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Binding by Dissipation

I will present two different routes to prepare strongly interacting states in long-range interacting quantum gases. The first approach consists of a novel approach to engineer coherent many-body dynamics to realize crystalline structures in an optical lattice [1]. In the second part, I will demonstrate how dissipative forces can act as a binding mechanism between two strongly interacting particles, even when the interaction potential is purely repulsive. The bound state arises as a quasi-stationary state of the dynamical evolution of the system. This method also carries the potential to serve as a cooling mechanism for strongly interacting quantum gases. Finally, I will discuss possible experimental realizations with ultracold Rydberg atoms or polar molecules. [1] M. Lemeshko, R. V. Krems, H. Weimer, Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 035301 (2012).

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