# Engineering dynamical gauge fields in atomic and optical systems: challenges and perspectives



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# **AMO and HEP**





<u>Goal:</u> qualitative overview to boost discussion with experts from different fields - what are the most interesting perspectives for this field?



✓ … + coupled to matter fields
✓ Abelian and non-Abelian (U(N), SU(N))
✓ real-time, statics,...

# Outline

### Why shall we try to establish connections between QI, AMO and HEP?

observe new phenomena, explore new physics
use AMO systems as quantum simulators

Gauge theories in HEP and condensed matter systems



Synthetic matter: atoms, ions, circuits, etc.

Key element: develop a framework to build this connection. How?

## Why? 1) Known and novel physics in the lab!

Experiments in condmat and HEP can be challenging - explore features of gauge theories in controlled environments to check theories

Physics of toy models ('t Hooft model, (walking) technicolor, many-spin interactions in spin systems, ...) and correlated phenomenology (entanglement in frustrated systems, string tension in confining theories, Higgs,....)



Cold atomic gases as controllable and tunable platforms to observe and investigate novel many-body effects

# Why? 2) From Classical to Quantum simulation of gauge theories

#### Many phenomena in gauge theories stand beyond our current capabilities

-> use synthetic systems as quantum simulators

## Lattice QCD in (less than) a nutshell



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#### **Remarkable achievements**

first evidence of *quark-gluon plasma ab-initio* estimate of protonic mass
low-lying *hadron spectrum* determination of *CKM matrix* many more...





## Still, a lot of interesting open problems

*Real-time dynamics:* no known *reliable algorithm* 

*Finite- and large-density regimes*: Montecarlo suffers from *severe sign problem* 



# Ideal test-bed applications for quantum simulators

Experiments in heavy ion collider (LHC, Brookhaven, ...) - intrinsic real-time dynamics, thermalization, prethermalization, etc...



Relevant for *ab initio* **nuclear physics**, astrophysics / color superconductivity, ...

A. Ukawa, Kenneth Wilson and lattice QCD, arXiv.1501.04215; U.-J. Wiese, Annalen der Physik 525, 777 (2013).

## What is quantum simulation

Feynman's lecture 'Simulating Physics with Computers'



### **Classical** digital and analog computation

#### **Analog classical simulators**



#### Analog Computation of Monte Carlo



#### FermiAC



Seres family taken physics Source: encodepedia.org

The Monte Carlo trulley, or FERMAR, was an analog computer invented by physicist Envico Fermi to aid in his studies of neutron transport.

a http://www.ikipedia.org/wkuPEMMAC





#### **Pascaline**



#### **Supercomputers**





## Quantum digital and analog computation

#### Analog quantum simulators

Basic idea: **Emulation** - Build a *Hamiltonian / Lagrangian / Liouvillian* using the following:



#### **Digital quantum simulators**

Basic idea: Trotterize a time-evolution

$$U(t) \equiv e^{-iHt/\hbar} = e^{-iH\Delta t_n/\hbar} \dots^{-iH\Delta t_1/\hbar}$$





Quantum Annealers



Cirac and Zoller, NatPhys. 2012; Georgescu et al., RMP2014

## **Complementing classical and quantum simulations**

# Quantum simulators <u>complement</u> (and do not substitute!!!!) classical simulations!







#### **Entanglement based numerical methods**

Moreov 1) call for novel applications of knov validation (see F e.g E.

2) are ideal 'stimulators' for novel clar renormalization group (see works at

use entanglement based numerical methods to simulate regimes which are challenging for MonteCarlo, e.g. dynamics E. Rico, T. Pichler, MD, P. Zoller and S. Montangero, PRL 112, 201601.



### However ...



Review on dynamical gauge fields and quantum simulation: U.-J. Wiese, Annalen der Physik 525, 777 (2013).

## Intermezzo - static vs dynamical gauge fields





Fermions coupled to static gauge fields

realized! arXiv.1502.02495 LENS, Florence

Theory: M. Rider, P. Zoller, MD Dynamical gauge fields: particles hopping around a plaquette assisted by additional link degrees of freedom



$$\mathbf{H}' = -t \sum_{i,j} \psi_j^{\dagger} S_{ij}^{+} \psi_i + \mathbf{H}. \ \mathbf{c}.$$

$$H = -t\psi_x^{\dagger} e^{i\varphi_{x,x+1}}\psi_{x+1} + \text{h.c.}$$

Theory Review: J. Dalibard et al., Rev. Mod. Phys. (2011) Exp.: Munich, Hamburg, NIST/Maryland, Florence, ETH, ... Theory: many active groups

Dynamical gauge fields and cold atoms: ICFO, MPQ, Cornell, ....

