







Studying spin models with arrays of single Rydberg atoms

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https://atom-tweezers-io.org/



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Arrays of single atoms with arbitrary geometries

Up to 300 atoms Spacing: a few microns



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Interaction strength 1 to 10 MHz for $R \sim 5 \ \mu m$ Lifetime 100s of μs

Implement spin models

Ising (vdW interactions)

$$\hat{H} \sim \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} \sigma_z^{(i)} \sigma_z^{(j)}$$

XY (resonant dipole-dipole interaction)

$$\hat{H} \sim \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} \sigma_+^{(i)} \sigma_-^{(j)}$$

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Outline

- 1. Experimental setup
- 2. The Ising model
- 3. The dipolar XY model
 - Preparing the ground state
 - Spin squeezing

Experimental setup



Optical tweezers

Focused, far detuned laser beam



Single atoms in optical tweezers



- 1 µm waist optical tweezers loaded from MOT
- At most one atom due to light-assisted collisions
- 50% loading probability:

Non-deterministic single-atom source!

Schlosser et al., Nature 2001

Arrays of single atoms



Nogrette et al., PRX 4, 021034 1021 (2014)

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Nogrette et al., PRX 4, 021034 1021 (2014)

Atom-by-atom assembly





- Fully loaded arrays up to 50 atoms
- 98% filling fraction
- Rep. rate up to ~ 4 Hz

Barredo et al., Science 354, 1021 (2016)

See also: Endres *et al.*, Science **354**, 1024 (2016) Kim *et al.*, Nature Comm. **7**, 13317 (2016)

Flexible geometries

New assembler algorithms:

Schymik et al., PRA 102, 063107 (2020)



Advanced algorithms (A. Cooper-Roy):

Cimring *et al.*, arXiv:2212.03885 El Sabeh *et al.*, arXiv:2212.05586

For N = 100 *atoms:*

Filling fraction > 99 %

Probability of defect-free shots ~ 40 %



A cryogenic setup



K.N. Schymik et al, Phys. Rev. Applied 16 034013 (2021)

Defect-free arrays with 324 atoms



- New procedure to optimize trap loading
- Main limitation: field of view of objectives

K.-N. Schymik et al., Phys. Rev. A 106, 022611 (2022).

Rydberg atoms

Large principal quantum number: $n \gg 1$ $n \sim 50-100$

$$n^2a_0$$

Energies
$$E_n = \frac{-13.6 \,\mathrm{eV}}{(n - \delta_{nlj})^2} \sim \frac{1}{n^2}$$

Exaggerated properties:

Electric dipole
$$\langle nS | d | nP \rangle \sim n^2$$

Lifetime $\tau \sim n^3$ (hundreds of µs)
Polarizability $\alpha \sim n^7$
Interactions $V_{\rm dd} \sim n^4$ $V_{\rm vdW} \sim n^{11}$

Rydberg excitation



Rydberg atoms: microwave transitions



Experimental sequence



Rydberg excitation lasers

Experimental sequence



Experimental sequence



Interactions between Rydberg states



Interactions between Rydberg states



Quantum simulation of the Ising model



Andreas Läuchli (PSI & EPFL)

P. Scholl et al., Nature 595, 233 (2021)

Many experiments using vdW interactions



P. Schauss et al., Nature 491, 87 (2012)



G. Semeghini et al., Science 374, 1242 (2021)



Bernien et al., Nature 551, 579 (2017)



P. Scholl et al., Nature 595, 233 (2021).

And many, many more examples!

One atom





Blockade radius: $\hbar\Omega = C_6/R_{
m b}^6$



- Generate entanglement
- Basis of two-qubit gates
- Extends to N atoms in a blockade volume

D. Jaksch et al. PRL 2000

Several blockade volumes in the array:

Strongly correlated quantum many-body systems!



Blockade: quantum Ising model



$$n^{i} = \left| r_{i} \right\rangle \left\langle r_{i} \right|$$

$$\begin{split} H &= \sum_{i} \left(\frac{\hbar\Omega}{2} \sigma_x^i - \hbar\delta n^i \right) + \sum_{i < j} \frac{C_6}{R_{ij}^6} n_i n_j \\ \text{Rabi frequency Laser detuning} \quad \text{van der Waals interactions} \end{split}$$

Blockade: quantum Ising model



$$n^{i} = |r_{i}\rangle\langle r_{i}| = (1 + \sigma_{z}^{i})/2$$

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Transverse B Longitudinal B Ising couplings

$$R_{\rm b} = 1.2a$$

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Vary slowly Rabi frequency and detuning to explore the phase diagram
'Adiabatic' preparation on a square array



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10×10





Perfect AF ordering!

