

## One-dimensional disordered Bose-Fermi mixtures in optical lattices

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## Quantum gases in a 1D disordered potential

What happens if we load interacting particles in a 1D disordered potential ?



- Random external potential

• Bosons in 1D with repulsive interactions



T. Giamarchi, H. Schulz, Phys. Rev. B, 37, 325 (1988)

## Quantum gases in a 1D disordered potential





Insulator to superfluid transition, for attractive interactions.

T. Giamarchi, H. Schulz, Phys. Rev. B, 37, 325 (1988)



### **Bose-Fermi mixture in a 1D disordered potential**



Questions :

- Does weak disorder decouple the species ?

- What is the mechanism of localization ? Does the localization of one species trigger the localization of the other ?

- Phase diagram ? New phases ?

### Outline

**1. Cold atoms: highly tuneable correlated systems** 

**2.** Disordered 1D interacting systems

**3.** Bose-Fermi mixture in a disordered potential:

- Does fermion localization induce boson localization?
- Phase diagram
- Observables

4. Conclusions and perspectives



## **I-Cold** atoms:

## highly tuneable correlated systems



## **Cold atoms: Control of dimensionality**



#### **1-3 dimensions**





Bloch, Dalibard, and Zwerger, RMP 2008

### **Cold atoms: control of parameters**

#### Hopping from site to site ...



For a deep lattice:  $J \sim e^{-2\sqrt{V_0/E_R}}$ 

 $V_0$  : height of the lattice  $E_R = \frac{h^2 \lambda^{-2}}{2m}$  : recoil energy

**Kinetic Hamiltonian:** 

$$H = -\sum_{i,j} J_{ij} \left( a_i^{\dagger} a_j + a_j^{\dagger} a_i \right)$$

tight binding approximation (single band)

#### **Controlling interactions**

Van der Waals interactions with an *effective potential* :  $V(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2}{2\mu} a_s \delta(\mathbf{r})$ 



### **Superfluid to Mott insulator**

#### Time of flight experiment with bosonic atoms



Absorption images of multiple matter wave interference patterns. These were obtained after suddenly releasing the atoms from an optical lattice potential with different potential depths V0 after a time of flight of 15 ms. Values of V0 were: a, 0 Er; b, 3 Er; c, 7 Er; d, 10 Er; e, 13 Er; f, 14 Er; g, 16 Er; and h, 20 Er.

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

Greiner, Markus; Mandel, Olaf; Esslinger, Tilman; Hansch, Theodor; Bloch, Immanuel

Nature. 415, 39-44, 2002.



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

U. Schneider,<sup>1</sup> L. Hackermüller,<sup>1</sup> S. Will,<sup>1</sup> Th. Best,<sup>1</sup> I. Bloch,<sup>1,2</sup>\* T. A. Costi,<sup>3</sup> R. W. Helmes,<sup>4</sup> D. Rasch,<sup>4</sup> A. Rosch<sup>4</sup>

Science, 322, 1522 (2008)

### **Pinning transition in strongly interacting 1D systems**

- Pinning transition for a Luttinger liquid of strongly interacting bosons (Cs atoms)

E. Haller et al., Nature 466, 597 (2010)



In 1D, provided interactions are strong enough, a periodic potential *commensurate with the atomic density* will pin the gas and open a gap, *no matter how weak the potential.* 

 Crossover from the Bose-Hubbard regime for weak interactions to the sine-Gordon model for large interactions





## **Control of the disorder potential**

- 2 main classes of experimental systems







#### Incommensurate potentials

## **Direct observation of Anderson localization**

#### - weakly interacting **BEC** of <sup>87</sup>Rb in a speckle potential



J. Billy, *et al.* Direct observation of Anderson Localization of matter-waves in a controlled disorder. Nature, **453**, 891 (2008)

See also G. Roati et al., Nature, **453**, 895 (2008)



# **II-Disorder 1D interacting systems**



## **Treating interacting particles in 1D: bosonization**

#### 🖨 Hydrodynamic approach

- Rewrite the dynamics of the system in terms of *density fluctuations* :



Remarks on Luttinger parameters for bosons and fermions ( $U_{bf} = 0$ )



