Broken axisymmetry phase of a spin-1 ferromagnetic Bose-Einstein condensate

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A spin-1 ferromagnetic Bose-Einstein condensate subject to a certain magnetic field exhibits a broken-axisymmetry phase in which the magnetization tilts against the applied magnetic field due to the competition between ferromagnetism and linear and quadratic Zeeman effects. The Bogoliubov analysis shows that in this phase two Goldstone modes associated with U(1) and SO(2) symmetry breakings exist, in which phonons and magnons are coupled to restore the two broken symmetries.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Bose-Einstein condensates (BECs) with spins degrees of freedom have attracted growing attention since the first observation of the spin-1 23Na BEC by the MIT group [1, 2]. In contrast to a magnetic trap, in which hyperfine-spin degrees of freedom are frozen, an optical trap can confine atoms in all magnetic sublevels of spin, allowing study of the magnetic properties of BECs. A variety of experiments have been performed to date, on areas such as spin domains [3], interdomain tunneling [4], and realization of a spin-2 23Na BEC [5]. The spin-exchange dynamics of 87Rb BECs have been investigated experimentally by Schmaljohann et al. [6], Chang et al. [7], and Kuwamoto et al. [8].

Theoretical investigations of the spinor BEC have also been carried out extensively. Mean field theory (MFT) for a spin-1 BEC was formulated by Ho [9] and Ohmi and Machida [10]. The MFT of a spin-2 BEC was developed by Ciobanu et al. [11] and Ueda and Koashi [12]. Law et al. [13] developed a many-body theory of spin-1 antiferromagnetic BEC. Koashi and Ueda [14] and Ho and Yip [15] extended it to including the linear Zeeman effect and found that an antiferromagnetic BEC realize a fragmented BEC for a weak magnetic field. The Bogoliubov analysis was carried out by Huang and Gou [16] and by Ueda [17] in the presence of the linear Zeeman effect. Their results agree with those obtained using a diagrammatic method by Szépfalusy and Szirmai [18]. In these studies, the Zeeman effects are restricted to those up to the linear order in the magnetic field. A unique feature of trapped atomic systems is that linear and quadratic Zeeman effects can be manipulated independently due to spin conservation. If we take the quadratic Zeeman term into account, the ground-state phase diagram becomes much richer as shown in Ref. [2]. In particular, under a certain range of linear and quadratic Zeeman effects, there is a special phase in which the magnetization tilts against the applied magnetic field. The investigation of some of the unique features of this phase is the primary purpose of our study.

When a weak magnetic field is applied along the quantization axis, the $m = 1$ or $-1$ state is favorable for a spin-1 87Rb atom due to the linear Zeeman effect and the ferromagnetic interaction, where $m$ refers to the magnetic sublevel. On the other hand, the quadratic Zeeman effect raises the energy of the $m = \pm 1$ states relative to that of the $m = 0$ state. As a consequence, if the quadratic Zeeman effect is sufficiently large, the spin vector of the ferromagnetic ground state not only shrinks but also tilts against the direction of the magnetic field. Therefore, even if the Hamiltonian is axisymmetric with respect to the direction of the magnetic field, the ground state spontaneously breaks the axisymmetry. This phase, which we shall refer to as a broken-axisymmetry phase, was predicted in Ref. [2], but little attention has been paid to it from the viewpoint of axisymmetry breaking.

In the present study, we investigate the Goldstone modes of this phase by studying its excitation spectrum. The BEC with ferromagnetic interactions has three phases: ferromagnetic, polar, and broken-axisymmetry phases. In the ferromagnetic and polar phases, only the U(1) (global phase) symmetry is broken, and the Goldstone mode corresponds to a phonon. In the broken-axisymmetry phase, the SO(2) symmetry (axisymmetry) of the spin vector is broken in addition to the U(1) symmetry. Because of the simultaneous breaking of these two continuous symmetries, the associated Goldstone modes are expected to involve both phonons and magnons.

This paper is organized as follows. Section II reviews the mean-field ground state of a spin-1 BEC to make this paper self-contained. Section III uses the Bogoliubov theory to derive one gapful mode and two gapless Goldstone modes. Section IV explores the implications of the present study for other related studies, and Sec. V concludes this paper. Appendix A derives analytic expressions for the broken-axisymmetry phase. Appendix B discusses excitations in the ferromagnetic and polar phases for comparison with those in the broken-axisymmetry phase.
II. GROUND STATE WITH BROKEN AXISYMMETRY

A. Formulation of the problem

We consider a uniform system of $N$ identical bosons with hyperfine spin 1 in which an external magnetic field is applied in the $z$ direction. The Hamiltonian of the system is written as the sum of one-body part $\hat{H}_I$ and two-body interaction part $\hat{H}_{II}$. The one-body part is given by

$$\hat{H}_I = \frac{1}{2M} \int \mathrm{d}r \sum_{m=1}^{1} \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 - pm + qm^2 \right) \hat{\Psi}_m,$$

where subscripts $m = +1, 0, -1$ denote the magnetic quantum numbers along the $z$ axis, $M$ is the mass of the atom, and $p$ and $q$ are the linear and quadratic Zeeman components, respectively. In the case of spin-1 $^{23}$Na and $^{87}$Rb atoms, $q$ is positive. The two-body part, which is described by a contact-type $s$-wave interaction at ultralow temperature, takes the form

$$\hat{H}_{II} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{F=0,2} g_F \int \mathrm{d}x \sum_{m',m} \hat{\psi}_{m'}^\dagger \hat{\psi}_m (m'; m) \hat{\rho}_{F,m'} \hat{\rho}_{m},$$

where $g_F = 4\pi \hbar^2 a_F/M$ with $a_0$ and $a_2$ being the $s$-wave scattering lengths in the singlet and quintuplet channels, respectively, and $\hat{\rho}_F$ projects a two-body state into that with total spin $F$. The absence of the projection onto the $F = 1$ channel is due to the Bose statistics.

