# Realizing Richard Feynman's Dream of a Quantum Simulator

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# Motivation

Matter as a Wave

The Path to Ultracold Quantum Matter

**Optical Crystal Formed by Laser Light** 

**Applications** 

Outlook

# Introduction The Challenge of Many-Body Quantum Systems

- Understand and Design Quantum Materials one of the biggest challenge of Quantum Physics in the 21st Century
- Technological Relevance

High-Tc Superconductivity (Power Delivery)

**Magnetism** (Storage, Spintronics...)

Novel Quantum Sensors (Precision Detectors)

Quantum Technologies (Quantum Computing, Metrology, Quantum Sensors,...)







Many cases: lack of basic understanding of underlying processes
Difficulty to separate effects: probe impurities, complex interplay, masking of effects...
Many cases: even simple models "not solvable"
Need to synthesize new material to analyze effect of parameter change











2<sup>N</sup> Configurations simultaneously!

# Quantum Complexity



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# **Roadrunner – Los Alamos**



State of the art: < 40 spins  $(2^{40} \times 2^{40})$  (what does it take to simulate 300 spins ?)

each doubling allows for one more spin 1/2 only

2<sup>300</sup> estimated number of protons in the universe

# The Challenge of Many-Body Quantum Systems

### **Control of single and few particles**



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Single Atoms and Ions



Photons



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Ion Traps (R. Blatt, Innsbruck)





Crystal of Atoms Bound by Light



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### **Simulating Physics with Computers**

**Richard P. Feynman** 

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Received May 7, 1981

### 1. INTRODUCTION

On the program it says this is a keynote speech—and I don't know what a keynote speech is. I do not intend in any way to suggest what should be in this meeting as a keynote of the subjects or anything like that. I have my own things to say and to talk about and there's no implication that anybody needs to talk about the same thing or anything like it. So what I want to talk about is what Mike Dertouzos suggested that nobody would talk about. I want to talk about the problem of simulating physics with computers and I mean that in a specific way which I am going to explain. The reason for doing this is something that I learned about from Ed Fredkin, and my entire interest in the subject has been inspired by him. It has to do with learning something about the possibilities of computers, and also something about possibilities in physics. If we suppose that we know all the physical laws perfectly, of course we don't have to pay any attention to computers. It's interesting anyway to entertain oneself with the idea that we've got something to learn about physical laws; and if I take a relaxed



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# **Ultracold Quantum Gases**







**Centennial Nobel Prize** in Physics! (2001)

> Original lab book entry from W. Ketterle!

BECPO

### Molybdändisulfid

Schwefelatome unter dem Rastertunnelmikroskop



What is Matter ?

### Matter Waves

# Matter is a Wave



Louis-Victor de Broglie (1892-1987)

h h mv p



Erwin Schrödinger (1887-1961)

 $\partial \Psi$ iħ- $H\Psi$ 



### What characterizes a wave ?



1+1=2? or not ?



## **Superposition Principle for Waves**



# Go To Interference Program...

# Matter Waves When can we perceive this wave character?



 $\lambda \ll {
m Size \ of \ Object}$ 

Propagation along straight lines



Waves are diffracted!



# Matter Waves deBroglie Wavelength of Different Objects

	Objekt	m (kg)	v (m/s)	λ <b>(mm)</b>
•	Elektron	9,1*10 <sup>-31</sup>	2*10 <sup>6</sup>	4*10 <sup>-7</sup> (0,0000004)
•	Neutron	1,7*10 <sup>-27</sup>	4*10 <sup>3</sup>	9*10 <sup>-8</sup> (0,0000009)
	<sup>87</sup> Rb Atom	1,5*10 <sup>-25</sup>	270	2*10 <sup>-8</sup> (0,0000002)
AR	C <sub>60</sub>	1,2*10 <sup>-24</sup>	210	3*10 <sup>-9</sup> (0,00000003)
REMIE	Fussball	0,5	20	7*10 <sup>-32</sup> (0,00000000000000 00000000000000000000



