Collective modes of monolayer, bilayer, and multilayer fermionic dipolar liquid

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Motivated by recent experimental advances in creating polar molecular gases in the laboratory, we theoretically investigate the many body effects of two-dimensional dipolar systems with the anisotropic and $1/r^3$ dipole-dipole interactions. We calculate collective modes of 2D dipolar systems, and also consider spatially separated bilayer and multilayer superlattice dipolar systems. We obtain the characteristic features of collective modes in quantum dipolar gases. We quantitatively compare the modes of these dipolar systems with the modes of the extensively studied usual two-dimensional electron systems, where the inter-particle interaction is Coulombic.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Recent experimental progress in producing and manipulating ultracold polar molecules with a net electric dipole moment, provides new possibilities to explore novel quantum many-body physics in such systems. A series of theoretical work have been done within such dipolar system, such as the stable topological $p_x + ip_y$ superfluid phase created with fermionic polar molecules with large dipole moment confined to a two dimensional geometry, the existence of spontaneous interlayer superfluidity in bilayer systems of cold polar molecules, the anisotropic Fermi liquid theory for the ultra cold fermionic polar molecules, the zero sound mode in three dimensional (3D) dipolar Fermi gases, the superfluid properties of a dipolar Bose-Einstein condensate (BEC) in a fully three dimensional trap and the finite temperature compressibility of a fermionic dipolar gas.

Most physical systems have long-lived excited states by conserving the total number of particles. These excitations have a bosonic character and are known as collective modes. A collection of charged particles is characterized by a collective mode associated with the self-sustaining in-phase density oscillations of all the particles due to the restoring force on the displaced particles, which arises from the self-consistent electric field generated by the local excess charges. A two dimensional (2D) charged system can support density oscillations with the long-wavelength dispersion $\omega \propto q$. A similar collective mode occurs in a neutral Fermi system. A repulsive short-range interparticle potential is sufficient to guarantee such a mode. This resulting density oscillation turns out to have a linear dispersion relation $\omega \propto q$ in the long wavelength limit and is known as zero sound. The zero sound mode in connection with the RPA linear response theory was originally discovered by Landau as a collective oscillation of the Fermi liquid with short-range interparticle interaction as appropriate for a neutral system. Thus the zero sound and plasma oscillation are physically very similar, both being collective modes of an interacting Fermi liquid. However, the zero sound is physically very different from ordinary first sound, despite the similar dispersion relations $\omega \propto q$.

In this paper we investigate the collective mode of the dipolar system, which has anisotropic and $1/r^3$ dipolar interaction instead of the isotropic $1/r$ Coulomb interaction. The collective mode of 3D dipolar systems is recently discussed as a solution of the linearized Boltzmann equation. However, our theory is based on the leading order expansion of the dynamically screened dipolar interaction, the so-called infinite bubble diagram expansion, with each bubble being the noninteracting irreducible polarizability. In our approach, the detailed form of the long-wavelength dispersion is fixed by the behavior of $q^2 V(q)$ as $q \to 0$, where $V(q)$ is the dipolar interaction in momentum space. Since $V(q)$ is anisotropic and behaves as a short-range potential we have the very interesting and zero sound like-collective modes in the long wavelength limit. We also consider a double layer dipolar system formed by two parallel single-layer dipolar systems separated by a distance $a$ and a multilayer dipolar superlattice made of periodic arrays of 2D dipolar systems in the direction transverse to the 2D plane. Collective modes of 2D multi-layer structures have been extensively studied since the existence of an undamped acoustic plasmon mode was predicted in semiconductor double quantum well systems. The collective modes can be detected with experimental probes that couple directly to the particle density operators. Typical experiments for solid state systems are inelastic light scattering spectroscopy, frequency-domain far-infrared spectroscopy or microwave spectroscopy, or inelastic electron-scattering spectroscopy.

The layout of the paper is as follows: In Sec. III we derive both analytical formula and numerical results for the plasmon dispersion relation in the 2D monolayer dipolar gas. In Sec. IV we study the plasmon modes in bilayer dipolar gas and their loss function (spectral strength). In Sec. V we present analytical results of the plasmon modes in the dipolar superlattice system within a simple model. In Appendix A and B we provide the detailed calculation for the interlayer dipolar interaction and two summations in Sec V respectively.
II. COLLECTIVE MODE IN MONOLAYER DIPOLAR SYSTEM

We start from the fundamental many-body formula defining the collective mode of a fermionic dipolar system. The collective mode of a fermionic dipolar system is given by the dynamical structure factor \( S(q, \omega) \), which is proportional to \( \text{Im} \{ \epsilon(q, \omega)^{-1} \} \), where \( \epsilon(q, \omega) \) is the dynamical dielectric function of the system. The longitudinal collective-mode dispersion can be calculated by looking for poles of the density correlation function, or equivalently, by looking for zeros of the dynamical dielectric function.

\[
\epsilon(q, \omega) = 1 - V(q) \Pi_0(q, \omega),
\]

where \( q \) and \( \omega \) are, respectively, the 2D wave vector parallel to the plane and the frequency, \( V(q) \) is the interaction between dipolar molecules in wave-vector space, and \( \Pi_0(q, \omega) \) is the leading-order irreducible polarization (i.e., the so-called bare bubble or the Lindhard function in the relevant dimension).

