# Quantum circuits in cold atoms 

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## Superconducting Qubits



- Superconducting electrical components
- Excitations of superconductor forms qubit


## Strengths

- Integrated in electrical circuit
- Control with GHz frequencies
- Great integration into software packages
- Large number of algorithms


## Open questions

- Size of system
- Fidelities
- Practical use


## Trapped Ions

## Lucas group, Oxford



Monroe group, JQI Maryland

- Charged particles
- Electrostatic traps
- Laser and microwave operations


## Strengths

- Highest gate fidelities
- Fast experimental timescales


## Open questions

- Maximum size 50 qubits so far
- Challenging scalability


## Important commercial players

- IonQ (JQI)
- AQT (Innsbruck)
- Honeywell (JILA)



## Neutral atoms

Greiner group, Harvard university


- Neutral laser-cooled particles
- Optical potentials
- Single-particle readout and control


## Strengths

- Many hundreds of particles
- Enormous flexibility


## Open questions

- Poor software integration
- few algorithms
- few applications outside of physics studied

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## What is time ?

Einsteins' special relativity:

Time is what a clock measures.

Experimentalists dilemma: What is a clock?

Something that ,ticks', i.e. provides a regular series of events


## Traditional clocks



1 tick = few seconds

Problems:

- Not very stable
- Very slow ticking
- Reproducility


## What is a good clock?

## Stable


repeat with the same clock lots of measurements and get similar results

## Precise


build several clocks and obtain same results

## Characterization of clocks


let them tick for a long time
$\square$

What about precision?

We need a good standard and atoms give this

## Atomic clocks

The Atom

$\mathscr{H}=E_{0}|0\rangle\langle 0|+E_{1}|1\rangle\langle 1|$

## Atomic clocks

The Atom



The electric field

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \omega_{0}|2 p\rangle=|1\rangle \\
& |1 s\rangle=|0\rangle
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\mathscr{H}=E_{0}|0\rangle\langle 0|+E_{1}|1\rangle\langle 1|
$$

$$
\mathbf{E}=E_{0}\left(e^{i \omega_{L} t+i \varphi}+e^{-i \omega_{L} t-i \varphi}\right)
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$$
\mathcal{H}=-\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{E}
$$

$$
\mathbf{d}=d(|0\rangle\langle 1|+|1\rangle\langle 0|)
$$

## The atom as a qubit

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{H} & =E_{0}|0\rangle\langle 0|+E_{1}|1\rangle\langle 1| \\
\mathcal{H} & =\frac{\hbar \omega_{0}}{2}|1\rangle\langle 1|-\frac{\hbar \omega_{0}}{2}|0\rangle\langle 0| \\
\mathcal{H} & =\frac{\hbar \omega_{0}}{2} \sigma_{z}
\end{aligned}
$$


$\rightarrow$ write everything in terms of spins

$$
\sigma_{z}=\left(\begin{array}{cc}
1 & 0 \\
0 & -1
\end{array}\right)
$$

## Interaction Hamiltonian

$$
\mathcal{H}=-\mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{E}
$$

$$
\begin{align*}
\mathbf{E} & =E\left(\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \omega t+\mathrm{i} \varphi}+\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \omega t-\mathrm{i} \varphi}\right) \\
\mathbf{d} & =d\left(\sigma_{+}+\sigma_{-}\right)
\end{align*}
$$

Rotating frame:

$$
\mathcal{H}=\frac{d E}{2}\left(\sigma_{+} \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \varphi}+\sigma_{-} \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \varphi}\right)
$$


$\mathcal{H} \sim \hbar \Omega\left(\sigma_{+} \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \varphi}+\sigma_{-} \mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i} \varphi}\right)$

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$\mathcal{H} \sim \hbar \Omega \sigma_{x}$
$\mathcal{H} \sim \hbar \Omega \sigma_{y}$

