Quantized Hydrodynamic Theory of One-Dimensional Hard Core Bosons

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We present a quantized hydrodynamic theory and its applications of one-dimensional hard-core bosons in a harmonic trap. Quantizing the Hamiltonian of a trapped hard-core bosons and diagonalize it in terms of the phase and density fluctuations associated with the Bose field operator. As an applications, we calculate discrete energy spectrums, dynamic structure factor, momentum transferred by a two-photon Bragg pulse, single-particle density matrix, momentum distribution, and two-particle correlation function. The dynamic structure factor has multiple peaks due to the discrete nature of the eigen-modes which can be observed by a two-photon Bragg pulse with long duration. The coherence length at zero temperature is very small due to the “fermionization” of the system. We also compute the momentum distributions which has oscillatory behavior at large momentum. The pair distribution function shows that there are many deep valleys at various relative separations which implies shell structure due to the Pauli blocking in real space.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Recently, there have been renewed interest in the study of many-body effects in a one-dimensional (1D) quantum fluid. There is a realization of quasi-1D degenerate Bose gas in a harmonic trap [1] by freezing the radial motion of atoms in a cylindrical trap to zero point oscillations. Depending on the strength of the two-body interaction, the trapped bosons are in two regimes: mean-field regime when the particles are weakly interacting which can be described by the Gross-Pitaevskii equation, and hard-core bosons (commonly known as Tonks-Girardeau gas) when the interaction is strong enough which can be described by the Lieb-Liniger model of δ-interacting 1D bosons [2]. Most of the study concentrate on the phase fluctuating degenerate bosons in the mean-field regime [3–8]. With the possibility of creation of the hard-core bosonic system in a harmonic trap, there is a growing interest to study theoretically this strongly interacting regime [9–18]. In this regime, the system acquires fermionic properties in a sense that there exists an exact mapping between the density of a strongly interacting bosons and the density of an ideal Fermi gas. The energy per particle of hard-core bosons coincides with the Fermi energy of an ideal Fermi gas: $E/N = (\pi \hbar n)^2/(6m)$ [19]. This is a manifestation of the Fermi-Bose duality in 1D systems.

This paper is organised as follows. In section II, we write down an effective hydrodynamic Hamiltonian of a trapped hard-core bosons and diagonalize it in terms of the phase and density fluctuations. In section III, we calculate the dynamic structure factor and the time evolution of the momentum transferred due to the two-photon Bragg pulse. In section IV, we calculate the single-particle correlation function, momentum distributions and the two-particle correlation functions. In section V, we present a brief summary of our work.

II. QUANTIZATION OF 1D HARD-CORE BOSONS

We consider $N$ interacting bosons in a cigar-shaped trap $(\omega_z \ll \omega_0)$ at very low temperature ($T \sim 0$). If temperature and the interaction energy per particle does not exceed the transverse level spacing $\hbar \omega_0$, then the elongated cigar-shaped trapped system becomes effectively one-dimensional. The two-body interaction in the axial direction is approximated by an effective two-body potential [17], $U_{1D} = g_1 \delta(z)$, where $g_1 = -\frac{\hbar^2}{m_{1D}}$ is an effective one-dimensional coupling constant and $a_{1D} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_0}[1 - 1.4603\frac{\sqrt{a}}{a_{1D}}]$ is the one-dimensional scattering length, where $a$ is the scattering length in 3D system and $a_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{m_0 \omega_0}}$ is the transverse oscillator length. The effective one-dimensional Hamiltonian for trapped atoms is

$$H = H_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\hbar^2 \omega_z^2 z_i^2}{2},$$

(1)

where

$$H_0 = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_i^2} + g_1 \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=i+1}^{N} \delta(z_i - z_j)$$

