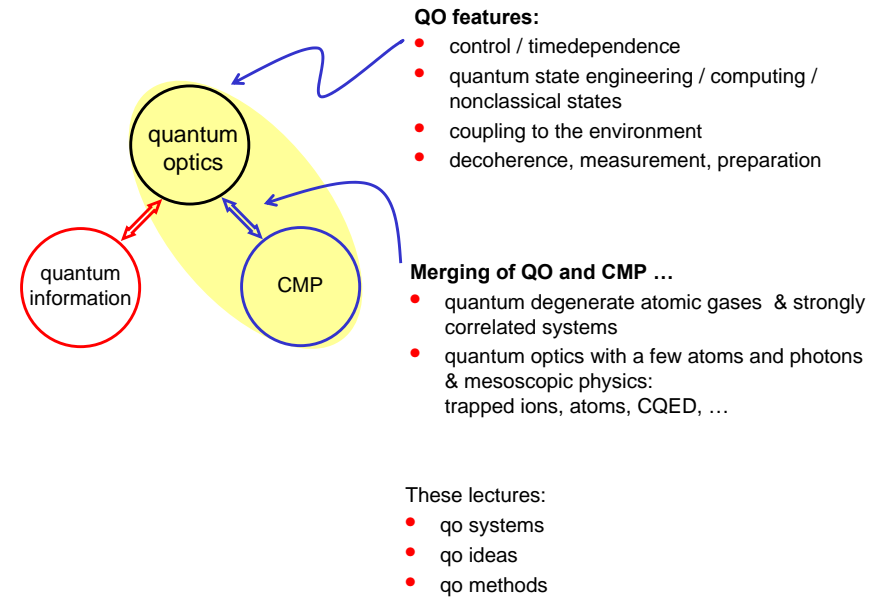


## Introduction to [Theoretical] Quantum Optics

P. Zoller

Institute for Theoretical Physics, Univ of Innsbruck, and  
Institute for Quantum Optics and Quantum Information of the  
Austrian Academy of Sciences

P. Zoller Boulder 2004



P. Zoller Boulder 2004

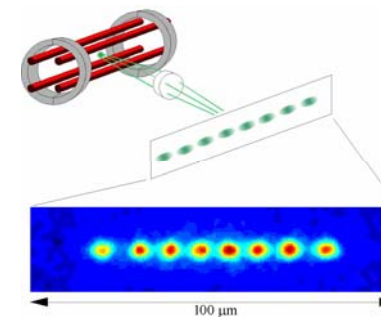
## Outline

- What is quantum optics?
  - a qualitative tour of quantum optical systems & problems
  - a conceptual overview
- Elementary (atomic) quantum optics Hamiltonian
  - trapped atoms, ions etc.
- Quantum state engineering
  - illustrating quantum state engineering with trapped ions: fast gates etc.
- Quantum Noise
  - ...

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## What is quantum optics? ... a zoo of quantum optical systems

- trapped and laser cooled ions

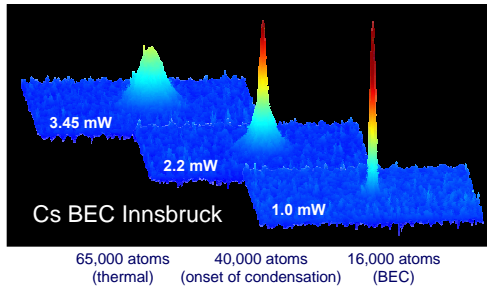
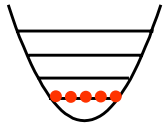


Few particle system with complete quantum control.

- quantum state engineering: quantum computing
- state preparation & measurement

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

- neutral atoms: BEC



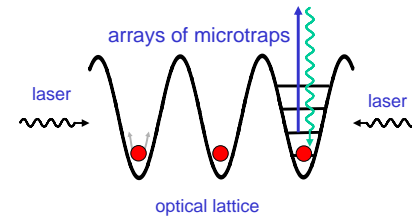
quantum optical problems:

- condensate growth ... in analogy to switching on a laser
- coherence properties

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

### ... strongly interacting systems with dilute atomic gases

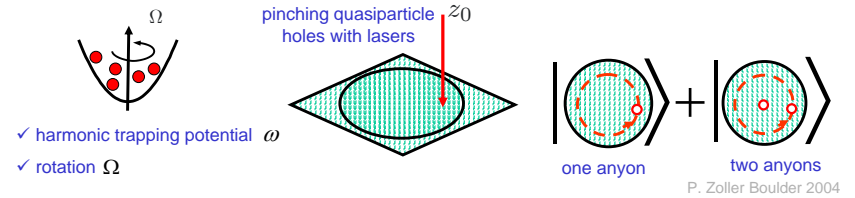
- Hubbard models with controllable parameters in optical lattices



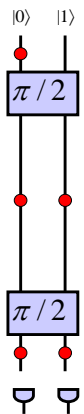
qo features:

- engineering optical potential
- time dependent problem (non-equilibrium)

- Laughlin states & manipulating anyons (in small systems)



### ... measurements beyond standard quantum limit



- N independent atoms

$$\Delta\omega_{\text{SQL}} = \frac{1}{T\sqrt{n_{\text{rep}}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$

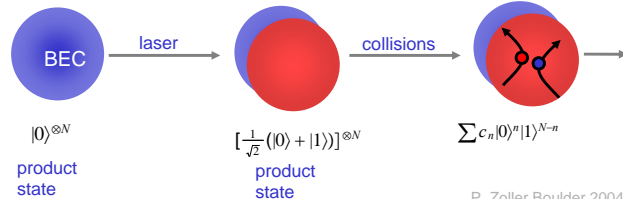
standard quantum noise limit

- N entangled atoms

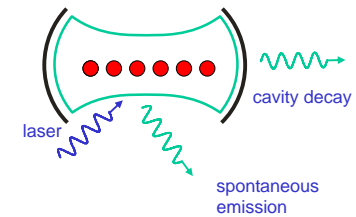
$$\Delta\omega_{\text{ent}} = \frac{1}{T\sqrt{n_{\text{rep}}}} \frac{1}{f(N)} \geq \frac{1}{T\sqrt{n_{\text{rep}}}} \frac{1}{N}$$

Heisenberg limit: maximally entangled state  $|0000\rangle + |1111\rangle$

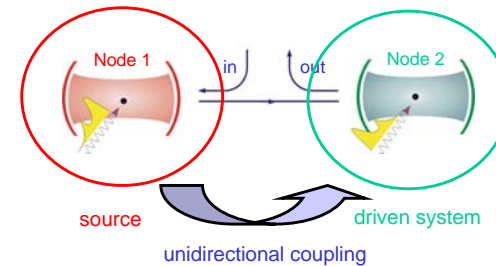
- Entanglement via collisions



- Cavity QED



- cascaded quantum system: transmission in a quantum network

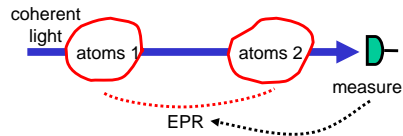


- quantum feedback

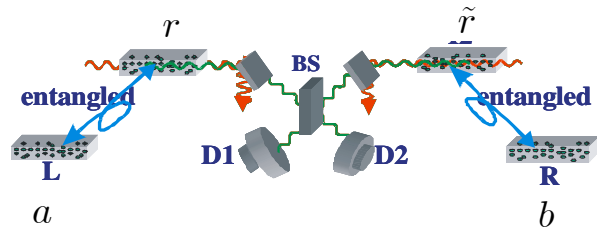
P. Zoller Boulder 2004

- atomic ensembles [see M. Lukin's lectures]