Because the system is uniform, it is convenient to expand the field operators in terms of plane waves as $\hat{\Psi}_m = \Omega^{1/2} \sum_q e^{iqz} \hat{\alpha}_{q,m}$, where $\Omega$ is the volume of the system and $\hat{\alpha}_{q,m}$ represents the annihilation operator of a boson with wavenumber $q$ and magnetic sublevel $m$. Equations (1) and (2) are then rewritten as

$$\hat{H}_I = \sum_{k,m} \left( \epsilon_k - pm + qm^2 \right) \hat{a}^\dagger_{k,m} \hat{a}_{k,m},$$

$$\hat{H}_{II} = \frac{c_0}{2\Omega} \sum_k \hat{\rho}_k \hat{\rho}_k^\dagger + \frac{c_1}{2\Omega} \sum_k \hat{f}_k \hat{f}_k^\dagger,$$

where $\epsilon_k = \hbar^2 k^2 / (2M)$, $c_0 = (g_0 + 2g_2)/3$, $c_1 = (g_2 - g_0)/3$, $\hat{\rho}_k = \sum_{q,m} \hat{a}_{q,m}^\dagger \hat{a}_{q+k,m}$, and $\hat{f}_k = \sum_{q,m,n} \hat{a}_{q,m}^\dagger \hat{a}_{q+k,n}$ with $f = (f_x, f_y, f_z)$ being the spin-1 matrices in vector notation. The symbol $\otimes$ denotes the normal ordering of operators. The spin-spin interaction is ferromagnetic if $c_1 < 0$ and antiferromagnetic if $c_1 > 0$. It is known that the interaction between spin-1 $^{23}$Na atoms is antiferromagnetic and that the interaction between spin-1 $^{87}$Rb atoms is ferromagnetic [19, 20].

Assuming that a macroscopic number of atoms occupy the $k = 0$ state, we replace the relevant operators with $c$-numbers. The Hamiltonian for the BEC in the $k = 0$ state is given by

$$\hat{H}_{\text{BEC}} = \frac{c_0}{2\Omega} \left( \hat{a}_{0,m}^\dagger \hat{a}_{0,m} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=-1}^{1} (-pm + qm^2) \hat{a}_{0,m}^\dagger \hat{a}_{0,m} - \frac{c_1}{2\Omega} \hat{s}^\dagger \hat{s},$$

where $\hat{s} = (\hat{a}_{0,0}^2 - 2\hat{a}_{0,1} \hat{a}_{0,-1}) / \sqrt{3}$ is an annihilation operator for a singlet pair. In the MFT, we replace the operator $\hat{a}_{0,m}$ with a $c$-number $\zeta_m \sqrt{N_0}$. Here, $N_0$ is the number of condensed atoms and the order parameters $\zeta_m$'s are complex variational parameters that are determined so as to minimize the energy functional under the constraint of normalization $\sum_m |\zeta_m|^2 = 1$. For this purpose, we introduce a Lagrange multiplier $\mu$ and minimize $\langle H \rangle - \mu N_0 \sum_m |\zeta_m|^2$ with respect to $\zeta_m$. In the following, we denote the set of the order parameters as $\zeta = T(\zeta_1, \zeta_0, \zeta_{-1})$, where the superscript $T$ stands for transpose.

B. Ground states

The ground-state phase diagram for a spin-1 ferromagnetic BEC is shown in Fig. 1 [2]. The phases are classified as follows:

1. Ferromagnetic phase ($| +1 \rangle$ and $| -1 \rangle$ in Fig. 1). The order parameter is given for $p > 0$ by $\zeta_F = T(e^{i\chi_{x}}, 0, 0)$ and for $p < 0$ by $\zeta_F = T(0, 0, e^{i\chi_{x}})$, where $\chi_m$ denotes an arbitrary phase of $\zeta_m$, i.e., $\zeta_m = |\zeta_m|e^{i\chi_m}$.

2. Polar phase ($| 0 \rangle$ in Fig. 1). The order parameter is given by $\zeta_F = T(0, e^{i\chi_0}, 0)$.
We note that this ground state breaks the axisymmetry around the $z$ axis despite the fact that the Hamiltonian including the external magnetic field is axisymmetric. Thus, the ground state features spontaneous breaking of axisymmetry or spontaneous breaking of the SO(2) symmetry. Such an axisymmetry breaking is due to the competition between the linear and quadratic Zeeman effects and the ferromagnetic interaction. The quadratic Zeeman effect decreases the $z$ component of the spin vector. However, a decrease in the length of the spin vector costs the ferromagnetic interaction energy. To reconcile the quadratic Zeeman effect with the ferromagnetic interaction, the spin vector tilts against the $z$ axis. In fact, $\vartheta$ in Eq. (10) is a monotonically decreasing function of $p$ and a monotonically increasing function of $q$, and the length of the spin vector (9) attains the maximum value of $N_0$ for $|c_1|n \to \infty$.

### III. BOGOLIUBOV EXCITATIONS AND GOLDSTONE MODES

According to the Goldstone theorem [21], there exists a gapless excitation mode when a continuous symmetry is spontaneously broken. In the broken-axisymmetry phase, we have shown that the relevant continuous symmetry is the SO(2) axisymmetry. Since we have treated the system in the MFT in which the global phase of the wave function is assumed to be arbitrarily chosen, the U(1) symmetry is also broken. Thus, the two continuous symmetries are simultaneously broken in this phase. In this section, we examine the corresponding Goldstone modes using the Bogoliubov theory.

