

# Quantum Optics & (Mesoscopic) Condensed Matter



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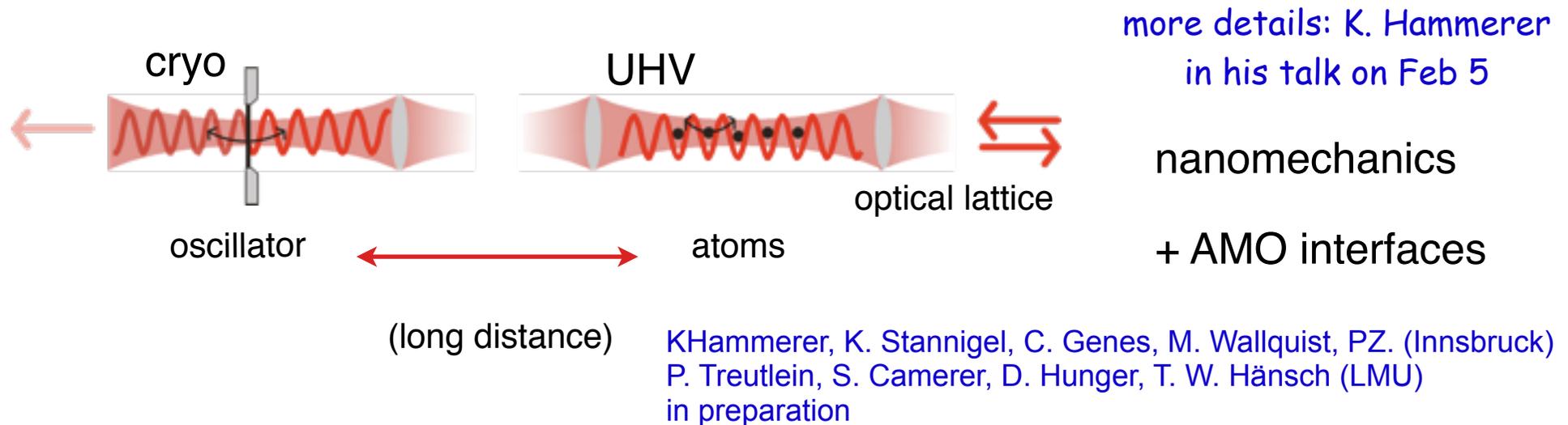
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**SFB**  
*Coherent Control of Quantum  
Systems*

€U networks

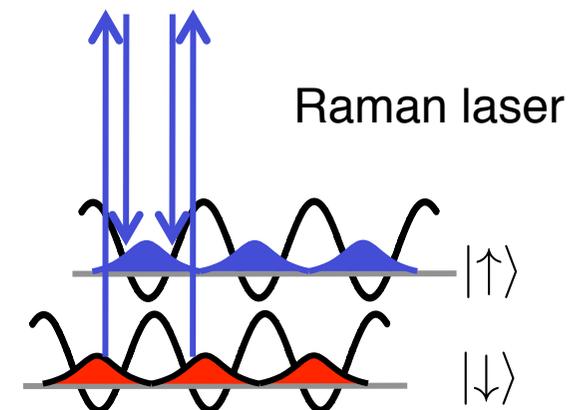
# Outline

- **Quantum Noise & Quantum Optics**
  - a mini-tutorial
- **Atoms in Optical Lattices + “Nano-”Mechanical Mirrors / Membranes**



- **Measurement of Atomic Currents via Light**

V. Steixner, K Hammerer, A Daley, PZ  
in preparation



# Mini-Tutorial:

## Quantum Optics and Quantum Noise

- **Stochastic Schrödinger equations** (& quantum trajectories)
- **cascaded quantum systems** *etc.*



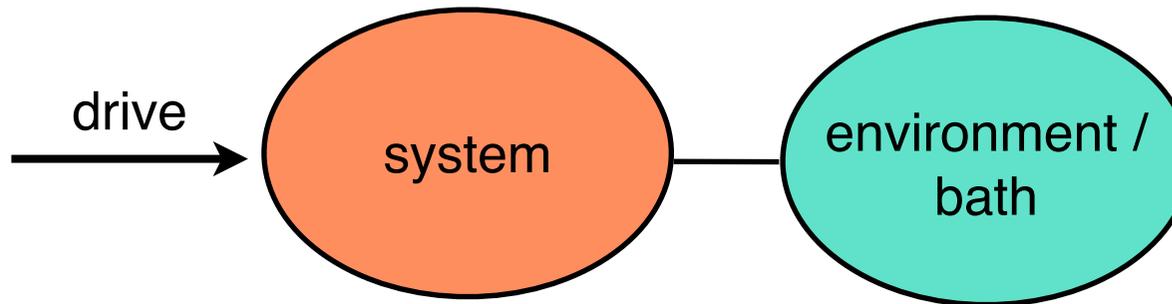
“system 1” drives “system 2”

Stochastic Schrödinger equations with time delays

(in a way not found in Quantum Noise, CW Gardiner & PZ)

# Quantum Optics: Open Quantum Systems

- open quantum system



## role of the environment:

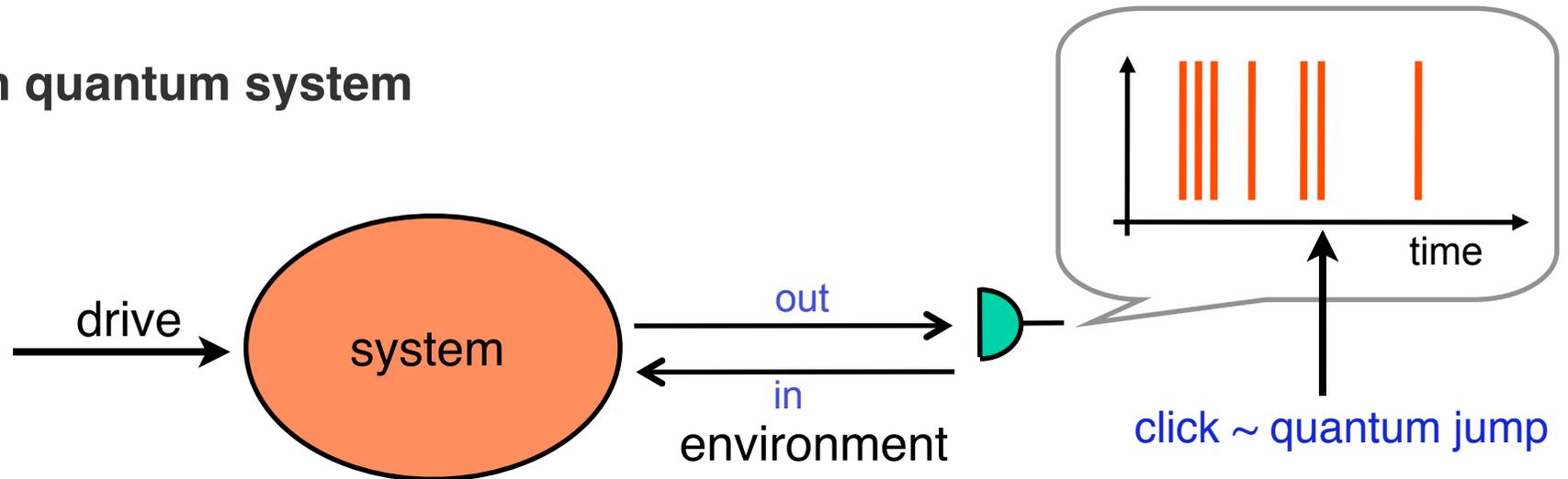
- noise and dissipation (decoherence)
- quantum optics ... tool: state preparation
  - e.g. laser cooling, optical pumping

## bath / reservoir: harmonic oscillators

- quantum optics
  - radiation field
  - [Bogoliubov excitation, spin bath]

# Quantum Optics: Continuous Measurement

- open quantum system



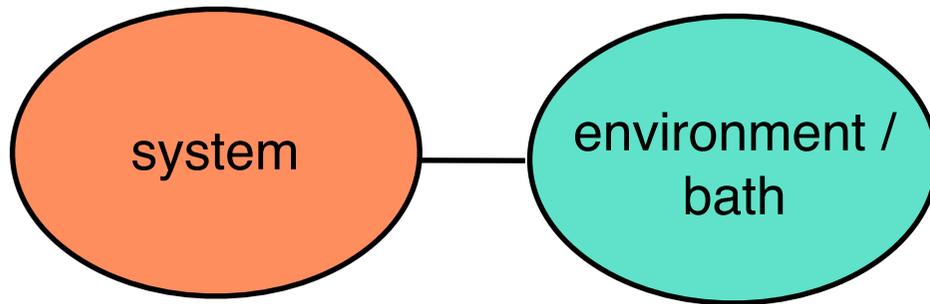
## role of the environment:

- continuous observation

## quantum optical tools and techniques:

- Quantum Markov processes
- Master Equation
- (Quantum) Stochastic Schrödinger Equation
  - Quantum Trajectories

# Generic Quantum Optical Model



$$H = H_{\text{sys}} + H_B + H_{\text{int}}$$

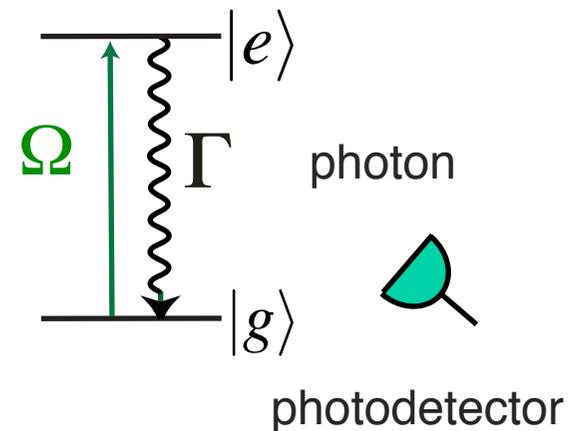
$$H_B = \int_{\omega_0 - \vartheta}^{\omega_0 + \vartheta} d\omega \omega b^\dagger(\omega) b(\omega) \quad \text{bath of oscillators}$$

$$[b(\omega), b^\dagger(\omega')] = \delta(\omega - \omega')$$

$$H_{\text{int}} = i \int_{\omega_0 - \vartheta}^{\omega_0 + \vartheta} d\omega \kappa(\omega) [b^\dagger(\omega) c - c^\dagger b(\omega)]$$

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system "quantum jump"  
operator

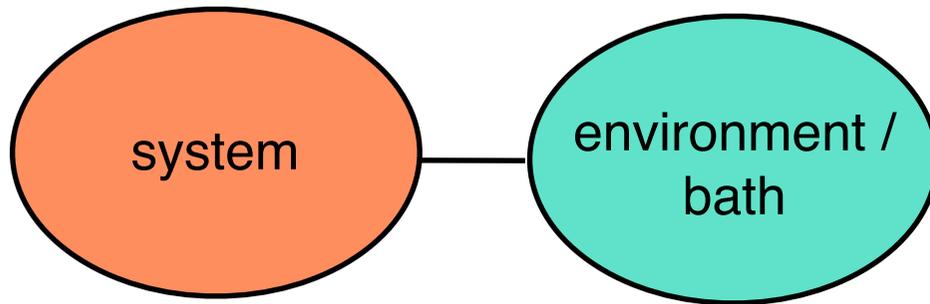
Example: spontaneous emission  
from two level system



$$c = |g\rangle \langle e| \equiv \sigma^-$$

- ✓ Rotating wave approximation
- ✓ Markov / white noise

# Generic Quantum Optical Model



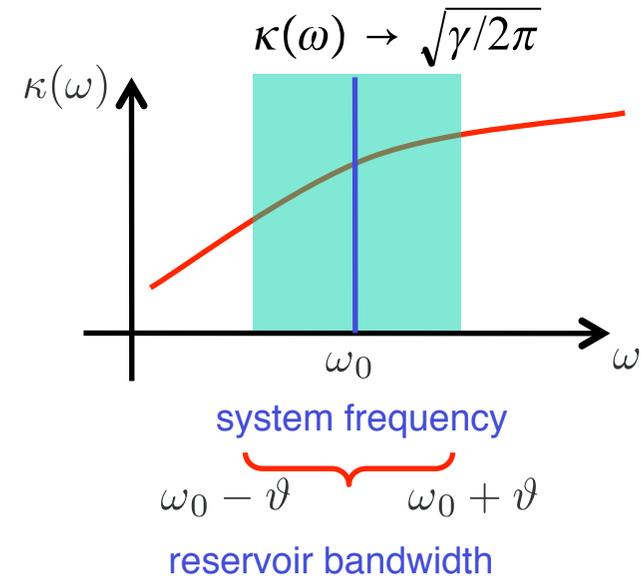
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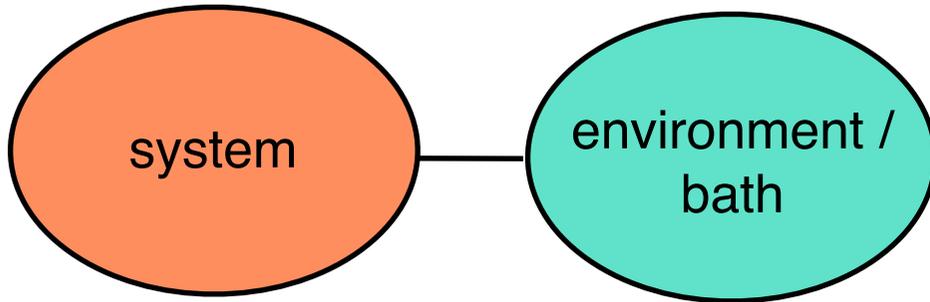
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interaction picture

