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# **QUANTUM SIMULATION OF LATTICE GAUGE THEORIES WITH ULTRACOLD ATOMS**

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#### **Gauge Symmetries**

- In the standard model of high energy physics, the interactions are carried by vector bosons, which are excitations of gauge (or broken gauge) fields
- In the context of condensed matter physics,
  - String nets, Kitaev's toric code, Quantum double models, dimer models, spin liquids, etc.
  - Emergent, effective field theories (High- $T_c$ ?)
- Very interesting non-trivial behaviour:
  - Local symmetry → Many conservation laws → Special Hilbert space structure
  - Nonperturbative physics

#### **Gauge Theories**

- Still involve many puzzling, non-perturbative phenomena:
  - Mass gap of Yang-Mills (pure gauge) theories, quark confinement
  - Phases of non-Abelian gauge theories with fermionic matter
    - Color superconductivity
    - Quark-gluon Plasma
    - Confinement/deconfinement of **dynamical**, fermionic charges
  - High- $T_c$  superconductivity described by emergent gauge fields?

#### **Lattice Gauge Theories**

- Formulations of gauge theories on discrete space or spacetime (Wilson, Kogut-Susskind, Polyakov...)
- Allow for lattice regularization in a gauge invariant way, as well as many extremely successful nonperturbative calculations using Monte-Carlo methods (e.g. the hadronic spectrum)
- Numerical calculations still face several difficulties, due to the use of Euclidean spacetime for Monte-Carlo calculations:
  - The sign problem, for fermions with finite chemical potential
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- New approaches are needed:
   Tensor network methods
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#### Q. Sim. and TN for LGTs

- An active, rapidly growing research field
- Quantum Simulation (around 7 years):
  - MPQ Garching & Tel Aviv University
  - ICFO, Barcelona (Lewenstein)
  - Innsbruck, Bern, Trieste, IQC (Zoller, Wiese, Blatt, Dalmonte, Muschik)
  - Heidelberg (Oberthaler, Berges)

- ...

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- Tensor Networks (around 4 years):
  - MPQ Garching
  - Ghent (Verstraete)
  - ICFO (Lewenstein)
  - IQOQI, Bern, Trieste, Ulm (Zoller, Wiese, ...)

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# LATTICE GAUGE THEROFIES: ESSENTIAL FEATURES

# **Global Symmetry**

• Fermionic hopping

$$H_F = \sum_{\mathbf{x},k} \left( \epsilon \left( k \right) \psi^{\dagger} \left( \mathbf{x} \right) \psi \left( \mathbf{x} + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \right) + h.c. \right) + \sum_{\mathbf{x}} M \left( \mathbf{x} \right) \psi^{\dagger} \left( \mathbf{x} \right) \psi \left( \mathbf{x} \right)$$

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## **Local Symmetry**

• Add another degree of freedom - connection

 $H_F = \sum_{\mathbf{x},k} \left( \epsilon \left( k \right) \psi^{\dagger} \left( \mathbf{x} \right) U \left( \mathbf{x}, k \right) \psi \left( \mathbf{x} + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k \right) + h.c. \right) + \sum_{\mathbf{x}} M \left( \mathbf{x} \right) \psi^{\dagger} \left( \mathbf{x} \right) \psi \left( \mathbf{x} \right)$ 

 Invariant under local transformations

 $\psi\left(\mathbf{x}\right) \longrightarrow e^{i\alpha\left(\mathbf{x}\right)}\psi\left(\mathbf{x}\right)$ 

 $U(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \longrightarrow e^{i\alpha(\mathbf{x})} U(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) e^{-i\alpha(\mathbf{y})}$ 



On a lattice, the fermions are located at the vertices (sites), and the connectors are defined along links; e.g., for *U*(1):

$$U(\mathbf{x},\mu) = e^{ie\int_{\mathbf{x}}^{\mathbf{x}+\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{\mu}} dz^{\mu} A_{\mu}(\mathbf{z})} \longrightarrow e^{i\theta(\mathbf{x},\mu)}$$

 $\theta(\mathbf{x},\mu)$  - "Lattice vector potential" – compact (angle)  $L(\mathbf{x},1) = e^{-1} \int \int dx^2 dx^3 E_1(\mathbf{x})$ Electric flux (or lattice E field)

