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Trapped Ion system for condensed matter physics

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Abstract: In this form, I'd like to discuss how a trapped ion system can be an important vehicle to study complex condensed matter physics with three examples. The first is the quantum simulation. Quantum simulation can provide a solution to a certain complex problem that is intractable with classical computation. Here I describe an experimental demonstration [1] that was performed before I come to Tsinghua, which contains the essence of quantum simulation with trapped ions and discuss how this research is extending nowadays. Second, I introduce an experimental study performed at Center for Quantum Information of Tsinghua University, which can be considered as the simplest quantum simulation. We realize a Landau-Zener-Stuckelberg interferometer with our trapped ion system and demonstrate that the quantum interference in the system greatly robust again many imperfections [2]. Finally, we briefly discuss the experimental progress towards the test of the Jarzynski Equality in quantum regime [3]. [1] Quantum Simulation of Frustrated Ising Spins with Trapped Ions, K. Kim, M.-S. Chang, S. Korenblit, R. Islam, E. E. Edwards, J. K. Freericks, G.-D. Lin, L.-M. Duan, and C. Monroe, Nature 465, 590 (2010). [2] Realization of Geometric Landau-Zener-Stuckelberg interferometry, Junhua Zhang, Jing -Ning Zhang, Xiang Zhang, and Kihwan Kim, arXiv:1304.0271 [3] Quantum Extension of the Jarzynski Relation: Analogy with Stochastic Dephasing, Shaul Mukamel, Phys. Rev. Lett. 90, 170604 (2003).

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