossible for $b < 2$ and $g=0$

Soliton solution

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = A(\mathbf{r})e^{-i\mu t/\hbar}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[-\mu - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 + \frac{1}{2}m\omega_0^2(x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \gamma^2 x_3^2) + \int d^3\mathbf{r}' V(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')A(\mathbf{r}')^2 \right] A(\mathbf{r}) = 0,$$

$$E_{K,s} = -\mu N_s \frac{b}{4-b} + E_{P,s}, \quad E_{R,s} = \mu N_s \frac{2}{4-b},$$

$$E_s = -\mu N_s \frac{b-2}{4-b} + 2E_{P,s},$$

where subscript “s” means that all integrals are taken for soliton solution.

For $\omega_0 = 0$ all integrals depends on N_s only.

Soliton solution is the stationary point of E for the fixed number of particles $\delta(E - \mu N) = 0$

As well as the stationary point of the following functional

$$\mathcal{F}(\Psi) \equiv N^{1-\frac{b}{2}} \left(\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} E_K \right)^{\frac{b}{2}} / \int \frac{|\Psi(\mathbf{r})|^2}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|^b} d^3\mathbf{r}$$

Assume that $f(\mathbf{n}) = Const < 0$ then one can look at the radially-symmetric solution and obtain for the ground-state soliton solution that

$$\mathcal{F}(\Psi) \geq \min \mathcal{F}(\Psi) = \mathcal{F}(\Psi_{s,ground})$$

which gives stricter than previous inequality:

$$E \geq \min E = E_{s,ground}$$

I.e. the ground state soliton realizes a global minimum of E for fixed N .

\Rightarrow the ground-state soliton is nonlinearly stable

Example: $b=1$ gravity-like potential. Ground state found in Ref¹

¹Cartarius, Fabčić, Main, and Wunner, Phys. Rev. A, **78**, 013615 (2008).

If $f(\mathbf{n}) \neq \text{Const}$ but takes negative values for nonzero range of values of \mathbf{n} then ground state soliton still exist and stable.

If $f(\mathbf{n}) > 0$ all values of \mathbf{n} then soliton solution does not exists (we assume $g=0$ and $\omega_0 = 0$) and Any initial conditions decays into linear waves.
Self-trapping requires $\omega_0 \neq 0$ in that case.

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Scaling invariance of 2D Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation (NLS):

If $\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$ - solution of NLS

$\Rightarrow L^{-1}\Psi\left(\frac{\mathbf{r}}{L}, \frac{t}{L^2}\right)$ - also solution of
the same NLS with $L = \text{Const}$

Critical case is at the border between collapsing and noncollapsing cases

For $V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{f(\mathbf{n})}{r^b}$ we have fixed dimension $D=3$ but instead we can change b .

$b=2$: critical case which has the scaling invariance.

If $\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t)$ - solution of GPE with $V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{f(\mathbf{n})}{r^2}$

$\Rightarrow L^{-1}\Psi\left(\frac{\mathbf{r}}{L}, \frac{t}{L^2}\right)$ - also solution of the same GPE with $L = Const$

⇒ For $b=2$ collapse is critical with self-similar solution determined by the ground-state soliton

E.g., for radially-symmetrical case $V(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{c}{r^2}$

The self-similar collapsing solution of the GPE

$$i\frac{\partial\psi(\mathbf{r})}{\partial t} + \nabla^2\psi(\mathbf{r}) + \int \frac{|\psi(\mathbf{r}')|^2}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^2} d\mathbf{r}'\psi(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

has the following form:

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = \Psi(r, t),$$

$$\Psi(r, t) \simeq \frac{1}{L} V(\rho) e^{i\tau + iLLt\rho^2/4}, \quad L \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\rho = \frac{r}{L}, \quad \tau = \int_0^t \frac{dt'}{L^2(t')},$$

$$\nabla^2 V(\rho) - V(\rho) + \int \frac{|V(\rho')|^2}{|\rho - \rho'|^2} d\rho' V(\rho) = 0.$$

NLS:

$D < 2$ – global existence of solution

$D = 2$ – critical collapse

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GPE with $V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{f(\mathbf{n})}{r^b}$