Electric flux (or lattice E field) - U(1) angular momentum - integer



$$\begin{bmatrix} L(\mathbf{x},i), \theta(\mathbf{y},j) \end{bmatrix} = -i\delta_{ij}\delta_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}}$$
  
$$\begin{bmatrix} L(\mathbf{x},i), U(\mathbf{x},i) \end{bmatrix} = U(\mathbf{x},i)$$
  
$$U(\mathbf{x},i) - \text{Electric flux raising operator.}$$
  
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#### **Gauge Field Dynamics**

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ight)$  - Electric flux raising operator.



 $\psi^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x})U(\mathbf{x},k)\psi(\mathbf{x}+\hat{\mathbf{e}}_{k})$ 

Raises the electric field on a link.

<u>m + 1</u>

Suitable "kinetic" energy term:

$$H_E = \frac{e^2}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{x},k} L^2(\mathbf{x},k)$$
$$\longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \int d^D x \mathbf{E}^2$$

- Electric energy

#### Other gauge invariant operators are connectors along a closed loop - Wilson loops

$$W(C) = e^{i \oint C dx^{\mu} A_{\mu}(\mathbf{x})}$$

#### On a lattice – products of oriented link operators (connectors)

$$W(C) = \prod_{C} U^{(\pm)}$$



# We can use these to add a self interaction term to the Hamiltonian:

$$H_B = -\frac{1}{2e^2} \sum_{\mathbf{x},k,l} \left( U_k \left( \mathbf{x}, k \right) U \left( \mathbf{x} + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k, l \right) U^{\dagger} \left( \mathbf{x} + \hat{\mathbf{e}}, k \right) U^{\dagger} \left( \mathbf{x}, l \right) + h.c. \right) = -e^{-2} \sum_{\mathbf{x},k,l} \cos \left( \theta \left( \mathbf{x}, k \right) + \theta \left( \mathbf{x} + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_k, l \right) - \theta \left( \mathbf{x} + \hat{\mathbf{e}}_l, k \right) - \theta \left( \mathbf{x}, l \right) \right)$$

$$\longrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \int d^D x \left( \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \int d^D x \mathbf{B}^2$$





### Symmetry → Conserved Charge

- For the global symmetry, the conserved charge is the total number of fermions.
- For the local symmetry, we have local conservation laws, which may be formulated by the Gauss's law:

$$G(\mathbf{x}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{x}) - Q\left(\psi^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x})\psi(\mathbf{x})\right)$$

$$\longrightarrow \sum_{k} \left(L_{k}(\mathbf{x}) - L_{k}(\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{k})\right) - Q(\mathbf{x})$$

$$[G(\mathbf{x}), H] = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \Longleftrightarrow \dot{G}(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x}$$

#### **Structure of the Hilbert Space**

• Generators of gauge transformations (cQED):

$$G(\mathbf{x}) = \operatorname{div} L(\mathbf{x}) - Q(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\equiv \sum_{k} (L_{k}(\mathbf{x}) - L_{k}(\mathbf{x} - \hat{\mathbf{e}}_{k})) - Q(\mathbf{x})$$
Gauss' Law  $G(\mathbf{x}) |\psi\rangle = q(\mathbf{x}) |\psi\rangle$ 
Sectors with fixed  $[G(\mathbf{x}), H] = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x}$ 
configurations
$$G(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{f} = \bigoplus \mathcal{H}(\{q(\mathbf{x})\}\})$$

#### **Degrees of Freedom**

• Matter particles (fermions) – on the **vertices** of a lattice.

- Gauge fields on the lattice's **links** 
  - Described by local Hilbert spaces, which may be spanned in terms of Electric Field Eigenstates (whose exact nature depends on the gauge group) – connection.
  - For compact Lie groups, the local
     Hilbert space on a link is <u>infinite</u>.



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- This means that the state is invariant under each local transformation separately.



