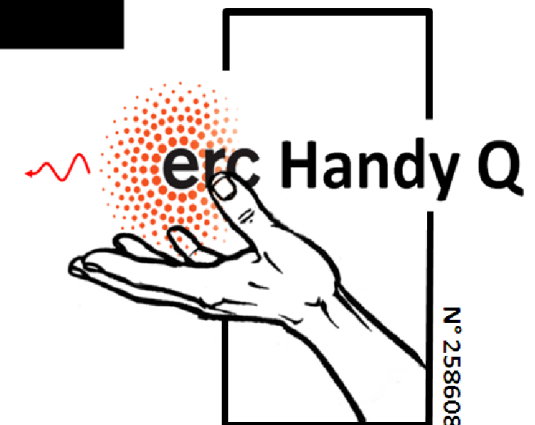


# Dipole modes in a split trap

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# Plan

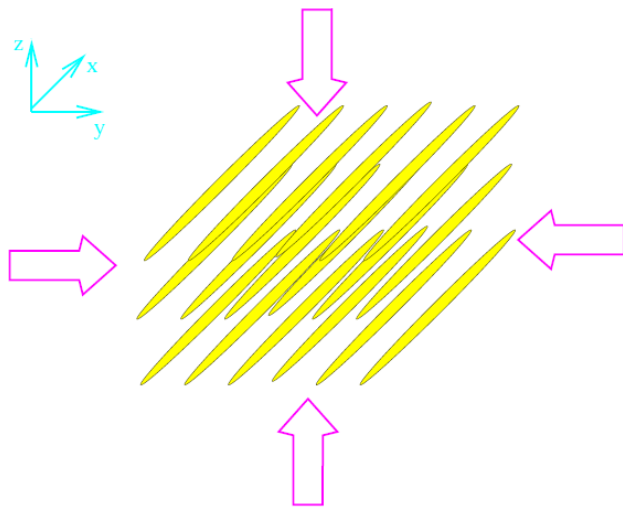
- *1D gases with a barrier* : effect of interactions and quantum fluctuations
- *Protocol : dipole mode quench to study transport across the barrier*
  - Exact solution at infinite interactions
  - Numerical Diagonalization
  - Gross-Pitaevskii solution
  - inhomogeneous Luttinger Liquid theory
- *Main result and some 'what if...'*

→ Two nontrivial effects of interactions ←

# 1D quantum gases

- Cylindrical geometry
- Very large transverse confinement

*Realizations : 2D optical lattices, chip traps,...*



- All energy scales smaller than transverse energy

$$\mu, k_B T \ll \hbar \omega_{\perp}$$

- Important quantum fluctuations at intermediate - large interactions

# Interactions in 1D

- Interactions due to atom-atom collisions in a waveguide

(3D s-wave scattering length)

$$g = 2a_s \hbar \omega_{\perp} (1 - 0.4602 a_s / a_{\perp})^{-1}$$

- Effective 1D interactions

$$v(x) = g \delta(x)$$

- Hamiltonian (Lieb-Liniger)

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_i \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + V(x_i) \right] + g \sum_{i < j} \delta(x_i - x_j)$$

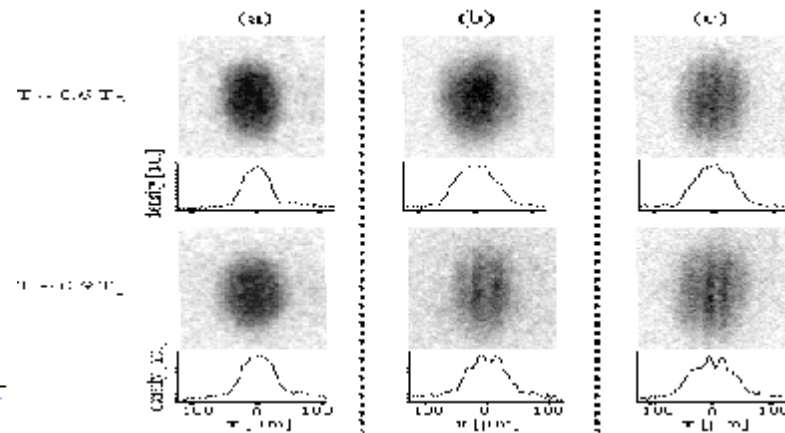
Dimensionless interaction strength :

$$\gamma = gn / (\hbar^2 n^2 / m) \quad \text{interaction energy/kinetic energy}$$

# Important quantum fluctuations

- No Bose-Einstein condensation in uniform 1D system – **phase fluctuations increase at increasing interactions**

$$\rho_1(x, x') = \langle \Psi^\dagger(x) \Psi(x') \rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{|x - x'|^{1/2K}}$$

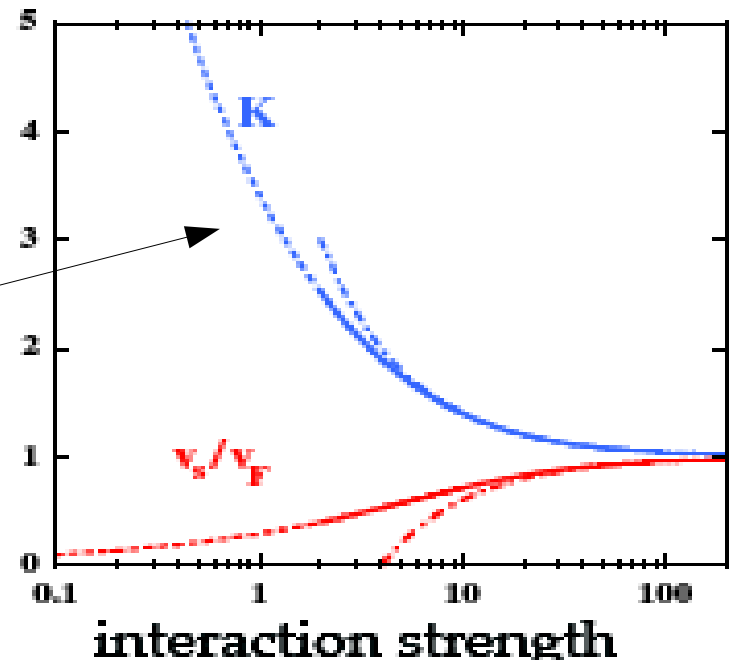


Hannover, 2001

- Duality : **density fluctuations decrease at increasing interactions**

$$\langle \rho(x) \rho(0) \rangle \sim |x|^{-2K}$$

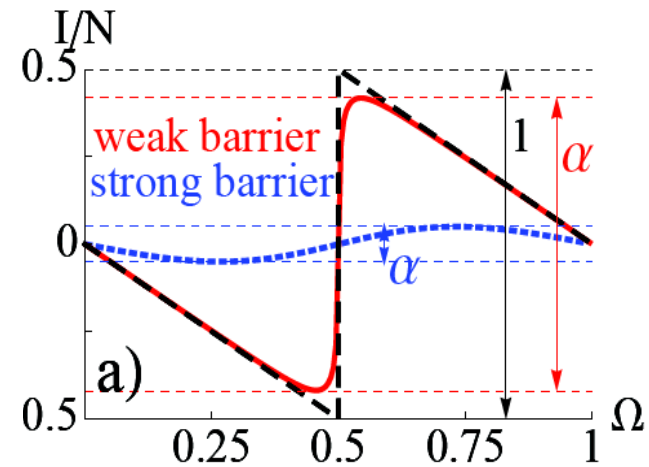
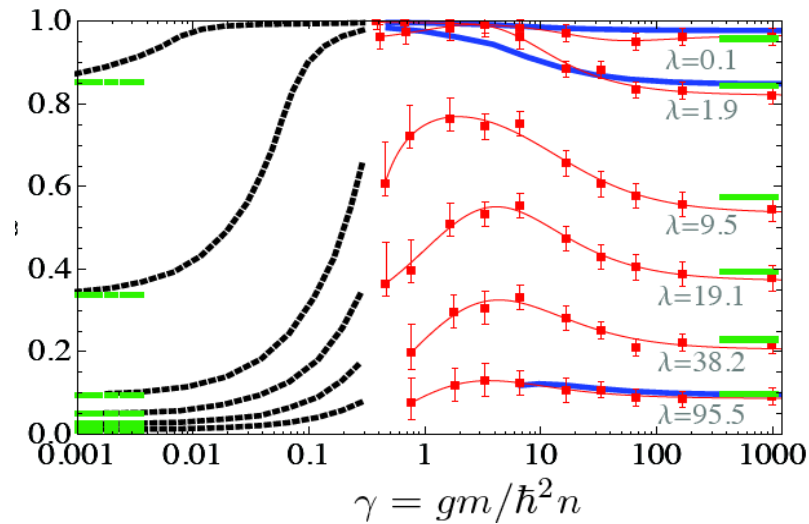
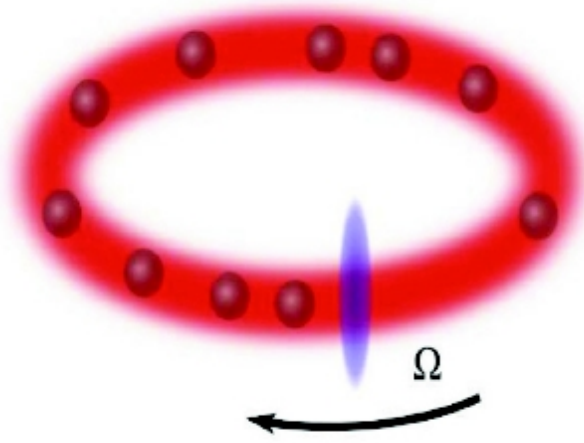
K = Luttinger parameter, depending on interaction strength



M. Cazalilla, JPhysB 2001

# 1D interacting gas *with a barrier*

- Our work on persistent currents : nonmonotonous behaviour of the current amplitude vs. interaction strength



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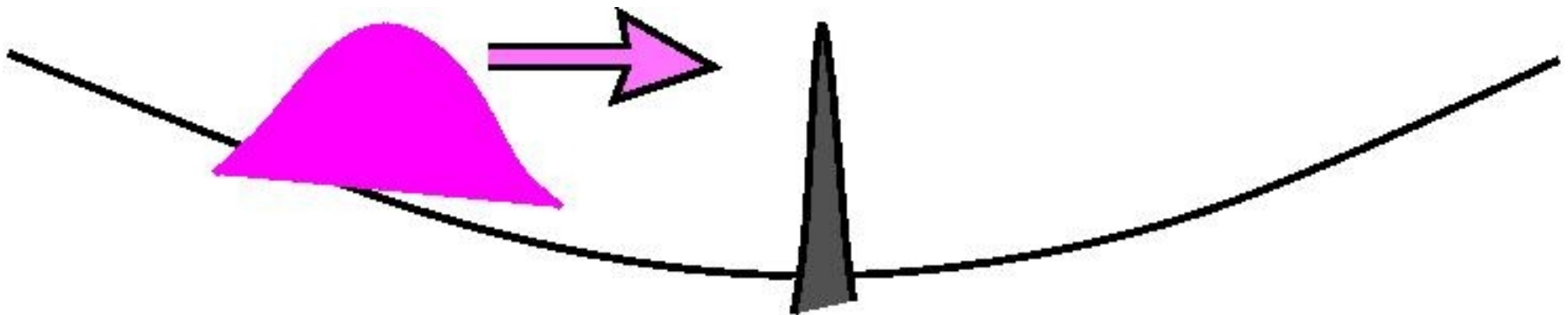
competition between barrier screening and renormalization due to quantum fluctuations

# Barrier renormalization in transport of quantum gases ?

Barrier screening / renormalization also visible in other physical observables ?

