More than two can dance: Twisting, double-twisting & binding in an optical cavity Ana Maria Rey

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Controllable llebg-range integacting Systems





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Hamiltonian Engineering

Binding and Twisting

- Cavity-mediated momentum-exchange interaction Luo, Zhang, Koh, Wilson, Chu, Holland, Rey, Thompson, *Science 384 ,551 (2024)*
- Solitons in arbitrary dimensions stabilized by photon-mediated interactions Zhang, Chu, Luo, Thompson, Rey, arXiv:2504.1707

Double the Twisting

• XYZ Hamiltonian engineering of momentum states Luo*, Zhang*, Chu, Maruko, Rey, Thompson, Nature Physics, 916 (2025)

Many - Buddies

 Observation of three and four-body interactions between momentum states mediated by a high-finesse cavity Luo*, Zhang*, Chu, Maruko, Rey, Thompson, arXiv:2410.12132, In press Science





JILA Cavity QED Rb System



Atoms Doppler Cooled to few μK

JILA Cavity QED Rb System





760nm dipole trap (exciting multiple FSR)

Repulsive

Velocity Selection: Narrow momentum distribution



Bragg- Interferometer: Only momentum states

Luo, Zhang, ..., Rey, Thompson, Science 384 (6695), 551 (2024)

Momentum distribution



Wilson *et a, PRA* **106**, 043711 (2022)

$$|\psi(p)\rangle = \sin(\frac{\theta}{2}) |p + p_0 + \hbar k\rangle + \cos(\frac{\theta}{2}) e^{i\phi} |p + p_0 + \hbar k\rangle$$

 $\sigma_{\rm m} \sim 0.1\hbar k \ll 2\hbar k$





Atom-Light Interaction

Tavis-Cuming Interaction

 $\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = \hbar g_0 \int \cos\left(kZ\right) \left[\hat{a}\hat{\psi}_e^{\dagger}(Z)\hat{\psi}_g(Z) + \hat{a}^{\dagger}\hat{\psi}_g^{\dagger}(Z)\hat{\psi}_e(Z)\right] dZ$

$$\Delta_a = \omega_a - \omega_d \sim 500 \text{ MHz} \qquad \Delta_a \gg \sqrt{N_{\text{ph}}} g_o$$

Elimination of the excited state Rotating frame of the pump

 $\hat{H}_{\text{light}} = -\hbar\Delta_d \hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{a} + \hbar \left(\eta \hat{a}^{\dagger} + \eta^* \hat{a} \right)$



Detuning between pump field and dressed cavity resonance

$$\begin{aligned} H_{a-c} &= \quad G \ \hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{a} \int dZ [\underbrace{\hat{\psi}_{g}(Z)^{\dagger} e^{i2kZ} \hat{\psi}_{g}(Z)}_{\hat{S}_{+}} + \underbrace{\hat{\psi}_{g}(Z)^{\dagger} e^{-i2kZ} \hat{\psi}_{g}(Z)}_{\hat{S}_{-}}] &= G \ \hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{a} \ (\hat{S}_{-} + \hat{S}_{+}) = 2G \ \hat{a}^{\dagger} \hat{a} \hat{S}_{x} \\ G &= \frac{\hbar g_{o}^{2}}{4\Delta_{a}} \end{aligned}$$

Effective Atom-Atom Interaction

After adiabatic elimination of the cavity mode $(G\alpha_o^2\sqrt{N} \ll \Delta_d \pm \omega_z)$

Richerme, ..., Monroe, *Nature*, 511, 198-201 (2014) Jurcevic, ..., Roos, *Nature*, 511, 202-205 (2014) Franke, ..., Rey, Roos, *Nature* 621, 740-745 (2023)

Twisting and Binding in the Cavity

$$H_{gg} = H_{sp} + H_{coll}$$

$$\widehat{H}_{coll} \approx \chi (\widehat{S}_{-} \widehat{S}_{+} + \widehat{S}_{-} \widehat{S}_{+}) = \chi (\widehat{S}_{-}^{2} - \widehat{S}_{z}^{2})$$
Many-body One-axis gap protection twisting $H_{sp} = 2 \frac{\hbar k}{m} \sum_{p} p \widehat{s}_{z}(p)$

$$\overbrace{v_{rec}}^{\text{Doppler dephasing}} p \widehat{s}_{z}(p)$$

One Axis Twisting shift of Brag Interferometer

 $OAT \rightarrow$ Investion dependent phase shift

$$\widehat{H}_{\text{OAT}} \approx -\chi(\widehat{S}_z \widehat{S}_z) \approx -2\chi \langle \widehat{S}_z \rangle \widehat{S}_z$$
$$\rightarrow \Delta \phi = -2\chi \langle \widehat{S}_z \rangle t$$

Kitagawa, Ueda PRA 47, 5138 (1993) Wineland *et al* PRA 50, 67 (1994) Sorensen *et al* Nature 409, 63 (2001) Pezze *et al* RMP 90, 035005 (2018)



Luo, Zhang, ..., Holland, Rey, Thompson, Science **384**, 551 (2024)

Changing χ : Scanning pump tone through resonance



Non-Interacting Atoms



Many-body gap protection

$$\widehat{H}_{\rm coll} \approx \chi \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{S}} \cdot \widehat{\boldsymbol{S}} - \widehat{S}_z^2 \right)$$

Binding wave packets together!