(2)

is known as for a 1D δ-interacting Bose gas. This Hamiltonian can be diagonalized via Bethe ansatz and the equation of state is known exactly for all densities and temperatures. The gas parameter is defined as the product of the density $(n)$ with the effective scattering length $a_{1D}$, i.e $n |a_{1D}|$. At zero temperature, the interaction energy per particle is $\epsilon(n) = \frac{1}{3} \pi^2 \hbar^2 n^2$ when $n |a_{1D}| \rightarrow 0$. The low-density limit corresponds to the case of infinitely
strong interactions. We are interested to study the Bose systems with infinitely strong interactions at zero temperature by using the quantized hydrodynamic approximation. Therefore, in the dilute regime, the Hamiltonian for the hard-core bosons confined in a harmonic trap at zero temperature can be written as,

\[ H' = \int dz \Phi^*(z,t)(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} + \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 z^2 - \mu)\Phi(z,t) + \frac{g_1}{3} \int dz |\Phi(z,t)|^6, \]  
(3)

where \( g_1 = (\pi^2 h^2)/(2m) \). The Thomas-Fermi density profile of the trapped hard-core bosons is different from bosons in the mean-field regime and it is

\[ n_0(z) = \frac{\sqrt{2N}}{\pi a_z} \sqrt{[1 - \frac{z^2}{Z_0^2}]}, \]  
(4)

where \( Z_0 = \sqrt{2N}a_z \) is the Thomas-Fermi length of the system. The chemical potential is \( \mu = Nh\omega_z \). Also, one can define the Fermi wave-vector is \( k_F = \sqrt{2N}/a_z = 1/l_c \), where \( l_c \) is the correlation length of this system. We extend the quantized hydrodynamic theory developed by Wu and Griffin [6,20] at \( T = 0 \) for the bosons in the mean-field regime to the hard-core bosons in a harmonic trap. It should be mentioned that the hydrodynamic theory of strongly interacting system is valid only when \( |z| > l_c \) or \( kl_c < 1 \). The Bose order parameter can be written as \( \Phi(z,t) = \sqrt{n_0(z)}e^{i\phi(z,t)} \). The fluctuations in the density and phase about their equilibrium are \( \delta n(z,t) = n_0(z) + \hat{\delta}n(z,t) \) and \( \phi(z,t) = \phi_0(z) + \hat{\delta}\phi(z,t) \). By keeping up to second-order in the fluctuations, we obtain the effective hydrodynamic Hamiltonian at zero temperature,

\[ H = H_0 + \frac{1}{2} \int dz \left[ mn_0(z)\delta \hat{v}_z^2(z,t) + g_1 n_0(z)\delta\hat{n}^2(z,t) \right], \]

where \( \delta \hat{v}_z(z,t) = \frac{\hbar}{m} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \hat{\delta}\phi(z,t) \) is the superfluid velocity. This Hamiltonian is similar to the 1D Hamiltonian derived by Haldane [21]. This Hamiltonian is quadratic in the density and the phase fluctuation operators, then we can diagonalize it using the canonical transformations:

\[ \delta \hat{n}(z,t) = \sum_j \left[ a_j f_j(z)e^{-i\omega_j t} \hat{\alpha}_j + H.c. \right], \]  
(5)

and

\[ \delta \hat{\phi}(z,t) = \sum_j \left[ b_j \psi_j(z)e^{-i\omega_j t} \hat{\alpha}_j + H.c. \right], \]  
(6)

where \( f_j(z) = \frac{\psi_j(z)}{\sqrt{1 - (z/Z_0)^2}} \). The operators \( \hat{\alpha}_j \) and \( \hat{\alpha}_j^\dagger \) destroy and create excitations with energy \( h\omega_j \) and satisfy the commutation relations \( \left[ \hat{\alpha}_j, \hat{\alpha}_j^\dagger \right] = \delta_{j,j'} \) and \( \left[ \hat{\alpha}_j, \hat{\alpha}_j' \right] = 0 \). Also, \( \left[ \delta \hat{n}(z,t), \delta \hat{\phi}(z',t) \right] = i\delta(z - z') \).

