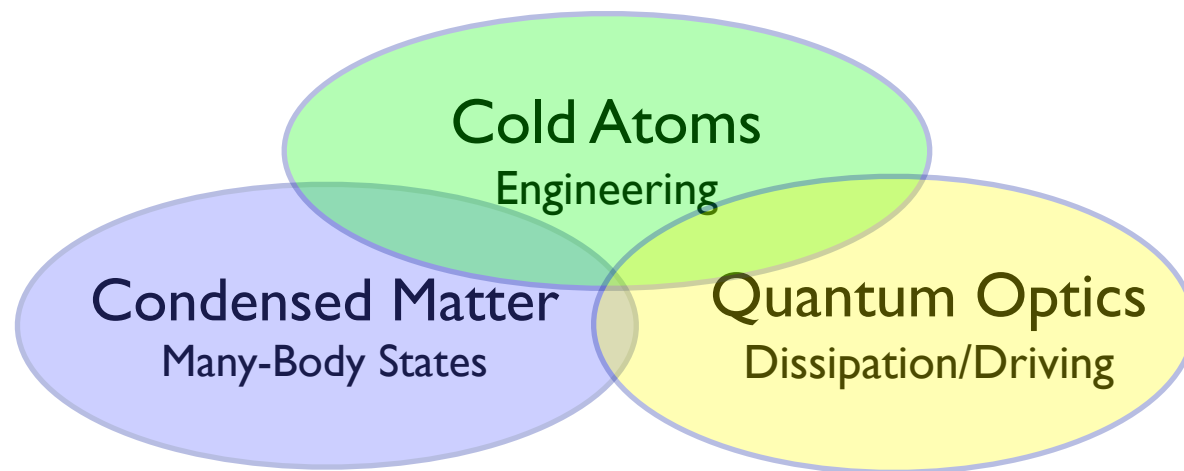


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# Quantum States and Phases in Dissipative Many-Body Systems with Cold Atoms



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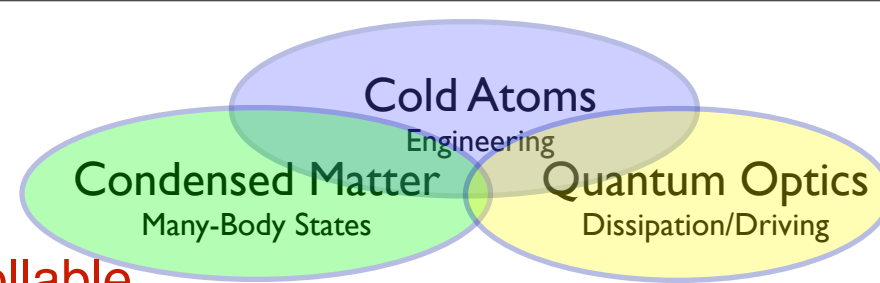
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# Lecture Overview



## Main theme:

Dissipation can be turned into a favorable, controllable tool in cold atom many-body systems.

## Part I: Quantum State Engineering in Driven Dissipative Many-Body Systems

- Proof of principle: Driven Dissipative BEC
- Application I: Nonequilibrium phase transition from competing unitary and dissipative dynamics
- Application II: Cooling into antiferromagnetic and d-wave states of fermions

- Collaboration: H. P. Büchler, A. Daley, A. Kantian, B. Kraus, A. Micheli, A. Tomadin, W. Yi, P. Zoller

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## Part II: Dissipative Generation and Analysis of 3-Body Hardcore Models

- Mechanism
- Experimental prospects, ground state preparation
- Application I: phase diagram for attractive 3-hardcore bosons
- Application II: atomic color superfluid for 3-component fermions

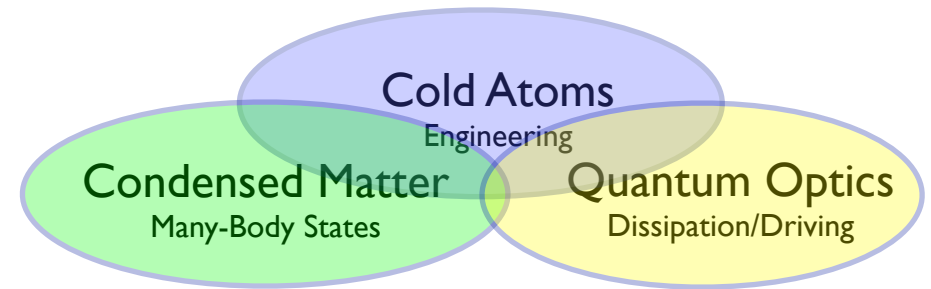
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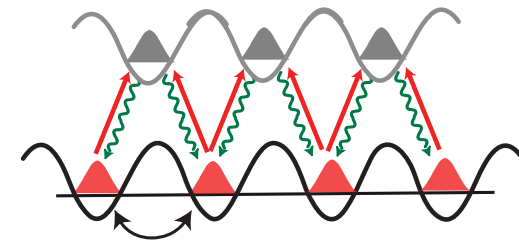
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# Outline Part I:

## Quantum State Engineering in Driven Dissipative Many-Body Systems



- Introduction: Open Systems in Quantum Optics
- Driven Dissipative BEC:
  - Mechanism for pure DBEC: Many-Body Quantum Optics
  - Physical Implementation of DBEC: Reservoir Engineering, Bogoliubov bath
- Application I: Competition of unitary vs. dissipative dynamics
  - first look: weak interactions
  - strong interactions: nonequilibrium phase transition
- Application II: Targeting pure fermion states
  - An excited many-body state:  $\eta$ -condensate
  - Antiferromagnetic and d-wave fermion states



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# Quantum State Engineering in Many-Body Systems

- **thermodynamic equilibrium**

- standard scenario of condensed matter & cold atom physics

$$H |E_g\rangle = E_g |E_g\rangle \quad \rho \sim e^{-H/k_B T} \xrightarrow{T \rightarrow 0} |E_g\rangle \langle E_g|$$

Hamiltonian (many body)

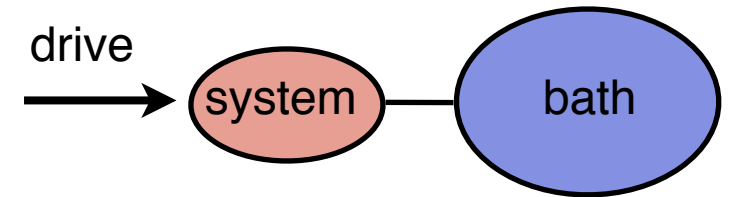
cooling to ground state

Hamiltonian Engineering:

- ✓ interesting ground states
- ✓ quantum phases

- **driven / dissipative dynamical equilibrium**

- quantum optics



$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = -i [H, \rho] + \mathcal{L}\rho$$

competing dynamics  
 master equation

$$\rho(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \rho_{ss}$$

$\stackrel{!?}{=}$   
 steady state

mixed state

pure state (“dark state”)

Liouvillian Engineering:

- ✓ many body pure states / driven quantum phases
- ✓ mixed states ~ “finite temperature”
- ✓ useful an interesting fermion states



# Open Quantum Systems

# Open Quantum Systems

$$H = H_S + H_B + H_{\text{int}}$$

$$H_B = \int d\omega \omega b_\omega^\dagger b_\omega \quad \text{continuum bath of harmonic oscillators}$$

$$H_{\text{int}} = i \int d\omega \kappa(\omega) [b_\omega^\dagger J - b_\omega J^\dagger]$$

linear bath operator coupling to the system

Three approximations:

(1) Born approximation:

$$\kappa(\omega)/\omega_0 \ll 1$$

(2) Markov approximation:

$$\kappa(\omega) \approx \text{const.} \Rightarrow \kappa(t-t') \sim \delta(t-t')$$

(3) Rotating wave approximation:

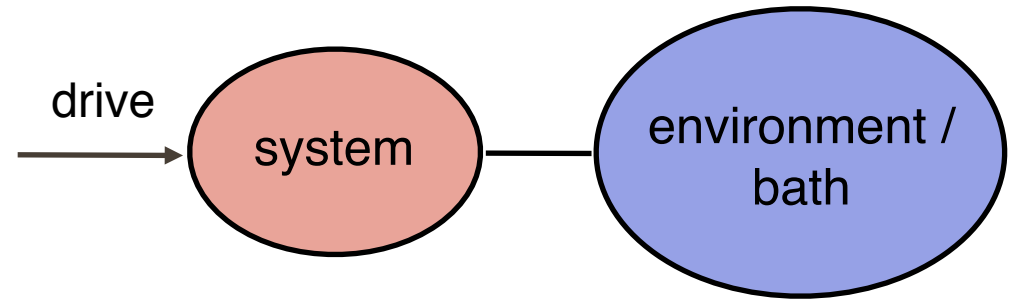
$$\frac{\omega_0 - \nu}{\omega_0 + \nu} \ll 1$$

$$\omega_0 - \nu = \Delta$$

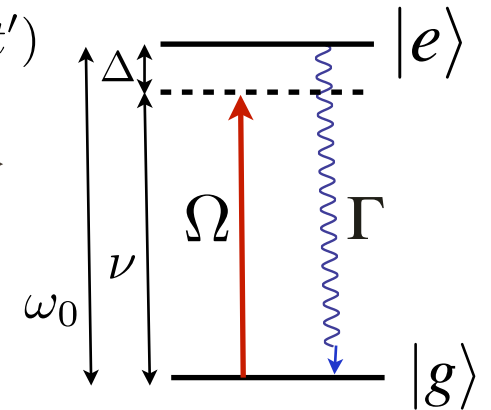
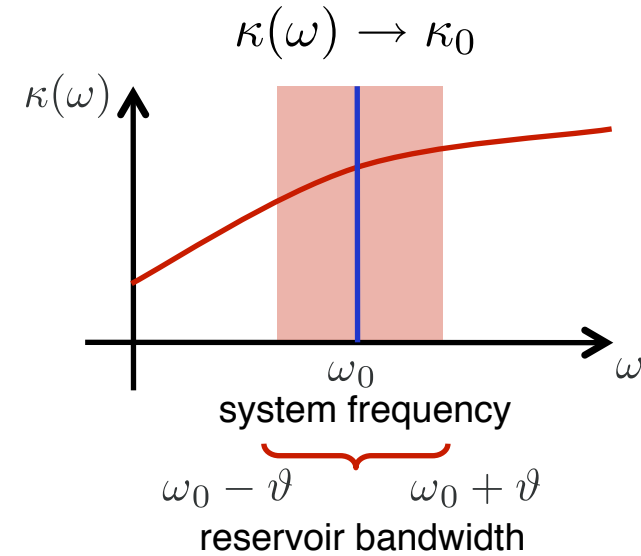
detuning

$$J_\alpha = |g\rangle\langle e| = \sigma^-$$

$$H = (|e\rangle, |g\rangle) \begin{pmatrix} \Delta & \Omega \\ \Omega & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \langle e| \\ \langle g| \end{pmatrix}$$