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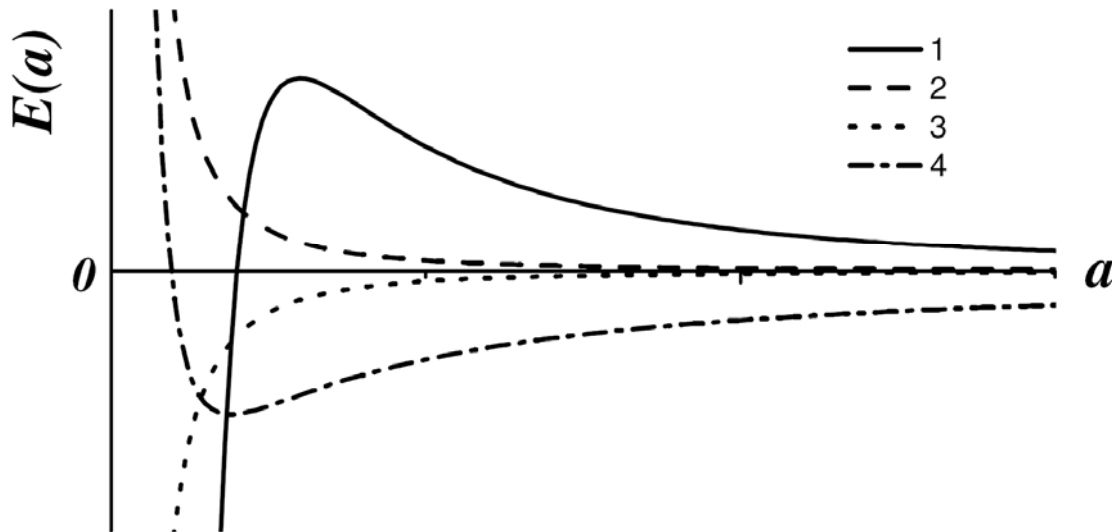
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Critical collapse: Self-similar solution near singularity

$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \Psi(r, t), \quad r = (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}$$
$$\Psi(r, t) \simeq \frac{1}{L} V(\rho) e^{i\tau + iLLt\rho^2/4}, \quad L \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\rho = \frac{r}{L}, \quad \tau = \int_0^t \frac{dt'}{L^2(t')},$$

Soliton solution of NLS:

$$\Delta V - V + |V|^2 V = 0$$

LogLog law¹:

$$L = \left(2\pi \frac{t_0 - t}{\ln \ln [1/(t_0 - t)]} \right)^{1/2}.$$

¹G. Fraiman (1985), M. Landman, G. Papanicolaou, C. Sulem, and P. Sulem (1987).

NLS D=3: Supercritical case

Self-similar solution for weak collapse¹

$$\psi = \frac{1}{(t_0 - t)^{1/2+i\alpha}} \chi \left(\frac{r}{(t_0 - t)^{1/2}} \right), \quad \alpha \simeq 0.545 \dots$$

$$\chi(\xi) = \frac{c}{\xi^{1+2i\alpha}} \quad \text{for} \quad \xi \rightarrow \infty$$

¹V.E. Zakharov and E.A. Kuznetsov, JETP, **64**, 773 (1986).

Self-similar solution for strong collapse¹

$$\psi = R e^{i\phi}$$

NLS

$$\partial_t R^2 + \nabla \cdot (R^2 \nabla \phi) = 0$$

$$\partial_t \phi + (1/2)(\nabla \phi)^2 = R^2 + (1/2)R^{-1} \nabla^2 R$$

Hydrodynamic approximation

$$\partial_t R^2 + \nabla \cdot (R^2 \nabla \phi) = 0$$

$$\partial_t \phi + (1/2)(\nabla \phi)^2 = R^2$$

- hydrodynamics equation for gas with the negative pressure and adiabatic constant = -2

Look for solutions in the following self-similar form

$$|\psi|^2 = \frac{1}{a(t)^3} n(\xi), \quad \xi = \frac{r}{a(t)}$$

$$n(\xi) = \lambda(1 - \xi^2), \quad \lambda = \text{const}$$

$$\phi = \frac{a_t a}{2} \xi^2 + \lambda^2 \int_0^t \frac{dt'}{a(t')^3}$$

$$a(t) = (25/3\lambda^2)^{1/5} (t_0 - t)^{2/5} \quad \text{for} \quad t \rightarrow 0$$

But that solution is unstable!