The constant terms are \( a_j = i\sqrt{\frac{\hbar\omega_j}{4g_1n_0(0)}} \) and \( b_j = \sqrt{\frac{g_1n_0(0)}{\hbar\omega_j}} \). The equations for the density and phase fluctuations can be obtained by using the Heisenberg equation of motion:

\[ \frac{\partial^2 \delta \hat{n}(z,t)}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left[ \frac{g_1}{m}n_0(z)\frac{\partial}{\partial z}[n_0(z)\delta \hat{n}(z,t)] \right], \]  
(7)

and

\[ \frac{\partial^2 \delta \hat{\phi}(z,t)}{\partial t^2} = \left[ \frac{g_1}{m}n_0(z)\frac{\partial}{\partial z}[n_0(z)\delta \hat{\phi}(z,t)] \right]. \]  
(8)

The equation for the eigenfunctions \( \psi_j(z) \) is

\[ [(1 - \tilde{z}^2)\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} - \tilde{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \omega_j^2] \psi_j(z) = 0, \]  
(9)

where \( \tilde{z} = z/Z_0 \). Therefore, Eq. (9) becomes Chebyshev equation with the eigenfrequencies given by \( \omega_j = j\omega_z \) and the corresponding normalized eigenfunctions are \( \psi_j(z) = \frac{\delta_j z}{\delta_j z_0} T_j(z/Z_0) \), where \( T_j(z/Z_0) \) is the first-order Chebyshev polynomial in \( z \) and \( \delta_0 = 1 \), otherwise \( \delta_j = 2 \). The monopole mode corresponds to the \( j = 2 \) mode which is independent of the interaction strength [22] due to the conformal symmetry [23] of the Hamiltonian (see Eq. (3)). Note that the eigenfunctions of the density and phase fluctuations are different in the hard-core bosons regime, in contrast to the case of bosons in the mean-field regime.

III. STRUCTURE FACTORS AND BRAGG SPECTROSCOPY

Dynamic Structure Factor: Consider a low-intensity off-resonant inelastic light scatters with momentum transfer \( \hbar k \) and energy transfer \( h\omega \) to the target (hard-core bosons). If the external light couples weakly to the number density of the target, the differential cross section is proportional to the dynamic structure factor \( S(k,\omega) \), which is obtained from the Fourier transform of the time-dependent density-density correlation functions,

\[ S(k,\omega) = \int dt \int dz e^{i(\omega t - kx)} < \delta \hat{n}(z,t)\delta \hat{n}(0,0) > . \]  
(10)

It is the density fluctuation spectrum that can be measured in the two-photon Bragg spectroscopy. The dynamic structure factor of this system can be written as,

\[ S(k,\omega) = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{\hbar\omega_j}{4g_1n_0(0)} |F_j(k)|^2 \times [N_j(\delta(\omega + \omega_j) + (1 + N_j)\delta(\omega - \omega_j))], \]  
(11)
where \( N_j = \left[ \exp(\beta \hbar \omega_j) - 1 \right]^{-1} \) is the thermal Bose-Einstein function and \( F_j(k) = \int dz e^{-iqz} f_j(z) \) is the spatial Fourier transformation of \( f_j(z) \). It can be easily shown that

\[
|F_j(\tilde{k})|^2 = Z_0 \pi^2 |J_j(2N\tilde{k})|^2,
\]

where the dimensionless variable is \( \tilde{k} = k/k_f \). We can write the dynamic structure factor at \( T = 0 \) as

\[
S_j(\tilde{k}) = j|J_j(2N\tilde{k})|^2.
\]

These functions determine the weight of the light-scattering cross-section in \( S(k,\omega) \) of the corresponding collective modes of energy \( \omega_j \). In Fig.1 we plot \( S_j(\tilde{k}) \) as a function of the dimensionless wave vector \( \tilde{k} = k/k_f \) for the excitations \( j = 1, 2, 3, 4, \) and 5. Fig.1 shows that for a given \( k \), how many modes significantly contribute to \( S(k,\omega) \). Note that \( j = 0 \) mode do not contribute to \( S(k,\omega) \). It is clear from the Fig.1 that the strongest weights for these collective modes appear for \( \tilde{k} \geq 0.02 \), it implies that the momentum transfer \( k \) in a light scattering experiments should be \( k \geq 0.18a_c^{-1} \) for \( N = 40 \) in order to pick up the strong spectral weight from the low-energy collective modes. We also notice that the number of modes that contribute to the \( S(k,\omega) \) increases with the chemical potential.

