Cold atoms and condensed matter

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How to study ?

Very difficult !!





Bednorz

Muller

Example of High Tc superconductors (86)



Find a simplified model





Simplest model containing: - Bands (filling) - Interactions

Hubbard model (1963)



Analytic calculations

• No good method (except 1d)

• Various approximations to simplify the model

• Never sure whether the results are or are not an artefact of the approximations used

Numerical calculations

• Extremely powerful for classical systems

• Quantum systems Bosons " $(x1,x_2) =$ " $(x2,x_1)$ Fermions " $(x1,x_2) =$ - " $(x2,x_1)$

• Sign problem !!

Configurations: "probabilités" négatives si on veut représenter par des nombres

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Quantum Monte Carlo simulations, while being efficient for bosons, suffer from the "negative sign problem" when applied to fermions—causing an exponential increase of the computing time with the number of particles. A polynomial time solution to the sign problem is highly desired since it would provide an unbiased and numerically exact method to simulate correlated quantum systems. Here we show that such a solution is almost certainly unattainable by proving that the sign problem is nondeterministic polynomial (NP) hard, implying that a generic solution of the sign problem would also solve all problems in the complexity class NP in polynomial time.

Exponential error with the system size



Properties (U>0)



Mott insulator (n=1)
T < T_N : Antiferromagnetic phase
No numerical problem (n=1)



What to do?

A genius guess what the right solution is
Brute force numerical attack
Find a « computer » that does not suffer from sign problem

Help from another field of physics

Atom cooling



Atom trapping





• Evaporative cooling



Group: T. Esslinger (ETH, Zurich)



BEC in cold atomic gases





2001: Cornell, Ketterle, Wieman



1924: predicted by Bose and Einstein

Atoms in a lattice



Tunnelling

Short range interaction



Proposal: D. Jaksch et al PRL81 3108 (98)

P. Zoller

Simulators for condensed matter



M. Greiner, O. Mandel, T. Esslinger, T. W. Hansch, I. Bloch, Nature 415 39 (2002)

Control on the dimension



I. Bloch, Nat. Phys 1, 23 (2005)

Quantum simulators !

Interactions (Lattice, Feschbach resonnance) Statistics





Dimensionality



ENS, ETH, LENS, Mainz, MIT, NIST, Penn State,

Dream ??

Two dimensional superfluids

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Berezinskii-Kosterlitz-Thouless crossover in a trapped atomic gas

Zoran Hadzibabic¹, Peter Krüger¹, Marc Cheneau¹, Baptiste Battelier¹ & Jean Dalibard¹

a c Low temperature Lattice beams $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ Camera Camera d High temperature Imaging beam b c c c Low temperature $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ \frac



Anderson localization (1958)

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Direct observation of Anderson localization of matter waves in a controlled disorder

Juliette Billy¹, Vincent Josse¹, Zhanchun Zuo¹, Alain Bernard¹, Ben Hambrecht¹, Pierre Lugan¹, David Clément¹, Laurent Sanchez-Palencia¹, Philippe Bouyer¹ & Alain Aspect¹





Aubry-Andre Model (Ann. Isr. Phys. Soc. 3, 133 1980)



Anderson localization (1958)

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Anderson localization of a non-interacting Bose-Einstein condensate

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Aubry-Andre Model (Ann. Isr. Phys. Soc. 3, 133 1980)

Interactions

Stoner criterion

Itinerant Ferromagnetism in a Fermi Gas of Ultracold Atoms Gyu-Boong Jo, *et al.* Science **325**, 1521 (2009);







Hubbard model

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A Mott insulator of fermionic atoms in an optical lattice

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Metallic and Insulating Phases of Repulsively Interacting Fermions in a 3D Optical Lattice

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Exotic physics, reduced dimensionality

One dimension: Luttinger liquids



T. Stoferle *et al.* PRL **92** 130403 (2004)



A.F. Ho, M. A.Cazalilla, TG PRL 92 130405 (2003); NJP 8 158 (2006)

1D Mott insulator

1D physics (Luttinger Liquids)

Experiments



T. Stoferle *et al.* PRL **92** 130403 (2004)

B. Paredes et al Nature (2004)T. Kinoshita et al. Science (2004)M. Kohl et al. PRL (2004)



Coupled 1D Fermionic chains: Deconfinement

Deconfinement





P. Auban-Senzier, D. Jérome, C. Carcel and J.M. Fabre J de Physique IV, (2004)

D. Jaccard et al., J. Phys. C, 13 L89 (2001)

New possibilities

Out of equilibrium physics



M. Greiner, O. Mandel, T. Esslinger, T. W. Hansch, I. Bloch, Nature 415 39 (2002)



Quantum dynamics of isolated



systems





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A quantum Newton's cradle

Toshiya Kinoshita¹, Trevor Wenger¹ & David S. Weiss¹

Bosons with "spins"

[L.E. Sadler *et. al.*, Nature **443**, 164 (2006)] [J.M. Higbie *et. al.*, PRL **95**, 050401 (2005)] ⁸⁷Rb atoms, F=1 states Spin 1 system [J.M. McGuirk *et. al.*, PRL **89**, 090402 (2002)]



 $|F=1,m_F=-1|$ and $|F=2, m_F=1|$ "spin" ¹/₂ system [M.Erhard *et. al.*, PRA **69**, 032705 (2004)] [A. Widera *et. al.*, PRL **92**, 160406 (2004)]

Dream ??

The simulator is not perfect (yet)

Température (Fermions)

T = 1 nK

Mais $T/T_F = 1/6$

$T_{eff} = 2000 \text{ K}$

Confining potential







$H = v r^2 \rho(r)$

• No homogeneous phase !

Probes !

Atoms are neutral !

n(k) (time of flight)

useless for fermions !

Need to probe correlations !



time-of-flight measurement -> momentum distribution



München

noise measurement:

-> density-density correlations



microwave spin-changing transitions density spatially resolved



molecule formation binding energy doubly occupied sites



proposed: Raman spectroscopy ->Green's function, Fermi surface



periodic lattice modulation



Zurich



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Using photoemission spectroscopy to probe a strongly interacting Fermi gas

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Observation in "real time" of the Hubbard model

Letter

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M. Greiner et al.

Need local probes !





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Ions + cold atoms



A trapped single ion inside a Bose-Einstein condensate

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Conclusions

- Cold atoms/condensed matter: complementary
- Cold atoms: quantum simulators
- Tunability and local interactions. Ideal to explore low dimensional physics.
- Offer new exciting possibilities (out of equilibrium, isolated quantum systems, etc.).
- Inhomogeneous phases





And I'm not happy with the analyses that go with just the classical theory, because Nature isn't classical, dammit, and if you want to make a simulation of Nature, you'd better do it quantum mechanical, and by golly it's a wonderful problem because it does not look so easy.

Richard P. Feynman, "Simulating Physics with Computers" Int. J. of Theor. Phys. (1981)