## D-theories / Quantum link models in a nutshell

#### U(1) Wilson's theory



#### U(1) Quantum link model



<u>First proposal:</u> Horn, 1981 (SU(2), U(1))

<u>Proposed in condensed matter</u> for explaining some features of High-Tc (dimer models): Rokshar and Kivelson, 1988 (U(1))

<u>Rediscovered independently</u> by Orland and Rohrlich, 1990 (U(2))

<u>Full general formulation</u> by Brower, Chandrasekharan and Wiese, 1995-1999 (U(N), SU(N), etc...)

<u>Widely used nowadays</u> in condensed matter and quantum information: loop models, stabilizer codes, dimer models, ...

# **Obvious key questions**

#### **Global symmetries, fermions?**

As in a Wilson LGT. All fermions can be used (Kogut-Susskind, Wilson, domain wall, ...)



Brower, Chandrasekharan and Wiese, Phys. Rev. D 1999. U.-J. Wiese, Annalen der Physik 525, 777 (2013).

# Working example: Schwinger model

$$\begin{aligned} H &= -t \sum_{x} \left[ \psi_{x}^{\dagger} U_{x,x+1}^{\dagger} \psi_{x+1} + \psi_{x+1}^{\dagger} U_{x,x+1} \psi_{x} \right] U_{x,x+1} = S_{x,x+1}^{-} \qquad E_{x,x+1} = S_{x,x+1}^{z} \\ &+ m \sum_{x} (-1)^{x} \psi_{x}^{\dagger} \psi_{x} + \frac{g^{2}}{2} \sum_{x} E_{x,x+1}^{2} \cdot \sum_{x} E_{x,x+1}^{2} \cdot \sum_{x} \tilde{G}_{x} = \psi_{x}^{\dagger} \psi_{x} + E_{x,x+1} - E_{x-1,x} + \frac{(-1)^{x} - 1}{2}, \\ & [H, G_{x}] = 0 \end{aligned}$$



Brower, Chandrasekharan and Wiese, Phys. Rev. D 1999. U.-J. Wiese, Annalen der Physik 525, 777 (2013).

# Analog quantum simulator: some setups



# Alkaline-earth atoms: U(N)/SU(N) setups



### A Kaleidoscope: gauge theories in synthetic systems

x+1

#### **Ultracold atoms**

Tewari et al. (PRL2006); Kapit and Mueller, PRA 2010 Banerjee, MD et al. PRL 2012, PRL 2013 Stannigel et al., PRL 2014 Zohar et al, PRL 2012, PRL 2013, PRA2013 Notarnicola et al., Meurice et al., arxiv.2015;

#### **Circuit QED**

Marcos et al., PRL 2013, Ann. Phys. 2014 Works in Bilbao

#### **Digital approaches**

Byrnes and Yamamoto, PRA 2006. Weimer et al., Nat. Phys. 2010. Tagliacozzo et al., Ann. Phys. 2012, Tagliacozzo et al., Nat. Comm. 2013

#### **Rydberg atoms**

A. Glätzle, MD et al., PRX 2014; arXiv2014

Rydberg atoms, electric dipoles  $d \sim e \bar{a}_0 n^2$  $C_{dd} = \frac{d^2}{\epsilon_0}$ 

Hauke, MD et al., PRX 2013; Nath, MD  $a_{sr}, \omega_{ph}+\delta_{p}$ et al. arxiv. 1504.01474  $a_{sr}, \omega_{ph}+\delta_{p}$ 

# Trapped ions

x-1



## Conclusions

**Dynamical gauge fields**: a good playground for exploring particle physics phenomena in AMO

#### Quantum links: practical framework for implementations

U(1) theories: many platforms, building block experiments are already along the way

U(N) / SU(N): more challenging, require 'special' atomic species (Florence, Kyoto, Munich, Amsterdam, JILA,...)

# And perspectives

Nuclear physics in *SO(3) models* 

*CP(N) models* using Alkalineearth-like atoms

#### **Open questions and challenges:**

- 1) Wilson's theories?
- 2) Plaquette terms?
- 3) Simpler implementations
- 4) Light-from-chaos and loss of gauge invariance (for Abelian theories)
- 5) Gauge theories as open quantum systems

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