Quantum Information Processing & Condensed Matter Physics with Cold (Neutral) Atoms



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a tour ...

- cold atoms in optical lattices
 - AMO Hubbard-ology for beginners
- applications
 - quantum info and condensed matter

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Coherent Control of Quantum Systems

€U networks

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a sneak preview:

cold atoms in optical lattices

- Loading cold bosonic or fermionic atoms into an optical lattice
- Atomic Hubbard models with controllable parameters
 - bose / fermi atoms
 - spin models

Optical lattice

nonresonant

laser



AC Stark shift

optical lattice as array of microtraps

tunneling

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Example: Bose Hubbard model

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kinetic energy: hopping

interaction: onsite repulsion

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bosons

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 $\alpha | \oint \rangle + \beta | \oint \rangle$

filling the lattice with "qubits"

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"Atomic Hubbard toolbox"

Why? ... condensed matter physics & quantum information

- condensed matter physics
 - strongly correlated systems: high Tc etc.
 - time dependent, e.g. quantum phase transitions
 - ...
 - exotic quantum phases (?)
- quantum information processing
 - new quantum computing scenarios, e.g. "one way quantum computer"
 - "quantum simulator"
 - -analogue simulators
 - digital simulators



- experiments [Bloch et al. 2001, T. Esslinger et al., ... J. Denschlag et al.]
 - Superfluid-Mott Insulator Quantum Phase Transition
 - spin dependent lattice & entanglement
 - molecules …

1. "Analogue simulation" of cond mat Hubbard models

- We can build Hubbard models directly to simulate condensed matter models with controllable parameters
- Example: high T_c superconductivity

$$H = -t \sum_{i,j,\sigma} (c_{i\sigma}^{+} c_{j\sigma} + c_{j\sigma}^{+} c_{i\sigma}) + U \sum_{i} n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$



- Solving open problems ... where theory does not give an answer:
 - ground state; strange quantum phase & properties
 - exotic excitations

2. ... and Lattice Spin Models: topological quantum computing

• exotic spin models ...

Examples:

Doucot, Feigelman, loffe et al.



$$H_{\rm spin}^{\rm (I)} = \sum_{i=1}^{\ell-1} \sum_{j=1}^{\ell-1} J(\sigma_{i,j}^z \sigma_{i,j+1}^z + \cos \zeta \sigma_{i,j}^x \sigma_{i+1,j}^x)$$

protected quantum memory: degenerate ground states as qubits







z–links

3. Digital Quantum Simulator – an example

- Idea: build a Hamiltonian as a time-averaged effective Hamiltonian from one and two qubit gates
- Example: given Ising:

$$H = -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{\langle a,b \rangle} \sigma_z^{(a)} \otimes \sigma_z^{(b)}$$

do this "easily" with atoms

we will show that we can

• ... we want to simulate the Heisenberg model:

$$H = -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{\langle a,b \rangle} \left(\sigma_x^{(a)} \otimes \sigma_x^{(b)} + \sigma_y^{(a)} \otimes \sigma_y^{(b)} + \sigma_z^{(a)} \otimes \sigma_z^{(b)} \right)$$



4. Measurement based quantum computing

- Cluster state as a quantum resource: exploit quantum correlations
 - Information processing via measurement of single qubits on a lattice



How to create a cluster state?

- prepare quantum memory in product state $|s_x\rangle = \bigotimes_{a \in C} |+\rangle_a$ with each qubit in state $|+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle_z + |1\rangle_z)$
- switch on Ising interaction

 $H_{\text{int}} = -\frac{1}{4}\hbar g(t) \sum_{\langle a,b \rangle} \sigma_z^{(a)} \otimes \sigma_z^{(b)} \quad \text{for a given time} \quad \varphi(t) = \int_0^\tau g(t)dt = \pi$



$$|\phi\rangle_c = \exp(i\int_0^t \frac{1}{4}\hbar g(t)dt \sum_{\langle a,b\rangle} \sigma_z^{(a)} \otimes \sigma_z^{(b)}dt) \ (\otimes_{a\in C} |+\rangle_a)$$

This can be implemented efficiently with a spin-dependent optical lattice.