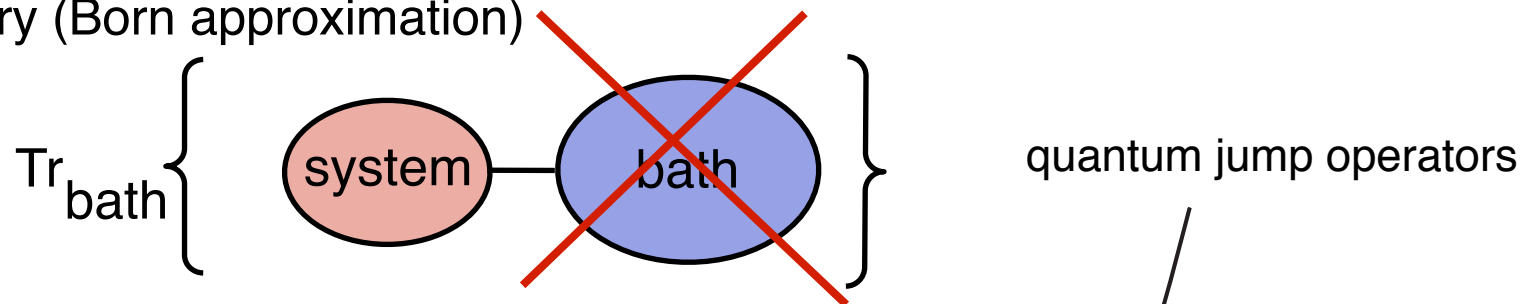
quantum jump operators  
polynomial in system  
operators



# Open Quantum Systems

$$\partial_t \rho_{\text{tot}} = -i[H_S + H_B + H_{\text{int}}, \rho_{\text{tot}}]$$

➔ Eliminate bath degrees of freedom in second order time-dependent perturbation theory (Born approximation)



effective system dynamics from **Master Equation** (zero temperature bath)

$$\partial_t \rho = -i[H_S, \rho] + \underbrace{\kappa \sum_{\alpha} J_{\alpha} \rho J_{\alpha}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} \{J_{\alpha}^{\dagger} J_{\alpha}, \rho\}}_{\mathcal{L}[\rho]}$$

$\mathcal{L}[\rho]$  **Liouvillian operator in Lindblad form**

- Structure: second order perturbation theory
- mnemonic: norm conservation  $\partial_t \text{tr} \rho = 0$
- but:  $\partial_t \text{tr} \rho^2 \neq 0$

pure state:  $\text{tr} \rho = \text{tr} \rho^2 = 1$

$\Rightarrow \text{tr} \rho^2$  -- "purity"

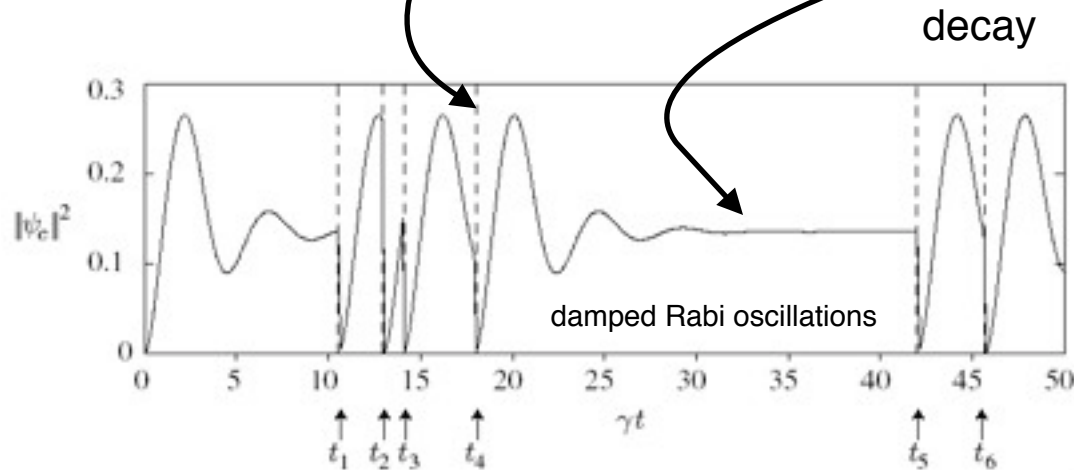
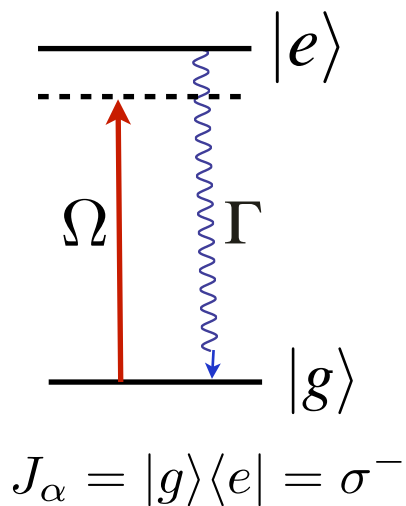
➔ Purity is not conserved

➔ go for  $\partial_t \text{tr} \rho^2 < 0$

# Open Quantum Systems

- Stochastic Interpretation: **Quantum Jumps**

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \rho &= -i[H, \rho] + \kappa \sum_{\alpha} J_{\alpha} \rho J_{\alpha}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} \{J_{\alpha}^{\dagger} J_{\alpha}, \rho\} \\ &= -i[H_{\text{eff}}, \rho]^* + \kappa \sum_{\alpha} J_{\alpha} \rho J_{\alpha}^{\dagger} \quad H_{\text{eff}} = H - i\kappa/2 \sum_{\alpha} J_{\alpha}^{\dagger} J_{\alpha} \end{aligned}$$



time evolution of upper state population of driven dissipative two-level system (single run)

- Averaging over “**quantum trajectories**” generates all correlation functions

➔ Engineer the jump operators  $J_{\alpha}$

$$[A, B]^* := AB - B^{\dagger} A^{\dagger}$$

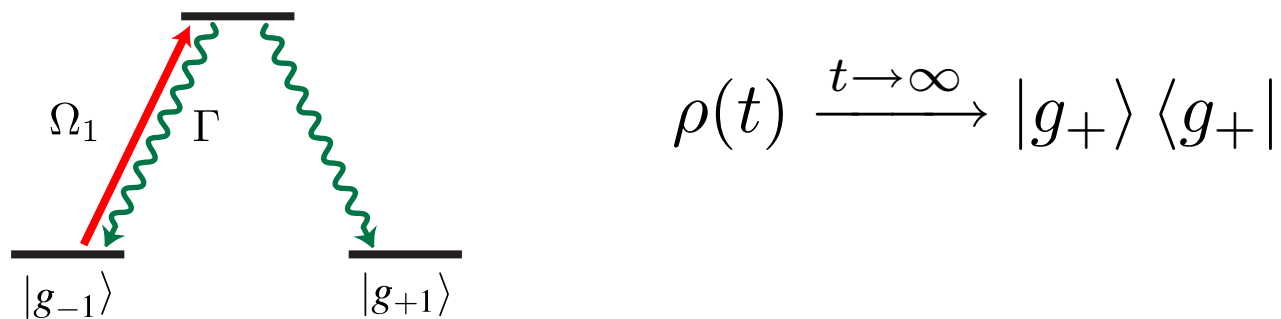
# Driven Dissipative BEC

# Dark States in Quantum Optics

- Goal: pure BEC as steady state solution, independent of initial density matrix:

$$\rho(t) \longrightarrow |BEC\rangle\langle BEC| \text{ for } t \longrightarrow \infty$$

- Such situation is well-known quantum optics (three level system): **optical pumping** (Kastler, Aspect, Cohen-Tannoudji; Kasevich, Chu; ...)



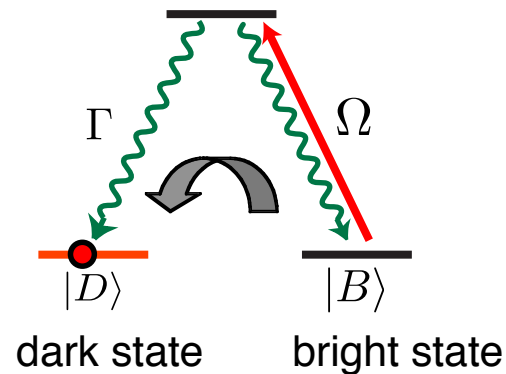
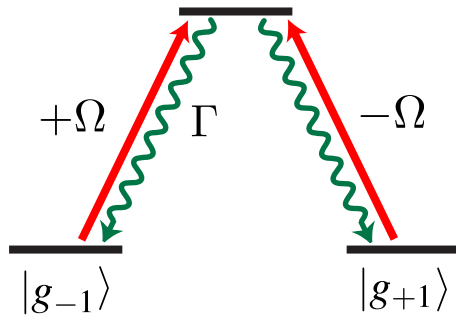
- ➔ Driven dissipative dynamics “purifies” the state
- ➔  $|g_{+}\rangle$  is a “**dark state**” decoupled from light

$$c_{\alpha}|g_{+}\rangle = 0$$

- ➔ Dark state is Eigenstate of jump operators with zero Eigenvalue
- ➔ Time evolution stops when system is in DS: pure steady state

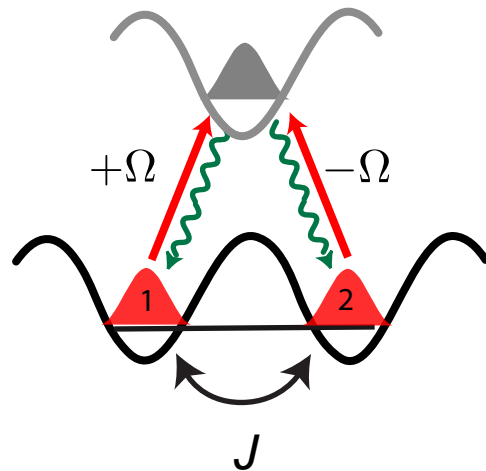
# An Analogy

- $\Lambda$ -system: three electronic levels (VSCPT by Aspect, Cohen-Tannoudji; Kasevich, Chu)

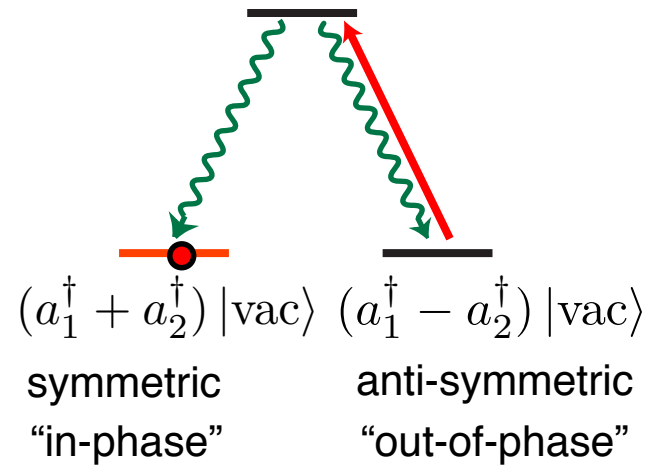


$$|D\rangle \sim |g_{+1}\rangle + |g_{-1}\rangle \quad |B\rangle \sim |g_{+1}\rangle - |g_{-1}\rangle$$

- 1 atom on 2 sites



$\sim$  dissipative Josephson junction



pumping into symmetric state

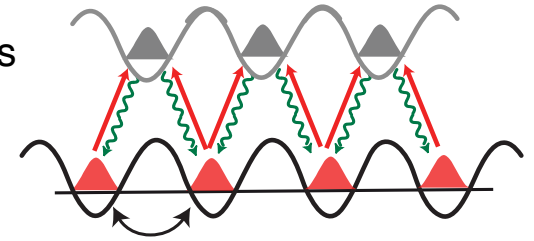
➔ “phase locking”: like a BEC

# Driven Dissipative lattice BEC

- Consider jump operator:

$$c_{ij} = (a_i^\dagger + a_j^\dagger)(a_i - a_j)$$

nearest neighbours



- (1) BEC state is **a** dark state:  $|BEC\rangle = \frac{1}{N!} \left( \sum_{\ell} a_{\ell}^\dagger \right)^N |vac\rangle$

$$c_{ij}|BEC\rangle = 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$(a_i - a_j) \sum_{\ell} a_{\ell}^\dagger = \sum_{\ell} a_{\ell}^\dagger (a_i - a_j) + \sum_{\ell} \delta_{i\ell} - \delta_{j\ell}$$