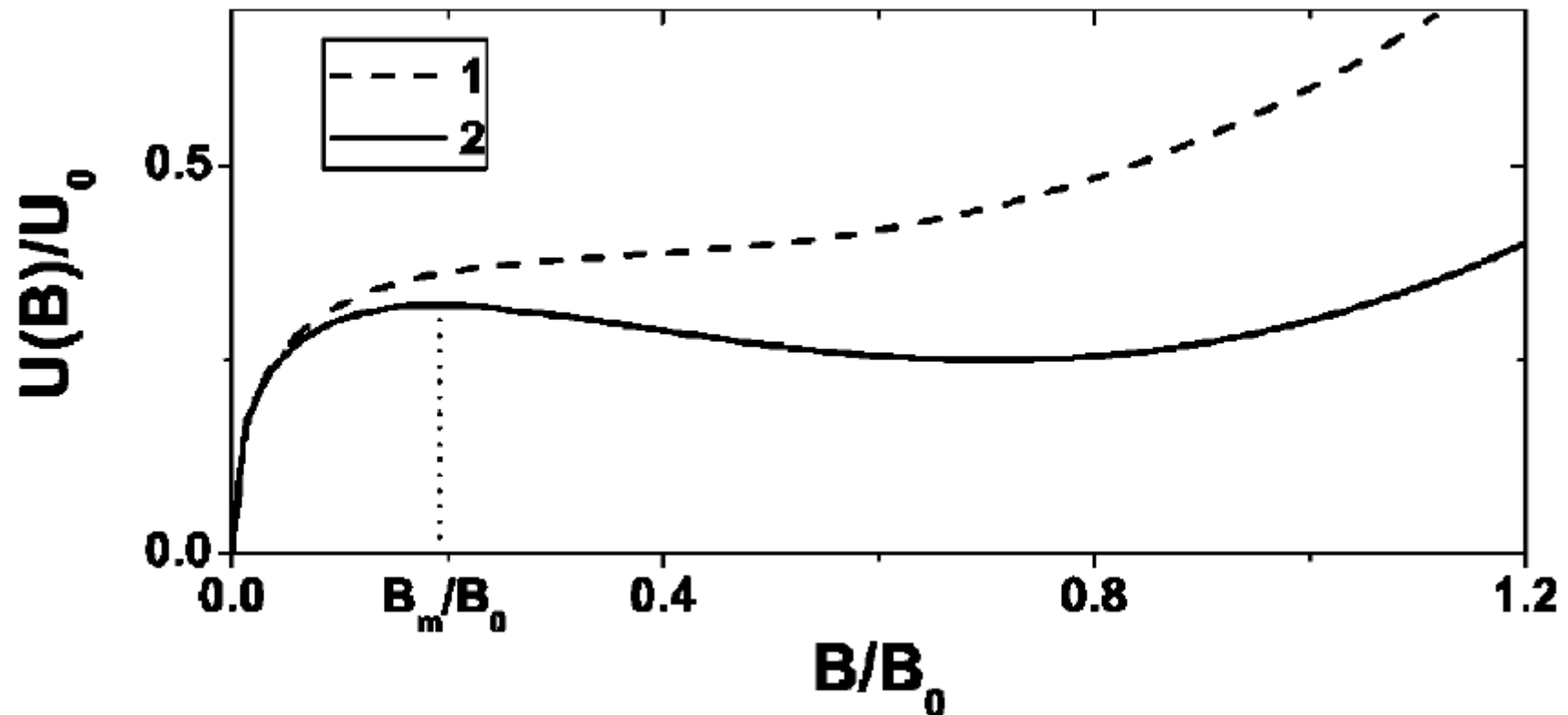
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Basic differential inequality for $b=3$ and $\omega_0 \neq 0$:

$$\partial_t^2 \langle r^2 \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2mN} \left[12E - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left(\frac{9N}{\langle r^2 \rangle} + \frac{m^2 N (\partial_t \langle r^2 \rangle)^2}{\hbar^2 \langle r^2 \rangle} \right) - 10m\omega_0^2 N F(\gamma) \langle r^2 \rangle \right],$$

