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Controlling and Measuring Heat Transport in Ion Traps

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Heat Transport on the Nanoscale



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Ultracold Atomic Gases

Microscope

Ion Crystals

Overview





Trapped Ion Set-up





- Singly-charged ions (Be⁺, Ca⁺, Mg⁺, ...)
- Coulomb interaction between ions
- Single ions & ion crystals
- Control over motional & internal states (QIP)

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Examples - Experiments

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Experiments on Heat Transport



- $H = \sum_{i < j} J_{i,j} \sigma_x^{(i)} \sigma_x^{(j)} + B_y \sum_i \sigma_y^{(i)}$
- Internal states = effective spins
- Interactions via collective modes
- Determine ground states
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- Control over initial & final states
- Resolve single Fock states
- Determine work done on system

Single Ion Heat Engine (Otto Cycle)



- Control over trapping
- Heating and cooling of single ions
- Generate motion of axial mode

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What are the basic tools?



Motional and Internal States

- Motional and internal states are decoupled
- Manipulate internal states via laser coupling



$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2$$

motional states (harmonic trap)

internal states (electron configuration)





Optical Pumping - State Preparation

- Resonant driving of transition $|e\rangle$ to $|f\rangle$
- Radiative decay into $|e\rangle$ and $|g\rangle$



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 $|f\rangle$ $|e\rangle$ $|g\rangle$

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$$|g\rangle$$

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State-dependent Potential

- AC-Stark shift from far-detuned driving
- Position-dependent intensity $\Omega(x)$



Couple Motional and Internal States

- Drive transitions that change HO state
- Requires narrow HO states



Spin-Mode Coupling



- Internal states act as spins $|e\rangle\equiv|\uparrow\rangle$ $|g\rangle\equiv|\downarrow\rangle$
- Spin-spin interactions via common mode)



Sideband Cooling

- Combine coherent driving & spontaneous decay
- Control temperature down to $\langle n \rangle \sim 0.05$
- Doppler cooling $\langle n \rangle$ ~ 3 10



Temperature Measurement

- Thermal population of motional state $\langle n
 angle$
- Start in |g
 angle and observe population in |e
 angle after fixed time



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Collective Modes



Hamiltonian for motional ion states



harmonic oscillator modes ~ collective modes.







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, et F = K $\frac{a-b}{e}$ on F = -K $\frac{dv}{dz}$

La première de ces équations exprime la loi suivant laquelle les températures décroissent depuis la base inférieure jusqu'à la face opposée; la seconde fait connaître la quantité de chaleur qui traverse, pendant un temps donné, une partie déterminée d'une section parallèle à la base.

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- How does Fourier's law emerge from microscopic laws?
- When do temperature gradients occur?
- Observe Fourier's law on nanoscales?



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Trapped-Ion Crystal Toolbox







Functionalities of ions

- Bulk ions
- Heat reservoir ions
- Multi purpose ions

- Full control over internal states
- Separation of time scales
- Different atomic species

Vibron Hopping Model



Hamiltonian for motional ion states

$$H = \sum_{i} \left(\frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{r}_i \boldsymbol{\omega}^2 \mathbf{r}_i \right) + \frac{e^2}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j|}$$

Tight-binding model for vibron hopping

$$H = \sum_{i} \omega_{i} a_{i}^{\dagger} a_{i} + \sum_{i \neq j} \left(J_{ij} a_{i}^{\dagger} a_{j} + \text{h.c.} \right) \qquad \begin{array}{l} \omega \sim 1 \text{MHz} \\ J \sim 10 \text{kHz} \end{array}$$

- Small radial oscillations above ground state (vibrons)
- Coupling from dipole-dipole interaction $J \sim 1/d^3$
- Heat transport by vibron hopping

chain of weakly coupled harmonic oscillators

D. Porras & J. I. Cirac, PRL 93, 263602 (2004)

Heat Reservoirs



 $\alpha = \{L, R\}$

Tight-binding model for vibron hopping



Continuous heating/cooling of edge ions

$$\mathcal{L}_{\alpha}\rho_{\alpha} = \frac{\gamma_{\alpha}}{2}(\bar{n}_{\alpha} + 1)(2a\rho_{\alpha}a^{\dagger} - \{a^{\dagger}a, \rho_{\alpha}\}) + \frac{\gamma_{\alpha}}{2}\bar{n}_{\alpha}(a \leftrightarrow a^{\dagger})$$

- Effective cooling rate γ_{α}
- Reservoirs at constant temperature \bar{n}_{α}
- Cooling much faster than hopping $\gamma_{\alpha} \gg J_{ij}$



Couple internal states to vibrons

$$H_i^{\rm SV} = \frac{1}{2} (A + \Delta \sigma_i^z) \cos(\nu t - \phi) a_i^{\dagger} a_i$$

- (1) $H_i^{\rm SV} = \frac{1}{2}A\cos(\nu t)a_i^{\dagger}a_i$
- (2) $H_i^{\rm SV} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \sigma_i^z a_i^{\dagger} a_i$

