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Complex Dynamics in Quantum Systems

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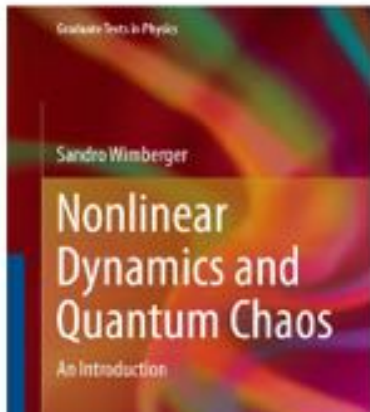
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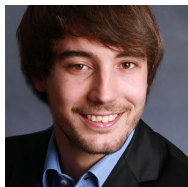
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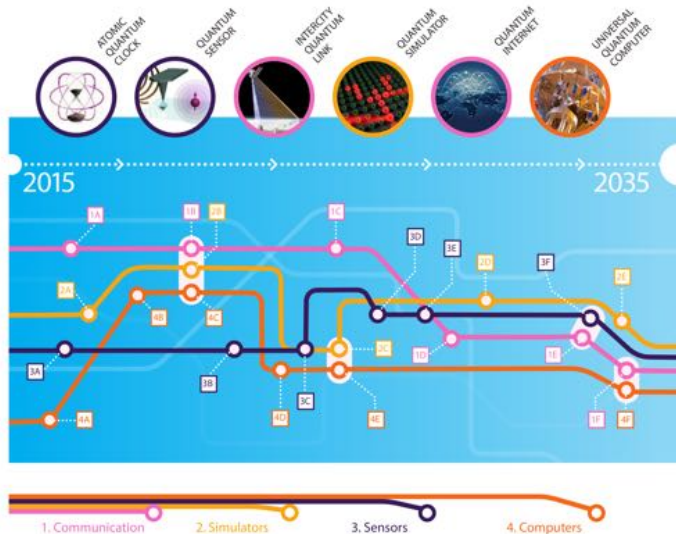
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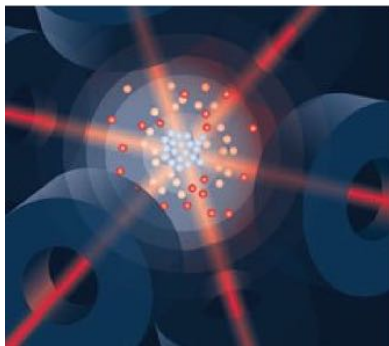


Quantum Technologies Timeline

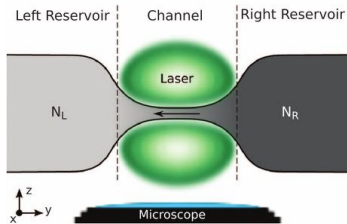


ULTRACOLD ATOMS AS TECHNOLOGICAL PLATFORM

- **Simulation** of motion of **electrons** in materials
- Development and design of new **complex materials**
- Quantum simulator of **quantum magnetism and electricity**
- Simulators of quantum dynamics of **chemical reactions**

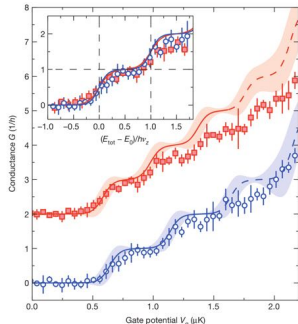


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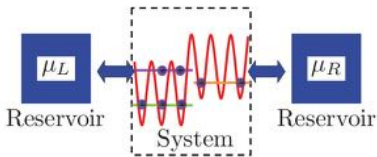
Esslinger, Science 2012

Single atom transport



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Transport cross array of quantum dots