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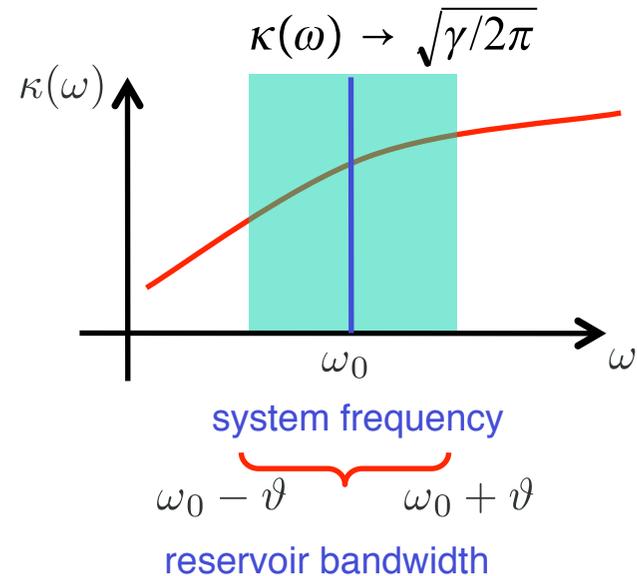
$$H_{\text{int}}(t) = i \int_{\omega_0 - \vartheta}^{\omega_0 + \vartheta} d\omega \kappa(\omega) \left[ \underline{b^\dagger(\omega) e^{i\omega t}} c - c^\dagger \underline{b(\omega) e^{-i\omega t}} \right]$$

- noise operator: “quantum noiselets”

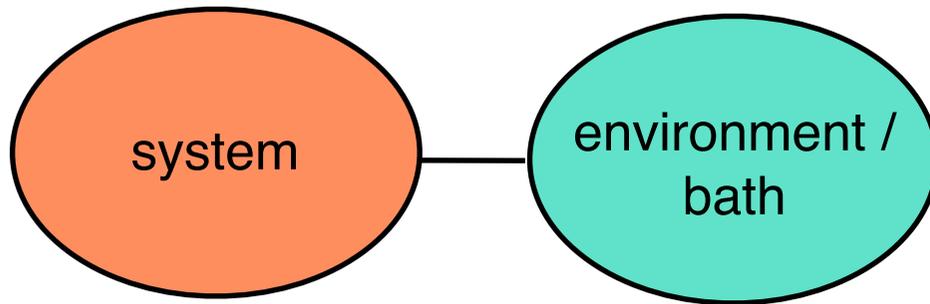
$$b(t) := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{\omega_0 - \vartheta}^{\omega_0 + \vartheta} b(\omega) e^{-i(\omega - \omega_0)t} d\omega$$

- “white noise” commutator

$$[b(t), b^\dagger(s)] = \delta_s(t - s)$$



# Generic Quantum Optical Model



## **Stratonovich Quantum Stochastic Schrödinger Equation (QSSE)**

$$(S) \quad \frac{d}{dt} |\Psi(t)\rangle = \{-iH_{\text{sys}} + \sqrt{\gamma}b^\dagger(t)c - \sqrt{\gamma}c^\dagger b(t)\} |\Psi(t)\rangle$$

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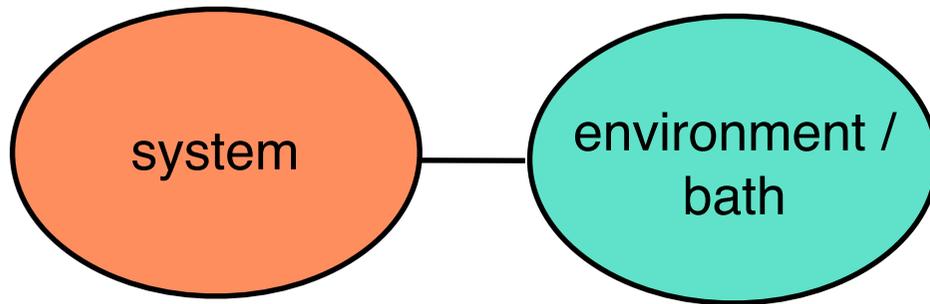
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- initial condition  $|\Psi(0)\rangle = |\psi_{\text{sys}}\rangle \otimes |\text{vac}\rangle$

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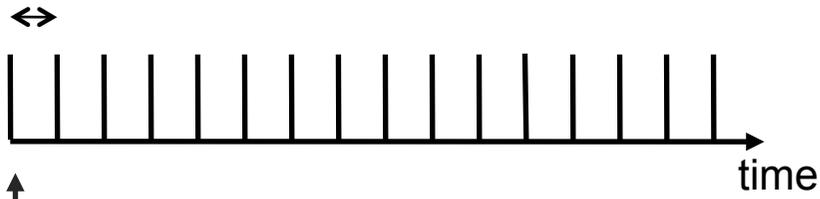
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**Discussion / Interpretation:** derive ...

- quantum trajectories ... and conversion to *Ito* QSSE
- master equation

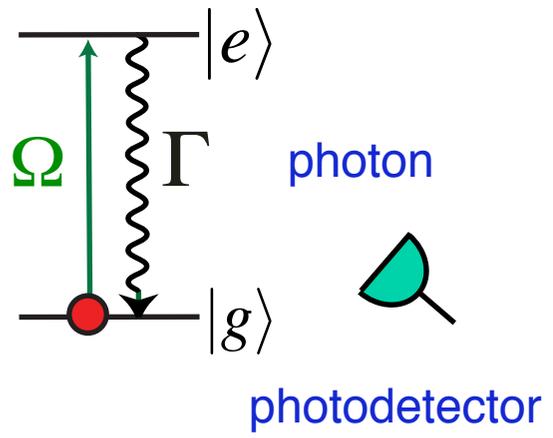
# Coarse Grained Integration of the QSSE

$$\Delta t > 1/\vartheta$$

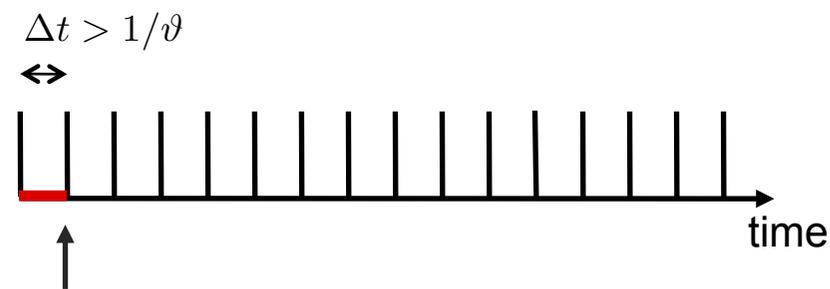


$$|\Psi(0)\rangle = |\psi_{\text{sys}}\rangle \otimes |\text{vac}\rangle$$

system + reservoir

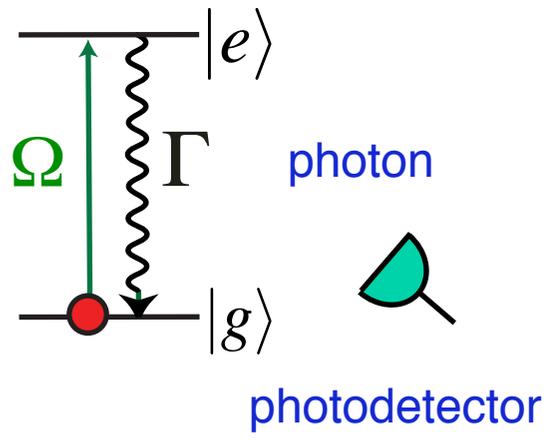


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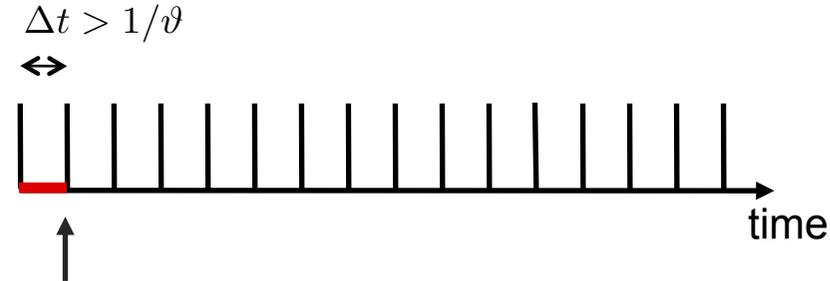


**The first time step:** up to order  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$

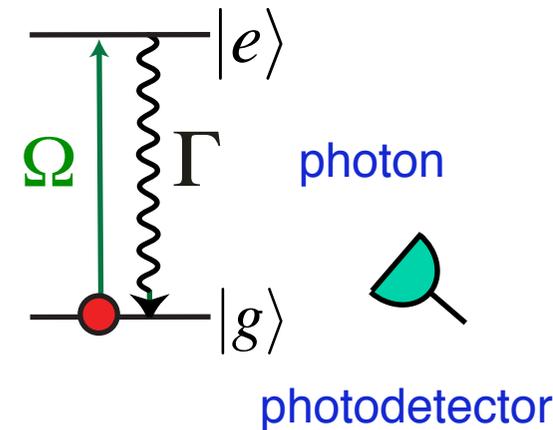
$$|\Psi(\Delta t)\rangle = \left\{ \hat{1} - iH_{\text{sys}}\Delta t + \sqrt{\gamma}c \int_0^{\Delta t} b^\dagger(t) dt - \sqrt{\gamma}c^\dagger \int_0^{\Delta t} b(t) dt + (-i)^2 \gamma c^\dagger c \int_0^{\Delta t} dt \int_0^{t_2} dt' b(t)b^\dagger(t') + \dots + \dots \right\} |\Psi(0)\rangle$$



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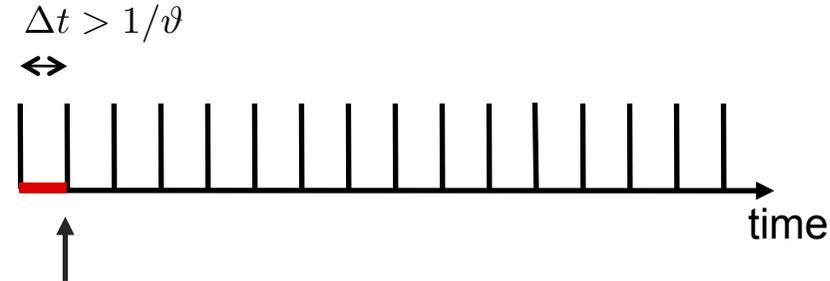


$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Psi(\Delta t)\rangle = & \left\{ \hat{1} - iH_{\text{sys}}\Delta t + \sqrt{\gamma}c \int_0^{\Delta t} b^\dagger(t) dt - \sqrt{\gamma}c^\dagger \int_0^{\Delta t} b(t) dt \right. \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

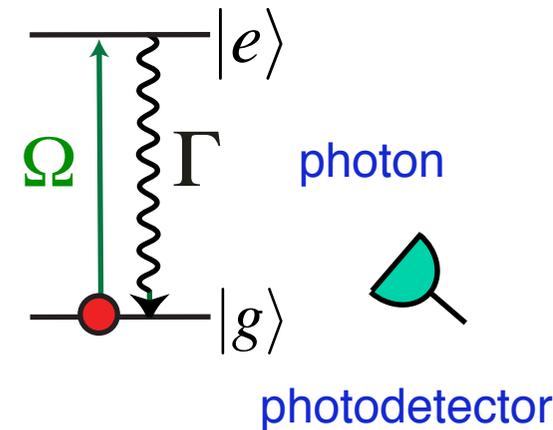
$|\psi_{\text{sys}}\rangle \otimes |\text{vac}\rangle$

second order term gives  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$

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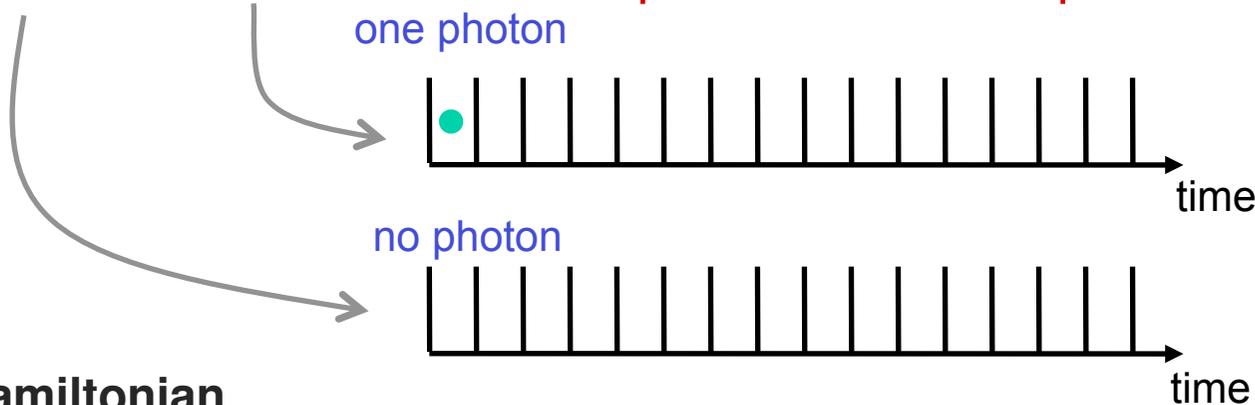