atomic / spin squeezing

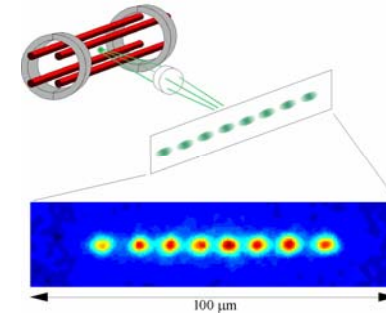


quantum repeater: establishing long distance EPR pairs



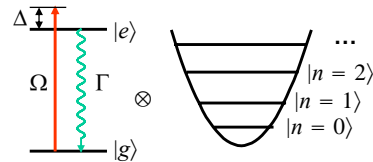
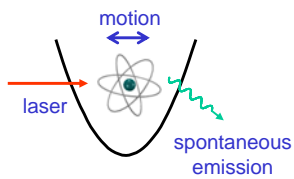
P. Zoller Boulder 2004

### Example: trapped ions

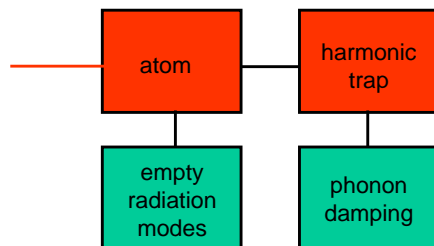


P. Zoller Boulder 2004

### Single trapped ion



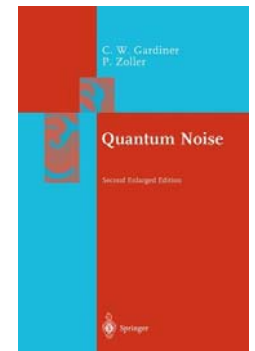
$$H_{\text{sys}} = -\frac{1}{2}\Delta\sigma_z + \left( \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}mv^2\hat{x}^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2}\Omega(e^{ik\hat{x}}\sigma_+ + e^{-ik\hat{x}}\sigma_-)$$



P. Zoller Boulder 2004

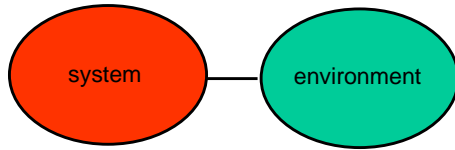
### Quantum Optical Systems ... a formal point of view

- composite systems
  - quantum state engineering
- open quantum systems
  - decoherence
  - measurement



P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## System + Environment

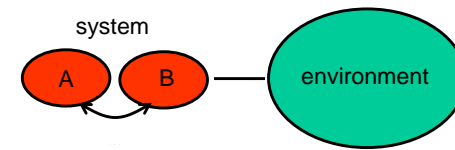


$$H_{\text{tot}} = H_{\text{sys}} + H_B + H_{\text{int}}$$

- microscopic understanding of Hamiltonians
- controllable parameters

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Composite systems



coherent coupling

### quantum engineering:

- engineer interesting quantum states of atoms, photons etc.
- requirement: strong coupling limit  $\text{coherent coupling} \gg \text{dissipation}$
- examples / applications
  - quantum information = entangled state engineering
  - precision measurement

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Entangled States & Engineering Entangled States

- entanglement



states:  $|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$

$|1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle$

... product states

but also ...

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle + |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle)$  ... entangled

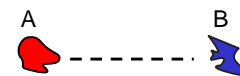
- fundamental aspects of quantum mechanics
  - incompatibility of QM with LHV
  - decoherence
  - measurement theory (?)
- applications
  - quantum communications & computing
  - precision measurement

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Entangled States & Engineering Entangled States

We need ...

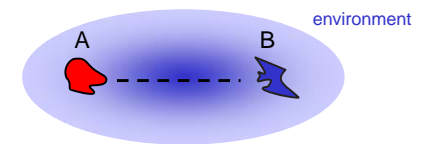
- "quantum engineering"



$$|a\rangle_A |b\rangle_B \rightarrow \sum c_{ab} |a\rangle_A |b\rangle_B$$

Hamiltonian evolution

- isolation



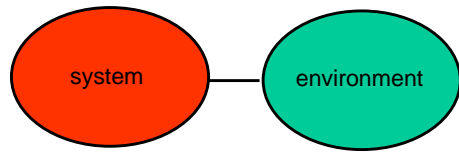
$$|\phi\rangle_A |\phi\rangle_B |E\rangle \rightarrow |\Psi\rangle_{ABE}$$

$$\rho_{AB} = \text{tr}_E |\Psi\rangle_{ABE} \langle \Psi|$$

$$\neq |\Psi\rangle_{AB} \langle \Psi|$$

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Quantum optical systems as *Open* Quantum Systems



### role of coupling to environment:

- noise / dissipation (decoherence)
- quantum optics ... state preparation (e.g. laser cooling)

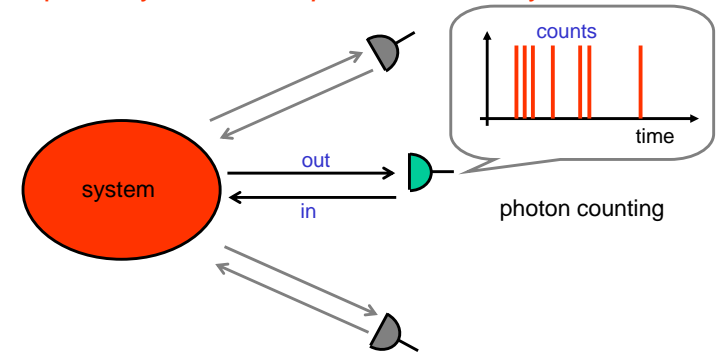
this is valid  
in quantum optics

### Quantum Markov processes:

- quantum stochastic Heisenberg and Schrödinger equations
- master equations etc.

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Quantum optical systems as *Open* Quantum Systems



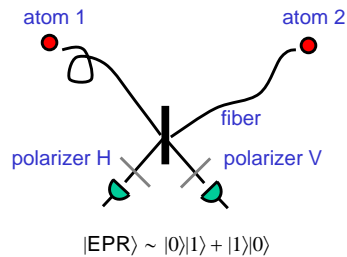
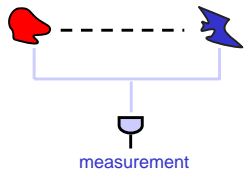
### role of coupling to environment:

- continuous observation:  
clicks ↔ quantum jumps  
& preparation

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Preparation of Entangled States via Measurement

- “quantum gambling”



P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Quantum optical (atomic) Hamiltonians & Quantum State Engineering

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

# Elementary atomic QO Hamiltonians (without dissipation)

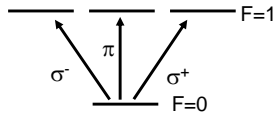
- atom interacting with laser light



$$H = H_{0A} - \vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{E}_{cl}(\vec{x} = 0, t)$$