## Clocks as extremely precise qubits

Rotation about z-axis
Detuning
$\mathscr{H}=\hbar \Delta \hat{\sigma}_{z}$

Rotation about $x$-axis
Laser intensity
$\mathscr{H}=\hbar \Omega_{x} \hat{\sigma}_{x}$

$$
Z_{\pi / 2} \quad \Delta t=\frac{\pi}{2}
$$

$$
X_{\pi / 2} \quad \Omega_{x} t=\frac{\pi}{2}
$$

$Y_{\pi / 2}$
$\Omega_{y} t=\frac{\pi}{2}$

## Example: Rabi oscillations

$$
\mathcal{H}=\hbar \Omega S_{x}
$$

time evolution: $\mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i} \Omega \sigma_{x} t}$
Rotation about x-axis angle $\Theta=\Omega t$


## Example: Offresonant Rabi oscillations



tilted rotation axis $J=\left(\begin{array}{c}\Omega \\ 0 \\ \Delta\end{array}\right)$
$\Delta \uparrow \Omega_{\text {eff }}=\sqrt{\Delta^{2}}+\Omega^{2}$
$\Omega$

Back to our atomic clocks


## Application: Time standard with Cesium fountain clock

${ }^{133}$ Cs: Hyperfine splitting 9.2 GHz
envelope $\times \cos \Delta E t / \hbar$
$\Delta \omega \times \Delta t \geq 1$

$\rightarrow$ precision: $\frac{\Delta \omega}{\omega} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \approx 10^{-13}$



## Ramsey limitations



Detection better if atoms are slower

## Measuring the red-shift on the millimeter scale



## Ramsey limitations



Detection better if atoms are slower

- We know how to perform qubit operation.
- How can we cool these atoms ?
- How can we trap them individually ?

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## The idea of laser cooling

How to stop the atoms?
several $100 \mathrm{~m} / \mathrm{s}$

Oven at
several 100K

## The idea of laser cooling

## How to stop the atoms?



Some really cold atoms

Idea of Laser cooling by Wineland, Dehmelt, Hänsch and Schawlow (1975)

Microscopic idea of radiation pressure


## The Zeeman slower



## The MOT

static magnetic fields + radiation pressure


Trapping of Neutral Sodium Atoms with Radiation Pressure
E. L. Raab, ${ }^{(a)}$ M. Prentiss, Alex Cable, Steven Chu, ${ }^{(b)}$ and D. E. Pritchard ${ }^{(a)}$ AT\&T Bell Laboratories, Holmdel, New Jersey 07733 (Received 16 July 1987)

We report the confinement and cooling of an optically dense cloud of neutral sodium atoms by radiation pressure. The trapping and damping forces were provided by three retroreflected laser beams propagating along orthogonal axes, with a weak magnetic field used to distinguish between the beams. We have trapped as many as $10^{7}$ atoms for 2 min at densities exceeding $10^{11}$ atoms $\mathrm{cm}^{-3}$. The trap was $=0.4 \mathrm{~K}$ deep and the atoms, once trapped, were cooled to less than a millikelvin and compacted into a region less than 0.5 mm in diameter

## Doppler Cooling/Optical Molasses


atoms undergo diffusive motion and feel ,friction' from collisions with laser

Three-Dimensional Viscous Confinement and Cooling of Atoms
by Resonance Radiation Pressure
Steven Chu, L. Hollberg, J. E. Bjorkholm, Alex Cable, and A. Ashkin
AT\&T Bell Laboratories, Holmdel, New Jersey 07733
(Received 25 April 1985)
We report the viscous confinement and cooling of neutral sodium atoms in three dimensions via the radiation pressure of counterpropagating laser beams. These atoms have a density of about $\sim 10^{6} \mathrm{~cm}^{-3}$ and a temperature of $-240 \mu \mathrm{~K}$ corresponding to a rms velocity of $\simeq 60 \mathrm{~cm} / \mathrm{sec}$. This he atoms to escape a $0.2 \mathrm{~cm}^{3}$ confinement volume is $\sim 0.1 \mathrm{sec}$. the atoms to escape a $\sim 0.2-\mathrm{cm}^{3}$ confinement volume is $\sim 0.1 \mathrm{sec}$.