# What is interfering in the case of matter waves?



### Quantenmechanische Wellenfunktionen



 $E_{det} = E_1 + E_2$ 

$$I \propto |E_1 + E_2|^2$$

 $\Psi_{det} = \Psi_1 + \Psi_2$ 

 $n \propto |\Psi_1 + \Psi_2|^2$ 

## Single Electron on Double Slit





A. Tonomura et al., Amer. J. Phys. 57 (1989) pp.117-120.



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# **Interference Phenomena with Matter Waves (2)**

### Beugung an einer Folie:



Abb. 3.18a,b. Vergleich (a) der Elektronenbeugung und (b) der Röntgenbeugung an einer dünnen Folie

### Beugung an einer Kante:



### Matter Waves

# **STM Images of Electron Surface Waves**



Fe auf Cu (III)





Don Eigler IBM Almaden Research Labs http://www.almaden.ibm.com/vis/stm/





# Interference of C<sub>60</sub> Matter Waves



M. Arndt *et. al.* Nature **401**, ff. 680, 1999 http://www.quantum.univie.ac.at/

## Matter Waves From a classical gas to a Bose-Einstein Condensate



# **Thermal Light & Laser Light**

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Laser emits one one continuous wavetrain with a perfectly defined frequency!

# **Thermal Light & Laser Light**



Why is it hard to create a BEC?

### **Conditions for BEC:**

$$n\cdot\lambda^3\approx 1$$

### z.B. Water

For a typical density of water  $n_{H20}$  we obtain  $T_c = IK$ 

**Problem: Water is a block of ICE @ IK** 

<u>Solution:</u> Density has to be lowered by several orders of magnitude to prolong timescale for solid formation!



Why is it hard to create a BEC?


#### de Broglie Wavelengths



#### Matter changes at low temperatures!

- Matter can undergo a Phase Transition when lowering temperatures!
  - Gas 🖙 Liquid
  - -Liquid ➡ Solid
  - Normal Conductor > Superconductor
  - Normal Liquid 🖙 Superfluid
  - Classical Gas  $\implies$  Quantum Gas (BEC)



# Superconductivity at Low Temperatures

At very low temperatures some materials can lose all resistivity!

They become superconductors!













# Radiation Pressure

A special way to cool!











T.W. Hänsch and A.L. Schawlow, Opt. Comm. 13, 68 (1975)

## Laser Cooling



#### Nobel in Physics 1997







Steve Chu

#### Claude Cohen-Tannoudji

**Bill Phillips** 



# Laser Cooling some Facts

# **Maximum Acceleration** $a_{\max} = \frac{\hbar k}{m} \times \frac{\Gamma}{2}$ e.g. for <sup>87</sup>Rb $a_{\rm max} = 100000 \, m/s^2$ 10000 g ! Minimum Temperature $T_{\rm min} \approx 10 \mu K$





# Laser Cooling at Work



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## The Path to Bose-Einstein Condensation



Matter Waves







Energy of an atom in an external magnetic field  $E = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$ 

Force on an atom in an inhomogeneous magnetic field  $\vec{F} = -\mu \cdot \nabla B$ 







# Magnetic Trap 'Zoology'



MIT, March '96 [M.-O. Mewes et al., PRL 77, 416 (1996)]

#### **Cloverleaf Trap**



QUIC-Trap



Miniaturized Magnetic Traps



# **Evaporative Cooling**







Tom Greytak



Daniel Kleppner

# Go To Evap Applet...

## Time-of-Flight Imaging



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#### Interference of Two Bose-Einstein Condensates



BEC's after expansion time t



$$\lambda = \frac{h}{m\Delta v} = \frac{ht}{md}$$

#### Interference of Two Bose-Einstein Condensates



# we need a lot of optics!



# x10000

Introduction Optical Lattice Potential – Perfect Artificial Crystals

Laser





λ**/2= 425 nm** 

optical standing wave

Perfect model systems for a fundamental understanding of quantum many-body systems





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#### Single Atoms

# **Seeing Single Atoms**


#### **Snapshot of an Atomic Density Distribution**



BEC

n=I Mott Insulator n=1 & n=2 Mott Insulator



J. Sherson et al. Nature 467, 68 (2010)

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# Single Site Addressing

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Ch. Weitenberg et al., Nature 471, 319-324 (2011)

## **Coherent Spin Flips** - Positive Imaging



Subwavelength spatial resolution: 50 nm

Ch. Weitenberg et al., Nature **471**, 319-324 (2011)

# Single Atom Tunneling



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### **Motional State Affected?**



see exp:Y. Silberberg (photonic waveguides), D. Meschede & R. Blatt (quantum walks)...