The interaction between the dipolar molecules is spatially anisotropic, which depends not only on the distance between two dipole molecules but also the angle between their relative vector and dipolar orientations. For the dipolar system in a 2D plane (xy-plane), the interaction between two dipoles located at \( r_1 \) and \( r_2 \), respectively, within the layer can be written as:

\[
V_{2D}(r_1 - r_2) = \frac{d^2}{|r_1 - r_2|^3} \left( 1 - 3 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \phi \right)
\]

where \( d \) is the electric dipole moment. If the external electric field \( E \) is set in the \( xz \)-plane with an polar angle of \( \theta_E \), then \( \phi \) is the azimuthal angle relative to the \( x \)-axis. The configuration is depicted in Fig. 1. After Fourier transformation, we could get the dipolar interaction in the wave vector space. In order to handle with the short distance divergence of the 2D dipolar interaction and since we are more interested in the long wave length limit, we use the short distance cutoff \( c \) beyond which the dipolar interaction, given by Eq. 2 is valid. For the dilute Fermi gas, the short distance cut-off is set to satisfy the relation \( k_Fc \ll 1 \). Then we have the interaction in wave vector space

\[
V_{2D}(q) = 2\pi d^2 P_2(\cos \theta_E) \left[ \frac{1}{c} - q + \pi d^2 q \sin^2 \theta_E \cos 2\phi_q \right]
\]

where \( P_2(\cos \theta_E) \) is the second Legendre polynomial. Alternatively, if we start from the 3D dipolar interaction and assume a fixed Gaussian density profile in the \( z \) direction \( n(x_z) = e^{-k_z w^2} \), where \( w \) characterizes the typical confinement size of the two dimensional bipolar system in the \( z \) direction, then integrating over the \( z \) direction, as shown in the Eq. 3 of Ref. [14], yields the same result with a numerical factor of order unity in front of \( 1/w \). From Eq. 3, we can see that the first term of the

\[
\Pi(q, \omega) = \int \frac{d^2k}{(2\pi)^2} \left[ n_F(\xi) - n_F(\xi + q) \right] \left( -n_F(\xi + q) + n_F(\xi) \right)
\]

\[
\text{Re}\Pi(x, \delta) = \frac{m}{2\pi x} \left[ \text{sgn}(x - \delta) \sqrt{(x - \delta)^2 - 1} + \sqrt{(x + \delta)^2 - 1} \right]
\]

\[
\text{Im}\Pi(x, \delta) = \frac{m}{4\pi x} \left[ \sqrt{1 - (x + \delta)^2} - \sqrt{1 - (x - \delta)^2} \right]
\]

where \( \text{Re}\Pi(x, \delta) \) and \( \text{Im}\Pi(x, \delta) \) are the real part and the imaginary part of the polarization, respectively.

We could further introduce some dimensionless parameters which we will use in the following discussions: \( s = \frac{md}{\sqrt{2}} \), \( r = \frac{2d^2k_F m}{\hbar^2} \) which describes the strength of dipolar interaction. For example, experimental parameters of fermionic \( ^{40}\text{K}^{87}\text{Rb} \) \((m = 127 \text{amu, } d = 0.57 \text{ Debye, } n = 10^9 \text{cm}^{-3})\), we have \( c = 10 \text{ nm} \) \((ck_F \sim 0.03 \ll 1)\), \( s \simeq 31 \) \((s \gg 1)\) and \( r = 4.4 \). We use these parameters in the numerical calculation.

For a single layer fermionic dipolar system, the collective modes can be found by looking for the zeros of the
dynamical dielectric function, i.e.,
\[ \epsilon(q, \omega) = 1 - V(q)\Pi(q, \omega) = 0. \] (6)

First, we consider the leading order wave vector dependence of the collective mode. In the long wavelength limit \( (\omega \gg qv_F) \), where \( v_F = k_F/m \) is the Fermi velocity), the 2D polarizability becomes
\[ \Pi(q, \omega) = \alpha_q^2/\omega^2 + O(q^4/\omega^4), \] (7)

where \( \alpha = n/m, \) \( n \) is the 2D density of the dipolar molecules and is related to the Fermi wave vector \( k_F \) as \( k_F = \sqrt{4\pi n} \). Then, we have the collective mode in the long wave length \((q \rightarrow 0)\)
\[ \omega(q) \simeq q\sqrt{(2\pi d^2 P_2(\cos \theta_E)(1/c - q) + \pi d^2 q \sin^2 \theta_E \cos 2\phi_q) n/m}. \] (8)

As \( \theta_E \) varies from 0 to \( \pi/2 \) by changing the direction of external field, the dipolar interaction changes from an isotropic repulsive to an attractive one at large value of \( \theta_E \). The plasmon mode given in Eq. (8) depends on both the direction of the external field and the direction of the 2D wave vector. Since the 2D dipolar interaction in the wave vector space has both s-wave and d-wave symmetry as shown in Eq. (4), we only need to consider the case with \( \phi_d \) in the range \([0, \pi]\). As special cases we investigate the plasmon modes along the x-axis and y-axis, which corresponds to \( \phi_d = 0 \) and \( \phi_d = \pi/2 \). For \( \phi_d = 0 \), we have the plasmon mode at long wave length limit from Eq. (8):
\[ \omega(q) \simeq q\sqrt{(2\pi d^2 P_2(\cos \theta_E)(1/c - q) + \pi d^2 q \sin^2 \theta_E) n/m}. \] (9)