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flow of information

• σ_{z} measurement • σ_{x} measurement • in x-y plane

Quantum Gates



AMO Hubbard "toolbox"

- Optical lattices
 - basic ideas, properties & special topics
- Hubbard models
 - naive derivation & microscopic picture, spin models, validity
- Lattice loading & Measurements
- Time-dependent aspects

1. Optical lattices: basics

AC Stark shift



decoherence: spontaneous emission



$$\begin{split} \Delta E_g &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{\Omega^2}{\Delta - \frac{1}{2}i\Gamma} = \delta E_g - i\frac{1}{2}\gamma_g \\ \frac{\text{good}}{\text{bad}} &= \frac{\delta E_g}{\gamma_g} \sim \frac{|\Delta|}{\Gamma} \gg 1 \end{split}$$

typical off-resonant lattice : $\gamma \sim \sec^{-1}$

In a blue detuned lattice this can be strongly suppressed

standing wave laser configuration

laser
$$\overrightarrow{E} = \vec{\epsilon} \mathcal{E}_0 \sin kz e^{-i\omega t} + c. c.$$

• optical potential
Bloch band
United States and States

optical lattice as array of microtraps

 $V(x) = V_0 \sin^2 kx \qquad (k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda})$

Schrödinger equation for center of mass motion of atom

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi(x,t) = \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 + V(x)\right]\psi(x,t)$$



1D, 2D and 3D



Remarks:

- ✓ optical potentials generated by lattice beams with different frequencies add up incoherently
- ✓ interferometric stability (!?)

lattice configurations

harmonic background potential (e.g. laser focus, magnetic trap)



undo by inverse harmonic potential e.g. magnetic field

superlattice



- random potentials
 - add more lasers from random direction or speckle pattern
- Single atom coherent dynamcis studied ...
 - Wannier-Bloch
 - quantum chaos: kicked systems

2. Bose Hubbard in optical lattice: naïve derivation

• dilute bose gas

$$H = \int \psi^{\dagger}(\vec{x}) \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V_T(\vec{x}) \right) \psi(\vec{x}) d^3x$$
$$+ \frac{1}{2}g \int \psi^{\dagger}(\vec{x}) \psi^{\dagger}(\vec{x}) \psi(\vec{x}) \psi(\vec{x}) d^3x$$
collisions
validity: dilute gas, $a_s \ll a_0 < \lambda/2$
$$g = \frac{4\pi a_s \hbar^2}{m}$$
 scattering length

optical lattice



• Hubbard model



feature: (time dep) tunability from weakly to strongly interacting gas

• validity ...



- parameters approx. SF-Mott transition: recoil energy $E_R = \hbar^2 k^2/2m$, $V_0 \sim 9E_R$ Na: $E_R = 25$ KHz, $J \sim 1$ KHz, $U \sim 10$ KHz, Rb: $E_R = 3.8$ KHz ...
- validity:

 $a_s \ll a_0 < \lambda/2, \ U \ll \hbar \omega_{\text{Bloch}} \text{ and } T \sim 0 : \quad kT \ll J, U \ll \hbar \omega_{\text{Bloch}},$ density $n \sim 10^{14} - 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (three particle loss)

Hubbard model: microscopic picture

• Hubbard



- ✓ solve in n=1,2,3,... particle sector
- connect by tunneling (e.g in a tight binding approx)
- n=2 atoms on one lattice site: molecule



 molecular problem with added optical potential

- n=3 atoms on one lattice site: ... e.g. Efimov-type problem
- [n>n_{max}~3 killed by three body etc. loss]

Julienne et al.







Hubbard model including molecules

• Hamiltonian

$$\begin{array}{l} & \underset{}{ \end{array} } & H = -J_b \sum_{} b_i^{\dagger} b_j + \frac{1}{2} U_b \sum_i b_i^{\dagger} b_i^{\dagger} b_i b_i \\ & -J_m \sum_{} m_i^{\dagger} m_j + \frac{1}{2} U_m \sum_i m_i^{\dagger} m_i^{\dagger} m_i m_i - \sum_i \Delta m_i^{\dagger} m_i \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \Omega \sum_i m_i^{\dagger} b_i b_i + \text{h.c.} \end{array}$$

Remarks:

- we have derived this only for sector:
 2 atoms or 1 molecule
- ✓ inelastic collisions / loss for >2 atoms and >1 molecules (?)

Remark: quantum phases of "composite objects"

• molecular BEC via a quantum phase transition



Remarks:

Straightforward generalization of these Hubbard derivations to ...

