Cold Atoms and Molecules: Condensed Matter Physics & Quantum Information

- introduction / review
- topics in more detail: "quantum simulators"
  - dissipative Hubbard dynamics
  - engineering three-body Hubbard Hamiltonians



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SFB Coherent Control of Quantum Systems

 $\in$ U networks

#### quantum optics

trapped ions



cavity QED: atom - photon interfaces



# quantum info

• quantum computing: logic network



• building a network



#### quantum optics

atoms in an optical lattices



• polar molecules



# cond mat & quantum info

• "quantum simulators" for cond mat models



2- & 3-body interactions ring exchange

. . .

- Hubbard & spin models
- analog vs. digital quantum simulations
- measurement based quantum computing
- topological phases and qc (?)

(analog vs. digital quantum simulators)

## This talk ...

• Dissipative dynamics of atoms in optical lattices

- immersion in a superfluid as a "phonon bath"
- ... as quantum optics problem
- quantum reservoir engineering

A. Griessner, A. J. Daley, S. R. Clark, D. Jaksch, PZ , PRL (2006); NJP (2007)



- Hubbard, spin models (with polar molecules)
  - short review of ideas and models
  - three-body interactions

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#### Dissipative dynamics of cold atoms in optical lattices

• quantum optics with cold atoms



#### AMO Hubbard toolbox

D. Jaksch & PZ, Annals of Physics 2005

- time dependence
- 1D, 2D & 3D



• various lattice configurations



• create effective magnetic fields

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

spin-dependent lattices



laser induced hoppings



#### Why? ... condensed matter physics & quantum information

- condensed matter systems
  - strongly correlated systems
  - time dependence, e.g quantum phase transitions
  - **)** ...
  - exotic quantum phases(?)
- quantum information
- new quantum computing scenarios, e.g. one way quantum computing



# analog & digital quantum simulators

experiments [Bloch et al. 2001, Esslinger, Porto, Grimm & Denschlag …]



# 2. Dissipative Hubbard dynamics

- BEC as a "phonon reservoir"
  - quantum reservoir engineering



A. Griessner et al. PRL 2006; NJP 2007

master equation:

$$rac{d}{dt}\hat{
ho} = -rac{i}{\hbar}[\hat{H},\hat{
ho}] + \mathscr{L}\hat{
ho}$$

as opposed to ...

- Caldeira-Leggett
- Inear system-bath couplings, ohmic / superohmic
- quantum phase transitions in Josepshon Junction arrays
- polarons
- phonon mediated interactions

## Why (controlled dissipation)?



- why? engineering reservoirs for ...
  - dissipative quantum phase transitions / crossover

  - applications: cooling etc.
- Anderson (1987): ground state = resonating valence bond state

#### high-Tc superconductors



# "think quantum optics"

- driven two-level atom + spontaneous
   trapped atom in a BEC reservoir emission
- reservoir: vacuum modes of the radiation field (T=0)
- optical pumping, laser cooling, ...
  - purification of electronic, and motional states

 $\rho_{\rm a} \otimes |{\rm vac}\rangle \langle {\rm vac}| \rightarrow |\psi_a\rangle \langle \psi_a| \otimes \rho'$ 

 reservoir: Bogoliubov excitations of the BEC (@ temperature T)

#### Models ...

- Model A: Dark state cooling in a Bloch band ("dark state laser cooling")
  - single atom
  - N non-interacting atoms + adiabiatic turn on off interactions



Model B: Master equations N interacting atoms

$$rac{d}{dt}\hat{
ho}=-rac{i}{\hbar}[\hat{H},\hat{
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ho}$$

Hubbardology

Hubbard dynamics (superfluid / Mott)