We find from the above formula that when the electric field is perpendicular to the xy plane (i.e. \( \theta_E = 0 \), the plasmon mode becomes
\[ \omega(q \rightarrow 0) \simeq q\sqrt{2\pi d^2 n/c m}. \] (10)

Using \( k_F = \sqrt{4\pi n} \) and \( s = md^2/2\hbar^2c \) we have
\[ \omega(q \rightarrow 0) \simeq v_F\sqrt{sq}. \] (11)

Since \( s \gg 1 \), the plasmon mode shown in Eq. (11) satisfies the consistency criterion \( \omega \gg qv_F \), which has been used to get the 2D polarizability up to the leading order in wave vector. Note that for \( \omega > v_Fq \) the mode lies above the single particle excitation (SPE) regime (or particle-hole continuum) and prevents its direct decay through coupling to particle-hole continuum. The SPE region is defined by the nonzero value of the imaginary part of the total dielectric function, \( \text{Im}[\epsilon(q, \omega)] \neq 0 \), which gives rise to the damping of a plasmon mode by emitting a particle-hole pair excitation\(12\).

When the direction of electric field satisfies \( 3\cos^2\tilde{\theta} = 1 \) (or \( \tilde{\theta} \approx 55^\circ \)), the short distance cut-off disappears and the plasmon dispersion relation becomes
\[ \omega \simeq q^2 \sqrt{2\pi d^2 n/3m} = \sqrt{q^4/12k_F v_F q}. \] (12)

We see that the undamped plasmon mode in Eq. (12) exists only for \( q > q_c = 12k_F/r \). For \( q < q_c \) the mode enters into the single particle excitation region and it is damped by producing particle-hole pair. As the external electric field is further tilted leading to \( 3\cos^2\theta_E < 1 \) the solution for \( \omega \) satisfying Eq. (4) is purely imaginary, and there is no well-defined collective mode. Thus, along x-axis, the direction of the external electric field must be smaller than the critical direction \( \theta_c \) in order to exist an undamped plasmon mode.

Now we consider the collective mode along the y-axis (i.e. \( \phi_d = \pi/2 \)). The plasmon mode for this case derived from Eq. (8) is given by
\[ \omega(q) \simeq q\sqrt{(2\pi d^2 P_2(\cos \theta_E)(1/c - q) - \pi d^2 q \sin^2 \theta_E) n/m}. \] (13)

For an electric field being perpendicular to the single layer plane \( \theta_E = 0 \), the plasmon mode of the system is isotropic and it is the same as given in Eq. (11). For \( 3\cos^2\theta_E = 1 \), there is an undamped mode at \( \omega \ll qv_F \) and \( q > 2k_F \) because Lindhard function becomes negative and the dipolar interaction \( V_{2D}(q) \) is also negative along y-axis for \( 3\cos^2\theta_E = 1 \). To get this unusual mode we expand the 2D polarizability for \( \omega \ll qv_F \) as
\[ \Pi(x, \delta) = \frac{m}{2\pi} \left[ \sqrt{1 + x^2/x} - 1 - \frac{\delta^2}{2(1 + x^2)^{3/2}} \right]. \] (14)

Using this large \( q \) behavior of the polarizability and Eq. (14) we have the undamped low energy collective mode for \( \phi_d = \pi/2 \) and \( \theta_E = \tilde{\theta} \), which is consistent with the numerical result shown in the left panel of Fig. 2.

\[ \omega = \frac{\sqrt{2\sqrt{2} + 4}}{2\sqrt{2}} \left( 4 + \frac{4k_F^2}{q^2} \right)^{3/4} \sqrt{6 - \frac{q^2}{k_F^2}} + \sqrt{4 + \frac{q^2}{k_F^2}} \] (15)

The low energy mode at large wave vectors does not exist in the usual two dimensional electron system (2DES) since the interaction of 2DES is isotropic and positive. This mode is unique for a fermionic dipolar system. Compared with the 2D fermonic dipolar system, the long wave-length plasma frequency for the extensively studied 2DES is written as\(23\):
\[ \omega_2(q \rightarrow 0) = \sqrt{2\pi n e^2/mn} q^{1/2} + O(q^{3/2}) \] (16)
where \( n \) and \( m \) are the charge carrier density and the effective mass of the charge carriers in the 2DES, respectively. The plasma frequency for the 2DES is isotropic
and proportional to $\sqrt{q}$, while the plasma frequency of the 2D dipolar system is characterized by Eq. (5) which is anisotropic and has two different dispersions at long wave-length limit.

In Fig. 2 we show numerically calculated collective mode dispersions of single layer dipolar system for three different external electric field directions $\theta_E$. The calculated numerical results agree well with the analytical results discussed above. We choose $\theta_E = 53^\circ$ (it can be any angle close to the critical value $\theta$) to investigate the behavior of the collective mode near to the critical angle $\theta_E = \theta$.

