# Quantum Information Experiments with Ion Crystals in Penning Traps

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# **Penning trap**



For  $r, z \ll$  trap dimensions,

$$\varphi_{trap}(r,z) \approx \frac{1}{2} m \omega_z^2 \left( z^2 - \frac{r^2}{2} \right)$$

$$z(t) = z_o \sin(2\pi v_z t + \varphi_z)$$
  

$$r(t) = r_c \sin \mathbf{Q} \pi (v_c - v_m) t + \phi_c \mathbf{D}$$
  

$$r_m \sin(2\pi v_m t + \phi_m)$$

 $^{9}Be^{+}$   $\nu_{c} \sim 7.6 \text{ MHz}$   $\nu_{z} \sim 800 \text{ kHz},$  $\nu_{m} \sim 40 \text{ kHz}$ 



# **Penning trap: many particle confinement**



axial confinement  $\longleftrightarrow$ conservation of energy radial confinement  $\longleftrightarrow$ conservation of angular momentum  $P_{\theta} = \sum_{j} \left( mv_{\theta_{j}} + \frac{q}{c} A_{\theta}(r_{j}) \right) r_{j}$   $\approx \frac{qB}{2c} \sum_{j} r_{j}^{2} \text{ for } A_{\theta}(r) = \frac{Br}{2} \text{ and } B \text{ large}$ O'Neil, Dubin, UCSD

axial symmetry important – trap and B field aligned to 0.01°

radial confinement due to rotation – ion plasma rotates  $v_{\theta} = \omega_r r$  due to **ExB** fields

in rotating frame,  $\omega_r r \hat{ heta} imes B \hat{z}$  Lorentz force is directed radially inward

precisely control  $\omega_r$  (and the radial binding force) with a rotating electric field (rotating wall)

# Planar ion arrays in Penning traps



#### Features of Penning traps for quantum information/simulation experiments:

- static trapping fields enable large traps to be used; ions are far from electrode surfaces ⇒ low heating rates
- ion crystals form naturally from minimization of the Coulomb potential energy
- for a single plane, the minimum energy lattice is triangular ⇒ good for magnetically frustrated simulations
- ion crystals rotate (~50 kHz) but rotation precisely controlled ⇒ individual particle detection still possible

# High magnetic field qubit

 $^9\text{Be}^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$  , B~4.5 T,  $\omega_{\rm o}$  /2π ~124.1 GHz



## Rabi flopping on 124 GHz electron spin flip



## Ramsey (T<sub>2</sub>) coherence on 124 GHz electron spin flip



coherence can be extended to 10's of ms with spin echo (dynamical decoupling) Biercuk, Uys, VanDevender, Shiga, Itano, Bollinger, Nature 458, 996 (2009)

## **Dynamical decoupling sequences**

• Carr-Purcell-Meiboom-Gill (CPMG) sequence – evenly spaced  $\pi$ -pulses



n  $\pi$ -pulse UDD sequence cancels lowest n-1 derivatives of the noise

 $B(t) = B(0) + B'(0)t + (1/2)B''(0)t^2 + (1/6)B'''(0)t^3 + \dots$ 

• Theoretical determination of coherence:  $F(\omega \tau) = \text{ noise filtration function of sequence}$ Uhrig Cywinski, Das Sarma Martinis  $Coherence = e^{-\chi(\tau)}, \ \chi(\tau) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{S(\omega)}{\omega^{2}} F(\omega \tau) \, d\omega$ 

#### Qubit coherence extended and accurately predicted by dynamical decoupling

Biercuk, et al., Nature 458, 996 (2009) Uys, et al., PRL 103, 040501 (2009)



# improved performance through feedback optimization

- vary inter-pulse delays for fixed precession time (Nelder-Mead simplex method)



# Magnetic field noise reduced through vibration reduction



#### **Present effort: quantum simulation** (see Thursday tutorial by Schaetz)

- Porras, Cirac, PRL 92 (2004); Deng, Porras, Cirac, PRA 72 (2005)
- Schaetz group, Nature Physics 4 (2008); Monroe group, Nature 465 (2010)

uniform Ising model  $H = -B_x \sum_{z} \sigma_i^x + \chi J_z^2$   $J_z^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left( \sum_{i} \sigma_z^i \right) \left( \sum_{j}^i \sigma_z^j \right) = \frac{N}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i,j} \sigma_z^i \sigma_z^j$ 

- $B_x$  derived from 124 GHz microwaves
- $\chi$ , J derived from state-dependent optical dipole forces



