

# Density Profiles of Trapped Polarized Fermi Gases

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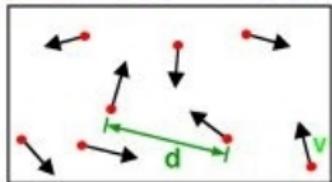
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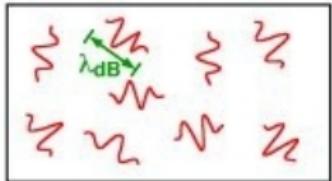


BOSE EINSTEIN CONDENSATION

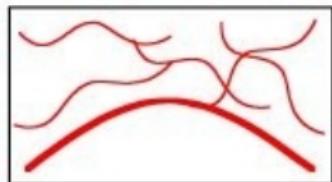
# What is Bose Einstein Condensation?



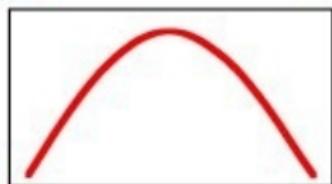
High Temperature T:  
thermal velocity  $v$   
density  $d^{-3}$   
"Billiard balls"



Low Temperature T:  
De Broglie wavelength  
 $\lambda_{dB} = h/mv \propto T^{-1/2}$   
"Wave packets"

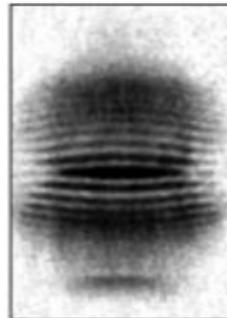


$T=T_{crit}$ :  
Bose-Einstein  
Condensation  
 $\lambda_{dB} = d$   
"Matter wave overlap"

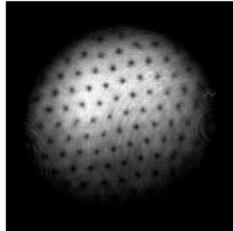


$T=0$ :  
Pure Bose  
condensate  
"Giant matter wave"

Coherence:  
interference fringes...

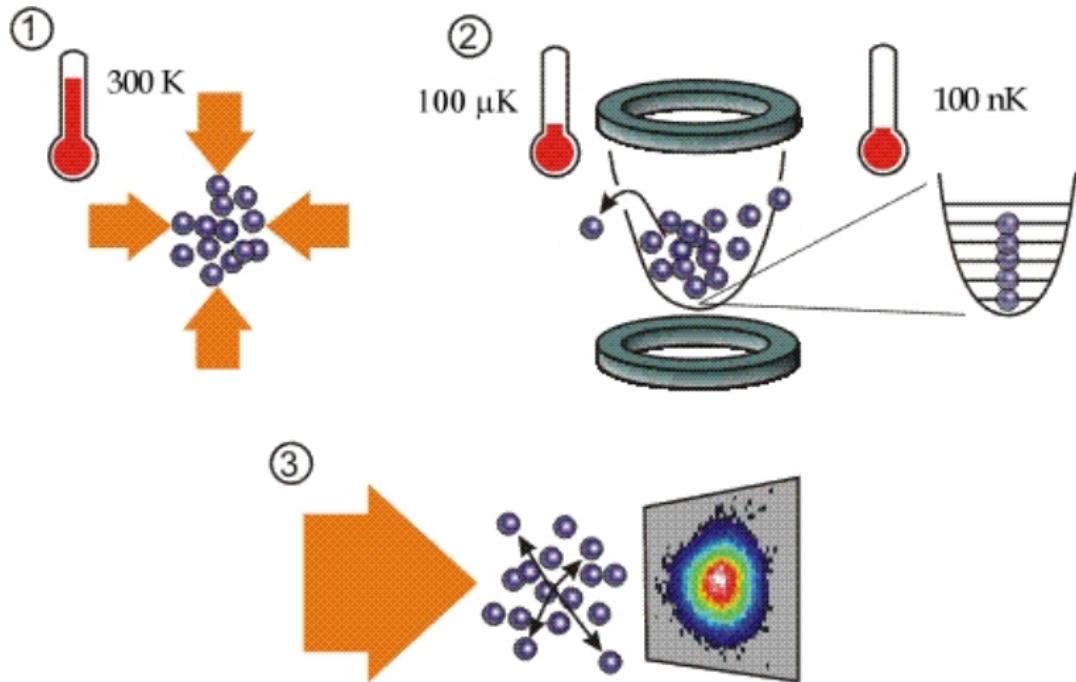


Superfluidity:  
no viscosity,  
quantized vortices...