- **eg transport / dynamical phenomena ?**
- eg analog of Hawking radiation emission ?
- ....

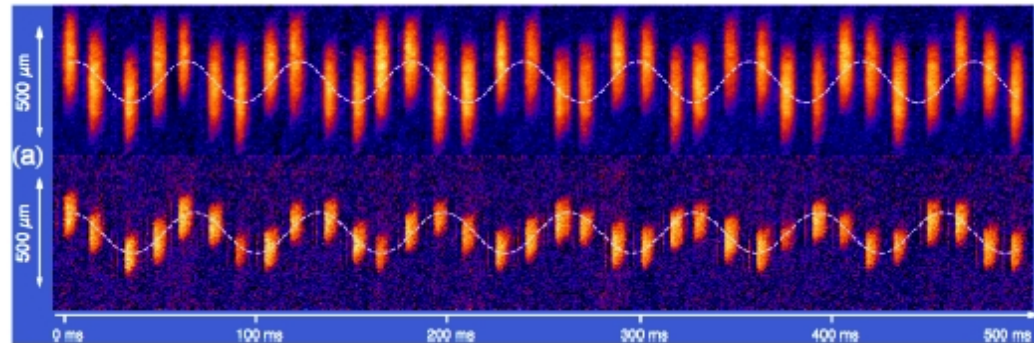
With ultracold gases : induce transport in a confined geometry : *sloshing dipole mode*



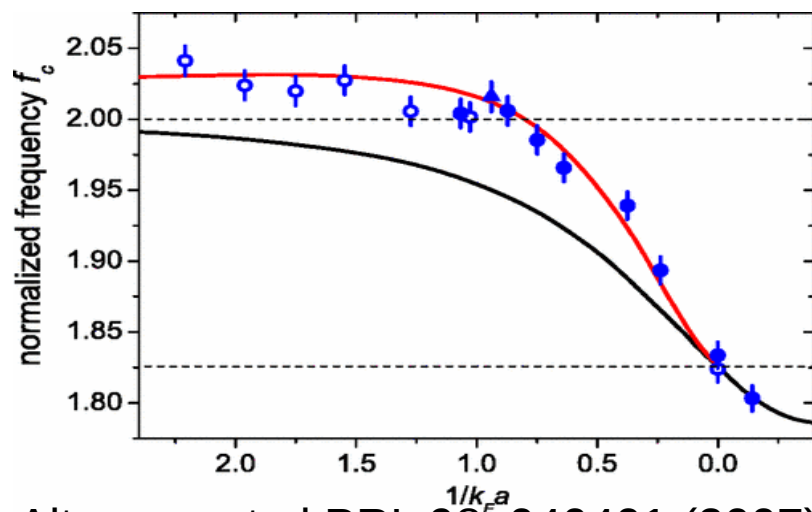
# Collective excitations in quantum gases : high-precision tool

Collective-modes frequencies are measured with high precision → information on

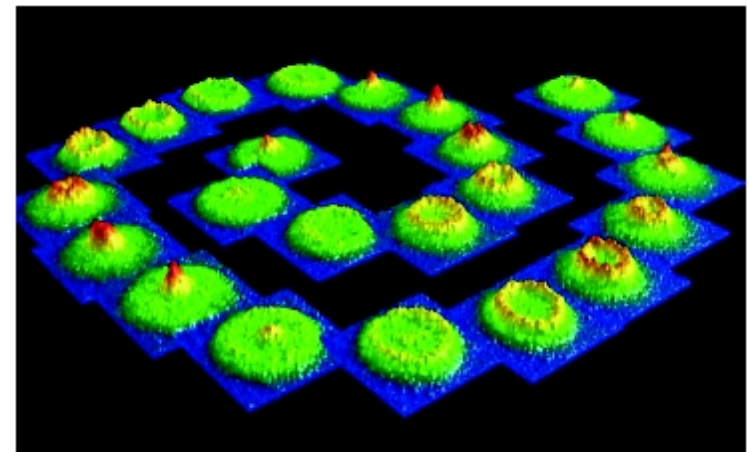
- equation of state
- superfluidity, vortices
- scale invariance
- beyond mean-field effects



Ferrier-Barbut et al Science 345, 1035 (2014)



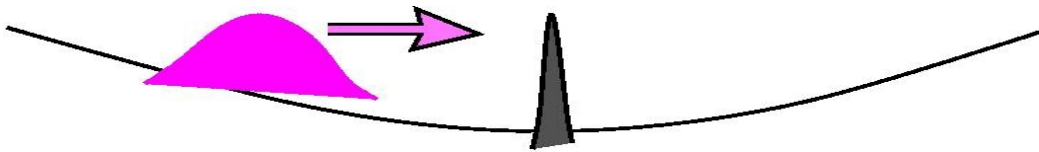
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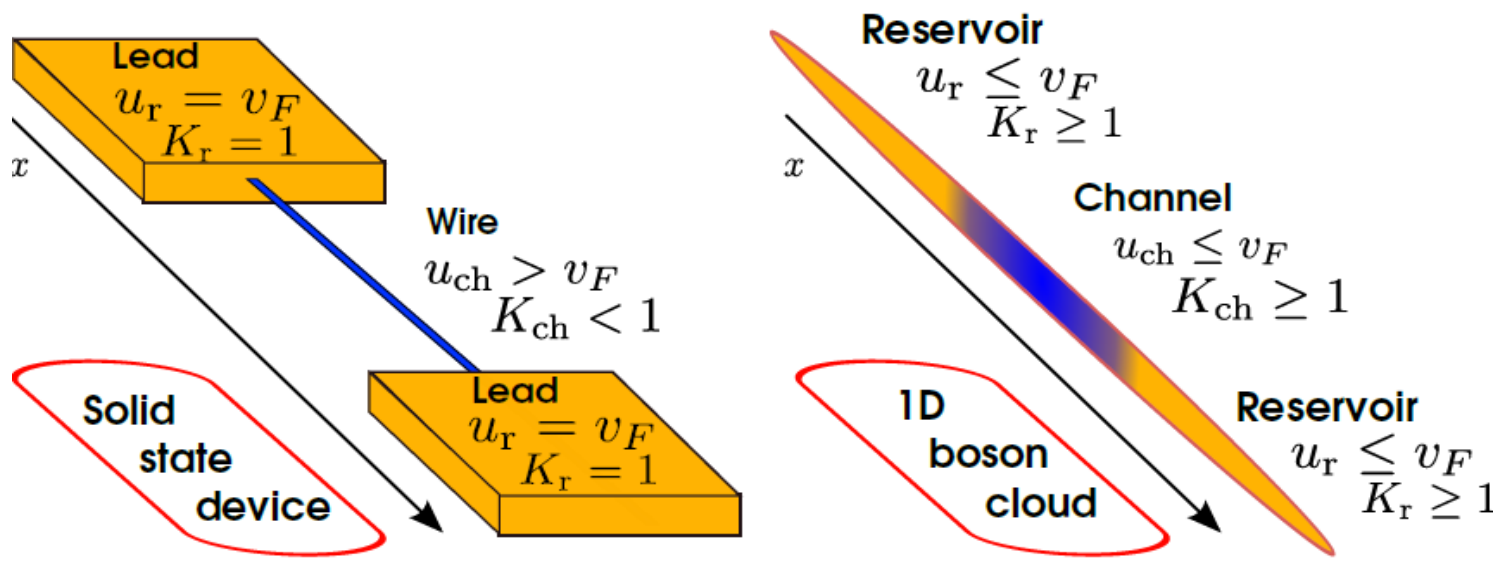
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# Barrier renormalization in transport of quantum gases?



... Dipole mode in a split trap : a setup complementary to the 2-reservoir one mimicking mesoscopic physics devices



# Kohn's theorem

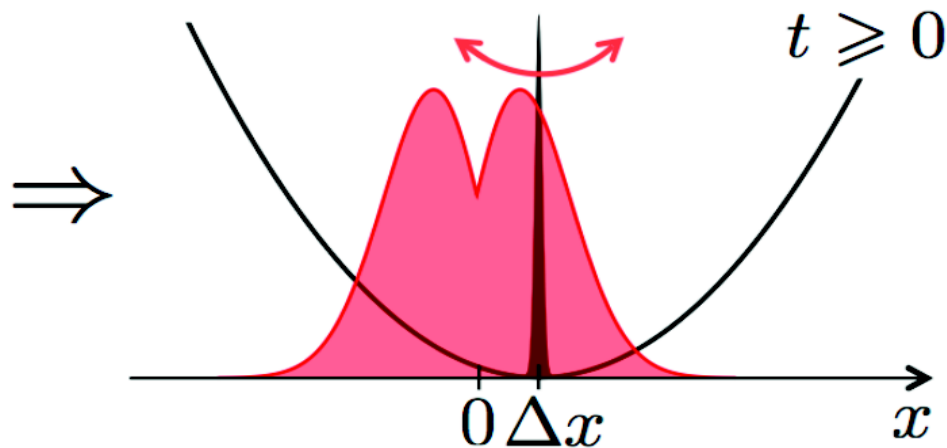
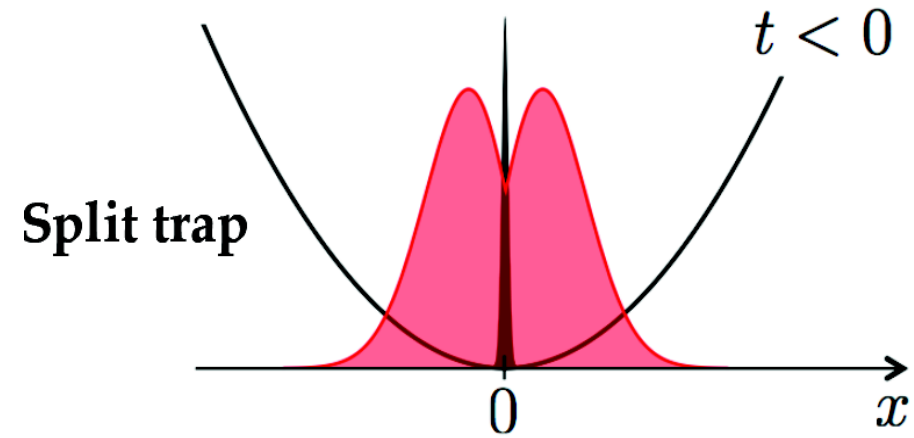
- In a purely harmonic trap  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}m\omega_0^2x^2$  the dipole sloshing mode has frequency  $\omega_0$
- holds for arbitrary interactions
- not a compressional mode :

$$n(x, t) = n_0(x - x_0(t))$$

- symmetry property, consequence of the harmonic- trap geometry :  
*equivalent to looking at the system from an oscillating accelerated frame*