#### A. Basic theory

We first formulate a number-conserving Bogoliubov theory [22] for a BEC with spin degrees of freedom [17]. The advantage of this number-conserving formulation is that we do not need to introduce the chemical potential as a Lagrange multiplier to adjust the particle number to a prescribed value. In this formulation, we replace $\hat{a}_{0,m}$ with $\zeta_m \left( N - \sum_{k \neq 0,m} \hat{a}_{k,m}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k,m} \right)^{1/2}$ in Eqs. (3) and (4) and keep terms up to those of second order in $\hat{a}_{k \neq 0,m}$ and $\hat{a}_{k \neq 0,m}^\dagger$. We then obtain an effective Bogoliubov Hamiltonian as

![FIG. 2](Color online) (a) Transverse magnetization, i.e., magnetization perpendicular to the direction of the applied magnetic field $\langle F_\perp \rangle = \langle F_\perp \rangle / N_0$ as a function of linear and quadratic Zeeman coefficients. The transverse magnetization is nonzero only in the broken-axisymmetry phase. (b) Schematic illustration of the spin vector in the broken-axisymmetry phase.

3. Broken-axisymmetry phase (shaded region in Fig. 1). The order parameter is given by (see Appendix A for derivation)

$$
\begin{aligned}
\zeta_{\pm 1} &= (q + p) \sqrt{p^2 + 2 |c_1| nq - q^2} e^{i\chi_{\pm 1}}, \\
\zeta_0 &= \sqrt{(q^2 - p^2) (p^2 + 2 |c_1| nq + q^2)} e^{i(\chi_0 + \vartheta)/2}.
\end{aligned}
$$

(6)

In the broken-axisymmetry phase, the transverse magnetization, which is perpendicular to the external magnetic field,

$$
\langle F_\perp \rangle = \sqrt{\langle F_x \rangle^2 + \langle F_y \rangle^2} = N_0 \sqrt{q^2 - p^2} \sqrt{(p^2 + 2 |c_1| nq)^2 - q^4} / 2 |c_1| nq^2.
$$

(7)

is nonzero as shown in Fig. 2. (If we choose $\zeta_0$ to be real and positive, we have $\langle F_x \rangle = \langle F_\perp \rangle \cos \phi$ and $\langle F_y \rangle = \langle F_\perp \rangle \sin \phi$, where $\phi = \chi_1 = -\chi_{-1}$.) The longitudinal magnetization, which is parallel to the external magnetic field, is given by

$$
\langle F_z \rangle = N_0 q (p^2 + 2 |c_1| nq - q^2) / 2 |c_1| nq^2.
$$

(8)

The total magnetization is therefore given by

$$
|\langle F \rangle| = \sqrt{\langle F_\perp \rangle^2 + \langle F_z \rangle^2} = N_0 \sqrt{4c_1^2 n^2 q^2 - (p^2 - q^2)^2} / 2 |c_1| nq.
$$

(9)

The magnetization thus tilts against the applied magnetic field with the polar angle

$$
\vartheta = \arctan \left( \sqrt{q^2 - p^2} \sqrt{p^2 + 2 |c_1| nq + q^2} \over p \sqrt{p^2 + 2 |c_1| nq - q^2} \right).
$$

(10)
\[
\hat{H}_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{k \neq 0} \sum_{m=1}^{1} \left( \epsilon_k - pm + qm^2 + p(f_z) - q(f_z^2) - c_1 n + c_1 n |\zeta_0 - 2\zeta_1 |^2 \right) \hat{a}_{k,m}^\dagger \hat{a}_{k,m} \\
+ c_1 n(f) \cdot \sum_{k \neq 0} \sum_{m,n} f_{m,n} \hat{a}_{k,m} \hat{a}_{k,n} + \frac{c_0 n}{2} \sum_{k \neq 0} \left( 2\hat{D}_k^\dagger \hat{D}_k + \hat{D}_k \hat{D}_k^\dagger \right)
\]
\[
+ \frac{c_1 n}{2} \sum_{k \neq 0} \left( 2\hat{F}_k^\dagger \cdot \hat{F}_k + \hat{F}_k \cdot \hat{F}_k^\dagger \right) + E_0,
\]

(11)

where \( \hat{D}_k \equiv \sum_m |\zeta_m^* \hat{a}_{k,m}, \hat{F}_k \equiv \sum_{m,n} f_{m,n} |\zeta_m^* \hat{a}_{k,n}, \) and \( E_0 \) represents a constant term.

In general, for spin-\( f \) atoms, we can express quasiparticle operators \( \hat{b}_{k,\sigma} \)'s as linear combinations of the annihilation and creation operators of the original particles:

\[
\hat{B}_k = U(k) \hat{A}_k + V(k) \hat{A}_k^\dagger.
\]

(12)

Here \( U(k) \) and \( V(k) \) are \((2f + 1) \times (2f + 1)\) real matrices and the bold letters represent sets of operators

\[
\hat{B}_k = T \left( \hat{b}_{k,\sigma_1}, \hat{b}_{k,\sigma_2}, \ldots, \hat{b}_{k,\sigma_{2f+1}} \right),
\]

\[
\hat{A}_k = T \left( \hat{a}_{k,f}, \hat{a}_{k,f-1}, \ldots, \hat{a}_{k,-f} \right),
\]

\[
\hat{A}_k^\dagger = T \left( \hat{a}_{k,f}^\dagger, \hat{a}_{k,f-1}^\dagger, \ldots, \hat{a}_{k,-f}^\dagger \right),
\]

where \( \sigma_j \) is the label for each Bogoliubov mode. The quasiparticle operators (12) should satisfy the Bose commutation relations,

\[
[\hat{b}_{k,\sigma}, \hat{b}_{k',\sigma'}^\dagger] = \delta_{k,k'} \delta_{\sigma,\sigma'},
\]

(13)

which lead to

\[
\sum_i [U_{\sigma,i}(k)^T U_{i,\sigma'}(k) - V_{\sigma,i}(k)^T V_{i,\sigma'}(k)] = \delta_{\sigma,\sigma'},
\]

(14)

\[
\sum_i [U_{\sigma,i}(k)^T V_{i,\sigma'}(k) - V_{\sigma,i}(k)^T U_{i,\sigma'}(k)] = 0.
\]

(15)