Images from MIT webpage

# What is done in experiments?



Images from Jila webpage

# Quantum Monte Carlo for Ultracold Gases in Trento



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## **Current research:**

Bosons at  $T > 0$ , with disorder (Path Integral Monte Carlo)

Fermions at  $T = 0$ , in 3D and 2D (Diffusion Monte Carlo)

## **Collaborations:**

Theory:

UPC (Barcelona), [Astrakharchik](#), Boronat, Casulleras

UMass (Amherst), Prokof'ev

Exp:

Ecole Normale (Paris), Dalibard

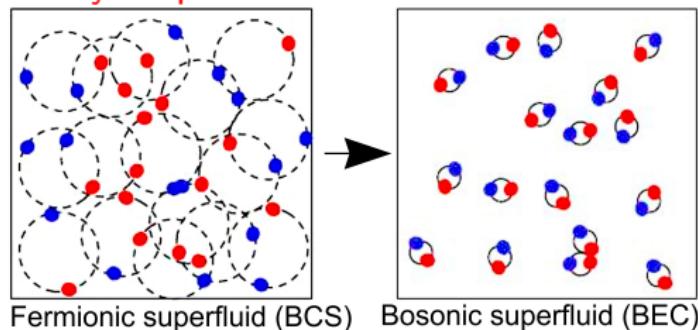
IQOQI (Innsbruck), Grimm

MIT (Boston), Ketterle

Two species of fermions (spin  $\uparrow$  spin  $\downarrow$ ) with attractive interaction

Change interaction at  $P = 0$ :

Always superfluid



BCS-BEC crossover

Change spin polarization  $P > 0$   
From normal gas to superfluid

Quantum phase transition  
Chandrasekhar-Clogston  
limit

Homogeneous system: DMC calculations (*Pilati, Giorgini*)

# Density Profiles of the (3D) Trapped Gas

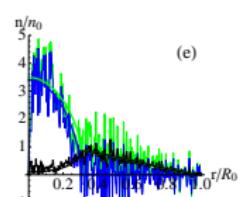
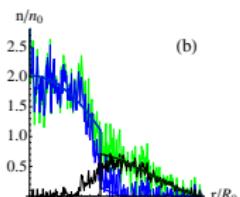
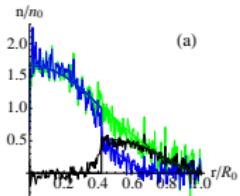
Interaction  
Polarization

$$\frac{1}{k_F^0}a = 0$$
$$P = 0.43$$

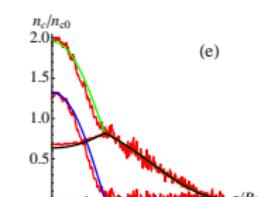
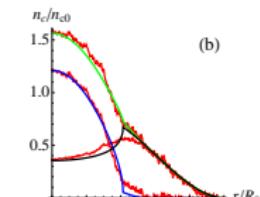
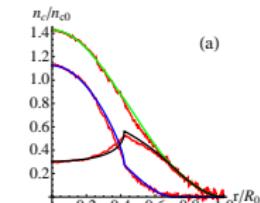
$$\frac{1}{k_F^0}a = 0.35$$
$$P = 0.52$$

$$\frac{1}{k_F^0}a = 1.59$$
$$P = 0.73$$

Radial Density



Column Density



Local Density Approximation

Minimize  
Grandcanonical  
potential

Spin up  
Spin down  
Difference