The first time step: up to order  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t)$



$$|\Psi(\Delta t)\rangle = \{\hat{1} - iH_{\text{eff}} \Delta t + \sqrt{\gamma} c \Delta B^\dagger(0)\} |\Psi(0)\rangle$$

superposition state of "no photon" and "one photon"



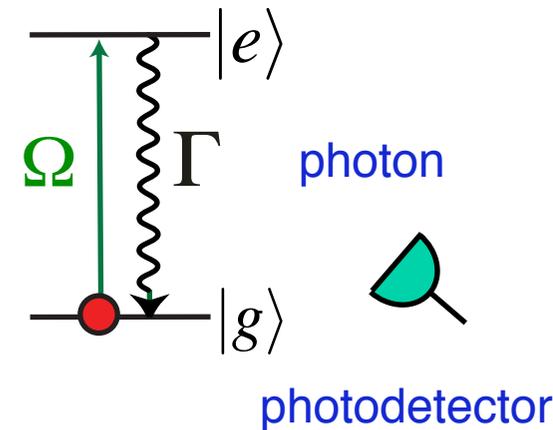
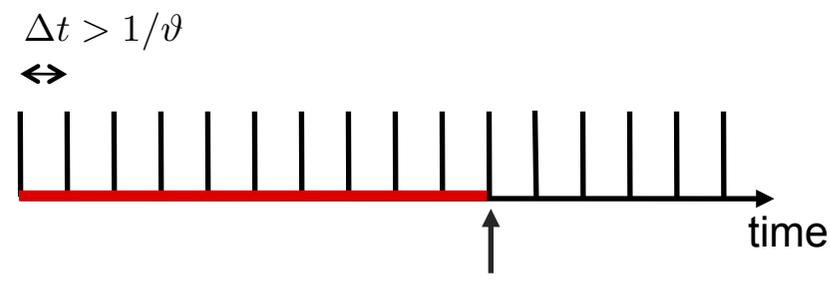
- effective system Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{eff}} = H_{\text{sys}} - \frac{i}{2} \gamma c^\dagger c$$

- noise increment

$$\Delta B(t) := \int_t^{t+\Delta t} b(s) ds$$

# Coarse Grained Integration of the QSSE



... and similar for other time steps

- Ito Quantum Stochastic Schrödinger Equation**

$$(I) \quad dt |\Psi(t)\rangle = \{ -iH_{\text{sys}}dt + \sqrt{\gamma}dB^\dagger(t)c \} |\Psi(t)\rangle \quad (|\Psi(0)\rangle = |\psi_{\text{sys}}\rangle \otimes |\text{vac}\rangle)$$

with Ito rules

$$\Delta B(t)\Delta B^\dagger(t) |\text{vac}\rangle = \Delta t |\text{vac}\rangle \quad \longrightarrow \quad dB(t)dB^\dagger(t) = dt$$

# Quantum Trajectories

Entangled state of system and bath: photon emission

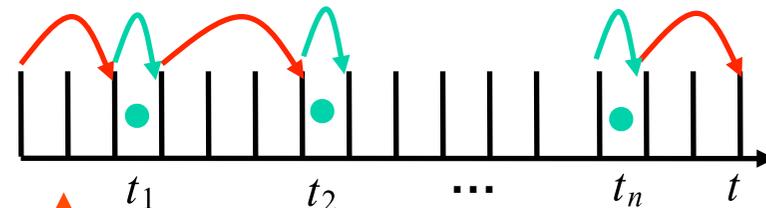
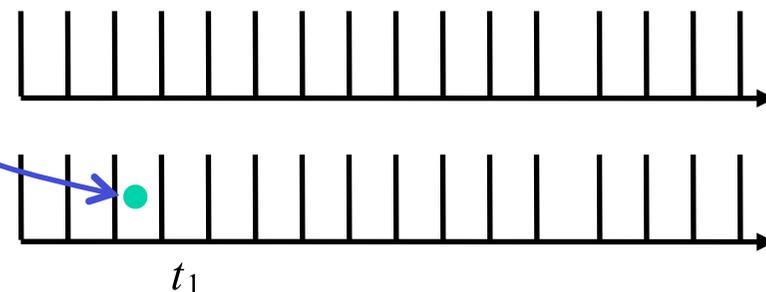
$$|\Psi(t)\rangle = |\psi_{\text{sys}}(t)\rangle |\text{vac}\rangle$$

$$+ \sum_{t_1} |\psi_{\text{sys}}(t|t_1)\rangle \Delta B^\dagger(t_1) |\text{vac}\rangle$$

+ ...

$$+ \sum_{t_n > \dots > t_1} |\psi_{\text{sys}}(t|t_n, \dots, t_1)\rangle \Delta B^\dagger(t_n) \dots \Delta B^\dagger(t_1) |\text{vac}\rangle$$

+ ...



- ✓ system wave function for count trajectory  $t_1, t_2, \text{ etc.}$
- ✓ gives photon count statistics
- ✓ can be *simulated* as a stochastic c-number Schrödinger equation

**click:**

“quantum jump” = effect of detecting a photon on system

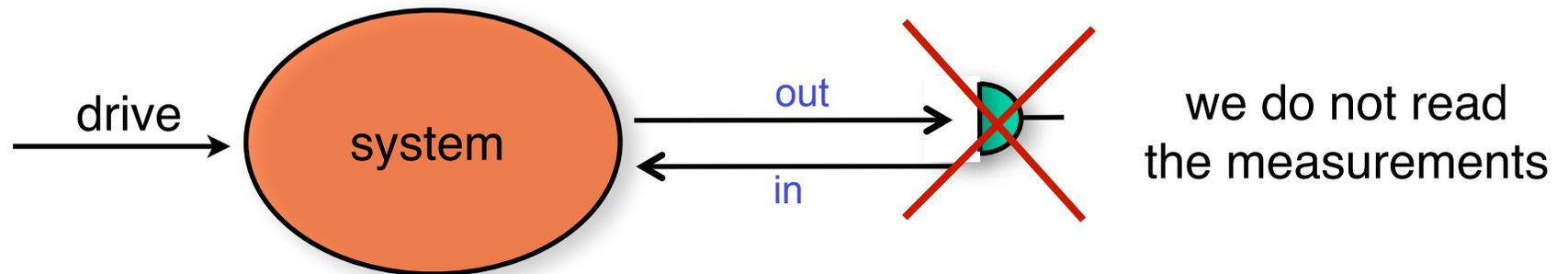
$$|\psi_{\text{sys}}(t)\rangle \rightarrow \sqrt{\gamma} |\psi_{\text{sys}}(t)\rangle$$

**no click:**

$$|\psi_{\text{sys}}(0)\rangle \rightarrow e^{-iH_{\text{eff}}t} |\psi_{\text{sys}}(0)\rangle$$

# Master Equation

- open quantum system

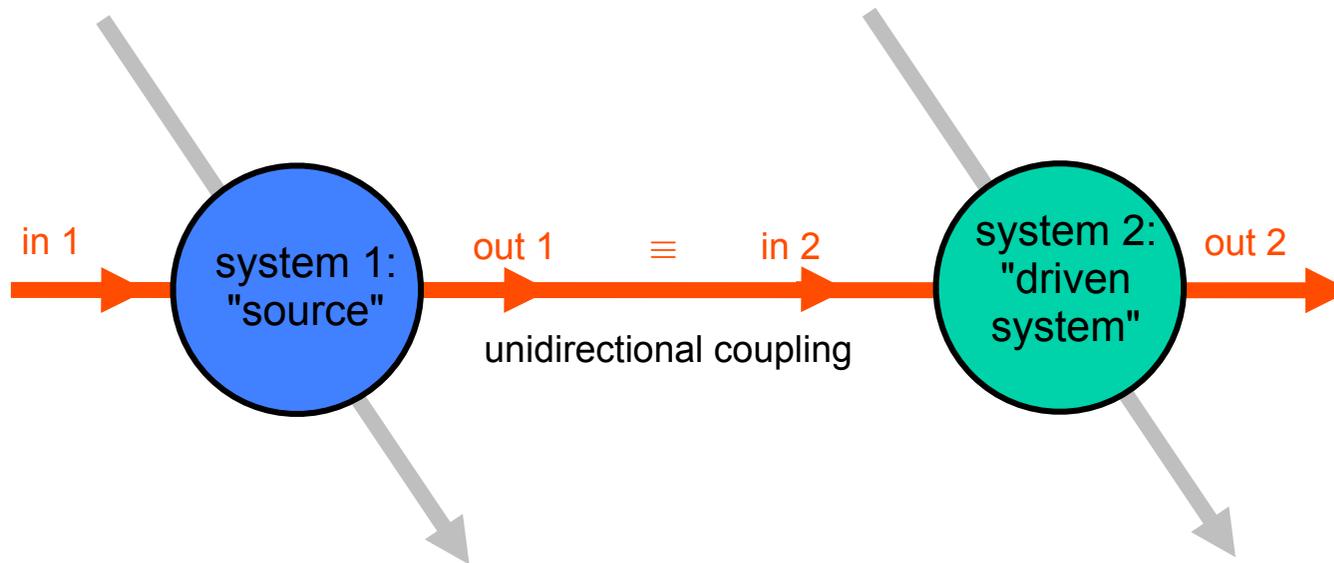


- **Reduced system density operator:**  $\rho(t) := \text{Tr}_B |\Psi(t)\rangle\langle\Psi(t)|$
- **Master Equation:** Lindblad form

$$\dot{\rho}(t) = -i [H_{\text{sys}}, \rho(t)] + \frac{1}{2} \gamma (2c\rho(t)c^\dagger - c^\dagger c\rho(t) - \rho(t)c^\dagger c)$$

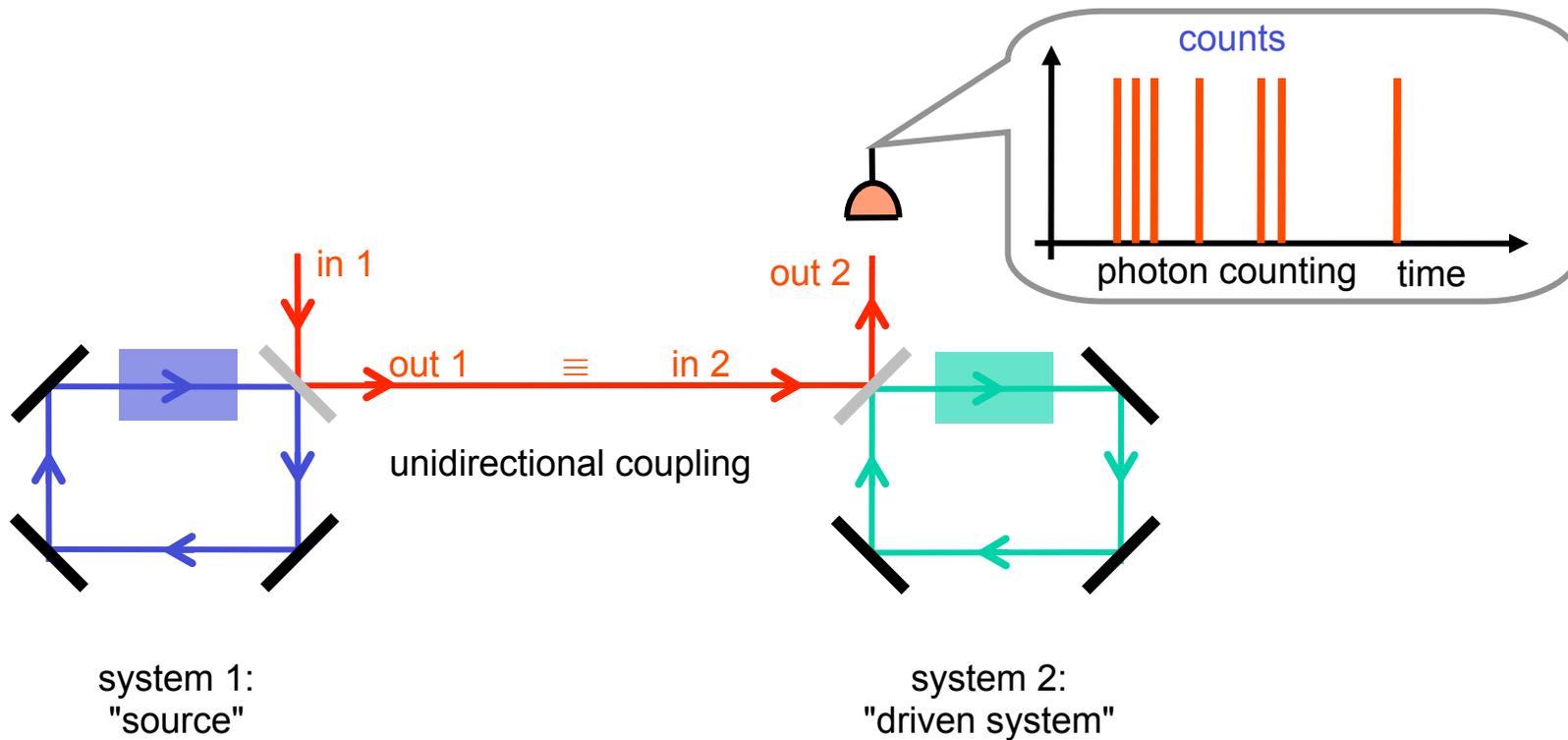
quantum jump operators

# Cascaded Quantum Systems



- Quantum Stochastic Schrödinger Equation
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# Cascaded Systems: the Model