 $\delta \approx \omega_z \implies \chi J_z^2$ uniform Ising interaction, squeezing

 $\delta >> \varpi_z \Longrightarrow \underset{\text{Ising interation}}{\text{dipolar anti-ferromagentic}}$ 

dipolar anti-ferromagnetic Ising interaction

$$H = -B_x \sum_i \sigma_i^x + J \sum_{i \neq j} \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z \frac{d_o^3}{\left| \vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j \right|^3}$$



# **Optical dipole force excitation of ion planar arrays (N>100)**



# Quantum simulation with planar ion arrays



#### **Decoherence due to elastic Rayleigh scattering**

Uys, et al., <u>arXiv:1007.2661</u>



qubit superposition state described by density matrix

$$\rho \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{uu} & \rho_{ud} \\ \rho_{du} & \rho_{dd} \end{pmatrix}$$

non-resonant light ( $\omega_o$ ) scattering causes decoherence,

$$\frac{d\rho_{ud}}{dt} = -\frac{\Gamma}{2}\rho_{ud}$$
$$\Gamma = ???$$

Be<sup>+</sup> energy levels, B=4.5 T

#### Raman scattering vs Rayleigh scattering

Raman scattering:  $|u\rangle \rightarrow |d\rangle; |d\rangle \rightarrow |u\rangle$ final qubit state entangled with the polarization or frequency of the scattered photon  $\Rightarrow$  decoherence after single scattering event



#### Raman scattering vs Rayleigh scattering

elastic Rayleigh scattering:  $|u\rangle \rightarrow |u\rangle; |d\rangle \rightarrow |d\rangle$   $\Gamma_{Rayleigh} = ???$ 

literature indicates that elastic Rayleigh scattering should not produce decoherence when the elastic scatter rates are equal



- "when of equal rate from both qubit levels, off-resonance Rayleigh scattering of photons did not affect the coherence of a hyperfine superposition", PRA 75, 042329 (2007)

- "In our system, Rayleigh scattering occurs at the same rate for the two clock states, does not reveal the atomic state, and so does not harm the coherence", PRL 104, 073602 (2010)

estimate based on difference in elastic scatter rates, from Ozeri *et al.*, PRA 75, 042329 (2007)

$$\Gamma_{Rayleigh,diff} \sim \frac{(\Gamma_{uu} - \Gamma_{dd})^2}{(\Gamma_{uu} + \Gamma_{dd})/2}$$

## Master equation treatment of decoherence due to light scattering

- consistent treatment of decoherence due to both Raman and Rayleigh scattering
- credit to: Hermann Uys

 $J, M_{I}$ 

3/2,-1/23/2,-3/2  $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} = \begin{pmatrix} -\Gamma_{ud} \rho_{uu} + \Gamma_{du} \rho_{dd} & -\frac{1}{2} (\Gamma_{Raman} + \Gamma_{Rayleigh}) \rho_{ud} \\ -\frac{1}{2} (\Gamma_{Raman} + \Gamma_{Rayleigh}) \rho_{du} & -\Gamma_{du} \rho_{dd} + \Gamma_{ud} \rho_{uu} \end{pmatrix}$  $\Gamma_{Rayleigh} = \Omega_R^2 \gamma \left( \sum_J a_{d \to d}^J - \sum_{J'} a_{u \to u}^{J'} \right)^2$ decoherence due to difference in the elastic scattering amplitudes !

 $2 {}^{2}P_{1/2} < |1/2,+1/2\rangle \\ |1/2,-1/2\rangle \\ u = |+1/2\rangle \\ 2 {}^{2}S_{1/2} < |124 \text{ GHz}| |u\rangle = |+1/2\rangle \\ |d\rangle = |-1/2\rangle$ 

 $2^{2}P_{3/2}$ 

- large decoherence expected if scattering amplitudes have opposite sign
- sign of scattering amplitude determined by the detuning
- physically the state of the qubit can be determined from the phase of the scattered photon

#### Decoherence measured from decrease in the Bloch vector



#### Good agreement between theory and experiment



- Laser electric field calibrated from measured light shift and Raman rates

# Contribution of $\Gamma_{\text{Rayleigh}}$ to low field trapped ion experiments



# Summary:

- ion crystals in Penning traps look like a good platform for simulating quantum magnetic models with an intractable number of ions

- qubit coherence limited by 20 -200 Hz magnetic field fluctuations; 3 ms  $\rightarrow$  15 ms coherence time through vibration reduction

- current effort: Ising model simulation using state dependent optical dipole forces to push the ions in the axial direction



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