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# <u>Spin-orbit-coupled Bose-Einstein Condensate as</u> playground to explore quantum collision and chemistry



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quantum collision and chemistry

<u>Outline</u>

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• Quantum Synthesis: Interferometry in quantum (photo)chemistry





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• Light can probe, control & <u>create new matter</u> (<u>coherent</u> light-matter interaction)



(from Y.Chen, Purdue PHYS 522 "Introduction to Quantum Optics and Quantum Photonics")

Example: *Raman process* as light-matter interaction --- from optical scattering (incoherent) to <u>optical dressing (coherent)</u>



R.He, T. F. Chung et al., Nano Lett. 13, 3594 (2013)

*Can generalize to/realize 3x3, 4x4 .. NxN matrix Hamitonian...* 



#### cold atoms/BEC --- "seeing" quantum mechanics & dynamics! ("slowed down" and "blown up" so much that you can shoot photos & videos!)



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**BEC (matter wave) diffraction from** laser standing wave (optical grating)

"discrete spots"  $\rightarrow$  " synthetic dimension/lattice!

Based on several

Nobel-prize technologies:

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Chu/Phillips

/Cohen-Tannoudji'97;

- Cornell/Wieman /Ketterle'01;
- Ashkin'18

**BEC** 

1550nm cross-beam optical trap (optical tweezer)

A.J. Olson et al., PRA87, 053613 (2013) (exp. & modeling of efficient evaporative cooling in optical trap)

# Synthetic Spin Orbit Coupling (SOC) by optical Raman coupling (spin-momentum)



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## (AC) spin current [spin-dipole mode] in trap

 $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(p_y+k_r)^2 & \frac{\Omega}{2} \\ \frac{\Omega}{2} & \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(p_y-k_r)^2 \end{pmatrix}$ a Geometry and Raman coupling b Experimental timing c Band diagrams  $5P_{3/2}$ Raman Lasers  $\Omega_{\rm F} = 0 \ {\rm Er}$  $\Omega_{\rm I} \sim 5.2 \ {\rm Er}$ 15 Chuan-Hsun Li, Energy [E] -1-5-Chunlei Qu,  $\omega_{\rm R} + \Delta \omega_{\rm R}$ Raman coupling  $\Omega$ RJ Niffenegger, ...YPC, ₿ field  $\Omega_{\rm F}$ Nature BEC Comm.  $60 \sim 80 \rightarrow \leftarrow 40 \sim 170 \rightarrow \leftarrow \text{Hold } t_{\text{h}} \rightarrow \text{Time(ms)}$ 10, 375 (2019)  $\Omega_{\rm I} \sim 5.2 \ {\rm Er}$  $|-1\rangle = |\downarrow\rangle - \frac{1}{\omega_z} \delta/2$ -2 quasimomentum [k,]  $\omega_{\rm R} + \Delta \omega_{\rm R}$ "Collide 2 spinor BECs in trap"  $\underset{\Omega_{I}=5E_{r}}{\underset{\Omega_{E}=0E_{r}}{\text{mom}}} \underset{\delta=0E_{r}}{\underset{\delta=0E_{r}}{\text{t}}} \underset{t_{E}=1.0ms}{\underset{\delta=0E_{r}}{\text{m}}}$ "spin drag"  $E_{\sigma} = rac{\delta A_{\sigma}}{\delta t} pprox rac{\Delta A_{\sigma}}{t_E}$  The set is gradient SDM previous studied in non SOC quantum gases, eg. fermi gas: Sommer [Zwierlein] et al'11 by magnetic gradient bosons: Koller et al'12; Maddaloni et al'00 theory (fermi gas): Stringari'99, etc. ["spin drag"] Spin Dipole Mode 0 -1 What is the effect of SOC? spin [m<sub>f</sub>] (SDM) --- AC spin current