## Hamiltonian

$$H = H_{\text{sys}}(1) + H_{\text{sys}}(2) + H_B + H_{\text{int}}$$

$$H_B = \int_{\omega_0 - \vartheta}^{\omega_0 + \vartheta} d\omega \omega b^\dagger(\omega) b(\omega)$$

## interaction part

$$H_{\text{int}} = i\hbar \int d\omega \kappa_1(\omega) \left[ \underline{b^\dagger(\omega) e^{-i\omega/cx_1} c_1} - c_1^\dagger b(\omega) e^{+i\omega/cx_1} \right] + i\hbar \int d\omega \kappa_2(\omega) \left[ \underline{b^\dagger(\omega) e^{-i\omega/cx_2} c_2} - c_2^\dagger b(\omega) e^{+i\omega/cx_2} \right] \quad (x_2 > x_1)$$

# Cascaded Systems: the Model



## *Stratonovich* Quantum Stochastic Schrödinger Equation with time delays

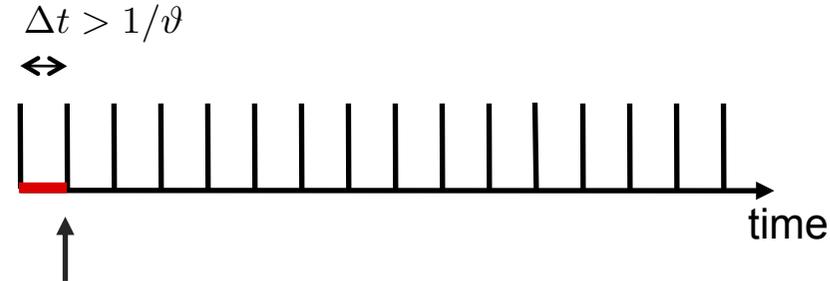
$$(S) \quad \frac{d}{dt} |\Psi(t)\rangle = \left\{ -i (H_{\text{sys}}(1) + H_{\text{sys}}(2)) + \sqrt{\gamma_1} \left[ b^\dagger(t) c_1 - b(t) c_1^\dagger \right] + \sqrt{\gamma_2} \left[ b^\dagger(t - \tau) c_2 - b(t - \tau) c_2^\dagger \right] \right\} |\Psi(t)\rangle$$

time delay

where time ordering / delays reflects causality

$$\text{Scaling: } \sqrt{\gamma_i} c_i \rightarrow c_i$$

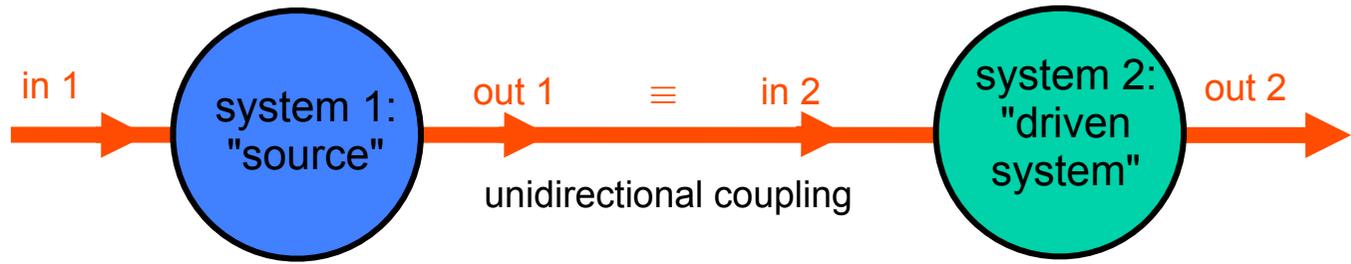
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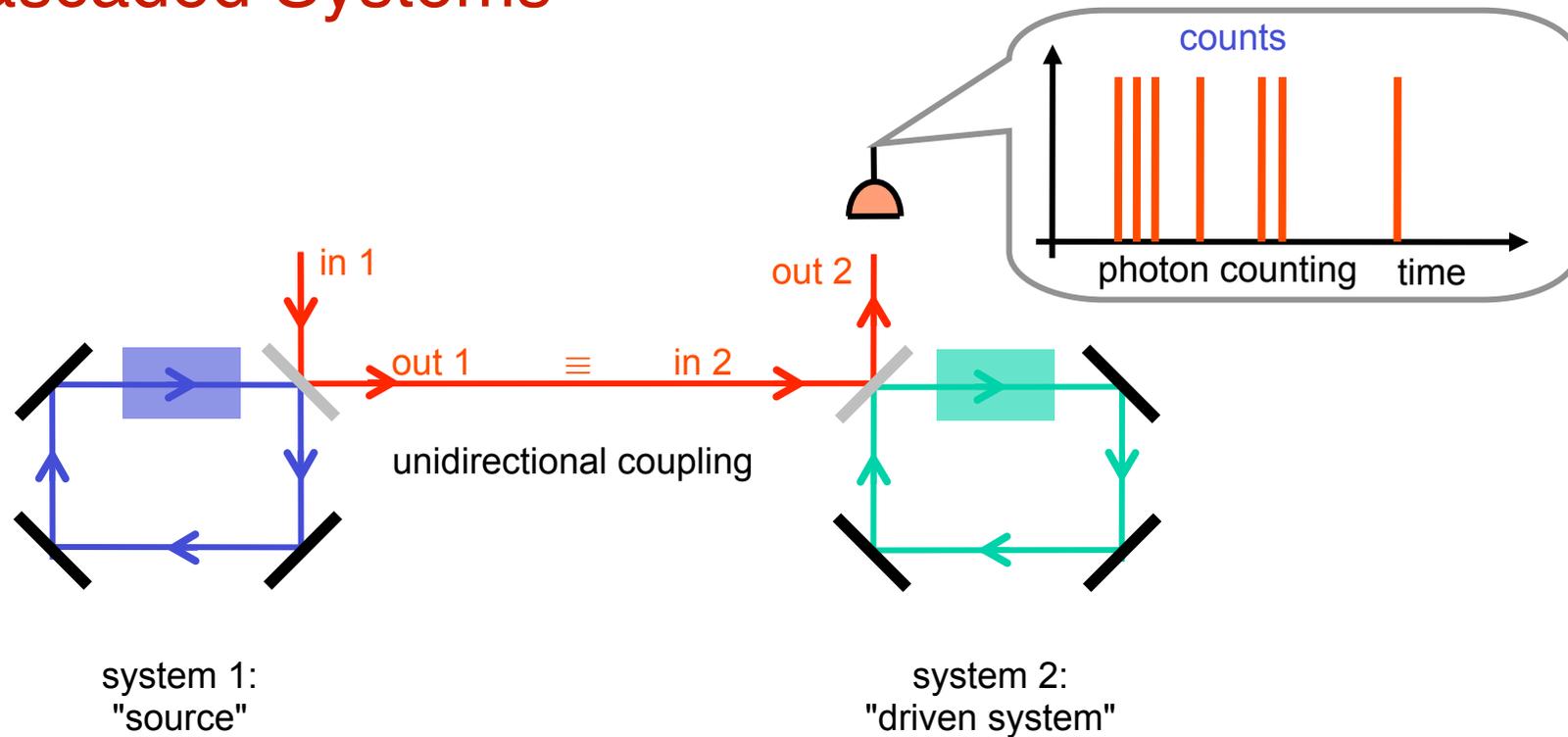
First time step: (for time delay  $\tau \rightarrow 0^+$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
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 & \left. \left( -\frac{1}{2}c_1^\dagger c_1 + 0 - c_2^\dagger c_1 - \frac{1}{2}c_2^\dagger c_2 \right) |\text{vac}\rangle \Delta t \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

causality & interaction



# Cascaded Systems



## Master Equation:

Version 1: Lindblad form

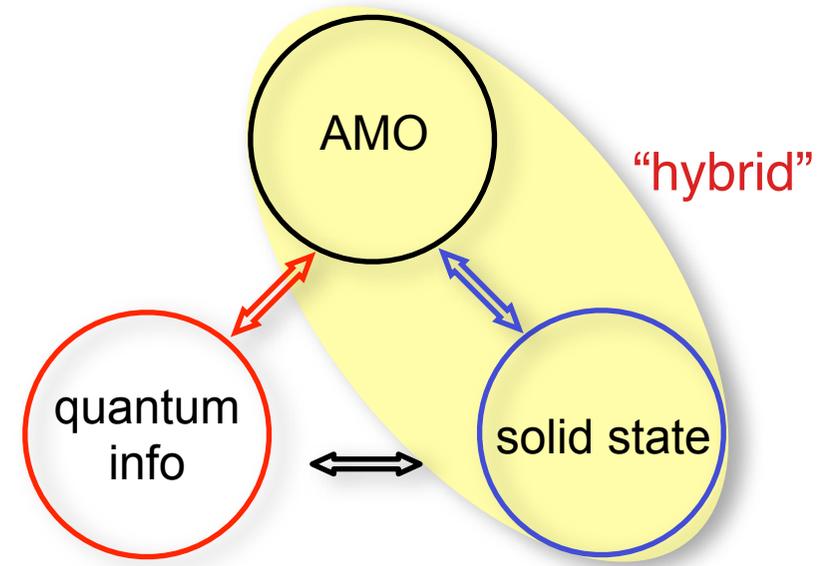
$$\frac{d}{dt}\rho = -i \left( H_{\text{eff}}\rho - \rho H_{\text{eff}}^\dagger \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left( 2c\rho c^\dagger - c^\dagger c\rho - \rho c^\dagger c \right)$$

with jump operator  $c \equiv c_1 + c_2$  and

$$H_{\text{eff}} = H_{\text{sys}} - i \frac{1}{2} \left( c_1^\dagger c_2 - c_2^\dagger c_1 \right) - i \frac{1}{2} c^\dagger c$$

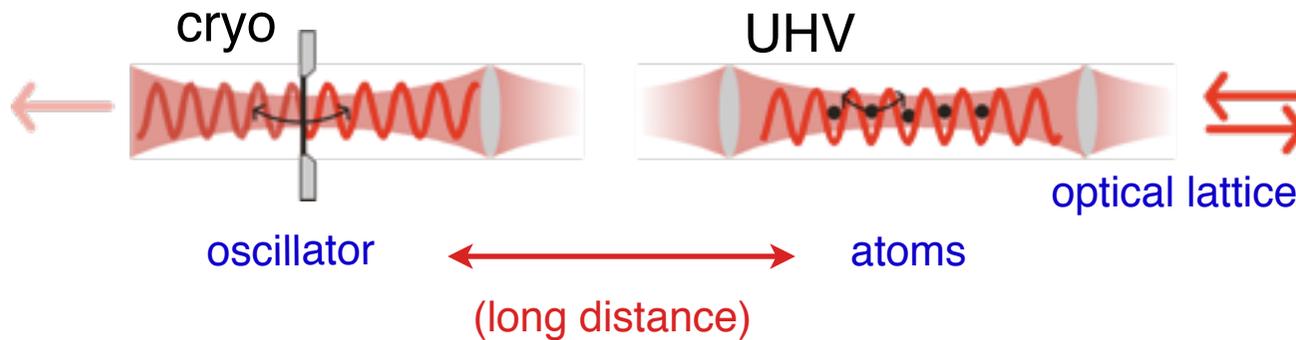
coherent  
interaction

more details: K. Hammerer  
in his talk on Feb 5



# AMO - Solid State: Hybrid Systems

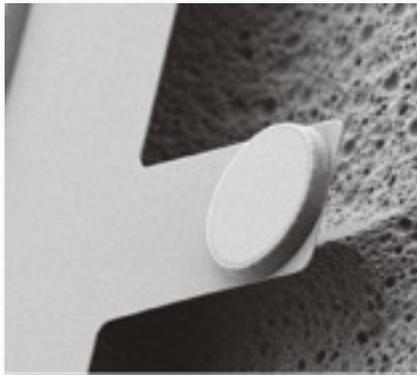
- Free space coupling between nanomechanical mirror + atomic ensemble



