Fano resonance through Higgs bound states in tunneling of Nambu-Goldstone modes

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Spontaneous symmetry breaking and collective modes



Higgs and NG modes are ubiquitous associated with spontaneous symmetry breaking.

Nambu-Goldstone mode - massless phase mode

pions, magnons, phonons, Bogoliubov mode in BECs ...

Higgs mode - massive amplitude mode

in Standard Model, SCs, SFs, magnets, CDW materials ...

- growing interest in Higgs modes in condensed matter physics

The 'Higgs' amplitude mode at the two-dimensional superfluid/Mott insulator transition

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Cold bosons in an optical lattice - Higgs mode excited by modulating lattice depth in time

Observation of the Higgs mode in the vicinity of the SF-MI phase transition point in 2d



Superfluid-Mott insulator transition

Bose-Hubbard model

$$\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_{i,j} b_i^{\dagger} b_j + \frac{U}{2} \sum_i b_i^{\dagger} b_i^{\dagger} b_i b_i - \mu \sum_i b_i^{\dagger} b_i$$

$$J: \text{hopping} \quad U > 0: \text{ on-site interaction}$$
Laser



J/U can be tuned by light intensity



M.Greiner et al., Nature 415, 39 (2002)

Effective low-energy theory



Deep in the SF regime $J \gg U$

Gross-Pitaevskii eq.

$$i\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\nabla^2}{2m}\phi + g|\phi|^2\phi \qquad \langle b_i\rangle = \phi$$

amplitude and phase modes have the same gapless dispersion

= NG (Bogoliubov) mode

No Higgs mode

C. Varma, JLTP (2002)

In the vicinity of the 2nd order SF-MI transition

Sachdev, "Quantum Phase Transitions"

Time-dependent Ginzburg-Landau eq.

$$iK_0\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} - W_0\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial t^2} = \left(-\frac{\nabla^2}{2m_*} + r_0 + u_0|\psi|^2\right)\psi. \qquad \begin{array}{c} \psi: \text{SF order} \\ \text{parameter} \end{array}$$

Higgs and NG modes at the SF-MI transitions



Effects of disorder

- Disorder plays a crucial role in various condensed matter systems Anderson localization, Bose glass, ...
- Elementary excitations localized around disorder potentials - Andreev bound states in SCs, edge modes and Majorana bound states in topologically non-trivial systems (TIs, TSCs), ...
- We study transport properties of collective modes through a potential barrier the simplest disorder.



M. P. A. Fisher, et al., PRB (1989)

D. Sherman, *et al.*, Nat. Phys. (2015)

J-D. Pillet, *et al.*, Nat. Phys. (2010)

Disorder in the BH model

Bose-Hubbard model

$$\mathcal{H} = -\sum_{\boldsymbol{i},\boldsymbol{j}} J_{\boldsymbol{i},\boldsymbol{j}} b_{\boldsymbol{i}}^{\dagger} b_{\boldsymbol{j}} + \frac{U}{2} \sum_{\boldsymbol{i}} b_{\boldsymbol{i}}^{\dagger} b_{\boldsymbol{i}}^{\dagger} b_{\boldsymbol{i}} b_{\boldsymbol{i}} - \sum_{\boldsymbol{i}} \mu_{\boldsymbol{i}} b_{\boldsymbol{i}}^{\dagger} b_{\boldsymbol{i}}$$

Two kinds of disorder in the BH model

1) diagonal disorder: inhomogeneous on-site potential V_i

$$\mu_i = \mu_0 - V_i$$

M. P. A. Fisher, PRB 40, 546 (1989)

2) off-diagonal disorder: inhomogeneous hopping amplitude J_{ij}

$$J_{ij} = J + J'_{ij}$$

N. Prokof'ev and B. Svistunov, PRL 92, 15703 (2004) P. Sengupta and S. Haas, PRL 99, 050403 (2007)

• We propose to introduce two kinds of external potential that tune the two kinds of disorder independently in cold-atom experiments.