#### quantum reservoir engineering

coupling to a local current drives system into N-body dark state

$$|\psi_{\rm BEC}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N!}} \left(\sum_{i} a_{i}^{\dagger}\right)^{N} |\text{vac}\rangle \text{ progress}$$

competing dynamics



"dark state" laser cooling: accumulate atoms near q≈0

#### Levy statistics approach (Cohen-Tannoudji et al.)

excitation profile and trapping region



trapping region  $R(q) \sim |q|^{\lambda}$  $\lambda = 2$  square pule

 $\lambda = 4$  Blackman pulse

time evolution



# ✓ trapping times

$$P(\tau) \sim \tau^{-(1+1/\lambda)}$$

$$\langle \tau \rangle \rightarrow \infty \quad (\lambda > 1)$$

$$T(N) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \tau_i \sim N^{\lambda} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{generalized} \\ \text{central limit} \\ \text{theorem} \end{array}$$

$$f(N) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \hat{\tau}_i \sim N \langle \tau \rangle$$



iff  $\lambda > 1$ , then all atoms for  $\Theta = T(N) + \hat{T}(N) \rightarrow \infty$  in cooling region



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# Raman cooling within a Bloch band: qualitative

 step 1: (coherent) quasimomentum selective excitation





Laser: square pulse sequence  $P(q)_1$ 



- requirements:  $\Omega \ll 8|J^1|$
- Note: relevant energy scale given by  $|J^1|$

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#### Raman cooling within a Bloch band: qualitative

 step 1: (coherent) quasimomentum selective excitation





 step 2: (dissipative) decay to ground band





## Model: 1. Coherent dynamics





• Hamiltonian

Bloch band

$$\hat{H}_{I} = \frac{1}{2M} \sum_{q_{1},q_{2},q_{3},\alpha} U^{\alpha\beta} \left( \hat{A}^{\beta}_{q_{1}} \right)^{\dagger} \left( \hat{A}^{\alpha}_{q_{2}} \right)^{\dagger} \hat{A}^{\alpha}_{q_{3}} \hat{A}^{\beta}_{q_{1}+q_{2}-q_{3}}$$

tune via scattering length

collisional interactions

validity:  $J^{lpha}, U^{lpha,eta'}, \Omega \ll {\it \omega}, \, {\it \omega} \ll {\it \omega}_{ot}$ 



 $S(\mathbf{k}) = (u_{\mathbf{k}} + v_{\mathbf{k}})^2$ 



- interband transitions spontaneous emission rate
  - typical numbers  $a_s = 100a_0$ scattering length  $\Gamma = 2\pi \times 1.1 \text{ KHz}$ weak coupling  $\rho_0 = 5 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ density  $\omega = 2\pi \times 100 \text{ KHz}$ trap frequency

tunability

 $\Gamma \sim 
ho_0 a_s^2 \sqrt{\omega}$ 

scattering length: magnetic or optical Feshbach resonance density interaction: intraband ...

$$\varepsilon_{q\approx0}^{0} = \varepsilon_{q'}^{0} + c|\mathbf{k}|$$

$$q = q' + k$$

$$-\pi = 0$$

 $\varepsilon(qd), E(\mathbf{k})$ 

 $\checkmark ck$ 

forbidden if  $J^0 < \frac{\sqrt{\mu}\omega_R m_a/(2m_b)}{\pi}$ 

- ✓ no heating / cooling due to intraband transitions
- $\checkmark$  we ignore intraband processes in the following
- ✓ Rem.: validity of master equation ...

We can cool to temperatures lower than the BEC

#### Master equation

• ... in analogy with spontaneous emission ( $k_B T \ll \hbar \omega$ , i.e. T = 0)

$$\mathcal{L}\hat{\rho} = \sum_{k} \frac{\Gamma_{k}}{2} \left( 2c_{k}\hat{\rho}c_{k}^{\dagger} - c_{k}^{\dagger}c_{k}\hat{\rho} - \hat{\rho}c_{k}^{\dagger}c_{k} \right)$$
1D momentum  
along lattice axis  

$$|k| \leq k_{\max} = \sqrt{2m_{b}\omega}$$
energy conservation  

$$|k| \geq k_{\max} = \sqrt{2m_{b}\omega}$$
energy conserv

• spontaneous emission rate 
$$\Gamma = \sum_{k} \Gamma_{k}$$
  

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dk} \stackrel{\circ}{=} \frac{L}{2\pi} \Gamma_{k} = \frac{g_{ab}^{2} \rho_{b} m_{a} a_{0}^{2} k^{2}}{4\pi} e^{-a_{0}^{2} k^{2}/2}$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{g_{ab}^{2} \rho_{b} m_{b}}{2\pi a_{0}} \left[ \sqrt{2 \frac{m_{b}}{m_{a}}} e^{-\frac{m_{b}}{m_{a}}} - \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} erf\left(\sqrt{\frac{m_{b}}{m_{a}}}\right) \right] \stackrel{0.2}{0.1}$$