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 $\psi_{m}^{\dagger}\left(\mathbf{x}\right) U_{mn}\left(\mathbf{x},k\right)\psi_{n}\left(\mathbf{x}+\hat{\mathbf{k}}\right)$ 

 A fermion hops to a neighboring site, and the flux on the link in the middle changes to preserve Gauss laws on the two relevant sites



#### **Allowed Interactions**

- Must preserve the symmetry commute with the "Gauss Laws" (generators of symmetry transformations)
- <u>Second option</u>: plaquette interaction:

 $\operatorname{Tr}\left(U(\mathbf{x},1)U(\mathbf{x}+\hat{1},2)U^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x}+\hat{2},1)U^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x},2)\right)$ 

- The flux on the links of a single plaquette changes such that the Gauss laws on the four relevant sites is preserved.
- Magnetic interaction.



# GAUGE INVARIANT NITH COLD ATOMS

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Confinement and Lattice Quantum-Electrodynamic Electric Flux Tubes Simulated with Ultracold Atoms Erez Zohar and Benni Reznik School of Physics and Astronomy, Raymond and Beverly Sackler Faculty of Exact Sciences, Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv 69978, Israel (Received 7 August 2011; published 27 December 2011) We propose a method for simulating (2 + 1)D compact lattice quantum-electrodynamics, using ultracold atoms in optical lattices. In our model local Bose-Einstein condensates' (BECs) phases correspond to the electromagnetic vector potential, and the local number operators represent the conjugate electric field. The well-known gauge-invariant Kogu-Susskind Hamiltonian is obtained as an effective low-energy theory. The field is then coupled to external static charges. We show that in the strong coupling limit this gives rise to "electric flux tubes" and to confinement. This can be observed by measuring the local density deviations of the BECs, and is expected to hold even, to some extent, outside the perturbative calculable regime.

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  - Various simulation approaches:
    - Analog
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First Experimental Realization (Christine's talk):

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# How to go furth

- → Larger Systems
- $\rightarrow$  2+1d and more
- $\rightarrow$  Fermions
- → Non-Abelian models

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#### Quantum simulation of fundamental physics

Gauge theories underpin the standard model of particle physics, but are difficult to study using conventional computational methods. An experimental quantum system opens up fresh avenues of investigation. SEE LETTER P.516

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answer some of those outstanding questions. Theoretical physics often involves problems

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 Local (gauge) symmetries may be introduced to the

atomic simulator using several methods.

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#### **Ultracold Atoms in Optical Lattices**

- Atoms are cooled and trapped in periodic potentials created by laser beams.
- Highly controllable systems:
  - Tuning the laser beams  $\rightarrow$  shape of the potential
  - Tunable interactions (S-wave collisions among atoms in the ultracold limit tunable with Feshbach resonances, external Raman lasers)
  - Use of several atomic species  $\rightarrow$ different internal (hyperfine) levels  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$  may be used, experiencing different optical potentials
  - Easy to measure, address and manipulate



#### **QS of LGTs with Ultracold Atoms in Optical Lattices**



## The atomic Hamiltonian (Hubbard) has a global symmetry

General form (after "overlap" Wannier integrations)  

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n}} J_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n}} a_{\mathbf{m}}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{n}} + \sum_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n},\mathbf{k},\mathbf{l}} U_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n},\mathbf{k},\mathbf{l}} a_{\mathbf{m}}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{n}}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k}} a_{\mathbf{l}}$$
Assuming nearest neighbor interactions  

$$H = J \sum_{\langle \mathbf{m},\mathbf{n} \rangle} a_{\mathbf{m}}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{n}} + U \sum_{\mathbf{m}} N_{\mathbf{m}} (N_{\mathbf{m}} - 1)$$
For many species  

$$H = \sum_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n},\alpha,\beta} J_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n}}^{\alpha,\beta} a_{\mathbf{m},\alpha}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{n},\beta} + \sum_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n},\mathbf{k},\mathbf{l}} U_{\mathbf{m},\mathbf{n},\mathbf{k},\mathbf{l}}^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta} a_{\mathbf{n},\beta}^{\dagger} a_{\mathbf{k},\gamma} a_{\mathbf{l},\delta}$$

Total number of particles is conserved (global symmetry): no apparent local symmetry

#### **Analog Approach I: Effective Local Gauge Invariance**

<u>Gauss law</u> is added to the Hamiltonian as a constraint (penalty term). Leaving a gauge invariant sector of Hilbert space costs too much Energy. <u>Low energy sector with an effective gauge invariant Hamiltonian</u>. Emerging plaquette interactions (second order perturbation theory).