We can rewrite Eqs. (14) and (15) in a matrix form,

\[
T(U + V)(U - V) = I.
\]

(16)

Thus, \( U \) and \( V \) are not independent of each other. For later convenience, we write \( \hat{B}_k \) as

\[
\hat{B}_k = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (U + V) \left( \hat{A}_k + \hat{A}_k^\dagger \right) + (U - V) \left( \hat{A}_k - \hat{A}_k^\dagger \right) \right].
\]

(17)

We seek the excitation spectrum \( E_\sigma \) and operators \( \hat{b}_{k,\sigma} \) such that the quasiparticles behave independently, i.e.,

\[
\hat{H}_{\text{eff}} = \sum_{k \neq 0} \sum_{\sigma = \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \ldots, \sigma_{2f+1}\}} E_\sigma \hat{b}_{k,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{b}_{k,\sigma} + E_{\text{vac}},
\]

(18)

where \( \hat{H}_{\text{eff}} \) is given in Eq. (11), and \( E_{\text{vac}} \) is the energy of the vacuum state for the quasiparticles. From Eq. (11), the Heisenberg equation of motion takes the form

\[
\frac{i\hbar}{\text{d}t} \hat{A}_k = M(k) \hat{A}_k + N(k) \hat{A}_k^\dagger.
\]

(19)

where \( M(k) \) and \( N(k) \) are real and symmetric \((2f + 1) \times (2f + 1)\) matrices. Using the quasiparticle Hamiltonian (18) and the commutation relations (13), on the other hand, we obtain

\[
\frac{i\hbar}{\text{d}t} \hat{B}_k = E(k) \hat{B}_k.
\]

(20)

where \( E(k) \) is the diagonal \((2f + 1) \times (2f + 1)\) matrix, whose diagonal elements correspond to the energies of the elementary excitations \( E_{k,\sigma} \). Then substituting Eq. (19) into Eq. (20) and using Eq. (16), we obtain

\[
(M + N)(M - N)^T(U + V) = T(U + V) E^2.
\]

(21)

Since \( E^2 \) is also a diagonal matrix, the Bogoliubov excitation spectrum can be found as the eigenvalues of the matrix

\[
G \equiv (M + N)(M - N).
\]

(22)

We note that \( G \), which is the product of two Hermitian matrices, is not, in general, Hermitian. The present approach has the advantage that we can reduce the dimension of the eigenvalue equation from \( 2(2f + 1) \) to \( (2f + 1) \) and therefore the diagonalization is simplified. That is, instead of the diagonalization of the \( 2(2f + 1) \times 2(2f + 1) \) matrix as

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
M & N \\
-N & -M
\end{pmatrix}
\]

(23)
a \((2f + 1) \times (2f + 1)\) matrix \( G \) is to be diagonalized.

B. Low-lying modes in the broken-axisymmetry phase for \( k \to 0 \)

Without loss of generality, we may assume \( \zeta_m \) to be real and positive. The excitation spectra in the ferromagnetic and polar phases can be derived analytically as
shown in Appendix B. The analytic solutions can also be obtained for the broken-axisymmetry phase. However, since they are very complicated, we here derive the excitation spectrum for small $k$.

The effective Hamiltonian (11) gives the coefficient matrices $M$ and $N$ of the Heisenberg equation of motion (19). Using the explicit form of $\zeta_m$ in Eq. (6), the matrix $G$ can be written in the form,

$$G = G_0 + 2(g_{2n}G_1 - c_1 n G') \epsilon_k + I \epsilon_k^2,$$  

where $I$ is the unit matrix and

$$G_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \Theta_1 \zeta_0 & \Theta_1 \zeta_1 & \Theta_1 \zeta_0 \\ \Theta_0 \zeta_0 & \Theta_0 \zeta_1 & \Theta_0 \zeta_0 \\ \Theta \zeta_0 & \Theta \zeta_1 & \Theta \zeta_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (25)$$

$$G_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \zeta_0^2 & \zeta_0 \zeta_1 & \zeta_0 \\ \zeta_0 \zeta_0 & \zeta_1 \zeta_1 & \zeta_0 \\ \zeta_0 \zeta_1 & \zeta_1 \zeta_0 & \zeta_1 \zeta_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (26)$$

$$G'_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \zeta_0 \zeta_1 \zeta_0 \zeta_1 \\ -2 \zeta_1 \zeta_0 \zeta_1 \zeta_0 + \zeta_1 \zeta_0 \\ -2 \zeta_1 \zeta_0 \zeta_1 \zeta_0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (27)$$



We first consider the limit of $\epsilon_k \to 0$. The eigenvalues for $G = G_0$ can be obtained easily: one is

$$E_{\epsilon_k}^2 = (3p^2 - 2c_1 n q - q^2)(p^2 - 2c_1 n q + q^2)/q^2 \quad (29)$$

and the other two are zero. Thus the system has two gapless excitation modes, which, as we will show later, arise from the $U(1)$ and $SO(2)$ symmetry breakings. We label the gapful mode as $\alpha$, and the other two gapless modes as $\beta$ and $\gamma$.