- bosons and / or fermions
- two-component mixtures of bosons / fermions
- dipolar gases / Hubbard models via heteronuclear molecules (long range dipolar forces)

Complaints:

- the time scales for tunneling are pretty long
- decoherence: spontaneous emission, laser / magnetic field fluctuations, ...

Other ideas for interactions ...

- optical dipole-dipole interactions ... however loss ☺
- Rydberg-Rydberg interactions in a static electric field (huge)



Spin models

• optical lattice



• ideas for higher order H= $\sigma \sigma \sigma$ interactions ...

Preparation of the lattice for quantum computing: one atom per lattice site

• superfluid – Mott insulator quantum phase transition in optical lattices

Laser control: kinetic vs. potential energy

• **shallow lattice** : weak laser





Quantum phase transition



 $g \to \infty$: strongly correlated system
Quantum phase transition



BH: Fischer et al. 1989 optical lattice: Jaksch et al. 1998 Superfluid – Mott insulator quantum phase transition

• N atoms in M lattice sites: (temperature T=0)









incommensurate filling N / M

excitations: ~J







We achieve loading with exactly 1,2,... atoms!





Signatures of the Superfluid – Mott insulator transition

• spatial correlation function $\langle b^{\dagger}_{\alpha} b_{\beta} \rangle$

superfluid





Mott



off-diagonal long range order: interference

 $\langle b_{\alpha}^{\dagger} b_{\beta} \rangle \approx \psi_{\alpha}^{*} \psi_{\beta}$

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3. Optical Lattices ... continued

• multiple ground states & spin-dependent lattices



multiple ground states & spin-dependent lattices



• multiple ground states & spin-dependent lattices



Two component Hubbard models

• hopping via Raman transitions



nearest neighbor interaction



overlapping wavefunctions + laser induced Raman hopping

Adding "magnetic fields"

effective magnetic field via rotation



see: fractional quantum Hall effect effective magnetic field via lattice design



$$J_{\alpha\beta} \longrightarrow J_{\alpha\beta} \, e^{ie \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l}}$$



$$e^{ie \oint \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l}} = e^{i\phi/\phi_0} \equiv e^{i\alpha\pi}$$

accumulate phase when walking around a plaquette

• effective magnetic fields: configuration





equivalent to a homogeneous magnetic field

• two particle hopping





energy conservation

4. Coherent manipulations & entangling atoms

Spin-dependent lattices

• trapping potential depends on the internal state





 we can move one potential relative to the other, and thus transport the component in one internal state



• interactions by moving the lattice + colliding the atoms "by hand"



Ising type interaction (as the building block of the UQS)

$$H = -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{\langle a,b\rangle} \sigma_z^{(a)} \otimes \sigma_z^{(b)}$$

nearest neighbor, next to nearest neighbor

Universal Quantum Simulator (specialized quantum computing)

- Feynman: simulating a quantum system with a classical computer is hard
- Example: condensed matter
 - spin models
 - Hubbard models

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{\tilde{\sigma}} c_{\tilde{\sigma}} |\sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_N\rangle$$



• Feynman's Universal Quantum Simulator (UQS):

Feynman, Lloyd, ...

UQS = controlled quantum device which efficiently reproduces the dynamics of any other many-particle quantum system (with short range interactions)

UQS: a simple example

realized by movable optical lattice

• given Ising:

$$H = -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{\langle a,b \rangle} \sigma_z^{(a)} \otimes \sigma_z^{(b)}$$

simulate Heisenberg model:

$$H = -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{\langle a,b \rangle} \left(\sigma_x^{(a)} \otimes \sigma_x^{(b)} + \sigma_y^{(a)} \otimes \sigma_y^{(b)} + \sigma_z^{(a)} \otimes \sigma_z^{(b)} \right)$$



• adding: magnetic fields, random potentials etc.

A. Micheli A. Daley D. Jaksch PZ PRL Oct 2004

5. Atomic Quantum Switch / Amplifier / Read Out



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 "single atom quantum" mirrors for 1D quantum gas



• Questions ...

- how?
- (time dependent) dynamics?
- quantum gate / switch
- qubit read out

Quantum Optics

Cavities and CQED



- Jaynes-Cummings model / quantum state engineering
- dissipative / open quantum system / measurement: e.g.QND
- experimental realization:
 - microwave (Haroche, ...)
 - optical (Kimble, Rempe, Feld, ...)

