Tutorial: AMO Hubbard "toolbox"

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- Optical lattices
 - basic ideas, properties & special topics
- Hubbard models
 - naive derivation & microscopic picture, spin models, validity
- Lattice loading & Measurements
- Time-dependent aspects
- Impurities
- Phonons
 - cavities, (laser assisted) sympathetic cooling



- Hubbard Models with quantum degenerate atomic bose and fermi gases
 - which Hubbard models / interactions?
 - validity?
- AMO spectroscopic tools



- Condensed Matter / Hubbard models
 - solution
 - properties of phases, excitations etc.





Why?

- AMO experiment as simulator for (exotic) quantum phases
 - where no theoretical tools are available (e.g. sign problem)
 - where exact solutions are available (1D)
 - [application: quantum computing?]
- time dependence
- ... ?

Which models are important?

Expectations?

New tools?

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 Zoller 2004 standing wave laser configuration

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



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

lattice configurations



✓ interferometric stability (!?)

 \checkmark

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

undo by inverse harmonic potential e.g. magnetic field

• superlattice

$$MMMMMM \xrightarrow{} |||| + \dots$$

- 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



optical lattice



• Hubbard model

+ -

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

• validity ...

- + -



parameters approx. SF-Mott transition: recoil energy E_R = ħ²k²/2m, V₀ ~ 9E_R
Na: E_R = 25 KHz, J ~ 1 KHz, U ~ 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

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)



e.g. Duan et al.

Spin models

optical lattice



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

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



$$e^{ie^{\overset{\mathsf{H}}{\overset{}}}\vec{A\cdot}d\vec{l}}=e^{i\phi/\phi_{\mathsf{O}}}\equiv e^{i\alpha\pi}$$

accumulate phase when walking around a plaquette

• effective magnetic fields: configuration





spatially varying phases of the Raman lasers

equivalent to a homogeneous magnetic field

• two particle hopping





energy conservation

4. Lattice Loading

- [laser cooling: recent Sr experiments cool to fermi degeneracy]
- from BEC



- thermal equilibrium? temperature? [no detailed exp results?]
- Integrate Schrödinger equation

Healing defects & Pattern loading

• Getting rid of the last defects ...?



loading spatial patterns



fidelity of loading 1:10⁴ or 10⁵

A filtering scheme

prepare a Mott insulator with n=2 atoms:



dressed energy levels



sweep detuning

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irregular \rightarrow regular filling

mixed state \rightarrow pure state:

"cooling from nanoK to picoK"

5. Measurements

- releasing the atoms from the lattice $\langle a_i^{\dagger} a_j \rangle$
- Bragg scattering structure factor
- [borrowing ideas from lattice loading]

6. Impurities



interaction via phonons



- Dynamics and spectroscopy: spin-boson model with controllable parameters
 - the spin can be decoupled from the bath by quantum interference
 - ohmic and superohmic phonon bath

Atomic Quantum Switch / Amplifier / Read Out



"Spintronics"

• impurity atom in a 1D atomic wire



• qubit B: spin or double dot



• realization: 1D optical lattice



current of A-atoms by tilting lattice or kicking atoms with laser

Mesoscopic AMO

• impurity atom in a 1D atomic wire



A atoms as atomic current: bosons (or fermions)

fixed B atom: impurity

• qubit B: spin or double dot



Mesoscopic CMP

• quantum dot



• single electron transistor: qubit read out



Mesoscopic AMO

macroscopic superpositions:

spin-dependent "single atom mirror" $\alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$ spin "0" =



• qubit read out

Mesoscopic CMP

• quantum dot



single electron transistor: qubit read out



Micheli et al.

Atomic Switch (and Bloch band filter) by Quantum Interference

tunneling through the quantum dot?





Exact solution of the scattering problem



- Fano minimum and maximum depends on laser parameters:
 - for g >>J we have only an interference minimum
 - for g <J we have an *energy filter* in the Bloch band

 numerical solution of the Schrödinger equation: wave packet dynamics: limit of strong PA laser



Many A atoms $\Omega = 2g$

• Hubbard model with impurity on site "0"

$$H = -\sum_{i} J(a_{i}^{\dagger}a_{i+1} + a_{i+1}^{\dagger}a_{i}) + \frac{1}{2}U\sum_{i} a_{i}^{\dagger 2}a_{i}^{2}$$
$$+ U_{bg}a_{0}^{\dagger}a_{0}b^{\dagger}b - \Delta m^{\dagger}m + \frac{1}{2}\Omega(m^{\dagger}a_{0}b_{0} + a^{\dagger}b^{\dagger}m)$$
$$\bullet \text{ assume validty for many A atoms}$$
$$\bullet \text{ add loss term}$$

• interference works also for many A atoms (if we believe the model):



Micheli, Daley, Jaksch

Time dependent many body dynamics: results

- [Exact] Solution of time dependent many body Schrödinger equation
 - DMRG-type method G. Vidal, PRL 91, 147902 (2003)
 - hard core bose gas



N ~ 30 atoms on 61 lattice sites



7. Phonons

 cavity mode dynamics as phonons



- ✓ standing wave responds to the atomic motion
- ✓ single mode (!)

Jaksch, Griessner, Daley, PZ

- laser assisted phonon cooling
 - in analogy to laser cooling with photon \rightarrow phonon





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