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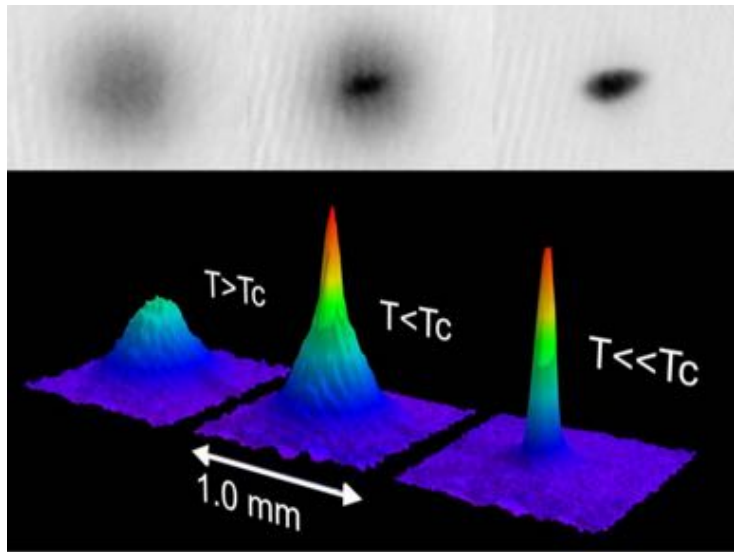
- Controlling quantum dynamics in experiments by periodic potential (discreteness), interactions & coupling to environment.

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⇒ Atomtronic realizations of

- blockade effects for transport control
- neutral atom transistors
- logic gates for quantum computing!

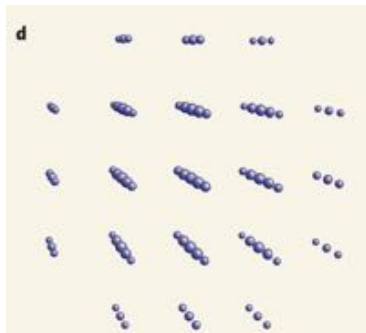
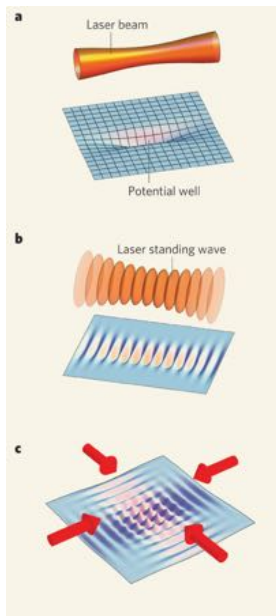
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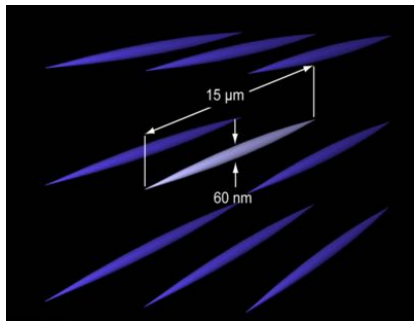
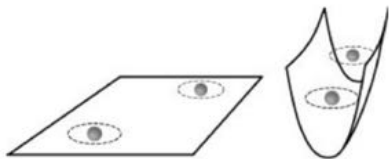
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HOW TO CREATE AN OPTICAL LATTICE?



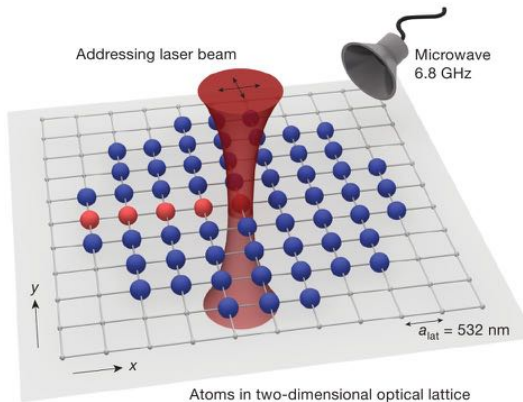
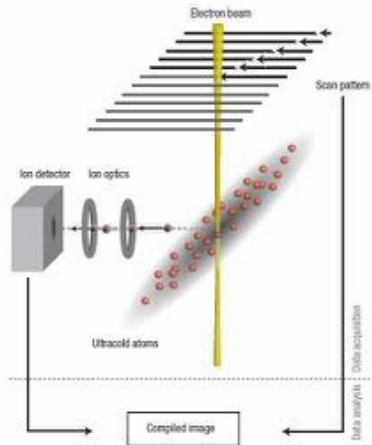
QUASI-1D STRUCTURES



