## **Apparent Low-Energy Scale Invariance in Two-Dimensional Fermi Gases**

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Recent experiments on a 2D Fermi gas find an undamped breathing mode at twice the trap frequency over a wide range of parameters. To understand this seemingly scale-invariant behavior in a system with a scale, we derive two exact results valid across the entire Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer-Bose-Einstein condensation (BCS-BEC) crossover at all temperatures. First, we relate the shift of the mode frequency from its scale-invariant value to  $\gamma_d \equiv (1 + 2/d)P - \rho(\partial P/\partial \rho)_s$  in *d* dimensions. Next, we relate  $\gamma_d$  to dissipation via a new low-energy bulk viscosity sum rule. We argue that 2D is special, with its logarithmic dependence of the interaction on density, and thus  $\gamma_2$  is small in both the BCS-BEC regimes, even though  $P - 2\varepsilon/d$ , sensitive to the dimer binding energy that breaks scale invariance, is not.

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Systems exhibiting scaling symmetry or conformal invariance are very special. In all laboratory realizations, one needs to tune one or more physical parameters (temperature, chemical potential, coupling) to observe scale-invariant behavior, for instance, in the vicinity of a quantum critical point [1]. Another example is provided by strongly interacting Fermi gases in three spatial dimensions (3D), which display remarkable scale invariance properties at unitarity, where the *s*-wave scattering length diverges by tuning to the Feshbach resonance. This is manifested in universal thermodynamics [2], the vanishing of the dc bulk viscosity [3], and the entire bulk viscosity spectral function  $\zeta(\omega, T)$  [4] at unitarity. There may also be tantalizing connections between the ratio of the shear viscosity  $\eta$  to the entropy density s of the unitary Fermi gas [5,6] and the bound for  $\eta/s$  conjectured on the basis of gauge-gravity duality [7].

For the unitary gas in a 3D isotropic harmonic trap, scale invariance manifests itself most dramatically as an undamped monopole breathing mode oscillating at twice the trap frequency  $\omega_0$  independent of temperature [8,9]. This mode corresponds to an isotropic *dilation* of the gas wherein the coordinates in the many-body wave function are scaled  $\propto \cos(\omega t)$ . Scale invariance implies that this wave function is an exact eigenstate of the Hamiltonian and oscillates at a frequency  $2\omega_0$  without damping [8].

In a recent experiment [10], collective modes in a twodimensional (2D) Fermi gas were measured over a broad range of temperatures and interaction strengths. Remarkably, the breathing mode was found to oscillate without any observable damping at  $\approx 2\omega_0$  for  $0.37 \leq T/T_F \leq 0.9$  and  $0 \leq \ln(k_F a_2) \leq 500$ , where  $a_2$  is the 2D scattering length. This observation is extremely surprising, given that there is no *a priori* reason to expect scaleinvariant behavior in a system which has a scale, namely, the dimer binding energy in 2D.

Our goal is to understand why the 2D Fermi gas appears to show nearly scale invariant behavior over a very broad range of parameters without the need for fine-tuning. Understanding this may give insight into related problems such as why, in some quantum field theories with conformal invariance broken by a mass term, the sound speed and bulk viscosity remain close to their conformal-limit values for a wide range of energies [11].

We emphasize that this question is distinct from that of small deviations from scale invariance in weakly interacting 2D Bose gases. Quantum gases with an unregularized delta-function interaction have an SO(2,1) symmetry [12] and exhibit scale invariance. However, the cutoff essential to describe an actual short-range interaction leads to a violation of scale invariance (analogous to an anomaly in quantum field theory) and an interaction-dependent shift in the breathing mode frequency from  $2\omega_0$  [13] in a 2D Bose gas. The 2D Bose gas experiments that see nearly scale-invariant behavior are in the weakly interacting regime [14–16], where deviations are expected to be small. In contrast, the 2D Fermi case that we focus on is not weakly interacting and we must take into account strong interactions.

*Results.*—We begin by summarizing our approach and main results. We consider a dilute Fermi gas in d = 2, 3 dimensions with a short-range *s*-wave interaction, arising from a broad Feshbach resonance between two spin species, each with density n/2. The dimensionless interaction  $g_d$  is expressed as  $g_3 = -1/k_F a_3$  in 3D and  $g_2 = \log(k_F a_2)$  in 2D;  $a_d$  is the *s*-wave scattering length that sets the dimer binding energy  $\varepsilon_b = -1/ma_d^2$ , when  $a_d > 0$ . The fermions have mass *m*, density  $n \sim k_F^d$ , and we set  $\hbar = 1$ .

