Emergence of electromagnetic and gravitational wave from qubit ocean

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#### A mathematical model of a heliocentric system



#### **Dawn of physics**: **Nicolaus Copernicus** (1473-1543) Galilei (1564 - 1642); Kepler (1571 - 1630); ... ...

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#### Mechanical revolution

- **Unified** falling apples on earth and the planets motions in sky
- New world view: All matter are formed by collections of particles, and their motion is governed by the Newton's equation F = ma.











## Newton (1687)

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#### Maxwell (1861) Electromagnetic revolution

- Unified electricity, magnetism, and light
- New world view: There is a new form of matter - wave-like matter, which causes electromagnetic interaction between the particle-like matter. The motion of wave-like matter is governed by the Maxwell equation  $\dot{\mathbf{E}} - c\partial \times \mathbf{B} = \dot{\mathbf{B}} + c\partial \times \mathbf{E} = \partial \cdot \mathbf{B} = \partial \cdot \mathbf{E} = 0$ .



• New math: Fiber bundle (gauge theory)



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#### Relativity revolution

## Einstein (1905,1916)

- Unified space, time, and gravity
- New world view: Even space-time is dynamical and its distortion is another wave-like matter. The new wave-like matter causes gravitational interaction between the particle-like matter, and satisfies the Einstein equation  $R_{\mu\nu} \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{8\pi}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$



• New math: Riemannian geometry (curved space)



#### Quantum revolution



- Unified:Hydrogen spectra, blackbody radiation, interference
- New world view: particle-like matter and wave-like matter are unified. Matter is neither particle nor wave, and is both particle and wave. A new form of matter – particle-wave-like matter.
- New math: linear algebra & tensor product (algebra replaces calculus, discrete replaces continum)



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If you are brainwashed by quantum theory, You may believe that

# matter is information and information is matter

- A change of information  $\rightarrow$  frequency  $\omega$  $\rightarrow$  energy  $E = \hbar \omega \rightarrow$  mass  $m = \frac{E}{c^2} = \frac{\hbar \omega}{c^2}$
- Mass and energy = the amount of **matter** = change of **information**.
- I call the unification of matter and quantum information as second quantum revolution

How matter and information get unified?



#### Photons, electrons, etc from quantum information

Space  $\sim$  Qubit ocean; Elementary particle  $\sim$  wave in ocean



- Due to particle-wave duality in quantum theory, the origin of a particle = the origin of a wave (a wave equation).
- $\bullet$  Entanglement between qubits  $\rightarrow$  a sense of space
- Entangled qubits (connected by line) = neighboring qubits.
- The structures of neighborhood  $\rightarrow$  dimensions of space.
- The deformation of the entanglement  $\rightarrow$  waves  $\rightarrow$  elem. particles Xiao-Gang Wen, MIT Emergence of electromagnetic and gravitational wave from qubit ocean \$/29

#### Principle of emergence: wave equation from order

Can a wave in qubit ocean satisfies Maxwell equation?

- $\bullet$  Atoms in solid form a regular array  $\rightarrow$  crystal
- $\bullet$  Mechanical properties of crystal = properties of deformation
- Dynamics of deformation is described by a wave equation
- Wave equation in a crystal:

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$$\partial_t^2 u^i - T_m^{ijk} \partial_j \partial_k u^m = 0$$

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 One longitudinal mode (compression mode) and two transverse modes (shear modes), but light wave only has two transverse modes (two polarizations).

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#### Principle of emergence: wave equation from order

• Wave in superfluid  $|\Phi_{SF}\rangle = \sum_{\text{all position conf.}} | \vdots : \rangle$ :









- Only one longitudinal mode (compression mode). Not light wave.
- Principle of emergence: different order (organization)  $\rightarrow$ different wave equation  $\rightarrow$  different properties

Condensed matter physicists = engineers of wave equations = engineers of materials with desired properties

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#### 150 years search for the light-bearing aether

So, to understand the origin of elementary particles, such as photons (light), from qubit ocean (*ie* quantum magnet), we just need to find an organization of qubits so that the deformation wave satisfy the Maxwell equation. Then, we can say light (photons) come from quantum information.

- In fact, after introducing his equation, Maxwell himself designed a mechanical rotor model. Now we design quantum rotor (qubit) model.
- As engineers for all kinds of wave equations and being guided by **symmetry** breaking theory, we checked all possible qubit orders, and unfortunately found none of



- them can produce wave that satisfy Maxwell equation.
- Not knowing waving of what give rise to light, we declare that light is fundamental and do not ask where it comes from.