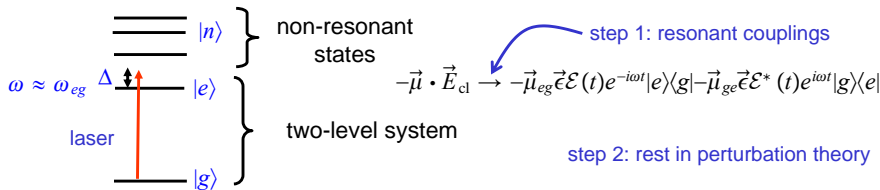
dipole interaction

- laser: electric field



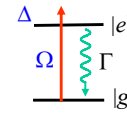
$$\vec{E}_{cl}(\vec{x} = 0, t) = \mathcal{E}(t)\vec{e}e^{-i\omega t} + c.c.$$

- two-level system + rotating wave approximation



P. Zoller Boulder 2004

- Two-level atom as effective Hamiltonian



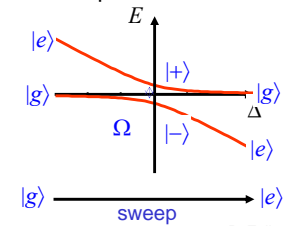
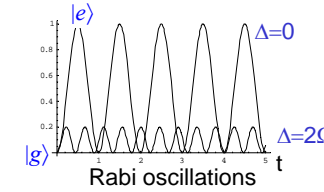
$$H = \hbar\omega_{eg}|e\rangle\langle e| - \vec{\mu}_{eg}\vec{e}\mathcal{E}(t)e^{-i\omega t}|e\rangle\langle g| - \vec{\mu}_{ge}\vec{e}\mathcal{E}^*(t)e^{i\omega t}|g\rangle\langle e|$$

$$H_{TLS+RWA} = -\frac{1}{2}\hbar\Delta\sigma_z + \frac{1}{2}\hbar\Omega e^{i\varphi}\sigma_- + \frac{1}{2}\hbar\Omega e^{-i\varphi}\sigma_+$$

Remarks:

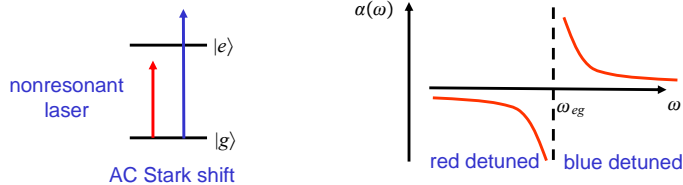
- optical frequencies transformed away
- validity  $|\vec{\mu}_{ng,e}\vec{e}\mathcal{E}(t)| \ll |\text{detunings off-resonant states}|$

- Dynamics: Rabi oscillations vs. adiabatic sweep



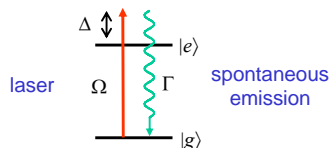
P. Zoller Boulder 2004

- perturbation theory for the non-resonant states: example: AC Starkshift



$$H = [\hbar\omega_g + \hbar\delta\omega_g(t)]|g\rangle\langle g| + \dots \quad \hbar\delta\omega_g(t) = \sum_n \frac{|\vec{\mu}_{ng}\vec{e}\mathcal{E}|^2}{\hbar(\omega_{gn} + \omega)} + \frac{|\vec{\mu}_{ng}\vec{e}\mathcal{E}|^2}{\hbar(\omega_{gn} - \omega)} \equiv \alpha(\omega)|\mathcal{E}|^2$$

- decoherence: spontaneous emission



$$\Delta E_g = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\Omega^2}{\Delta - \frac{1}{2}\Gamma} = \delta E_g - i\frac{1}{2}\gamma_g$$

$$\frac{\text{good}}{\text{bad}} = \frac{\delta E_g}{\gamma_g} \sim \frac{|\Delta|}{\Gamma} \gg 1$$

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

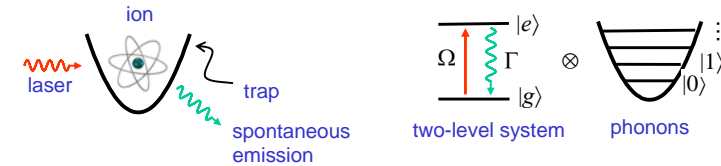
In a blue detuned lattice this can be strongly suppressed P. Zoller Boulder 2004

- including the center-of-mass motion

$$H = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2M} + V_T(\vec{x}) + H_{0A} - \vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{E}(\vec{x}, t)$$

coupling internal – external dynamics

- example 1: trapped ion



$$H = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2M} + \frac{1}{2}Mv^2\hat{x}^2 + \hbar\omega_{eg}|e\rangle\langle e| - \hbar(\frac{1}{2}\Omega e^{i\vec{k}\vec{x} - i\omega t}|e\rangle\langle g| + h.c.)$$

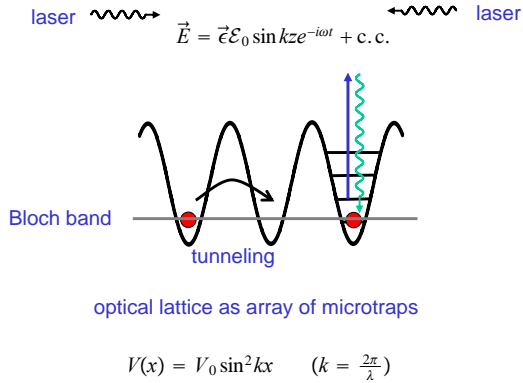
trap

atom – laser coupling

atom – laser coupling

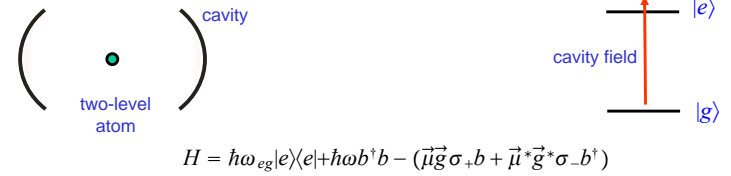
P. Zoller Boulder 2004

- example 2: atom in optical trap / lattice

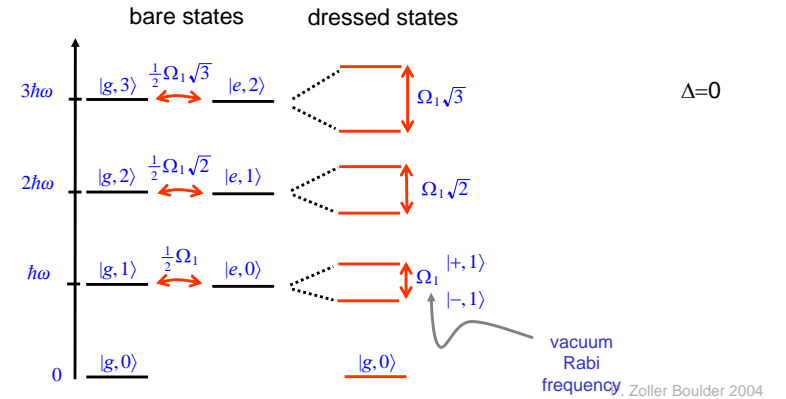


P. Zoller Boulder 2004

- Cavity QED: Jaynes-Cummings model [see S. Haroche's lecture]



- dressed states



### Intermezzo: Analogies with Condensed Matter Hamiltonians

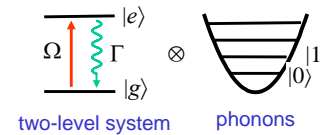
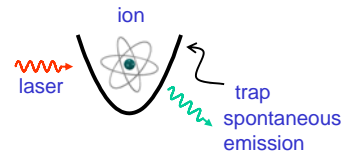
- [Cavity QED: optical / microwave CQED / ion trap vs. JJ + transmission line] see Girvin, Schoelkopf et al.