- (2) BEC state is **the only** dark state:

- $(a_i^\dagger + a_j^\dagger)$  has no eigenvalues
- $(a_i - a_j)$  has unique zero eigenvalue

$$(a_i - a_j) \quad \forall i \longrightarrow (1 - e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{e}_\lambda}) a_{\mathbf{q}} \quad \forall \mathbf{q}$$



# Driven Dissipative lattice BEC

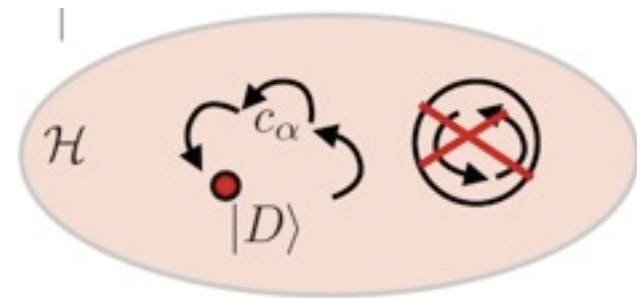
(3) **Uniqueness:**  $|BEC\rangle$  is the only stationary state (sufficient condition)

If there exists a stationary state which is not a dark state, then there must exist a subspace of the full Hilbert space which is left invariant under the set  $\{c_\alpha\}$

(4) **Compatibility** of unitary and dissipative dynamics

$|D\rangle$  be an eigenstate of  $H$ ,  $H |D\rangle = E |D\rangle$

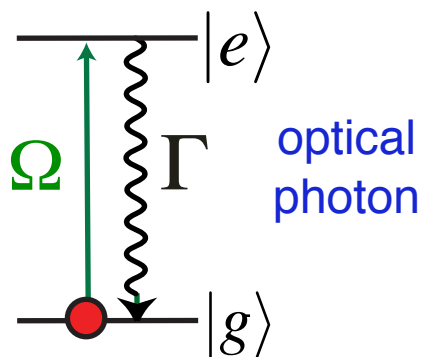
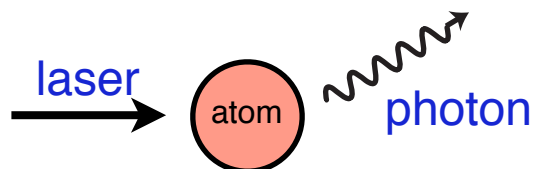
$$\rho(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} |D\rangle \langle D|$$



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- **Long range** order in many-body system from **quasi-local** dissipative operations
  - Uniqueness: Final state **independent of initial density matrix**
  - Criteria are **general**: jump operators for AKLT states (spin model), eta-states (fermions), d-wave states (fermions, next lecture)

# Physical Realization: Reservoir Engineering

- driven two-level atom + spontaneous emission



- reservoir: vacuum modes of the radiation field ( $T=0$ )

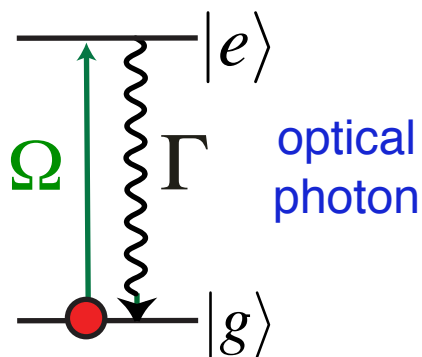
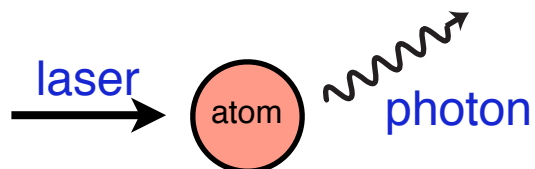
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Quantum optics ideas/techniques

- much lower energy scales...

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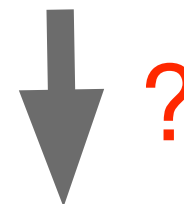
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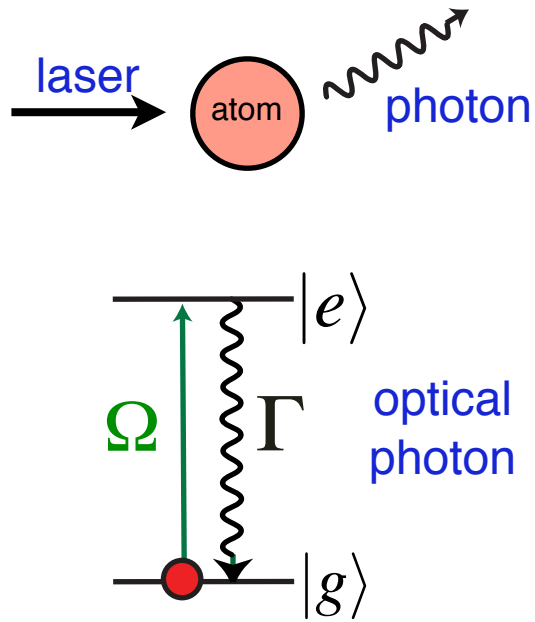


(many body) cold atom systems

- much lower energy scales...

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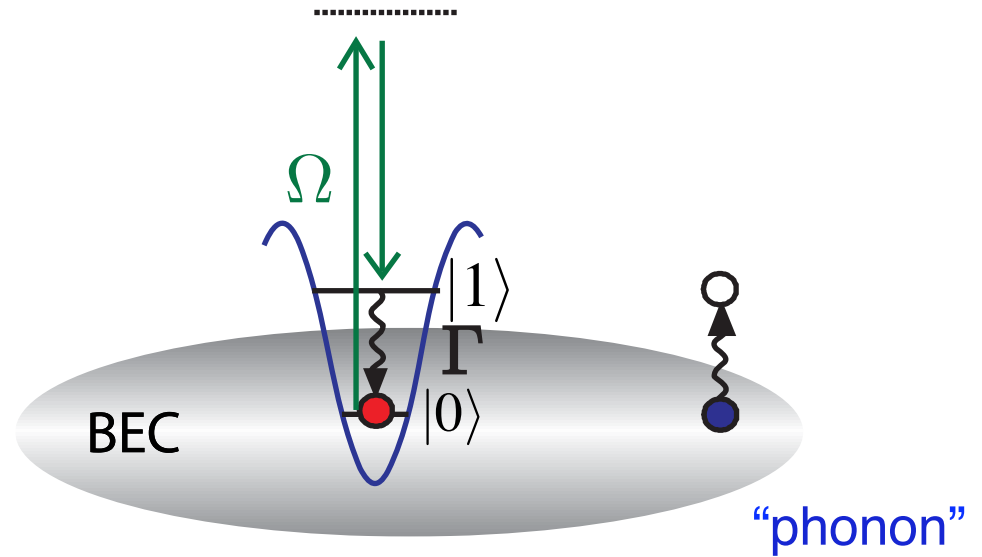
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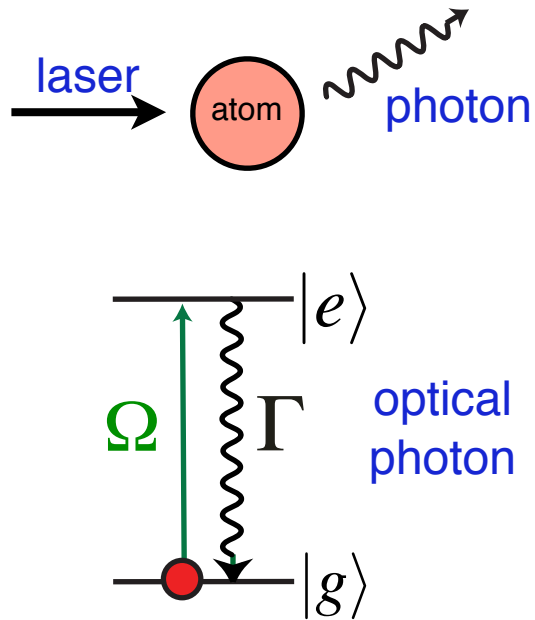


laser assisted atom + BEC collision

$$\omega_{bd} \sim 2\pi \times \text{kHz}$$

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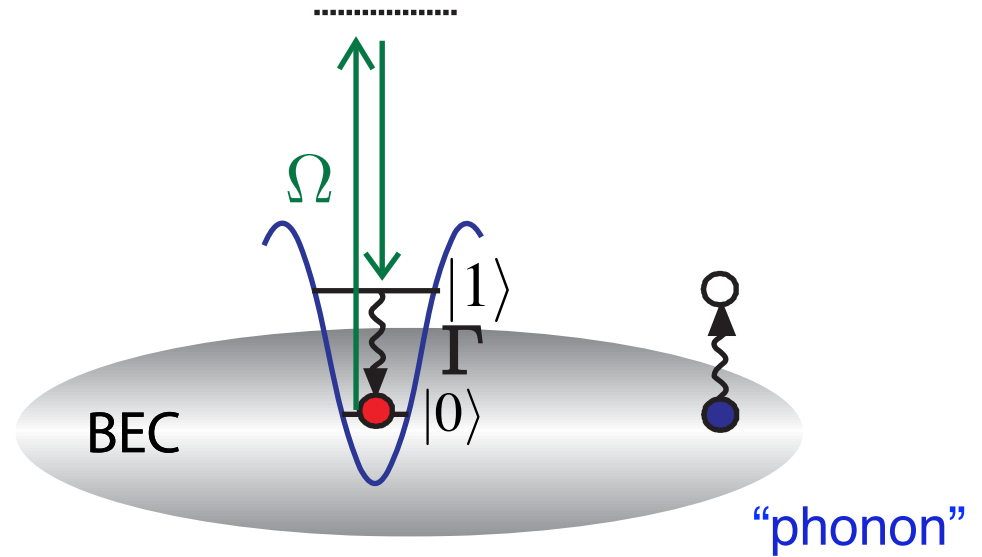
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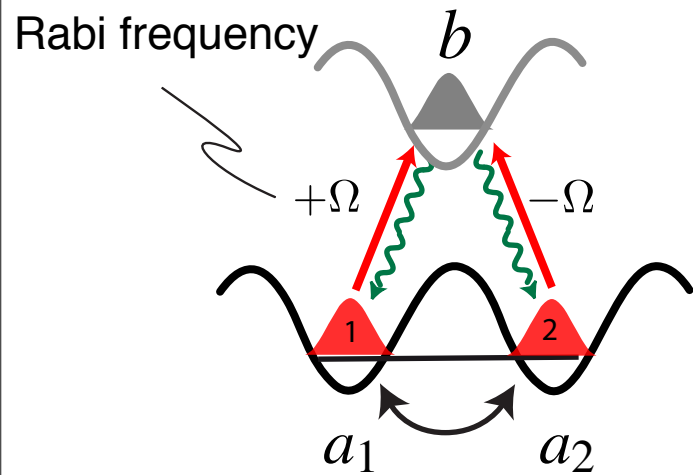
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- reservoir: Bogoliubov excitations of the BEC (at temperature  $T$ )