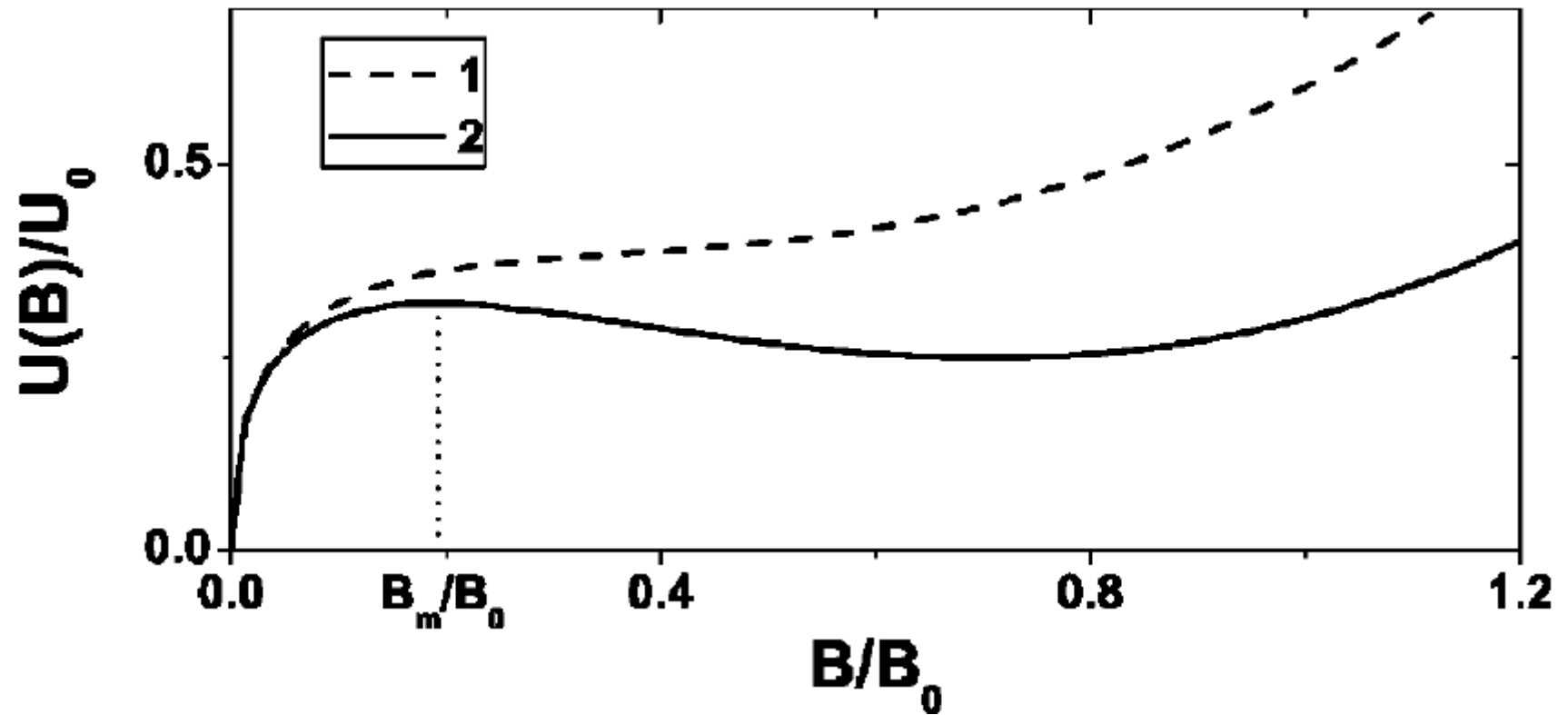
where $F(\gamma) = 1$ for $\gamma \geq 1$ and $F(\gamma) = \gamma^2$ for $\gamma < 1$.