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#### A quantum rotor and quantum freeze

#### Let us do not give up and try again

Sound wave in solid has one longitudinal mode (helicity 0) and two transverse modes (helicity  $\pm 1$ ).

How to get rid off the helicity 0 mode, so to have only helicity  $\pm 1$  modes and convert sound wave to light wave?

- A rotor described by Hamiltonian  $H = J_1 L^2$   $\rightarrow$  a particle on a ring with mass  $\frac{1}{2}J_1^{-1}$ ( $\theta$ , L) coordinate-momentum pair. At energy E,  $E \sim J_1 L^2$ ,  $\delta L \sim \sqrt{E/J_1}$
- Quantum fluctuations:  $\delta \theta \sim 1/\delta L \sim \sqrt{J_1/E}$
- Quantum freeze: large  $J_1$  (small mass  $\frac{1}{J_1}$ ),  $\delta\theta > 2\pi$ Angular momentum L is quantized as integer, is pinned at L = 0. (Non-zero L costs a large energy  $J_1 \gg E$ .) small  $J_1$

large  $J_1$ 

 $\boldsymbol{E}$ 

#### Quantum freeze can gap out a gapless mode

- Coupled rotors  $H = \sum_{I} J_{1}L_{I}^{2} g\cos(\theta_{I} \theta_{I+1})$
- Small  $J_1 \rightarrow$  gapless modes  $\theta_I(t)$  with dispersion  $\omega_k \sim \sqrt{J_1 g} k$ .

#### - Large $J_1 \to \text{gapped modes } heta_I(t) + \delta heta_I \ (\text{gap } \Delta E \sim J_1 \ \text{when } rac{J_1}{g} \gg 1)$

#### Two quantum rotors and partial quantum freeze

• Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} &= J_1(L_1)^2 + J_1(L_2)^2 + 2J_2L_1L_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(J_1 + J_2)(L_1 + L_2)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(J_1 - J_2)(L_1 - L_2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

- $(\theta_1 + \theta_2, L_1 + L_2)$  particle with small mass  $1/(J_1 + J_2)$  $(\theta_1 - \theta_2, L_1 - L_2)$  particle with large mass  $1/(J_1 - J_2)$
- Energy gap: for  $L_1 + L_2$ :  $\sim J_1 + J_2$ , for  $L_1 L_2$ :  $\sim J_1 J_2$
- Partial quantum freeze when  $J_1 \sim J_2$  for  $J_1 J_2 \ll E \ll J_1 + J_2$ :
- Low energy states satisfy the **constraint**  $L_1 + L_2 = 0$ , or  $e^{i\phi(L_1+L_2)}|low\rangle = e^{\phi(\frac{\partial}{\partial\theta_1} + \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta_2})}|low\rangle = |low\rangle.$

**Gauge invariance**: Invariance under transformation generated by the constraint  $e^{i\phi(L_1+L_2)}$ :  $(\theta_1, \theta_2) \rightarrow (\theta_1 + \phi, \theta_2 + \phi)$ .

In-phase motion has strong fluctuations (generated by gauge transformation e<sup>iφ(L1+L2)</sup>): δθ<sub>1</sub> = δθ<sub>2</sub> = φ ~ 2π gapped (frozen)
 Out-phase has weak fluctuations δθ<sub>1</sub> = −δθ<sub>2</sub> ~ 0: low energy

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#### Emergence of photons via partial quantum freeze

## Design a lattice model to produce waves (low energy modes) satisfying Maxwell equation



• Large  $U \rightarrow$  partial quantum freeze (gap one mode out of three)

- Low energy states satisfy  $e^{i\phi_I \sum_j L_{IJ}} |low\rangle = |low\rangle \rightarrow \text{Strong}$ fluctuations are generated by  $e^{i\phi_I \sum_J L_{IJ}}$  (gauge transformations):  $\theta_{IJ} + \phi_I - \phi_J$ ,  $\phi_I \sim 2\pi$ . The corresponding mode is gapped.

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#### Emergence of photons via partial quantum freeze

Small *U* (classical)

Large U (partial quantum freeze)

Strong fluctuating mode (frozen mode)  $\phi_I: \theta_{IJ} \rightarrow \theta_{IJ} + \phi_I - \phi_J$ Weak fluctuating modes (gapless modes that do not depend on  $\phi_i$ , *ie* gauge invariant)  $\phi_{IJKL} = \theta_{IJ} + \theta_{JK} + \theta_{KL} + \theta_{LI}$ 

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#### A closer look at the lattice model