$$\omega_{bd} \sim 2\pi \times \text{kHz}$$

# Physical Realization

## Schematic



- (1) **Coherent excitation** with opposite sign of Rabi frequency

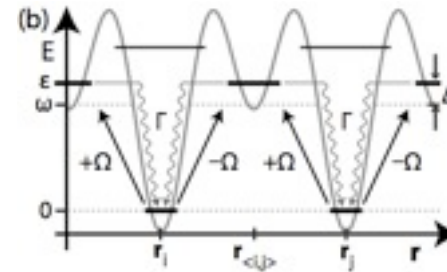
$$Ω b^\dagger (a_1 - a_2) + h.c.$$

antisymmetric

$$c_{ij} = (a_i^\dagger + a_j^\dagger)(a_i - a_j)$$

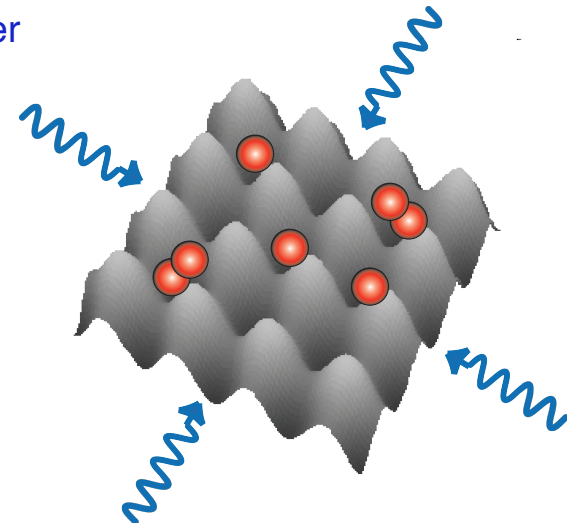
## In practice

- level structure: optical superlattice



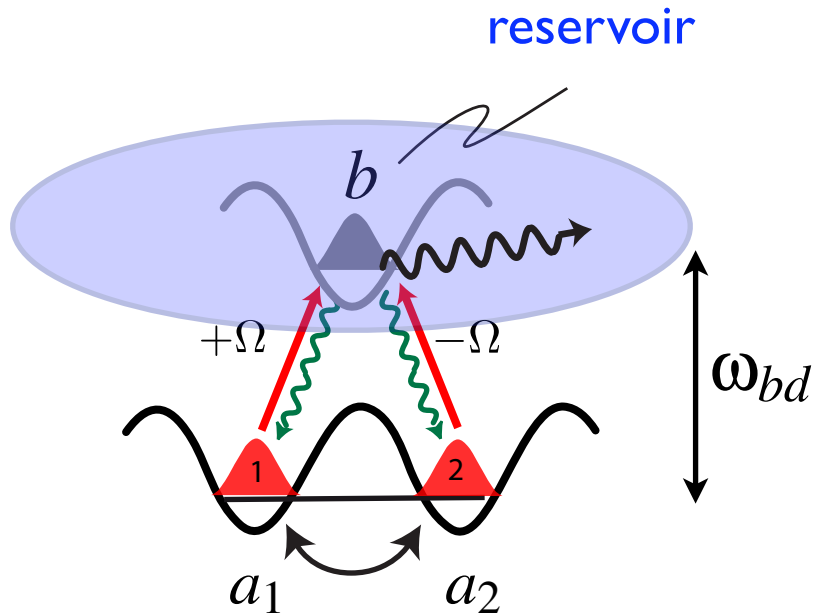
- coherent excitation: Raman laser

laser



# Physical Realization

## Schematic



(2) Dissipative decay back:  
coupling of upper level to reservoir

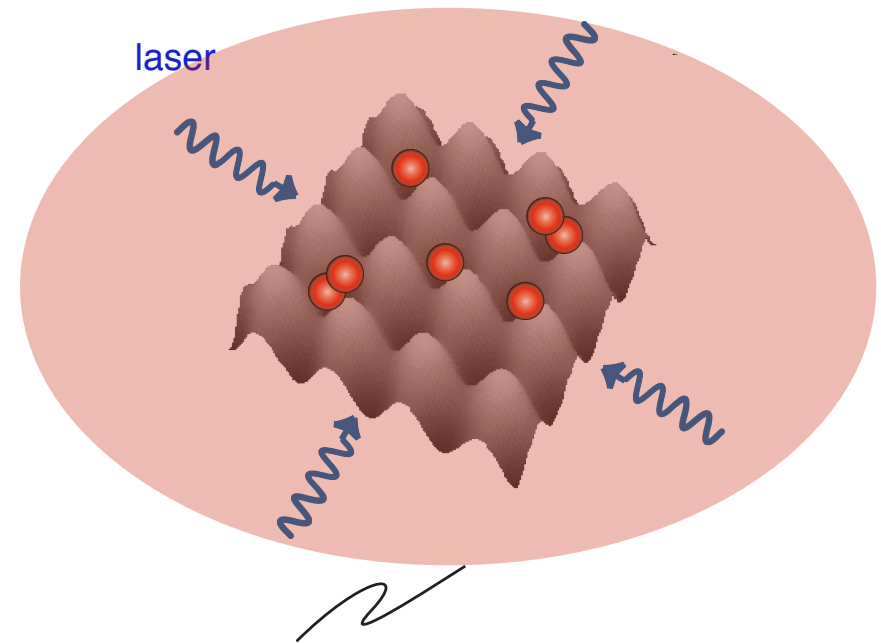
$$\kappa(a_1^\dagger + a_2^\dagger)b \sum_{\mathbf{k}} (r_{\mathbf{k}} + r_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger)$$

symmetric

$$c_{ij} = (a_i^\dagger + a_j^\dagger)(a_i - a_j)$$

- coupling to system: interspecies interaction
- short coherence length in bath provides quasi-local dissipative processes, but not mandatory for our setup to work

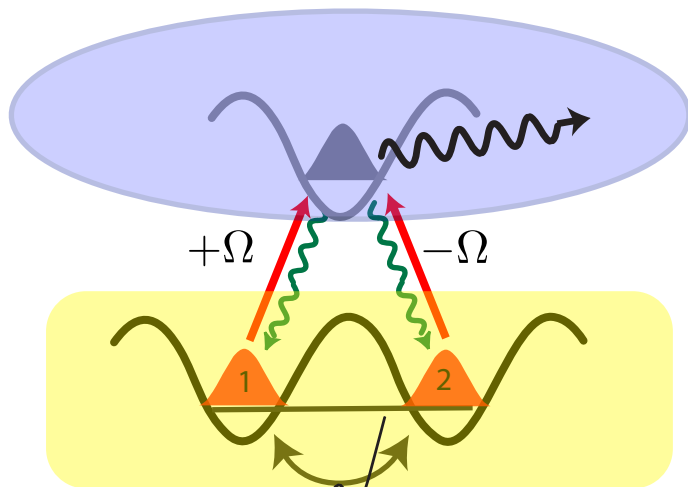
## In practice



BEC = reservoir of  
Bogoliubov excitations

→  $T_{BEC} \ll \omega_{bd}$  effective  
zero temperature reservoir

# Physical Realization

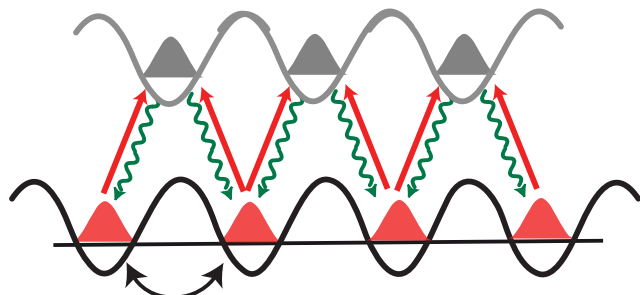


(3) adiabatic elimination of auxiliary level, trace out the bath

Effective single band jump operators

$$c_{12} = (a_1^\dagger + a_2^\dagger)(a_1 - a_2)$$

Many sites: Array of dissipative junctions



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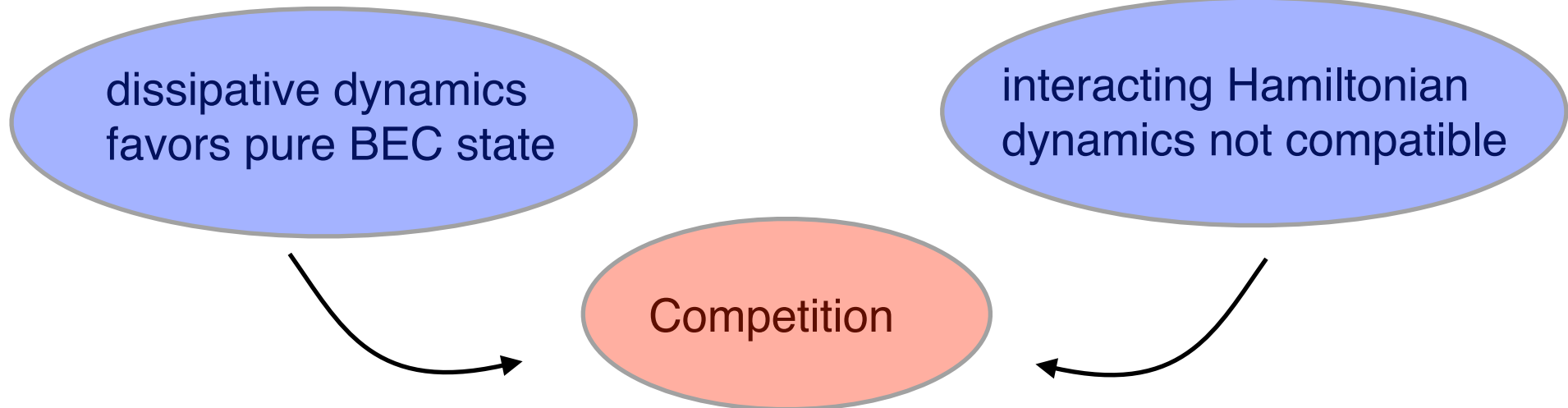
- Long range phase coherence from quasi-local dissipative operations
- - Coherent drive: locks phases
- - Dissipation: randomizes
- - Conspiracy: purification
- The coherence of the driving laser is mapped on the matter system
- Setting is therefore robust



# Competition of unitary vs. dissipative dynamics

# Effects of finite interactions

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} a_i^\dagger a_j + U \sum_i a_i^\dagger a_i^2$$



$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = -i [H, \rho] + \mathcal{L}\rho$$

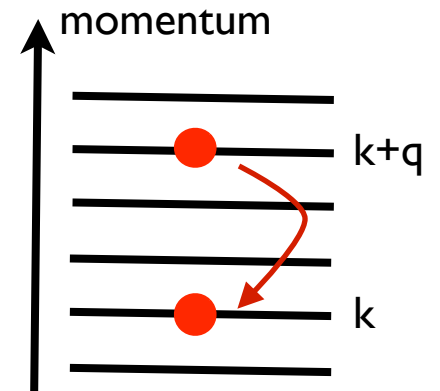
treating interactions in

- weak coupling
  - 3D: true (depleted) condensate, fixed phase: Bogoliubov theory
  - 1,2D: phase fluctuations destroy long range order: Luttinger theory
- Strong coupling, 3D
  - mixed state Gutzwiller Ansatz

# Weak Coupling: Linearized jump operators

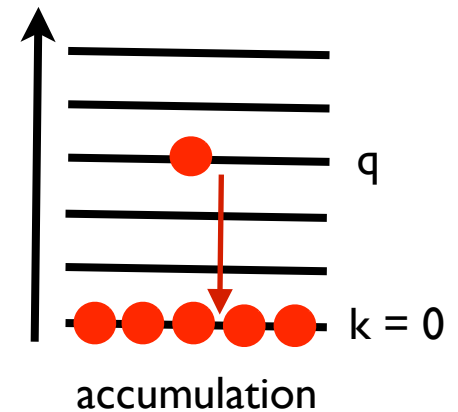
- momentum space jump operators are **nonlocal nonlinear** objects

$$c_{\mathbf{q},\lambda} = \frac{1}{M^{d/2}} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} (1 + e^{i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{e}_\lambda}) (1 - e^{-i(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q})\mathbf{e}_\lambda}) a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{q}}$$



- In a linearized theory they reduce to (any dimension)

$$c_{\mathbf{q},\lambda} = f_{\mathbf{q},\lambda} a_{\mathbf{q}} \quad f_{\mathbf{q},\lambda} = 2\sqrt{n}(1 - e^{-i\mathbf{q}\mathbf{e}_\lambda})$$



- Interpretation:

- bosonic mode operators**: depopulation of momentum  $\mathbf{q}$  in favor of condensate
- zero mode** explicit:  $f_{\mathbf{q}=0,\lambda} = 0$
- lead to **momentum dependent decay rate**

$$\kappa_{\mathbf{q}} = \sum_{\lambda} \kappa |f_{\mathbf{q},\lambda}|^2 \sim \mathbf{q}^2$$

# Many-Body Master Equation

- Interpretation: How close are we to the GS of the Hamiltonian?

