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Quantum Electrodynamics Networks: Non-Equilibrium Condensed-Matter Physics with Light

Systems of ultracold atoms in optical lattices (networks) are very appealing to condensed matter physicists: they are tunable and provide a versatile quantum simulator. Recently, it has also been realized that quantum *networks* in cQED (circuit Quantum Electrodynamics) may also realize exotic quantum phase transitions and novel non-equilibrium quantum dynamics of light. For recent reviews on these modern networks, see, Nature Physics and Reviews Insight on Quantum Simulation, April 2012.

Because dynamics and correlations can now be investigated quantitatively, relevant questions are also emerging in these artificial quantum networks, in many cases demanding deeper theoretical understanding and new methods of solution. In this project, the goal is to develop a theoretical framework to investigate the propagation of microwave photons in QED networks under non-equilibrium conditions [1,2]. Interactions can be mediated from the light-(artificial) atom interaction or through nonlinear cavities.

Studying the quantum dynamics of light in these networks and including dissipation effects from the external environment (bosonic or fermionic) is an interesting and open question. Other experimental relevant realizations can be found in Refs. [3].

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