Atom-by-atom assembly of defect-free one-dimensional cold atom arrays

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Challenges for realizing quantum computing

• Can we develop reliable, long-lasting qubits for scalable quantum computers?

- Common platforms for quantum computing
 - Transmons, flux qubits, phase qubits
 - Each suffer from various forms of sensitivity to noise



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Common platforms for quantum computing, cont.

- Flux qubits
 - Persistent current in superconducting circuit separated by Josephson junctions
 - Resistant to charge noise, relatively long coherence times
 - Precision control of magnetic field flux can be challenging





Enter trapped ion qubits

- Trapping ions in potential well formed by oscillating electric fields
- Relatively insensitive to environmental noise due to manipulation via lasers
 - Also implies long coherence times
- Defect free cold atom arrays provide reliable platform
- for trapped ion qubits



Motivations for atom-by-atom assembly

- The detection and manipulation of individual quantum particles
- Major efforts: scaling up ion-trap and superconducting platforms



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Recent-year individual particle detection and control



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Create deflected arrays of cold atoms

- Employ acousto-optic deflector driven by a multitone radiofrequency (RF) signal
- Form optical tweezer either empty or carrying single atom



Rearrange tweezers to get defect-free arrays

- Switch off unoccupied tweezers by setting the corresponding RF amplitudes to zero
- Move occupied tweezers to the left by sweeping the RF tones to change the deflection angles of the AOD
- Store surplus atoms for repetitive reloading of the array



Results: configurable trapped atoms arrays



Results: array occupation before and after assembly



Results: odds of creating a perfect array with and without assembly



Results: time to create a perfect array with and without assembly



Results: array lifetimes and reloading

- Maintain a reservoir to replace lost atoms
- As long as the reservoir remains full, the probability of observing a perfect array remains roughly flat over time



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Outlooks

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Multiquibit experiments and studies of quantum many-body effects:

- High-Fidelity Multiqubit Gates (H. Levine *et al.* 2019)
- Quantum technologies (C. Adams *et al.* 2019)
- Quantum phases of matter on quantum simulators (Ebadi et al. 20; Bernien et al. 17)
- **2D** antiferromagnets quantum simulations (P. Scholl *et al.* 2020)
- Observation of a SPT phase of interacting bosons (S. de Léséleuc et al. 2019)

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Questions?

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