# The system and protocol

$t < 0$  : 1D interacting bosons at equilibrium in a *split trap* (harmonic trap + thin barrier)



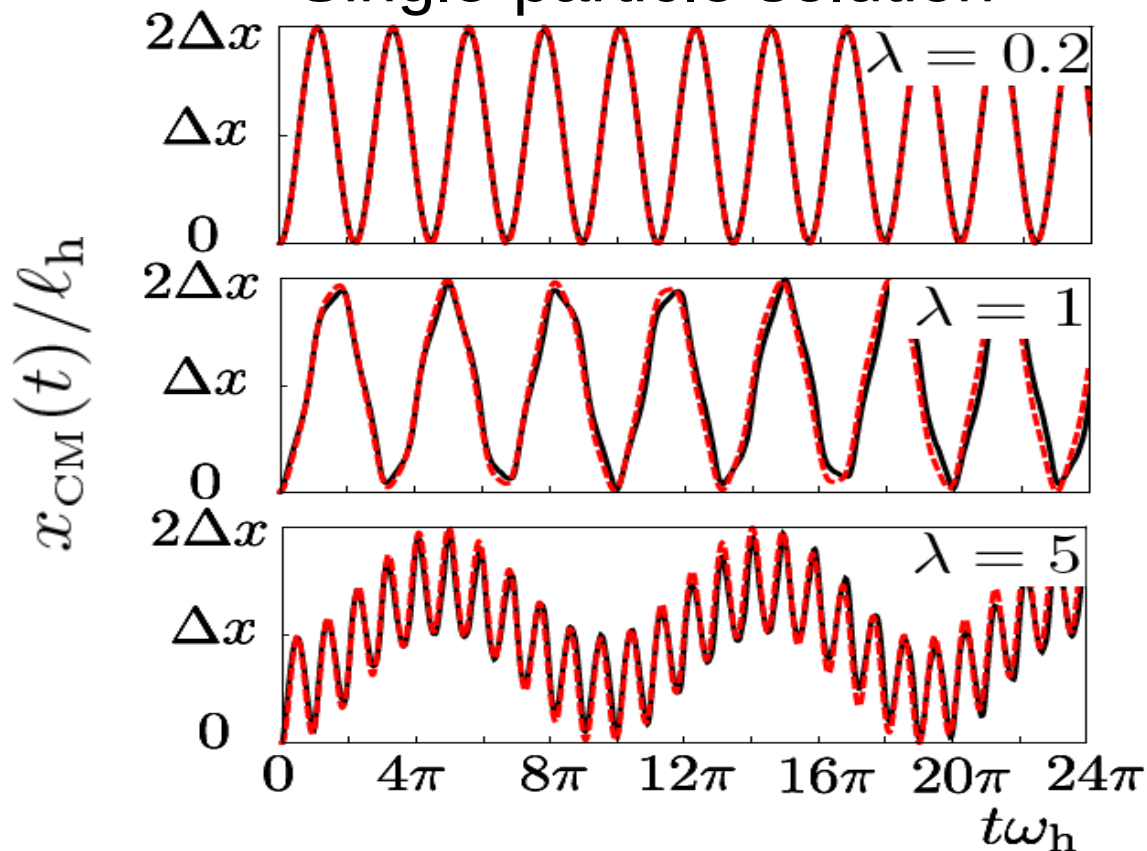
$t=0$  : sudden shift of the split-trap position

$t > 0$  : time evolution ?

# Quench dynamics for small trap displacement

Follow the center-of mass position  $x_{\text{CM}}(t) = \int dx x |n(x, t)|^2$   
with  $n(x, t) = N \int dx_2 \dots dx_N |\Psi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N, t)|^2$

Single-particle solution



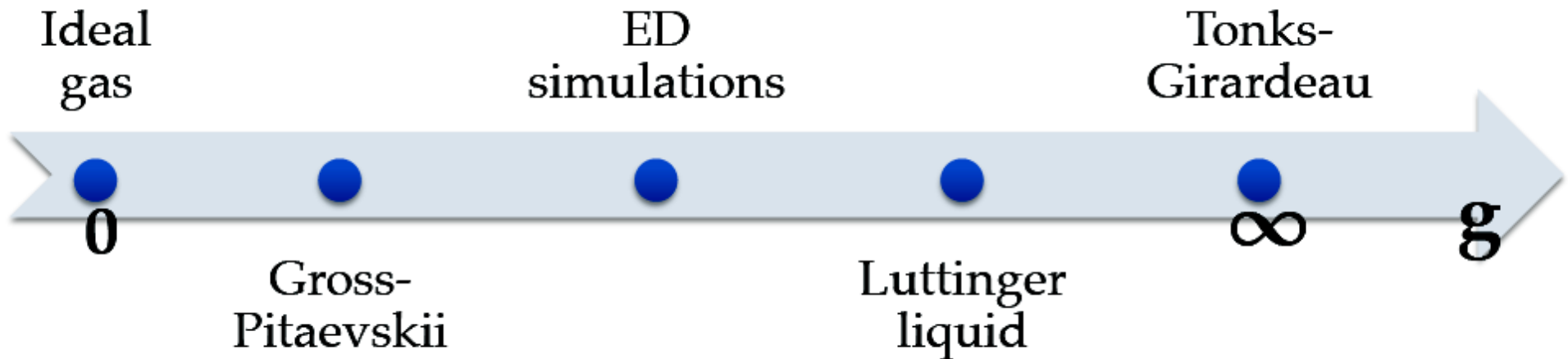
At increasing barrier strength :

- additional harmonics
- frequency shift of the dipole mode – violation of the Kohn's theorem due to the presence of the barrier

# Interaction regimes

## 1D bosons at zero temperature

To treat arbitrary interactions, we employ a combination of techniques:



\*\* benchmark of inhomogeneous Luttinger liquid theory with exact results and numerical diagonalisation

# Tonks-Girardeau regime

Time-dependent Bose-Fermi mapping [*Girardeau, Wright, PRL (2000)*]:

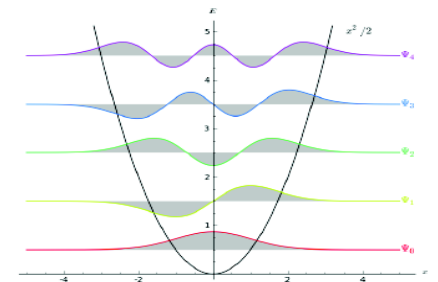
$$\Psi_B(x_1, \dots, x_N, t) = \prod_{1 \leq j < \ell \leq N} \text{sgn}(x_j - x_\ell) \Psi_F(x_1, \dots, x_N, t)$$

→ the cusp condition is preserved in the dynamics

**Note** : exact solution of the quench dynamics for arbitrary

- barrier strength
- time evolution
- trap shift

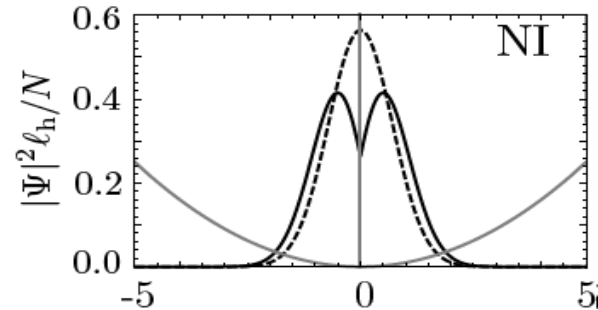
Needs the solution of the time-dependent single-particle problem



# Single-particle solution in a split trap

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \partial_x^2 + U_0 \delta(x) + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_h^2 x^2 \right] \psi_n = \varepsilon_n \psi_n$$

☀ Initial equilibrium state: analytical solution  
[Busch et al, *J. Phys. B* 36, 2553 (2003)]



Cusp condition :  $\partial_x \psi_n(0^+) - \partial_x \psi_n(0^-) = \lambda \psi_n(0)$

Wavefunctions (confluent hypergeometric functions) :

$$\psi_n(x) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi E_n}{2}\right) Y_1 - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi E_n}{2}\right) Y_2$$

$$Y_1 = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{E_n}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{\pi} 2^{\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{E_n}{2}\right)}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} M\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{E_n}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, x^2\right)$$

$$Y_2 = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4} + \frac{E_n}{2}\right)}{\sqrt{\pi} 2^{\left(-\frac{1}{4} - \frac{E_n}{2}\right)}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \sqrt{2}|x| M\left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{E_n}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, x^2\right)$$