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Doppler limit (lowest ,possible' temperature) $\quad T_{D} \approx 240 \mu K$

$$
\text { observed: } T \approx 240_{-60}^{+200} \mu K
$$

## The miracle of subdoppler cooling

## Comment by Steve Chu:

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The result by the Phillips group:


Lett et al. PRL 61169 (1988)

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The result by. We know how to perform qubit operation.

- Atoms are really cold.
- How can we trap them individually ?


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## The dipole potential - making optical tweezers



The dipole potential is directly proportional to the intensity !

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## Tweezers and atom sorting


M. Endres et al., Science 354, 1024 (2016).

## Tweezers and atom sorting

## An atom-by-atom assembler of defect-free arbitrary 2d atomic arrays



Daniel Barredo, Sylvain de Léséleuc, Vincent Lienhard, Thierry Lahaye, Antoine Browaeys
INSTITUT
$\qquad$ Institut d'Optique, CNRS
ParisTech

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## Rydberg atoms - Fast entanglement of neutral atoms

Qubit A
Qubit B

$\square$


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A. Browaeys and T. Lahaye, Nat. Phys. 16, 132 (2020).


P. Schauß et al. Nature 491, 87 (2012).

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A. Browaeys and T. Lahaye, Nat. Phys. 16, 132 (2020).


High fidelity entanglement
I. S. Madjarov et al. Nat. Phys. 16, 857 (2020).


## Rydberg atoms as quantum simulators

Until now: Use the control to implement a universal gate set


Now: Use full control over the parameters of the Hamiltonian to solve specific problems.

## Rydberg atoms as quantum simulators

$$
\mathscr{H}=\frac{\hbar \Omega}{2} \sum_{j} \sigma_{j}^{x}+\frac{\hbar \Delta}{2} \sum_{j} \sigma_{j}^{z}+\sum_{i \neq j} \frac{C_{6}}{r_{i j}^{6}} n_{i} n_{j}
$$

Quantum simulators with up to 51 atoms


H. Bernien et al. Nature 551, 579 (2017).

## Rydberg simulators in 2D



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$$

$$
-|0\rangle
$$

Schrödinger cats with 20 atoms


A. Omran et al. Science 365, 570 (2019).

## Maximum Independent Sets

L. Henriet et al. Quantum 4, 327 (2020).
H. Pichler et al., ArXiv 1808.10816 (2018).


Possible applications to finance, network design


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## Digital vs analog

|  | Analog Quantum Simula- <br> tion | Digital Quantum Simula- <br> tion |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Resource used for <br> simulation | Hamiltonians | Gates |
| Key advantages | Promising hybrid quantum- <br> classical approaches | Universal approach <br> ShortcomingsLimited number of available <br> configurations |
| Requires a large number of <br> gates |  |  |
| Status | Quantum advantage already <br> achieved | Academic research |

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## What happens when you cool a gas?

Average velocity of thermal atoms:

$$
\langle | v\left\rangle=\sqrt{\frac{3 k_{B} T}{m}}\right.
$$

atoms = wave packets

$$
\lambda_{d B}=\frac{h}{m v}=\sqrt{\frac{h^{2}}{3 m k_{B} T}}
$$

Thermal de Broglie wavelength


High
Temperature T:
thermal velocity v density $\mathrm{d}^{-3}$
"Billiard balls"
Low
Temperature T :
De Broglie wavelength
$\lambda_{\mathrm{dB}}=\mathrm{h} / \mathrm{mv} \propto \mathrm{T}^{-1 / 2}$
"Wave packets"
$\mathrm{T}=\mathrm{T}_{\text {crit }}$ :
Bose-Einstein Condensation

$$
\lambda_{\mathrm{dB}} \approx \mathrm{~d}
$$

"Matter wave overlap"