## Spin Dipole Mode (AC Spin Current): no SOC vs SOC



## Momentum Damping (1/Q) versus Final Raman coupling $\Omega_{ m F}$





**GPE Simulation** of SDM: GPE done by Chunlei Qu In-situ images/movies & Chuanwei Zhang (UT Dallas)  $\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\downarrow} \\ \psi_{\uparrow} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{n_{\downarrow}(\mathbf{r},t)}e^{i\phi_{\downarrow}(\mathbf{r},t)} \\ \sqrt{n_{\downarrow}(\mathbf{r},t)}e^{i\phi_{\uparrow}(\mathbf{r},t)} \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_{\uparrow} \end{pmatrix} \left( \sqrt{n_{\uparrow}(\mathbf{r},t)} e^{i\psi_{\uparrow}(\mathbf{r},t)} \right)$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi\left(\mathbf{r},t\right) = H_{\text{tot}} \Psi\left(\mathbf{r},t\right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\hat{p}_x^2}{2m} + \frac{\hat{p}_z^2}{2m} + H_{\text{SOC}} + V_{\text{trap}} + V_{\text{int}} \right) \Psi\left(\mathbf{r},t\right)$$

$$\hat{p}_y/\hbar = -i\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \qquad H_{\rm SOC} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(q_y + k_{\rm r})^2 - \delta_{\rm R} & \frac{\Omega}{2} \\ \frac{\Omega}{2} & \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}(q_y - k_{\rm r})^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{split} V_{\text{trap}} &= \frac{1}{2} m \omega_x^2 x^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_y^2 y^2 + \frac{1}{2} m \omega_z^2 z^2 \\ V_{\text{int}} &= \begin{pmatrix} g_{\downarrow\downarrow} |\psi_{\downarrow}|^2 + g_{\downarrow\uparrow} |\psi_{\uparrow}|^2 & 0 \\ 0 & g_{\uparrow\uparrow} |\psi_{\uparrow}|^2 + g_{\uparrow\downarrow} |\psi_{\downarrow}|^2 \end{pmatrix} \end{split}$$

 $g_{\downarrow\downarrow} = g_{\downarrow\uparrow} = g_{\uparrow\downarrow} = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 \left(c_0 + c_2\right)}{m} \qquad \qquad c_2 = -0.46a_0$ 

 $g_{\uparrow\uparrow} = \frac{4\pi\hbar^2 c_0}{m} \qquad \qquad c_0 = 100.86a_0$ 

# GPE simulation qualitatively explains damping



Observation of BEC Shape Oscillations (Quadrupole Modes)

We also study shape oscillations, which is an example of the kinetic energy that does not contribute to the global BEC motion.

**Bare case** 

 $\Omega_{\rm F} = 0 \, {\rm E_r}$ 

20

Measurement #1

Measurement #2

Measurement #3

25

30

 $t_{\rm F} = 1.0 \,{\rm ms}$ 

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 $W_y/W_z$ 

Aspect ratio

2.8

2.4

2.0

1.6

1.2

0.8

0.4

0.0



Oscillations do not seem to possess a well-defined frequency.

15

Hold time t<sub>hold</sub> (ms)

10

5

0

Oscillations have a well-defined average frequency of 58 Hz, consistent with the predicted frequency of the m=0 quadrupole mode:  $f_{m=0} = \sqrt{2.5}\omega_z/(2\pi) \sim 59$  Hz for a cigar shape BEC.

## Understanding the SDM damping



Other important factor: (enhanced) immiscibility of dressed BECs when moving (q $\rightarrow$ 0)

Eigenstate ("dressed state"):  $\alpha(q_v) | \downarrow, q_v + k_r > + \beta(p_v) | \uparrow, q_v - k_r >$ 

## Thermalization and Spin Current Relaxation



#### AMO Research in Quantum Matter and Device (QMD) Laboratory



# Effects of quantum superposition and interference in spin-dependent photoassociation of <sup>87</sup>Rb Bose-Einstein condensates



David Blasing (→ Crane) PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS 121, 073202 (2018)

#### **Observation of Quantum Interference and Coherent Control in a Photochemical Reaction**

David B. Blasing,<sup>1</sup> Jesús Pérez-Ríos,<sup>2</sup> Yangqian Yan,<sup>1</sup> Sourav Dutta,<sup>1,3,†</sup> Chuan-Hsun Li,<sup>4</sup> Qi Zhou,<sup>1,5</sup> and Yong P. Chen<sup>1,4,5,\*</sup>



# Photoassociation (PA) – loss of atoms from trap



C. McKenzie et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 88, 120403 (2002).

# Photoassociation can be spin-dependent



**Key point:** choose PA line that require colliding atoms (reactants) must have  $m_{f,1} + m_{f,2} = 0$ 

|f=1,m<sub>f</sub>> pairs:



C. Hamley [M.Chapman], et al., Phys. Rev. A 79, 23401 (2009).

# "spin-dependent" Photoassociation

**Key point:** for our PA line, colliding atoms must have  $m_{f,1} + m_{f,2} = 0$ 



**Question**: atoms in spin superpositions simultaneously access multiple spin-pathways, what is PA process like?



# Spin(-momentum) superposition states





D. Blasing *et al.*, "Observation of Quantum Interference and Coherent Control in a Photo-Chemical Reaction", Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 073202 (2018)

## PA on spin(-momentum) superpositions with increasing $\Omega_R$



→ red and black curves diverge: PA significantly modified for dressed BEC (superposition), even ~ completely "turned off" at large  $\Omega_R$  !