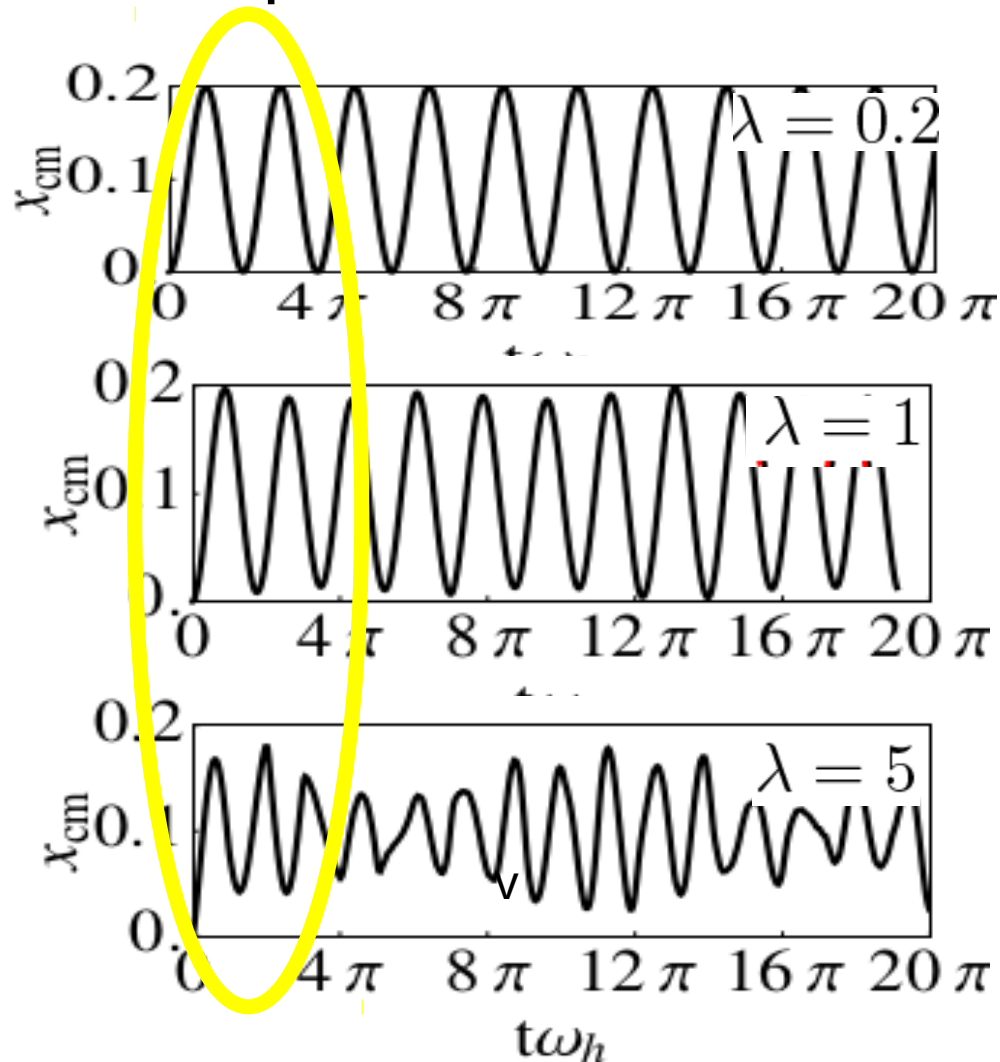
Eigenvalues:

$$\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{E_n}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{E_n}{2}\right)} = -\lambda/2$$

☀ Real-time evolution by numerical integration of the  
Schroedinger equation

# Center-of-mass evolution of a Tonks-Girardeau gas

Some results for the full time evolution for small displacement:



$N=8$

the dipolar frequency increases at increasing the barrier strength

focus on  $\lambda = 1$



# At arbitrary interactions for small trap displacement

Focus on dipole-mode frequency

– use perturbation theory

$$|\Psi_0^{t \geq 0}(t)\rangle = \exp(-i\mathcal{H}^{t \geq 0}t/\hbar)|\Psi_0^{t < 0}\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{H}^{t < 0} \simeq \mathcal{H}^{t \geq 0} + \Delta x \partial_x V_{\text{ext}}^{t \geq 0}$$

$$|\Psi_0^{t < 0}\rangle = |\Psi_0^{t \geq 0}\rangle + \Delta x \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\langle \Psi_k^{t \geq 0} | \partial_x V_{\text{ext}}^{t \geq 0} | \Psi_0^{t \geq 0} \rangle}{(E_0^{t \geq 0} - E_k^{t \geq 0})} |\Psi_k^{t \geq 0}\rangle$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega_d = (E_1^{t \geq 0} - E_0^{t \geq 0})/\hbar$$

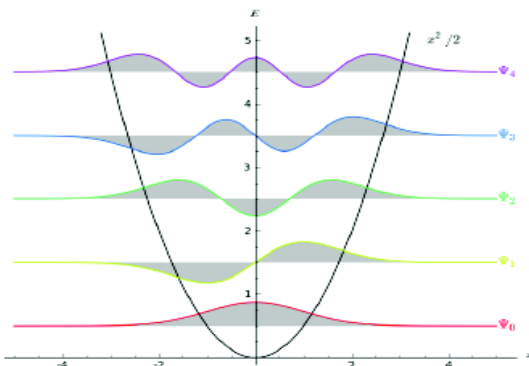
At arbitrary interactions : ground and first-excited state from exact diagonalization

Tonks-Girardeau limit : an easier route than the real-time dynamics....

# Tonks-Girardeau regime : ...prediction of parity effect

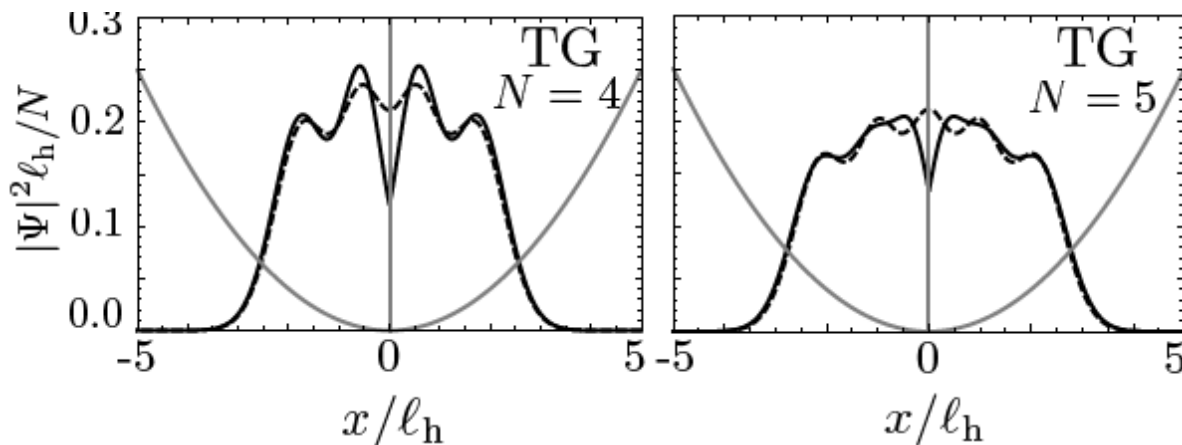
Dipole-mode frequency for a weak barrier  $U_0\delta(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\hbar\omega_d &= E_1^{\text{TG}} - E_0^{\text{TG}} = \hbar\omega_h + \langle \Psi_1^{\text{TG}} | \mathcal{H}_b | \Psi_1^{\text{TG}} \rangle - \langle \Psi_0^{\text{TG}} | \mathcal{H}_b | \Psi_0^{\text{TG}} \rangle \\ &\Rightarrow \hbar\omega_d = \hbar\omega_h + U_0(|\psi_{N+1}(0)|^2 - |\psi_N(0)|^2)\end{aligned}$$



for HO confinement, one of the two last orbital vanishes in  $x=0 \rightarrow$  parity effect :

- for  $N$  *odd* :  $\omega_d < \omega_h$
- for  $N$  *even* :  $\omega_d > \omega_h$



Transport occurs at the Fermi surface for a strongly correlated Bose gas !

# Exact diagonalization

Determine to high accuracy the ground- and first- excited state of the many-body Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{j=1}^N -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2} + U_0 \delta(x_j) + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_h^2 x_j^2 + \frac{g}{2} \sum_{j,l=1}^N \delta(x_l - x_j)$$

- represented on the basis of the single particle problem
- truncated Hilbert space :

$$\begin{array}{l} N \# \text{ particles} \\ S \# \text{ states} \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Size} \\ \text{Hilbert} \\ \text{space} \end{array} \quad \binom{S + N - 1}{N}$$

Number of particles limited to  $N < 10$

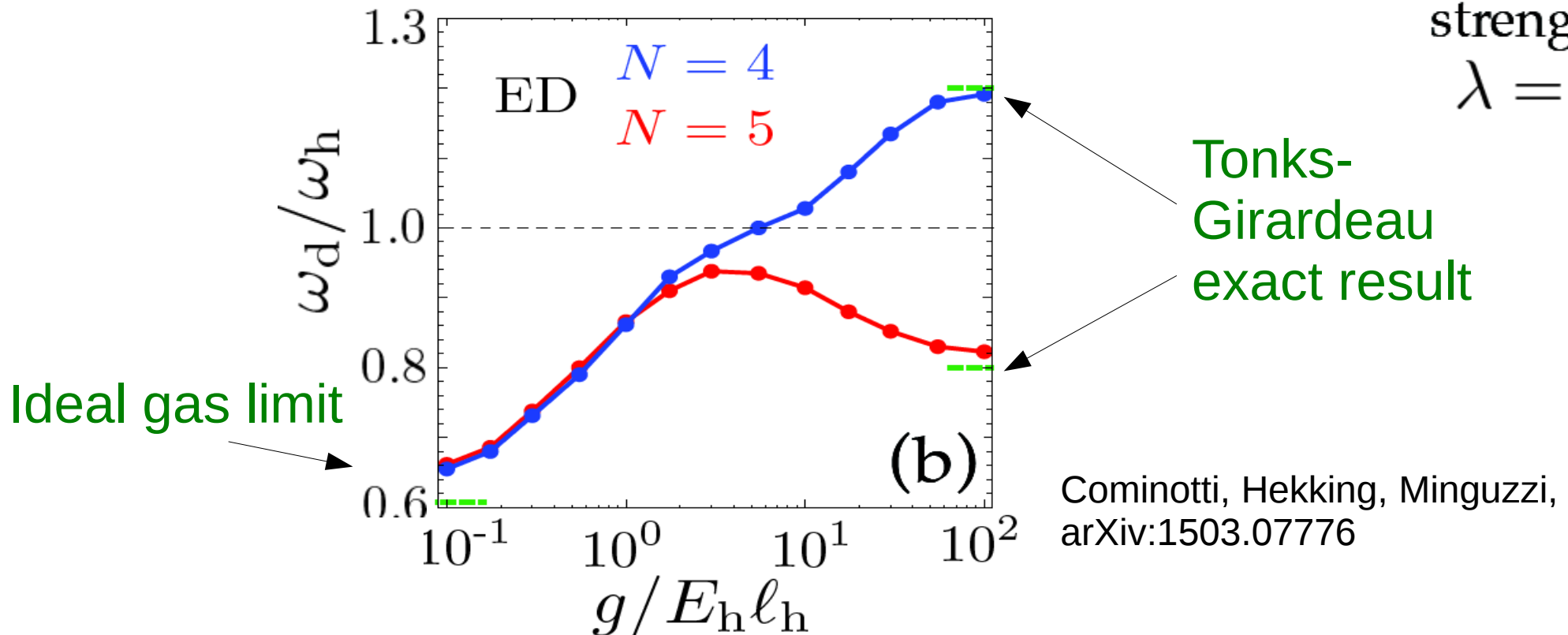
$\Rightarrow$  Use Luttinger Liquid theory for larger  $N$



