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## Session 4.2 Janus-TC: Simulate time crystal on Janus quantum platform



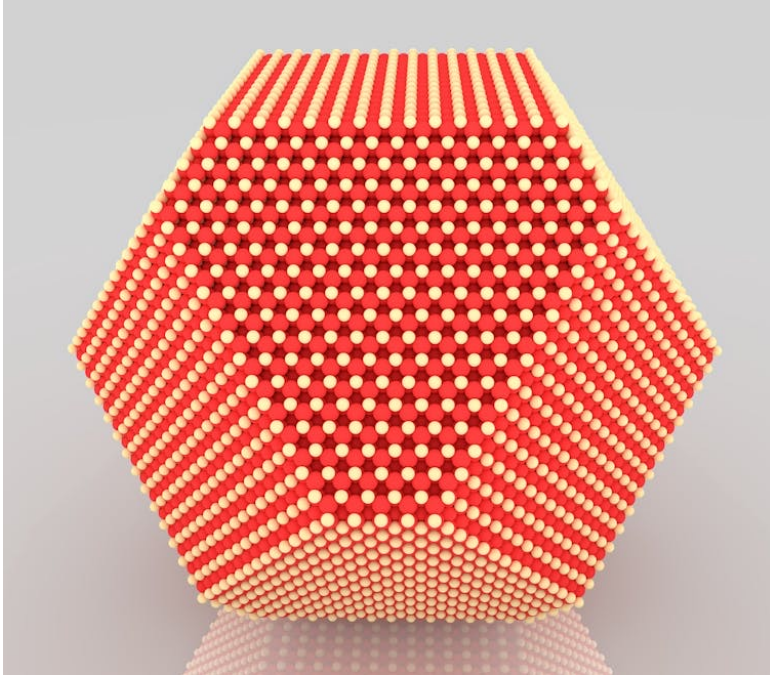
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# What is time crystal?



## Common crystal



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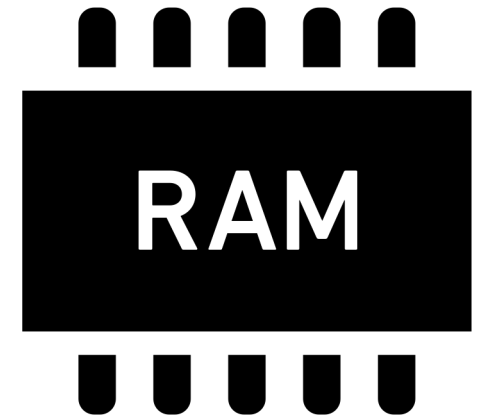
## Time crystal



- Particles arrange periodically in **time** and space.

## Application

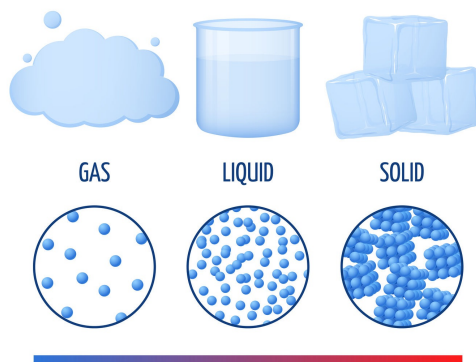
Quantum Memory



- Resilient to heat entropy
- Repeat themselves in time

## Different phases of matter

### STATES OF MATTER



## Time crystal: A new phase

Time crystals are described as: **spatio-temporally ordered phases of matter**  
(arxiv: 1910.10745)

