

Quantum simulations for dipolar spin systems in optical lattices



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Chromium atom: a dipolar species



$$\hat{H}_{dd} \propto S_{1z}S_{2z} - \frac{1}{4} (S_{1+}S_{2-} + S_{1-}S_{2+})$$



Exchange



In lattice with one atom per site spin dynamics is purely dipolar



dipolar atomic systems: Stuttgart (Dy), Innsbruck (Er), Stanford (Dy), Paris (Dy), Harvard (Er),...

Quantum Magnetism in 3D lattices: preparation

Rectangular lattice of anisotropic sites



deep 3D lattice \rightarrow strong correlations, Mott transition

One atom per site ensures pure dipolar interactions at high lattice depth

Shallow 3D lattice \rightarrow superfluid state

Competition between dipolar interactions, tunneling and tunneling assisted superexchange

Outline

Out of equilibrium spin dynamics

Towards (?) adiabatic production of the ground state of a transverse Hamiltonian

Out of equilibrium dynamics: Principle of the experiments



Out of equilibrium dynamics characterized by the change of the populations of the Zeeman components

Spin dynamics in lattice: comparison with simulations



10000 atoms!

NO exact simulation available beyond 15 atoms: problem with border effects!

Mean field simulations

Quantum simulations (Generalized Dichotomized Truncated Wigner Approximation) developed by J. Schachenmayer

Short time exact results: $\hat{H} = \sum_{i>j}^{N} V_{ij} \left[\hat{S}_i^z \hat{S}_j^z - \frac{1}{2} \left(\hat{S}_i^x \hat{S}_j^x + \hat{S}_i^y \hat{S}_j^y \right) \right]$ $p_{m_S}(t) = p_{m_S}(0) + \sin[\theta]^4 \alpha_{m_S}(\theta) t^2 V_{\text{eff}}^2 \qquad V_{\text{eff}} \equiv \sqrt{\sum_{i,j\neq i}^{N} V_{ij}^2/N}$

Spin dynamics in lattice: comparison with simulations



The quantum simulations agree well with data: a very good test for GDTWA for large atom numbers

Lepoutre et al, Nature Com (2019)

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Spin dynamics in lattice: Quantum Thermalization

1- Our data show that spin dynamics stops in about 60-80 ms

in agreement with quantum simulations (solid lines)

while mean field simulations show revivals at this time scale (dashed lines)

2- Asymptotic experimental populations are close to population distributions maximizing entropy at fixed magnetization

A long-range interacting many particle isolated system which internally thermalizes through entanglement build-up, and develops an effective thermal-like behavior through a mechanism which is purely quantum and conservative

3- A more elaborated model includes the one body physics quadratic energy term

$$E(m_s) = B_Q m_s^2$$

$$\hat{\rho} = \exp[-\beta \hat{H}] \approx Id - \beta \hat{H}$$

$$P_{m_s} = \frac{1}{7} \left(1 + \beta B_Q (4 - m_s^2) \right)$$

Quantum Thermalization at a few nK

Lepoutre et al, Nature Com (2019)

Other experiments:	Greiner: few 1/2 spins, superexchange processes
	B. Lev: Dy atoms, thermalization through collisions

Adiabatic production of the ground state of an Hamiltonian: principle

Adiabatic production of the ground state of an Hamiltonian: results (preliminary!)

thank you for your attention!

We are looking for a post doc!