- In large U limit  $\rightarrow$  Low energy states are invariant under  $e^{i\phi_l \sum_J L_{IJ}}$ The fluctuations  $\phi_l$  generated by  $e^{i\phi_l \sum_J L_{IJ}}$  are  $\gtrsim 2\pi$  and gapped
- J-term and g-term commute with  $e^{i\phi_l \sum_J L_{IJ}}$  (gauge invariance), acting within the low energy subspace  $\rightarrow$  dynamics of other modes

Why the large U gaps out the longitudinal mode and leave two transverse modes to have low energy? Take continuum limit

 Each link: one rotor (θ<sup>IJ</sup>, L<sub>IJ</sub>) = -(θ<sup>JI</sup>, L<sub>JI</sub>). Three sets of rotors on x, y, z links → three modes → a vector field θ<sup>IJ</sup> → A, L<sub>IJ</sub> → E,

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L} &= \sum_{\mathsf{links}} L_{IJ} \dot{\theta}^{IJ} - U \sum_{I} (\sum_{J} L_{IJ})^2 \\ &- J \sum_{\mathsf{links}} (L_{IJ})^2 - g \sum_{\mathsf{all-sq}} \mathrm{e}^{\mathrm{i}(\theta^{IJ} + \theta^{JK} + \theta^{KL} + \theta^{LI})} + h.c. \end{split}$$



$$\sim \boldsymbol{E}\cdot\dot{\boldsymbol{A}} - U(\boldsymbol{\partial}\cdot\boldsymbol{E})^2 - J\boldsymbol{E}^2 - g(\partial_iA_j - \partial_jA_i)^2 + \boldsymbol{A}^4 + \cdots$$

### Gapping out h = 0 mode: partial quantum freeze

• Two transverse  $h = \pm 1$  modes  $\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{A} \perp \boldsymbol{k}$  (propagating direction):  $\mathcal{L} \sim \boldsymbol{E}_{\perp} \dot{A}_{\perp} - J \boldsymbol{E}_{\perp}^2 - g k^2 A_{\perp}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \sim J^{-1} \dot{A}_{\perp}^2 - g k^2 A_{\perp}^2$ 

Classical gapless mode with dispersion  $\omega_k \sim \sqrt{gJk}$ 

- Quantum fluctuations at cut-off scale  $k\sim 1$  in  $J\ll g$  limit

 $\delta E_{\perp} \delta A_{\perp} \sim 1, \quad \delta A_{\perp} \sim \sqrt{J/g} \ll 2\pi, \quad \delta E_{\perp} \sim \sqrt{g/J} \gg 1$ 

Classical picture is valid ( $E_{\perp} \sim$  int.) and the modes remain gapless

• A longitudinal h = 0 mode  $\boldsymbol{E}, \boldsymbol{A} \parallel \boldsymbol{k}$  (propagating direction):  $\mathcal{L} \sim E_{\parallel} \dot{A}_{\parallel} - (J + k^2 U) E_{\parallel}^2 + 0 A_{\parallel}^2 \rightarrow \mathcal{L} \sim \frac{1}{I + k^2 U} \dot{A}_{\parallel}^2 + 0 A_{\parallel}^2$ 

Classical gapless mode with dispersion  $\omega_k \sim 0$  (zero velocity) - Quantum fluctuations at cut-off scale  $k \sim 1$  in  $J \ll g \ll U$  limit:

 $\delta E_{\parallel} \delta A_{\parallel} \sim 1, \quad \delta A_{\parallel} \sim \sqrt{U/0} \gtrsim 2\pi, \quad \delta E_{\parallel} \sim \sqrt{0/U} \rightarrow E_{\parallel} = 0$ 

The classical picture is invalid  $\rightarrow$  quantum freeze, gapped ( $\sim U$ ).

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#### Gapping out h = 0 mode: partial quantum freeze

For lattice model with compact variables:

Hard classical modes  $\rightarrow \delta \theta_I \ll 2\pi \rightarrow \text{semi-classical} \rightarrow \text{gapless}$ Soft classical modes  $\rightarrow \delta \theta_I \gg 2\pi \rightarrow \text{quantum freeze} \rightarrow \text{gap}$ 



• Quantum freeze makes  $\partial \cdot E = 0$ .  $E \sim L_{IJ} = \text{int.}$  and gaps out the longitudinal mode. The low energy states are invariant under  $e^{i \int d^3 x \phi(x) \partial \cdot E} |\text{low}\rangle = |\text{low}\rangle$ , invariant under the gauge transformation  $e^{i \int d^3 x \phi(x) \partial \cdot E} : A \to A + \partial \phi$ . Quantum freeze  $\to$  emergent "gauge symmetry" Xiao-Gang Wen, MIT Emergence of electromagnetic and gravitational wave from gubit ocean 19/29