(1 shot in 500)

Correlation functions

$$C_{k,l} = \frac{1}{N_{k,l}} \sum_{i,j} \langle n_i n_j \rangle - \langle n_i \rangle \langle n_j \rangle$$



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Theory support:



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Studies conducted using the resonant dipole-dipole interaction:

- Preparation of a many-body topological phase
 de Léséleuc *et al.*, Science 365, 775 (2019)
- Implementation of a density-dependent Peierls phase Lienhard et al., PRX 10, 021031 (2020)
- Floquet engineering of XXZ Hamiltonians

Scholl et al., PRX Quantum 3, 02303 (2022)

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 $\hat{H} = \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij} (\hat{\sigma}_i^x \hat{\sigma}_j^x + \hat{\sigma}_i^y \hat{\sigma}_j^y)$ Competing order along *x* / along *y*

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$$= \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \frac{J_{ij}}{2} (\hat{\sigma}_i^+ \hat{\sigma}_j^- + \hat{\sigma}_i^- \hat{\sigma}_j^+)$$

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Ground state = *classical* Néel configurations Ground state = *non-classical* entangled state



continuous
$$U(1)$$
 symmetry
$$M^z = \sum \sigma_i^z \quad \text{conserved}$$



$$|\mathrm{FM}\rangle_{\mathrm{XY}} \propto \int_{0}^{2\pi} \frac{\mathrm{d}\phi}{2\pi} \,\mathrm{e}^{-\mathrm{i}\phi \mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{z}}} |\mathrm{FM}\rangle_{\mathrm{X}}$$

Expect: $\langle \hat{X} \rangle = 0$

$$\langle \hat{X}\hat{X} \rangle_{NN}^{F} > 0 \langle \hat{X}\hat{X} \rangle_{NNN}^{F} > 0$$

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Preparing FM and AFM XY magnets

C. Chen et al., Nature 616, 691 (2023)

Start from:
$$H_{XY} = -J \sum_{i < j} \frac{a^3}{r_{ij}^3} (\sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + \sigma_i^y \sigma_j^y) + \hbar \sum_i \delta_i \sigma_i^z$$
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1. Prepare a classical Néel state along *z*: checkerboard pattern



apply local light-shift (2nd SLM) + microwaves



Sørensen et al., PRA 81, 061603(R) (2010)

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2. Adiabatically decrease δ to "melt" into XY AF/F





42 atoms

Ferromagnet



Antiferromagnet





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Ferromagnet



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$$|\delta_{\rm c}^{\rm AFM}| = |\delta_{\rm c}^{\rm FM}|$$

Antiferromagnet





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If only NN interactions:

 $|\delta_{\rm c}^{\rm AFM}| = |\delta_{\rm c}^{\rm FM}|$

Long-range dipolar interactions:

 $|\delta_{\rm c}^{\rm AFM}| < |\delta_{\rm c}^{\rm FM}|$

AFM weakly frustrated interactions



LRO for the FM case



100 atoms

$$C^x(\vec{d}) \equiv \langle C^x_{\vec{r},\vec{r}+\vec{d}} \rangle_{\vec{r}}$$

Ferromagnet: Long-range order

Antiferromagnet: Correlations decay to 0



C. Chen et al., Nature 616, 691 (2023)

Scalable spin squeezing in the dipolar XY model

G. Bornet et al., arXiv:2303.08053

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Similar results

- Trapped ions: arXiv:2303.10688 (C. Roos)
- Dressed Rydberg atoms: arXiv:2303.08078 (A. Kaufman), arXiv:2303.08805 (M. Schleier-Smith)

Experimental observations of spin squeezing

2018

Pezzé et al., RMP 2018

differ. photocurrent Nat Comm 4 E 0 atoms -4 1/16 2/16 0 $\phi/(2\pi)$

Hot / cold atomic vapors

Polzik (1999), Giacobino, Mitchell, Nascimbene...

Cavity QED + cold atoms (OAT)

Bose-Einstein condensate (OAT)



Oberthaler, Treutlein, Klempt, Reichel, You...

Nature

2010

Ion crystal (~OAT)



Bollinger, Science 2016



Vuletic, Kasevich, Thompson (JILA), Je, Schleier-Smith...

Spin squeezing in OAT and dipolar XY



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Wineland, PRA 1994

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6 x 6 atoms t = 300 ns



Squeezing !



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Pezzé et al., RMP 2018



Pezzé et al., RMP 2018



Increasing the squeezing lifetime

Spin-squeezed state only transient... How to prolong its lifetime?

Two-step squeezing



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"Squeeze and freeze"



Future directions

Future directions with RDDI

XY models:

• "Quench spectroscopy": elementary excitations of FM and AFM



WORK IN PROGRESS

Future directions with RDDI

XY models:

- "Quench spectroscopy": elementary excitations of FM and AFM
- On Kagome arrays: Spin liquids (Dirac, Chiral)
- Spin transport

Beyond XY:

- Topological matter with RDDI
 Weber et al., PRX Quantum 3, 030302 (2022)
- Floquet engineering of exotic spin models (DM interaction...)

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