➔ Trapped Ion vs. Nanomechanical Systems + Quantum Dot

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

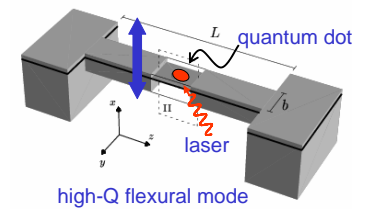
### Trapped ion

- trapped ion driven by laser



### Nano-mechanical system

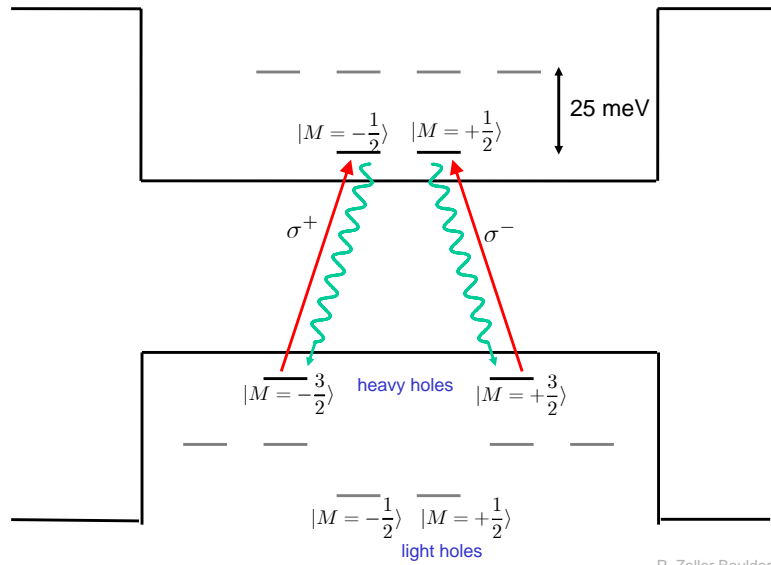
- quantum dot in a phonon cavity



I. Wilson-Rae, PZ, A. Imamoglu, PRL 2004

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

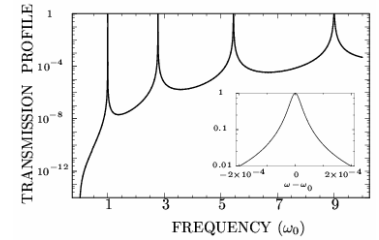
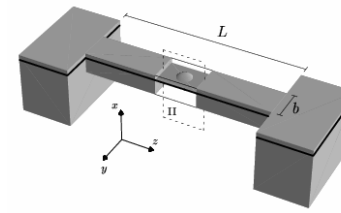
## Spectroscopy of Quantum Dots



P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Quantum dot in a phonon cavity

- system



$Q = 25,000$  has been measured for modes with  $\omega = 2\pi \times 200$  MHz.

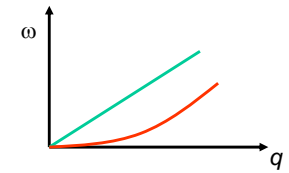
- Thin rod elasticity:  $\lambda_p \sim L \gg b, d$

four branches with no infrared cutoff:

- flexural & in-plane bending  $\omega \sim q^2$

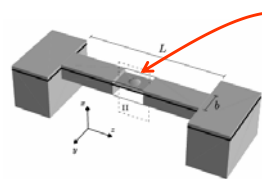
$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} + \frac{EI_2}{\rho} \frac{\partial^4 u}{\partial y^4} = 0$$

- torsional & compression modes  $\omega \sim q$



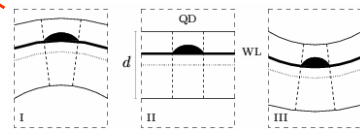
P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Hamiltonian

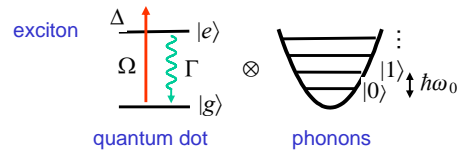


deformation coupling

$$H_{DP} = \int d\vec{r}^3 [D_c \hat{\rho}_{el}(\vec{r}) - D_v \hat{\rho}_h(\vec{r})] \nabla \cdot \hat{u}(\vec{r})$$



- Hamiltonian: single mode coupled to a QD via deformation coupling



$$H = \hbar\omega_0 b_0^\dagger b_0 + \hbar[-\Delta + \omega_0 \eta (b_0 + b_0^\dagger)] |e\rangle \langle e| + \hbar \frac{1}{2} \Omega (|e\rangle \langle g| + \text{h.c.})$$

mode

laser driven quantum dot

deformation potential coupling: spin-phonon model

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

- unitary transformation to polaron representation:  $B = e^{\eta(b_0 - b_0^\dagger)}$

$$\text{NMS + QD} \quad H = \hbar\omega_0 b_0^\dagger b_0 - \hbar\Delta |e\rangle \langle e| + \hbar \frac{1}{2} \Omega (e^{\eta(b_0 - b_0^\dagger)} |e\rangle \langle g| + \text{h.c.})$$

looks like ion trap Hamiltonian with effective Lamb-Dicke parameter (replacing the recoil):  $\eta \sim 0.1$

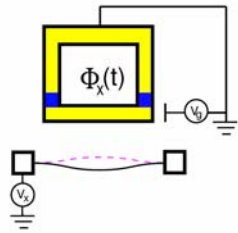
$$\text{ion trap} \quad H = \frac{p^2}{2M} + \frac{1}{2} M v^2 X^2 - \Delta |e\rangle \langle e| - \frac{1}{2} \Omega (e^{ik_L X} |e\rangle \langle g| + \text{h.c.})$$

$$\equiv e^{i\eta(a+a^\dagger)}$$

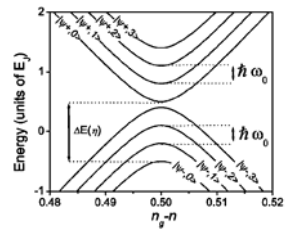
P. Zoller Boulder 2004



- another example: Cooper pair box



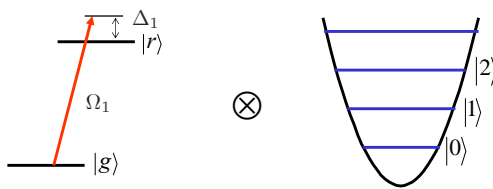
cooling: I.Martin, S.Shrirman; L. Tian, ...



"cavity QED": K. Schwab et al.