Motion of Newtonian “particle” with coordinate B in potential $U(B)$ with additional nonpotential force $-f^2(t)$:



Energy of particle is time-dependent:

$$\mathcal{E}(t) = B_t^2/2 + U(B)$$



Curve 1: $E \leq \hbar \omega_0 N [F(\gamma) 5]^{1/2} / 2 \equiv E_{critical}$

Curve 2: $E > E_{critical}$

Barrier: $B_m^{4/5} = 3(E - [E^2 - E_{critical}^2]^{1/2}) / [5m\omega_0^2 F(\gamma)]$

Change of variable $\langle r^2 \rangle = B^{4/5}/N$ gives:

$$\partial_t^2 B \leq \frac{5}{2m} \left[3EB^{1/5} - \frac{\hbar^2}{8m} \frac{9N^2}{B^{3/5}} - \frac{5}{2} m \omega_0^2 F(\gamma) B \right]$$

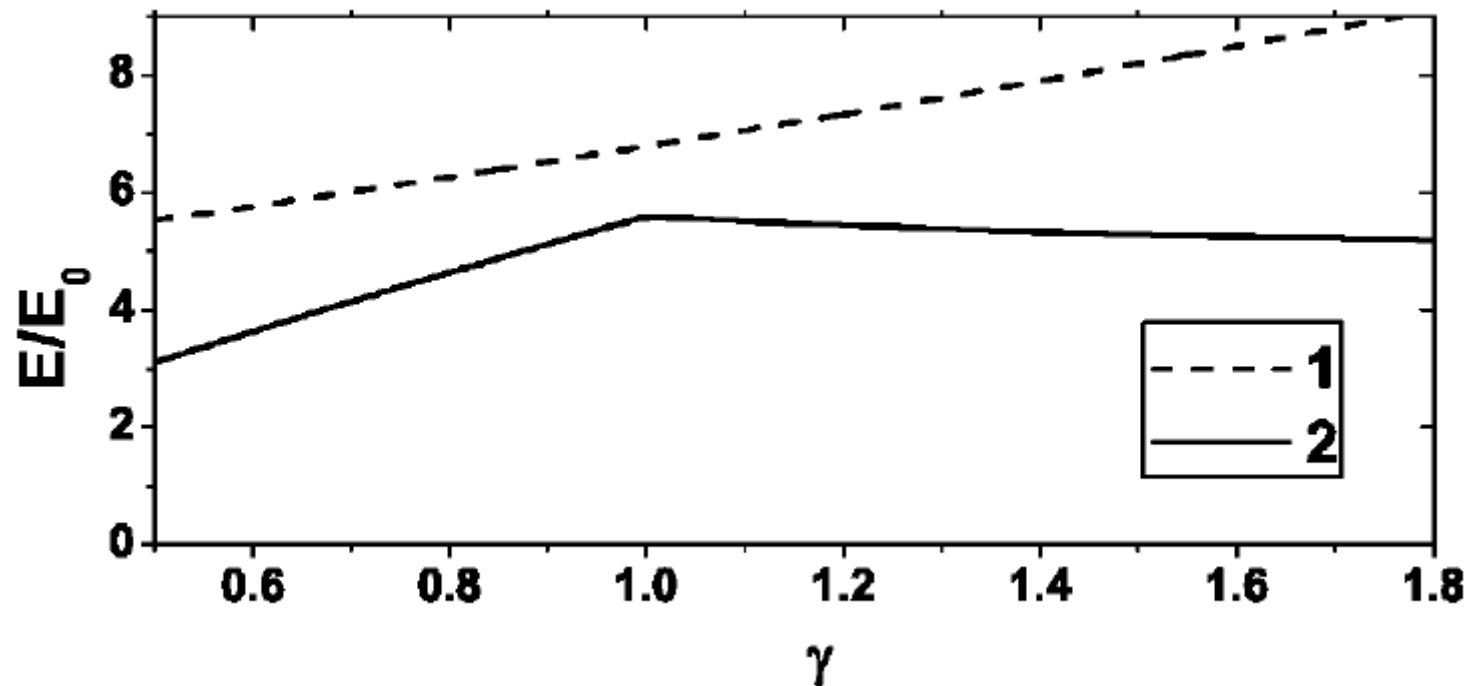
Equivalent form:

$$B_{tt} = - \frac{\partial U(B)}{\partial B} - f^2(t),$$

$$U = - \frac{25}{4m} EB^{6/5} + \frac{\hbar^2 225 N^2}{32m^2} B^{2/5} + \frac{25}{8} \omega_0^2 F(\gamma) B^2$$

Comparison with variational approach:

$$\Psi_0 = N^{1/2} \pi^{-3/4} (L_\rho^2 L_3)^{-1/2} e^{-(x_1^2 + x_2^2)/2L_\rho^2} e^{-x_3^2/2L_3^2}$$