## $\mathrm{T}=0$ :

Pure Bose condensate
"Giant matter wave"


## How do you create a BEC ?

before BEC


## How do you create a BEC ?

with BEC


## Absorption Imaging



Spatial Information


Momentum Information

## How do you see a BEC ?

Initial trap (Real space):

Time of flight cut the trap and let it expand freely

$$
\text { single atom }- \text { qubit }-\ell=1 / 2
$$

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
m_{F}=1 & \\
m_{F}=0 & |\psi\rangle=\alpha_{-1 / 2}|-1 / 2\rangle+\alpha_{1 / 2}|1 / 2\rangle
\end{array}
$$

$\hat{L}_{z}|n\rangle=n|n\rangle$ with integer $|n| \leq \ell \quad\left[\hat{L}_{x}, \hat{L}_{y}\right]=i \hat{L}_{z}$

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$$
|\psi\rangle=\alpha_{-\ell}|-\ell\rangle+\cdots+\alpha_{\ell}|\ell\rangle
$$

N indistinguishable atoms - qudit $-\ell=N / 2$

## Squeezing with cold atoms



## Squeezing with cold atoms



## On fermion vs bosons

${ }^{7} \mathbf{L i}$

$\mathrm{T}=\mathbf{8 1 0} \mathbf{n K}$

$\mathrm{T}=510 \mathrm{nK}$

$\mathbf{T}=\mathbf{2 4 0} \mathbf{n K}$
${ }^{6} \mathrm{Li}$

$\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{F}}=1.0$


$$
\mathrm{T} / \mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{F}}=0.56
$$


$T / T_{F}=0.25$
A. G. Truscott et al. Science 291, 2570 (2001).

## On fermion vs bosons



## Second quantization

Many particles: full wave-function has to be properly symmetrized

| Bosons |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\psi(1,2)=\psi(2,1)$ | Fermions |
| $\psi(1,2)=-\psi(2,1)$ |  |

Second quantization: work with creation operators at the given states
orthonormal base
lowering operator

$$
\hat{\psi}=\sum_{i} \varphi_{i}(x) \hat{a}_{i}
$$

$$
\left[\hat{a}_{i}, \hat{a}_{k}^{\dagger}\right]=\delta_{i k}
$$

$$
\left[\hat{\psi}(x), \hat{\psi}\left(x^{\prime}\right)^{\dagger}\right]=\delta\left(x-x^{\prime}\right)
$$

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\end{aligned}
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## Number states of bosons and fermions

Single orbit

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Bosons } \\
\hat{a}^{\dagger}|0\rangle=|1\rangle \\
\hat{a}^{\dagger}|1\rangle=\sqrt{2}|2\rangle \\
\vdots \\
\hat{a}^{\dagger}|n\rangle=\sqrt{n+1}|n+1\rangle
\end{gathered}
$$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\text { Fermions } \\
\hat{a}^{\dagger}|0\rangle=|1\rangle \\
\hat{a}^{\dagger}|1\rangle=0
\end{gathered}
$$

## Number states of bosons and fermions

Site $1 \quad$ Site 2

Bosons
$\hat{a}_{j}^{\dagger}\left|n_{0}, \cdots, n_{j}, \cdots\right\rangle=\sqrt{n_{j}+1}\left|n_{0}, \cdots, n_{j}+1, \cdots\right\rangle$

Site i

- $\ldots$
$\hat{a}_{j}^{\dagger}\left|n_{0}, \cdots, n_{j}, \cdots\right\rangle=(-1)^{\Sigma_{i j} n_{i}} \sqrt{1-n_{j}}\left|n_{0}, \cdots, n_{j}+1, \cdots\right\rangle$

Sign problem

## Number states of bosons and fermions

Site $1 \quad$ Site 2

Bosons

Site i ,


## One fermion at a time



L. Bayha et al., arXiv 2004.14761 (2020).

## Fermions in different tweezers






## Now let's go real big - the optical lattice



Optical lattice with potential: $\quad V_{L}=V_{0} \sin ^{2}\left(k_{L} x\right) \quad k_{L}=\frac{\pi}{a_{L}}$

## Higher dimensional lattice

Cross the polarization !


