Quantum fluids of light in semiconductor lattices

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Inspiration: Emerging physics in the solid state

Superfluidity



Fractional Quantum Hall effect



Graphene



Topological insulators



Emulation with light





A. Crespi, Nature Photonics 7, 322 (2013)

Topological edge states Si



M. Hafezi, Nat. Phot. **7** 1001 (2013)

Synthetic Landau levels



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Non reciprocal lasing



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Driven-dissipative photonic Bose-Hubbard model

Out of equilibrium quantum physics



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Use nanotechnology to engineer photonic lattices





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Image from Würzburg

Outline







Emergence of criticality in quasi-crystals

Discrete gap solitons in a flat band







Microcavity polaritons



Probing polariton states



 $k_{\prime\prime} = \omega/c \sin(\theta)$

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Imaging of real space



Imaging of k-space



Bose-Einstein condensation of exciton polaritons

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Kasprzak et al. Nature, 443, 409 (2006)

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Polariton superfluidity



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Emulation of many body systems with lattices of polaritons

Phase locking of polariton condensates



Realizing the classical XY Hamiltonian in polariton simulators, Natalia G. Berloff et al., Nature Materials 16, 1120 (2017)







Natalia Berloff Cambridge



Polarization instability in coupled polariton condensates

Spin order and phase transitions in chains of polariton condensates,H. Ohadi, et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 067401 (2017)

Jeremy Baumberg Cambridge



Polariton lattices: Tight binding approach



Engineering of a 1D flatband : "comb" lattice



Pillar diameter = 3 μm Interpillar distance= 2,4 μm

Far field emission







Emission of flat band in real space



Polariton honeycomb lattice



Polaritonics at C2N



Spin orbit coupling

Sala et al., Phys. Rev. X 5, 011034 (2015)

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Quasi-periodic 1D lattice



D. Tanese et al., PRL 112, 146404 (2014)

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Flat band physics



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Dirac physics

T. Jacqmin et al., PRL 112, 116402 (2014)
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SSH chain and topological lasing



P. Saint Jean et al., Nature Photonics 11, 651 (2017)



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Quasicrystals

- Quasicrystal: aperiodic system with long-range order
 - Penrose tilings



• Diffraction peaks of AIMn alloys:



Shechtman *et al.*, PRL, 1984 Levine, Steinhardt, PRL, 1984



Synthetic Quasicrystals

Multilayer structures



Gellermann *et al.,* PRL **72**, 633 (1994) Hattori *et al.,* PRB **50**, 4220 (1994)

Coupled waveguides



Kraus et al., PRL 109, 106402 (2012)





Vignolo et al., PRB 93, 075141 (2016)



Microwave resonators



Cold atoms Roati *et al.*, Nature **453**, 895 (2008) *Henrik P. Lüschen et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett. 119*, *260401* (2017)

Phonons Steurer & Sutter-Widmer, J. of Phys. D: Applied Physics **40**, R229 (2007)

Aubry-André-Harper quasicrystal

• Crystal perturbed by incommensurate on-site potential: $V_n = \lambda cos(2\pi bn)$



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Lahini et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 013901 (2009)

- Cold atoms in optical lattices: Roati *et al.*, Nature **453**, 895 (2008)
- Also in coupled waveguides arrays: Lahini et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 013901 2009)

Fibonacci quasicrystal

For each site $V_n = \pm \lambda$, according to: $V_n = \lambda \times sgn[cos(2\pi nb + \phi) - cos(\pi b)]$ Y. E. Kraus et al., PRL 109, 106402 (2012) **2/(1+√5)** site phason Fibonacci quasicrystal: • ABAABABAABAABAABAABAABAABAABAABAA Λ > 0 -/ 5 10 15 20 25 30 0 n 0.03 $|\psi_n|^2$ Localization properties: 0.00 critical eigenstates 5000 no 0.03 $|\psi_n|^2$ 0.00 |-- -987 987 site

Continuous deformation: IAAF model

• Interpolating Aubry-André-Fibonacci model:

$$V_n(\lambda,\beta) = -\lambda \frac{\tanh\beta[\cos\left(2\pi nb + \phi\right) - \cos\left(\pi b\right)]}{\tanh\beta}$$