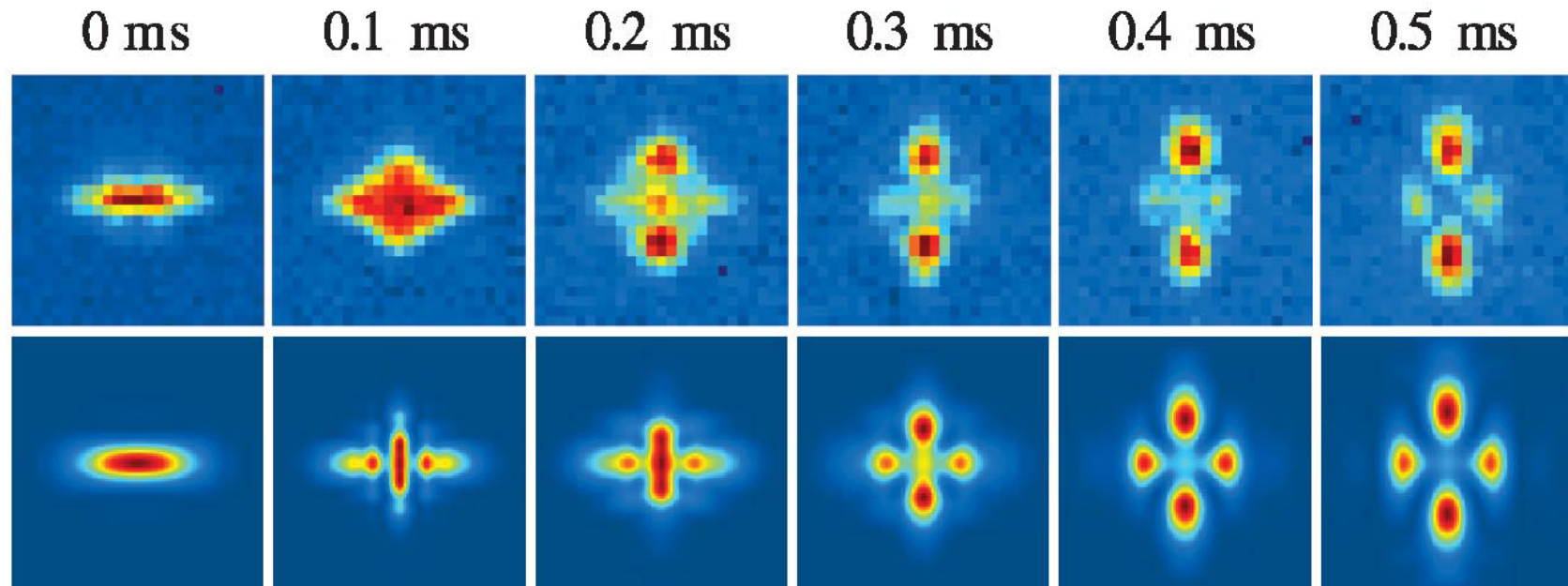
Curve 1 – variational estimate

Curve 2 – sufficient collapse criterion¹

$$E_0 = \hbar^{7/2} \omega_0^{1/2} / d^2 m^{3/2}$$

¹P.M. Lushnikov, Phys. Rev. A. **66**, 051601(R) (2002).

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Strong collapse for dipole-dipole interaction

$$i\frac{\partial\psi(\mathbf{r})}{\partial t} + \nabla^2\psi(\mathbf{r}) - \int \frac{(1 - 3\cos^2\theta)|\psi(\mathbf{r}')|^2}{|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'|^3} d\mathbf{r}' \psi(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

Look for solutions in the following self-similar form¹

$$|\psi|^2 = \frac{1}{a_\rho(t)^2 a_\zeta(t)} n(\xi, \zeta), \quad \xi = \frac{\rho}{a_\rho(t)}, \quad \zeta = \frac{z}{a_\zeta(t)}$$

\Rightarrow

$$n(\xi) = \lambda(1 - \xi^2 - \zeta^2), \quad \lambda = \text{const}$$

$$\phi = f_\xi(t)\xi^2 + f_\zeta(t)\zeta^2 + \phi_0(t)$$

Unstable?