## Quantum State Engineering: Trapped Ions

## Hamiltonians for quantum state engineering: g - r



- bare atom and trap

$$H_{0A} = -\Delta_1 |r\rangle\langle r|$$

$$H_{0T} = \frac{P^2}{2M} + \frac{1}{2} M \nu^2 X^2 \\ \equiv \nu (a^\dagger a + 1/2)$$

- interaction atom - laser

$$H_{A_1L}^\pm = \frac{1}{2} \Omega_1 \{ |r\rangle\langle g| e^{\pm i \eta_1 (a + a^\dagger)} + \text{h.c.} \}$$

couple motion - internal

$$H = H_{0T} + H_{0A_1} + H_{A_1L}$$

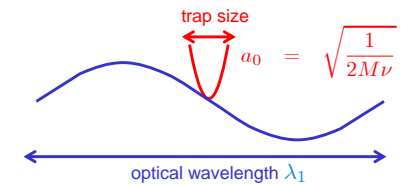
- Lamb-Dicke limit

$$\eta_1 = 2\pi a_0 / \lambda_1 \ll 1$$

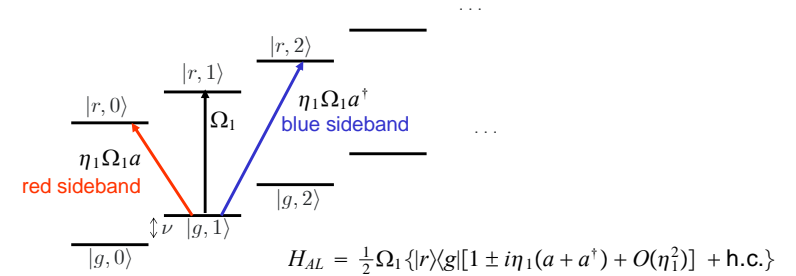
Lamb-Dicke parameter

$$e^{ikX} = 1 + ikX + \dots$$

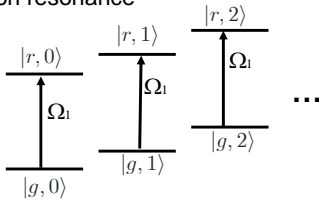
Lamb-Dicke expansion



- Lamb-Dicke expansion of the Hamiltonian



- on resonance

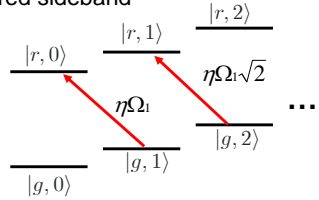


$$H_1 = \nu a^\dagger a - \frac{1}{2} \Delta \sigma_z + \frac{\Omega}{2} (\sigma_+ + \text{h.c.})$$

$$\sigma_+ = (\sigma_-)^\dagger = |r\rangle\langle g|$$

$$\sigma_z = |r\rangle\langle r| - |g\rangle\langle g|$$

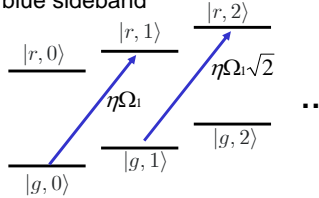
- red sideband



$$H_{JC} = \nu a^\dagger a - \frac{1}{2} \Delta \sigma_z + \frac{\Omega}{2} (i\eta_1 \sigma_+ a + \text{h.c.})$$

Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian

- blue sideband



$$H_{AJC} = \nu a^\dagger a - \frac{1}{2} \Delta \sigma_z + \frac{\Omega}{2} (i\eta_1 \sigma_+ a^\dagger + \text{h.c.})$$

anti-Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian

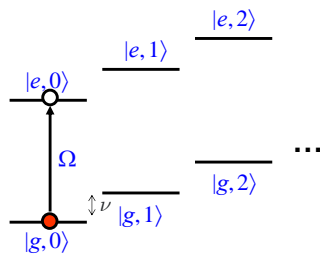
P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Exercises in quantum state engineering

- engineering harmonic oscillator states:
  - phonons: single trapped ion
  - [phonons: cantilever]
  - [photons: CQED]
- engineering entanglement
  - a fast two-qubit gate with ions

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

- atomic superposition state



## 1. Quantum State Engineering with Single Trapped Ions

- design a sequence of unitary transformations (or Hamiltonians) so that

$$|i\rangle \rightarrow |f\rangle = U|i\rangle \equiv \dots U_2 U_1 |i\rangle$$

$$|\psi\rangle_{\text{ph}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n |n\rangle$$

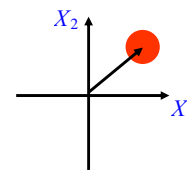
example: phonons

- examples of interesting harmonic oscillator states

$$a = \frac{1}{2}(X_1 + iX_2)$$

$$[X_1, X_2] = 2i \text{ from which follows: } \Delta X_1 \Delta X_2 \geq 1$$

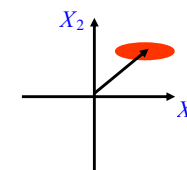
quadrature components



coherent state  $|\alpha\rangle$

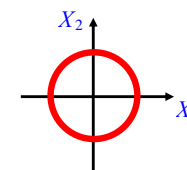
$$\Delta X_1 = \Delta X_2 = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \langle X_1 + iX_2 \rangle = \alpha$$

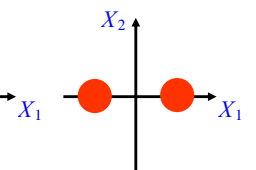


squeezed states  $|\epsilon, r\rangle$

$$\Delta X_1 < 1 < \Delta X_2$$



Fock state  $|n\rangle$



Schrödinger cat  $|\alpha\rangle + |-\alpha\rangle$

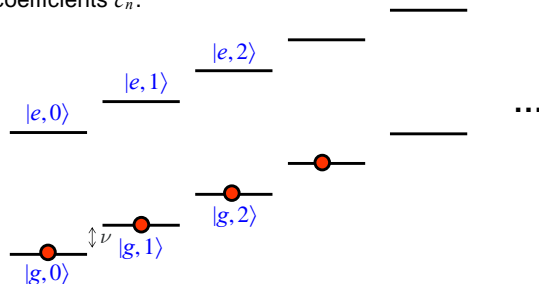
P. Zoller Boulder 2004

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

- **Goal:** engineer an arbitrary superposition state of phonon states

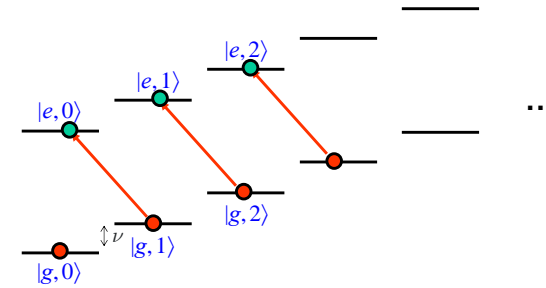
$$|g\rangle \otimes |0\rangle \rightarrow |\Psi\rangle = |g\rangle \otimes \sum_{n=0}^N c_n |n\rangle$$

for given coefficients  $c_n$ .



- **Idea:** let us first consider the inverse of the problem - given the above superposition state we can want to find unitary transformations to obtain  $|g\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$ .

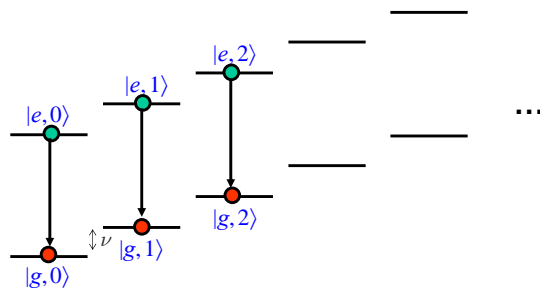
Law & Eberly, Gardiner et al., Wineland et al.  
P. Zoller Boulder 2004



**Procedure:** Applying a laser on the red sideband we couple the states  $|g\rangle|n\rangle \leftrightarrow |e\rangle|n-1\rangle$ .