## Adding a commensurate potential

- External lattice potential:

$$H_{\text{ext}} = \int dx \ V(x)\rho(x)$$
 with

$$V(x) = V_0 \cos(2\pi\rho_b x + \varphi)$$

- Full low-energy Hamiltonian

$$H_{b} = \frac{\hbar v_{b}}{2\pi} \int dx \left[ K_{b} \left[ \nabla \theta_{b}(x) \right]^{2} + \frac{1}{K_{b}} \left[ \nabla \phi_{b}(x) \right]^{2} \right] - V_{0} \int dx \cos[2\phi_{b}(x)]$$
Quantum Minimize
fluctuations fluctuations in  $\phi_{b}$ 
Lock  $\phi_{b}$  to optimal value

**1)** Variationnal calculation: *look for best quadratic action.* 

Gap in the excitation spectrum  $\Delta \sim (V_0)^{\frac{1}{2-K}}$  for K < 2

2) Renormalization group calculation, perturbative in  $V_0$ 

BKT transition at K = 2



## Adding a disorder potential

1D disordered quantum gases ... another kind of pinning transition

- Random external potential



• White noise, the  $q=2\pi
ho_b$  Fourier component tries to pin the density wave.

$$H = \frac{\hbar v}{2\pi} \int dx \left[ K \left[ \nabla \theta(x) \right]^2 + \frac{1}{K} \left[ \nabla \phi(x) \right]^2 - 2\rho |\xi(x)| \cos \left[ 2\phi(x) - 2\lambda(x) \right] \right]$$
random phase



## **A variational argument**

$$H = \frac{\hbar v}{2\pi} \int dx \left[ K \left[ \partial_x \theta(x) \right]^2 + \frac{1}{K} \left[ \partial_x \phi(x) \right]^2 - 2\rho |\xi(x)| \cos \left[ 2\phi(x) - 2\lambda(x) \right] \right]$$
random phase

- The density wave tries to adjust its phase  $\phi$  to the random phase, in order to minimize its potential energy.
- any adjustment costs « elastic » energy through  $[\partial_x \phi(x)]^2$
- quantum fluctuations work against the pinning of the density wave through  $\left[\partial_x \theta(x)\right]^2$



This simple picture is in agreement with a RG analysis in replica spaceT. Giamarchi, H. Schulz, Phys. Rev. B, **37**, 325 (1988)

# III- Bose-Fermi Mixture in a 1D disordered potential



## **Experimental considerations**

• Array of tubes, with a **tight transverse confinement**.

Mixtures of **bosons** and **spinless fermions** e.g. <sup>87</sup>Rb <sup>40</sup>K, <sup>7</sup>Li <sup>6</sup>Li

- Transverse motion in the **ground state** of the harmonic oscillator.
  - VdW interactions are **effectively point like**.

 $\longrightarrow U_b = 2\hbar\omega_{\perp,b} a_{bb}$ 

 $\omega_{\perp}$ 

$$\rightarrow \quad U_{bf} = 2\hbar \frac{1}{M_r} \frac{M_f \omega_{\perp,f} M_b \omega_{\perp,b}}{M_f \omega_{\perp,f} + M_b \omega_{\perp,b}} \ a_{bf}$$

 $a_{bb}$  and  $a_{bf}$  are two scattering lengths

 $a_{bf}$ 

Feshbach resonance

• 2 knobs to control  $U_b$  and  $U_{bf}$  independently.



disordered potential and/or longitudinal lattice

#### **Clean case**

<sup>87</sup>Rb - <sup>40</sup>K ; <sup>7</sup>Li - <sup>6</sup>Li ; <sup>23</sup>Na - <sup>6</sup>Li

- Bosons interact repulsively. Spinless fermions are non interacting.

Bosons and fermions interact, repulsively of attractively.

*Effective (attractive) intra-species interactions* 

#### **Disordered Bose-Fermi mixture**

- Is the usual mechanism of localization affected ?
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- Does the disorder decouple the species or does the localization of one species trigger the localization of the other because of interactions ?

- What is the phase diagram ?