EXPERIMENTAL IMPLEMENTATION OF LOSS

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Viewpoint

Order out of noise

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F. Mueller, S. Heugel and L. J. Wang

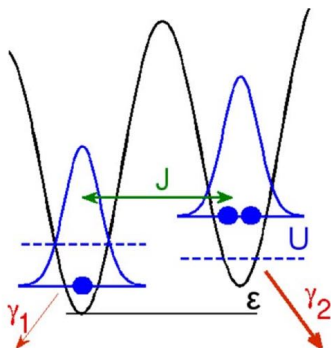
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Dissipation-induced coherence and stochastic resonance of an open two-mode Bose-Einstein condensate

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DECAYING DOUBLE WELL



Two-mode Hubbard model:

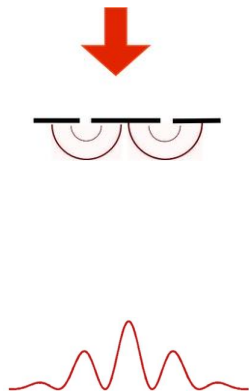
$$\hat{H} = -\frac{J}{2} \left(\hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2 + \hat{a}_2^\dagger \hat{a}_1 \right) + \frac{U}{2} [\hat{n}_1(\hat{n}_1 - 1) + \hat{n}_2(\hat{n}_2 - 1)]$$

with additional **particle loss rates** for the two sites:

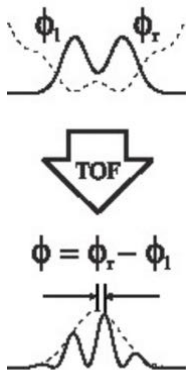
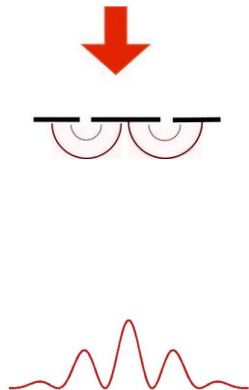
$$\gamma_1, \gamma_2 \longrightarrow \gamma_2 - \gamma_1.$$



INTERFERENCE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE TWO WELLS



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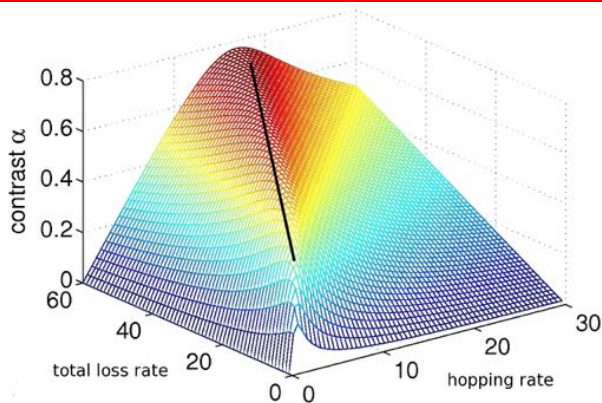


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$$\alpha = \frac{2|\langle \hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{a}_2 \rangle|}{\langle \hat{n}_1 + \hat{n}_2 \rangle}$$

Gati et al. NJP 2006

QUANTUM STOCHASTIC RESONANCE



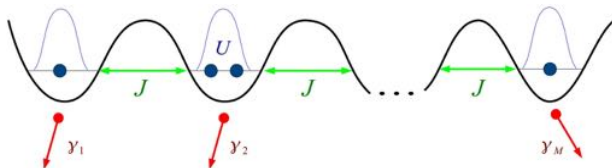
Maximum if **external** and **internal** time scales match:

$$J \approx |\gamma_2 - \gamma_1|$$

Witthaut, Trimborn, SW PRL 2008, PRA 2009

LEAKY BOSE-HUBBARD CHAIN

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{L-1} \left(\hat{a}_{j+1}^\dagger \hat{a}_j + \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_{j+1} \right) + \frac{U}{2} \sum_{j=1}^L \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j \hat{a}_j.$$