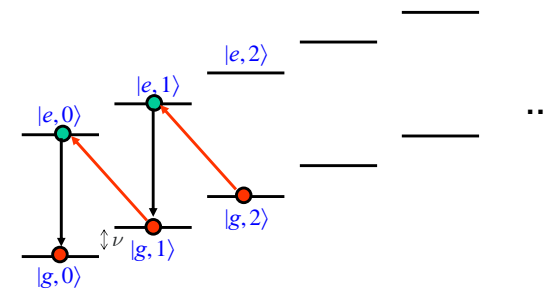
As a first step we apply a  $\pi$ -pulse so that we make the amplitude of  $|g\rangle|N\rangle$  equal to zero by transferring the amplitude  $c_N$  to  $|e\rangle|N-1\rangle$ . But we now have a superposition of ground and excited state.

P. Zoller Boulder 2004



In the second step we apply a resonant laser so that we transform the known! superposition of  $|g\rangle|N-1\rangle, |e\rangle|N-1\rangle$  to  $|g\rangle|N-1\rangle$  with no amplitude left in  $|e\rangle|N-1\rangle$ . Now we repeat the argument until we have transformed the state to  $|g\rangle|0\rangle$ .

P. Zoller Boulder 2004



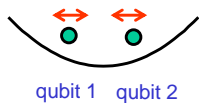
In the second step we apply a resonant laser so that we transform the known! superposition of  $|g\rangle|N-1\rangle, |e\rangle|N-1\rangle$  to  $|g\rangle|N-1\rangle$  with no amplitude left in  $|e\rangle|N-1\rangle$ . Now we repeat the argument until we have transformed the state to  $|g\rangle|0\rangle$ .

The inverse transformation produces the desired state starting from the ground state.

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## 2. Entanglement engineering ... a fast 2-qubit gate

- illustrate the quantum optical ideas behind a fast 2-qubit gate between two ions
- the "fastest" 2-qubit gate with ions
- phase gate



$$\begin{array}{l}
 |0\rangle|0\rangle \\
 |0\rangle|1\rangle \\
 |1\rangle|0\rangle \\
 |1\rangle|1\rangle
 \end{array}
 \xrightarrow{U}
 \begin{array}{l}
 |0\rangle|0\rangle \\
 |0\rangle|1\rangle \\
 |1\rangle|0\rangle \\
 -|1\rangle|1\rangle
 \end{array}$$

- "engineering task"

$|\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \otimes \rho_{\text{motion}} \rightarrow$  entangle qubits via motion  $\rightarrow |\psi\rangle\langle\psi| \otimes \rho_{\text{motion}}$

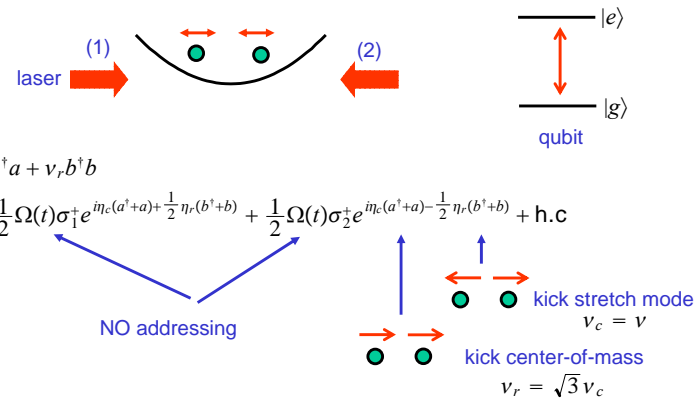
qubits motional state:  
e.g. thermal

motional state factors out

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Model: 2 ions

- 2 ions in a 1D trap kicked by laser beams



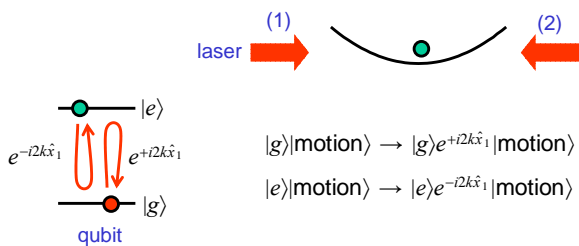
Remarks:

- Rabi frequency  $\Omega$  is the same for both ions
- $\eta \rightarrow -\eta$  is reversing the direction of the laser beams

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

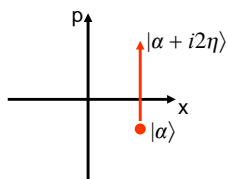
## Dynamics

- kicking the ions (illustrated with a single ion)



kicking the ion depending on the internal state

phase space



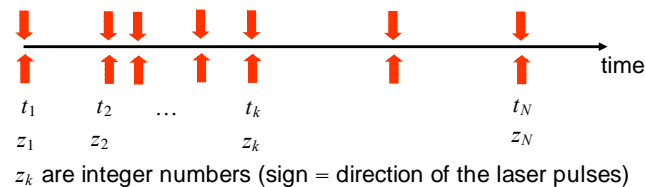
$$\begin{array}{l}
 |g\rangle|\alpha\rangle \rightarrow |g\rangle|\alpha + i2\eta\rangle \\
 |e\rangle|\alpha\rangle \rightarrow |e\rangle|\alpha - i2\eta\rangle
 \end{array}$$

↑ coherent state

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Dynamics

- series of kicks by laser pulses and interspersed free evolution:



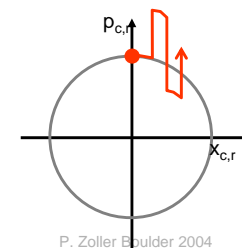
$z_k$  are integer numbers (sign = direction of the laser pulses)

- action of time evolution operator on qubit & motion:

evolution operator  $U = U_c U_r$  with  $U_{c,r} = \prod_{k=1}^N U_{c,r}(\Delta t_k, z_k)$

com  $U_c(\Delta t_k, z_k) = e^{-i2z_k \eta_c (a+a^\dagger)(\sigma_1^z + \sigma_2^z)} e^{-iv_c \Delta t_k a^\dagger a}$   
stretchmode  $U_r(\Delta t_k, z_k) = e^{-iz_k \eta_r (b+b^\dagger)(\sigma_1^z - \sigma_2^z)} e^{-iv_r \Delta t_k b^\dagger b}$

phase space



P. Zoller Boulder 2004

- Characterization of the action of  $\mathcal{U}$  by

$$\mathcal{U}|i\rangle_1|j\rangle_2|\alpha\rangle_c|\beta\rangle_r = ?$$

↑ qubits      ↑ coherent state: motion

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Details ...

- For a single kick the action on a coherent state is

$$e^{-ip_1(a+a^\dagger)}e^{-ivt_1 a^\dagger a}|\alpha\rangle = |\alpha e^{-ivt_1} - ip_1\rangle \text{ etc.}$$

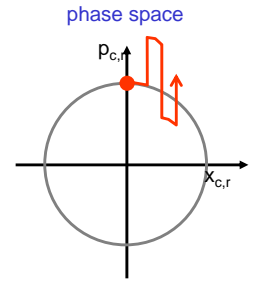
- and for many kicks ...

$$\mathcal{U}|\alpha\rangle = e^{i\xi}|\tilde{\alpha}\rangle$$

where

$$\tilde{\alpha} = \left(\alpha - i \sum_{k=1}^N p_k e^{ivt_k}\right) e^{-ivt_N}$$

$$\xi = -\sum_{m=2}^N \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} p_m p_k \sin(v(t_k - t_m)) - \text{Re} \left[ \alpha \sum_{k=0}^N p_k e^{-ivt_k} \right]$$



- ✓ the initial coherent state evolves to a shifted coherent state
- ✓ state vector picks up a qubit dependent phase

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

- Commensurability Condition:

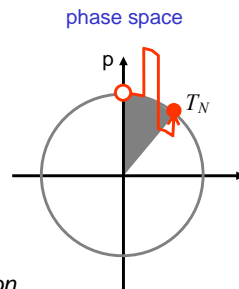
if

$$\sum_{k=1}^N p_k e^{ivt_k} = 0$$

then

$$\mathcal{U}|\alpha\rangle = e^{i\xi}|\alpha e^{-ivt_N}\rangle$$

- the motional state is the one of a *free evolution*.
- a global phase  $\xi$  appears which *does not depend on the motional state*



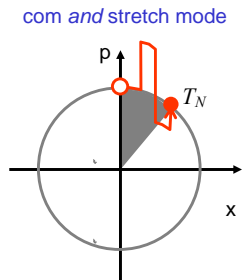
P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Evolution Operator: Summary

- If (commensurability condition)

$$\text{center of mass} \quad C_c \equiv \sum_{k=1}^N z_k e^{-ivt_k} = 0,$$

$$\text{stretch mode} \quad C_r \equiv \sum_{k=1}^N z_k e^{-i\sqrt{3}vt_k} = 0.$$



the motional state of the ion will not depend on the qubits and the evolution operator will be given by

$$\mathcal{U}(\Theta)|\alpha\rangle_c|\beta\rangle_r = |\alpha e^{-iv_c T}\rangle_c |\beta e^{-iv_r T}\rangle_r e^{i\Theta\sigma_1^z\sigma_2^z}$$

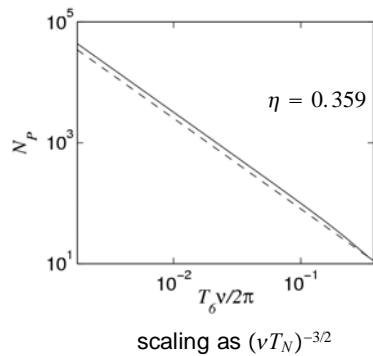
↑ center-of mass and relative motion factors out      ↑ qubit phase (independent of motion)

- For  $\Theta = \pi/4$  we will have a controlled-phase gate which is *completely independent of the initial motional state*, i.e. there is no temperature requirement

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Performance

- Number of pulses for a given gate time



- insensitive to temperature

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

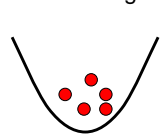
## Engineering Hubbard Models

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

Jaksch et al 1998

### 1. Bose Hubbard in optical lattice: naïve derivation

- dilute bose gas

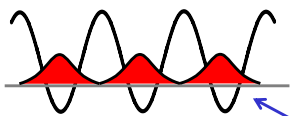


$$H = \int \psi^\dagger(\vec{x}) \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V_T(\vec{x}) \right) \psi(\vec{x}) d^3x + \frac{1}{2} g \int \psi^\dagger(\vec{x}) \psi^\dagger(\vec{x}) \psi(\vec{x}) \psi(\vec{x}) d^3x$$

$g = \frac{4\pi a_s \hbar^2}{m}$  scattering length

- validity: dilute gas,  $a_s \ll a_0 < \lambda/2$

- optical lattice



$$\psi(\vec{x}) = \sum_{\alpha} w(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_{\alpha}) b_{\alpha}$$

Wannier functions

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

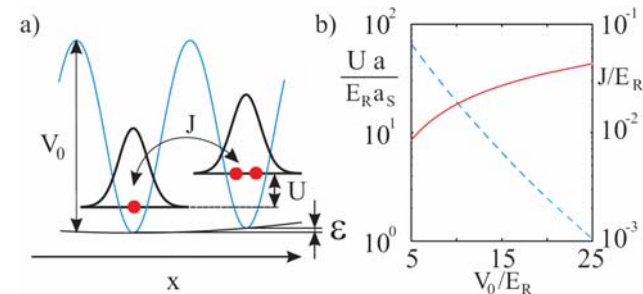
- Hubbard model

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} b_i^\dagger b_j + \frac{1}{2} U \sum_i b_i^\dagger b_i^\dagger b_i b_i + \sum_i \epsilon_i b_i^\dagger b_i$$

kinetic energy:  
hopping

interaction:  
onsite repulsion

$$U = g \int |w(\vec{x})|^4 d^3x$$

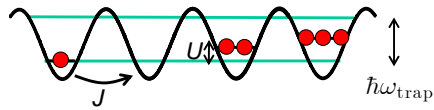


- feature: (time dep) tunability from weakly to strongly interacting gas
- validity ...

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Hubbard model: microscopic picture

- Hubbard



- ✓ solve in  $n=1,2,3,\dots$  particle sector
- ✓ connect by tunneling (e.g. in a tight binding approx)

- $n=2$  atoms on one lattice site: molecule

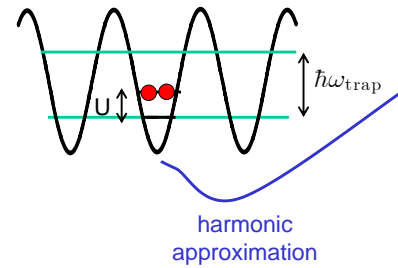


- ✓ molecular problem with added optical potential

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

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

- two atoms on one site



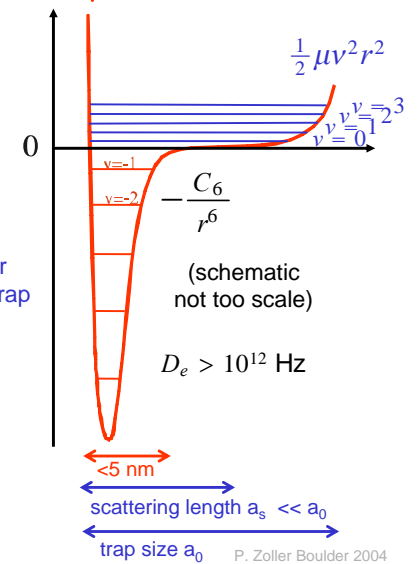
harmonic approximation

Born Oppenheimer potentials including trap

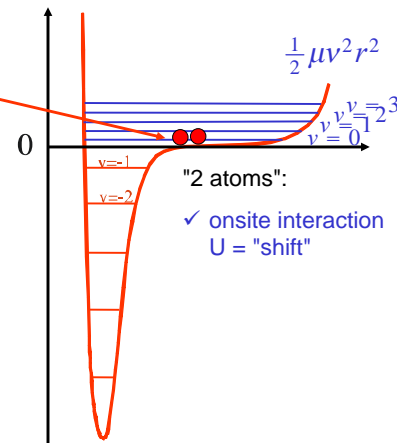
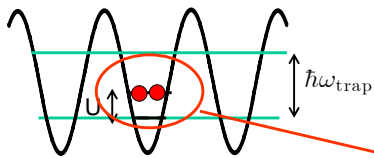
$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2(2m)} \nabla_R^2 + \frac{1}{2} (2m) v^2 R^2 \right] \psi_{cm}(R) = E_{cm} \psi_{cm}(R)$$

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \nabla_r^2 + \frac{1}{2} \mu v^2 r^2 + V(r) \right] \psi(r) = E \psi(r)$$

Julienne et al.