#### ➡ Model

In the continuum

Kinetic energy Random potential  

$$H = \int dx \ \psi_f^{\dagger}(x) \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M_f} \partial_x^2 + V_f(x) \right] \psi_f(x) + \int dx \ \psi_b^{\dagger}(x) \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M_b} \partial_x^2 + V_b(x) \right] \psi_b(x)$$

$$+ \frac{U_b}{2} \int dx \ \rho_b(x) (\rho_b(x) - 1) + U_{bf} \int dx \ \rho_b(x) \rho_f(x)$$
Bose-Bose interaction Bose-Fermi interaction

Interaction parameters

- Integrating out transverse degrees of freedom:

Disorder

$$\begin{split} U_b &= 2\hbar\omega_{\perp,b} \, a_{bb} \\ U_{bf} &= 2\hbar \frac{1}{M_r} \frac{M_f \omega_{\perp,f} M_b \omega_{\perp,b}}{M_f \omega_{\perp,f} + M_b \omega_{\perp,b}} \, a_{bf} \end{split}$$

 $\overline{V_f(x)V_f(x')} = D_f \,\delta(x - x') \qquad \overline{V_f(x)} = 0$  $\overline{V_b(x)V_b(x')} = D_b \,\delta(x - x') \qquad \overline{V_b(x)} = 0$ 

### **1D Bose-Fermi mixtures: clean case**

Model (continued)

$$H_b = \frac{\hbar v_b}{2\pi} \int dx \left[ K_b \left[ \nabla \theta_b(x) \right]^2 + \frac{1}{K_b} \left[ \nabla \phi_b(x) \right]^2 \right]$$

is the *universal* low-energy Hamiltonian of a 1D Bose gas – *Luttinger liquid* theory.

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$$\begin{cases} \mathsf{K}_f = 1 \text{ for non interacting fermions} \\ \mathsf{v}_f \text{ is the Fermi velocity} \end{cases}$$

$$H_{bf} = \frac{U_{bf}}{\pi^2} \int dx \, \nabla \phi_b(x) \nabla \phi_f(x) + g \int dx \, \cos[2\pi(\rho_f - \rho_b)x + 2(\phi_f(x) - \phi_b(x))]$$

Bose-Fermi interactions couple two Luttinger liquids



### 1D Bose-Fermi mixtures: clean case

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$$\rho_f \neq \rho_b$$

Bose-Fermi interactions *couple* two Luttinger liquids *through density fluctuations*.



#### **1D Bose-Fermi mixtures : clean case**

Linear transformation  $\phi_b=b_+\phi_++b_-\phi_ \phi_f=f_+\phi_++f_-\phi_-$ 

$$H^0 = \sum_{lpha=\pm} rac{v_lpha}{2\pi} \int dx \left[ \left( \partial_x heta_lpha(x) 
ight)^2 + \left( \partial_x \phi_lpha(x) 
ight)^2 
ight]$$

#### sound velocity

$$v_{\pm}^2 = 1/2(v_f^2 + v_b^2) \pm 1/2\sqrt{(v_f^2 - v_b^2)^2 + 4g^2 v_f^2 v_b^2}$$

• dimensionless coupling 
$$g = rac{U_{bf}}{\pi} \sqrt{rac{K_f K_b}{v_f v_b}}$$

• instability:  $|g| \rightarrow 1$  (Wentzel-Bardeen instability)

Cazalilla and Ho, PRL 2003; Mathey et al., PRL 2004



#### Model (continued)

- Perturb the 2-component Luttinger liquid fixed point with disorder

$$H_{dis}^{\alpha} = \int dx \left[ -\frac{1}{\pi} \gamma_{\alpha}(x) \partial_{x} \phi_{\alpha}(x) + \rho_{\alpha} \xi_{\alpha}(x) e^{-i2\phi_{\alpha}(x)} + h.c. \right]$$

$$\alpha = f, b$$

Random chemical potential (forward scattering on disorder)

Pinning of the density wave (backscattering on disorder)

 $q=2\pi\rho_b$  ou  $2k_F$ 

 $\gamma_{\alpha}(x) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{q \sim 0} e^{iqx} V_{\alpha,q} \quad \text{can be gauged away in the quadratic Hamiltonian.}$  $\xi_{\alpha}(x) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{q \sim 0} e^{iqx} V_{\alpha,q-2\pi\rho_{\alpha}} \quad \text{is responsible for the localization.} \quad \overline{\xi_{\alpha}(x)\xi_{\alpha}^{*}(x')} = D_{\alpha}\delta(x-x')$ 

- Competition between :
  - the random potential that tries to pin the phase
  - the « elastic » energy (coming from the interactions)
  - the quantum fluctuations