¹Ticknor, Parker, Melatos, Cornish, O'Dell, Martin, Phys. Rev. A, **78**, 013615 (2008).

Long-time condensate existence for $b=3$

Energy functional:
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where

$$E_K = \int \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} |\nabla \Psi|^2 d^3 \mathbf{r},$$

$$E_P = \int \frac{1}{2} m \omega_0^2 (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \gamma^2 x_3^2) |\Psi|^2 d^3 \mathbf{r},$$

$$E_{NL} = \frac{g}{2} \int |\Psi|^4 d^3 \mathbf{r},$$

$$E_{DD} = \frac{1}{2} \int |\Psi(\mathbf{r})|^2 V(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') |\Psi(\mathbf{r}')|^2 d^3 \mathbf{r} d^3 \mathbf{r}'.$$

Long-time condensate existence for $b=3$

$$E = E_K + E_P + E_{NL} + E_{DD},$$

Dipole-dipole interaction energy:

$$E_{DD} = (1/2) \int |R_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 V_{\mathbf{k}} d^3 \mathbf{k} / (2\pi)^3$$

$$V_{\mathbf{k}} = -(4\pi/3) d^2 (1 - 3 \cos^2 \alpha)$$

α - angle between \mathbf{k} and \mathbf{d} .

$$V_{\mathbf{k}} \geq -(4\pi/3) d^2$$

$$E_{DD} \geq -(2\pi/3) d^2 Y, \quad Y \equiv \int |\Psi|^4 d^3 \mathbf{r}$$

Embedding theorem:

$$Y \leq (4/3^{3/2} N_0) N^{1/2} X^{3/2}, \quad X \equiv \int |\nabla \Psi|^2 d^3 \mathbf{r},$$
$$Y \equiv \int |\Psi|^4 d^3 \mathbf{r}$$

$N_0 = 18.94$ - number of particles for the ground state solution¹ of nonlinear Schrödinger equation:

$$\phi_0 = \lambda R(\lambda \mathbf{r}) e^{i\lambda^2 t}, \quad -\lambda^2 R + \nabla^2 R + R^3 = 0, \quad N_0 \equiv \int R^2 d^3 \mathbf{r}$$

¹E. A. Kuznetsov, J. J. Rasmussen, K. Rypdal, and S. K. Turitsyn, *Physica D* **87**, 273 (1995).

Inequality for energy functional:

$$E = E_K + E_P + E_{NL} + E_{DD}$$

$$\geq \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}X + \frac{9m\omega^2}{8X}F(\gamma)N^2 - \frac{2(4\pi d^2 - 3g)}{3^{5/2}N_0}N^{1/2}X^{3/2} \equiv E_l(X).$$