Dissipation: The dynamics is given by the Lindblad equation:

$$\dot{\hat{\rho}} = -i[\hat{H}, \hat{\rho}] + \mathcal{L}\hat{\rho}.$$

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- **Localized single particle loss:**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{loss}} \hat{\rho} = - \sum_{j=1}^L \gamma_j \left(\hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j \hat{\rho} + \hat{\rho} \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j - 2 \hat{a}_j \hat{\rho} \hat{a}_j^\dagger \right)$$

- **Phase noise:**

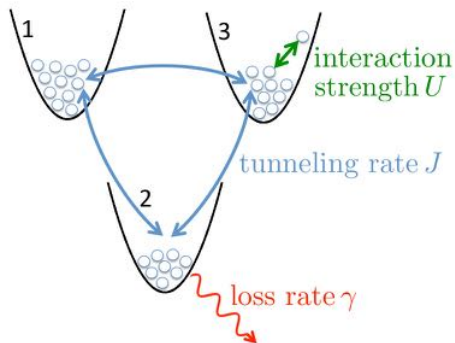
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{phase}} \hat{\rho} = - \frac{\kappa}{2} \sum_{j=1}^L \left(\hat{n}_j^2 \hat{\rho} + \hat{\rho} \hat{n}_j^2 - 2 \hat{n}_j \hat{\rho} \hat{n}_j \right)$$

DYNAMICAL FORMATION OF STABLE STRUCTURES

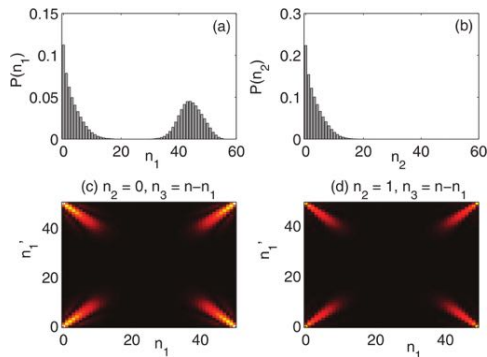
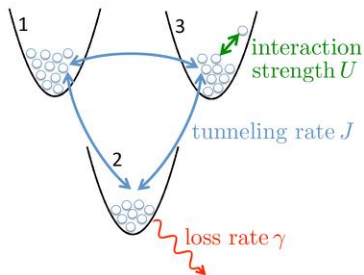
Start: Bose-Einstein condensate with an **anti-symmetric** wavefunction

$$|\Psi_{-}\rangle = \frac{1}{2^N \sqrt{N!}} (\hat{a}_1^{\dagger} - \hat{a}_3^{\dagger})^N |0\rangle$$

Proposed setup:



FORMATION OF ENTANGLED NOON STATES

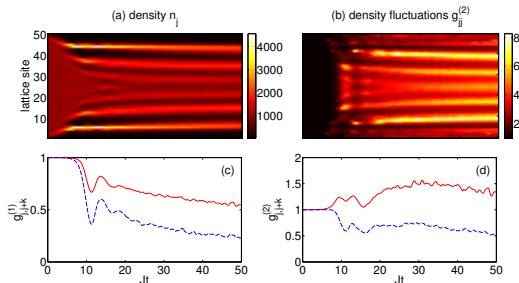
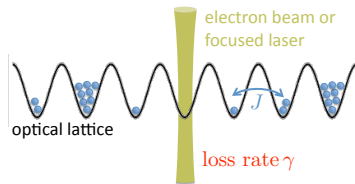


- Formation of **robust** states:
Precision measurements!

Kordas, SW, Witthaut EPL 2012

- **Density matrix** projection:
Bimodal particle distribution

SOLITON FORMATION IN EXTENDED LATTICES



- **Many-body stability** of solitonic (very coherent) states!?
- Formation by approach to attractor in open system's dynamics

Kordas, SW, Witthaut PRA 2013

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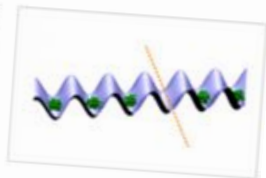
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Atomtronica, pubblicato un importante lavoro scientifico del prof. Wimberger