### **Replica trick**

Replica Trick:  $1 \text{ o } Z = \lim_{n \to 0} (nZ^n - 1) / n$  $\overline{Z^n} = \int \prod_{a}^{n} D\Phi^a_b D\Phi^a_f e^{-S_{re}}$ Impurity average can be performed **Replicated action:**  $S_{rep} = S_0 + S_{dis}^{rep}$  $S_{0} = \sum_{a} \sum_{j=f,b} \frac{1}{2\pi K_{j}} \int dx d\tau \left[ \frac{1}{v_{j}} \left( \partial_{\tau} \phi_{j}^{a} \right)^{2} + v_{j} \left( \partial_{x} \phi_{j}^{a} \right)^{2} \right] + \frac{U_{bf}}{\pi^{2}} \int dx d\tau \partial_{x} \phi_{f}^{a} \partial_{x} \phi_{b}^{a},$  $S_{dis}^{rep} = -D_f \rho_f^2 \sum_{i} \int dx \int d\tau d\tau' \cos(2\phi_f^a(x,\tau) - 2\phi_f^b(x,\tau'))$  $-D_b \rho_b^2 \sum_{\tau} \int dx \int d\tau d\tau' \, \cos(2\phi_b^a(x,\tau) - 2\phi_b^b(x,\tau'))$ 

replica-interaction generated



### **Renormalization group equations**

#### **Relevance of disorder:**

$$\frac{d\tilde{D}_f}{dl} = (3 - X_f)\tilde{D}_f(l)$$
$$\frac{d\tilde{D}_b}{dl} = (3 - X_b)\tilde{D}_b(l)$$

$$\tilde{D}_{f} = 4\pi D_{f} \rho_{f}^{2} / (\Lambda^{3} v_{f}^{2})$$

$$X_{f} = \frac{2K_{f}(1 + t\sqrt{1 - g^{2}})}{\sqrt{1 - g^{2}}\sqrt{1 + 2t\sqrt{1 - g^{2}} + t^{2}}}$$

$$X_{b} = \frac{2K_{b}(t + \sqrt{1 - g^{2}})}{\sqrt{1 - g^{2}}\sqrt{1 + 2t\sqrt{1 - g^{2}} + t^{2}}}$$

$$t = v_{f} / v_{b}$$

Localization length:



$$\xi^b_{loc}~\sim~a\left(rac{1}{ ilde{D}_b}
ight)^{rac{1}{3-X_b}}$$

### Feed-back of disorder:

$$\frac{dK_f}{dl} = -K_f^3 \tilde{D}_f C$$

$$\frac{dv_f}{dl} = -v_f K_f^2 \tilde{D}_f C$$

$$\frac{dK_b}{dl} = -K_b^3 \tilde{D}_b C$$
$$\frac{dv_b}{dl} = -v_b K_b^2 \tilde{D}_b C$$

## Phase diagram obtained from simple RG



## **Beyond simple RG**

Are bosons really superfluid when  $K_b < 3/2$ ?

In the regime  $X_b > 3$  and  $X_f < 3$  the RG predicts

that fermions are localized while bosons are superfluid.



<u>However</u>, fermionic density fluctuations become `` gapped'' beyond  $\Lambda \ll 1/\xi_f$ 

**RG must be done in two steps:** 

$$\frac{d \log \tilde{D}_b}{dl} = \begin{cases} 3 - X_b & \text{if } \Lambda \gg 1/\xi_f \\ 3 - 2K_b & \text{if } \Lambda \ll 1/\xi_f \end{cases}$$

This extends the phase where bosons do localize

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This argument is substantiated by a more elaborated approach: the Gaussian variationnal method in replica space

