Tri-Critical Ising Phase Transition in a Ladder of JJa.

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CFT

• 4 relevant operators: $\{\sigma, \sigma', \epsilon, \tau\}$

















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 Two-f
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Quantum Electronic Circuits for Multicritical Ising Models [PRB '24]

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Multicritical Ising models and their perturbations are paradigmatic models of statistical mechanics. In two space-time dimensions, these models provide a fertile testbed for investigation of numerous non-perturbative problems in strongly-interacting quantum field theories. In this work, analog superconducting quantum electronic circuit simulators are described for the realization of these multicritical Ising models. The latter arise as perturbations of the quantum sine-Gordon model with p-fold degenerate minima, $p = 2, 3, 4, \ldots$ The corresponding quantum circuits are constructed with Josephson junctions with $\cos(n\phi + \delta_n)$ potential with $1 \le n \le p$ and $\delta_n \in [-\pi, \pi]$. The sim-



Hybrid Josephson Junctions

Local degrees of freedom: Cooper pairs on the SC islands lacksquare



• We target the local potential

$$V(\varphi) = \mu_1 \cos \varphi + \mu_2 \cos (2\varphi) + \mu_3 \cos (3\varphi)$$

• Josephson effect: Cooper pair tunneling through the normal region

$$V(\varphi) = -E_J \cos(\varphi) = -\frac{E_J}{2} \left(e^{i\varphi_{\uparrow}} e^{-i\varphi_{\downarrow}} + H.c \right)$$

The semiconductor sustains also multiple Cooper pairs coherent \bullet tunneling processes

$$V(\varphi) = -\Delta \sqrt{1 - T \sin^2(\varphi/2)} \qquad T = T(V_g) \in [0, 1]$$

[Benakker PRL 1991]

The Josephson potential contains higher harmonics •

$$V(\varphi) \simeq -\Delta \left[\left(\frac{T}{4} + \frac{T^2}{16} \right) \cos \varphi + \frac{T^2}{64} \cos 2\varphi + \dots \right]$$

One JJ is not enough...



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• Local potential $(\varphi = \varphi_{\uparrow} - \varphi_{\downarrow})$ $V_{\text{loc}}(\varphi) = V^{(1)}(\varphi - \Phi_1) + V^{(2)}(\varphi) + V^{(3)}(\varphi + \Phi_2)$

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 $V_{\rm loc}(\varphi) = \mu_1 \cos \varphi + \mu_2 \cos 2\varphi + \mu_3 \cos 3\varphi + \dots$

Semiclassical analysis

• Three-dimensional parameter space











We need to promote the phase difference to a field $\varphi \rightarrow \varphi(x)$

Ladder construction

$$H = \sum_{x=0}^{L} V_{\text{loc}} \left(\varphi_{\uparrow,x} - \varphi_{\downarrow,x} \right)$$

$$\left[\hat{N}_{j,x}, e^{i\,\hat{\varphi}_{j',x'}}\right] = -\,\delta_{j,j'}\,\delta_{x,x'}\,e^{i\,\hat{\varphi}_{j,x}} \qquad j=\uparrow\,,\downarrow$$

Ladder construction

• Standard Josephson junction along the leg

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- Standard Josephson junction along the leg
- Charging energy E_C with respect to a background
- Mutual charging energy V_{\perp} along the rung

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{N}_{j,x}, e^{i\hat{\psi}_{j,x}} \end{bmatrix} = -\delta_{j,j'}\delta_{x,x'}e^{i\hat{\psi}_{j,x}} \qquad j = \uparrow, \downarrow$$

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Bosonization - harmonic approximati

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$$\frac{\left(\varphi_{\uparrow,x}-\varphi_{\downarrow,x}\right)}{\sqrt{2}}\to\varphi_{s}(x)$$

$$\sum_{x=0}^{L} \to \frac{1}{a} \int_{x=0}^{L} dx$$

 $N_{j,x} \to -a \frac{\partial_x \theta_{j,x}}{\partial_x \partial_y}$

$$H = \sum_{q \in \{c,s\}} u_q \int \frac{dx}{2\pi} \left[K_q \left(\partial_x \varphi_q \right)^2 + \frac{1}{K_q} \left(\partial_x \theta_q \right)^2 \right] + \int dx \left[\mu_1 \cos \left(\sqrt{2} \varphi_s \right) + \mu_2 \cos \left(2\sqrt{2} \varphi_s \right) + \mu_3 \cos \left(3\sqrt{2} \varphi_s \right) \right].$$

Effective potential

2 Luttinger Liquids: charge/spin sector $\varphi_{c/s}(x)$

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• Finite-entanglement scaling of the spin correlation length ξ_s [Tagliacozzo et al PRB '08] • At the critical point $\xi_s \propto D^{\kappa}$ [Pollmann et al PRL '09]

Ising phase transition $\nu_{IS} = 1$

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Advances hybrid Superconductor/Semiconductor Junctions

- [C. Marcus et al. Nat. Phys. 2018]
- Coherence from superconductor
- Control via electrostatic gate from \bullet semiconductor

 Scalability and designing capability from lithography

[Marcus's Lab in Copenhagen]

We can add a rung-charging interaction!

$$\sqrt{\frac{E_J}{2\left(E_c - V_{\perp}\right)}} > \frac{9}{4}$$

basis
$$n_a$$

Staggered fluxes

Semiclassical analysis

• Three-dimensional parameter space Φ T_2 $T_1 \sin(\phi)$ $T_2 = 0.6$ -1.00 +-1.00

1.00

Central charge and entanglement entropy

Fourier components of the local potential