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#### Analog Approach II: Atomic Symmetries → Local Gauge Invariance



• Links  $\leftrightarrow$  atomic scattering : gauge invariance is a <u>fundamental</u> symmetry



- Plaquettes  $\leftrightarrow$  gauge invariant links  $\leftrightarrow$  virtual loops of ancillary fermions.
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#### **Realization of Link Interactions**

 $\psi_L^{\dagger} U \psi_R$ 



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- Narrow, deep bosonic wells  $\rightarrow$  no tunneling, fixed number on link  $\rightarrow$  fixed Schwinger representation:  $\ell = \frac{1}{2} \left( a^{\dagger}a + b^{\dagger}b \right)$
- Staggered fermionic wells  $\rightarrow$  no tunneling
- Only possible Hamiltonian terms: Scattering on the link B-F – interaction, B-B – electric energy a,b
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## **Realization in Heidelberg**

- Calculations applying our scheme towards an experiment: Kasper, Hebenstreit, Jendrzejewski, Oberthaler, Berges, NJP 19 023030 (2017) – very exciting results
- Matter:  $F = \frac{1}{2}$  <sup>6</sup>Li atoms
- Gauge field:  $F = 1^{23}$ Na atoms
- No Feshbach resonance!
- On the links, around 100 atomic bosons – very high electric field truncation (±50)



• More dimensions?

#### Generalizations

• Valid for any gauge group, including non-Abelian



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 Truncation schemes for general groups (analogous to the Schwinger representation used in the abelian case) – possible as well)

$$U^{j}_{mm'} = \sum_{J,K} \sqrt{\frac{\dim{(J)}}{\dim{(K)}}} \langle JMjm|KN\rangle \langle KN'|JM'jm'\rangle a^{\dagger K}_{NN'}a^{J}_{MM'}$$

$$U_{mn}^{j=1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} |++\rangle \langle 0| + |0\rangle \langle --| & |+-\rangle \langle 0| - |0\rangle \langle -+| \\ |-+\rangle \langle 0| - |0\rangle \langle +-| & |0\rangle \langle ++| + |--\rangle \langle 0| \end{pmatrix}$$

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#### Further Dimensions $\rightarrow$ Plaquette Interactions

 $\sum_{\text{plaquettes}} \left( \text{Tr} \left( U_1 U_2 U_3^{\dagger} U_4^{\dagger} \right) + h.c. \right)$ 

1d elementary link interactions are **already gauge invariant** Auxiliary fermions:

Heavy, constrained to "sit" on special vertices

- Virtual processes
- Valid for any gauge group, once the link interactions are realized

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Perturbative interactions!

- Practically, second order and not fourth, since only even orders contribute to the perturbative series.
- However, it's still weak, so why not do it without perturbation theory at all?

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#### PIGITAL GAUGE THEORIES $12 \wedge$ <u></u> $16 \wedge$ $\leftarrow$ Ľ Ľ $\Lambda$ $\Delta$ $\rightarrow 0$



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Entanglement is created and undone between the control and the physical degrees of freedom.

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The  $Z_2$  example:

- Plaquette interactions  $\sigma_x(\mathbf{x}, 1) \sigma_x(\mathbf{x}+\hat{\mathbf{1}}, 2) \sigma_x(\mathbf{x}+\hat{\mathbf{2}}, 1) \sigma_x(\mathbf{x}, 2)$ 

- Link interactions  $\psi^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x})\sigma_{x}(\mathbf{x},k)\psi(\mathbf{x}+\hat{\mathbf{k}})$ 

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#### - A "Stator" (state-operator)

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#### Realization

# Three atomic layers: The control atoms are movable

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#### Use of hyperfine structure



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#### Realization

#### A bipartite single time step (two sublattices)

All plaquettes of a given parity are realized at once Trotterized time evolution, of already gauge invariant pieces (implementation errors can break the symmetry)



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# **First generalization:** Z<sub>3</sub>