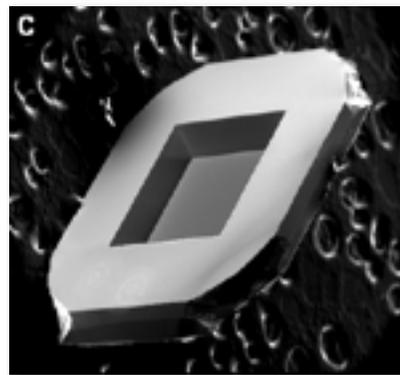
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# “Opto-nanomechanics”

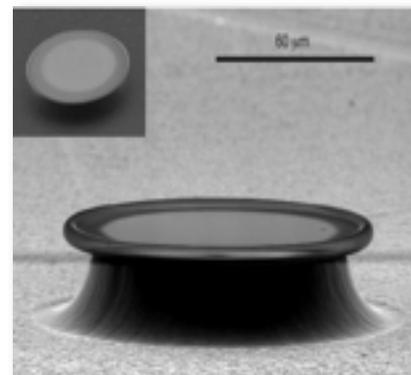
- **system:** High-quality mechanical oscillators coupled to high-quality, high-finesse optical cavities
- **goal: see quantum effects & applications in quantum technologies**
  - ground state cooling of the oscillator
  - entanglement ...
  - why? ... fundamental / applications



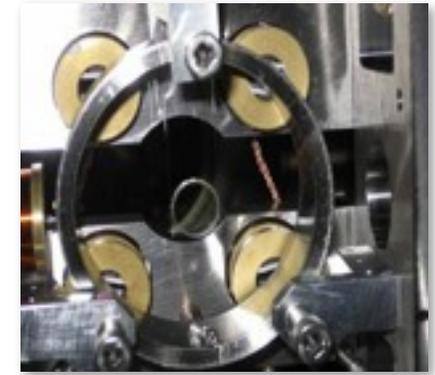
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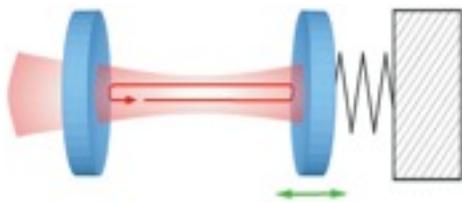
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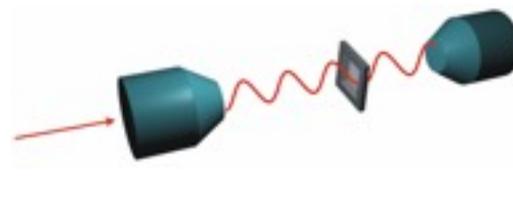
Microtoroids



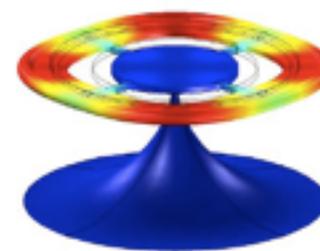
Gravitational Interferometers



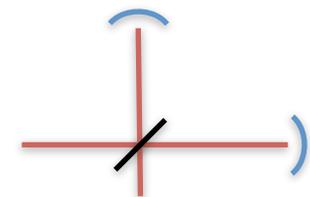
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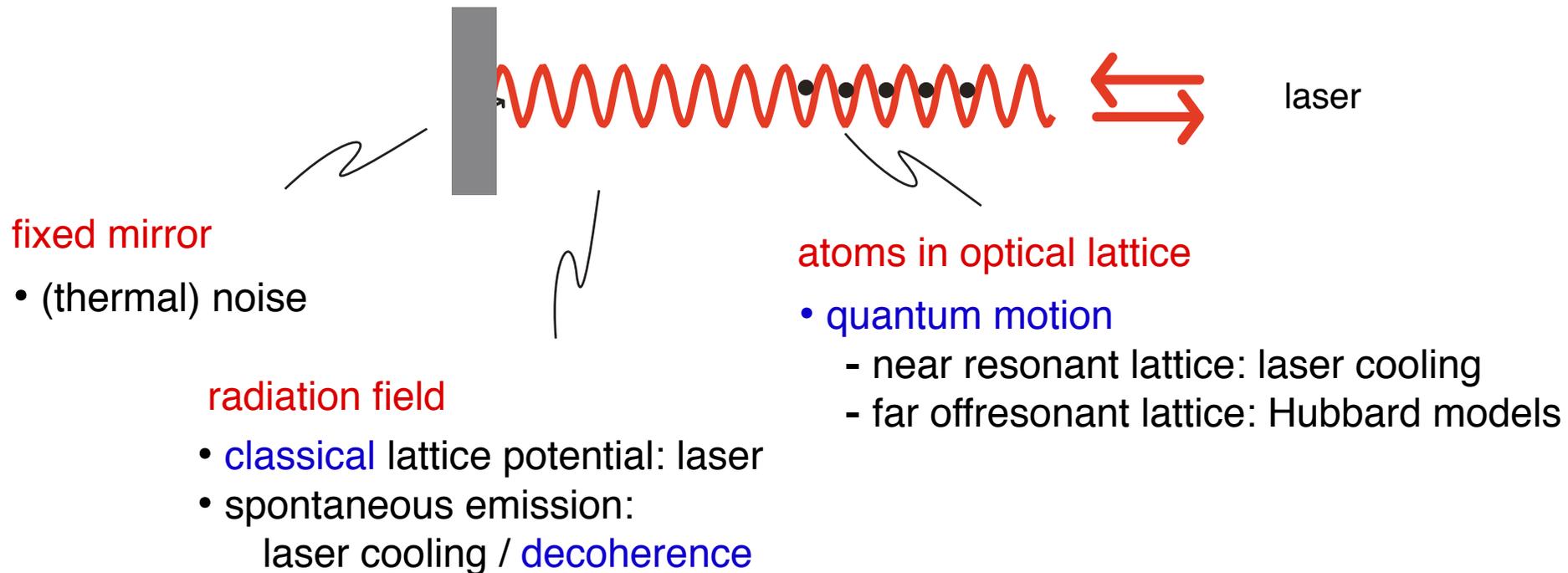
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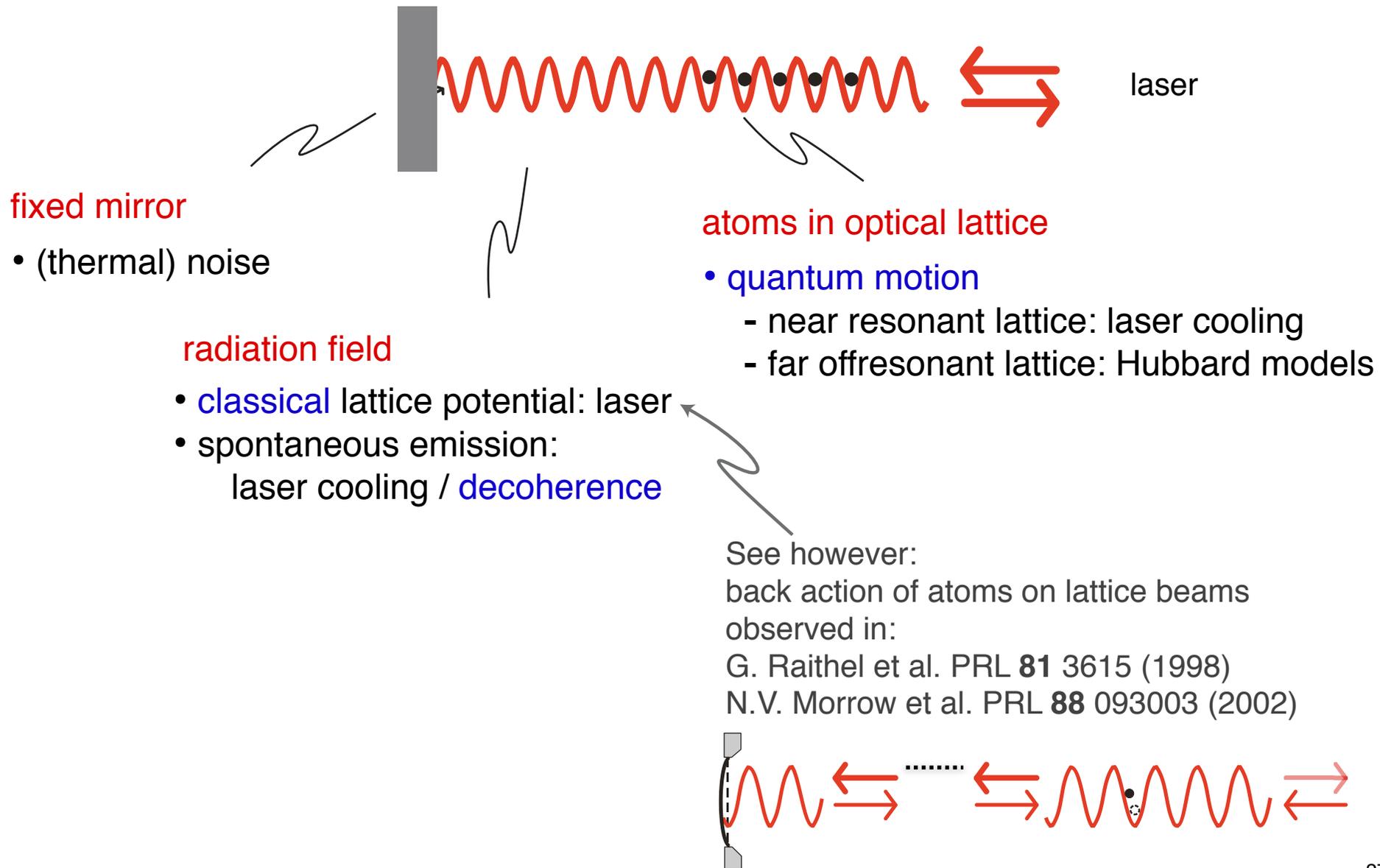
# Atoms in Optical Lattices

- **Atoms in optical lattice: standard setup**



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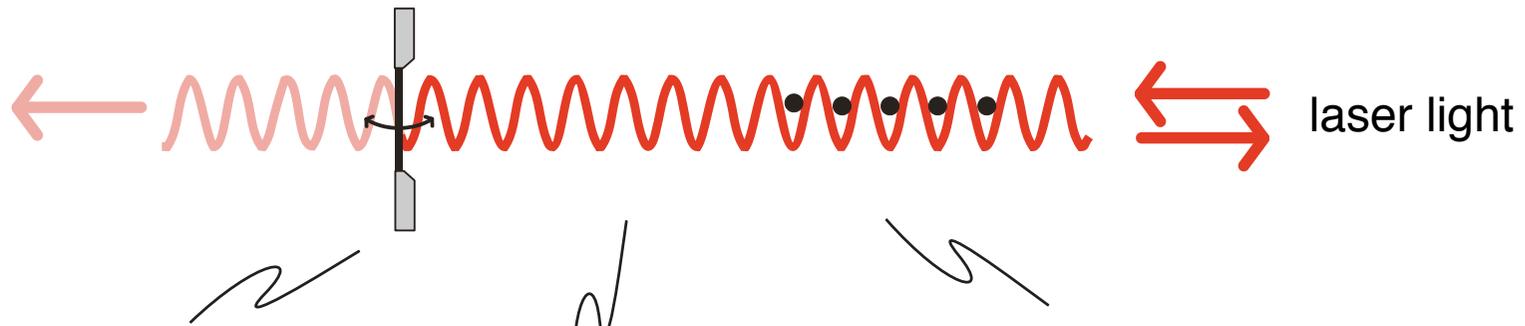
- **Atoms in optical lattice: standard setup**



here:

## Optical Lattices with Micro-Mirrors / Membranes

- **Optical lattice** by *retro-reflection* of a single beam on a partially reflective oscillating micro-mirror/membrane



mirror / membrane

- quantum oscillator
- [noise]

atoms in optical lattice

- quantum motion

radiation field

- long distance interaction mediated by quantum fluctuations of the light

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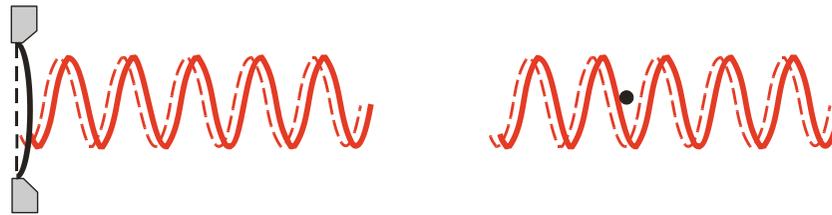
### composite quantum dynamics:

mirror + light + atomic motion: coherent coupling vs. dissipation

we can engineer “atomic reservoirs” e.g. laser cooling

# 1. Naive Semiclassical: Coherent Couplings

- **Classical light / optical potential** [valid for an ideal mirror]
- **Physical picture / expectations:**
  - Membrane vibrations shift phase of field: shift of potential shakes atoms



Field modes with boundary condition  $E(z) \sim \sin[k(z - z_{\text{mec}})]$

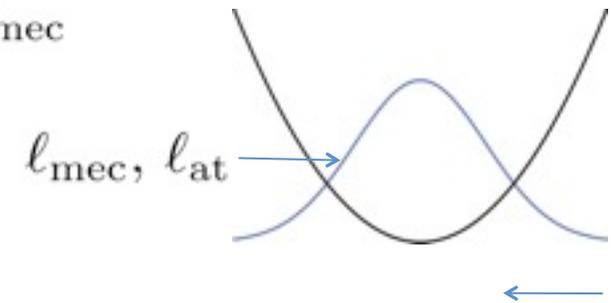
Lattice potential  $V(z_j) = \frac{m\omega_{\text{at}}^2}{2}(z_j - z_{\text{mec}})^2 \sim z_j z_{\text{mec}}$

Effective coupling

$$H_{\text{int}} = \sum_j g_0 (a_j + a_j^\dagger)(a_{\text{mec}} + a_{\text{mec}}^\dagger)$$

$$g_0 = \frac{\omega_{\text{at}}}{2} \frac{l_{\text{mec}}}{l_{\text{at}}}$$

$$\frac{l_{\text{mec}}}{l_{\text{at}}} = \sqrt{\frac{m_{\text{at}}\omega_{\text{at}}}{m_{\text{mec}}\omega_{\text{mec}}}} \sim \sqrt{\frac{m_{\text{at}}}{m_{\text{mec}}}} \sim 10^{-7}$$



- “naive” approach

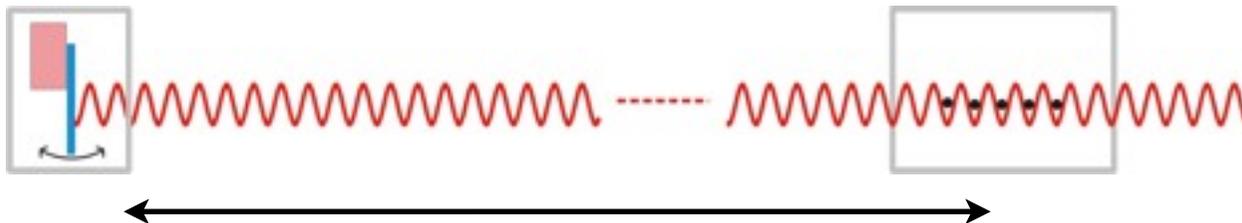
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Collectively enhanced coupling to com mode

$$a_{\text{com}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_j a_j$$

$$H_{\text{int}} = g(a_{\text{com}} + a_{\text{com}}^\dagger)(a_{\text{mec}} + a_{\text{mec}}^\dagger) \quad g = g_0 \sqrt{N_{\text{at}}}$$

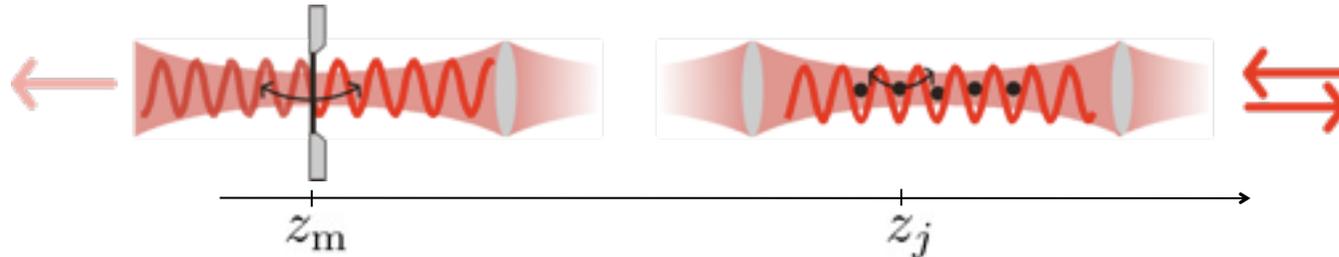
- retardation / causality (?)



how do the atoms and mirror talk to each other? ... by exchange of photons

## 2. Quantum Treatment

- **Hamiltonian:** including membrane, atoms *and* electro-magnetic field as degree of freedom



$$H = \left( \frac{\hat{p}_m^2}{2m_m} + \frac{m\omega_m^2}{2} \hat{z}_m^2 \right) + \sum_j \frac{\hat{p}_j^2}{2m_{at}}$$

... membrane + atoms

$$- \sum_j \frac{\mu^2}{\hbar\delta} \hat{E}^-(\hat{z}_j, t) \hat{E}^+(\hat{z}_j, t)$$

...optical potential for atoms

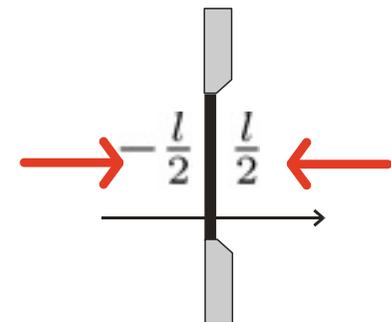
$$- \frac{\epsilon_0 A(n^2 - 1)}{2} \left[ \underbrace{\hat{E}^-\left(-\frac{l}{2}\right) \hat{E}^+\left(-\frac{l}{2}\right)}_{\sim \text{intensity on left}} - \underbrace{\hat{E}^-\left(\frac{l}{2}\right) \hat{E}^+\left(\frac{l}{2}\right)}_{\sim \text{intensity on right side}} \right] \hat{z}_m$$

...radiation pressure potential for membrane

~ intensity on left – intensity on right side

$$|\Psi\rangle = |\psi_{m,at}\rangle \otimes |\alpha_{laser}\rangle \otimes |\text{vac}\rangle$$

$$= \text{anything} \otimes \text{coherent laser field} \otimes \text{vacuum}$$

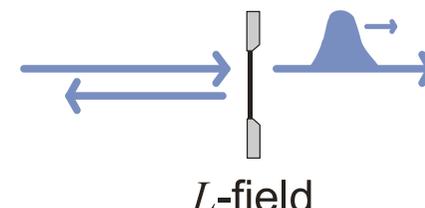
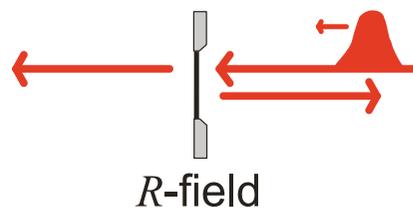


$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\Psi(t)\rangle = H |\Psi(t)\rangle$$

- here: 1D model (actually 3D ...)

- **Electric Field modes:**

$$E(z) = E_R(z) + E_L(z)$$



$$E_{\alpha}^{+}(z, t) = \mathcal{E} \int d\omega A_{\alpha}(k, z) b_{\omega, \alpha} e^{-i\omega t} \quad (\alpha = L, R)$$

mode function

- **laser as classical driving field:** displacement

$$b_{\omega, R} \rightarrow \alpha \delta(\omega - \omega_l) + b_{\omega, R} \quad (\text{laser driving R mode})$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\mu^2}{\hbar \delta} E^{-}(z_j, t) E^{+}(z_j, t) = V_0 \sum_{j=1}^N \sin^2(kz_j) + \text{quantum noise}$$

$$V_0 = \frac{\mu^2 \mathcal{E}^2 \alpha^2 \sqrt{r}}{\hbar \delta}$$

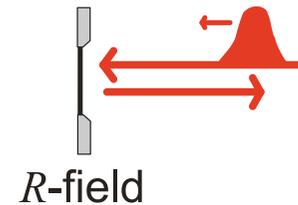
- **lowest order quantum fluctuations ...**

Rem.: for an ideal mirror only the R mode appears

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atomic motion unbalance laser beams

mirror motion: phase modulation

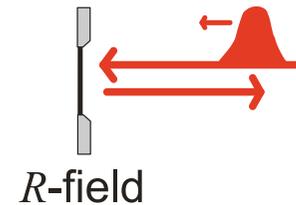
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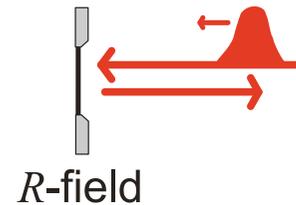
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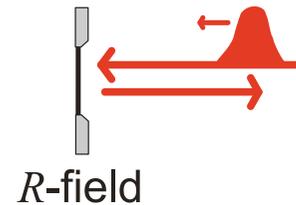
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...at advanced time  $t^+ = t + d/c$

...at time  $t$

...at retarded time  $t^- = t - d/c$

- **Convert to Ito QSSE & master equation**

# Markovian Master Equation

- Equivalent Markovian Master Equation

$$\dot{\rho} = -i[H_m + H_{at} + gz_{at}z_m, \rho] + L_m\rho + L_{at}\rho + C\rho$$

**Hamiltonian** term for **coherent atom-membrane interaction** at strength

$$g = \omega_{at} \sqrt{\frac{Nm_{at}}{m_m}}$$

$$= 2\pi \cdot 10^6 \sqrt{\frac{10^7 \cdot 10^{-25}}{10^{-13}}} \simeq 10 \text{ kHz}$$

optical “spring” between membrane and atomic COM motion

**Lindblad terms** describing **radiation pressure induced momentum diffusion** of membrane, eg

$$L_m = \gamma_m^{\text{diff}} (2z_m\rho z_m - z_m^2\rho - \rho z_m^2)$$

and atoms at rates

$$\gamma_m^{\text{diff}}, \gamma_{at}^{\text{diff}} \ll g \quad \text{☺}$$

agrees with

K. Karrai PRL **100**, 240801 (2008)  
Gordon, Ashkin, Cohen Tannoudji....

# Application: Sympathetic Cooling of a Mirror via Atoms

- **Master Equation** including thermal bath for membrane, laser cooling of atoms

$$\dot{\rho} = -i[H_m + H_{\text{at}} + gz_{\text{at}}z_m, \rho] + L_m\rho + L_{\text{at}}\rho + C\rho + L_m^{\text{heat}}\rho + L_{\text{at}}^{\text{cool}}\rho$$

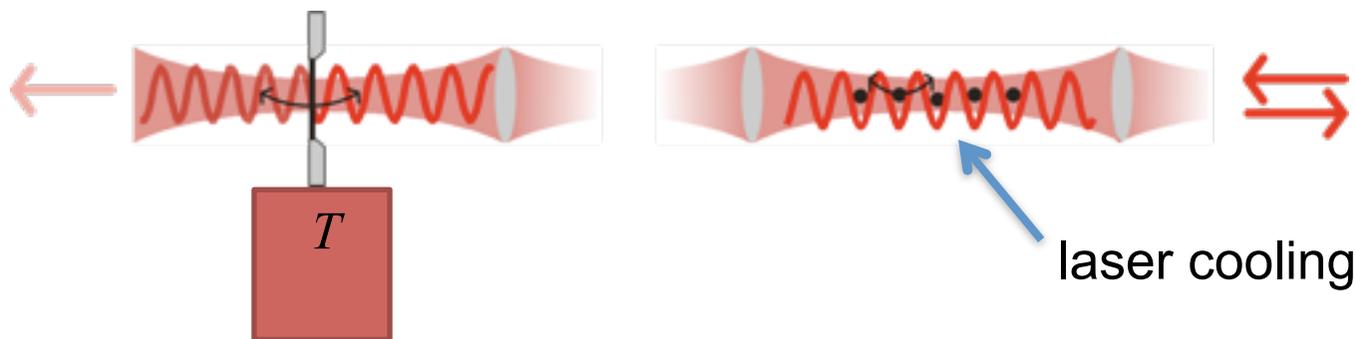
**heating of membrane mode**  
due to coupling to thermal reservoir

rate  $\gamma_m^{\text{heat}}$

equilibrium thermal occupation  $\bar{n}_{\text{initial}} \simeq \frac{k_B T}{\hbar\omega_m}$