# Dipole mode frequency vs interaction strength

Exact diagonalization results for  $N=4$  and 5

Barrier strength  
 $\lambda = 1$

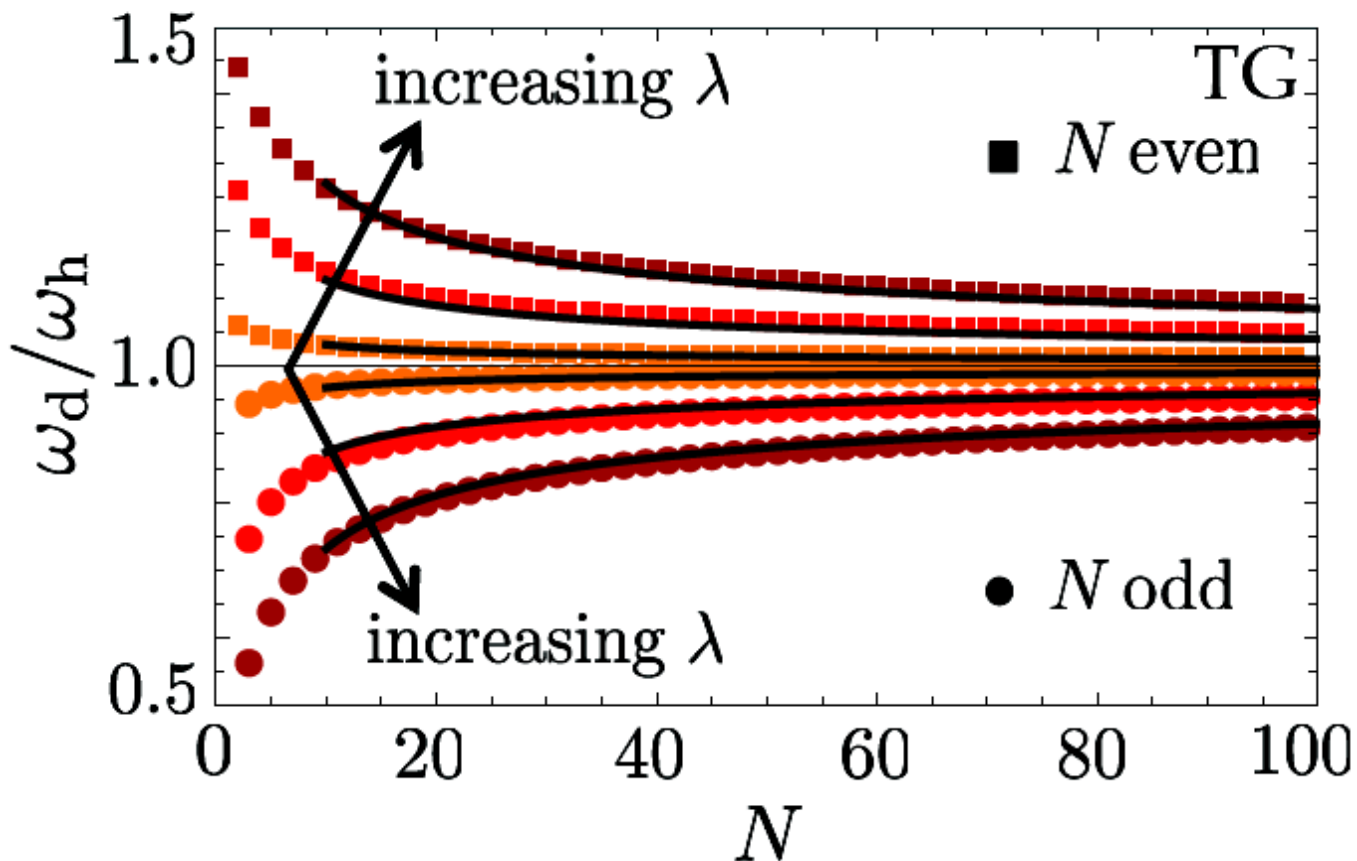


- Parity effect at large interactions : a correlation effect
- Nontrivial frequency shift with interaction strength ...  
→ barrier screening and renormalization

# Scaling of parity gap with size

- The parity effect vanishes in the thermodynamic limit
- From the Tonks-Girardeau solution :

$$|\omega_d - \omega_h| \propto 1/\sqrt{N}$$



Effective barrier :  
similar results at  
larger  $N$  with a  
larger barrier

# Larger particle numbers : Gross-Pitaevskii equation

- Neglect quantum fluctuations – *in 1D always an approximation*

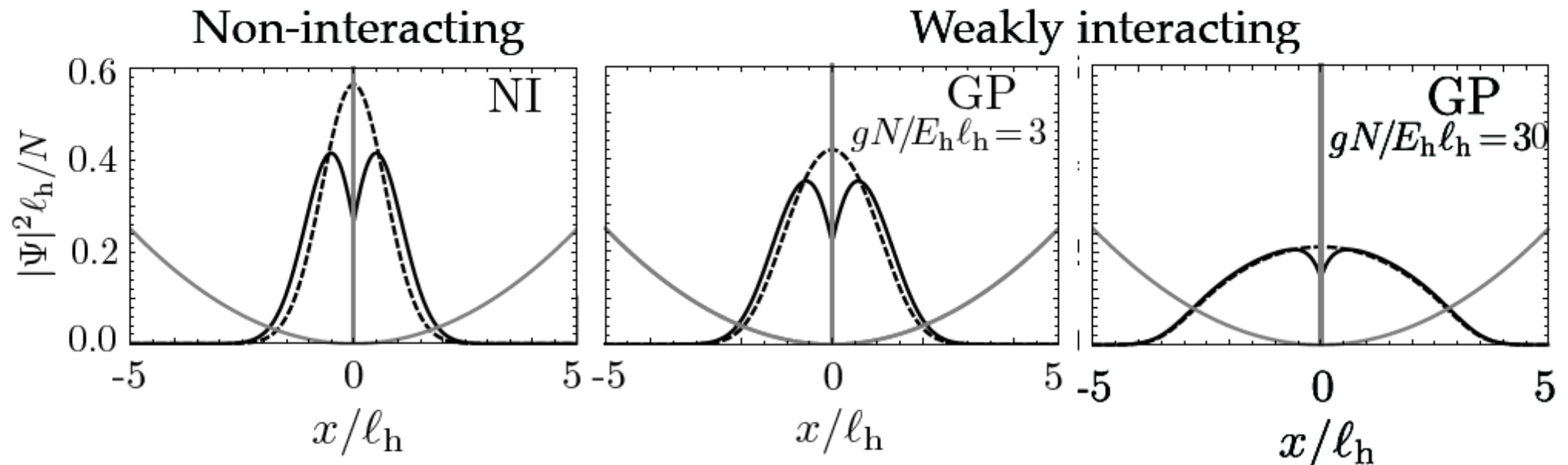
$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \partial_x^2 + \lambda \delta(x) + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_h^2 x^2 + gN |\Phi|^2 \right] \Phi = \mu \Phi$$

- Initial state : numerical evolution in imaginary times under the pre-quench Hamiltonian
- Dynamics : numerical evolution in real times under the post-quench Hamiltonian

$$x_{\text{CM}}(t) = \int dx |\Phi^{t \geq 0}(t, x)|^2 x$$

# Gross-Pitaevskii

- Equilibrium results at increasing interaction strength



**Classical screening of the barrier** : the effective barrier seen by the fluid is smaller at increasing interactions

healing length  $\xi = \hbar/\sqrt{2mng}$

# Luttinger-liquid theory



- Effective low-energy theory – quantum hydrodynamics  
→ bosonic field operator

$$\psi(x) = \sqrt{\rho(x)} e^{i\phi(x)}$$

- Fields for phase  $\phi(x)$  and density  $\theta(x)$  fluctuations
- Non-linear dependence of the fields in the density operator

$$\rho(x) = [n(x) + \partial_x \theta(x)/\pi] \sum_{l=-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{2il\theta(x) + 2il\pi \int_{-\infty}^x dx' n(x')}$$

- Density and phase are canonically conjugate

$$[\partial_x \theta(x), \phi(x')] = i\pi \delta(x - x')$$



# Inhomogeneous Luttinger

- Slowly varying inhomogeneity : use the local-density approximation *for the harmonic confinement*

$$\mathcal{H}_0^{\text{LL}} = \frac{\hbar}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left[ v_s(x) K(x) (\partial_x \phi(x))^2 + \frac{v_s(x)}{K(x)} (\partial_x \theta(x))^2 \right]$$

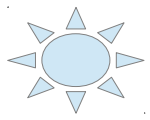
- position-dependent Luttinger parameters

$$v_s(x) K(x) = \hbar \pi n(x) / m \quad \frac{v_s(x)}{K(x)} = \frac{1}{\hbar \pi} \partial_n \mu(n(x))$$

- to proceed analytically, Ansatz for the equation of state

$$\mu(n) = \eta n^\nu \begin{cases} \mu(n) = gn & \text{GP} \\ \mu(n) = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{2m} n^2 & \text{TG} \end{cases}$$

$\eta, \nu$  — Bethe ansatz



# Normal modes for the inhomogeneous Luttinger liquid

- Mode expansion

$$-\frac{\theta(x, t)}{\pi} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{\hbar n(x)}{2m\omega_j}} \left( \varphi_j(x) e^{i\omega_j t} b_j^\dagger + \varphi_j^*(x) e^{-i\omega_j t} b_j \right)$$

$$\partial_x \phi(x, t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} i \sqrt{\frac{m\omega_j}{2\hbar n(x)}} \left( \varphi_j(x) e^{i\omega_j t} b_j^\dagger - \varphi_j^*(x) e^{-i\omega_j t} b_j \right)$$

- Diagonal Hamiltonian :  $\mathcal{H}_0^{\text{LL}} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \hbar\omega_j \left( b_j^\dagger b_j + \frac{1}{2} \right)$

- Mode amplitudes

$$-\omega_j^2 \sqrt{v_s(x) K(x)} \varphi_j(x) = v_s(x) K(x) \partial_x \left( \frac{v_s(x)}{K(x)} \partial_x (\sqrt{v_s(x) K(x)} \varphi_j(x)) \right)$$