#### Emergence of gravitons

 Each vertex: three rotors  $(\theta_{ii}, L^{ii}), ii = xx, yy, zz.$ Each face: one rotor  $(\theta_{ii}, L^{ij}), ij = xy, yz, zx.$  $\mathcal{L} = \sum L^{ij} \theta_{ii}$  – Complicated H Total six modes (spin waves) with helicity  $0, 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$ .  $\rightarrow$  Continuum theory with symmetric tensor fields  $(\theta_{ii}, L^{ij}) \rightarrow (a_{ii}, \mathcal{E}^{ij})$  $L = \int \mathrm{d}^{3} x \ \mathcal{E}^{ij} \dot{a}_{ij} - H(a_{ij}, \mathcal{E}^{ij})$ 

- Design the lattice Hamiltonian → helicity ±2 modes have a finite velocity, helicity 0, 0, ±1 modes have a nearly zero velocity (correspond to gauge fluctuations).
- We start with continuum field theory first, then try to put the continuum field theory on lattice. Partial qua Xiao-Gang Wen, MIT



#### Vector constraint to gap out $h = 0, \pm 1$ modes

The **vector constraint**: large  $U(\partial_i \mathcal{E}^{ij})^2$ -term makes  $\partial_i \mathcal{E}^{ij} = 0$ 

generates gauge transformations (strongly fluctuating mode)  $\delta \mathbf{a}_{ij} = \{\mathbf{a}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}), \int \mathrm{d}^3 \mathbf{y} f_j(\mathbf{y}) \partial_i \mathcal{E}^{ij}(\mathbf{y})\}_{PB} = \partial_i f_j(\mathbf{x}) + \partial_j f_i(\mathbf{x})$ 

The gauge invariant combinations are symmetric tensors

$$R^{ij} = R^{ji} = \epsilon^{imk} \epsilon^{jln} \partial_m \partial_l a_{nk}, \quad \mathcal{E}^{ij}$$



The constraints remove  $h = 0, \pm 1$  modes.  $h = 0, \pm 2$  has  $\omega \sim k^2$ . Pseudo gravitons

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## Put the field theory on lattice (UV completion)

• Vector constrain  $U(\partial_i \mathcal{E}^{ij})^2 \to U \sum_{I,\mu} [V(I, I + \mu)]^2$ 

$$\partial_i \mathcal{E}^{ij} \rightarrow V(I, I + x) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{r}, ij} d^{ij}_{I, I + x, r} L^{ij}(\boldsymbol{r})$$

The short solid lines mark the non-zero  $d^{ii}(I, I + x, J)$  which are equal to 1. The filled circles mark the non-zero  $d^{xy}(I, I + x, I + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{y}{2})$  etc, also equal to 1

- The low energy space has V(I, I + x) = 0on every link.
- The lattice Hamiltonian

 $U \sum_{I,\mu} V(I, I + \mu) + H_{low}$ , where  $H_{low}$ commutes with  $V(I, I + x) \rightarrow$  "gauge symmetry", acts with low energy subspace, decoupling of the strongly fluctuating mode.





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#### A scaler constraint to gap out h = 0 mode

A scaler constraint: large  $U(\mathcal{E}^{ii})^2$ -term makes  $\mathcal{E}^{ii} = 0$ .  $\mathcal{E}^{ii}$  generates gauge transformations (strong fluctuating mode)

$$\delta \mathbf{a}_{ij} = \{\mathbf{a}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}), \int d^3 \mathbf{y} f(\mathbf{y}) \mathcal{E}^{ii}(\mathbf{y}) \}_{PB} = \delta_{ij} f(\mathbf{x})$$

The gauge invariant combinations for both  $a_{ii} \rightarrow a_{ii} + \partial_i f_i + \partial_i f_i$ and  $a_{ii} \rightarrow a_{ii} + \delta_{ii} f$  are Gu Wen arXiv:0907.1203; Xu Horava arXiv:1003.0009  $F^{i} = \partial_{i} R^{ji} = \partial_{i} \epsilon^{imk} \epsilon^{jln} \partial_{m} \partial_{l} a_{nk},$  $\mathcal{E}^{ij}$ 

 $\rightarrow$  conitnuum Lagrangian (Can also be put on lattice)

gauge invariant terms  $\partial_i \mathcal{E}^{ij} = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{E}^{ii} = 0$  constraints  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{E}^{ij} \partial_0 \mathbf{a}_{ij} - \alpha (\mathcal{E}^{ij})^2 - \beta (\mathcal{E}^{ii})^2 - \gamma (F^i)^2 - U(\partial_i \mathcal{E}^{ij})^2 - U(\mathcal{E}^{ii})^2$ Only  $h = \pm 2$  modes with  $\omega \sim k^3 \rightarrow$  Soft gravitons • But the scaler charge  $\mathcal{E}^{ii} = q\delta(x)$  is not topological (can be created by local operators), and is not a source of the gravitational field. There is no scalar mass Xiao-Gang Wen, MIT