Modulation frequency: $b = 2/(1+\sqrt{5})$

Kraus, Zilberberg, PRL 109, 116404 (2012)



O. Zilberberg



Continuous deformation: IAAF model



Localization phase diagram: theory

• Tight-binding approach: $\mathcal{H}\psi_n = t(\psi_{n+1} + \psi_{n-1}) + V_n(\lambda,\beta)\psi_n$





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 Inverse participation ratio for a state:

IPR =
$$\frac{\sum_{n=1}^{L} |\psi_n|^4}{\sum_{n=1}^{L} |\psi_n|^2}$$

• Extended state:

 $IPR = 1/L \rightarrow 0$

• State localized on Nstates: IPR = 1/N



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Polaritons in a 1D periodic potential



$$E\psi(x) = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{\partial\psi(x)}{\partial x} + V(x)\psi(x) \qquad \qquad V(x) = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{n^2\pi^2}{w(x)^2}$$



Polaritons Interpolating AA-Fibo structures







Aubry André (Harper) quasi-periodic potential

On-site potential incommensurate with the lattice period







Localization in interpolating AAFibo structures







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Experimental localization phase diagram



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What about interactions? Non-linear physics?



Mean field approximation :

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial t} = \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 + V(x) + U|\psi|^2 - i\frac{\gamma}{2}\right]\psi + iF(x)e^{-i(\omega t - k_p x)}$$

C. Ciuti & I. Carusotto, Rev. Mod. Phys. 85, 299 (2013)



Nonlinear micropillar



Baas et al., PRA 69, 023809 (2004)

Nonlinear dimer





Transmission of the dimer



Phase diagram at strong driving

Very Strong driving: $UN_T \gg \gamma_T$, J





Observation of tristability



S. Rodriguez et al., Nature Commun. 7, 11887 (2016).



Non-linearity in a flat band



Polaritons

Naoyuki Masumoto et al., NJP 14 065002 (2012) S. Klembt et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 111, 231102 (2017) C. E. Whittaker et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 97401 (2018)

Coupled lasers:

M. Nixon et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 184102 (2013).

Coupled waveguides

D. Guzman-Silva et al., New. J. Phys. 16, 063061 (2014) Rodrigo A. Vicencioet al., PRL 114, 245503 (2015) S. Mukherjee et al., PRL 114, 245504 (2015)

Cold atoms

Shintaro Taie et al., Sci. Adv. 1, e1500854 (2015)

 $i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \lambda$ $\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\nabla^2 + V(x) + U|\psi|^2 - i\frac{\gamma}{2}\psi + iF(x)e^{-i(\omega t - k_p x)}$

No kinetic energy => strong effect of disorder, of interactions



Non-linearity in a flat band

Excitation in the gap: laser detuning = interaction energy





Non-linearity in a flat band



• Formation of nonlinear domains:



• Total intensity in the chain:



• Domain size:



Excitation of gap solitons



• Truncated Bloch Waves in conservative systems:



C. Bersch *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 093903 (2012)
Th. Anker *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 94, 020403 (2005)
F. Bennet *et al.*, Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 093901 (2011)

Here driven dissipative context



Multistability of the domains



High degeneracy (no kinetic energy) => Complex multistability

Dynamical hysteresis? Chaotic instability?

V. Goblot et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 113901 (2019)



> Emulation of Hamiltonians with lattices of coupled cavities

Potential for Applications

Important developments for room temperature operation of polariton devices ZnO, 2D materials, Perovskite.....

- What about going beyond mean field? Blockade regime



How far from quantum regime ? Quantum correlations?



How to increase interactions? Couple to different excitations

> Dipolar polaritons:

P. Cristofolini et al., Science 336, 704 (2012) E. Togan et al., Physical Review Letters 121, 227402 (2018) see also : I. Rosenberg et al., Sci. Adv. 4, eaat8880 (2018)

- > Polaron polaritons: S. Ravets et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 057401 (2018)
- > Trion in 2D materials : R. P. A. Emmanuele et al., arXiv:1910.14636
- Photons coupled to fractional quantum Hall states,
 D Kainanal et al. Nature 570



Generation of multi-photon correlated states



I. Carusotto et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 033601 (2009)



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