The quantity of central interest in our analysis is

$$\gamma_d \equiv (1 + 2/d)P - \rho(\partial P/\partial \rho)_s, \tag{1}$$

which is the deviation of the adiabatic compressibility  $\rho(\partial P/\partial \rho)_s$  from its value (1 + 2/d)P in a scale-invariant

system, where the pressure  $P \propto \rho^{(1+2/d)}$ . Here s = S/N is the entropy per particle and  $\rho = mn$  the mass density.

First, we show that  $\gamma_d$  governs the difference between the frequency  $\omega_m$  of the hydrodynamic monopole breathing mode and  $2\omega_0$  for a Fermi gas in an isotropic harmonic trap  $V_{\text{ext}}(r) = m\omega_0^2 r^2/2$ . We find

$$\omega_m^2/4\omega_0^2 = 1 - \frac{d^2}{8} \int d^d \mathbf{r} \gamma_d(r) / \int d^d \mathbf{r} n(r) V_{\text{ext}}(r). \quad (2)$$

Second, we show that  $\gamma_d$  is related to the exact sum rule for the bulk viscosity spectral function  $\zeta(\omega)$ :

$$(2/\pi)\int_0^\infty d\omega[\zeta(\omega) - C\zeta_0(\omega)/C_0] = \gamma_d.$$
(3)

Here, *C* is the "contact" [17,18] with  $\zeta_0(\omega)$  and  $C_0$  the bulk viscosity and contact in the zero-density  $n \to 0$  limit at T = 0. The subtraction on the left-hand side removes the large- $\omega$  tail of  $\zeta(\omega)$  (see Fig. 1) and the sum rule thus measures the availability of *low-energy* ( $\leq |\varepsilon_b|$ ) spectral weight for excitations that break scale invariance.

The experimental observations of Ref. [10] in 2D Fermi gases imply that  $\gamma_2 \ll n\epsilon_F$ . Our goal is to understand why  $\gamma_2$  is so small for a wide range of interaction strengths, even though other measures of the departure from scale invariance, such as  $P - 2\varepsilon/d$  (where  $\varepsilon$  is the energy density), are *not* small.  $\gamma_d$  strictly vanishes only at the unitary point  $g_3 = 0$  in 3D, and in the weak-coupling BCS limit  $g_2 \rightarrow \infty$  in 2D. However, we will argue that there is considerable evidence for an anomalously small  $\gamma_2$ across the entire BCS-BEC crossover. Remarkably, within mean field theory (MFT) [19]  $\gamma_2^{\text{MF}} = 0$  for all values of  $g_2$ (and only in d = 2). In addition, the available T = 0quantum Monte Carlo (QMC) data in 2D [20] leads to an estimate of  $\gamma_2$  that is consistent with zero over the entire crossover, except possibly near  $g_2 = 0$ . We reach the same conclusion at finite T using a scaling argument, and argue that this is due to the logarithmic dependence of  $g_2$  on density. Using the sum rule (3), we will argue that a small



FIG. 1 (color online). Schematic plot of the bulk viscosity spectral function  $\zeta(\omega)$  (solid line) and the scaled "vacuum" contribution  $C\zeta_0(\omega)/C_0$  (dashed line) given by (6). The smallness of the subtracted sum rule (3) for  $[\zeta(\omega) - C\zeta_0(\omega)/C_0]$  implies very little spectral weight below the dimer binding energy  $|\varepsilon_b|$  for excitations that break scale invariance.

 $\gamma_2$  also gives insight into the negligible viscous damping of the monopole mode.

Monopole breathing mode.—The normal mode solutions of the hydrodynamic equations with frequency  $\omega$  are obtained from the Lagrangian [9]

$$\mathcal{L}[\boldsymbol{u}] = \omega^2 \int d\mathbf{r} \rho_0 \boldsymbol{u}^2(\mathbf{r}) - \int d\mathbf{r} [\rho_0^{-1} (\partial P/\partial \rho)_s (\delta \rho)^2 + 2\rho_0 (\partial T/\partial \rho)_s \delta \rho \delta s + \rho_0 (\partial T/\partial s)_\rho (\delta s)^2], \quad (4)$$

describing quadratic fluctuations in entropy  $\delta s$  and density  $\delta \rho$  about their equilibrium values,  $s_0$  and  $\rho_0$ . The displacement field  $\boldsymbol{u}(\mathbf{r}, t)$  is related to the velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  by  $\partial \boldsymbol{u}/\partial t = \mathbf{v}$ . Conservation of density and entropy gives  $\delta \rho = -\nabla \cdot (\rho_0 \boldsymbol{u})$  and  $\delta s = -\boldsymbol{u} \cdot \nabla s_0$ . Equation (4) is valid in both the normal as well as the superfluid phase, where it describes first sound with  $\mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{v}_s$  [9].