**out-of-equilibrium phase**

- × Lose energy
- × Requires supply of energy

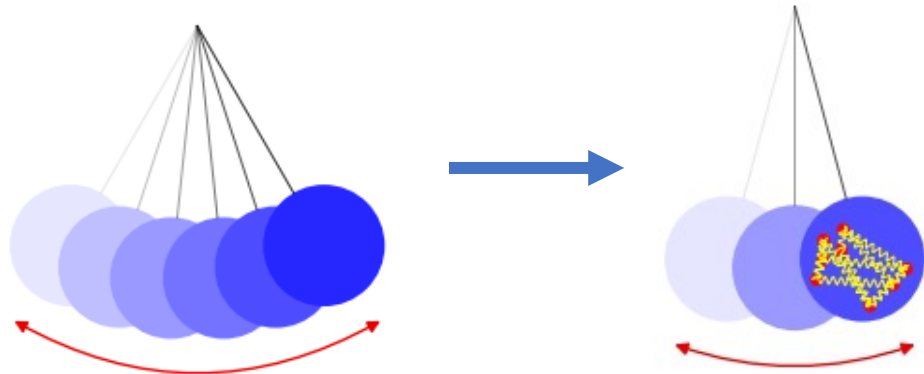
## Intuitive Example



coffee and cream  
will never mix together

**entropy remains  
stationary**

## Second law example:



× Vanished with time evolution (thermalized)

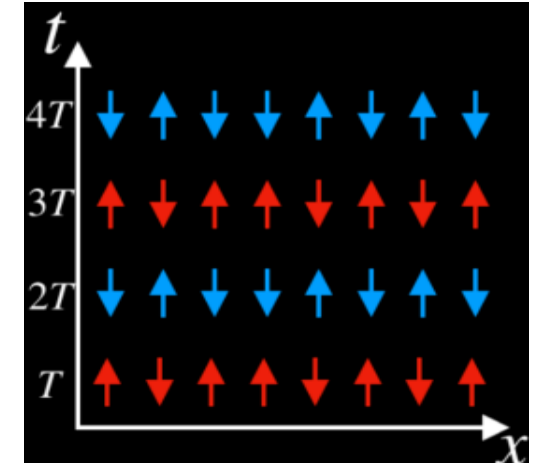
Almost violate!

## Laws of thermodynamics

- **The 1st law:** energy is not created or destroyed
- **The 2nd law:** things left to themselves can only become more disordered over time.

## Example of time crystal

**Driven Ising chain:**  
glassy in the horizontal (space) direction, and period-doubled in the vertical (time) direction.

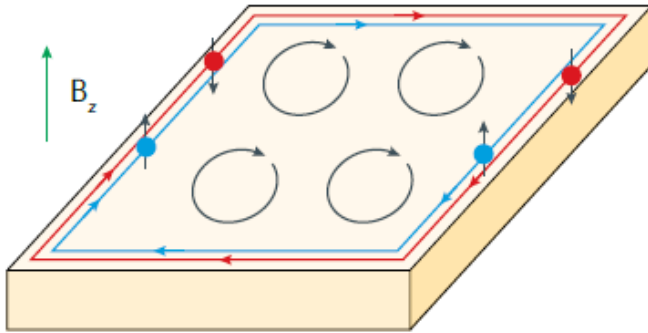


‘loophole’

**maintain** their current level of disorderedness forever

## Example of topological phase

Quantum Hall phase



Topological invariant

- Stable on the boundary
- Can have different state on the inner and boundary

## FSPT phases -- Topological Time Crystal

Floquet symmetry-protected topological

- Non-equilibrium topological phase
- Enabled by time-periodic driving

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Introduce a periodic driving