- Diagonalize H
- consider equation for single mode

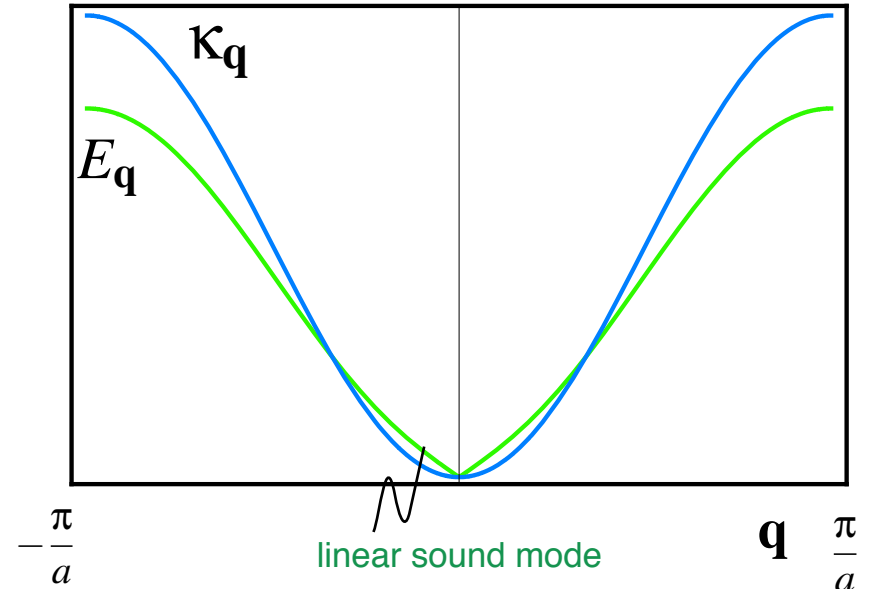
Bogoliubov / hydrodynamic excitation

$$\partial_t \rho = -i \frac{E}{2} [d^\dagger d, \rho] + 2\kappa (u^2 d \rho d^\dagger + v^2 d^\dagger \rho d) - uv (d^\dagger \rho d^\dagger + d \rho d) + \text{anticommutator term}$$

“cooling”
“heating”
squeezing

$$v_{\mathbf{q}}^2, u_{\mathbf{q}}^2 = v_{\mathbf{q}}^2 + 1 \quad \text{generalized Bogoliubov coefficients}$$

$$N, \quad N + 1 \quad \text{cf. thermal reservoir}$$



➔ **Intrinsic** heating/cooling, though reservoir is at  $T = 0$

# Characterization of Steady State: Density Operator

- linearized ME exactly solvable: **Gaussian density operator** for each mode expressible as

$$\rho_{\mathbf{k}} = \exp\left(-\beta_{\mathbf{k}} b_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} b_{\mathbf{k}}\right)$$

with squeezed operators b (Bogoliubov transformation)

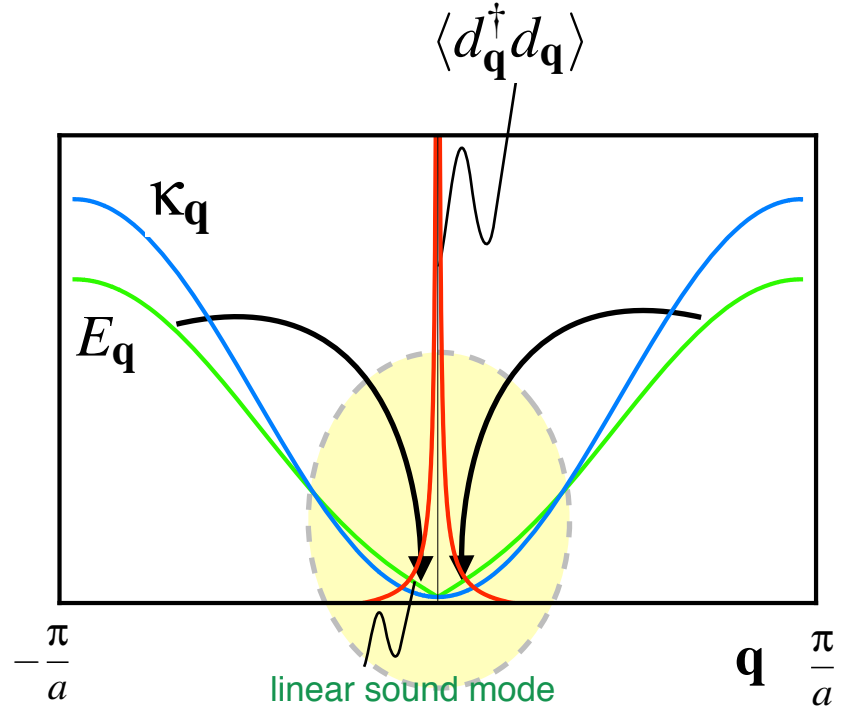
→ **mixed state** with

$$\coth^2(\beta_{\mathbf{k}}/2) = \frac{\kappa_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + (\epsilon_{\mathbf{k}} + Un)^2}{\kappa_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + E_{\mathbf{k}}^2}$$

- at low momenta, resemblance to **thermal state**:

$$\beta_{\mathbf{k}} \approx \frac{E_{\mathbf{k}}}{T_{\text{eff}}}, \quad T_{\text{eff}} = \frac{Un}{2}$$

► role of **temperature** played by **interaction**



# Correlations in various dimension: 3D

- Steady state: condensate depletion:

$$n_D = n - n_0 = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{v_0} \frac{(Un)^2}{\kappa_q^2 + E_q^2}$$

- small depletion justifies Bogoliubov theory
  - squeezing and mixing effects tied to interaction strength (unlike th. equilibrium)
- Approach to the steady state:

$$n_{0,eq} - n_0(t) \sim \sqrt{\frac{Un}{8J}} \frac{1}{2\kappa n} t^{-1}$$

- **power-law**: Many-body effect due to mode continuum
- **sensitive probe** to interactions: cf. for noninteracting system

$$n_{0,eq} - n_0(t) \sim t^{-3/2}$$

- **universal** at late times

# Correlations in various dimension: 1/2D

- Steady State: quasi-condensates in low “temperature” phase

$$\langle a_x^\dagger a_0 \rangle \sim \langle \exp i(\phi_x - \phi_0) \rangle \sim \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{8Jn}x}, & d = 1 \\ (x/x_0)^{-T_{\text{eff}}/4T_{\text{KT}}}, & d = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$T_{\text{KT}} = \pi Jn \gg T_{\text{eff}}$$

$$T_{\text{eff}} = Un/2$$

$$x_0 = 2\kappa n (T_{\text{eff}}J)^{-1/2}$$

↑  
Kosterlitz-Thouless temperature  
of 2D quasi-condensate

↑  
Dissipative coupling:  
only sets cutoff scale

- steady state well understood as **thermal Luttinger liquid**
- similar results for **temporal correlations** (from ME via quantum regression theorem)
- weak effect of dissipation** on phase fluctuations:

$$E_{\mathbf{q}} \sim |\mathbf{q}|, \kappa_{\mathbf{q}} \sim \mathbf{q}^2$$

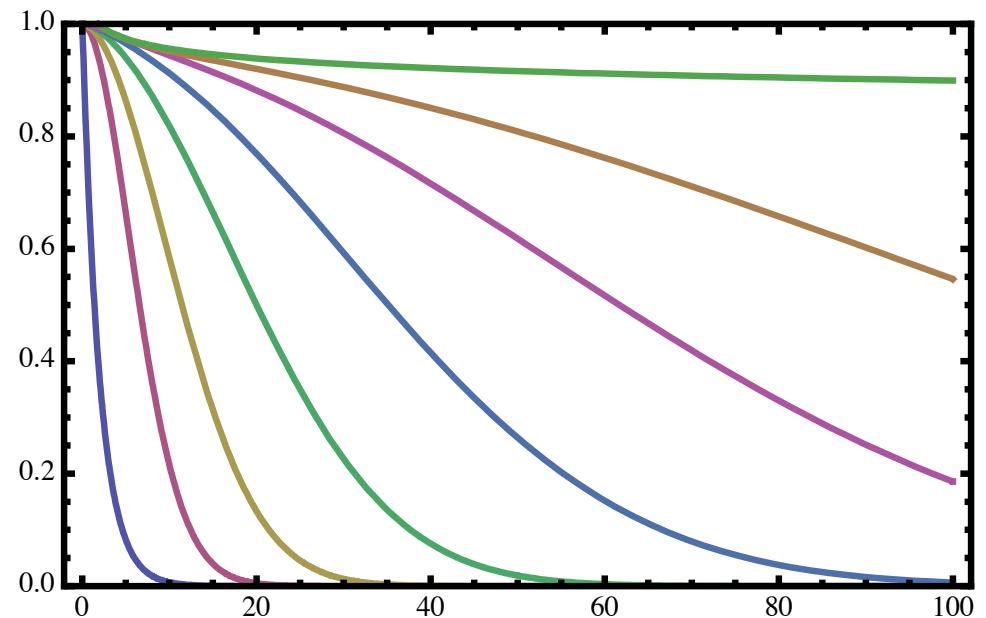
# 2D: Real Time Evolution

- **Buildup of spatial correlations** from disordered state

$$\Psi_t(x, 0) \sim \begin{cases} e^{-|x|/\xi} & t = 0 \\ (x/x_0)^{-\frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{4T_{\text{KT}}}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{4\xi\sqrt{\pi\kappa nt}}} & t \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$

broadening of Gaussian governed  
by time-dependent length scale

$$x_t = 2(\pi\xi^2\kappa nt)^{1/4}$$





# Strong Coupling: Nonequilibrium Phase Transition

- Analogy to Mott insulator / Superfluid quantum phase transition :

- |                                 |                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| • enhancement of superfluidity: | Hopping $J$     | driven dissipation $\kappa$ |
| • suppression of superfluidity: | interaction $U$ | interaction $U$             |