We obtain the result (2) for the breathing mode frequency using the scaling ansatz  $u(\mathbf{r}, t) = u\mathbf{r}\cos(\omega t)$  in (4), together with the Maxwell relation  $(\partial P/\partial s)_{\rho} = \rho_0^2 (\partial T/\partial \rho)_s$ and the equilibrium identities  $\nabla P_0 = (\partial P/\partial \rho)_s \nabla \rho_0 +$  $(\partial P/\partial s)_{\rho} \nabla s_0 = -n_0 \nabla V_{\text{ext}}$  for  $V_{\text{ext}} = m\omega_0^2 r^2/2$ , and  $\nabla T_0 = (\partial T/\partial \rho)_s \nabla \rho_0 + (\partial T/\partial s)_{\rho} \nabla s_0 = 0$ . The above scaling ansatz provides a rigorous upper bound on the mode frequency [9]. Generalizing the variational ansatz to u = $\mathbf{r} \sum_{n=0} u_n r^{2n} \cos(\omega t)$ , it is easy to show that the corrections to (2) are governed by higher powers of  $\gamma_d$ . Thus,  $\gamma_d$ rigorously determines the deviation of the monopole frequency  $\omega_m$  from  $2\omega_0$ .

We next relate  $\gamma_d$  to the contact *C*, given by  $C = 2\pi m a_2(\partial \varepsilon/a_2)_s$  in 2D [21,22] and  $C = 4\pi m a_3^2(\partial \varepsilon/\partial a_3)_s$ in 3D [18]. We find  $\gamma_2 = -[C + \frac{a_2}{2}(\partial C/\partial a_2)_s]/4\pi m$  and  $\gamma_3 = -[C + a_3(\partial C/\partial a_3)_s]/36\pi m a_3$ . This makes it clear that  $\omega_m = 2\omega_0$  is strictly valid only for  $a_2 \to \infty$ , the BCS limit in 2D, where  $C \to 0$ , and at unitarity in 3D, where  $|a_3| \to \infty$ . On the other hand, the breathing mode frequency (2) is very sensitive to  $\gamma_d \neq 0$  in both 2D and 3D. Using  $\int d^d \mathbf{r} n V_{\text{ext}} \sim \mathcal{O}(N\epsilon_F)$ , we estimate that a value of  $\gamma_d$  as small as  $0.1n\epsilon_F$  would give rise to a 5% shift in  $\omega_m$ . The fact that no such shift is observed [10] in 2D indicates that we must understand why  $\gamma_2 \ll n\epsilon_F$  for a wide range of  $g_2$  and T.

Viscosity sum rules.—The bulk viscosity  $\zeta$  is the only transport coefficient that damps the scaling flow  $\mathbf{u} \propto \mathbf{r}$  [23]. To gain insight into why it is small in 2D, we derive a new bulk viscosity sum rule that relates  $\gamma_2$  to the low-energy spectral weight for excitations that break scale-invariance symmetry.

The bulk viscosity spectral function  $\zeta(\omega)$  is related by a Kubo formula to the transverse  $\chi_T(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$  and longitudinal  $\chi_L(\mathbf{q}, \omega)$  current correlators:  $\zeta(\omega) = \lim_{q \to 0} m^2 \omega [\text{Im}\chi_L - (2 - 2/d)\text{Im}\chi_T]/q^2$ . Generalizing Ref. [4] to arbitrary *d*, we obtain the exact sum rule

$$\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty d\omega \zeta(\omega) = -(2 - 2/d)X_T + X_L - \rho c_s^2.$$
 (5)