2) inhomogeneous hopping amplitude



2) inhomogeneous hopping amplitude



- TDGL equation including effects of the potential
- We assume absence of the 1st order time-derivative term far from the potential barrier: particle-hole symmetry

leading contribution to the linear term $v_r(x) = -2J'(x)$

$$-W_0 \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = \left(-\frac{\nabla^2}{2m_*} + r_0 + \frac{v_r}{v_r} + u_0 |\psi|^2 \right) \psi$$

 $v_r(x)$: a standard potential term that does not break p-h symmetry

1) inhomogeneous on-site potential



TDGL equation including effects of the potential

leading contribution to the 1st order time-derivative term $v_K(x) = -2W_0V(x)$

$$\frac{iv_K}{\partial t}\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} - W_0\frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial t^2} = \left(-\frac{\nabla^2}{2m_*} + r_0 + u_0|\psi|^2\right)\psi$$

 $v_K(x)$ breaks p-h symmetry!

Effective 1D setting

$$iv_{K}(x)\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} - W_{0}\frac{\partial^{2}\psi}{\partial t^{2}} = \left(-\frac{\nabla^{2}\psi}{2m_{*}} + r_{0} + v_{r}(x) + u_{0}|\psi|^{2}\right)\psi$$

$$\tilde{\psi} = \psi/(-r_{0}/u_{0})^{1/2}, \quad \tilde{t} = t(-r_{0}/W_{0})^{1/2}, \quad \tilde{v}_{r} = -v_{r}/r_{0}, \quad \tilde{v}_{K} = v_{K}/(-r_{0}W_{0})^{1/2}, \quad \tilde{x} = x/\xi.$$

$$\xi \equiv (-m_{*}r_{0})^{-1/2}: \text{ coherence length}$$

$$iv_{K}(x)\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial^{2}\psi}{\partial t^{2}} = \left(-\frac{\nabla^{2}}{2} - 1 + v_{r}(x) + |\psi|^{2}\right)\psi$$

we assume delta-function potentials :

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$$v_K = V_K \delta(x)$$
 $v_r = V_r \delta(x)$

Potentials varying in the order of lattice spacing *d* can be well approximated by the delta-function potentials because of $\xi \gg d$ near the phase boundary

Linearized TDGL equation

$$iv_{K}\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial^{2}\psi}{\partial t^{2}} = \left(-\frac{\nabla^{2}}{2} - 1 + v_{r} + |\psi|^{2}\right)\psi$$

we assume fluctuations of the order parameter only in the x direction

 $\psi(x,t) = \psi_0(x) + \mathcal{U}(x)e^{-i\omega t} + \mathcal{V}^*(x)e^{i\omega^* t}$

Static eq. (same as the static GP eq.) $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - 1 + |\psi_0|^2 + v_r(x)\right)\psi_0(x) = 0$

no effect of $v_K(x)$

 $S(x) = \mathcal{U}(x) - \mathcal{V}(x) \propto \delta\theta(x), \ T(x) = \mathcal{U}(x) + \mathcal{V}(x) \propto \delta n(x)$

NG:
$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - 1 + |\psi_0|^2 + v_r(x)\right)S(x) = \omega^2 S(x) - \omega v_K(x)T(x)$$

Higgs: $\left(-\frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - 1 + 3|\psi_0|^2 + v_r(x)\right)T(x) = \omega^2 T(x) - \omega v_K(x)S(x)$

Higgs and NG modes are locally coupled via $v_K(x)$

Higgs bound states

 $\psi_0(x) = \tanh(|x| + x_0)$

we set $v_K(x) = 0$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - 1 + |\psi_0|^2 + v_r(x)\right)S(x) = \omega^2 S(x) - \omega v_K(x)T(x)$$
$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - 1 + 3|\psi_0|^2 + v_r(x)\right)T(x) = \omega^2 T(x) - \omega v_K(x)S(x)$$

= Shroeinger eq.