#### Another scaler constraint to gap out h = 0 mode

Large  $U(R^{ii})^2$ -term to make  $R^{ii} = (\delta_{ij}\partial^2 - \partial_i\partial_j)a_{ij} = 0$ .  $R^{ii}$  ganerates gauge transformation (strongly fluctuating mode)

 $\mathcal{E}^{ij} \to \mathcal{E}^{ij} - (\delta_{ij}\partial^2 - \partial_i\partial_j)f, \quad (\text{and } \overline{a_{ij} \to a_{ij} + \partial_i f_j + \partial_j f_i})$ 

The corresponding gauge invariant combination is given by

$$C_j^i = \epsilon^{imn} \partial_m \left( \mathcal{E}^{nj} - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{nj} \mathcal{E}^{\prime \prime} \right)$$



from the vector constraint

Only  $h = \pm 2$  modes with  $\omega \sim k^3 \rightarrow$  Soft gravitons (linearised Lifshitz gravity). **Quantized** topological scalar charge  $(\delta_{ij}\partial^2 - \partial_i\partial_j)a_{ij} = M\delta(x) \rightarrow$  Quantized mass produces gravity.

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•  $\{R^{ii}(\mathbf{x}), \partial_j \mathcal{E}^{jk}(\mathbf{y})\}_{PB} = 0.$ 

The two constrains act independently and consistently.

- The strong fluctuations of  $\mathcal{E}^{ij}$  from the scaler constraint

$$R^{ii} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \delta \mathcal{E}^{ij} = (\delta_{ij}\partial^2 - \partial_i\partial_j)f$$

is consistent with the vector constrain  $\partial_i \mathcal{E}^{ij} = 0$ 

#### Put the second field theory on lattice



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The constraint Hilbert space V(I, I + x) = 1, S(J) = 1 still have many states

 $\rightarrow$  Low energy dynamics of the lattice model:

There are semi-classical  $h = \pm 2$  modes (within the constraint Hilbert space).

There are strong fluctuating quantum  $h = 0, 0, \pm 1$  modes (outside the constraint Hilbert space, gapped).

They decouple completely at lattice level.

#### Linearized Einstein gravity

Same constraints, but different Hamiltonian ( $\omega \propto k^3 \rightarrow \omega \propto k$ ):

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{E}^{ij}\partial_0 a_{ij} - \frac{J}{2}[\mathcal{E}^{ij}\mathcal{E}^{ij} - \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{E}^{ii})^2] - \frac{g}{2}a_{ij}R^{ij} - U(\partial_i\mathcal{E}^{ij})^2 - U(R^{ii})^2$$

-  $\mathcal{E}^{ij}\mathcal{E}^{ij} - \frac{1}{2}(\mathcal{E}^{ii})^2$  is invariant under  $\mathcal{E}^{ij} \to \mathcal{E}^{ij} - (\delta_{ij}\partial^2 - \partial_i\partial_j)f$ , provided that  $\partial_i \mathcal{E}^{ij} = 0$ 

quasi-gauge-invariant

- Only  $h = \pm 2$  modes with  $\omega \sim k$  at low energies  $\rightarrow$  **linearized Einstein gravity with**  $a_{ij} \sim g^{ij} - \delta^{ij}$  (the fulctuation of metrics)
- We can put the above continuum theory on lattice, and under quadraric approximation, the low energy weakly fluctuating h = ±2 modes decouple from the gapped strongly fluctuating h = 0, 0, ±1 modes. But they do not decouple beyond the quadratic approxmation.

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 $\partial_i \mathcal{E}^{ij} = 0, R^{ii} = 0$  constraints

#### Summary

#### - attempts to get linearized quantum gravity

- We constructed a lattice model, that produces light waves at low energies that satisfy Maxwell equation (with helicity  $h = \pm 1$  and dispersion  $\omega_k \propto k$ ).
- We constructed a lattice model, that produces soft-gravity waves at low energies, with helicity  $h = \pm 2$  and dispersion  $\omega_k \propto k^3$
- We constructed a lattice model, that produces gravity waves at low energies, with helicity  $h = \pm 2$  and dispersion  $\omega_k \propto k$ , under an **uncontralled approaximation**. We do not have a controlled approximation to obtain the low energy properties of the the lattice model.