New Perspectives on Quantum Simulation with Alkaline-Earth Atoms

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Alkaline Earth (-like) Atoms: AEA

A TALE OF TWIN ELECTRONS









A new frontier for clock stability & accuracy Bloom *et al.*, Nature **506**, 71 (2014).



Band (or Mott) Insulator clock





- For many-body physics
 - Single-site control & manipulation
 - SU(N) two orbital magnetism

- For metrology
 - High accuracy at highest density
 - All degrees of freedom at quantum level
 - No contact interaction for shifts

But....

Sr clock: the next systematic uncertainty - collective dipolar couplings

1 - 10 mHz clock shift for a unity filled lattice

(Chang, Ye, Lukin PRL 2004) relevant @10-18 sensitivity



Optical dipole moment ~ $10^{-4} - 10^{-5}$ Debye

We need to understand long-range dipolar coupling !

Dipole-Dipole Interactions

Communication channel dipolar interactions: exchange of virtual

Instantaneous: $r \ll \lambda$ elastic

$$H_{dd} = d_1 d_2 V_{dd}^{12}$$







Nature 501, 521 (2013).



Dipolar Interactions

$$G_{ij} = \frac{3\Gamma_0}{4} [(\hat{\mathbf{d}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{d}}_j) A_{ij}(r) + (\hat{\mathbf{d}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}) (\hat{\mathbf{d}}_j \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}) B_{ij}(r)]$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_{ij}(r) &= -\frac{e^{ik_0r}}{k_0r} - i\frac{e^{ik_0r}}{k_0^2r^2} + \frac{e^{ik_0r}}{k_0^3r^3} \\ B_{ij}(r) &= \frac{e^{ik_0r}}{k_0r} + 3i\frac{e^{ik_0r}}{k_0^2r^2} - 3\frac{e^{ik_0r}}{k_0^3r^3} \end{aligned}$$



Optical transitions

--Include both elastic and dissipative interactions

--Include near-field and far-field interactions:

• near-field physics
$$k_0 r \ll 1$$
 $A(r), B(r) \rightarrow \frac{1}{k_0^3 r^3}$ Microwave transitions

 e^{ik_0r}

 $k_0 r$

• far-field physics $k_0 r \gg 1$ $A(r), B(r) \rightarrow \rightarrow$

$$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Radiating Dipoles} \\ \hline G_{ij} = \frac{3\Gamma_0}{4} [(\hat{\mathbf{d}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{d}}_j) A_{ij}(r) + (\hat{\mathbf{d}}_i \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}) (\hat{\mathbf{d}}_j \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}) B_{ij}(r)] \end{array} \quad \hat{\mathbf{d}}_i^{\pm} = \mp \left(\frac{\hat{\mathbf{d}}_i^{\mathrm{x}} \pm i \hat{\mathbf{d}}_i^{\mathrm{y}}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \end{array}$$

Project $\hat{\mathbf{d}}$ in J=0,J=1 manifolds $G_{ij}^{0} \propto \left(d_{i}^{-} d_{j}^{+}, d_{i}^{+} d_{j}^{-}, d_{i}^{z} d_{j}^{z} \right)$ $G_{ij}^{\pm 2} \propto e^{\mp 2\varphi_{ij}} d_{i}^{\pm} d_{j}^{\pm}$ $G_{ij}^{\pm 1} \propto e^{\mp \varphi_{ij}} d_{i}^{\pm} d_{j}^{z}$ $\mathbb{E} \mathbf{z}$





Dipolar demagnetization

 $H_{dd}^{\pm 2} \propto \sin^2 \theta e^{\mp i 2 \varphi} (d_i^{\pm} d_j^{\pm})$

Einstein De-Hass effect

Conservation of total angular momentum: Coupling spin and motional degrees of freedom

Various proposals to see the effect in **bosonic** magnetic atoms.

- Vortex formation: Santos, Ueda Not seen yet.
- Demagnetization: Laburte-Tolra, Pfau



Phys. Rev. A 87, 051609(R) (2013)



B = 0 $B \neq 0$ Spins demagnetized. Spins magnetized. Bar at rest. Bar rotates.



Pinned particles ?

Radiating Dipoles

$$\int G_{ij} = \frac{3I_0}{4} [(\hat{d}_i \cdot \hat{d}_j)A_{ij}(r) + (\hat{d}_i \cdot \hat{r})(\hat{d}_j \cdot \hat{r})B_{ij}(r)]$$
Dilute: most particles in $\mathbf{J}_i=0$: vacuum
An excitation $\hat{b}_{i,\sigma}^{\dagger} = /\mathbf{J}_i=1, \sigma = \pm 1, 0 \rangle \langle \mathbf{J}_i=0,0|$
 $H_{ef} = \sum_{ij\sigma} G_{ij}^{\sigma\sigma} \hat{b}_{i,\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{b}_{j\sigma}$
Excitation can propagate even for pinned
particles in a lattice while flipping their spin
Spin-orbit coupling

Weyl particles with dipoles: $k_0 a \ll 1$



Weyl excitations

Weyl fermions are fundamental massless particles with a definite handedness that were first predicted by Hermann Weyl back in 1929, but they have never been observed in high-energy experiments.