The eigenvectors of $G_0$ are given by each row of the following matrix:

$$U + V = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda \Theta_1 & \lambda \Theta_0 & \lambda \Theta_{-1} \\ (\mu_p + \mu_m) \zeta_1 & \mu_p \zeta_0 & (\mu_p - \mu_m) \zeta_{-1} \\ (\nu_p + \nu_m) \zeta_1 & \nu_p \zeta_0 & (\nu_p - \nu_m) \zeta_{-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (30)$$

where $\lambda$, $\mu_p$, $\mu_m$, $\nu_p$, and $\nu_m$ are arbitrary parameters. Note that the second and the third rows are the linear combinations of two basis vectors $(\zeta_1, \zeta_0, -\zeta_0, -\zeta_1)$, both of which are eigenvectors with zero eigenvalue. It follows from Eq. (16) that the matrix $U - V$ is given as the transposed inverse matrix of Eq. (30),

$$U - V = \frac{1}{A} \begin{pmatrix} \zeta_1 \Theta_0 & \zeta_0 \Theta_1 - \zeta_0 \Theta_{-1} & \zeta_1 \Theta_0 \Theta_{-1} - \zeta_0 \Theta_{-1} \\ -\zeta_1 \Theta_0 (\nu_p - \nu_m) + \zeta_0 \Theta_{-1} \nu_m & -\zeta_0 \Theta_1 (\mu_p - \mu_m) + \zeta_1 \Theta_{-1} \mu_m & \zeta_1 \Theta_0 (\mu_p + \mu_m) - \zeta_0 \Theta_{-1} \mu_p \\ -\zeta_1 \Theta_0 (\nu_p - \nu_m) + \zeta_0 \Theta_{-1} \nu_m & -\zeta_0 \Theta_1 (\mu_p - \mu_m) + \zeta_1 \Theta_{-1} \mu_m & \zeta_1 \Theta_0 (\mu_p + \mu_m) - \zeta_0 \Theta_{-1} \mu_p \end{pmatrix}, \quad (31)$$

where $A \equiv 2 \zeta_1 \Theta_0 - \zeta_0 \Theta_1 - \zeta_0 \Theta_{-1}$ and $J \equiv \mu_p \nu_m - \mu_m \nu_p$.

The eigenenergies up to the order of $\epsilon_k$ as

$$E_{\epsilon_k}^\alpha = E_{\epsilon_k}^\alpha \text{ gap} + 4 \left( \frac{p^2 - c_1 n q}{q} \right) \epsilon_k + O \left( \epsilon_k^2 \right),$$

$$E_{\epsilon_k}^\beta = \Lambda + \epsilon_k + O \left( \epsilon_k^2 \right),$$

$$E_{\epsilon_k}^\gamma = \Lambda - \epsilon_k + O \left( \epsilon_k^2 \right),$$

where

$$\Lambda = g_{2n} + \frac{\eta}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(2g_{2n} - \eta)^2 + \frac{8g_{2n}(q - \eta)\eta^2}{c_1 n (3 \eta q - 2q + 2c_1 n)}},$$

with $\eta = (q^2 - p^2)/q$. In Fig. 3, we compare the $\epsilon_k$ dependencies of the approximate eigenenergies (32) (dashed curves) with those of the numerically obtained exact energies (solid curves).

It is important to note that the two gapless excitations $E_{\alpha}$ and $E_{\beta}$ in Eq. (32) share the same leading-order term $\epsilon_k^{1/2}$. Since the effective Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}$ in Eq. (11) contains only the terms that are proportional to $\epsilon_k$, this $\epsilon_k^{1/2}$ dependence must be canceled by the operators $b_{k,\sigma}$.
Equation (35) indicates that the quasiparticle operators for the two gapless modes consist of the number fluctuation operator
\[
\delta \hat{N}_k \equiv \sqrt{N_0} \left[ \sum_m \zeta_m \left( \hat{a}_{k,m} + \hat{a}_{-k,m}^\dagger \right) \right]
\]
and the spin fluctuation operator
\[
\delta \hat{F}_z \equiv \sqrt{N_0} \left[ \sum_m m \zeta_m \left( \hat{a}_{k,m} + \hat{a}_{-k,m}^\dagger \right) \right].
\]
We recall that the operator \( \hat{N} \) is the generator of the global phase rotation and the operator \( \hat{F}_z \) is that of the spin rotation around the z axis. The creations of the gapless quasiparticles therefore lead to a change in the global phase of the order parameter and a rotation of the magnetization around the z axis. The modes \( \beta \) and \( \gamma \) are thus the Goldstone modes that restore the U(1) and SO(2) symmetries. Since \( \delta \hat{N} \) and \( \delta \hat{F}_z \) can be regarded as the phonon and magnon operators, respectively, phonons and magnons are coupled in the quasiparticles described by Eq. (35). This is in contrast with the cases of the ferromagnetic and polar phases, in which phonons and magnons are decoupled (see Appendix B). The numerically obtained coefficients \( \mu_p, \mu_m, \nu_p, \) and \( \nu_m \) are shown in Fig. 4 as functions of \( q/|c_1|n \). We see that \( \hat{b}_{k,\beta} \) is mostly the density fluctuation operator, while \( \hat{b}_{k,\gamma} \) is the linear combination of the number and spin fluctuation operators with roughly equal weights for small \( q/|c_1|n \). In other words, the \( \beta \)-mode is a phonon-dominant mode and the \( \gamma \)-mode is a phonon-magnon coupled mode. The \( \beta \)-mode crosses over to a phonon mode across the two neighboring phase boundaries, while the \( \gamma \)-mode crosses over to a magnon mode.

D. Coherent excitations

We investigate the dynamics of the states in which the quasiparticles are coherently excited. The excited state is assumed to be a coherent state
\[
|\beta_{k,\sigma}\rangle \equiv e^{\beta_{k,\sigma}} \hat{b}_{k,\sigma}^\dagger - \beta_{k,\sigma} \hat{b}_{k,\sigma} |0\rangle_B,
\]
where \( |0\rangle_B \) is the vacuum of the Bogoliubov quasiparticles. The change in the expectation value of an observable \( \hat{Q} \) due to the excitation of quasiparticles is given by
\[
\langle \delta \hat{Q}_{k,\sigma}(t) \rangle = \langle \beta_{k,\sigma}|\hat{Q}_{H}(t)|\beta_{k,\sigma}\rangle - B(t) \langle 0|\hat{Q}_{H}(t)|0\rangle_B,
\]
where the subscript H denotes the Heisenberg representation. Since \( \hat{A}_k = T U(k) \hat{B}_k - T V(k) \hat{B}_{-k}^\dagger \) from the inverse
relation of Eq. (12), we obtain
\[
\langle \delta \hat{\psi}_m(t) \rangle_{k,\sigma} = \frac{\beta_{k,\sigma}}{\sqrt{\Omega}} [(U - V)_{\sigma,m} \cos(k \cdot r - \omega_s t + \phi_k,\sigma)
+ i(U + V)_{\sigma,m} \sin(k \cdot r - \omega_s t + \phi_k,\sigma)],
\]
where \( \phi_k,\sigma = \arg(\beta_k,\sigma) \) and \( \omega_s = E_k,\sigma/\hbar. \) Since the ratio of the real part to the imaginary part is estimated from Eq. (33) to be \((\epsilon_k)^{1/2} \ll 1,\) the real part is negligible for the two gapless modes, \( \sigma = \beta \) and \( \gamma, \) in the long-wavelength limit. Therefore, \( \langle \delta \hat{\psi}_m(t) \rangle_{k,\sigma} \) is almost entirely imaginary, which indicates that the change occurs mostly in the phase of the real order parameter \( \zeta_m. \) Thus, the excitations of \( \beta \) and \( \gamma \) modes lead to a global phase rotation and a spin rotation around the \( z \) axis.