 "single atom quantum" mirrors for 1D quantum gas



Quantum Computing

• quantum gate / switch / quantum nondemolition



 $\alpha |\uparrow\rangle |\mathsf{Mott}\rangle + \beta |\downarrow\rangle |\mathsf{BEC}\rangle$

✓"amplify" spin

- ✓ entangled quantum phases
- ✓ qubit read out

• atomic qubit = spin



Mesoscopic CMP

 transport through quantum dot / Coulomb blockade



"single atom transistor"

"single electron transistor"

(e.g. read out of a charge qubit)

 "single atom quantum" mirrors for 1D quantum gas



Physical Realization

• realization: 1D optical lattice



How?

collisional interactions



$$H = U_{ab}a_0^{\dagger}a_0b_0^{\dagger}b_0$$

+ spin

$$H \sim a_0^{\dagger} a_0 \hat{\sigma}_z$$

• compare: Cavity QED



- goal: large interactions
- **answer:** Feshbach or photo association resonances
 - large scattering length
 - better: infinite scattering length <---

new physics:

EIT-type quantum interference to kill transport

Atomic Switch by Quantum Interference





blocking by quantum interference

Time dependent many body dynamics



- [Exact] Solution of *time dependent* many body Schrödinger equation for up to ~ 100 atoms
 - numerical: time dep DMRG-type method G. Vidal, PRL 2003
 - semianalytical: hard core bose gas
- numerical results for N ~ 30 atoms on 61 lattice sites



• current-voltage characteristics for transport ...

Exact numerical time dependent many body in 1D

method: G. Vidal, PRL 91, 147902 (2003)

- efficient classical simulation of slightly entangled quantum computations
- measure of entanglement: e.g. spin system



rank χ_A of $\rho^{[A]}$ is a natural measure of entanglement:

$$\chi = \max_{\text{possible}} \chi_A \qquad E_{\chi} = \log_2(\chi_A)$$
partitions A

property: $0 \le E_{\chi} \le \frac{1}{2}n\log_2 d$ and E = 0 for product state

• computational basis:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{i_1} \dots \sum_{i_n} c_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n} |i_1\rangle \otimes |i_2\rangle \otimes \dots \otimes |i_n\rangle$$

• particular decomposition of coefficients:

$$c_{i_{1},i_{2},...,i_{n}} = \underbrace{\sum_{\alpha_{1}...\alpha_{n}} \Gamma_{\alpha_{1}}^{[1]i_{1}} \lambda_{\alpha_{1}} \Gamma_{\alpha_{1}\alpha_{2}}^{[2]i_{2}} \lambda_{\alpha_{2}} \Gamma_{\alpha_{2}\alpha_{3}}^{[3]i_{3}} \dots \Gamma_{\alpha_{n-1}}^{[n]i_{n}}}{n \text{ tensors } \Gamma^{[1]}, \dots, \Gamma^{[n]} \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, d-1 \\ n-1 \text{ vectors } \lambda_{\alpha} \qquad \alpha = 1, \dots, \chi}$$

$$2^{n} \text{ coefficients } c \Leftrightarrow (2\chi^{2} + \chi)n$$

$$\text{generic state } |\Psi\rangle$$

$$\text{ if } E \sim n, \text{ then decomposition uninteresting } (\mathcal{O}(ne^{n}))$$

$$\text{ if } E \sim \log n, \text{ then poly}(n) \text{ parameters}$$

$$\text{propagation of the time dependent Schrödinger equation: propagate } \Gamma$$

$$\text{ and } \lambda$$

$$\text{ In our case of the Hubbard model: } \chi \approx 8$$

$$\text{ we can integrate the time dependent Schrödinger equation exactly for } I$$

up to a few hundred (!?) particles (D. Jaksch & A. Daley) IHP Zoller

6. Dissipative Dynamics in Lattices: Cooling etc.

Healing defects & Pattern loading

- Getting rid of the last defects ...?
 - cooling
 - filtering



loading spatial patterns



• fidelity of loading 1:10⁴ or 10⁵

Cooling via Superfluid Immersion

• We immerse the lattice system in an external BEC



- Bose condensate as a reservoir
- atoms "a" see the lattice, bose reservoir atoms "b" see no lattice
- Cooling via (*laser assisted*) collisional interactions

Remarks:

- We will be able to cool to temperatures lower than the reservoir
- Analogy with laser cooling: photon -> phonon

Cooling via Superfluid Immersion

• Model



- A-B collisions
- BEC as T~0 reservoir to cool qubit motion

Remarks:

- We will be able to cool to temperatures *lower* than the reservoir
- Cooling *within* a Bloch band
- Analogy with laser cooling: photon -> phonon

A. J. Daley, P. O. Fedichev, and P. Zoller, Phys. Rev. A 69, 022306 (2004)

Cooling model ...