- Sum of one-body operators on different sites





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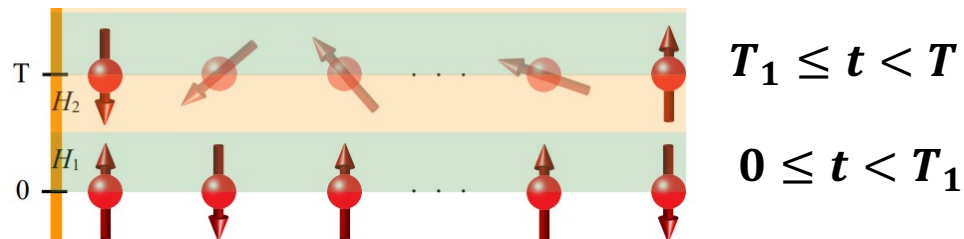
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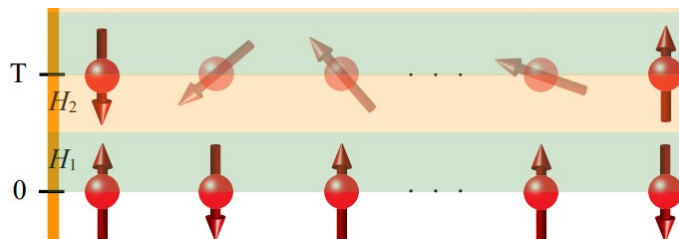
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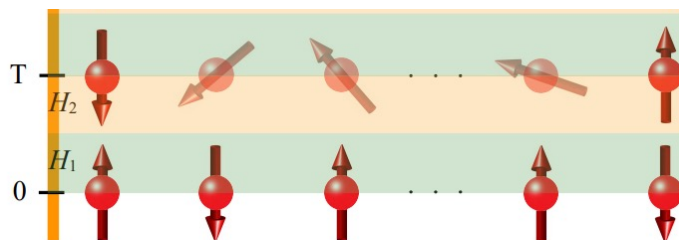
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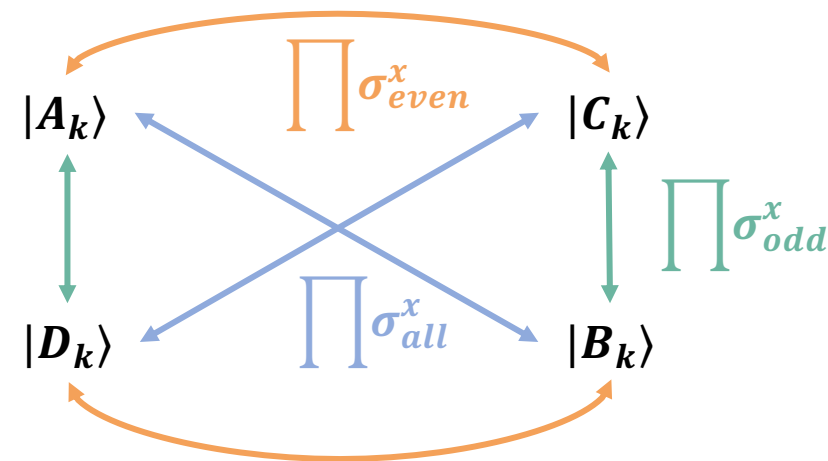
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$H_2$  has  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  symmetry:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ H_2, \prod \sigma_{even}^x \right] &= 0, \\ \left[ H_2, \prod \sigma_{odd}^x \right] &= 0. \\ \prod \sigma_{even}^x &\equiv \prod_k \sigma_{2k}^x, \\ \prod \sigma_{odd}^x &\equiv \prod_k \sigma_{2k+1}^x. \end{aligned}$$

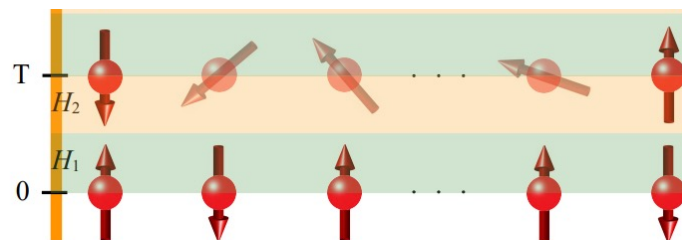
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The eigen-energies:

$$E_{A_k} = E_{B_k} = E_{C_k} = E_{D_k}$$

Floquet eigen-energies:

$$\begin{aligned} (E_{A_k} + E_{B_k})/2 &= (E_{C_k} + E_{D_k})/2, \\ (E_{A_k} + E_{B_k})/2 + \pi &= (E_{C_k} + E_{D_k})/2 + \pi. \end{aligned}$$

Floquet operator  $U_F = e^{-iH_2} e^{-iH_1}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} U_F |A_k\rangle &= e^{-iE_{B_k}} |B_k\rangle, \\ U_F |B_k\rangle &= e^{-iE_{A_k}} |A_k\rangle, \\ U_F |C_k\rangle &= e^{-iE_{D_k}} |D_k\rangle, \\ U_F |D_k\rangle &= e^{-iE_{C_k}} |C_k\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Floquet eigenstates:

$$\begin{aligned} |A_k\rangle \pm |D_k\rangle, \\ |B_k\rangle \pm |C_k\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Cat-like linear combinations of topological eigenstates