- Solution : Gegenbauer polynomials; dispersion :

$$\left( \omega_j / \omega_h \right)^2 = (j + 1) \left( 1 + j\nu/2 \right)$$

# Barrier renormalization with Luttinger-Liquid theory

- The barrier is very localized  $\rightarrow$  *cannot be treated with LDA*

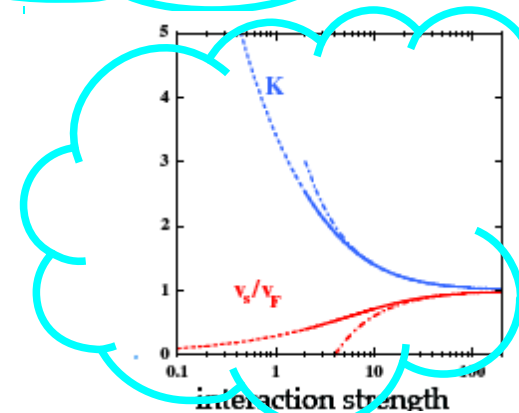
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- Integrating out the higher-energy density fluctuation modes :

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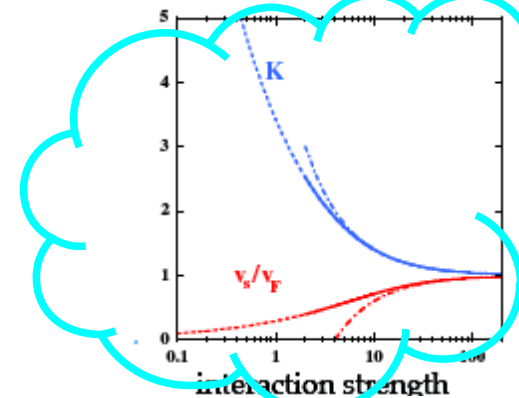
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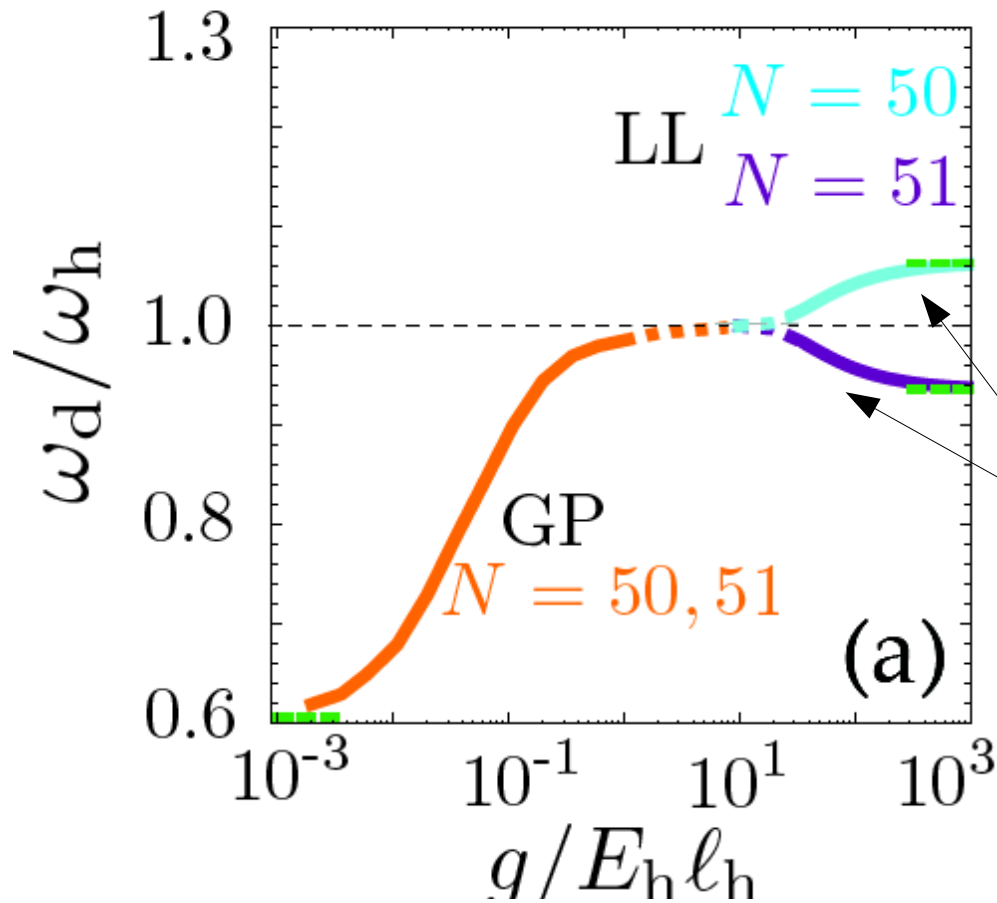
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- Parity effect :

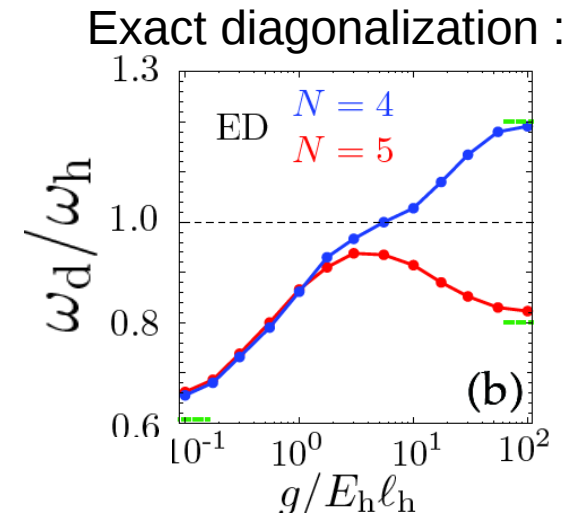
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# Dipole mode frequency vs interaction strength

- From Gross-Pitaevskii and Luttinger liquid theory



Barrier strength  
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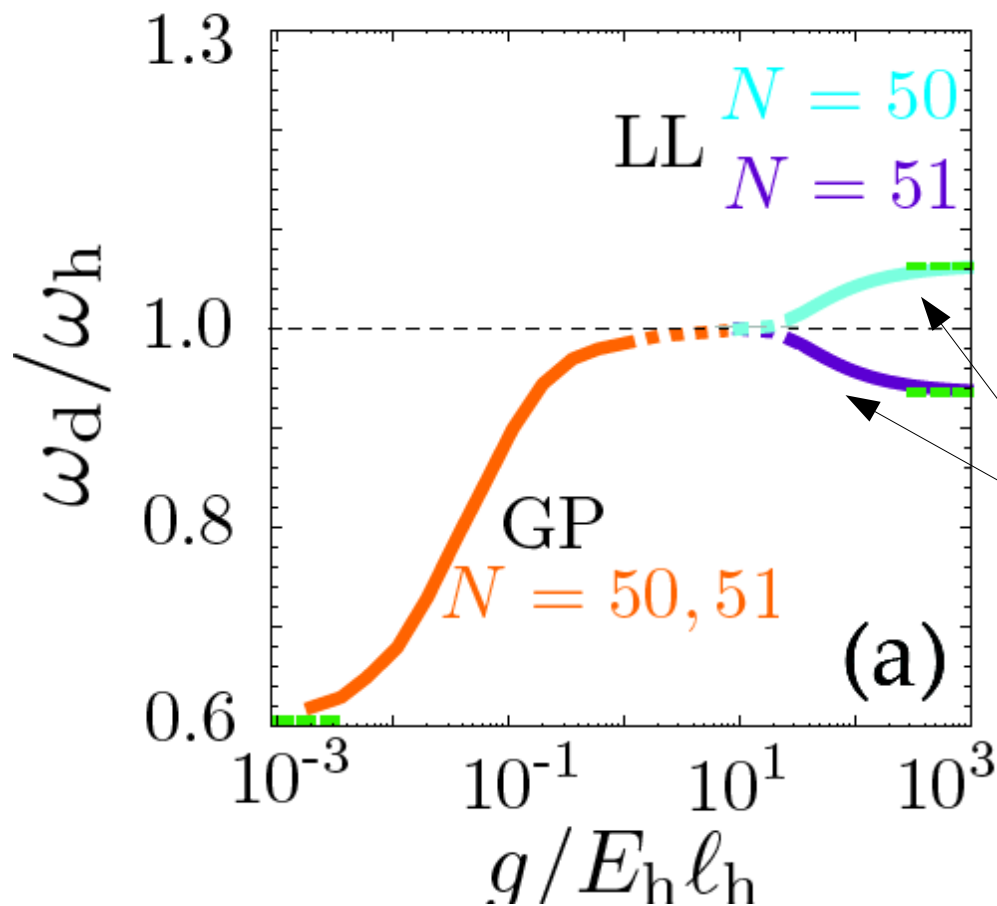
$$U^{\text{eff}} = U_0 \left( \frac{a}{N} \right)^\kappa$$

Luttinger Liquid :  $\omega_d - \omega_h = (-1)^N n(0) U^{\text{eff}} K_0 \sqrt{\frac{\nu}{2}} \frac{1}{\hbar} \left( \frac{(\frac{1}{\nu} + \frac{1}{2}) \Gamma^2(\frac{1}{\nu} + \frac{1}{2}) 2^{\frac{2}{\nu} + 2}}{\Gamma(\frac{2}{\nu} + 1)} \right)$