Weyl Fermion Crystal

Recently found in solid materials

(TaAs --Princeton & Beijing--, Photonic crystals –MIT--) Naturally appear in excitations of dipolar systems

Possible issues:

- ✓ Disorder: perfect system requires unit filling
- ✓ Dissipative process from dipolar interactions: radiative dipoles

Indication that Weyl points survive

Experimental Implementation



- Mott Insulator of Sr atoms
- Trapped in a magic wave lattice



B. Olmos, et al PRL. 110, 143602 (2013)

- Dipole moment d=4.03 D
- $\Gamma_0 = 2.9 \text{ x} 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$
- $a/\lambda=0.1$ Near field physics

Weyl particles with dipoles



Decay orders of magnitude smaller than elastic part

Weyl particles: Detection

Use momentum resolves Ramsey spectroscopy



Weyl particles: Detection $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{z}}$ 0.10 0.10 p_{y} Ideal: $a/\lambda \ll 1$, n=1 a/λ~0.1 n=1 $J_z=0$ population 0.08 0.08 0.06 0.06 0.04 0.04 Weyl point 0.02 0.02 0.00 0.00 5 10 15 20 25 0 30 40 10 20 0 $\Gamma_0 t$ $\Gamma_0 t$ 0.10 0.12 $a/\lambda \ll 1$, n=0.99 $a/\lambda \ll 1$, n=0.93 0.10 0.08 0.06 0.04 0.02 $\int_{z}^{z} 0.02$ 0.08 0.06 0.04 0.02 0.00 0.00 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 0.0 $\Gamma_0 t$ $\Gamma_0 t$

First test be experiments at JILA Cooperative fluorescence of ⁸⁸Sr atoms



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Sr level structure: weak and strong interactions



 \rightarrow Negligible for the blue transition, but important for the red transition

Cooperative fluorescence of ⁸⁸Sr atoms

First test bed experiments at JILA



- Coherent dipole coupling: Probe model
- Motional effects: Frozen particles (blue)
- No lattice: Random position, far field

 Dipolar effects: Intensity, line broadening and line center shift

> Tune density and optical depth by time of flight

TOF	Peak density (cm ⁻³)	OD _{av}	ka
1ms	1.5×10^{12}	21	11
25ms	1.5x10 ¹¹	4.3	25

Coherent dipole model

 $\begin{aligned} & \searrow \text{ Weak driving field} \\ & \Omega \ll \Gamma_0 \end{aligned} H_{ef} = \sum_{j\sigma} (\Omega_j^{\sigma} b_{j,\sigma}^{\dagger} + h.c) + \sum_{j\sigma} \Delta^{\sigma} b_{j,\sigma}^{\dagger} b_{j\sigma} + \sum_{in\sigma} G_{jn}^{\overline{\sigma}\sigma} b_{j,\overline{\sigma}}^{\dagger} b_{n\sigma} \\ & \widehat{b}_{i,\sigma}^{\dagger} = /\mathbf{J}_i = 1, \sigma = \pm 1, 0 \\ & \forall \mathbf{J}_i = 0, 0 \end{aligned}$ Driving Laser Detuning Dipole Coupling

 $\succ \text{ Fluorescence at far-field } I(\mathbf{r}_s) \propto \sum_{j,m} [\mathbf{b}_j \cdot \mathbf{b}_m^* - (\mathbf{b}_j \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_s)(\mathbf{b}_m^* \cdot \hat{\mathbf{r}}_s)] e^{i\mathbf{k}_s \cdot (\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_m)}$

$$\succ \text{ Steady-state} \qquad \left\langle b_{j\sigma} \right\rangle = \frac{\Omega^{\sigma} e^{ik_0 x_j}}{2(\Delta^{\sigma} + i\Gamma_0/2)} + \sum_{n \neq j\tilde{i}} \frac{G_{jn}^{\sigma\tilde{\sigma}} \langle b_{n\tilde{\sigma}} \rangle}{i(\Delta^{\sigma} + i\Gamma_0/2)}$$





- Narrow interference cone shows phase coherence, wavelength dependent
 R_⊥: cloud size perpendicular to k₀
- Collective enhancement of forward fluorescence

$$I_x \sim I_z^2 \quad I_z \sim N$$

Well captured by coherent dipole model

Significant linewidth with increasing OD

 $\begin{array}{c} -- \\ \hline \Box \Delta \end{array} Coherent dipole model \\ \hline Experiment \end{array}$



Atom# N ~1.7×10⁷ OD = $\frac{3N}{2k^2R_{\perp}^2}$

- R_{\perp} : cloud size perpendicular to ${\bf k_0}$
- Collapse as a function of OD

Shadow: 20% atom number uncertainty

Coherent dipole model



Transverse fluorescence

- Experiment agree well with "spin-orbit" coherent dipole model
- Anisotropy of dipole-dipole interactions: polarization and geometry dependent linewidth and intensity



Fluorescence intensity and linewidth are collective enhanced for the forbidden polarization

Transverse fluorescence



Coherent dipole model



Void-profile line shape: Convolution Gaussian and Lorentzian



Transverse fluorescence intensity



Weak transition: Large frequency shift exceeding theory prediction

Other effects caused by motion (such as recoil, momentum diffusion), nonlinearity, short-range physics?
Ded transition: Complex regime

Red transition: Complex regime

Single photon recoil energy ~ linewidth~ Rabi frequency

Progress towards quantum degeneracy



Progress quantum degeneracy: ⁸⁷Sr lab @JILA

5 x 10⁵ atoms at 1.5 mK (crossed dipole trap)



~ 10^4 atoms, T< 80 nK, T/T_F ~ 0.3 for each nuclear spin component (after evaporation in dimple)



Then loaded in a lattice



Preliminary, January 2016

Alkaline earth atoms: A great vista ahead!



Thanks for your attention

Congratulations Peter!!!!