HYBRID ANALOG-DIGITAL QUANTUM SIMULATIONS FOR QUANTUM FIELD THEORIES

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TO PUT THINGS IN THE CONTEXT...



A controlled quantum system

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A QUICK TOUR TO THE UNDERLYING PHYSICS OF TRAPPED-ION SIMULATORS





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$$H_{rsb} \approx \frac{i}{2} \eta \Omega \left[a^{\dagger} \sigma^{-} e^{i\phi} - a \sigma^{+} e^{-i\phi} \right]$$



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Sorenson and Molmer, Phys. Rev. A 62, 022311 (2000)

DIGITAL, ANALOG, AND HYBRID MODES OF TRAPPED-ION SIMULATORS













A LATTICE GAUGE THEORY EXAMPLE STUDIED WITHIN DIGITAL AND HYBRID MODES OF THE TRAPPED-ION SIMULATOR

LATTICE SCHWINGER MODEL: A TESTBED FOR QUANTUM SIMULATION OF LATTICE GAUGE THEORIES

$$H = -ix \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \left[\psi_n^{\dagger} U_n \psi_{n+1} - \text{h.c.} \right] + \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} E_n^2 + \mu \sum_{n=1}^{N} (-1)^n \psi_n^{\dagger} \psi_n$$





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A SCALAR FIELD THEORY COUPLED TO FERMIONS (YUKAWA THEORY) WITH THE HYBRID MODE OF THE SIMULATOR

$$\begin{split} H_{\text{Yukawa}}^{(I)} &= \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left[\frac{i}{2b} (\psi_j^{\dagger} \psi_{j+1} - \psi_{j+1}^{\dagger} \psi_j) + m_{\psi} (-1)^j \psi_j^{\dagger} \psi_j \right] \\ H_{\text{Yukawa}}^{(II)} &= b \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left[\frac{\Pi_j^2}{2} + \frac{(\nabla \varphi_j)^2}{2} + \frac{m_{\varphi}^2}{2} \varphi_j^2 \right] \\ H_{\text{Yukawa}}^{(III)} &= g b \sum_{j=1}^{N} \psi_j^{\dagger} \varphi_j \psi_j, \end{split}$$
Trapped-ion Hamiltonian

Model Hamiltonian

$$\begin{split} H_{\text{Yukawa}}^{(I)'} &= \frac{1}{4b} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \sigma_{j}^{x} \sigma_{j+1}^{x}, \\ H_{\text{Yukawa}}^{(II)'} &= \frac{1}{4b} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \sigma_{j}^{y} \sigma_{j+1}^{y}, \\ H_{\text{Yukawa}}^{(III)'} &= \frac{m_{\psi}}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{N} (-1)^{j} \sigma_{j}^{z} + \text{const.}, \\ H_{\text{Yukawa}}^{(IV)'} &= \sqrt{\frac{g^{2}b}{8N}} \sum_{j=1}^{N} (\mathbb{I}_{j} + \sigma_{j}^{z}) \sum_{m=1}^{N} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon_{m}}} \times \\ & (a_{m}^{\dagger} e^{-i\frac{2\pi j}{N}(m-\frac{N}{2}-1)} + a_{m} e^{i\frac{2\pi j}{N}(m-\frac{N}{2}-1)}) + \sum_{m=1}^{N} \varepsilon_{m} (a_{m}^{\dagger} a_{m} + \frac{1}{2}). \end{split}$$





IS PHONON CONTROL EXPERIMENTALLY FEASIBLE? YES...AT LEAST FOR SMALL SYSTEMS SO FAR!

Phonon hopping and blockade demonstrated in trapped-ion simulators:



SUMMARY

Trapped-ion simulators have become a successful platform for quantum simulation of many-body physics. Monroe et al, Rev. Mod. Phys. 93, 25001 (2021).

The first successful implementations of gauge-field theory dynamics on trappedion simulators/computers have emerged for small systems. Martinez et al, Nature 534, 516 EP (2016). Phonons can be manipulated and measured in these systems, hence the possibility of using phonons as both virtual and dynamical degrees of freedom is realistic.

Simulating complex dynamics of quantum field theories may benefit from digital, analog, and hybrid implementations depending on the problem at hand.