When the 2D wave vector is along the $x$-axis ($\phi_q = 0$), the slope of plasmon dispersion decreases as the electric field direction increases. In particular, for $\theta_E \approx \theta = 55^\circ$, the plasmon mode enters into the SPE region and it is overdamped by producing particle-hole pair. On the other hand, when the 2D wave vector along the $y$-axis ($\phi_q = \frac{\pi}{2}$), the plasmon mode has similar feature as the case for $\phi_q = 0$ and for smaller angle of $\theta_E$. When $\theta_E$ approaches to the critical value $\theta$ (i.e., $\theta \approx 55^\circ$), the long-wave length plasmon mode approaches to the upper boundary of the SPE region (i.e., $\omega = q^2/2m + v_F q$). The main difference between $\phi_q = 0$ and $\phi_q = \pi/2$ cases is that there is a short-wave length plasmon mode for the latter case even at $3 \cos^2 \theta_E \leq 1$. This plasmon mode for $\phi_q = \pi/2$ appears below the lower boundary of the SPE region (i.e., $\omega = q^2/2m - v_F q$), where both the dipolar interaction and the Lindhard function are negative.

**III. PLASMON MODE IN BILAYER DIPOLAR SYSTEM**

For a bilayer system, which is parallel to the $xy$ plane and is separated by a distance $a$, we need to consider the generalized dielectric tensor $\epsilon_{lm}$ in order to find the collective modes. Within the RPA the $lm$ component of the dielectric tensor is given by

$$\epsilon_{lm}(q, \omega) = \delta_{lm} - V_{lm}(q) \Pi_m(q, \omega),$$

where $l, m = 1$ or 2 with 1,2 denoting the index of two different layers. Then the plasmon modes are given by the zeros of the two-component determinantal equation, i.e.,

$$\epsilon(q, \omega) = [1 - V_{11}(q) \Pi_1(q, \omega)][1 - V_{22}(q) \Pi_2(q, \omega)] - V_{12}(q) V_{21}(q) \Pi_1(q, \omega) \Pi_2(q, \omega) = 0,$$ (18)

where $\Pi_l$ is the polarizability of layer $l$ and is given by Eq. (4), and $V_l$ and $V_m$ are, respectively, the intralayer and interlayer dipolar interaction. The intralayer dipolar interaction is the same as given in Eq. (3).

$$V_{11}(q) = V_{22}(q) = 2\pi d^2 P_2(\cos \theta_E)(\frac{1}{c} - q) + \pi d^2 \sin^2 \theta_E \cos 2\phi_q$$

$$+ 2d^2 q \pi (\sin^2 \theta_E \cos^2 \phi_q - \cos^2 \theta_E).$$ (19)

For the 2D bilayer dipolar system the interlayer interaction $V_{12}$ is given in real space

$$V_{12}(\vec{r}) = \frac{d^2}{(r^2 + a^2)^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{3(\cos \phi \sin \theta_E + h \cos \theta_E)^2}{r^2 + h^2} \right],$$ (20)

where $\theta_E$ is the polar angle of an external electric field which is applied in the $xy$ plane and $\phi_q$ is the azimuthal angle measuring from $x$-axis. Note that $V_{12}(-\vec{r}) \neq V_{12}(\vec{r})$ if the electric field is not perpendicular to the $xy$ plane, which gives rise to the imaginary component for the interlayer interaction in the wave vector space. The detailed calculation for $V_{12}(q)$ is given in Appendix. And we express the following explicit form of the interlayer interaction in momentum space as:

$$V_{12}(q) = 2d^2 q \pi e^{-aq} (\sin^2 \theta_E \cos^2 \phi_q - \cos^2 \theta_E$$

$$- \sin 2\theta_E \cos \phi_q i)$$ (21)

and

$$V_{21}(q) = 2d^2 q \pi e^{-aq} (\sin^2 \theta_E \cos^2 \phi_q - \cos^2 \theta_E$$

$$+ \sin 2\theta_E \cos \phi_q i)$$ (22)

We note that both the interlayer and intralayer interaction depends on both the direction of momentum $q$ and the direction of an electric field $\vec{E}$. In addition, there is a short distance cutoff in interlayer interaction, Eq. (19), but not in the intralayer interaction. The interlayer distance $a$ should be larger than the short distance cut-off $c$ beyond which the interaction between two dipole molecules can be described by the dipolar interaction. Typically in the cold atomic system, the interlayer distance $a = 500$nm and we use $c = 10$nm as the short...
distance cut-off for the intralayer interaction as done in the single layer dipolar system. Alternatively, we can assume that the two layers separated by a distance $a$ are strongly confined in the $z$ direction with Gaussian distribution in the $z$ direction, $n(z) \propto e^{-(z\pm a/2)^2/2a^2}$. In the wave vector space we have $n(k_z) = e^{-w^2 k_z^2 \pm id/2k_z}$. Then, we get the same interlayer interaction when we integrate out the $k_z$ part of the 3D dipolar interaction. The numerical factor before $1/w$ is suppressed by $e^{-d^2/2a^2}$ of Eq. (1) in Ref. [14], which means that the term with $1/w$ can be neglected as long as $a/w \gg 1$. We numerically checked that the interlayer interaction with Gaussian distribution agree well with Eq. (21) as long as $a/c > 5$, which is the case we consider in our work.