To study how the quasiparticle excitation rotates the spin, we calculate \( \langle \delta \hat{F}(t) \rangle_{k,\sigma}. \) Keeping terms up to those of the first order in \( \beta_k,\sigma, \) we obtain
\[
\langle \delta \hat{F}_{\xi}(t) \rangle_{k,\sigma} = \frac{\sqrt{\eta_0}}{\sqrt{\Omega}} \sum_{m,n} \zeta_m(f_{\xi}(f_{\xi},m,n) [(U + V)_{\sigma,n} e^{i(k \cdot r - \omega_s t)} \beta_{k,\sigma} \pm \text{H.c.}],
\]
where \( f_{\xi} (\xi = x, y, z) \) are the spin-1 matrices defined in Eq. (A13), and the upper signs refer to \( \xi = x \) and \( z \) and the lower signs to \( \xi = y. \) Hence, Eq. (33) leads to \( \langle \delta \hat{F}_x \rangle_{k,\sigma} \gg \langle \delta \hat{F}_y \rangle_{k,\sigma} \) and \( \langle \delta \hat{F}_y \rangle_{k,\sigma} \gg \langle \delta \hat{F}_z \rangle_{k,\sigma}. \) This is because \( \langle \delta \hat{F}_x \rangle \neq 0, \langle \delta \hat{F}_y \rangle \neq 0, \) and \( \langle \delta \hat{F}_z \rangle = 0 \) from the assumption of real and positive \( \zeta_m, \) and the infinitesimal spin rotation around the \( z \) axis changes only \( \langle \delta \hat{F}_y \rangle. \)

Thus, we have shown that the excitations of the Goldstone modes \( \beta \) and \( \gamma \) lead to U(1) and SO(2) transformations. Oscillations of the order-parameter phases and those of the azimuthal angle of the spin vector are shown in Fig. 5. Figure 5(a) shows that the \( \beta \) mode excitation changes the phases of \( \langle \hat{\psi}_1 \rangle, \langle \hat{\psi}_0 \rangle, \) and \( \langle \hat{\psi}_{-1} \rangle \) in the same manner. This is because as shown in Fig. 4 the dominant contribution to the \( \beta \) mode is made by phonons which are insensitive to individual spin components. On the other hand, the \( \gamma \) mode excitation describes not only fluctuations of the overall phase but also those of the spin vector around the \( z \) axis. Since the rotation around the \( z \) axis is \( e^{i\xi \beta} \langle \hat{m} \rangle = e^{i\xi \beta} |m\rangle, \) \( \chi_1 \) and \( \chi_{-1} \) are out of phase with respect to \( \chi_0. \)

The gapful mode (\( \alpha \) mode) can be interpreted as playing the role of changing the magnitude of magnetization. As shown in Fig. 6, the fluctuation of \( F_\alpha \) is dominant when the \( \alpha \) mode is excited. The \( z \) component \( F_z \) cannot vary due to the spin conservation, and hence the spin fluctuation is restricted in the \( x-y \) plane as illustrated in the inset of Fig. 6.

IV. DISCUSSION

We have shown that the ground state in the shaded region of Fig. 1 is the broken-axisymmetry phase featuring transverse magnetization. Here, we discuss possible experimental consequences of the axisymmetry breaking and the transverse magnetization.
coherent excitation of the gapful mode (α-mode). The inset schematically illustrates the change in the spin vector caused by the excitation of the α-mode.

Let us consider a situation in which atoms are prepared in the $m = 0$ state. When $p = 0$ and $q < 2|c_1|n$, the ground state is in the broken-axisymmetry phase and the transverse magnetization should develop in time. However, the total spin angular momentum parallel to the magnetic field must be conserved, and for small $q$ the magnitude of the transverse component of the total spin is nearly entirely conserved. Consequently, local magnetization varies in space only insofar as the total spin is conserved [23, 24]. This constraint leads to formation of various spin textures depending on the trap geometry. For example, in an elongated cigar-shaped trap, a staggered domain structure or a helical structure is formed spontaneously [23]. In a pancake-shaped trap, on the other hand, a concentric domain structure is formed [23].

The formation of the domain structure costs the kinetic energy and the ferromagnetic energy at the domain walls. If the direction of the spin vector changes gradually over space, the formation of the spin texture costs little energy. One of such textures is a topological spin texture, in which the orientation of transverse magnetization has a $2\pi$ winding about a central defect. When the size of the system is small, the topological spin texture becomes energetically favorable and develops spontaneously [24]. Recently, formation of the topological spin texture has been observed by the Berkeley group [25], in which the state of the system is changed rapidly by a change in the magnetic field from the $|0\rangle$ region to the shaded region in Fig. 1. The spontaneous transverse magnetization in the Berkeley experiment is a manifestation of the symmetry breaking discussed in the present paper. If the amount of the change in the magnetic field is small or if the speed of the change is slow, the system is not markedly disturbed, and low-energy gapless excitations (the $\beta$ and $\gamma$ modes) should be observed.