**laser cooling of atoms**  
to motional ground state

$\gamma_{\text{at}}^{\text{cool}}$  rate



## Numbers

- **SiN membrane:**  $100\mu\text{m} \times 100\mu\text{m} \times 50\text{nm}$ ,  $\omega_m = 2\pi \times 1.3\text{MHz}$ ,  $m_m = 4 \times 10^{-13}\text{kg}$ ,  $Q = 10^7$  at  $T \lesssim 2\text{K}$ ,  $r = 0.31$  at  $\lambda = 780\text{nm}$  ( $^{87}\text{Rb}$ )
- **Lattice beam** with power  $P = 4\text{mW}$  and a waist  $100\mu\text{m}$ , detuning  $\delta = 2\pi \times 1\text{GHz}$ , so that  $\omega_{at} \simeq \omega_m$ . Thus for  $N \simeq 10^7$  atoms we have a coherent coupling

$$g = \omega_{at} \sqrt{\frac{m_{at} N}{m_m}} \simeq 10 \text{ kHz}$$

- **Decoherence**

- radiation pressure noise:  $\gamma_m^{diff} = 10 \text{ Hz}$
- atomic momentum diffusion rate in the lattice  $\gamma_{at}^{diff} = 35 \text{ Hz}$
- membrane thermal decoherence at rate  $\gamma_m^{th} = 4\text{MHz}$  at room temperature, or  $\gamma_m^{th} = 4\text{kHz}$  at  $T = 300\text{mK}$
- **Raman sideband cooling of atoms** at a (fast) rate  $\gamma_{at}^{cool} = 10 \text{ kHz}$
- **Coherent coupling regime accessible:**  $\omega_m = \omega_{at} \gg g \simeq \gamma_{at}^{cool} \gg \gamma_{m(at)}^{diff}$

# Application: Sympathetic Cooling of a Mirror via Atoms

- **Cooling efficiency:** Consider  $\gamma_{at}^{cool} \gg g$ , then one finds a rate equation after adiabatic elimination of atoms

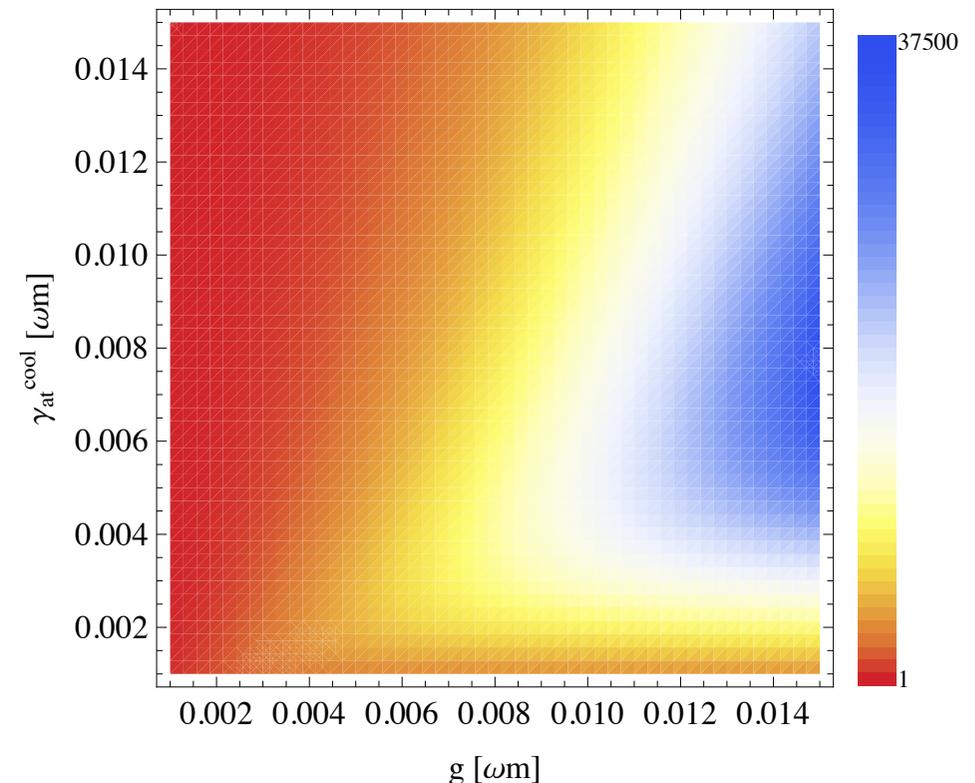
$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle a_m^\dagger a_m \rangle = -\Gamma_m (\langle a_m^\dagger a_m \rangle - \bar{n}_{ss})$$

analogous to optomechanical laser cooling  
 I. Wilson-Rae et al., PRL **99**, 093901 (2007)  
 F. Marquardt et al., PRL **99**, 093902 (2007)

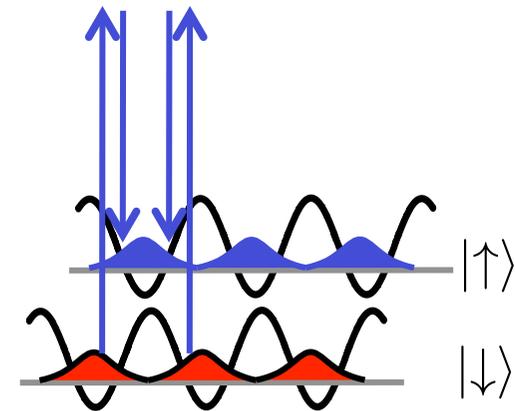
with an effective cooling rate  $\Gamma_m = \gamma_m + \kappa g^2 / 4 \gamma_{at}^{cool}$  and a final occupation

$$\bar{n}_{ss} \equiv \langle a_m^\dagger a_m \rangle_{ss} \simeq \frac{\gamma_m}{\Gamma_m} \bar{n} + \frac{\gamma_{at}^{cool}}{4\omega_m^2}$$

- **Cooling factor**  $f = \bar{n} / \bar{n}_{ss}$  vs. effective coupling  $g$  and Raman sideband laser cooling  $\gamma_{at}^{cool}$  ( $\omega_m = \omega_{at}$ ) for  $\omega_m = 2\pi \times 1.3\text{MHz}$  and  $Q_m = 10^7$ , momentum diffusion  $\gamma_{m(at)}^{diff} = 10^{-5}\omega_m$ .
- For  $g \simeq \gamma_{at}^{cool} \simeq 10\text{kHz}$  we find  $f = 2 \times 10^4$ , and  $\bar{n}_{ss} < 1$  for  $T = 1\text{K}$ .



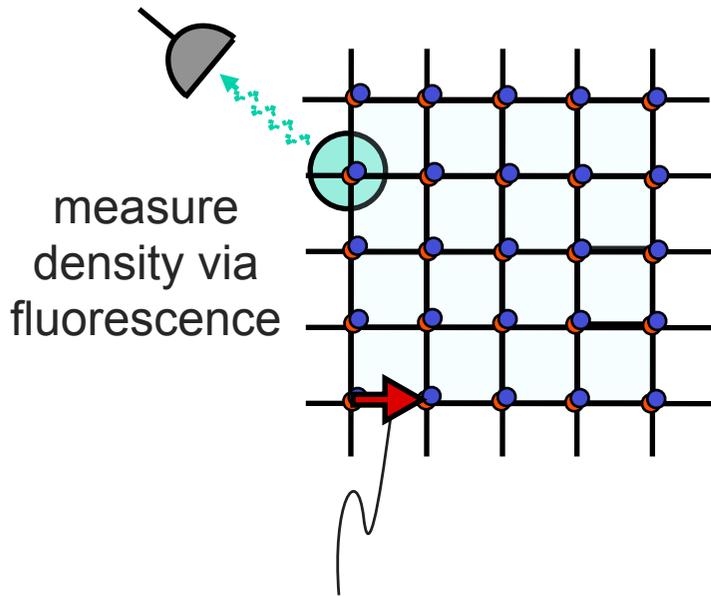
# Continuous Measurement of Atomic Currents



with: V. Steixner, A. Daley and K Hammerer

# Single Shot / Continuous Measurement of Atoms

- **optical lattice**



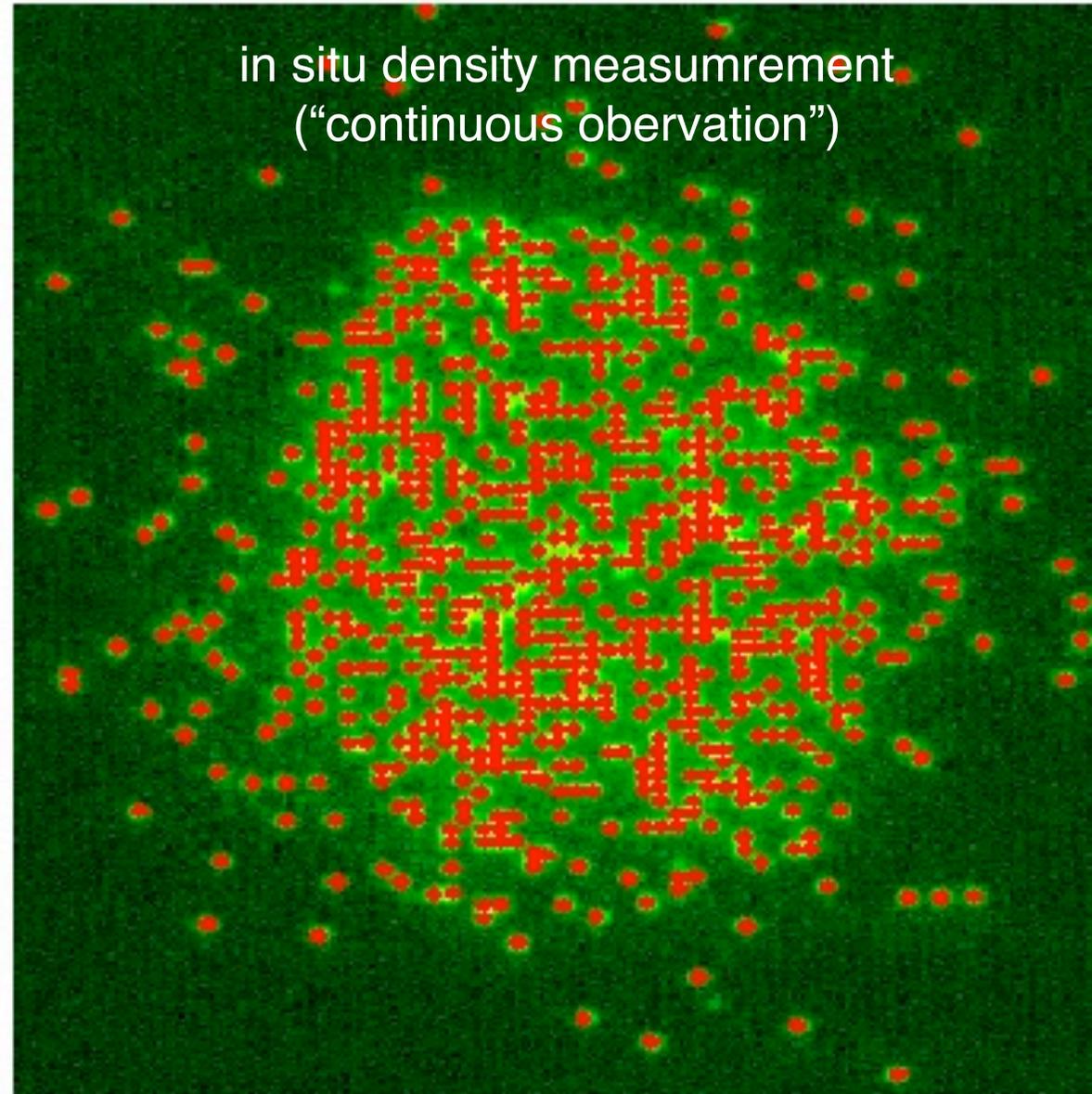
measure  
density via  
fluorescence

measure  
in situ current (?)

- single atom / single site (?)
- many atoms / site (JJ array)

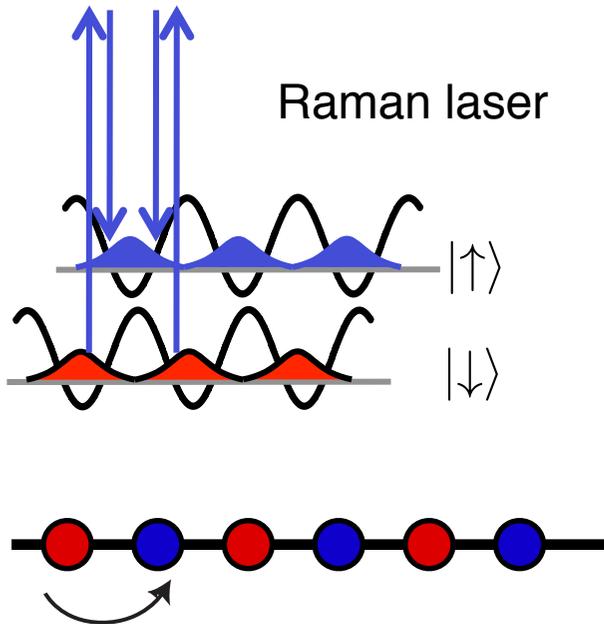
idea: via homodyne  
measurement

- Microscope: Greiner (Harvard), [LMU, ...]