Here,  $X_{T(L)} = \lim_{q \to 0} \langle [\hat{f}_{-\mathbf{q}}^x, [\hat{H}, \hat{f}_{\mathbf{q}}^x]] \rangle_{T(L)} / q^2$  with the current  $\hat{f}_{\mathbf{q}}^x = \sum_{\mathbf{k}\sigma} [(2\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q})_x / 2m] \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}\sigma}$ . The subscript T(L) denotes the transverse (longitudinal)  $q \to 0$  limit [24], and  $c_s \equiv (\partial P / \partial \rho)_s^{1/2}$  is the adiabatic sound speed. Evaluating the commutators in (5) for an isotropic pair potential with range  $r_0$ , we find the 2D result  $(2/\pi) \int d\omega \zeta(\omega) = 2\varepsilon - \rho c_s^2 + \alpha C/m + \beta C \ln \Lambda/m$ . Here,  $\Lambda = 1/r_0$  is an ultraviolet (UV) cutoff, and  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  are constants. In 3D [4], the terms proportional to *C* are of the form  $\alpha C/ma_3 + \beta C \Lambda/m$ .

The key insight that allows us to obtain physical results independent of  $\Lambda$  is that an UV divergence of precisely the same form must arise in the two-body problem. The sum rule for  $\zeta_0$  has the same form as above, but with energy density and contact replaced by their zero-density, T = 0values,  $\varepsilon_0$  and  $C_0$ , while  $c_s = 0$  for  $n \rightarrow 0$ . The exact solution  $\zeta_0$  of the two-body problem can then be used to regularize the divergence in the many-body problem. The same idea underlies the standard replacement of the bare interaction with the two-particle *s*-wave scattering length in the study of dilute gases [25].

The T = 0, zero-density limit  $\zeta_0(\omega)$  of the viscosity spectral function has an *exact* representation in terms of the sum of all particle-particle ladder diagrams with two external current vertices. These are the well-known [26] Aslamazov-Larkin, Maki-Thompson, and self-energy diagrams. We thus obtain the 2D result [27]

$$\zeta_0(\omega) = \frac{C_0}{4m\omega} \frac{\Theta(\omega - |\varepsilon_b|)}{\ln^2(\omega/|\varepsilon_b| - 1) + \pi^2},\tag{6}$$

for  $\omega > 0$ , and  $\zeta_0(-\omega) = \zeta_0(\omega)$ . In 2D, there is a bound state for all values of the scattering length [19]. Thus, in the zero-density (single dimer) and temperature limit,  $\varepsilon_0 = \varepsilon_b = -1/ma_2^2$  and  $C_0 = 4\pi/a_2^2$ . The absence of spectral weight in  $\zeta_0$  below  $|\varepsilon_b|$  is due to the fact that the only excitations in this limit involve pair disassociation with a gap  $|\varepsilon_b|$  at T = 0.

The UV divergences can now be removed by looking at the difference between the sum rule for the interacting many-body system and that for the T=0,  $n \rightarrow 0$  limit, scaled by  $(C/C_0)$ . In 2D, we find  $(2/\pi) \int d\omega [\zeta(\omega) - C\zeta_0(\omega)/C_0] = 2\varepsilon - \rho c_s^2 - 2C\varepsilon_0/C_0$ . Using  $C = 4\pi m (P - \varepsilon)$  and  $\varepsilon_0/C_0 = -1/(4\pi m)$ , we obtain (3) in 2D. The same methodology can also be used to obtain corresponding results for the bulk viscosity in 3D as well as the shear viscosity in any d [27].

Our main focus will be on (3), which quantifies the *low-energy* spectral weight in  $\zeta(\omega)$  with the high-energy tail  $C\zeta_0(\omega)/C_0$  subtracted out; see Fig. 1. However, we can also obtain the total spectral weight in  $\zeta(\omega)$ :

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$$S_{2D} \equiv \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty d\omega \zeta(\omega) = 3P - \varepsilon - \rho c_s^2$$
$$= -\frac{1}{8\pi m} \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial g_2}\right)_s. \tag{7}$$

 $S_{2D} \ge 0$  for all  $g_2$  [21], as required by  $\zeta(\omega) \ge 0 \forall \omega$  [4]. In Fig. 2, we plot  $S_{2D}$  as a function of  $g_2 = \log(k_F a_2)$  using T = 0 QMC data [20] to evaluate the right-hand side of (7). Both  $S_{2D}$  and its 3D counterpart  $S_{3D}$  [4] (inset of Fig. 2 using the QMC data of Ref. [28]) are  $\ll n\epsilon_F$  in the BCS region  $g_d \ge 1$ , but become significantly larger on the BEC side.