V. CONCLUSIONS

We have studied a spin-1 ferromagnetic BEC by taking the quadratic Zeeman effect into account. The mean field theory predicts that BECs with ferromagnetic interactions show the broken-axisymmetry phase, in which magnetization tilts against the direction of an external magnetic field. Here, the SO(2) symmetry is broken, in addition to the U(1) global phase symmetry. Applying the Bogoliubov theory for a BEC with spin degrees of freedom, we have found one gapful mode and two gapless Goldstone modes for this phase. We have analytically shown that two gapless modes are the coupled phonon-magnon modes that restore the U(1) and SO(2) symmetries simultaneously. Numerical analysis has shown that one Goldstone mode is the phonon-dominant mode and the other is the phonon-magnon coupled mode with roughly equal weights. The gapful mode changes the length of the spin by fluctuating the spin in the direction perpendicular to the magnetic field (see the inset of Fig. 6).

When more than one continuous symmetry is spontaneously broken, multiple gapless modes emerge and they couple with each other to form Goldstone modes as shown in this paper. Such multiple Goldstone modes may therefore be found in spin-2 BECs [12] and higher spin BECs, which merit further investigation.

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APPENDIX A: DERIVATION OF THE PHASE DIAGRAM FOR $c_1 < 0$

In this appendix, we derive the analytic expression for the spin components in Eq. (6) in the broken-axisymmetry phase and reproduce the phase diagram for $c_1 < 0$ as shown in Fig. 1.

The average energy per atom is given from Eq. (5) by,

$$e \equiv \frac{\langle \hat{H}_{\text{BEC}} \rangle}{N_0}$$

$$= \frac{|c_1|n}{2} |2\zeta_1 \zeta_{-1} - \zeta_0^2|^2 + \sum_{m=-1}^{1} (-pm + qm^2)|\zeta_m|^2.$$  

(A1)
rewritten as
\[
\frac{|c_1| n}{2} |2\zeta_1 - \zeta_0^2|^2 = \frac{|c_1| n}{2} |2(\zeta_1 - \zeta_0^2)\zeta_{\mp 1} + 2(q \mp p - \mu)\zeta_{\pm 1}|^2,
\]
where \(\zeta_m = |\zeta_m| e^{i\chi_m}\). Hence, the phase depends on energy only through \(2\chi_0 - \chi_1 - \chi_{-1}\), and the energy is minimized for \(2\chi_0 - \chi_1 - \chi_{-1} = 0\). Without loss of generality, we assume that \(\zeta_m\)'s are real and non-negative.

We minimize
\[
K \equiv e - \mu(\zeta_1^2 + \zeta_0^2 + \zeta_{-1}^2),
\]
where a Lagrange multiplier \(\mu\) is introduced to ensure the normalization condition \(\zeta_1^2 + \zeta_0^2 + \zeta_{-1}^2 = 1\). Stationary conditions can be obtained through differentiation of \(K\) with respect to \(\zeta_m\)'s as
\[
\frac{\partial K}{\partial \zeta_{\pm 1}} = 2|c_1|n(2\zeta_1 - \zeta_0^2)\zeta_{\mp 1} + 2(q \mp p - \mu)\zeta_{\pm 1} = 0,
\]
\[
\frac{\partial K}{\partial \zeta_0} = -2|c_1|n(2\zeta_1 - \zeta_0^2)\zeta_0 - 2\mu\zeta_0 = 0.
\]

It follows from Eq. (A5) that either \(\zeta_0 = 0\) or \(\mu = -|c_1|n(2\zeta_1 - \zeta_0^2)\) (A6)

has to be satisfied. When \(\zeta_0 = 0\), we find that \(K\) is minimized with
\[
\zeta_1 = 1, \zeta_{-1} = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad p > 0 \quad (h = q - p),
\]
\[
\zeta_1 = 0, \zeta_{-1} = 1 \quad \text{for} \quad p < 0 \quad (h = q + p).
\]

When \(\zeta_0 \neq 0\), Eq. (A4) becomes
\[
(q \mp p - \mu)\zeta_{\pm 1} = \mu\zeta_{\mp 1}.
\]

We can easily see that the polar state
\[
\zeta_0 = 1, \zeta_1 = \zeta_{-1} = 0 \quad (h = 1)
\]

satisfies Eq. (A9). Using Eqs. (A6) and (A9), we obtain the solution for the broken-axisymmetry phase in Eq. (6). This solution is valid for
\[
q^2 - p^2 \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 2|c_1|nq - q^2 + p^2 \geq 0.
\]

The energy of the broken-axisymmetry state is calculated to be
\[
e_{br} = \frac{1}{4(|c_1|nq)^2} (q^2 - p^2)(p^2 - 4|c_1|nq - q^2).
\]

We can show that \(e_{br} \leq 1\) and \(e_{br} \leq q \pm p\) are always satisfied in the region of Eq. (A11), and thus we obtain the phase diagram in Fig. 1.

The three components of the spin-1 matrices are given by
\[
f_x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},
\]
\[
f_y = i \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},
\]
\[
f_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},
\]

and the corresponding spin components are given by
\[
\langle F_x \rangle \equiv N_0 \zeta_1^* f_x \zeta = \frac{N_0}{\sqrt{2}} [\zeta_0^*(\zeta_1 + \zeta_{-1}) + \zeta_0(\zeta_1^* + \zeta_{-1}^*)],
\]
\[
\langle F_y \rangle \equiv N_0 \zeta_1^* f_y \zeta = \frac{iN_0}{\sqrt{2}} [\zeta_0^*(\zeta_1 - \zeta_{-1}) - \zeta_0(\zeta_1^* - \zeta_{-1}^*)],
\]
\[
\langle F_z \rangle \equiv N_0 \zeta_1^* f_z \zeta = N_0 (|\zeta_1|^2 - |\zeta_{-1}|^2).
\]

Substituting Eq. (6) into Eqs. (A14)-(A16), we obtain Eqs. (7)-(9).