# Measurement of Atomic Currents

- laser induced tunneling



Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned}
 H &\sim \mu^2 \frac{E_2^-(x)E_1^+(x)}{\delta} a_2^\dagger a_1 + \text{h.c.} \\
 &= \frac{\Omega_2 \Omega_1}{\delta} (a_2^\dagger a_1 + \text{h.c.}) + \frac{g \Omega_1}{\delta} b^\dagger(t) a_2^\dagger a_1 + \text{h.c.}
 \end{aligned}$$

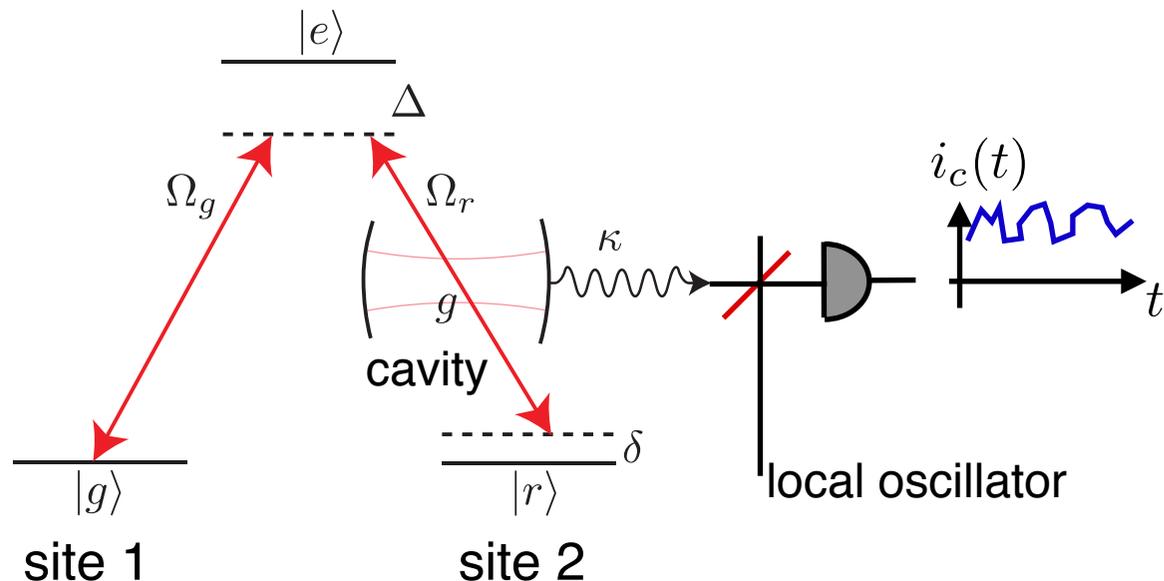
tunneling
back action

homodyne current

$$i_c(t) \sim \gamma_c i \langle a_2^\dagger a_1 - a_1^\dagger a_2 \rangle + \sqrt{\gamma_c} \xi(t)$$

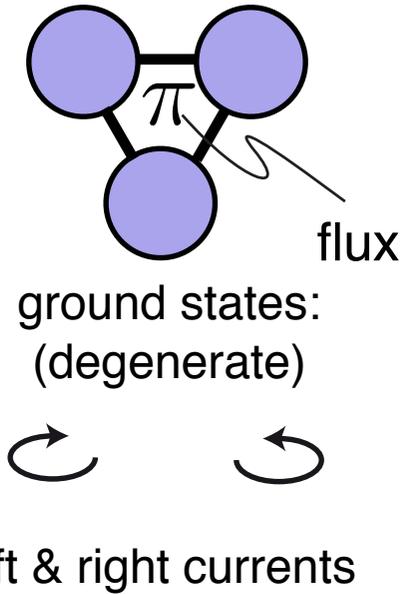
atomic current      shot noise

- Raman transition

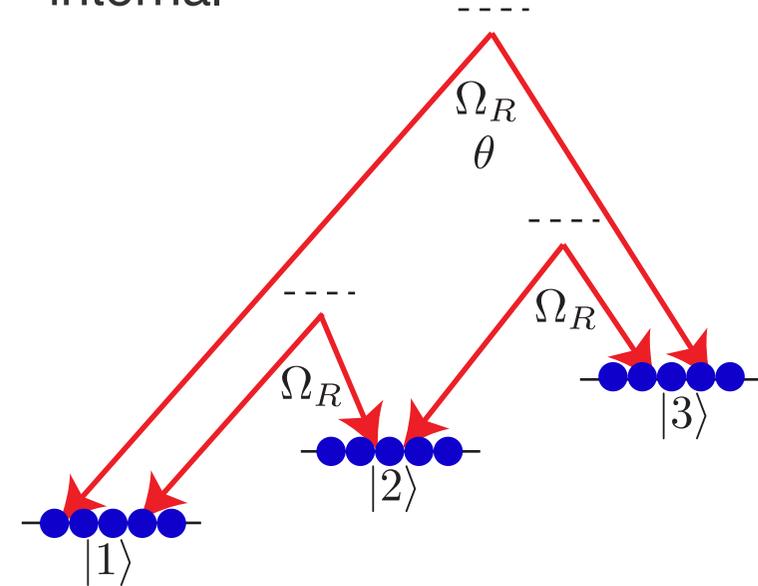


# Toy Model: "3 Site JJ"

- external: 3 BECs



- internal



Bose Hubbard

$$H_{BH} = - \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} e^{-i\theta_{ij}} a_i^\dagger a_j + \frac{U}{2} \sum_j a_j^{\dagger 2} a_j^2$$

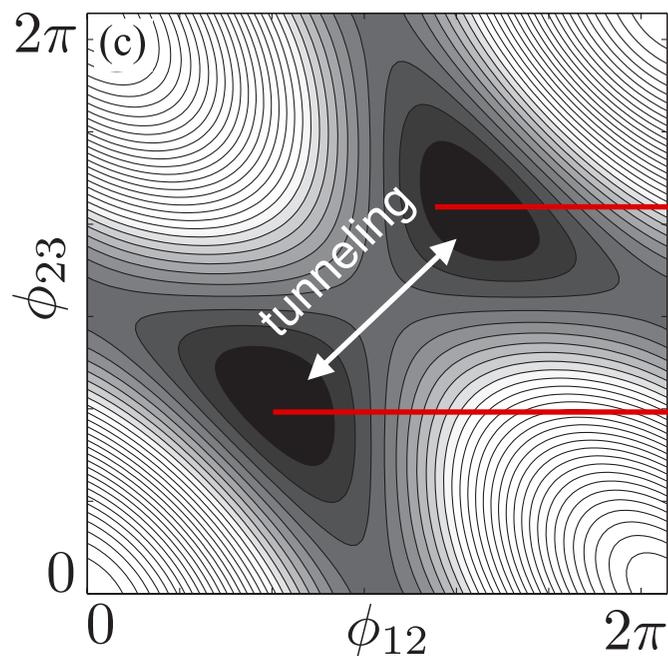
Phase Model

$$H_{BH} = -\frac{U}{2} \sum_i \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi_i^2} + 2JN \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \cos(\phi_i - \phi_j + \theta_{ij})$$

number conservation:  $\sum_i \hat{N}_i = \hat{N} \rightarrow N$

# Toy Model: "3 Site JJ"

- motion of fictitious particle in potential



two-level atom:  $H = \omega\sigma_x$

$$|\curvearrowright\rangle$$

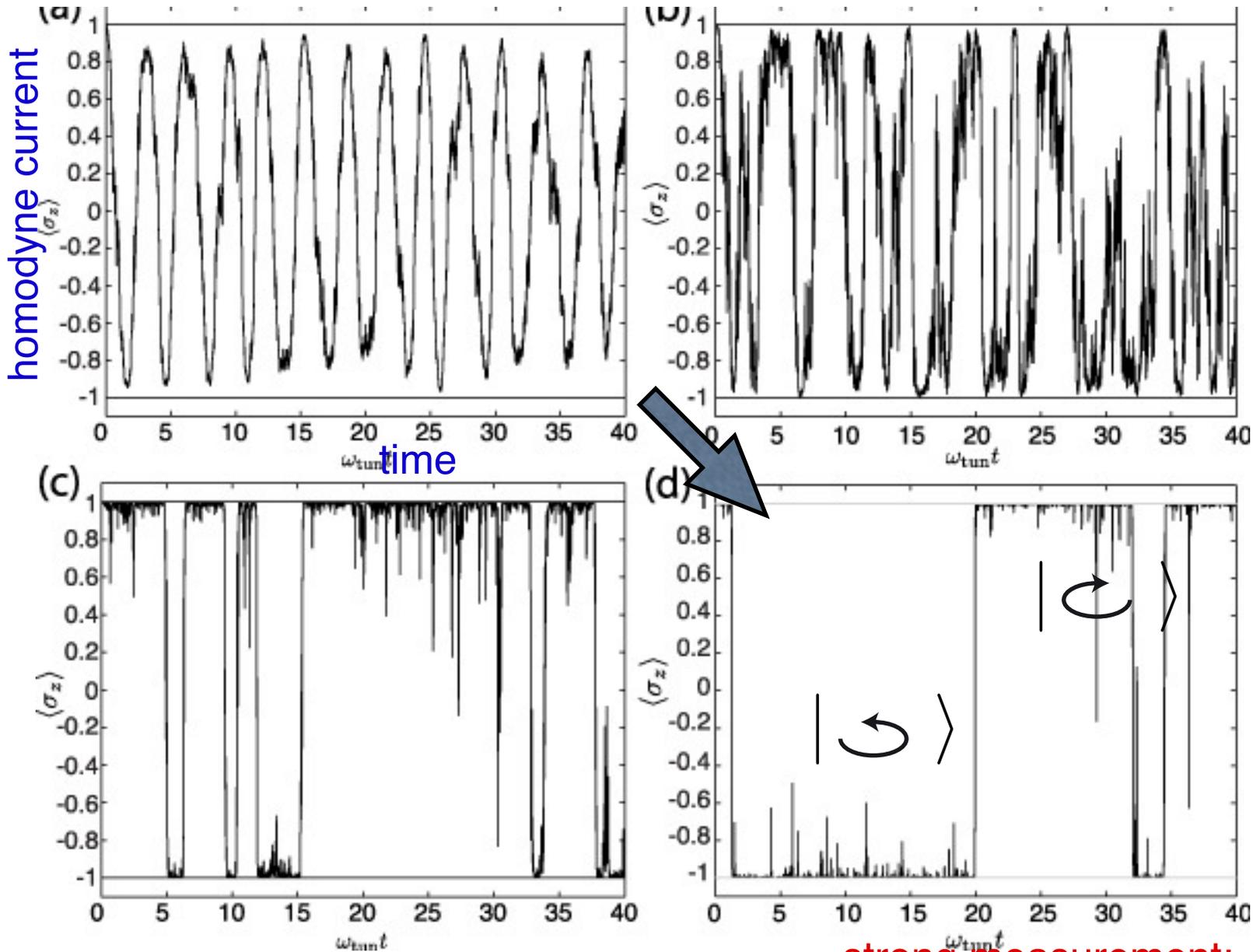
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homodyne current:

$$i_c(t) \sim \langle \sigma_z \rangle_c(t) + \text{noise}$$

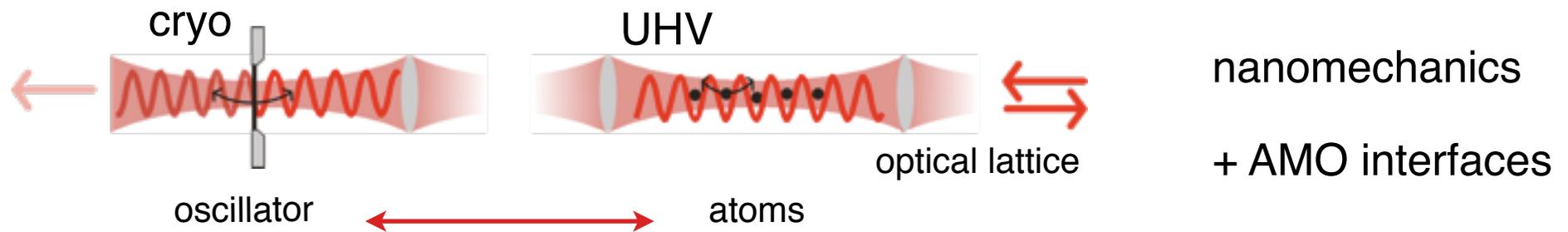
atomic current

Rabi oscillations between wells:  
weak measurement



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