$$(1) k_{\max} \gg \pi/d, \text{ no superradiance}$$

$$(2) k_{\max} < \pi/d. \text{ [superradiance]} \qquad -\sqrt{2m_{b}\omega} \qquad \cdots \qquad 3\frac{\pi}{d} - 2\frac{\pi}{d} - \frac{\pi}{d} \quad 0 \quad \frac{\pi}{d} \quad 2\frac{\pi}{d} \quad 3\frac{\pi}{d} \quad \cdots \quad \sqrt{2m_{b}\omega} \quad k \in \mathbb{C}$$

#### Results: single atoms

- Ground state q=0 momentum peak  $4J^0 \ll k_B T \ll \omega$
- Quantum trajectory simulation of the master equation



#### Many (non-interacting) bosons

- Assume: we can switch off interaction between bosons a<sub>aa</sub> → 0 with Feshbach resonance; independent bosons
- Ground state cooling: q = 0 peak in momentum distribution
- Numerical analysis: Quantum Boltzmann master equation

$$\dot{w}_{\mathbf{m}} = \sum_{k,q} \Gamma_k \left[ \mathbf{m}_{q-k}^0 (1 \pm \mathbf{m}_q^1) w_{\mathbf{m}'} - \mathbf{m}_q^1 (1 \pm \mathbf{m}_{q-k}^0) w_{\mathbf{m}} \right]$$

We failed to apply DMRG type ideas because our temperatures are too low 🙁

occupation of momentum state  $\boldsymbol{q}$  in Bloch band

QBME is a rate equation for  $w_{\mathbf{m}} \equiv \langle \mathbf{m} | \rho | \mathbf{m} \rangle$ , i.e. classical configurations  $w_{\mathbf{m}}$  of atoms occupying momentum states  $\mathbf{m} = [\{m_q^0\}_q, \{m_q^1\}_q]$  in the two Bloch bands.



Dark state occupation: n<sup>0</sup>(|qd|<0.06)



# Many fermions

- Many spin-polarized (non-interacting) fermions
- Ground state: filled Fermi sea



• Typical temperatures  $k_B T/4J^0 \sim 10^{-2}$  in  $t_f J^0 \sim 500$ 

Slowing down due to Pauli blocking

#### Strongly correlated systems, and many body dark states (?)

- above scheme works well for (essentially) non-interacting systems
- strongly correlated systems
  - cooling N atoms with U=0 (tune scattering length a=0)
  - turn U on adiabatically to obtain a strongly correlated state

A. Griessner et al. PRL 2006; NJP 2007

• many-body dark states ?

#### Atoms & lons

• cold atoms in optical lattices



• trapped ions / Wigner crystals



# **Polar Molecules**

... in electronic & vibrational ground state



- what's new? ... electric dipole moment
  - couple rotation to DC / AC microwave fields
  - strong dipole-dipole / long range couplings
- ... in addition what we do with cold atoms

Questions:

- motivation? ... coming experiments
- new physics?

Background material:

# Polar molecules



#### Preparation of polar molecules in ground state



- trapping and cooling
- generation: photoassociation & buffergas cooling

exp: all cold atom labs exp: Demille, Doyle, Mejer, Rempe, Ye ...



See, e.g., Special Issue on Ultracold Polar Molecules, Eur. Phys. J. D 31, 149–444 (2004).

## Spectroscopy



## CaF - rotational, fine and hyperfine structure



#### Single polar molecule I: Rotational spectroscopy



#### Single polar molecule II: Rotational spectroscopy

#### 2) Spin Rotation Coupling



 $X^{2} \Sigma_{g}^{+}$ 

molecules with an unpaired electron spin (CaF,CaCl,...)



 $H = B N^{2} + \gamma N \cdot S$  N=1  $P \sim 100 MHz$  J=3/2

 $2B\sim 20GHz$ 

N=0



- for e<sup>-</sup> providing spin degree of freedom
  - encode qubit in rot. ground states
- strong spin-rotational mixing in N>0
  - Raman transitions
- for nuclear degree of freedom
  - magnetic trapping, clock states, ...