- Atom in a Harmonic trap interacting with a superfluid reservoir
- Density-Density interaction:

$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = g_{ab} \int \delta \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{r}) \,\delta \hat{\rho}_{\text{atom}}(\mathbf{r}) d^3 \mathbf{r} = g_{ab} \int \delta \hat{\rho}(\mathbf{r}) \,\delta(\mathbf{r} - \hat{\mathbf{r}}) d^3 \mathbf{r}$$

Energy dissipated as Bogoliubov excitations:

$$\delta \hat{\rho} = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_0}{V}} \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \left[(u_{\mathbf{q}} + v_{\mathbf{q}}) \hat{b}_{\mathbf{q}} e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} + (u_{\mathbf{q}} + v_{\mathbf{q}}) \hat{b}_{\mathbf{q}}^{\dagger} e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \right]$$

• Master Equation ! occupation probabilities pm:

$$\dot{p}_m = \sum_{n > m} F_{n \to m} p_n - \sum_{n' < m} F_{m \to n'} p_m + \sum_n H_{n,m} (p_n - p_m)$$

cooling process: excitation of phonons in the superfluid



 $\dot{p}_n = \dots$ master equation occupation: SF as a reservoir

supersonic regime: sound velocity u << velocity of trapped atom

$$\frac{\omega \tau_{1 \to 0}}{2\pi} \sim 1.2 \times 10^{-2} \times \frac{1}{\rho_0 a_{ab}^3} \frac{a_{ab}}{l_0}$$

cooling time ~ 10 oscillator cycles

Rubidium BEC: $\rho_0 \sim 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3} a_{bb} \sim 100a_0$ $m_b u^2 / (2\hbar) = 2\pi \times 3.7 \times 10^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ $\omega \sim 2\pi \times 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$

$$\dot{\varepsilon}(n) \approx -\frac{g_{ab}^2 \rho_0 m^{3/2}}{\pi \hbar^4 \sqrt{2}} \alpha [\varepsilon(n)]^{3/2}$$

energy dissipation

BEC as T=0 phonon reservoir

• Phonon reservoir

RFC



Radiation field: photon reservoir

Radiation field / vacuum modes



Spontaneous emission


A reminder ...

optical pumping



• laser cooling



Remark 1:

 $\rho_{\rm sys} \otimes \rho_{\rm env} \rightarrow |\psi\rangle_{\rm sys} \langle \psi| \otimes \rho_{\rm env}'$ system system mixed state pure state

• Remark 2:



"low frequency / high-temperature" system dissipative "high-frequency" / T=0 system

Photon dissipation / spontaneous emission not useful for lattice loading. We need a different reservoir.

Cooling within the Bloch Band

Ideas taken from laser cooling below the recoil limit (Chu & Kasevich; Aspect, Cohen-Tannoudji)

- Question: Can we cool dilute/ weakly interacting atoms in the lattice within a Bloch band?
- Idea: Combine Raman excitation to a higher band with cooling via an external reservoir gas.



A. Griessner, A. J Daley, D. Jaksch, and P. Zoller, in preparation

Bloch Band Raman Cooling: Pulses

- We can use a series of time dependent pulses to engineer the excitation profile, via Raman detuning, Δ, wavenumber difference δq, and pulse shape [Ω(t)].
- A sequence of pulses can then excite all atoms but a few near $q \sim 0$.



Bloch Band Raman Cooling: Discussion

• Features:

- the atoms in the lowest Bloch band move frictionless in the BEC (subsonic = superfluidity), i.e. a BEC temperature larger than the atom temperature will not heat
- by laser assisted transfer to the higher Bloch band the emitted "phonon" is in the particle excitation branch, i.e. supersonic, and cooling is possible
- Thus we are able to cool to temperatures lower than the temperature of the reservoir BEC.
- Typical Values: $T_f \sim 10^{-2}$ J in time Θ = 30ms for 87Rb!!