 Larger Hilbert spaces, more complicated interactions

$$P^{[3]} = Q^{[3]} = 1,$$
  

$$PQP^{\dagger} = e^{i(2\pi/3)}Q,$$
  

$$Q|m\rangle = |m+1\rangle \text{ (cyclically)}$$
  

$$P|m\rangle = e^{i(2\pi/3)m}|m\rangle.$$



$$|\widetilde{in}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \sum_{m=-1}^{1} |\widetilde{m}\rangle$$

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Dihedral group  $D_N$ :  $D_N = \{\theta^p r^m | p \in (0, 1, 2, .., N-1), m \in (0, 1)\} \text{ with } \theta \text{ rotations around } \frac{2\pi}{N} \text{ and } r \text{ reflection}$ 

 $D_3$ : symmetry group of the triangle, rotations around multiples of  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  and refelction  $\rightarrow$  6 elements

#### **Further generalization**

#### Any gauge group

$$S = \int dg |g_A\rangle \langle g_A| \otimes |g_B\rangle$$
$$\left(U_{mn}^j\right)_B S = S \left(U_{mn}^j\right)_A$$
$$S_{\Box} = \mathcal{U}_{\Box} \left|\tilde{in}\right\rangle \equiv \mathcal{U}_1 \mathcal{U}_2 \mathcal{U}_3^{\dagger} \mathcal{U}_4^{\dagger} \left|\tilde{in}\right\rangle$$
$$\operatorname{Tr}\left(\widetilde{U^j} + \widetilde{U^j}^{\dagger}\right) S_{\Box} = S_{\Box} \operatorname{Tr}\left(U_1^j U_2^j U_3^{\dagger\dagger} U_4^{j\dagger} + H.c.\right)$$

#### Feasible for finite or truncated infinite groups

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#### **Summary**

- Lattice gauge theories may be simulated by ultracold atoms in optical lattices. Gauge invariance may be obtained in several methods.
- Atomic interactions may be mapped exactly to a gauge symmetry in the ultracold limit, making the gauge invariance fundamental in some sense. This allows to realize a 1+1d q. sim. (work in progress in Heidelberg), and generalizations to more dimensions exits.
- Lattice gauge theories may be formulated in a digital way: two body interactions with ancillary atoms may induce four body interactions. This can be done with ultracold atoms in a layered structure; By doing that, plaquette interactions are possibly stronger than in the analog, perturbative approach.

# Thank you




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 $e^{-i\epsilon \left(\psi_1^{\dagger}\psi_2 + \psi_2^{\dagger}\psi_1\right)\tau}\mathcal{U}_W^{\dagger}$ 

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$$= e^{-i\epsilon \left(\psi_1^{\dagger}\sigma^x\psi_2 + \psi_2^{\dagger}\sigma^x\psi_1\right)\tau}$$

Global tunneling becomes Locally Gauge invariant interaction

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## Realization

Local operations – Raman lasers

$$V_{\mathbf{n}}(\phi) = e^{-i\phi \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{x})}$$
$$\tilde{V}_{\mathbf{n}}(\phi) = e^{-i\phi \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tilde{\sigma}}(\mathbf{x})}$$

 $|F, m_F\rangle$ 

Interactions – S-wave scattering, when the wavefunctions overlap  $H_{ab} = f_0(t)(g_0 \sum_{m n} a_m^{\dagger} a_m b_n^{\dagger} b_n + g_1 \mathbf{F} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{F}})$ 

$$H_{b\psi} = f'_0(t)(g'_0 \psi^{\dagger} \psi \sum_m b^{\dagger}_m b_m + g'_1 \psi^{\dagger} \psi \tilde{\sigma}_z$$
  
In both cases, two channels: ½ x ½ = 0 + 1  
 $g_0 = \pi(a_0 + 3a_1)/2\mu, g_1 = 2\pi(a_1 - a_0)/\mu$ 

- **Constraints:** 
  - Magnetic field in z direction + RWA

$$-\sum_{m}a_{m}^{\dagger}a_{m}=\sum_{m}b_{m}^{\dagger}b_{m}=1$$

Careful design of the control movement  $F^{\alpha}(\mathbf{x},k) = \frac{1}{2}\sigma^{\alpha}(\mathbf{x},k) = \frac{1}{2}a_{m}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{x},k)\sigma_{mn}^{\alpha}a_{n}(\mathbf{x},k)$ (adiabaticity, overlap)