#### <u>Two</u> polar molecules: dipole – dipole interaction

 dipole moment gives rise to interaction of two molecules

$$\vec{d_1} \vec{r} = r\vec{e_b} \vec{d_2}$$

$$V_{\rm dd} = \frac{\vec{d}_1 \cdot \vec{d}_2 - 3(\vec{d}_1 \cdot \vec{e}_b)(\vec{e}_b \cdot \vec{d}_2)}{r^3}$$

#### features of dipole-dipole interaction

✓ long range ~1/r<sup>3</sup>
 ✓ angular dependence





attraction

✓ strong! (temperature requirements)

VS

# Adiabatic potentials for two (unpolarized) polar molecules

• <u>Rotor</u>





~ 30-60 nm

# Effective Spin-Spin Interactions: qualitative picture



• effective spin-spin coupling: microwave drive + dipole-dipole



Integrating out high energy excitations gives an effective low energy Hamiltonian, we can engineer spin-Hamiltonian

$$H = g \sum_{i \neq j} \sigma_{\alpha}^{(i)} A^{\alpha\beta}(\vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_j) \sigma_{\beta}^{(j)}$$

#### **Overview:**

Condensed matter and quantum information with cold polar molecules

#### Condensed matter aspects

• Spin toolbox with cold molecules in optical lattices

$$H_{\rm spin} = J_{\perp} \sum_{\rm x-lks} \sigma_x^i \sigma_x^j + J_{\perp} \sum_{\rm y-lks} \sigma_y^i \sigma_y^j + J_z \sum_{\rm z-lks} \sigma_z^i \sigma_z^j$$

Kitaev model

A. Micheli, G. Brennen, PZ, Nature Physics 2006



• Extended Hubbard models in 1D and 2D in optical lattices

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#### applications:

atoms in dipolar lattices: Hubbard models + phonons



#### G. Pupillo, M. Ortner et al., work in progress

quantum information:

- memory
- ion-trap type quantum computing

#### Quantum information

• AMO - solid state interfaces: hybrid quantum processors



• Remark: trapping and cooling / read out of molecules close to / via strip line

P.Rabl, D. DeMille, J. Doyle, M. Lukin, R. Schoelkopf and PZ, PRL 2006 A.André, D.DeMille, J.M.Doyle, M.D.Lukin, S.E.Maxwell, P.Rabl, R.J.Schoelkopf, PZ, Nature Physics (2006).

#### Three-body interactions & extended Hubbard models

- how to ...
  - generate strong three-body interactions while switching off two-body terms
- extended Hubbard models in 1D and 2D
  - with tunable two body interactions & repulsive three-body
  - phases: example 1D hard core bosons with repulsive three-body terms

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#### Dynamics with n-body interactions

We start in the continuum and add the optical lattice later

 Hamiltonians of condensed matter physics are effective Hamiltonians, obtained by integrating out the high energy excitations

$$H = \sum_{i} \left( \frac{\mathbf{p}_{i}^{2}}{2m} + V_{\mathrm{T}}(\mathbf{r}_{i}) \right) + V_{\mathrm{eff}}\left( \{\mathbf{r}_{i}\} \right)$$

effective interaction

$$V_{\text{eff}}\left(\{\mathbf{r}_i\}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} V\left(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j\right) + \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} W\left(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j, \mathbf{r}_k\right) + \dots$$

usually small corrections

two particle interaction

three particle interaction

example: He

- Hamiltonians with three-body interactions
  - ground states with exotic phases & excitations (topological, spin liquids etc.)
  - difficult to find examples in nature (Fractional Quantum Hall Effect, ... AMO?)

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turn off (?) two particle interaction

three particle interaction

strong & repulsive (?)

- Cold gases of atoms and molecules
  - we know the high energy degrees of freedom & manipulate by external fields
  - Q.: switch off two-body, while generating strong repulsive three-body (?)

