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The Aharonov-Bohm effect in mesoscopic Bose-Einstein condensates

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Aharonov-Bohm effect

• Charged particle enclosing a region with magnetic field

$$\Delta \phi = \frac{c}{\hbar} \oint_C \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r} \propto \Phi$$

• Phase shift by magnetic field controls current in device

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Quantum Oscillations and the Aharonov-Bohm Effect for Parallel Resistors

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Ultracold atom AB-effect

- Study with solid state devices restricted
- Effect of particle interaction on Aharonov-Bohm t₁ t₁ effect?
- Particle statistics?
- Time dynamics?
- New possible applications?
- Atomtronics for
 - Controlled potential landscape
 - Access to current/density distribution







Model

• Bose-Hubbard ring with *L* sites coupled to leads











Steady-state current

- $\hat{a}_n^{\dagger} \hat{a}_m^{\dagger} + e^{i\pi\eta} \hat{a}_m^{\dagger} \hat{a}_n^{\dagger} = 0$ Attach bath to leads \rightarrow induce current $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = -\frac{i}{\hbar} [H,\rho] - \frac{1}{2} \sum \{\hat{L}_m^{\dagger} \hat{L}_m, \rho\} + \sum \hat{L}_m \rho \hat{L}_m^{\dagger}$
- Strong on-site interaction \rightarrow only one particle per site
- Generalize particle commutation rules $\eta \rightarrow$ fractional statistics



Current nearly constant for strongly interacting Bosons: No Aharonov-Bohm effect





Interaction

Increase boson filling factor \rightarrow Aharonov-Bohm effect vanishes







Mesoscopic Vortex-Meissner currents in ring ladders

- Ladder with artificial gauge field realizes

 a Meissner-Vortex phase transition [1]
 →mesoscopic ring ladder [2]
- Mesoscopic size and ring geometry modify order parameter → shift in value & step structure
- Potential shaping generates re-entrance in phase diagram



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Read-out of the atomtronic quantum interference device

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- Rotating ring condensate coexpanding with central condensate (phase reference) [1]
- Density-density correlations reveals t=0.0τ₋₁ winding [2]
- Can extract information about superposition state/qubit quality



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density-density density correlation N/N 0 t=0.3τ





Conclusion

- Atomtronics to shape potentials & control currents
- Investigate quantum phases
- Basis for quantum bit (**AQUID**), controlled read-out
- Cold atoms for Aharonov-Bohm devices
- Time evolution and interaction changes non-trivial with weak/strong lead-ring coupling
- Aharonov-Bohm effect washed out for interacting bosons
- Simulate physics (e.g. Kondo-effect)