## Realization

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- Realize the local (non-interacting) terms of the Hamiltonian
- Auxiliary operations (basis changes etc.)
- Interactions S-wave scattering, when the wavefunctions overlap

$$\mathcal{U}_{ab}(\phi) = e^{-4i\phi F_z \tilde{F}_z} = e^{-i\phi\sigma_z \tilde{\sigma}_z}$$
  
 $\mathcal{U}_{b\psi}(\phi) = e^{-i\phi'(\phi)\psi^{\dagger}\psi}e^{(-\phi/\pi)\psi^{\dagger}\psi\log\tilde{\sigma}_z}$ 



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#### **Realization – Plaquettes** Atomic collisions → Interactions

Move all controls to link 4
Move all controls to link 3
Move all controls to link 2
Move all controls to link 1

$$\mathcal{U}_{ab}(\phi) = e^{-4i\phi F_z \tilde{F}_z} = e^{-i\phi\sigma_z \tilde{\sigma}_z} \left[ \begin{array}{c} \mathcal{U} = \mathcal{U}^{\dagger} = \\ V_{\mathbf{n}}(\phi) = e^{-i\phi \sum_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{n} \cdot \sigma(\mathbf{x})} \end{array} \right] \left| \tilde{\uparrow} \right\rangle \langle \tilde{\uparrow} | + \sigma^x \otimes | \tilde{\downarrow} \rangle \langle \tilde{\downarrow} |$$

$$V_{y}^{\dagger}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\mathcal{U}_{a_{1}b}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\mathcal{U}_{a_{2}b}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\mathcal{U}_{a_{3}b}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\mathcal{U}_{a_{4}b}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)V_{y}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)V_{x}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\tilde{V}_{z}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

5. Act locally on all controls

 $\tilde{V}_B = \tilde{V}_x \left( 2\lambda_B \tau \right)$ 

6. Undo steps 1-4, go to the other sublattice

$$S_{\Box} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \left| \widetilde{\uparrow} \right\rangle + \sigma_{\Box}^{x} \otimes \left| \widetilde{\downarrow} \right\rangle \right)$$
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#### Realization – Links Atomic collisions → Interactions

- 1. Move the **control** to the **link**
- 2. Move the **control** to the **left fermion**

3. Allow **fermions** to tunnel (reducing the potential barrier along the link)

4. Undo step 2

5. Undo step 1



 $\begin{aligned} \mathcal{U}_{b\psi}(\phi) &= e^{-i\phi'(\phi)\psi^{\dagger}\psi}e^{(-\phi/\pi)\psi^{\dagger}\psi\log\tilde{\sigma}_{z}}\\ \tilde{V}_{\mathbf{n}}(\phi) &= e^{-i\phi\sum_{\mathbf{x}}\mathbf{n}\cdot\tilde{\sigma}(\mathbf{x})}\\ \tilde{V}_{y}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\mathcal{U}_{b\psi}\left(\pi\right)\tilde{V}_{y}^{\dagger}\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) &= e^{-i\phi'\psi^{\dagger}\psi}\mathcal{U}_{W}^{\dagger} = \mathcal{U}_{W}^{\dagger}e^{-i\phi'\psi^{\dagger}\psi}\\ \mathcal{U}_{W}^{\dagger} &= e^{-\psi^{\dagger}\psi\log\sigma^{x}}\\ \mathcal{U}_{W}^{\dagger}e^{-i\epsilon\left(\psi_{1}^{\dagger}\psi_{2}+\psi_{2}^{\dagger}\psi_{1}\right)\tau}\mathcal{U}_{W}^{\dagger}\\ &= e^{-i\epsilon\left(\psi_{1}^{\dagger}\sigma^{x}\psi_{2}+\psi_{2}^{\dagger}\sigma^{x}\psi_{1}\right)\tau}\end{aligned}$ 

"Rotate" **fermions** with respect to **gauge field** (The rotation parameter is an operator)

Method we apply for tensor constructions as well.

# **First generalization:** Z<sub>3</sub>



giving rise to undesired interactions – eliminated by using a magnetic field gradient which allows spatial separation of different levels.

• Interaction with the matter fermions – similar.

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