... with polar molecules dressed by external fields (without introducing decoherence)

#### Hubbard models with three-body interactions

- Rem.: Typical Hubbard models with polar molecules involve strong dipoledipole (two-body) offsite interactions
- Extended Hubbard models in 1D and 2D

+ small next-nearest neighbor interactions

$$H = -J\sum_{\langle ij\rangle} b_i^{\dagger} b_j + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i\neq j} U_{ij} n_i n_j + \frac{1}{6!}\sum_{i\neq j\neq k} W_{ijk} n_i n_j n_k.$$

hopping energy

two-body interaction

three-body interaction



- strong three-body interaction

 $W/J \sim 0...30$  $J \sim 0.1E_r$ 

- tunable two-body interaction

 $U/J\sim-300\ldots300$ 

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three-body interaction

- Rem.: effective higher-order interactions are also obtained from a Hubbard models in J/U-perturbation theory ...
  - example: tJ-model
  - however, these effective interactions are necessarily small

#### How to calculate effective n-body interactions ... basic idea

• Step 1: "dressed" single polar molecule

We dress molecules prepared in the ground state by adiabatically switching on AC / DC electric fields.

• Step 2: interaction between molecules

For fixed positions of the molecules we adiabatically switch on dipoledipole interactions.



We identify the interaction energy

$$V_{\text{eff}}\left(\{\mathbf{r}_i\}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} V\left(\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j\right) + \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} W\left(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j, \mathbf{r}_k\right) + \dots$$

two particle interaction

three particle interaction

... with the interaction potential in the spirit of a Born-Oppenheimer approximation.

Our goal is now (i) to choose a molecular setup and (ii) calculate the BO potential.

We choose the following setup ...

### Step 1: Single molecule as an effective spin-1/2

• Single molecule as a "spin-1/2 in an effective magnetic field"



#### Details ...

rotational spectrum in AC & DC field
 DC field





### **Step 2: Interactions**



#### Interaction energy (= Born Oppenheimer potential)

#### Interaction energy

(i) diagonalizing the internal Hamiltonian for fixed interparticle distance  $\{\mathbf{r}_i\}$ .

$$\sum_{i} H_0^{(i)} + H_{\rm int}^{\rm stat} + H_{\rm int}^{\rm ex}$$

- (ii) The eigenenergies  $E({\mathbf{r}_i})$ describe the Born-Oppenheimer potential a given state manifold.
- (iii) Perturbation theory to calculate the interaction energy

$$\Pi_i |+\rangle_i \to |G\rangle$$

$$E^{(1)}(\{\mathbf{r}_i\}) = \dots \quad \text{valid for:}$$

$$E^{(2)}(\{\mathbf{r}_i\}) = \dots \quad |\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j| > R_0$$



#### Extended Hubbard model

• Hamiltonian:

$$H = -J\sum_{\langle ij\rangle} b_i^{\dagger} b_j + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i\neq j} U_{ij} n_i n_j + \frac{1}{6!}\sum_{i\neq j\neq k} W_{ijk} n_i n_j n_k.$$

• two-body interaction

$$U_{ij} = U_0 \frac{a^3}{|\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_j|^3} + U_1 \frac{a^6}{|\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_j|^6}$$
$$U_0 = \lambda_1 D/a^3 \qquad \text{repulsive}$$
tunable

three-body interaction

$$W_{ijk} = W_0 \left[ \frac{a^6}{|\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_j|^3 |\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{R}_k|^3} + \text{perm} \right].$$

#### repulsive

• hard core onsite condition ...  $a_0 \ll R_0 \ll \lambda/2$ 



#### 1D hard core Boson with three-body

$$H = -J\sum_{i} \left[ b_{i}^{\dagger}b_{i+1} + b_{i+1}^{\dagger}b_{i} \right] + W\sum_{i} n_{i-1}n_{i}n_{i+1}$$

J/W

#### Bosonization

- hard-core bosons
- instabilities for densities:

n = 2/3 n = 1/2 n = 1/3

 quantum Monte Carlo simulations (in progress)



#### Critical phase

- algebraic correlations
- compressible
- repulsive fermions

#### Solid phases

- excitation gap
- incompressible
- density-density correlations

 $\langle \Delta n_i \Delta n_j \rangle$ 

- hopping correlations (1D VBS)

 $\langle b_i^{\dagger} b_{i+1} b_j^{\dagger} b_{j+1} \rangle$