Prediction: PA rate for spin superpositions modified over bare rate



$$k_{sup} = k_{0,0}(|c_0^2|^2 + 4|c_{-1}c_{+1}|^2 - 4\Re(c_0^2c_{-1}^*c_{+1}^*))$$



0.0

-2

-1

0

δ (E<sub>r</sub>)



1

**H** 

+1

2



## **Summary & Outlook**



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### Hall cylinder -> emergent lattice & band structure

## nonsymmorphic symmetry $\rightarrow$ topological protected bandcrossing



#### Quantum Transport in Emergent Lattice/Band → Bloch oscillations



C. Li et al. arXiv:1809.02122

## Breaking the nonsymmorphic symmetry $\rightarrow$ open gaps @ the crossings



### Analysis of Bloch oscillations -> mapping band structure

Consistent with the (topologically protected) band crossings!

Similar observation under different parameters (crossing protected by nonsymmorphic symmetry)



A "symmetry protected topological phase" (for bosons)



## Unzipped cylinder: Emergent lattice and Bloch oscillations disappear



arXiv:1809.02122

#### Summary: Emergent symmetry-protected (bosonic) topological states

arXiv:1809.02122



Next:Can particle-particle interactions change the topology?

#### Symmetry-Protected Topological Orders in Interacting Bosonic Systems



Outlook: Quantum science & technologies based on "Spin-helical" particles



Novel (Topological) Quantum Matter & Quantum simulation

(& in high dim/curved space)







(spin-based) quantum control/chemistry

 $\left(\left|\begin{array}{c}0\\1\\1\\1\end{array}\right\rangle = C_{0}\left|\begin{array}{c}0\\0\end{array}\right\rangle + C_{1}\left|\begin{array}{c}1\\1\\1\end{array}\right\rangle + C_{1}\left|\begin{array}{c}1\\1\\1\end{array}\right\rangle \right) \otimes \left(\left|\begin{array}{c}0\\1\\1\\1\\1\end{array}\right\rangle = C_{0}\left|\begin{array}{c}0\\0\end{array}\right\rangle + C_{1}\left|\begin{array}{c}1\\1\\1\end{array}\right\rangle + C_{1}\left|\begin{array}{c}1\\1\\1\end{array}\right\rangle \right)$ 

New playground/platforms/toolsets for: *"quantum transport/interferometry/measurement/manipulation (even chemistry)" of quantum condensed matter* 

# "Spintronic" Quantum Transport, Chemistry and Interferometry in an atomic BEC <u>Summary</u>

• Introduction to experimental platform: "spin-orbit-coupled" (SOC) BEC

### • Transport & Interferometry in energy-momentum (E-k) space

- Quantum Transport in synthetic ("dressed") bandstructure
- Landau-Zener transition: beam-splitter
- Landau-Zener-Stuckelberg interferometer (via "Fluoquet" engineering)

## • Spinor BEC collider: (Spin) transport & interferometry in real-space

- Spin dipole mode (AC spin current) induce by *quantum quench* in spin-orbit-coupled BEC
- How does such (spin) collective excitation decay?
- How does spin-orbit-coupling affect spin transport (spin current relaxation)?
- Interplay between SOC, interference, interaction

## • Interferometry in quantum (photo)chemistry

- What happens when reactants are in quantum superposition states?
- (spin-sensitive) photoassociation (PA): interference b/t 2 PA reaction pathways
- BEC on a synthetic "Hall" cylinder (a symmetry-protected bosonic topological state)
  - (circular) synthetic "dimension"  $\rightarrow$  "emergent" crystalline order
  - Quantum transport on a Mobius strip (E-k space)
  - Topological band-crossing (protected by nonsymmorphic symmetry)
  - Breaking symmetry/unzipping cylinder ightarrow topological transition