Long-range correlations between the boundaries

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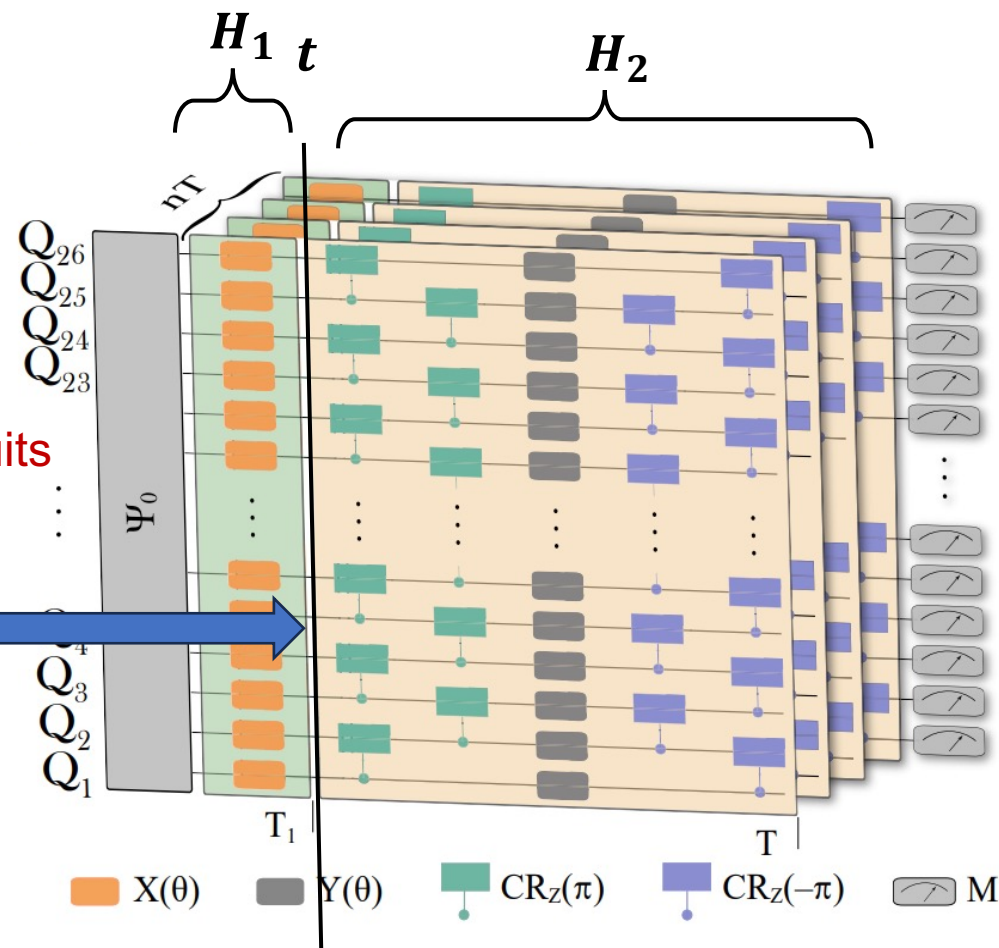
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- variational quantum circuits
- Iterative optimization