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## **Higher Band Tunneling**



Excellent agreement with simulation.

Interesting extension: Quantum walks of correlated atoms/spins...



## **Arbitrary Light Patterns**



Digital Mirror Device (DMD)



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Measured Light Pattern



## **Arbitrary Light Patterns**



Digital Mirror Device (DMD)





Measured Light Pattern



**Exotic Lattices** 



**Box Potentials** 

#### Almost Arbitrary Light Patterns Possible!

Quantum Wires

Single Spin Impurity Dynamics, Domain Walls, Quantum Wires, Novel Exotic Lattice Geometries, ...



### 'Higgs' Amplitude Mode in Flatland

M. Endres, T. Fukuhara, M. Cheneau, P. Schauss, D. Pekker, E. Demler, S. Kuhr & I.B.

M. Endres et al. Nature (2012) Chubukov & Sachdev, PRB 1993; Sachdev, PRB 1999; Zwerger, PRL 2004; Altman, Blatter, Huber, PRB 2007, PRL 2008; U. Bissbort et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. (2011); D. Podolsky, A. Auerbach, D. Arovas, PRB 2011

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# Quantum Matter at Negative Absolute Temperature

S. Braun, J.-P. Ronzheimer, M. Schreiber, S. Hodgman, T. Rom, D. Garbe, IB, U. Schneider

S. Braun et al. Science **339**, 52 (2013) A. Mosk, PRL **95**, 040403 (2005) ,A. Rapp, S. Mandt & A. Rosch, PRL **105**, 220405 (2010)





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#### Negative Temperatures are HOT - Sixty Symbols



Sixty Symbols Sixty Symbols 592,824



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## The world best clocks:

## **Application of Atomic Clocks**

#### Atomic Clocks

- Navigation, Positioning GPS, GLONASS, deep space probes
  Geodesy
  Datation of millisecond pulsars
- •VLBI
- Synchronisation of distant clocks

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#### Fundamental physics tests

Ex : general relativity

Search for a drift of the fine structure constant  $\alpha$  :













#### Clock = Oscillator + Counter









Sundial since 3500 v. Chr. One period per dat







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Pendulum clock since 1656 One period per second





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Quartz oscillator since 1918 32.768 periods per second





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Cesium atomic clock since 1955 9.192.631.770 oscillations per second



## **Atomic Fountain Clocks**

8 fountains in operation at SYRTE, PTB, NIST, USNO, Penn St, IEN, ON. 5 with accuracy at 1 10<sup>-15</sup>. More than 10 under construction.





#### **BNM-SYRTE, FR**

PTB, D

#### NIST, USA



## The best clock: atoms in optical lattices



from: Jun Ye (JILA, Boulder)

## Sr clock - a new frontier for stability & accuracy



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Bloom *et al*., arXiv:1309.1137

Sr: lowest uncertainty in all atomic clocks: 6.4 x 10<sup>-18</sup>

Achieving this x 100 faster than ion clocks





The inaccuracy of such a clock corresponds to 1s over the entire lifetime of the universe!



## Outlook

- Search for New Phases of Matter
- Extremely Strong Magnetic Field Physics
- Novel Quantum Magnets
- Controlled Quasiparticle Manipulations
- Non-Equilibrium Dynamics (Universality?)
- Thermalization in Isolated Quantum Systems
- Entanglement Measures in Dynamics
- Supersolids
- Cosmology Black Hole Models?
- High Energy Physics/String Theory
- New clocks/Navigation

# Quantitative testbeds for theory!

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