decoupled Higgs and NG mode due to p-h symmetry

Bound-state solutions of amplitude fluctuation T(x) below the bulk Higgs gap due to the deep condensate potential

Higgs bound states

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - 1 + 3|\psi_0|^2 + V_r\delta(x)\right)T(x) = \omega^2 T(x)$$

 Δ : bulk Higgs gap

Scattering of collective modes

 $V_r \delta(x) \ V_K \delta(x) \ \psi_0(x)$ Scattering of NG modes with energy below the bulk Higgs gap $E < \Delta = \sqrt{2}$ incident to the potential barriers $v_K = V_K \delta(x)$ $v_r = V_r \delta(x)$ $\mathsf{NG:}\ S(x) = \begin{cases} (\gamma(x) + ik_s)e^{ik_s x} + r_{\mathrm{ng}}(\gamma(x) - ik_s)e^{-ik_s x} & (x < 0) \\ \text{Incident} & \mathsf{Reflected} \\ t_{\mathrm{ng}}(\gamma(x) - ik_s)e^{ik_s x} & (x > 0) \\ \text{Transmitted} & \gamma(x) = \mathrm{tanh}(|x| + x_0) & k_s = \sqrt{2}E \end{cases}$ Higgs: $T(x) = \begin{cases} r_{\rm h}(3\gamma(x)^2 + 3\kappa_t\gamma(x) + \kappa_t^2 - 1)e^{\kappa_t x} & (x < 0) \\ t_{\rm h}(3\gamma(x)^2 + 3\kappa_t\gamma(x) + \kappa_t^2 - 1)e^{-\kappa_t x} & (x > 0) \end{cases}$ decay at infinity $\kappa_t = \sqrt{4 - 2E^2}$ Boundary condition at x=0

Tunneling property of NG modesTransmission probability: $\mathcal{T}(E) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2E^2}{(2E^2+1)^2}V_{\text{eff}}(E)^2}$ Effective potential: $V_{\text{eff}}(E) = (1 - V_K^2 f(E))V_r$

Perfect transmission of NG mode in the low energy limit anomalous tunneling

Kovrizhin, Phys. Lett. A, 287, 392 (2001) Kagan, et al., PRL 90, 130402 (2003)

Characteristic asymmetric peak near the energy of the Higgs bound state E₊

Fano resonance

Tunneling property of NG modes

Interference between directly scattered waves within continuum and resonantly scattered waves mediated by discrete states
- Fano resonance

The asymmetric peak is manifestation of the Fano resonance of the NG mode mediated by the even Higgs bound state.

Summary

 TDGL eq. including effects of two kinds of potential barriers - inhomogeneous on-site potential and hopping amplitude.

$$\frac{iv_K(x)\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t}}{-}W_0\frac{\partial^2\psi}{\partial t^2} = \left(-\frac{\nabla^2\psi}{2m_*} + r_0 + \frac{v_r(x)}{v_r(x)} + u_0|\psi|^2\right)\psi$$

- Localized Higgs bound states below the bulk Higgs gap
- Fano resonance of NG mode mediated by the Higgs bound states
- Outlook Higgs bound states in other condensed matter systems, e.g. disordered SCs

Sherman et al., Nat. Phys. (2015)

Higgs modes in condensed matter physics

Raman spectroscopy in NbSe₂

- First observation of Higgs mode!

NbSe₂: CDW transition at 40K and SC transition at 7.2 K

A new peak at the frequency twice of the SC gap arises below SC Tc.

Littlewood and Varma developed a microscopic theory by extending the BCS-Nambu theory. They found the peak due to amplitude oscillations of superconducting gap - Higgs mode.

P. Littlewood and C. Varma, PRL 47, 811 (1980)

Higgs gap (mass) = 2Δ in BCS (s-wave)

Sooryakumar and Klein, PRL 45, 660 (1980)

Quantum Magnets under Pressure: Controlling Elementary Excitations in TlCuCl₃

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