A. Long wavelength plasmon mode in bilayer dipolar system

In this subsection, we derive the analytical results of plasmon mode in the long wave length limit. We first consider the leading order wave vector dependence of the plasmon mode in the bilayer dipolar gas. At zero temperature, the two dimensional non-interacting polarizability has the following limiting forms in the high frequency regimes (i.e., $\omega \gg qv_F$):

$$\Pi_i(q, \omega) = \alpha_i q^2 / \omega^2 + O(q^4 / \omega^4)$$  \hspace{1cm}  \(23\)

where $i = 1$ or 2 with 1,2 denoting the two different layers, and $\alpha_i = n_i/m_i$ is the dipolar molecule density of the $i$th layer. Then, combining Eq. (18) and Eqs. (24)-(26), we obtain the long-wavelength plasmon modes of the bilayer dipolar system:

$$\omega_\pm^2 \approx \frac{q^2}{2} (\alpha_1 V_{11} + \alpha_2 V_{22})$$  \hspace{1cm}  \(24\)

$$\pm \sqrt{(\alpha_1 V_{11} - \alpha_2 V_{22})^2 + 4\alpha_1 \alpha_2 V_{12} V_{21}}.$$  \hspace{1cm}  \(25\)

where $\omega_+$ ($\omega_-$) indicates the optical (acoustic) plasmon mode where the density fluctuations in each layer oscillate in-phase (optical) and out-of-phase (acoustic) relative to each other, respectively. Eq. (24) is also valid for the ordinary bilayer 2DES, while the interlayer and intralayer interaction is written as:

$$V_{11}(q) = V_{22}(q) = \frac{2\pi e^2}{q}$$

$$V_{12}(q) = V_{21}(q) = \frac{2\pi e^2}{q} e^{-aq}.$$  \hspace{1cm}  \(26\)

which are both isotropic. In the strong coupling ($qa \ll 1$) and long wave-length limit, we have the following two plasma frequencies for the 2DES:

$$\omega_+ \approx \sqrt{\frac{2\pi e^2 (n_1 + n_2)}{km} q^{1/2}}$$

$$\omega_- \approx \sqrt{\frac{2\pi e^2 n_1 n_2}{km (n_1 + n_2)} q}.$$  \hspace{1cm}  \(27\)

While in the weak coupling ($qa \gg 1$) and long wavelength limit, the modes are simply the respective two-dimensional plasma frequencies of the two components:

$$\omega_+ \approx \sqrt{\frac{2\pi n_1 e^2}{km} q^{1/2}}$$

$$\omega_- \approx \sqrt{\frac{2\pi n_2 e^2}{km} q^{1/2}}.$$  \hspace{1cm}  \(28\)

Now we investigate the plasmon modes of this bilayer dipolar system in two regimes: the strong coupling limit ($qa \ll 1$) and the weak coupling limit ($qa \gg 1$).

1. Strong coupling limit $qa \ll 1$

When the external electric field is perpendicular to the bilayer plane, i.e., $\theta_E = 0$, the interlayer and intralayer interaction become for $qa \ll 1$

$$V_{11}(q) = V_{22}(q) = 2\pi q^2 \left( \frac{1}{c} - q \right)$$

$$V_{12}(q) = V_{21}(q) = -2\pi d^2 q e^{-aq}.$$  \hspace{1cm}  \(29\)

Then the long wavelength plasmon modes become

$$\omega_\pm^2 \approx \frac{q^2 \pi d^2}{c} \left[ \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \pm \sqrt{(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)^2 + 4\alpha_1 \alpha_2} \right].$$  \hspace{1cm}  \(30\)

Because the short distance cut-off in the intralayer dipolar interaction is set to satisfy $k_{F1,2} \ll \frac{1}{\xi}$ and $r_{1,2} = 2md^2 k_{F1,2}$, it is clear to see that the above two plasmon modes also satisfy the self-consistent criterion $\omega \gg qv_F$. These two modes lies outside of the SPE region, which are undamped and stable. Since the external electric field is perpendicular to the $xy$ plane, the bilayer dipolar system is purely isotropic, which gives rise to the plasmon mode to be independent of the wave vector direction, $\phi_q$.

For $\theta_E = \theta \approx 55^\circ$, the system is purely anisotropic and the plasmon modes are given by

$$\omega_\pm^2 \approx \frac{d^2 \pi q^3}{3} \left[ (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \cos 2\phi_q + \cos 2\phi_q \right].$$  \hspace{1cm}  \(31\)

When the 2D wave vector is along the $x$-axis (i.e., $\phi_q = 0$), the $\omega_+$ plasmon mode is overdamped since $\omega_+$ becomes pure imaginary. But, the in-phase mode is well
defined as long as \( r \gg 1 \) (in order to satisfy the self-consistent criterion \( \omega \gg q v_F \)) and the plasmon mode is given by
\[
\omega^2_+ \simeq \frac{d^2 \pi q^3}{3} [ (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) + \sqrt{(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)^2 + 32 \alpha_1 \alpha_2} ].
\]
(31)

However, along the y-axis (\( \phi_0 = \pi/2 \)), both \( \omega^- \) and \( \omega^+ \) plasmon modes are pure imaginary, and there are no well-defined collective mode in the long wavelength limit.

2. weak coupling limit \( qa \gg 1 \)

In weak coupling limit \( e^{-aq} \approx 0 \) and the interlayer interaction between two layers is much weaker than the intralayer interaction, which give rise to the two independent plasmon modes of each layer. Thus we have uncoupled plasmon modes as
\[
\omega^2_+ = q^2 \alpha_1 (2 \pi d^2 P_2 (\cos \theta_0) (\frac{\omega}{v} - q) + \pi d^2 \sin^2 \theta_0 q)
\]
\[
\omega^2_- = q^2 \alpha_2 (2 \pi d^2 P_2 (\cos \theta_0) (\frac{\omega}{v} + q) + \pi d^2 \sin^2 \theta_0 q).
\]
(32)

The detailed discussion about the existence of plasmon modes in this weak coupling limit is the same as that for single layer dipolar gas. If the two layers have the same density and mass, \( \omega^+ = \omega^- \), i.e., two plasmon modes have the same dispersion relation.

