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Nonlinear excitation transport in Rydberg arrays: Quantum gauge fields and topological spin liquids

Recent experiments have demonstrated that spin-orbit coupling can give rise to densitydependent Peierls phases associated with the transport of Rydberg spin excitations in atom arrays [1]. This nonlinear hopping provides a natural way for the implementation of a variety of nontrivial spin systems ranging from topological lattice models to lattice gauge theories, anyon physics and spin liquids. Two specific models will be discussed in more detail, a one-dimensional zig-zag ladder and a two-dimensional honeycomb lattice. Here the competition between densitydensity interaction, linear and nonlinear transport and frustration gives rise to a variety of interesting phenomena ranging from emerging quantum gauge fields in a zig-zag lattice to topological, chiral spin liquids in a honeycomb lattice.

[1] V. Lienhard, et al. Phys. Rev. X 10, 021031 (2020)

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