→ Expect **phase transition** as function of  $J/U$   $\kappa/U$

- Differences:

→ Competition of two unitary evolutions vs. competition of unitary and dissipative evolution

✓ phase transition (temperature  $T$ )

✓ quantum phase transition ( $g$ )

# Reminder: Mott Insulator-Superfluid Phase Transition

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} b_i^\dagger b_j - \mu \sum_i \hat{n}_i + \frac{1}{2} U \sum_i \hat{n}_i (\hat{n}_i - 1)$$

- Hopping  $J$  favors **delocalization** in real space:
- Condensate (local in momentum space!)
- Fixed condensate phase: Breaking of phase rotation symmetry
- Interaction  $U$  favors **localization** in real space for integer particle numbers:
- Mott state with quantized particle no.
- no expectation value: phase symmetry intact (unbroken)

$$\langle b_i \rangle \sim e^{i\varphi}$$



➔ Competition gives rise to a **quantum phase transition** as a function of

$$U/J$$

# Reminder: Gutzwiller Ansatz

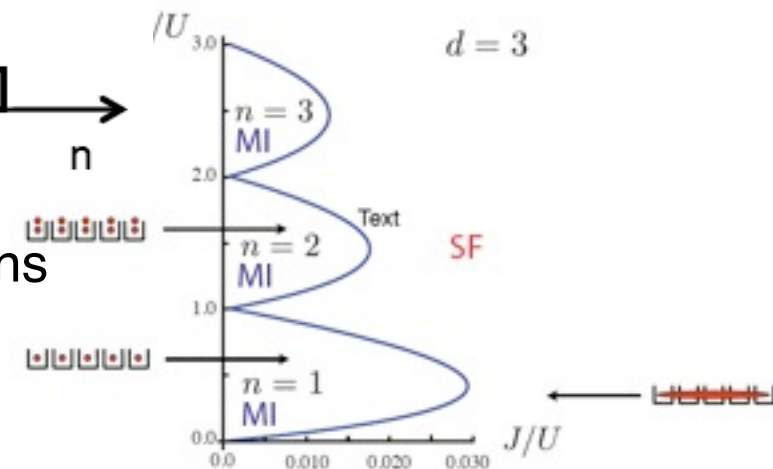
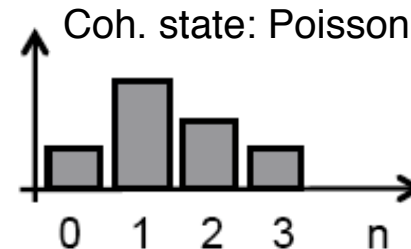
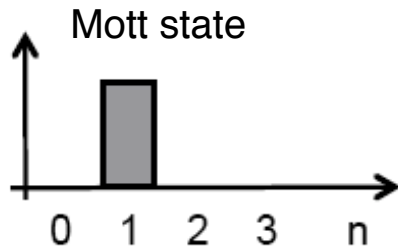
- Interpolation scheme encompassing the full range  $J/U$ .
  - Main ingredient: **product wave function ansatz**

$$|\psi\rangle = \prod_i |\psi\rangle_i, \quad |\psi\rangle_i = \sum_n f_n^{(i)} |n\rangle_i, \quad {}_i\langle\psi|\psi\rangle_i = 1 \quad \forall i$$

complex amplitudes
wave function normalization

- Limiting cases (homogeneous, drop site index, amplitudes chosen real):

- Mott state with particle number  $m$ :  $f_n = \delta_{n,m}$
- coherent state:  $f_n = \sqrt{N/n!} e^{-N/2}$



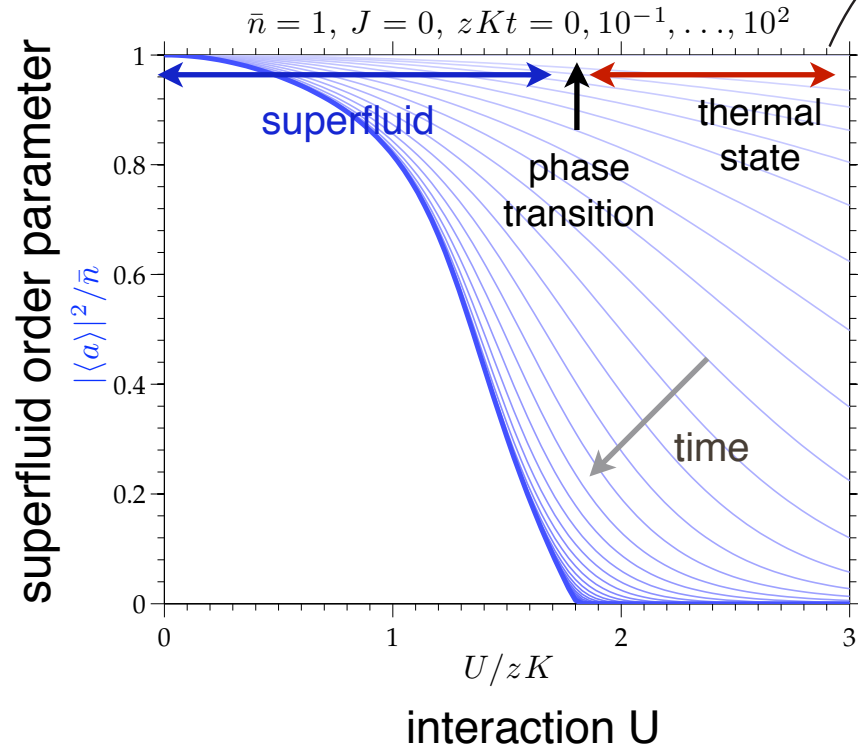
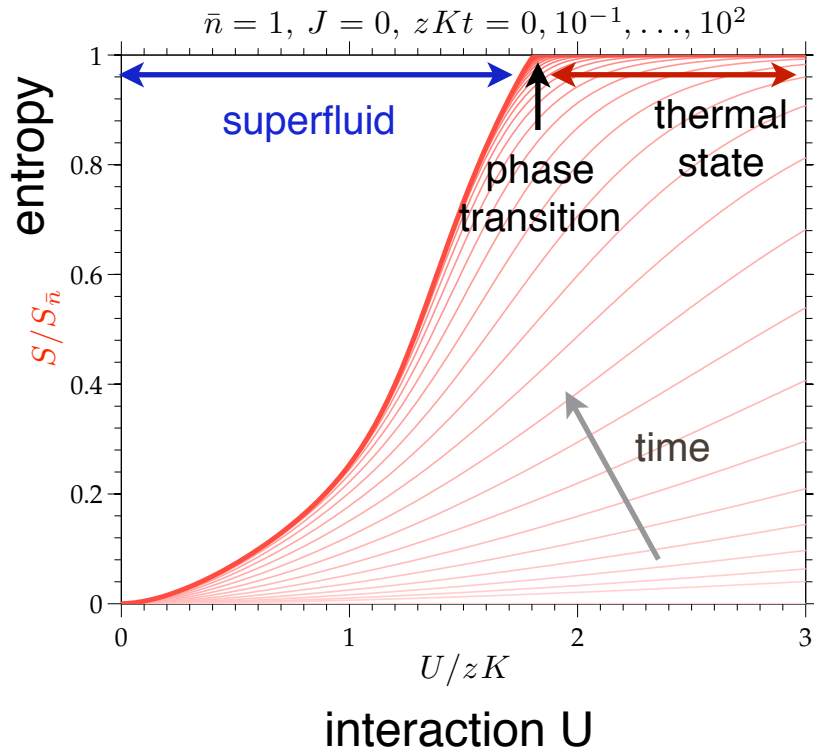
- Validity: approximation neglects all spatial correlations
  - becomes exact in infinite dimensions
  - reasonable in  $d=2,3$  ( $T=0$ )

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# Driven Dissipative Phase Transition

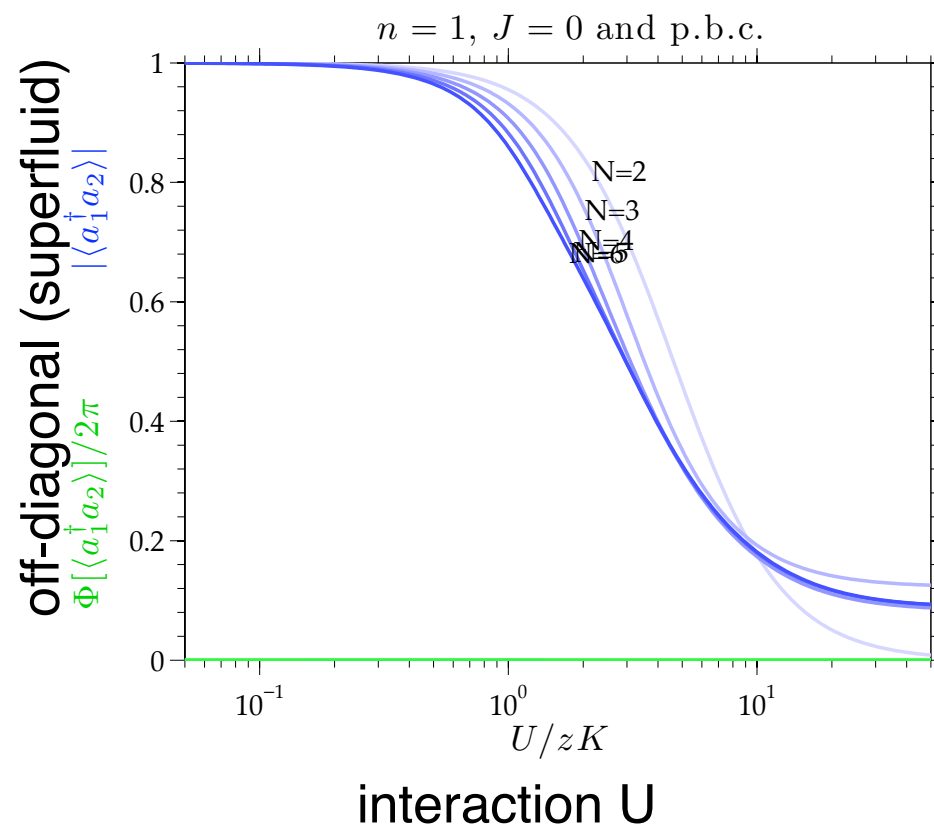
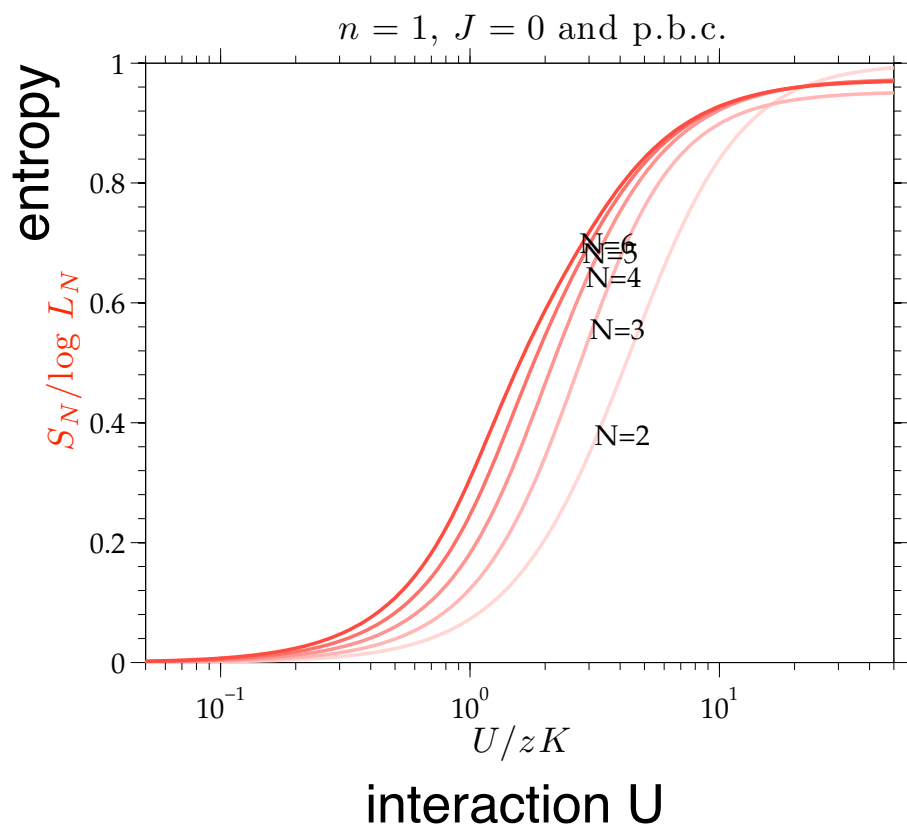
$$\rho_{n,n} = \frac{\bar{n}^n}{(\bar{n} + 1)^{n+1}}$$