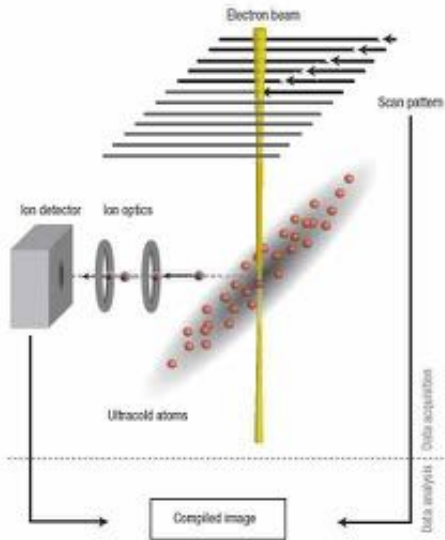
Lo studio del docente del Dipartimento di Fisica è apparso sulla rivista Physical Review Letters

Nel **Dipartimento di Fisica e Scienze della Terra "Macedonio Melloni"** del nostro Ateneo, il prof. **Sandro Wimberger** e i suoi collaboratori lavorano sulla **teoria di progettazione di sistemi atomtronici**, operando in un **contesto internazionale**, in cui la parte sperimentale è affidata al gruppo del prof. Herwig Ott dell'Università tedesca di Kaiserslautern.

Il primo frutto di questa collaborazione è costituito dal lavoro scientifico **Negative differential conductivity in an interacting quantum gas**, pubblicato recentemente sull'importante rivista **Physical Review Letters**.



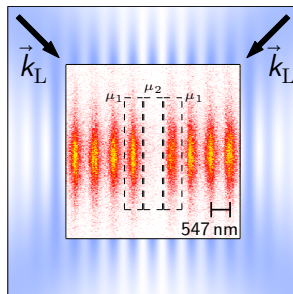
EXPERIMENTAL CONTROL OF THE LOSS



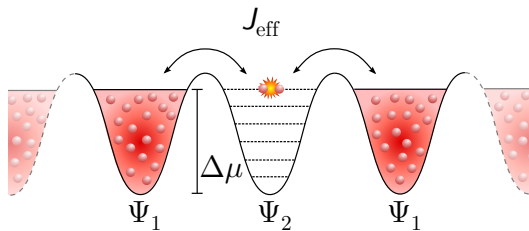
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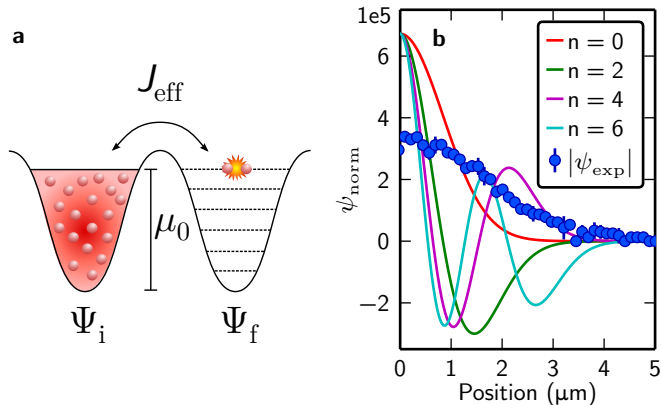
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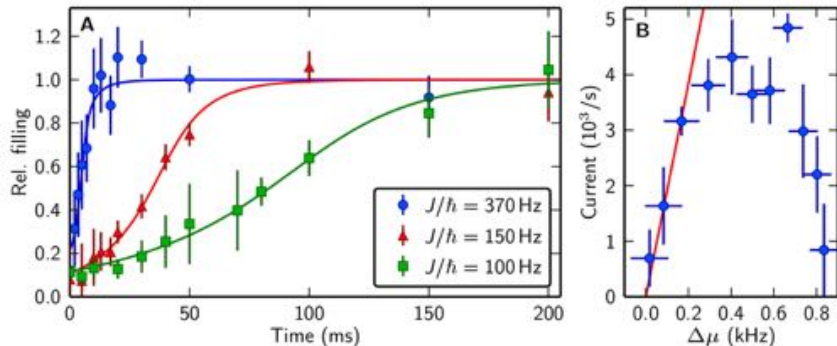
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→ Radial tunneling coupling

Labouvie, Santra, Heun, W, Ott, PRL 2015

REFILLING DYNAMICS OF AN EMPTY SITE



→ **Nonlinear** current-voltage characteristics!