- Photon-assisted tunneling
- ▹ Probing & Disorder

Ballistic Transport





Assume $\gamma_{\alpha} \gg J_{ij}$ and project dynamics onto state $\rho_L^{\text{th}} \otimes \rho_{\text{bulk}} \otimes \rho_R^{\text{th}}$

$$\langle n_i \rangle_{\rm ss} = \frac{\Gamma_L \bar{n}_L + \Gamma_R \bar{n}_R}{\Gamma_L + \Gamma_R}$$

$$\langle I^{\mathrm{vib}} \rangle_{\mathrm{ss}} = \frac{\Gamma_L \Gamma_R}{\Gamma_L + \Gamma_R} (\bar{n}_L - \bar{n}_R)$$

- Ballistic transport of vibrons
- Anomalous heat transport

Vibron occupations



Spin-Induced Disorder



Strong spin-vibron coupling

Spins in superposition



 $|+\rangle_{i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\rangle_{i} + |\downarrow\rangle_{i})$

Random binary alloy (RBA) model (bosonic)

$$H^{\text{RBA}} = \sum_{i} \varepsilon_{i} a_{i}^{\dagger} a_{i} + \sum_{i \neq j} \left(J_{ij} a_{i}^{\dagger} a_{j} + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

Binary diagonal disorder

 $\varepsilon_i \in \{\omega_i - \frac{1}{2}\Delta, \omega_i + \frac{1}{2}\Delta\}$

Exploit "quantum parallelism"

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Homogeneous

Disorder

Inhomogeneous

Clear signature of Fourier's law

Dephasing from Electrodes



Dynamic fluctuations from noisy electrodes





Voltage

Tight-binding model with dephasing noise

$$H^{\phi} = \sum_{i} \varepsilon_{i}(t) a_{i}^{\dagger} a_{i} + \sum_{i \neq j} \left(J_{ij} a_{i}^{\dagger} a_{j} + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

Markovian noise with correlation length $\xi_{
m c}$

$$\varepsilon_i(t) = \omega_i + \delta\omega(t)$$

Description as Lindblad operator

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi}\rho = \sum_{i,j} \Gamma_{\phi} \mathrm{e}^{-d_{ij}/\xi_{\mathrm{c}}} (2n_i \rho n_j - \{n_j n_i, \rho\})$$





ON

OFF

Single site & thermal leads





Photon-assisted tunneling $\Delta = A$

$$H_i^{\rm SV} = \frac{1}{2}A(1+\sigma_i^z)\cos(\nu t)a_i^{\dagger}a_i$$

$$H^{\rm PAT} = \sum_{i} \left(J_i^{\rm PAT} a_i^{\dagger} a_{\kappa} + {\rm h.c} \right)$$

Full control of heat current through TQD

Single-spin heat switch

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi\rangle &= |\uparrow\rangle \\ |\phi\rangle &= |\downarrow\rangle \end{aligned}$$

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Photon-assisted tunneling $\Delta = A$

 H^{PAT}

Single-spin heat switch



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Verify fluctuation theorems for bosons (switch on)

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{p(N, t)}{p(-N, t)} = e^{\omega_{\kappa} N(\beta_D - \beta_S)} \qquad \qquad N = \text{number of vibrons}$$

Use Ramsey probe to measure current

M. Esposito, U. Harbola & S. Mukamel, Rev. Mod. Phys. 81, 1665 (2009)







Spin evolution

$$\langle \sigma_i^x \rangle = \cos\left(\lambda \langle O_i \rangle_{\rm ss} t\right) {\rm e}^{-\lambda^2 S(0)t}$$

$$S(\omega) = \int_0^\infty dt \, \langle\!\langle O_i(t) O_i(0) \rangle\!\rangle_{\rm ss} \, {\rm e}^{-{\rm i}\omega t}$$

- \triangleright Oscillations with frequency \sim $\langle O \rangle$
- $\,\triangleright\,$ Damping by fluctuations $\thicksim\,\,\langle\delta{\rm O}^2\rangle$

Measure occupations and thermal currents

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Summary



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Implement thermal reservoirs

Measure currents & local temperatures



Control & manipulate heat flow



Analytical Results

Local vibron hopping and dephasing



$$H = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \omega a_j^{\dagger} a_j + \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} V_{j,j+1} (a_j^{\dagger} a_{j+1} + a_{j+1}^{\dagger} a_j)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{deph}\rho = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \gamma_j \left(a_j^{\dagger} a_j \rho a_j^{\dagger} a_j - \frac{1}{2} \{ (a_j^{\dagger} a_j)^2, \rho \} \right)$$

$$J = \frac{4\omega V^2 \Gamma_1 \Gamma_N (n_1 - n_N)}{(4V^2 + \Gamma_1 \Gamma_N)(\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_N) + 2(N - 1)\gamma \Gamma_1 \Gamma_N}$$

Long-range coupling 1/d³ probably not essential

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Vibron occupations

Zig-zag Crossover





- Anomalous transport for linear chain
- Zig-zag results in temperature gradient and suppressed heat current
- Nonlinearity & coupling of axial and radial modes

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Experimental Status



0 200 300 40 Evolution time τ (μ s)

400

500

0

100



- Heat transport in chain with up to 37 ions
- Measure vibron occupation via cooling time
- Coupling ~ 10kHz stronger than cooling rate (need $\gamma_{\alpha} \gg J_{ij}$) ۲

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