Designing Frustrated Magnets in a 2D Ion Crystal

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1935... Linus Pauling



Nobel Prize 1954 (Chemistry)

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Linus Pauling (1935):

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1933...

Theory: $S_0 = 0.806$ Cal/deg mol



William F. Giauque

Experiment: $S_0 = 0.82 \pm 0.05$ Cal/deg mol





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$$H_0 = J_z (\sigma_z^1 + \sigma_z^2 + \sigma_z^3 + \sigma_z^4)^2$$

(Classical spin ice)

Every pair-interaction has the same strength (Independent of inter-particle separation)

$$H_0 = J_z (\sigma_z^1 + \sigma_z^2 + \sigma_z^3 + \sigma_z^4)^2$$

+ quantum fluctuations (Hopping dynamics)

(Quantum spin ice)

Quantum Spin Ice

From Water Ice to Spin Ice

tunneling between Ice-rule configurations

$$| \downarrow \rangle + | \downarrow \rangle + | \downarrow \rangle + \dots$$

spin fluctuations even at T=0.

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Non-trivial dynamics of Quantum Spin Ice models

Non-trivial dynamics has to satisfy Ice rules

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Implementation using Rydberg Atoms

Step 1: impose gauge invariance via energy punishment - Ising interactions

$$H_0 = J_z \left(\sum_{j \in +} S_j^z\right)^2$$

PRX 4 041037 (2014)

Step 2: generate dynamics in perturbation theory

$$H_1 = J_\perp \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} S_j^+ S_i^-$$

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Recipe for Rydberg-Spin ice



This talk: Frustrated magnetism in an ion crystal



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 $i \in \bigcirc$

•Similar to ice rule!





From square to Kagome lattice

Balents Fisher Girvin model (Kagome lattice)

PRB, 65, 224412 (2002). Harmonian
$$H_{\bigcirc}^{BFG} = J_z \left(\sum_{i \in \bigcirc} S_i^z\right)^2 + J_{\bot} \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \in \bigcirc} (S_i^+ S_j^- + h.c.)$$



20 classical degenerate ground states

Classical Ground states $\sum_{i \in O} S_i^z = 0$ •Similar to ice rule!

Trapped ions: 2D planar crystal

- Start out with planar crystal
- Hide out ions from spin interaction to D_{5/2} state
- Corner-sharing triangles (d)
- Hexagons (e)
- Kagome geometry
- Multiple ladders (f)
- Random hiding for spin glass experiments



Bermudez, et al, NJP 14 093042 (2012)

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Atomic states as spin-1/2 states

(ground states or long lived metastable states)





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 Phonons as mediator of interactions (shared among all ions)



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Our Setup: 2D planar crystal



(in preparation)

Phonon mediated spin-spin interactions

$$H = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij}^z \sigma_z^i \otimes \sigma_z^j$$



Spin-spin interactions depends crucially on the nature of phonon modes!!! (We use transversal modes)











Phonon mode spectrum (21 modes)





2.5

2.5

TM

2.0

2.0

 \mathcal{V}_{m} [x 2π MHz]

 \mathcal{V}_{m} [x 2π MHz]

0

1.5

1.5

3.0

3.0

Appearance of an isolated mode in the lowest part (transversal modes) of the spectrum when the pinning relaxes the trapping frequency of the central ion

0.5

(b)

PM

0.5

 $\mathbf{0}$

with pinning

 ξ_{10}^{20}

10

 $\mathbf{0}$

1.0

88

1.0

8





Two Plaquettes: 19-ion crystal



Single plaquette in a 19-ion crystal



 \rightarrow Admixture with other modes causes imperfections

but can be controlled
Single plaquette in a 19-ion crystal





- Two different pinning lattices
- Two modes with hexagonal plaquette character
- Two set of Raman fields

No (or negligible) inter-plaquette interactions

 \rightarrow Admixture with other modes causes imperfections





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Sufficiently strong quantum fluctuations mix those levels

$$G = \frac{1}{N_{\bigcirc}} \left\langle \sum_{\bigcirc} \left(\sum_{i \in \bigcirc} S_z^i \right)^2 \right\rangle$$

G gives us the measure of states outside the ground state manifold





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Charge oscillates between the two plaquettes