Labouvie, Santra, Heun, W, Ott, PRL 2015

Effective tunneling coupling with **nonlinearity** and **radial coupling**:

$$J_{\text{eff}}(\Delta\mu) = J - (1 - \eta) J \cdot \Delta\mu/\mu_0 \times 1.7,$$

and **fast local thermalization** due to collisions in the initially empty site:

$$i\hbar\partial_t\hat{\rho} = \left[\hat{H}_{\text{eff}}, \hat{\rho} \right] + i\hbar\mathcal{L}\hat{\rho}$$

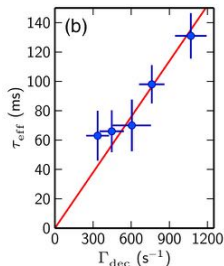
with dephasing model:

$$\mathcal{L}\hat{\rho} = \Gamma_{\text{dec}} \left(2\hat{n}_c\hat{\rho}\hat{n}_c^\dagger - \hat{n}_c^2\hat{\rho} - \hat{\rho}\hat{n}_c^2 \right)$$

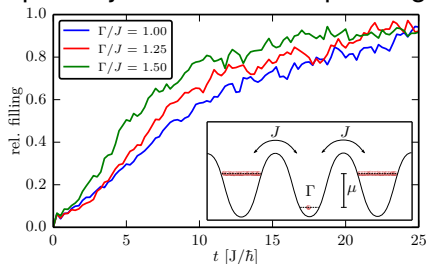
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2D EXPERIMENT VS. 1D THEORY

2D experimental Josephson junctions with dephasing:



1D many-body Josephson junctions with dephasing:



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Stromübertragung auf atomarer Ebene

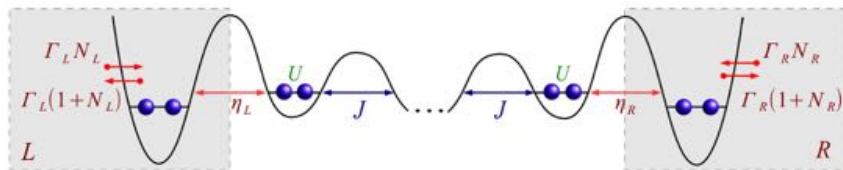
Heidelberger Physiker entwickeln einen neuen Ansatz, Bauteile zur Signalverarbeitung aus einzelnen Atomen herzustellen.

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kum/rnz. In einer Studie zum Transport von Atomen in ultrakalten Gasen hat ein Team von Physikern um Dr. Sandro Wimberger einen neuen Ansatz zu der Frage entwickelt, wie sich die Übertragung von Strom auf atomarer Ebene realisieren lässt. Dies könnte für die Herstellung von logischen Bauelementen mit fest definierten Funktionen auf der Basis einzelner Atome von besonderer Bedeutung sein und zum Beispiel in Transistoren oder Dioden Anwendung finden.