- Dynamic generation of the phase transition from initial coherent state



- $U \rightarrow 0$  pure **coherent state** solution
- Phase transition: Non-analyticity develops for  $t \rightarrow \infty$
- above critical point: thermal state: “**fixed temperature**” given by mean particle density  $N$ ; no other scale appears
- **No** signatures of **Mott** physics due to **strong mixing** effect of  $U$ : unlike Bose-Hubbard case of two unitary tendencies at  $T=0$ :

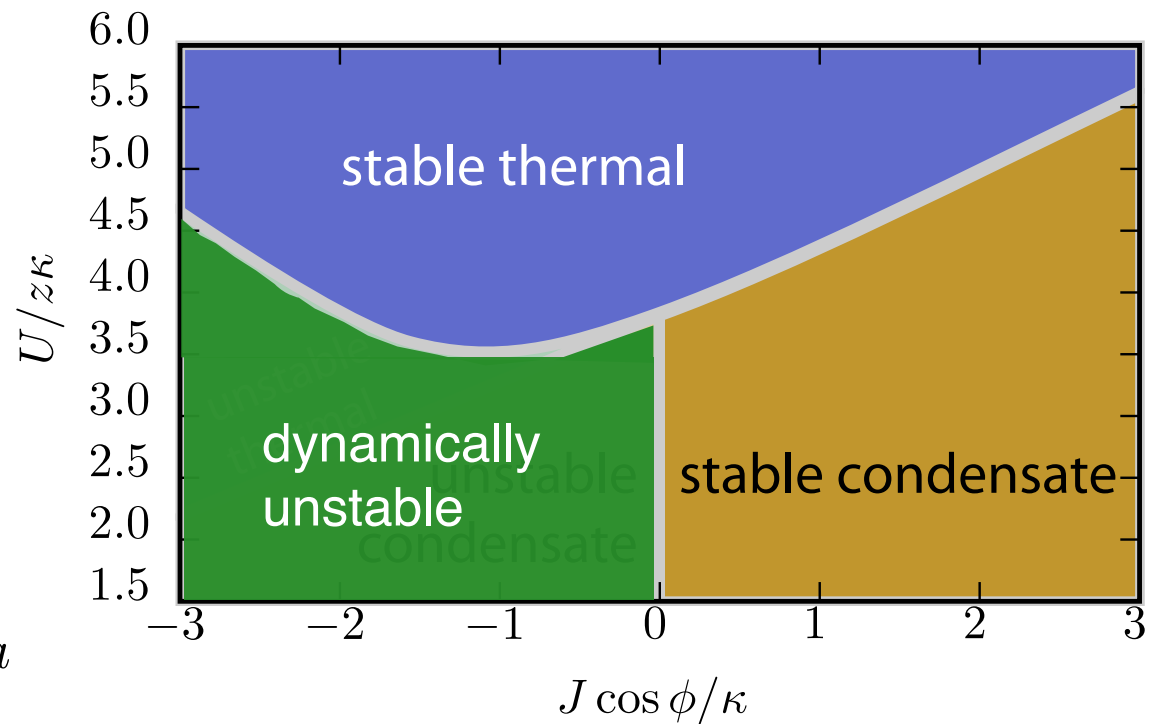
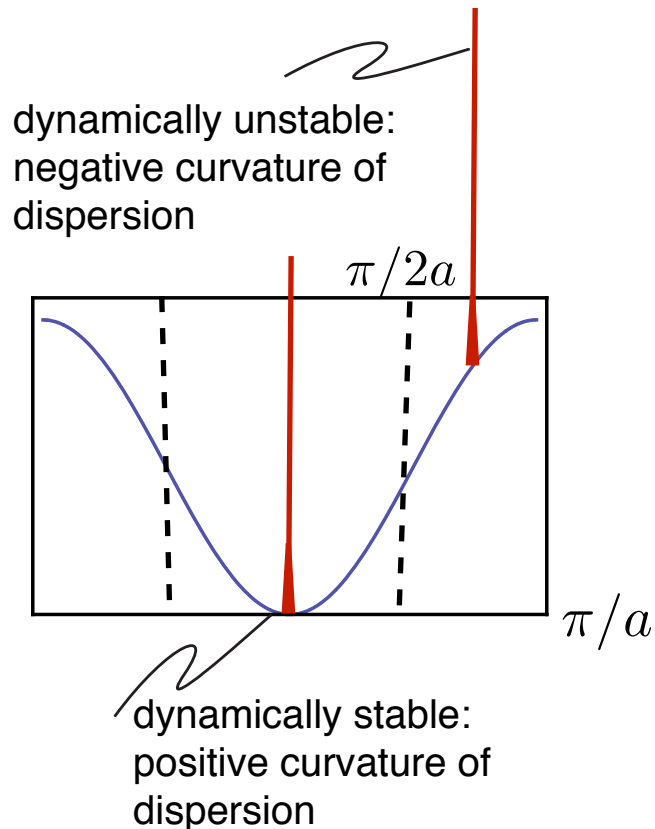
# Exact calculations for N=6 sites



# Nonequilibrium Phase Diagram

Classification?

- U/K transition:
  - **interaction driven** (like quantum PT)
  - terminates in **thermal state** (like classical finite temperature PT)
- Add **negative J** (via phase imprinting): further competition through dynamical instability
  - no stable equilibrium state (no dynamical fixed point)
  - dynamical limit cycle?



- Initialization: Coherent state,  $U=J=0$
- follow time evolution of the system

# Dissipative Driving of Fermions

- Excited states:  $\eta$  Condensate
- Cooling into Antiferromagnetic and d-Wave States



# Cooling to Excited States: $\eta$ -Condensate

- $\eta$ -state: exact excited (i.e. metastable) eigenstate of the two-species Fermi Hubbard Hamiltonian in d dimensions [Yang '89]

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma} f_{i\sigma}^\dagger f_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i f_{i\uparrow}^\dagger f_{i\downarrow}^\dagger f_{i\downarrow} f_{i\uparrow}$$

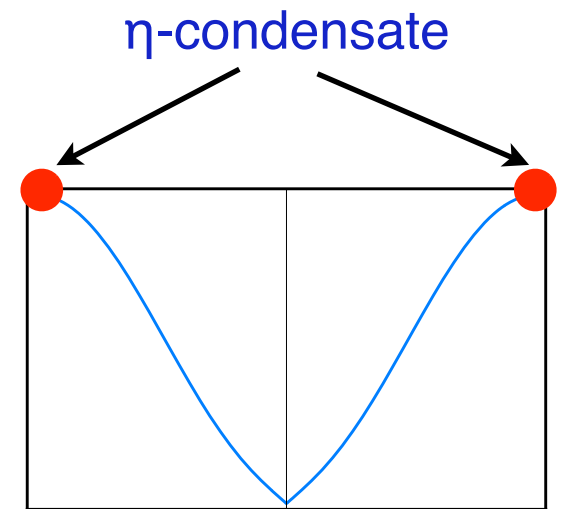
- local “doublon”  $\eta_i^\dagger = f_{i\uparrow}^\dagger f_{i\downarrow}^\dagger$
- checkerboard superposition  $\eta$ -particle

$$\eta^\dagger = \frac{1}{M^{d/2}} \sum_i \phi_i \eta_i^\dagger \quad \phi_i = \pm 1$$

- N- $\eta$ -condensate:

$$H(\eta^\dagger)^N |0\rangle = NU(\eta^\dagger)^N |0\rangle$$

exact eigenstate,  
off-diagonal long range order



# Cooling to Excited States: $\eta$ -Condensate

- Small scale simulations (open BC) demonstrate  $\eta$  condensation for jumps

$$c_{ij}^{(1)} = (\eta_i^\dagger - \eta_j^\dagger)(\eta_i + \eta_j)$$

$$c_{ij}^{(2)} = n_{i\uparrow} f_{i\downarrow}^\dagger f_{j\downarrow} + n_{j\uparrow} f_{j\downarrow}^\dagger f_{i\downarrow}$$

- Interpretation: Quantum Jump picture
  - H generates spin-up and down configurations on each pair of sites (for any initial density matrix)
  - $c_{ij}^{(2)}$  associates into local doublons
  - $c_{ij}^{(1)}$  creates checkerboard superposition:  $\eta$  condensate
- May be conceptually interesting
- However, these jump operators are two-body: difficult to engineer

# Motivation: Cooling Fermion Systems

- High temperature superconductivity
  - discovered in 1986 (Müller, Bednorz): cuprates show superconductivity at unconventionally high temperature
  - riddle: **attraction from repulsion**
    - microscopically, strong Coulomb onsite repulsion
    - still, observe pairing of fermions with d-wave symmetry
- Minimal model: **2d Fermi-Hubbard** model

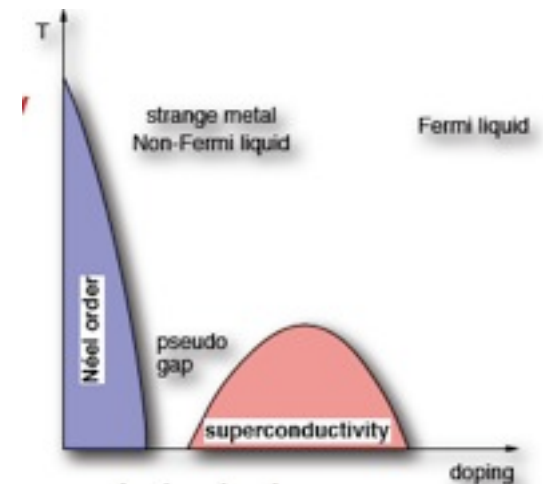
$$H_{\text{FH}} = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle, \sigma} c_{i,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j,\sigma} + U \sum_i \hat{n}_{i,\uparrow} \hat{n}_{i,\downarrow}$$

$$U \approx 10J$$

- realistic for cuprate high-temperature superconductors?
- hard to solve: strongly interacting fermion theory
  - no controlled analytical approach available
  - numerically (classical computer) intractable

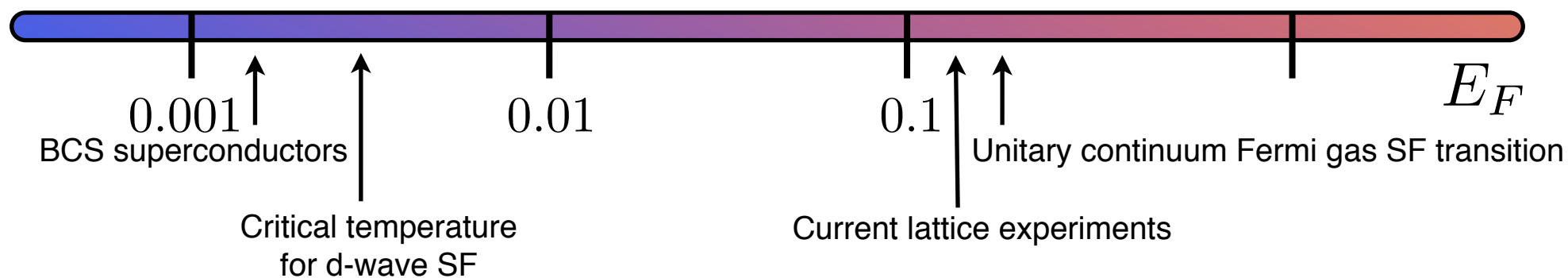
➔ **Quantum simulation** of the Fermi-Hubbard model in optical lattices?