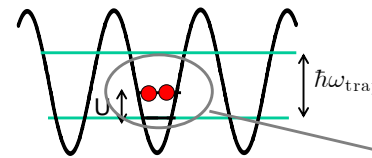


- two atoms on one site



P. Zoller Boulder 2004

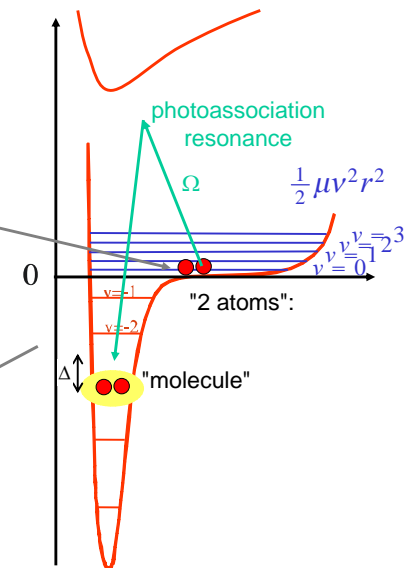
- two atoms on one site



AC Starkshift = optical Feshbach resonance

$$U_{\text{eff}} = U_{bg} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\Omega^2}{\Delta}$$

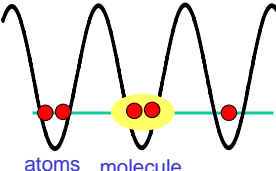
$$H = (U_{bg} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\Omega^2}{\Delta}) b^{\dagger 2} b^2$$



P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Hubbard model including molecules

- Hamiltonian



$$H = -J_b \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} b_i^\dagger b_j + \frac{1}{2} U_b \sum_i b_i^\dagger b_i^\dagger b_i b_i$$

$$- J_m \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} m_i^\dagger m_j + \frac{1}{2} U_m \sum_i m_i^\dagger m_i^\dagger m_i m_i - \sum_i \Delta m_i^\dagger m_i$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \Omega \sum_i m_i^\dagger b_i b_i + \text{h.c.}$$

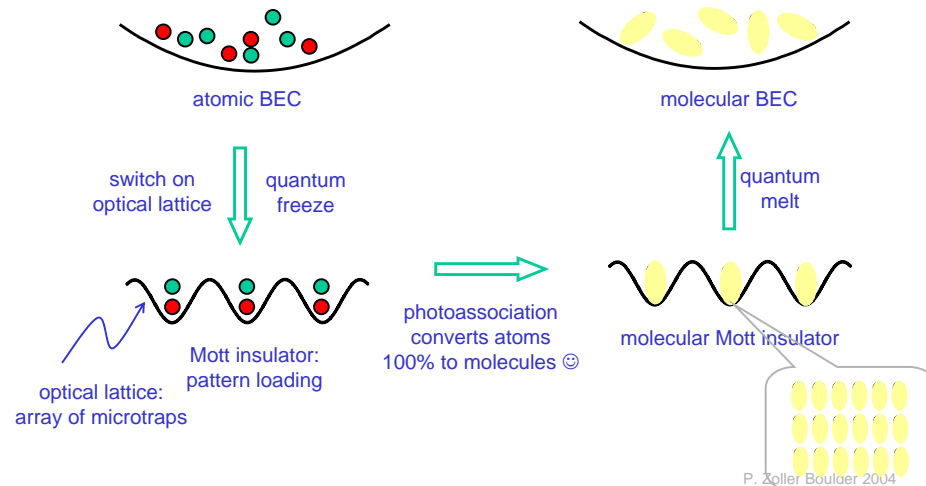
Remarks:

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

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Remark: quantum phases of "composite objects"

- molecular BEC via a quantum phase transition



P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## Spin models

- optical lattice



bosons in a Mott phase

$$\langle n_{\uparrow} \rangle + \langle n_{\downarrow} \rangle \approx 1$$

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma} b_{i\sigma}^\dagger b_{j\sigma} + \frac{1}{2} U \sum_{i,\sigma} n_{i\sigma} (n_{i\sigma} - 1) + U_{\uparrow\downarrow} \sum_i n_{\uparrow} n_{\downarrow}$$

$$H = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} [\lambda_z \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z \pm \lambda_{\perp} (\sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + \sigma_i^y \sigma_j^y)] \quad \text{XXZ-model}$$

$$\lambda \sim \frac{J^2}{U}$$

pretty small ☹

$$\sigma_i^z = n_{\uparrow} - n_{\downarrow}$$

$$\sigma_i^x = b_{\uparrow}^\dagger b_{\downarrow} + b_{\downarrow}^\dagger b_{\uparrow}$$

$$\sigma_i^y = -i(b_{\uparrow}^\dagger b_{\downarrow} - b_{\downarrow}^\dagger b_{\uparrow})$$

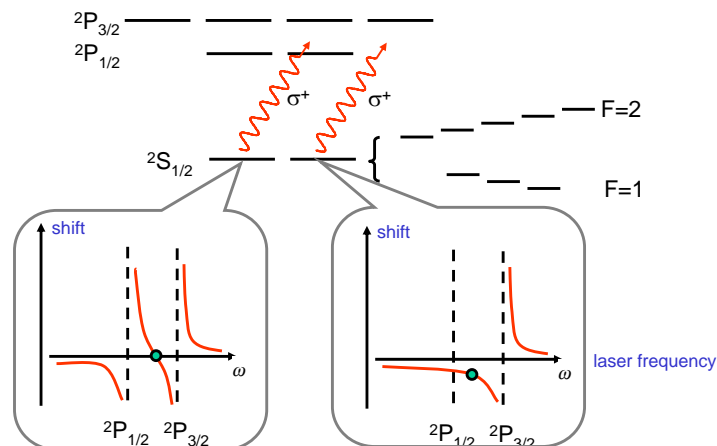
- ideas for higher order H=  $\sigma \sigma \sigma$  interactions ...

e.g. Duan et al.

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

## 2. Optical Lattices ... continued

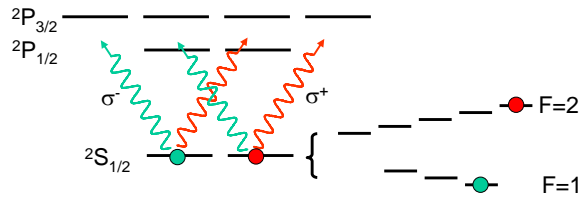
- multiple ground states & spin-dependent lattices



P. Zoller Boulder 2004



- multiple ground states & spin-dependent lattices

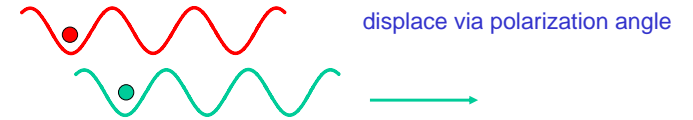
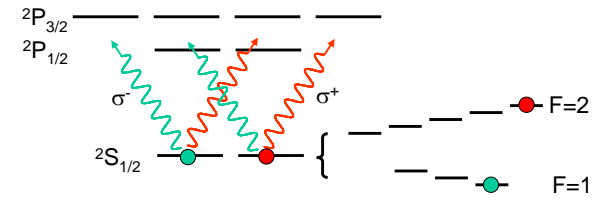


$$\vec{E} \sim \vec{\epsilon}_{\theta/2} e^{ikz - i\omega t} + \vec{\epsilon}_{-\theta/2} e^{-ikz - i\omega t}$$

$$\sim \vec{\epsilon}_{\sigma^+} \cos(kz - \theta/2) + \vec{\epsilon}_{\sigma^-} \sin(kz + \theta/2)$$

P. Zoller Boulder 2004

- multiple ground states & spin-dependent lattices



P. Zoller Boulder 2004