**APPENDIX B: EXCITATION SPECTRA IN THE FERROMAGNETIC AND POLAR PHASES**

1. **Ferromagnetic phase**

We first consider the ferromagnetic phase (\(| + 1\) in Fig. 1) for \(p > 0\). In this phase the order parameters are given by \(\zeta_1 = 1\) and \(\zeta_0 = \zeta_{-1} = 0\). The matrices M and N in Eq. (19) are shown to be
\[
M = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_k + c_0 n + c_1 n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon_k + p - q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon_k + 2p - 2c_1 n \end{pmatrix},
\]
\[
N = \begin{pmatrix} c_0 n + c_1 n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},
\]
and the matrix G in Eq. (22) is given by
\[
G = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_k(\epsilon_k + 2g_2 n) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (\epsilon_k + p - q)^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (\epsilon_k - 2p - 2c_1 n)^2 \end{pmatrix}.
\]

Diagonalizing G we obtain three excitation energies as
\[
E_p = \sqrt{\epsilon_k(\epsilon_k + 2g_2 n)},
\]
\[
E_0 = \epsilon_k + p - q,
\]
\[
E_{-1} = \epsilon_k - 2p - 2c_1 n,
\]

\[\{E_p = \sqrt{\epsilon_k(\epsilon_k + 2g_2 n)}, E_0 = \epsilon_k + p - q, E_{-1} = \epsilon_k - 2p - 2c_1 n, \}
\]
and the associated quasiparticle operators as
\[
\begin{align*}
\hat{b}_{k,p} &= \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_k + g_2 n - E_p}{2E_p}} \hat{a}_{k,1} + \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_k + g_2 n - E_p}{2E_p}} \hat{a}_{-k,1}, \\
\hat{b}_{k,0} &= \hat{a}_{k,0}, \\
\hat{b}_{k,-1} &= \hat{a}_{k,-1}.
\end{align*}
\] (B5)

The corresponding results for \(p < 0\) can be obtained by changing the linear Zeeman energy \(p\) to \(-p\). For \(q = 0\) these results reduce to those obtained in the absence of the quadratic Zeeman effect [17]. The excitation spectrum \(E_p\) is similar to the one obtained for scalar BECs; it is a phonon mode with the speed of sound given by \(c = \sqrt{g_2 n/M}\). The other two modes are understood as excitations from the \(m = 1\) state to the \(m = 0\) and \(m = -1\) states, respectively. In the long-wavelength limit \((k \to 0)\), \(E_0\) \((E_{-1})\) coincides with the single-particle energy difference between the \(m = 1\) state and the \(m = 0\) \((m = -1)\) state. Hence, the phonon mode \((E_p)\) and the magnon modes \((E_0, E_{-1})\) are decoupled in the ferromagnetic phase.

It can be easily checked that these excitation modes and operators do reproduce the effective Hamiltonian (11) through Eq. (18). For small \(\epsilon_k\), \(E_p\) in Eq. (B4) is proportional to \(\epsilon_{k}^{1/2}\) and \(\hat{b}_{k,p}\) in Eq. (B5) is proportional to \(\epsilon_{k}^{-1/4}\). The singular \(\epsilon_k\)-dependence in each of \(E_p\) and \(\hat{b}_{k,p}\) is therefore canceled in the product \(E_p \hat{b}_{k,p} \hat{b}_{k,p}\), giving the original \(\epsilon_k\)-dependence in the effective Hamiltonian.

2. Polar phase

In the polar phase (\(|0\rangle\) in Fig. 1), the order parameters are \(\xi_0 = 1\) and \(\xi_1 = \zeta_{-1} = 0\), and the matrices \(M\) and \(N\) have the forms
\[
M = \begin{pmatrix}
\epsilon_k - p + q + c_1 n & 0 \\
0 & \epsilon_k + c_0 n & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \epsilon_k + p + q + c_1 n
\end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{(B6)}
\]
\[
N = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 & c_1 n \\
c_1 n & 0 & 0 \\
c_1 n & 0 & 0
\end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{(B7)}
\]
which give
\[
G = \begin{pmatrix}
(\epsilon_k - p + q + c_1 n)^2 - c_1 n^2 & 0 & 2c_1 n p \\
0 & \epsilon_k + c_0 n & 0 \\
-2c_1 n p & 0 & (\epsilon_k + p + q + c_1 n)^2 - c_1 n^2
\end{pmatrix} \quad \text{(B8)}
\]
The eigenvalues are obtained as
\[
\begin{align*}
E_p &= \sqrt{\epsilon_k (\epsilon_k + 2c_0 n)}, \\
E_+ &= -p + \xi_k, \\
E_- &= +p + \xi_k,
\end{align*} \quad \text{(B9)}
\]
where \(\xi_k = \sqrt{(\epsilon_k + q)(\epsilon_k + q + 2c_1 n)}\). The quasiparticle operators are found to be
\[
\begin{align*}
\hat{b}_{k,p} &= \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_k + c_0 n + E_p}{2E_p}} \hat{a}_{k,0} + \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_k + c_0 n - E_p}{2E_p}} \hat{a}^\dagger_{-k,0}, \\
\hat{b}_{k,\pm} &= \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_k + q + c_1 n + \xi_k}{2\xi_k}} \hat{a}_{k,\pm 1} + \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_k + q + c_1 n - \xi_k}{2\xi_k}} \hat{a}^\dagger_{-k,\mp 1}.
\end{align*} \quad \text{(B10)}
\]
The first mode \(E_p\) in Eq. (B9) is a phonon mode. The other two are magnon modes which scatter a quasiparticle from the state with \(m = 0\) to the one with \(m = \pm 1\). Thus, also in this phase, phonons and magnons are decoupled.

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