Experimental phase diagram for cuprates



# Quantum Simulation of Fermion Hubbard model

- Clean realization of fermion Hubbard model possible
  - Detection of Fermi surface in 40K (M. Köhl et al. PRL 94, 080403 (2005))
  - Fermionic Mott Insulators (R. Jördens et al. Nature 455, 204 (2008); U. Schneider et al., Science 322, 1520 (2008))
- Cooling problematic: small d-wave gap sets tough requirements



➔ Still need to be 10-100x cooler

- Existing proposal: Adiabatic quantum simulation (S. Trebst et al. PRL 96, 250402 (2006))
  - Start from a pure initial state of noninteracting model
  - Adiabatically transform to unknown ground state of interacting model
  - Concrete scheme: find path protected by large gaps:
    - prepare RVB ground state on isolated 2x2 plaquettes
    - couple these plaquettes to arrive at many-body ground state

# Dissipative Quantum State Engineering Approach

- Roadmap:

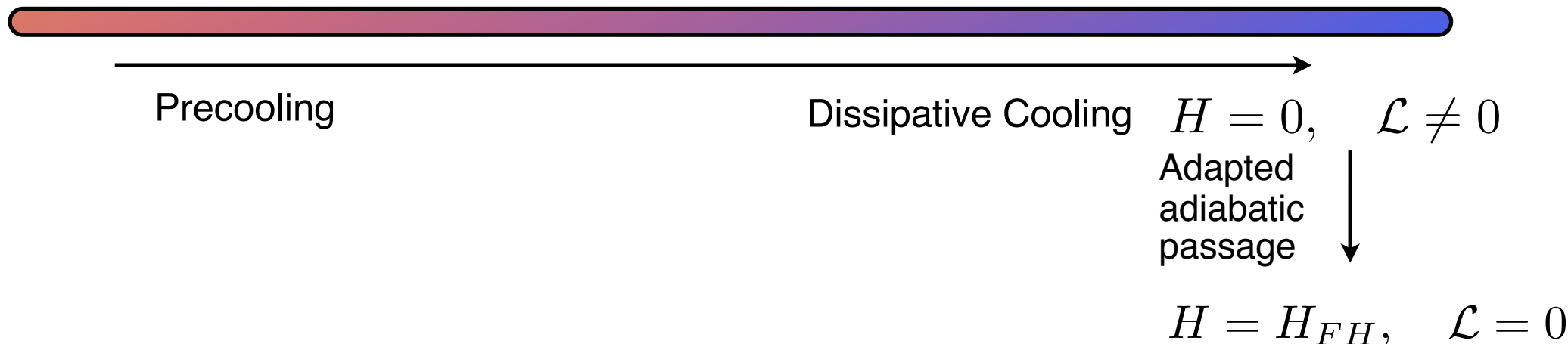
(1) Precool the system (lowest Bloch band)

(2) Dissipatively prepare pure (zero entropy) state close to the expected ground state:

- energetically close
- symmetry-wise close
- spin-wise close

(3) Adapted adiabatic passage to the Hubbard ground state

- switch dissipation off
- switch Hamiltonian on

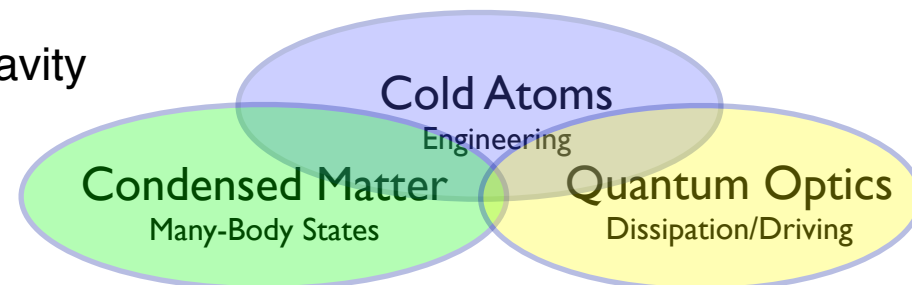


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# Summary Part I

By merging techniques from quantum optics and many-body systems:  
Driven dissipation can be used as controllable tool in cold atom systems.

- **Pure states** with long range correlations from quasilocal dissipation
  - Many-body dark state, independent of initial density matrix
  - Laser coherence mapped on matter system
  - System steady state has zero entropy
- **Nonequilibrium phase transition** driven via competition of unitary and dissipative dynamics
  - driven by interactions (like quantum phase transition)
  - terminates into thermal state (like classical phase transition)
- Strong potential applications for **fermionic quantum simulation**
  - cool into zero entropy d-wave state as initial state for Fermi-Hubbard model
  - single particle operations due to Pauli blocking
  - realistic setting using earth alkaline atoms in a cavity







# Optical Lattices

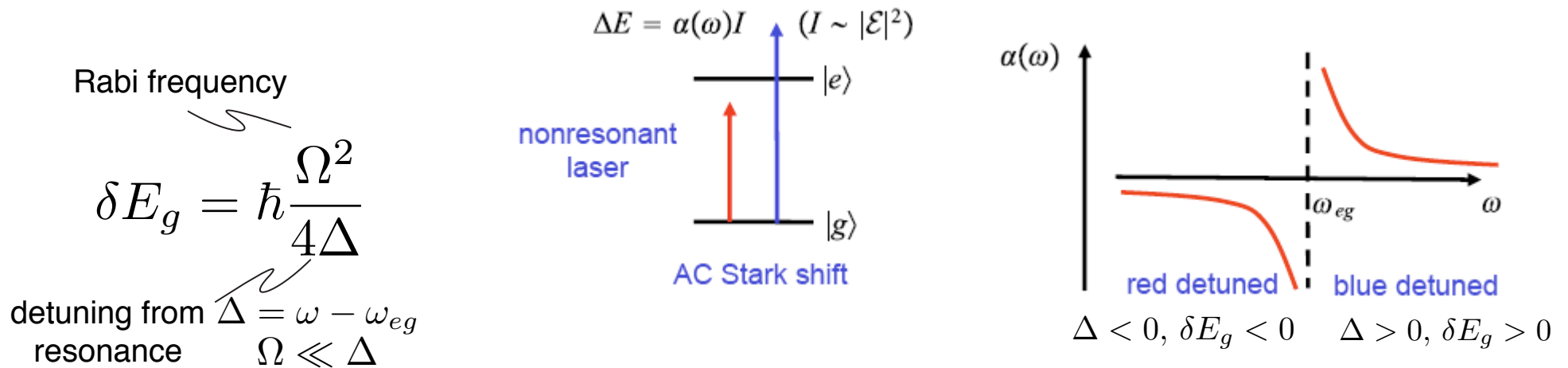
- AC-Stark shift

- Consider an atom in its electronic ground state exposed to laser light at fixed position  $\vec{x}$ .
- The light be far detuned from excited state resonances: ground state experiences a second-order AC-Stark shift

$$\delta E_g = \alpha(\omega)I$$

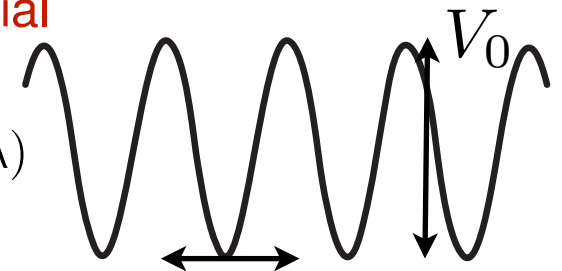
with  $\alpha(\omega)$  - dynamic polarizability of the atom for laser frequency  $\omega$ ,  $I \propto \vec{E}^2$  - light intensity.

- Example: two-level atom  $\{|g\rangle, |e\rangle\}$ .

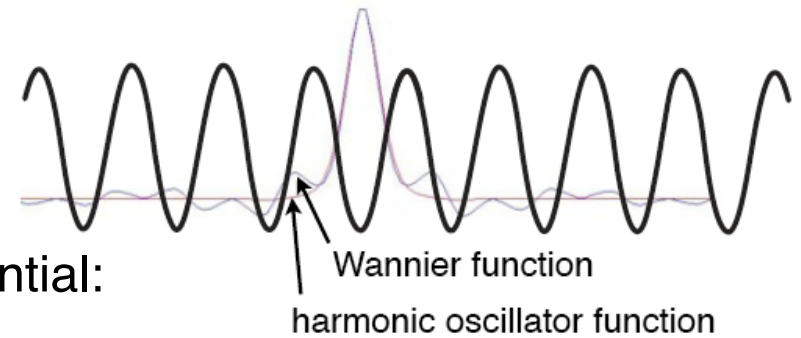


- For standing wave laser configuration  $\vec{E}(\vec{x}, t) = \vec{e}\mathcal{E} \sin kx e^{-i\omega t} + \text{h.c.}$ , AC-Stark shift is a function of position: It generates an **optical potential**

$$V_{\text{opt}}(\vec{x}) \equiv \delta E_g(\vec{x}) = \hbar \frac{\Omega^2(\vec{x})}{4\Delta} \equiv V_0 \sin^2 kx \quad (k = 2\pi/\lambda)$$



# Effective Lattice Hamiltonian



- Start from our model Hamiltonian, add optical potential:

$$H = \int_{\mathbf{x}} \left[ a_{\mathbf{x}}^\dagger \left( -\frac{\Delta}{2m} - \mu + V(\mathbf{x}) + V_{\text{opt}}(\mathbf{x}) \right) a_{\mathbf{x}} + g \hat{n}_{\mathbf{x}}^2 \right]$$

- Periodicity of the optical potential suggests expansion of field operators into localized lattice periodic Wannier functions (complete set of orthogonal functions)

$$a_{\mathbf{x}} = \sum_{i,n} w_n(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i) b_{i,n}$$

band index minimum position

- For low enough energies (temperature), we can restrict to lowest band:

$$T, U, J \ll \sqrt{4V_0 E_R}, E_R = k^2 / (2m) \rightarrow n = 0$$

- Then we obtain the single band Bose-Hubbard model

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

$$J = - \int dx w_0^*(x) \left( -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \Delta - V_{\text{opt}}(x) \right) w_0(x - \lambda/2)$$

$$U = g \int dx |w_0(x)|^4$$

$$\hat{n}_i = b_i^\dagger b_i$$