## Higher dimensional lattice



Zwerger et al. RMP


## Bose-Hubbard Model

$$
H=-J \sum_{\langle i, j\rangle}\left(a_{i}^{\dagger} a_{j}+\text { h.c. }\right)+\frac{U}{2} \sum_{i} n_{i}\left(n_{i}-1\right)
$$


$U \ll J$
Superfluid

- Large number fluctuations
- Coherent state on-site

W:an
interaction U
$J \ll U$

## Mott insulator

- No number fluctuations
- Fock state on-site



## Observation


weak lattice
deep lattice


## Observation


weak lattice
deep lattice

And it is reversible:


Greiner et al., Nature 41539 (2002)

## In-situ observation


J. Sherson et al. Nature 46768 (2010)

W. Bakr et al. Science 329547 (2010)

## Single-Particle Quantum Walk

Single realization


## Single-Particle Quantum Walk



## Single-Particle Quantum Walk

Single realization
Average density evolution


## The Fermi-Hubbard model



## Putting chemistry into the machines - electronic structure



What are the electronic properties of molecules ?

J. Argüello-Luengo et al. Nature 574, 215 (2019).

## Putting chemistry into the machines - vibrational spectra



## Putting chemistry into the machines



Looks an awful lot like bosonic Hubbard problem
C. Sparrow, Nature 557, 660 (2018).

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$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathscr{L}_{Q E D}=\bar{\psi}\left(i \gamma^{\mu} D_{\mu}-m\right) \psi-\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu \nu} F_{\mu \nu} \\
\mathscr{L}_{Q C D}=\sum_{f i} \bar{\psi}^{f i}\left(i \gamma^{\mu} D_{\mu i j}-m_{f}\right) \psi^{f i}-\frac{1}{2 g^{2}} \operatorname{Tr}\left(G^{\mu \nu} G_{\mu \nu}\right)
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Particle
Gauge field


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\end{gathered}
$$

Particle
Gauge coupling
Gauge field

J. Schwinger, Phys. Rev. 714, 16 (1951).

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$$
E_{c}=\frac{m_{e}^{2} c^{3}}{\hbar q_{e}} \approx 10^{18} \mathrm{~V} / \mathrm{m}
$$


$\log \mathrm{E}$
J. Schwinger, Phys. Rev. 714, 16 (1951).


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Can we construct a quantum simulator?



First digital implementation with ions



Symmetry-protecting quantum circuit




1.) Initialization
2.) Manipulation and evolution
3.) Read-out


Mil et al. Science $\mathbf{3 6 7}, 1128$ (2020)
1.) Initialization
2.) Manipulation and evolution

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Mil et al. Science 367,1128 (2020)
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Mil et al. Science 367, 1128 (2020)
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Mil et al. Science 367,1128 (2020)

$L_{z} / L=-0.188$

$$
\hat{H} / \hbar=\chi \hat{L}_{z}^{2}+\frac{\Delta}{2}\left(\hat{b}_{p}^{\dagger} \hat{b}_{p}-\hat{b}_{v}^{\dagger} \hat{b}_{v}\right)+\lambda\left(b_{v}^{\dagger} \hat{L}_{-} \hat{b}_{v}+b_{v}^{\dagger} \hat{L}_{+} \hat{b}_{p}\right)
$$



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$$
L_{z} / L=-0.188
$$

$L_{z} / L=-0.418$
matter field
gauge field


## Universal QC with atomic mixtures



## Possible projects (in qiskit-cold-atoms)

Rydberg atoms for optimization problems


Lattice systems for itinerant particles


Squeezing on superconducting circuits


Universal QC with atomic mixtures
phonon interaction


Digital and analog quantum simulators for lattice gauge theories



[^0]:    Lukin group, Harvard university