![Fig. 1. Plots of \( S_j(\tilde{k}) \) as a function of the dimensionless wave vector \( \tilde{k} \) for \( N = 40 \).](image)

For \( \tilde{k} \to 0 \), the leading term arises from the Kohn mode \( j = 1 \), with \( S_1 \sim \tilde{k}^2 \); the next contributions arise from the terms with \( j = 2, 3 \). In Fig.2 we plot the dynamic structure factor \( S(\tilde{k},\omega) \) for the momentum transfer corresponds to \( k = 0.1k_f \). For finite-energy resolution we have replaced the delta function by the Lorentzian with a width of \( \Gamma = 0.12\omega_z \).

![Fig. 2. Plot of the dynamic structure factor \( S(k,\omega) \) vs. \( \omega/\omega_z \) at \( T = 0 \).](image)

As one can see from the Fig.2, the dynamic structure factors has multiple peaks. This multiple peaks are due to the underlying discrete spectrum. Note that the energy transfer \( \omega \) is much smaller than the gap between the chemical potential \( \mu \) and the transverse excited state \( (\sim \omega_\parallel) \) and hence the \( \omega \) can not excite the radial modes and its contribution to the dynamic structure factor is zero. This behavior of the multiple peaks can be resolved in two-photon Bragg spectroscopy, as shown by Steinhauer et al. [24].

**Bragg Spectroscopy.** The observable in the Bragg scattering experiments is the momentum transferred to the system. When the system is subjected to a time-dependent Bragg pulse, the additional interaction term appears in the Hamiltonian which is given by [25],

\[
H_I(t) = \int dz \hat{\psi}^\dagger(z,t) [V_B(t)\cos(kz - \omega t)] \hat{\psi}(z,t).
\]

Here, we supposed that the Bragg pulse is switched on at time \( t = 0 \) and \( k \) is along the \( z \)-direction.

The momentum transfer from the optical potential is obtained in Ref. [8] is given by

\[
P_z(t) = \sum_{j,k} \hbar k < \hat{\alpha}_j^\dagger(t)\hat{\alpha}_j(t) >= \left( \frac{V_B(t)}{2\hbar} \right)^2 \sum_j \hbar k S_j(\tilde{k})
\]

\[
\times F_j[(\omega_j - \omega),t] - F_j[(\omega_j + \omega),t],
\]

where \( F_j[(\omega_j \pm \omega),t] = \left( \frac{\sin((\omega_j \pm \omega)t/\hbar)}{(\omega_j \pm \omega)^2/\hbar^2} \right)^2 \) and \( S_j(\tilde{k}) \) is given in Eq. (13). For large \( t \), \( S(k,\omega) \sim P_z(t) \). We plot \( P_z(t) \) for various time in Fig.3 and shows that the multiple peak spectrum in \( S(k,\omega) \) can be resolved only when the duration of the Bragg pulse is \( t >> 2\pi/\omega_z \). When \( t < 2\pi/\omega_z \), \( P_z(t) \) reflects the dynamic structure factor calculated from the local density approximation.
The normalized one-body density matrix or the phase correlation function,
\[ C_1(z) = \frac{\langle \hat{\psi}^\dagger(z)|\hat{\psi}(z,t') \rangle}{\sqrt{n_0(z)n_0(z')}} = e^{-\frac{1}{4} [F_2 - \frac{F_4}{4} + \frac{F_6}{6}]), \]

and
\[ F_d[z, z'] = \sum_{j=0}^{j_{\text{max}}} \frac{j}{4N^2} \left[ T_j(\tilde{z}) - T_j(\tilde{z}') \right]^2 \coth \left[ \frac{\beta \hbar \omega_j}{2} \right], \]

We calculate all the summation within the phonon regime, \( \hbar \omega_j \approx \mu \) and the upper cut-off limit, \( j_{\text{max}} \), is obtained from the relation, \( \mu \approx \hbar \omega_{j_{\text{max}}} \) i.e. \( j_{\text{max}} = N \). The normalized one-body density matrix or the phase correlation function, \( C_1(z) \), is defined as

It is known that the strong two-body interaction induces large phase fluctuations, and therefore we must consider the higher order term in the phase fluctuations to provide more accurate coherence function. In fact, we have checked that the quartic phase fluctuation term \( F_4 \) reduces the phase coherence function significantly (15-20 percentage). We plot the phase coherence \( C_1(z) \) vs. the separation \( \tilde{z} \) in Fig.4.