### Phase diagram obtained from 2-step RG



### A word on the Gaussian variational method

- Replicated action:

$$S_{0} = \sum_{a=1}^{n} \sum_{\alpha=f,b} \frac{\hbar}{2\pi K_{\alpha}} \int dx d\tau \left[ \frac{1}{v_{\alpha}} \left( \partial_{\tau} \varphi_{\alpha}^{a} \right)^{2} + v_{\alpha} \left( \partial_{x} \varphi_{\alpha}^{a} \right)^{2} \right] + \frac{U_{bf}}{\pi^{2}} \int dx d\tau \ \partial_{x} \varphi_{f}^{a} \partial_{x} \varphi_{b}^{a}$$

$$S_{\text{dis}} = -\frac{D_{f} \rho_{f}^{2}}{\hbar} \sum_{a,b} \int dx \int d\tau d\tau' \cos \left[ 2\varphi_{f}^{a}(x,\tau) - 2\varphi_{f}^{b}(x,\tau') \right]$$

$$-\frac{D_{b} \rho_{b}^{2}}{\hbar} \sum_{a,b} \int dx \int d\tau d\tau' \cos \left[ 2\varphi_{b}^{a}(x,\tau) - 2\varphi_{b}^{b}(x,\tau') \right]$$

- One looks for the best quadratic action

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\beta L} \sum_{q,i\omega_n} \varphi^a_{\alpha}(q,i\omega_n) (G^{-1})^{ab}_{\alpha\beta}(q,i\omega_n) \varphi^b_{\beta}(-q,-i\omega_n)$$
  
with:  $(G^{-1})^{ab}_{\alpha\beta} = (G^{-1}_0)^{ab}_{\alpha\beta} - \sigma^{ab}_{\alpha\beta}$   
self-energy

by minimizing the variational free energy:

$$F_{\text{var}} = -1/\beta \ln \operatorname{Tr} e^{-S_G} + \langle S - S_G \rangle_G / \beta$$

Mézard, Parisi, 91' Giamarchi, Le Doussal, 96'









## **Example of typical flow trajectories**

• Modified RG flow from the variational solution (1RSB + RS)



- Disorder strength D<sub>b</sub>(I):

$$\overline{V_b(x)V_b(x')} = D_b \,\delta(x - x')$$

- Short-distance cutoff:

$$\alpha(\ell) = \alpha_0 e^{\ell}$$



### **Boson localization length**



- In the fully localized phase, *both species are localized*, but interactions are still very important, since *the bosonic localization length is controlled by Bose-Fermi interactions*.



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# Phase diagram for <sup>87</sup>Rb -<sup>40</sup>K mixture



### **Observables : Bragg scattering**

#### Bragg scattering experiments give access to the dynamic structure factor

See D. Clément et al., PRL 09'

 $S_{b/f}(q,\omega) = \int dt dx \ e^{iqx - i\omega t} \overline{\langle \rho_{b/f}(x,t)\rho_{b/f}(0,0) \rangle}$ 

Fermionic structure factor in the Bose-Fermi glass phase



### **Observables 2:time of flight**



Average bosonic density after a time of flight t

### **Conclusions**

- We have studied a Bose-Fermi mixture in a disordered potential

#### Several phases: Bose-Fermi glass, coexisting localized/LL phases

Localization length of bosons controlled by fermions

- Phase transitions can be detected by

• Bragg scattering experiement

- Open question:  $\rho_f = \rho_b$ 

Composite fermion glass ? competition between various insulating orders

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### A zest of integral equations ...

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## **Solution of resulting integral equations**

$$[G^{(c)}]^{-1}(\omega_{n},q) \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\pi K_{b}} (\frac{1}{v_{b}} \omega_{n}^{2} + v_{b}q^{2}) + I_{b}(\omega_{n}) + \Sigma_{b}(1 - \delta_{n,0}) & \frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{v_{f}v_{b}}{K_{f}K_{b}}} g q^{2} \\ \frac{1}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{v_{f}v_{b}}{K_{f}K_{b}}} g q^{2} & \frac{1}{\pi K_{f}} (\frac{1}{v_{f}} \omega_{n}^{2} + v_{f}q^{2}) + I_{f}(\omega_{n}) + \Sigma_{f}(1 - \delta_{n,0}) \end{pmatrix}$$

Replica symmetry breaking (~ ``gap")

 $\begin{array}{c} \searrow & \Sigma_b > 0 & \text{if bosons localized} \\ \Sigma_f > 0 & \text{if fermions localized} \end{array}$ 

$$\Sigma_{b,f} \sim \xi_{b,f}^{-2}$$

• 
$$\lim_{\omega_n\to 0} H_{b,f}(\omega_n) = 0$$
,

•  $I_{b,f}(\omega_n)$  and  $\Sigma_{b,f}$  must be determined self-consistently