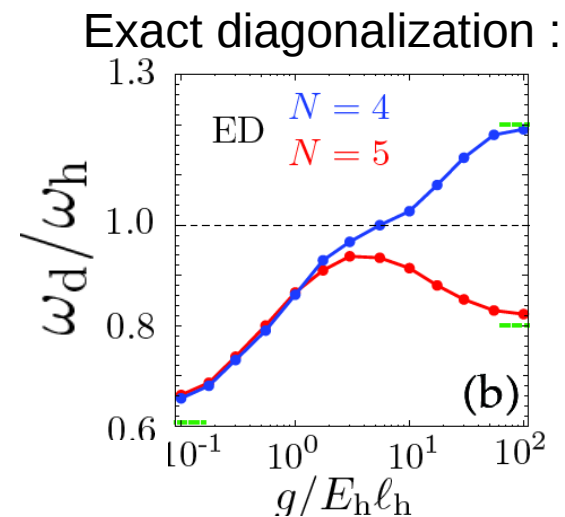


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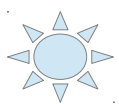
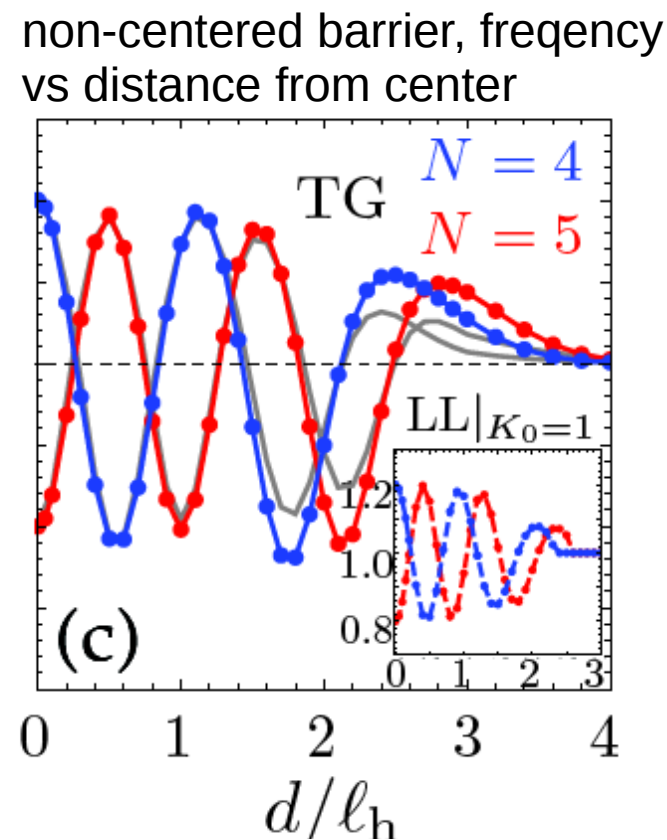
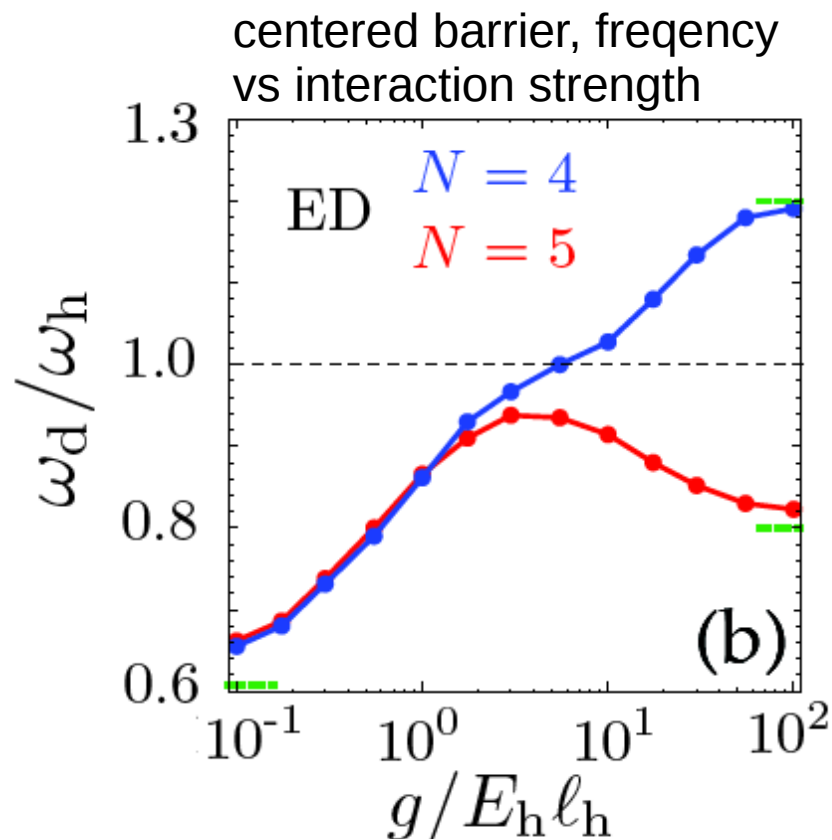
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The frequency shift is a direct measure of barrier screening or renormalization by quantum fluctuations

# Effect of non-centered barrier

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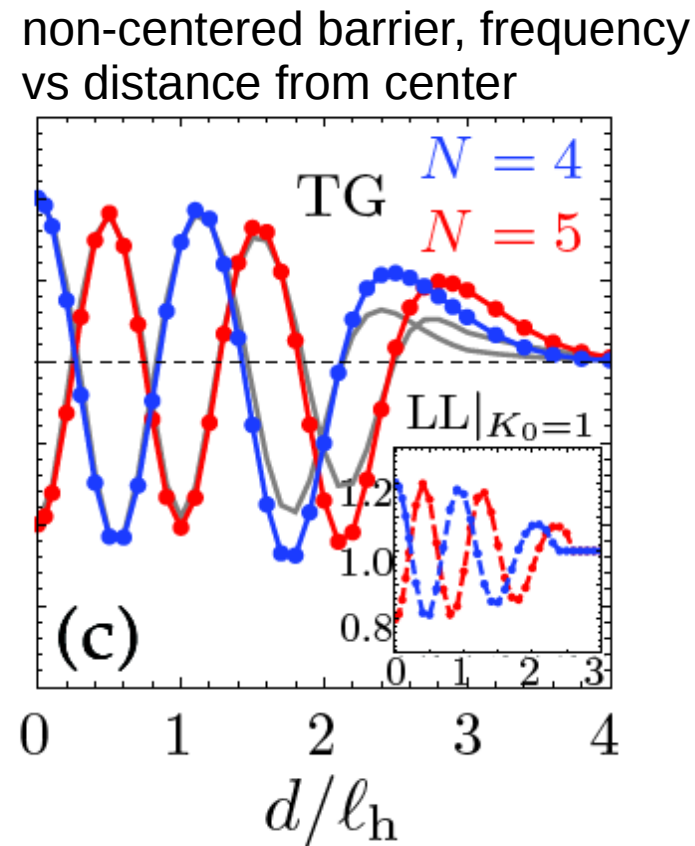
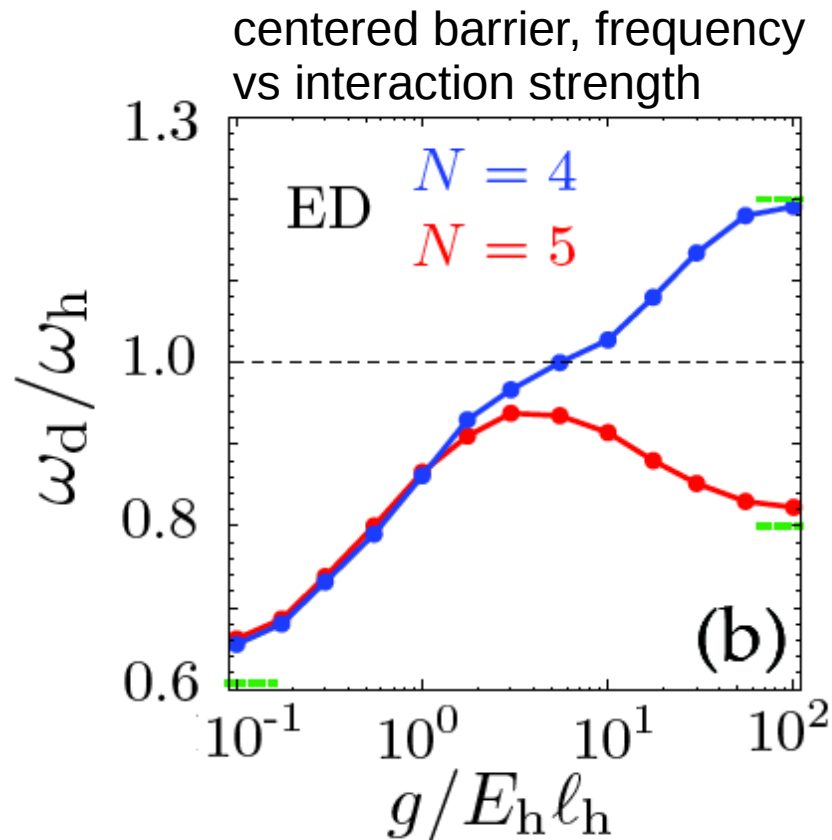


$$\omega_d - \omega_h = \frac{n(d)U^{\text{eff}}(d)K(d)v_s(d)}{\hbar\omega_h R} \left( \frac{(\frac{1}{\nu} + \frac{1}{2})\Gamma^2(\frac{1}{\nu} + \frac{1}{2})2^{\frac{2}{\nu}+2}}{\Gamma(\frac{2}{\nu} + 1)} \right) \cos \left( 2\pi \int_{-\infty}^d dx n(x) \right)$$



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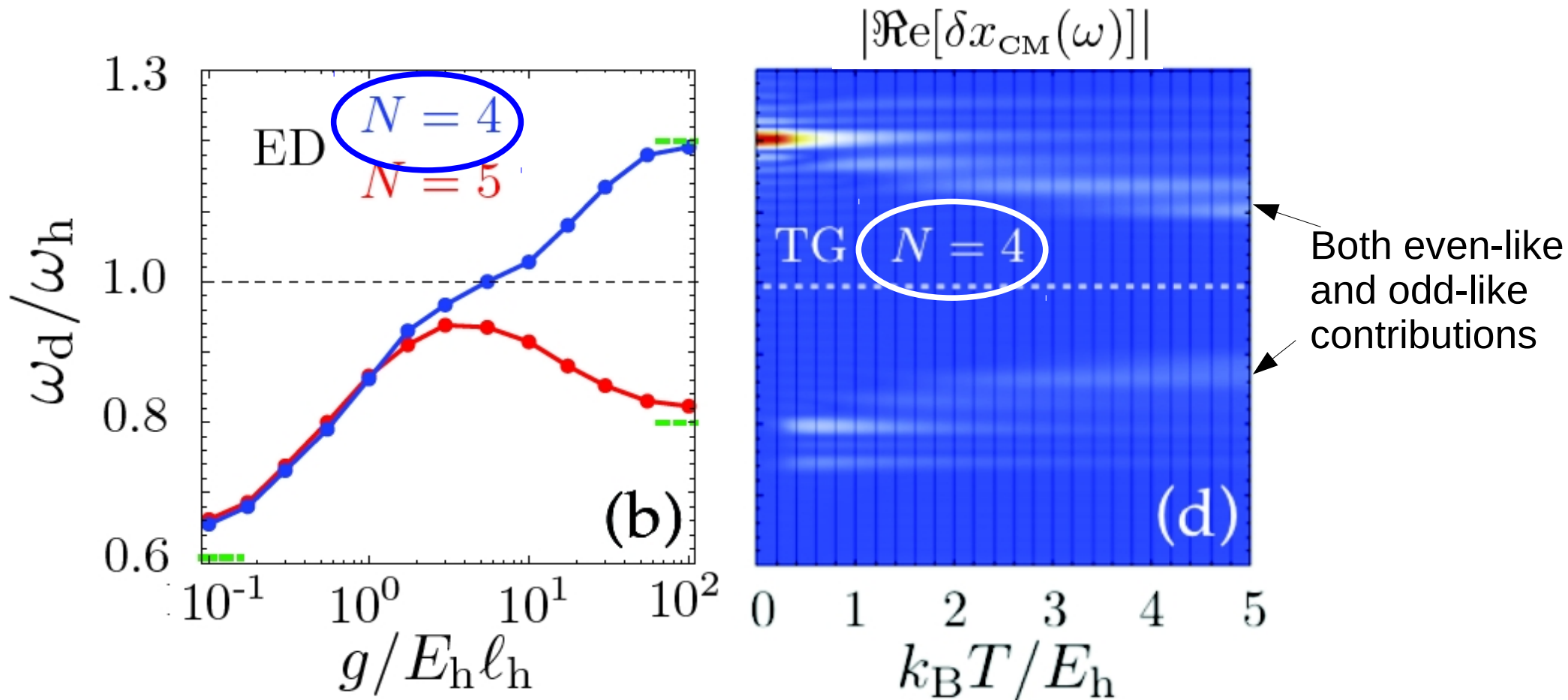
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Oscillatory behaviour vs barrier distance, 'particle-counting effect' – well accounted for by the Luttinger-liquid theory