Rey, ..., Lukin, Phys. Rev. A 77, 052305 (2008) Norcia, ..., Rey, Thompson, *Science* 361 259 (2018) $S = \frac{N}{2}$ Rey, ..., Lukin, Phys. Rev. A 77, 052305 (2008) Smale, He ..., Rey, Thywissen Sci. Adv (2019) Davis,...Schleier-Smith PRL125, 060402 (2020) Franke, ..., Rey, Roos, Nature 621, 740-745 (2023)

Binding wave-packets

Experiment sees momentum exchange interaction slows down dephasing!!.

Ideal experiment: No-binding

 $\vec{v}_{rec} = \hbar k/m$

Ideal experiment: Binding



 \vec{v}_{rec}/N

Cavity QED implementation of BCS model

BCS model

Anderson

pseudospin

mapping



Lewis-Swan, ..., Thompson, Rey, PRL **126** (17), 173601 (2021) Young, Chu, ..., Rey, Thompson Nature 625, 679-684 (2024)

Spin-exchanged interactions

Many-body gap protection with momentum spins



Many-body gap protection

Protection against contrast loss in Rb Bragg matter-wave interferometer



From Binding to soliton Formation

Can exchange interaction prevent the wave packet broadening?

H. Zhang, A. Chu, C. Luo, J. K. Thompson, A. M. Rey, arXiv:2504.1707

Solitons in matter waves: 1D (stable, Salomon and Hulet's groups (2002))
 2D (Townes solitons), 3D (instable, Cornell-Wieman group (2001))

2D Purdue : Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 023604 (2021), use of a Feshbach resonance with 133Cs 2D Paris : Phys. Rev. Lett. 127, 023603 (2021), use of a two-component gas with 87Rb

- Soliton in thermal gas (no BEC necessary) and arbitrary dimension;
- New opportunities for dispersion engineerir







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H. Zhang, A. Chu, C. Luo, J. K. Thompson, A. M. Rey, arXiv:2504.1707

 $|p_0+2\hbar k_c\rangle$

 $|p_o - \hbar k\rangle$

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 $\hat{\mathbf{\Phi}}\hat{H}_{in}$

 $N\hat{S}_x$

$$\begin{split} \widehat{H}_{ex} &= \chi \left(\hat{S}_x^2 + \hat{S}_y^2 \right) \approx 2\chi \left(\langle \hat{S}_x \rangle \hat{S}_x + \langle \hat{S}_y \rangle \hat{S}_y \right) \approx N\chi \hat{S}_x \\ \widehat{H}_{kin} &= \sum_p \frac{p^2}{2m} \hat{i} + \frac{2\hbar k}{m} \sum_p p \hat{s}_z(p) \quad E_p = \sqrt{|N\chi|^2 + 4E_R^2 p^2} + \frac{p^2}{2m} \\ E_p &\approx N\chi + \left(1 + \frac{4E_R^2}{N\chi} \right) \frac{p^2}{2m} \qquad N\chi_{opt} = -4E_R^2 \qquad m^* \to \infty \end{split}$$





Momentum distribution



From 1D to 2D

H. Zhang, A. Chu, C. Luo, J. K. Thompson, A. M. Rey, arXiv:2504.1707

1. Add a drive perpendicular to the cavity

- 2. Velocity select atoms at $p_0 = \{0,0\}$
- 3. Use an additional hyperfine level to generate a finite $\omega_z = \omega_{hf}$



From 2D to 3D Solitons

H. Zhang, A. Chu, C. Luo, J. K. Thompson, A. M. Rey, arXiv:2504.1707

Add another perpendicular drive



No dispersion in all directions!!

Two-Axis- Counter-Twisting (TACT)

Squeezed spin states

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Missing for 30 years!