FIG. 4. (Color online). Plots of the normalized one-body density matrix \( C_1(z) \) vs. the the separation \( \tilde{z} \) for various number of particles at \( T = 0 \).

At \( T = 0 \), the coherence function goes to zero even at small separations due to the “fermionization” of the strongly interacting bosons. It has oscillatory behavior at large \( z \) which is also reflected in the momentum distributions (see Fig.5). Note that the coherence function decreases as the number of particles increases [15].

The momentum distribution can be obtained from Fourier transformation of the one-particle density matrix:

\[ n(k) = \int_{-Z_0}^{Z_0} dz \int_{-Z_0}^{Z_0} dz' D_1(z, z') e^{ik(z-z')}. \]

Fig.5 shows that the momentum distribution has an oscillatory behavior at large momenta which can be observed in the Bragg spectroscopy [26]. Note that this.
hydrodynamic approximation is valid only when $k l_c < 1$ i.e. $k Z_0 < 2N$. The momentum distributions for different number of particles which is shown in Fig.5 falls within the valid hydrodynamic regime.

The width of the momentum distributions decreases with the particle numbers [13,15]. The oscillatory behavior in the momentum distribution is also obtained by exact calculation in Ref. [15]. Fig.4 shows that the single-particle correlation functions follows the power-law decay at large distances: $C_1(z) \sim 1/(\sqrt{z})$. Also, Fig.5 shows the momentum distributions follow the power-law decay at large momentum: $n(k) \sim 1/(\sqrt{k})$. These power-law decay in this system has been recently observed by using the exact quantum Monte Carlo techniques [16].

Similar to the single particle correlation function, we also calculate two-point correlation function at $T = 0$ by taking care of the phase fluctuations upto quartic term which is given by,

$$C_2(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) = e^{-\frac{G_2(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)^2 + G_4(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)^4}{2}}, \quad (21)$$

where

$$G_2[z_i] = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{1}{j^2}[T_j(\tilde{z}_1) + T_j(\tilde{z}_2) - T_j(\tilde{z}_3) - T_j(\tilde{z}_4)]^2 \quad (22)$$

and

$$G_4[z_i] = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{1}{j^4}[T_j(\tilde{z}_1) + T_j(\tilde{z}_2) - T_j(\tilde{z}_3) - T_j(\tilde{z}_4)]^4 \quad - (G_2[z_i])^2. \quad (23)$$

We plot the $C_2$ vs. the relative separation $s$ for different values of mean-distances $d$ in Fig.6. Here, $s$ and $d$ (in units of $Z_0$) are defined as $\tilde{z}_1 = (d+s)/2$, $\tilde{z}_2 = (-d-s)/2$, $\tilde{z}_3 = (-d+s)/2$, and $\tilde{z}_4 = (d-s)/2$.

The equal-times pair distribution functions shown in Fig.6 contains information on the relative spatial distribution of pairs of hard-core bosons. We should mention that Fig.6 is valid only when $s > 1/(2N)$ due the hydrodynamic approximation. Actually, $C_2$ should vanish with the relative distance $s$ due to the hard-core nature of the particles. This hydrodynamic approximation is failed to describe this short-range correlations due to the strong interactions when $s < 1/(2N)$. The effect of Pauli exclusion principle in real space is also observable as a deep valley at various relative distances $s$. It implies that the strongly interacting bosons in 1D behaves as a fermions. This effect is absent in a quasi-1D Bose gas in the mean-field regime [27]. At large distances the pair distribution function goes rapidly to zero and it decouples into the product of two-particle density profiles. Recently, the two-point correlation function has been measured experimentally in an elongated degenerate Bose gases [28] and this method can be used to observe the valleys in the two-point correlation function of a trapped hard-core bosons.

**V. SUMMARY**

In this work, we have carried out a detail study of hard-core bosons in a harmonic trap by using the hydrodynamic approximation at zero temperature. Particularly, we have calculated dynamic structure factor, single-particle correlation function, two-particle correlation functions and momentum distributions. We found many interesting behavior in the observables which are absent in the trapped bosons in the mean-field regime. All the results are obtained analytically. These results can be used to identify the hard-core bosons in a trap
from the bosons in the mean-field regime, and also important with the progress of the experimental technique to achieve this strongly-interacting regime.

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