B. Numerical results of plasmon modes in bilayer dipolar system

In this subsection, we show our numerical results of plasmon modes for the bilayer dipolar system with typical parameters of \(^{40}\text{K}^{87}\text{Rb}\). In Fig. 3 we show the calculated plasmon dispersions for an external electric field perpendicular to \( x-y \) plane (\( \theta_E = 0^\circ \)) with equal densities of \( n_1 = n_2 = 10^8 \text{cm}^{-2} \). When the separation of two layers are much larger than the inverse of the Fermi wave vector (i.e. weak coupling limit), the interlayer interaction is negligible and the bilayer dipolar system behave like two independent single layers. Thus, two plasmon modes are almost degenerated and there is only one plasmon mode showed up in the left panel of Fig. 3. When the two layers are getting closer, the interlayer interaction become stronger. As a consequence, the density fluctuation in each layer is coupled and the degenerated plasmon mode is split into two plasmon modes, especially at large wave vectors, as shown in the right panel of Fig. 3.

In Fig. 4 we show the calculated plasmon dispersions for \( \theta_E = 53^\circ \), (i.e., the direction of an external electric field is close to the critical angle of \( \theta_E = 55^\circ \)). The plasmon dispersions are calculated with equal densities of \( n_1 = n_2 = 10^8 \text{cm}^{-2} \) for two different interlayer distance (\( a = 500 \text{nm} \) and \( 50 \text{nm} \)) and two different directions of the wave vector (\( \phi_q = 0 \) and \( \pi/2 \)) because of the anisotropic properties of the interlayer interaction. (Note that for \( \theta_E = 0 \) the plasmon modes are isotropic and independent of \( \phi_q \)). Since \( \theta_E \) is close to the critical angle the plasmon modes approach to the upper boundary of the electron-hole continuum. For \( \phi_q = 0 \) (i.e. the 2D wave vector is along x-axis) both in-phase and out of phase plasmon modes are located above the SPE region and they are undamped. As long as \( \theta_E \geq \theta_E \) we find two undamped modes even though the two modes are almost degenerate for weak coupling limit. When the layer separation is
small (i.e., strong coupling limits), the out-of-phase mode (lower energy mode) gets closer to the SPE region. For \( \theta_E \geq \theta_0 \), the out-of-phase mode enters into the SPE and is overdamped. Thus, there is only one undamped mode. Thus, there is only one undamped mode.

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In Fig. 5, we show the result for a bilayer dipolar system with different densities. The black line gives the undamped plasmon modes, at which the loss function becomes singular. Since two plasmon modes are degenerate and they are independent of the wave vector direction, the plasmon modes appear as ellipses in the \((\omega, q)\) space and they become much closer along the y-axis.

In Fig. 6, we show the density plots of the absolute value of the loss function \( -\text{Im}[e(k_F, \omega)] \) of a bilayer dipolar system for some fixed density \( n_1 = n_2 = 10^6 \text{cm}^{-2} \), \( r = 4.4 \), \( s = 31 \), \( a = 500 \text{nm} \) and \( \theta_E = 53^\circ \). We plot the loss functions in \((\omega, \phi_q)\) space to describe the angular dependence of the plasmon modes. The loss function is an experimental observable which can be measured with Raman-scattering spectroscopies. The plasmon modes exist when both real and imaginary part of the dielectric function equal zero (i.e., \( \text{Re}[\epsilon(q, \omega)] = 0 \) and \( \text{Im}[\epsilon(q, \omega)] = 0 \)), which leads to the imaginary part of the inverse dielectric function \( -\text{Im}[e(k_F, \omega)]^{-1} \) to be a \( \delta \)-function indicating an undamped plasmon modes. On the other hand, the broadened peak in the loss function gives the damped plasmon modes. The damping in the plasmon mode is induced by particle-hole pair creation because we neglect any disorder effects in this calculation.

In Fig. 6(a) we show the result when the applied electric field is perpendicular to the plane. In this case both interlayer and intralayer interaction are isotropic. The solid circle gives the undamped plasmon modes, at which the loss function becomes singular. Since two plasmon modes are degenerate and they are independent of the wave vector direction, the plasmon modes appear as ellipses in the \((\omega, q)\) space and they become much closer along the y-axis.

In Fig. 6(b) we show the density plots of the absolute value of the loss function \( -\text{Im}[e(k_F, \omega)] \) of a bilayer dipolar system for some fixed density \( n_1 = n_2 = 10^6 \text{cm}^{-2} \), \( r = 4.4 \), \( s = 31 \), \( a = 500 \text{nm} \) and \( \theta_E = 53^\circ \). We plot the loss functions in \((\omega, \phi_q)\) space to describe the angular dependence of the plasmon modes. The loss function is an experimental observable which can be measured with Raman-scattering spectroscopies. The plasmon modes exist when both real and imaginary part of the dielectric function equal zero (i.e., \( \text{Re}[\epsilon(q, \omega)] = 0 \) and \( \text{Im}[\epsilon(q, \omega)] = 0 \)), which leads to the imaginary part of the inverse dielectric function \( -\text{Im}[e(k_F, \omega)]^{-1} \) to be a \( \delta \)-function indicating an undamped plasmon modes. On the other hand, the broadened peak in the loss function gives the damped plasmon modes. The damping in the plasmon mode is induced by particle-hole pair creation because we neglect any disorder effects in this calculation.