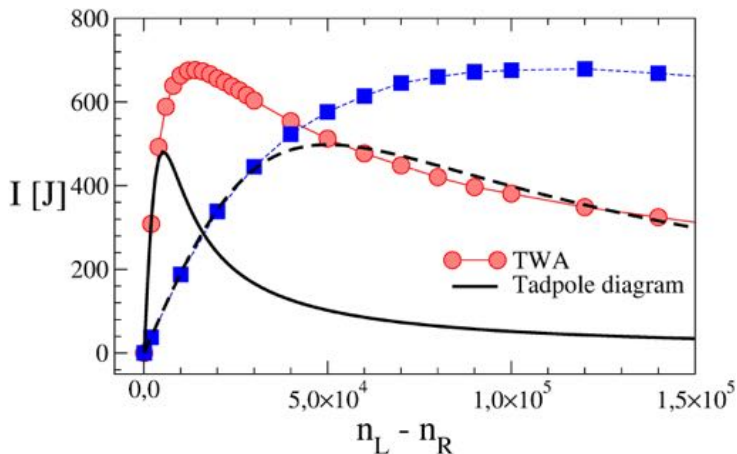
THE GENERAL SETUP



$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{H} = & \sum_{j=1}^M \epsilon_j \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j - \frac{J}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{M-1} \left(\hat{a}_{j+1}^\dagger \hat{a}_j + \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_{j+1} \right) + \frac{U}{2} \sum_{j=2}^{M-1} \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j \hat{a}_j \\
 & + \sum_k \beta_k \hat{l}_k^\dagger \hat{l}_k + \sum_k \beta'_k \hat{r}_k^\dagger \hat{r}_k \\
 & - \sum_k \eta_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{L}} \left(\hat{a}_1^\dagger \hat{l}_k + \hat{l}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_1 \right) - \sum_k \eta_{\mathbf{k},\mathbf{R}} \left(\hat{a}_L^\dagger \hat{r}_k + \hat{r}_k^\dagger \hat{a}_L \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

CENTRAL RESULT – STATIONARY STATE

Current vs. chem. potential: **Interaction blockade**



Ivanov, Kordas, Komnik, SW EPJ B 2013



Mean occupation numbers for $x = J/\Gamma$:

$$n_1 = n_L - \frac{n_L - n_R}{2} \frac{x^2}{1 + x^2}$$

$$n_2 = \frac{n_L + n_R}{2}$$

$$n_3 = n_R - \frac{n_R - n_L}{2} \frac{x^2}{1 + x^2}$$

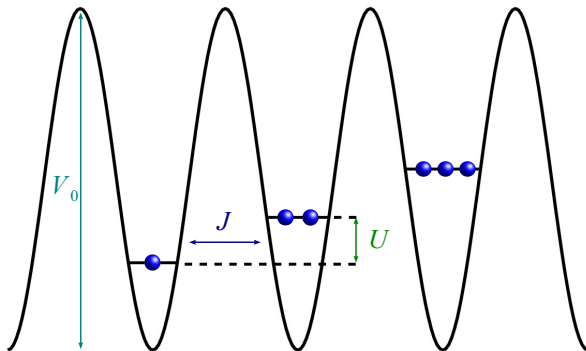
Steady-state current:

$$I = J \frac{x}{1 + x^2} (n_L - n_R)$$

→ Implying an **Ohmic** behavior!

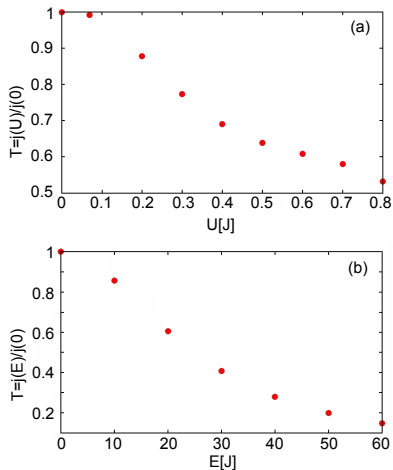
RESONANT TUNNELING VS. INTERACTIONS

Steady-state current control: **blockade** (a) and local **level detuning** (b)



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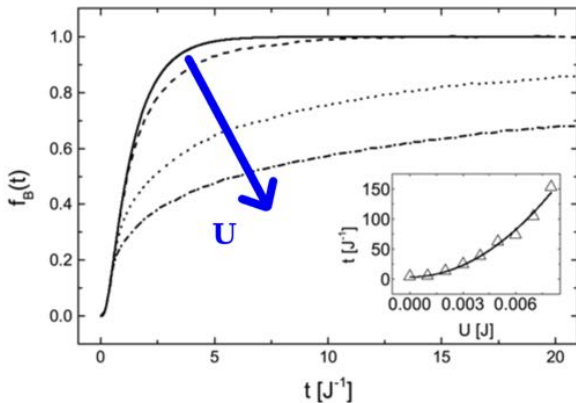


c.f. Zenesini/Arimondo et al. NJP 2008; Schlagheck et al. NJP 2010



PROBLEM: TRANSIENT BEHAVIOR

Time to reach a possible **steady state** increases with interaction U :



Methods for **strong interactions** and **non-Markovian** couplings!?

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OPEN QUESTIONS

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⇒ Realization of

- quantum transport with **neutral interacting** atoms!
- transport control: **atom blockade effect**!
- **logic gates** for **atomtronics**!?
- **quantum thermalization** and/or many-body **localization**!?

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