

Coefficient (x 10<sup>-12</sup>cm<sup>3</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>)

K<sub>2</sub> Loss

#### 1. <sup>85</sup>Rb BEC Experiment BEC with Tunable Interactions









# Magnetic Field (G)



## 3. Theory: vortices, solitons, sound



Parker et al. PRL **90**, 220401 (2003). Parker et al. PRL **92**, 160403 (2004).



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Neutral atom quantum computing in optical lattices: far red or far blue?



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## Quantum computing: atoms or ions?







Architecture for a large-scale ion-trap quantum computer, D. Kielpinski, C. Monroe, D.J. Wineland Nature, **417**, 709 (2002).

#### $3D CO_2$ lattice 10 x 10 x 10 sites



C. S. Adams et al. J. Phys. B. 36, 1933 (2003).





## Low decoherence



#### Photon scattering rate for a trap frequency of 1 MHz





## Far infrared: 3D CO<sub>2</sub> lattice

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 $\theta = atan(2)$ 

- 1. 11.8 μm lattice constant: single-atom addressable.
- 2. Similar trap depths for most atoms (molecules).







C. Monroe, D.M. Meekhof, B.E. King, S.R. Jefferts, W.M. Itano, D.J. Wineland, and P. Gould, *Resolved-sideband Raman cooling of a bound atom to the 3D zero-point energy*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **75**, 4011 (1995).



## Single-atom addressability



<sup>87</sup>Rb



~ 5 µm

#### Stimulated Raman transitions.

Single-site addressable.

Single-qubit rotations.

State-selective single atom transport.

Single-atom cooling and detection.







State-selective transport









#### Magnetically insensitive storage



0

 $\pi/2$ 

π

π

 $\pi/2$ 

 $|0\rangle$ 

 $\pi/2$ 

π

π

 $\pi/2$ 







#### Scalable neutral atom quantum computer

#### 1. Initialisation





Detection is not state specific but transport is!

#### 2. Computation



#### 3. Read-out





## CO<sub>2</sub> trap experiment









## Solder seal windows





- 1. Hard solder: melting point 309 °C
- 2. Tested to 275 °C.
- 3. Reusable.
- 4. Flexibility: high optical quality, any substrate, any coating.
- 5. ZnSe saving £750 per window!



S. G. Cox et al. Rev. Sci. Instrum. 74, 1311 (2003); K. J. Weatherill et. al. in preparation





An optical lattice with single lattice site optical control for quantum engineering R Scheunemann, F S Cataliotti, T W Hänsch and M Weitz, J. Opt. B **2**, 645 (2000).

SEC at one site:

- reservoir for extracting single atoms





Advantages: single-site addressable

1. State-selective (site-specific) transport: blue detuning: low scattering high trap frequency faster gates magnetically insensitive storage.

Disadvantages: CO<sub>2</sub> laser

1.	Collisional interactions:	slow (not switchable)
		motional decoherence.



## Rydberg gates

D. Jaksch, J.I. Cirac, P. Zoller, S.L. Rolston, R. Cote, M.D. Lukin, *Fast quantum gates for neutral atoms*, Phys. Rev. Lett. **85**, 2208 (2000).



G.M. Lankhuijzen and L.D. Noordam, Phys. Rev. Lett. 74, 355 (1995).



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## More blue!







## 428 nm lattice proposal

R.M. Potvliege and C.S. Adams, preprint



- 1. Doubled 856 nm: 3 orthogonal beam pairs. phase stable
- 2. Mott insulator
- **3.** Local addressing with a 'pointer' T. Calarco *et al.* quant-ph/0403197
- 4. Transfer to expandable lattice + state selective transport to perform read-out









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