Apparent scale invariance.—We now have all the results in hand to discuss deviations from scale invariance. So far, we have shown that  $\gamma_d$  controls the deviation of the monopole  $\omega_m$  from  $2\omega_0$  and also governs the availability of low-energy bulk viscosity spectral weight  $\zeta(\omega)$ . We can intuitively understand the exact relation (3) between a  $\zeta$ -sum rule and the shift in the mode frequency as a Kramers–Kronig transform of the dc bulk viscosity  $\zeta(0)$ that damps the monopole mode.

What, if anything, is special about 2D that leads to the strong experimental signatures [10] of scale invariance? We begin by addressing this question at T = 0 and then generalize to finite temperatures. The first clue comes from MFT, which in 2D has a transparent solution [19] across the entire T = 0 BCS-BEC crossover:  $\varepsilon = n\epsilon_F/2 - n|\varepsilon_b|/2$ . This leads to  $P = n\epsilon_F/2$  and thus  $\gamma_2^{\text{MFT}} \equiv 0$  for all couplings  $g_2$ . Contrast this with the 2D MFT result  $P - \varepsilon = n|\varepsilon_b|/2$ , which is very small in the BCS regime but very large on the BEC side. This is our first hint of something we will see again:  $\gamma_d$  is small in part because it does not involve physics on the scale of the dimer binding energy, whereas  $P - \varepsilon$  does.

To understand how quantum fluctuations beyond MFT affect the result for  $\gamma_2$ , we use T = 0 QMC data [20]. We find that the QMC-derived  $\gamma_2$  is vanishingly small in both BCS and BEC regimes, and even for  $g_2 \sim 0$ ,  $\gamma_2 \sim 0$  (within large error bars) as shown in Fig. 3. We also see from this figure that the 2D result is quite different from the 3D case. The QMC estimate for  $\gamma_3$  (using data from Ref. [28]), though quite small on the BCS side of the crossover, is large in the BEC region in 3D.



FIG. 2 (color online). Bulk viscosity sum rule:—The 2D sum rule  $S_{2D}$  at T = 0 in units of  $n\epsilon_F$  plotted as a function of the coupling  $g_2 = \ln(k_F a_2)$ . Inset: The corresponding 3D result [4] as a function of  $g_3 = -1/(k_F a_3)$ . In both 2D and 3D,  $g_d \rightarrow +\infty$ , the BCS limit, while  $g_d \rightarrow -\infty$  is the BEC limit.



FIG. 3 (color online).  $\gamma_2$  (solid blue line) and  $\gamma_3$  (dashed red line) shown in units of  $n\epsilon_F$ , where *n* and  $\epsilon_F$  are the two and three dimensional density and Fermi energy, respectively. The error bars on  $\gamma_2$  are associated with numerical derivatives of QMC data (with errors) [20]. The coupling  $g_d$  is  $\ln(k_F a_2)$  for d = 2 and  $-1/(k_F a_3)$  for d = 3.

We now show that the difference between 2D and 3D is tied to the form of the dimensionless couplings  $g_2 = \log(k_F a_2)$  and  $g_3 = -1/k_F a_3$ . In the BCS limit  $(g_d \gg 1)$ , the equation of state has the form  $\varepsilon = (n \epsilon_F / 2)[1 + A/g_d + B/g_d^2 + \cdots]$  in both 2D and 3D. The perturbative Hartree plus "Fermi liquid" corrections are larger than the pairing contribution not shown. (The only qualitative difference is that A is negative in 3D but positive in 2D [29].) Both  $\gamma_d$ , calculated using (1), and  $P - \varepsilon = (a_d/d)(\partial \varepsilon / \partial a_d)$ , are small in the BCS limit. In the BEC limit  $(g_d < 0$  and  $|g_d| \gg 1$ ), we get  $\varepsilon = -n|\varepsilon_b|/2 + \cdots$ , which is the energy density of n/2 dimers with perturbative corrections in powers of  $1/|g_d|$ . The key difference between 2D and 3D is in the  $g_d$ -dependence of the binding energy  $|\varepsilon_b|$ , which  $\sim \exp(|g_2|)$  in 2D and  $\sim 1/|g_3|^2$  in 3D.

