Quench Dynamics for Trapped Dipolar Fermi Gases

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A recent time-of-flight expansion experiment for polarized fermionic erbium atoms managed to detect a Fermi surface deformation which is due to the dipolar interaction [1]. Here we perform a systematic study of quench dynamics of trapped dipolar Fermi gases at zero temperature, which are induced by a sudden change of the magnetic field, which enforces the polarization of the magnetic moments of the erbium atoms. As this modifies the equilibrium configuration, oscillations of the fermionic erbium cloud emerge around the new equilibrium, which are characteristic for the presence of the dipole-dipole interaction. In order to analyze the emergent dynamics we follow Ref. [2] and solve analytically the underlying Boltzmann-Vlasov equation wihtin the relaxation approximation in the vicinity of the new equilibrium configuration by using a suitable rescaling of the equilibrium distribution [3]. The resulting ordinary differential equations of motion for the scaling parameters are solved numerically for experimentally relevant parameters all the way from the collisionless to the hydrodynamic regime. A comparison with a corresponding linear stability analysis reveals that the resulting quench dynamics can be understood in terms of the low-lying collective modes due to the smallness of the dipolar interaction strength. All our theoretical and numerical calculations can be tested in current experiments with ultracold dipolar fermionic atoms.

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Trapped Bose-Einstein Condensates with Strong Disorder

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We work out a non-perturbative approach towards the dirty boson problem at zero temperature that is based on a Gaussian approximation for correlation functions of the disorder problem and the condensate wave function solving the Gross-Pitaevskii problem. For harmonically trapped Bose-Einstein condensates we apply, in addition, the