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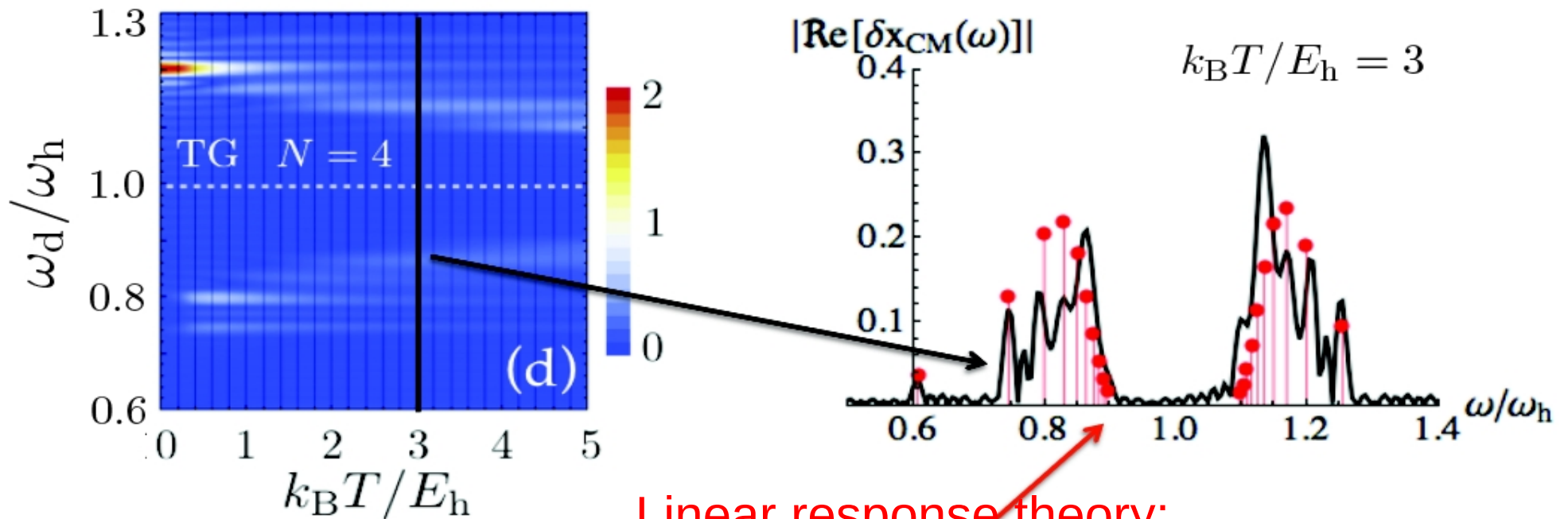
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# Spectral function at finite T

- Understanding the frequency contributions to the center-of-mass motion at finite temperature

$|\Re[\delta x_{\text{CM}}(\omega)]|$  from exact dynamical evolution (on a finite time)



Linear response theory:

$$V_p(x, t) = \theta(t) \Delta x (m \omega_h^2 x + U_0 \delta'(x)) \quad \delta x_{\text{CM}}(\omega) = \int dx x \int dx' \chi(x, x'; \omega) V_p(x', \omega)$$

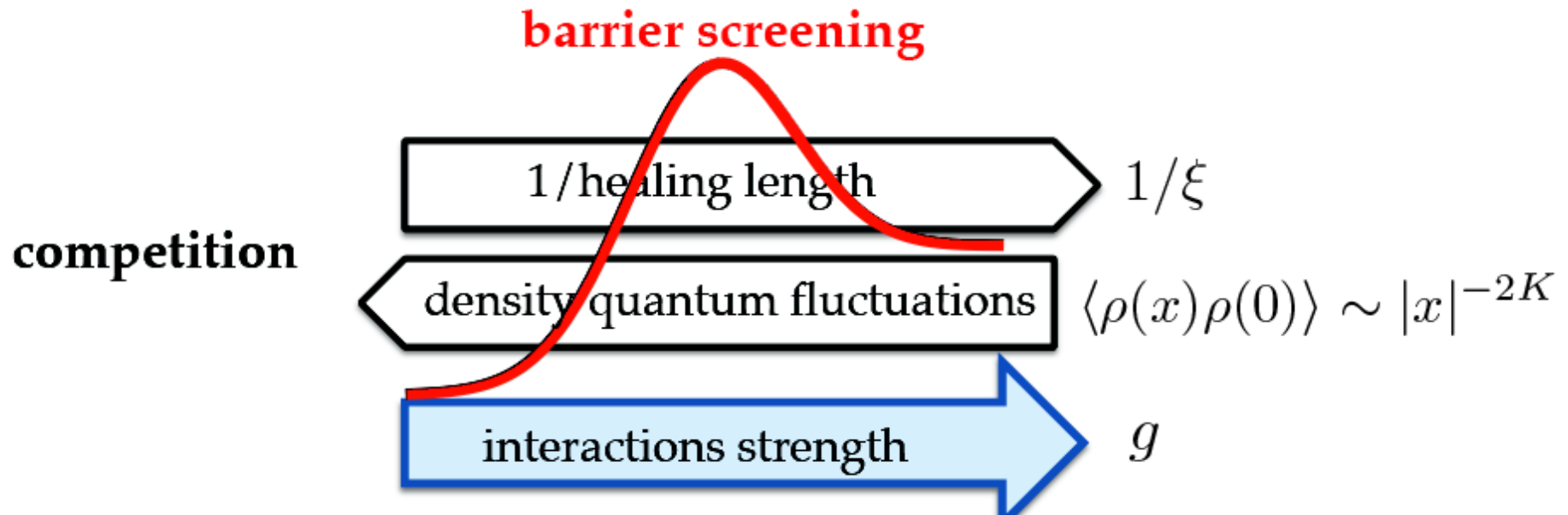
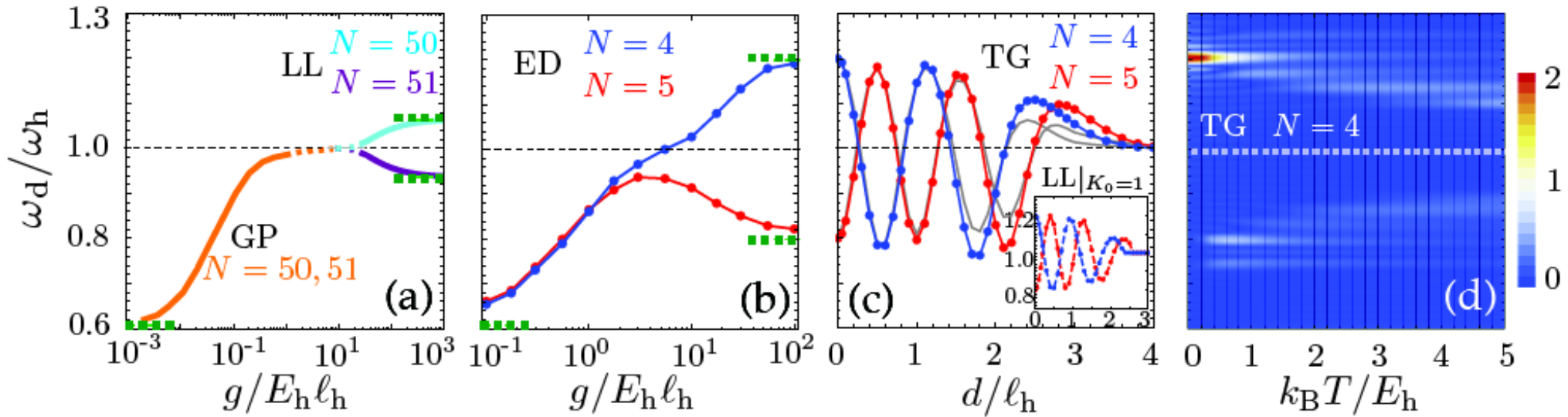
$$\chi(x, x'; \omega) = (1/\hbar) \sum_{j \neq k} \psi_j^*(x) \psi_k(x) \psi_k^*(x') \psi_j(x') f(\epsilon_j) [1 - f(\epsilon_k)]$$

$$\times \left( \frac{1}{(\omega - (\epsilon_k - \epsilon_j)/\hbar) + i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{(\omega + (\epsilon_k - \epsilon_j)/\hbar) + i\epsilon} \right)$$

Parity effect still visible at finite temperature !

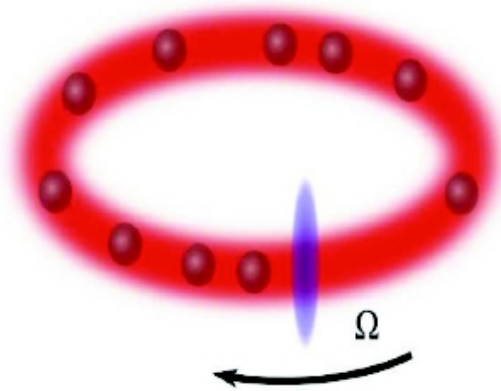
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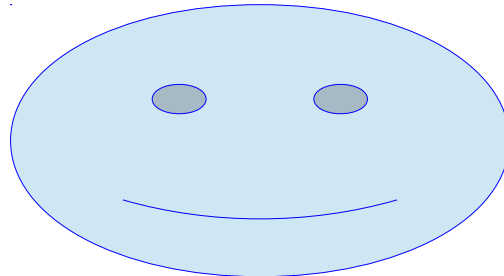
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