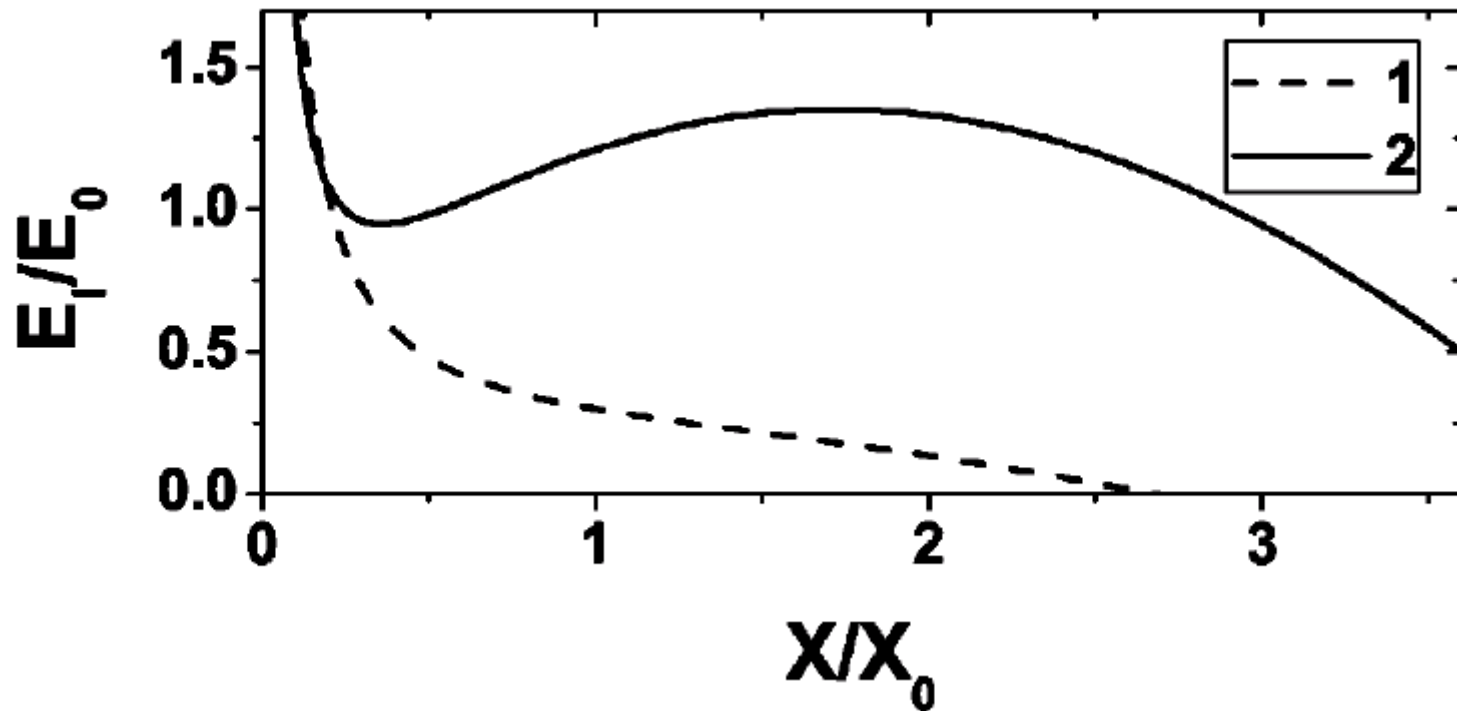
$$X \equiv \int |\nabla \Psi|^2 d^3 \mathbf{r}$$

$4\pi d^2 \leq 3g$ - global existence as X is finite¹

¹M.I. Weinstein, Commun. Math. Phys. **87**, 567 (1983).

Global existence for $4\pi d^2 > 3g$.

$$E \geq \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}X + \frac{9m\omega^2}{8X}F(\gamma)N^2 - \frac{2(4\pi d^2 - 3g)}{3^{5/2}N_0}N^{1/2}X^{3/2} \equiv E_l(X).$$



Curve 1: $N > N_c$, $N_c \equiv 2^{3/2}3\hbar^{5/2}N_0/[5^{5/4}(4\pi d^2 - 3g)F(\gamma)^{1/4}m^{3/2}\omega^{1/2}]$

Curve 2: $N < N_c$ - global existence for X left from barrier

Generation of gravity-like potential¹

Dipole-dipole interaction induced by a laser beam of intensity I ,
Wave vector \mathbf{q} and polarization $\hat{\mathbf{e}}$:

$$U(\mathbf{r}) = \left(\frac{I}{4\pi c \epsilon_0^2} \right) \alpha^2(q) \hat{\mathbf{e}}_i^* \hat{\mathbf{e}}_j V_{ij}(q, \mathbf{r}) \cos(\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r})$$

$$V_{ij} = \frac{1}{r^3} [(\delta_{ij} - 3\hat{\mathbf{r}}_i \hat{\mathbf{r}}_j) (\cos qr + qr \sin qr) \\ - (\delta_{ij} - \hat{\mathbf{r}}_i \hat{\mathbf{r}}_j) q^2 r^2 \cos qr],$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{r}}_i = r_i / r$$

$\alpha(q)$ - isotropic dynamic polarizability at frequency cq .

¹O'Dell, Giovanazzi, Kurizki, and Akulin, Phys. Rev. Lett. **84**, 5687 (2000).

For 3 orthogonally polarized laser beams pointing in $\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \hat{\mathbf{y}}, \hat{\mathbf{z}}$ directions we expand in small qr

\Rightarrow

$$U(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{3Iq^2\alpha^2}{(16\pi c\epsilon_0^2)} \times \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{7}{3} + (\sin\theta \cos\phi)^4 + (\sin\theta \sin\phi)^4 + (\cos\theta)^4 \right].$$