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where $a$ is the superlattice period (i.e., the separation between adjacent layers in the $z$ direction), $\text{sgn}(l-l')$ equals 1 ($l > l'$) or $-1 (l < l'$), and $\Pi_{l'}(q, \omega) = \Pi(q, \omega)$ is the irreducible polarizability of each 2D dipolar system given in Eq. (31). The difference between intralayer and interlayer interaction in calculating the dipolar system is that the interlayer interaction in momentum space has the short distance cut-off $c$, while the interlayer interaction does not depending on this short distance cut-off.

The plasmon modes of the infinite periodic system can be calculated from the self-consistent field method described in Ref. [34]. Since the superlattice is perfectly periodic in the $z$ direction with periodicity $a$, we assume the following ansatz $n_l(q, \omega) = n_0(q, \omega)e^{ik_a l}$, where $a$ is the interlayer distance and $l$ is the layer index. The $k_z$ introduced in the above ansatz labels the induced density fluctuation in the infinite periodic system, which is restricted in the first Brillouin zone of the superlattice, i.e., $0 < k_z \leq \frac{2\pi}{a}$. Then the plasmon modes for the dipolar superlattice system are given by the roots of following equation

$$1 - \Pi(q, \omega)V_0(q) - \Pi(q, \omega) \sum_{l' \neq l} V_{l'}(q)e^{-ik_z(l-l')a} = 0$$

(35)

where $V_0(q)$ is the intralayer interaction in momentum space while $V_{l-l'}(q)$ is the interlayer interaction. With the help of formula given in Appendix. Eq. (35) can be explicitly written as:

$$1 - \Pi(q, \omega)V_0(q) - \Pi(q, \omega)2d^2q\pi \left[\left(\sin^2\theta_E \cos^2\phi_q - \cos^2\theta_E\right)S_1(q, k_z) - \sin 2\theta_E \cos \phi_q S_2(q, k_z)\right] = 0,$$

(36)

where

$$S_1(q, k_z) = \frac{\cos k_z a - \exp(-aq)}{\cosh qa - \cos k_z a},$$

(37)

and

$$S_2(q, k_z) = \frac{\sin k_z a}{\cosh qa - \cos k_z a}.$$
A. Strong coupling case \( qa \ll 1 \)

First, we consider the \( k_z \neq 0 \) case. With the asymptotic form of the polarizability \( \Pi(q, \omega) \approx \frac{n q^2}{m \omega^2} \) we can rewrite Eq. (36) for \( qa \ll 1 \) as

\[
1 - 2 \pi d^2 \frac{n q^2}{m \omega^2} \left[ \frac{P_2(\cos \theta_E)}{c} + (\sin^2 \theta_E \cos^2 \phi_q - \cos^2 \theta_E) \right] \frac{aq^2}{1 - \cos k_z a} - q \sin 2 \theta_E \cos \phi_q \frac{\sin k_z a}{1 - \cos k_z a} = 0.
\]

Then we have the plasmon modes for the superlattice dipolar system in the long length limit

\[
\omega^2 \simeq q^2 \frac{2 n \pi d^2}{m} \left[ \frac{P_2(\cos \theta_E)}{c} + (\sin^2 \theta_E \cos^2 \phi_q - \cos^2 \theta_E) \right] \frac{aq^2}{1 - \cos k_z a}.
\]

The plasmon mode in superlattice system is strongly dependent on the direction of the external electric field \( \theta_E \) and the wave vector direction \( \phi_q \) as well as the wave vector \( k_z \) that labels the density fluctuation. When the electric field is perpendicular to the plane, we find that the plasmon mode has linear dispersion relation \( \omega \propto q \).

For \( q \theta_E = \theta \), in which the interactions are anisotropic, the plasmon mode dispersion becomes

\[
\omega \simeq q \sqrt{\frac{2 n \pi d^2 \cos 2 \phi_q}{3 m \left( a - 2e \right) \cos \theta_E}}.
\]

In particular, the plasmon dispersion for \( \theta_E = 0 \) becomes

\[
\omega \simeq q \sqrt{\frac{2 n \pi d^2 \cos 2 \phi_q}{3 m a}}.
\]

From Eq. (43) it is clear that only for \( a > 2e \) there is well defined plasmon mode with linear dispersion relation. For the total anisotropic case \( (\theta_E = \theta_F) \), the plasmon mode also has linear dispersion relation which can written as:

\[
\omega \simeq q \sqrt{\frac{4 n \pi d^2 \cos 2 \phi_q}{3 m a}}.
\]

Thus the plasmon mode only exists for certain angles such that \( \cos 2 \phi_q > 0 \).

B. Weak Coupling case \( qa \gg 1 \)

For the weak coupling \( (qa \gg 1) \) Eq. (36) becomes

\[
1 - \Pi(q, \omega)V_0(q) = 0
\]

for all values of \( k_z \). Thus the long wavelength plasmon mode of superlattice system becomes the mode of the single layer dipolar system as discussed in Sec. IV. Each layer has its own plasmon mode in the weak coupling limits as expected.

V. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

In summary, we have derived the collective plasmon modes in 2D dipolar Fermi liquids, and also considered spatially separated bilayer and superlattice dipolar systems within the random phase approximation, which is valid for weakly interacting system. We have also calculated the loss function for bilayer fermionic dipolar gas, which could be measured in experiments. The 2D dipolar interaction with both s and d-wave components in the wave vector space leads to several unexpected features in the plasmon modes such as undamped mode if dipole along the z-axis and the anisotropic plasmon dispersion relation if the dipole along other direction than the z-axis. Our predicted plasmon modes is clearly distinguished from the extensively studied two dimensional electron system.

Future work ought to include higher order corrections to the polarizability and the finite temperature corrections, yet this must await the successful fabrication of quasi two dimensional dilute fermionic dipolar gases. We note that our theory for the collective mode spectra of
2D dipolar Fermi liquids should have considerable relevance for the recently made polar molecular gases Ref. [1]–[3]. At low enough temperatures, $T \ll T_F$ where $T_F$ is the Fermi temperature of the dipolar system, our theory should in principle describe the laboratory polar molecular fermionic systems, and the excitation spectra of the dipolar system should have clear signatures of the collective mode spectra presented in our work.

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Appendix A

Below we provide the detailed calculation of the interlayer dipolar interaction in the wave vector space. In the real space the interlayer dipolar interaction becomes

$$V_{12}(r) = \frac{d^2}{(r^2 + a^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left[ 1 - \frac{3(r \cos \phi \sin \theta_E + h \cos \theta_E)}{r^2 + h^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}, \tag{A1}$$

where $\phi_q$ is the angle between momentum $q$ and the $x$-axis. We can devide above equation into three different parts depending on the symmetry

$$V_{12}^{(a)}(r) = \frac{d^2}{(r^2 + a^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left(1 - \frac{3a^2 \cos^2 \theta_0}{r^2 + h^2}\right), \tag{A2}$$

$$V_{12}^{(b)}(r) = \frac{d^2}{(r^2 + a^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} (3r^2 \cos^2 \phi \sin^2 \theta_0), \tag{A3}$$

and

$$V_{12}^{(c)}(r) = \frac{d^2}{(r^2 + a^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} (6r \cos \phi \sin \theta_0 a \cos \theta_0), \tag{A4}$$

where $V_{12}(q) = V_{12}^{(a)}(q) - V_{12}^{(b)}(q) - V_{12}^{(c)}(q)$. Then we have

$$V_{12}^{(a)}(q) = d^2 \int_0^\infty f(q) \frac{3r^2 \cos \theta_0}{(a^2 + r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \exp(iq \cdot \vec{r}) dr d\phi \tag{A5}$$

$$= 2q \pi d^2 e^{-aq} \left(\frac{\sin^2 \theta_0}{aq} - \cos^2 \theta_0\right),$$

where $f(q) = \begin{cases} 1 & q \cdot \vec{r} = qr \cos(\phi - \phi_q) \end{cases}$.

$$V_{12}^{(b)}(q) = d^2 \int_0^\infty f(q) \frac{3r^2 \cos^2 \phi \sin^2 \theta_0}{(a^2 + r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \exp(iq \cdot \vec{r}) dr d\phi \tag{A6}$$

$$= 2q \pi d^2 e^{-aq} \sin^2 \theta_0 \left(\frac{1}{aq} - \cos^2 \phi_q\right),$$

and

$$V_{12}^{(c)}(q) = d^2 \int_0^{2\pi} f(q) \frac{3r^2 \cos \phi \sin 2\theta_0}{(a^2 + r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \exp(iq \cdot \vec{r}) dr d\phi \tag{A7}$$

$$= 2d^2 q \pi e^{-aq} \sin 2\theta_0 \cos \phi_q \ i$$

which is pure imaginary number. Finally we have the interlayer interaction in momentum space

$$V_{12}(q) = 2d^2 q \pi e^{-aq} (\sin^2 \theta_E \cos^2 \phi_q - \cos^2 \theta_E - \sin 2\theta_E \cos \phi_q \ i). \tag{A8}$$

We also find $V_{21}(q)$ from $V_{21}(r)$

$$V_{21}(r) = \frac{d^2}{(r^2 + a^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left[ 1 - \frac{3(r \cos \phi \sin \theta_E - h \cos \theta_E)}{r^2 + h^2} \right] \tag{A9}$$

the interlayer dipolar interaction $V_{21}(q)$ in the wave vector space is given the complex conjugate of $V_{12}(q)$, which can written as:

$$V_{21}(q) = 2d^2 q \pi e^{-aq} (\sin^2 \theta_E \cos^2 \phi_q - \cos^2 \theta_E + \sin 2\theta_E \cos \phi_q \ i) \tag{A10}$$

Appendix B

Below we provide detailed calculation of two infinite sums in Sec. IV.

$$S_1(q,k_z) = \sum_{l \neq 0} \exp[-|l|aq - ik_z la]$$

$$= 2Re\left[ \frac{\exp(-laq - ik_z la)}{1 - \exp(-laq - ik_z la)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\cos k_z a - \exp(-aq)}{\cosh aq - \cos k_z a}, \tag{B1}$$

and

$$S_2(q,k_z) = -i \sum_{l \neq 0} \text{sgn}(l) \exp[-|l|aq + ik_z la]$$

$$= 2Im\left[ \frac{\exp(-laq + ik_z la)}{1 - \exp(-laq + ik_z la)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\sin k_z a}{\cosh aq - \cos k_z a}. \tag{B2}$$
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