Ions: Wineland, Monore, Leibfried, Bollinger, Roos, Blatt Cavities: Vuletić, Kasevich, Thompson, Schleier-Smith, Reichel Collisions: Oberthaler, Treutlein, Klempt, Schmeidmayer, Chapman, You Rydberg: Kaufman, Schleier-Smith, Broeways



Luo*, Zhang*, Rey, Thompson, Nat Phys 21, 916(2025) Miller, ..., Lukin, Ye, Nature 633, 332 (2024)

Hamiltonian Engineering with two pumps

Luo*, Zhang*, Chu, ..., Rey, Thompson, Nat. Phys. 21, 916 (2025)



XYZ Hamiltonian Engineering

Luo*, Zhang*, Chu, ..., Rey, Thompson, Nat. Phys. **21**, 916 (2025)

General Hamiltonian $(\hat{S}^2 - \hat{S}_z^2)$ $(\hat{S}_x^2 - \hat{S}_y^2)$ $H_{XYZ} = \chi_e \hat{S}_+ \hat{S}_- + \chi_{pair} (\hat{S}_+^2 + \hat{S}_-^2) = \chi_x \hat{S}_x^2 + \chi_y \hat{S}_y^2 + \chi_z \hat{S}_z^2$ $|p_0 + \hbar k\rangle$

Probe the collective dynamics

Probe the global flow line on the Bloch Sphere

1. Prepare an arbitrary spin coherent state with $\langle S_{\chi,y,z} \rangle$

- 2. Evolve the system under H_{XYZ} for a short time Δt $e^{-iH_{XYZ}\Delta t} \sim 1 - i H_{XYZ}\Delta t$
- 3. Measure the changes in the spin observables $\Delta \langle \hat{S}_{\chi,y,z} \rangle$
- 4. Measure the changes with different initial states and obtain the flow line

Muñoz-Arias, Deutsch, Poggi PRX Quantum 4, 020314 (2023)



XYZ Hamiltonian Engineering



Multi-body Interactions



Not natural in our systems. Need to be engineered !!

Multi-body Interactions

Fundamental for

- **Quantum Information: error correction**
 - S. Girvin *et al* review: arXiv:2407.10381....
- **Quantum information: qubits vs qudits**
 - O. Katz *et al* Nature Physics 19 1452 (2024), PRX Quantum 4, 030311(2023), PRL 129,063603 (2023) O. Bazavan et al arXiv:2403.05471 (2024)
- **Quantum Simulation:**

A. Daley et al PRL 102, 040402 2009; S. Will et al Nature 465, 197 (2010); A. Goban *et al* Nature 563, 369 (2018), F. M. Gambetta *et al* PRL 125, 133602 (2020)...



N>2–body Interactions in our Cavity

Realization of three and four-body interactions between momentum states in a cavity through optical dressing

C. Luo, H.g Zhang, ... Rey, Thompson, arXiv.2410.12132, Science, In press



- Cancellation of two-body by construction
- Balance superradiance

$$L_{+} = \sqrt{\Gamma}\hat{S}_{+} \quad L_{-} = \sqrt{\Gamma}\hat{S}_{-}$$

Three – body Interactions in our Cavity



Unitary time evolution under $H = \chi_3 (S_+^3 + S_-^3)$

• Start with $|\uparrow, \cdots, \uparrow\rangle$ — the fixed point for mean-field dynamics

Dicke ladder

$$\psi_t \rangle = \sum_m c_{J-3m}(t) |J, m_z = J - 3m\rangle, J = N/2$$





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- Vanishing spin-squeezing parameters
- GHZ state generation for N = 6n + 3 atoms at $\chi_3 N^{3/2} t = 1.3$



Note that a final rotation along the x-axis is performed to visualize the GHZ state.



Comparing relevant timescales





Realistic dissipative dynamics

$$L_{+} = \sqrt{\Gamma}\hat{S}_{+} \quad L_{-} = \sqrt{\Gamma}\hat{S}_{-} \quad L_{\rm sp,i} = \sqrt{\gamma_{0}}\hat{s}_{i,-}$$

- Typically, spin flips lead to \sqrt{NC} scaling
- With balanced superradiance, no collective enhancement!

$$\langle \dot{\hat{S}}_x \rangle = \dots - \Gamma \langle \hat{S}_x \rangle \quad \langle \dot{\hat{S}}_y \rangle = \dots - \Gamma \langle \hat{S}_y \rangle \quad \langle \dot{\hat{S}}_z \rangle = \dots - 2\Gamma \langle \hat{S}_z \rangle$$

• Here, we obtain a new scaling $N\sqrt{C}$ for the metrological gains!





Leroux et al, PRL 104, 073602 (2010) Davis et al. PRL 116, 053601 (2016) Borregaard. et al.,NJP 19, 093021 (2017) Chu et al., PRL 127, 210401 (2021) Colombo et al, Nat. Phys.18, 925 (2022)

Only the beginning: Great vista ahead!!



Use All of Quantum Mechanics:

- Unitary Dynamics, Quantum Measurement, Dissipation
- Entanglement and correlations