To understand the effects of finite temperature, we write the pressure and energy density, related by P = $n(\partial \varepsilon / \partial n)_s - \varepsilon$ , in the scaling forms  $P = n \epsilon_F \mathcal{F}(g_d, s)$ and  $\varepsilon = n\epsilon_F \mathcal{E}(g_d, s)$ . There is a qualitative difference between the  $g_2$ -dependence of the scaling functions  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{E}$ in 2D. The pressure does not have a contribution on the scale of the dimer binding energy  $|\varepsilon_b| = 1/ma_2^2$ ; i.e., it does not have a potentially exponentially large contribution in  $g_2 = \log(k_F a_2)$ , while the energy density does. We have already seen this in the T = 0 MFT results, and the same is also observed in the 2D virial expansion [30]. We conjecture that the scaling function  $\mathcal{F}$  is a slowly varying function of  $g_2$  at all temperatures in 2D (except in the immediate vicinity of a weak singularity at  $T_c$ ). The equation of state is then  $P \sim n^2$  up to logarithmic corrections, leading to a small  $\gamma_2$ .

The absence of high energy contributions on the scale of the dimer binding energy to P and the compressibility is also consistent with  $\gamma_2$  being related to the low energy spectral weight as shown by our sum rule. Once high energy excitations on the scale of  $|\varepsilon_b|$  are excluded, low energy phonons (with a near scale-invariant dispersion  $\omega_q(n) \sim \sqrt{nq}$ ), for instance, dominate the equation of state leading to  $P \sim n^2$  and a small  $\gamma_2$ . Unlike  $\gamma_2$ , however,  $P - \varepsilon$  is not small, as it involves high energy contributions on the scale of  $|\varepsilon_b|$  in the BEC regime.

Another way to characterize the deviation from scale invariance, analogous to the "trace anomaly" in quantum field theory, is to rewrite (1) as  $\gamma_d = -(\partial P/\partial g_d)\beta(g_d)/d$ , where  $\beta(g_d) \equiv k_F(\partial g_d/\partial k_F)$  describes the scaling of the coupling  $g_d$  with respect to the momentum scale  $k_F$ . We see that  $\beta(g_2) = 1$  while  $\beta(g_3) = g_3$ , reflecting the difference between the logarithmic and power-law dependence on the density in 2D and 3D, respectively. In both the BCS  $(g_d \gg 1)$  and BEC  $(g_d \ll -1)$  regions, the 2D beta function is much smaller than its 3D counterpart.

Finally, using the sum rules (7) and (3), we discuss the damping of the monopole mode, controlled by  $\zeta(0)$ . Although a small value for the sum rule by itself does not rigorously provide an upper-bound on  $\zeta$ , any physically reasonable functional form for the spectral function (e.g., a Drude form for  $\omega \leq |\varepsilon_b|$ ; see Fig. 1) would lead to a very small value for  $\zeta(0)$ . We see from Fig. 2 that in the BCS regime  $g_d \gtrsim 1$ , the sum rule  $\int d\omega \zeta(\omega) \ll n\epsilon_F$  in both 2D and in 3D. We would thus expect a very small  $\zeta \ll n$  here in both 2D and 3D. This sum rule is quite large on the BEC side and does not lead to any restriction on  $\zeta$ . From the low-energy sum rule (3), however, we see that the large value of  $S_{2D}$  in the BEC limit is entirely dominated by the high-energy tail on scales larger than the dimer binding energy. Once this is subtracted out, the low-energy integrated spectral weight, equal to  $\gamma_2$ , is very small even in the BEC regime (see Fig. 1). Thus in 2D, we expect the bulk viscosity  $\zeta$  to be very small both in the BCS and in the BEC regimes.

Conclusions.—We have shown that the parameter  $\gamma_d$  controls the deviation of the breathing mode frequency  $\omega_m$  from its scale-invariant value  $2\omega_0$  and also quantifies the low-energy spectral weight for excitations that break scale invariance, using an exact sum rule. We argue that 2D is special, with a coupling that depends logarithmically on density, leading to a very small  $\gamma_2$ , even in the BEC regime where scale invariance is strongly broken by the large dimer binding energy (and hence  $P - \varepsilon$  is large). The small  $\gamma_2$  also implies, via the 2D sum rule, weak damping of the monopole mode in both the BCS and BEC regimes. The regime very near  $g_2 = 0$  deserves further theoretical and experimental investigation, but the available evidence suggests that  $\gamma_2$  might be small there as well.

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