$$U_2(t) = e^{-iH_2}$$

20 random disorder instances  $\{J_k\}$

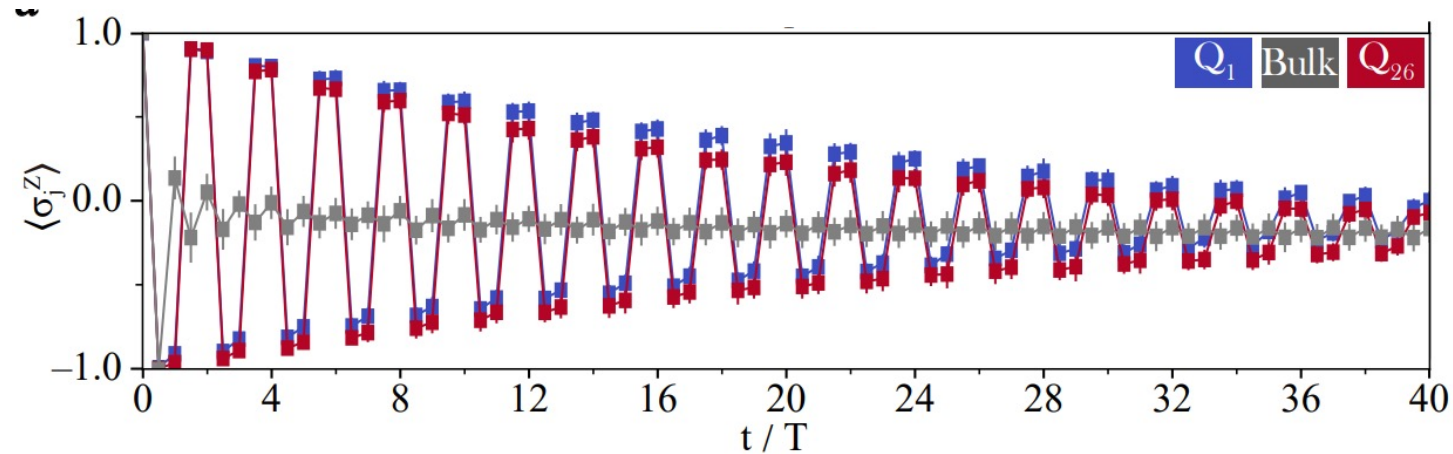
## Circuit Implementation





**Jupyter notebook: 4-2**

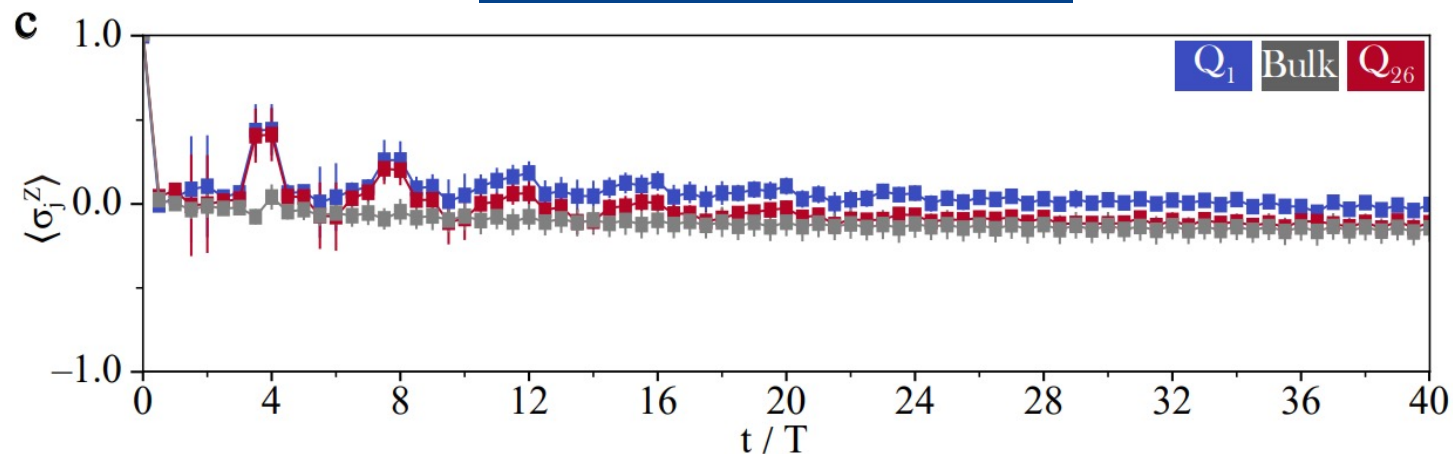
## FSPT phase



$\langle \sigma^Z \rangle$ : the expectation of  $\sigma^Z$ , equals to  $P_0 - P_1$

- Edge qubits oscillate periodically
- Outcome is independent of the initial state

## thermal phase



- The results of all qubits are the same
- No apparent pattern for all qubits





# Thanks for listening

## Digital quantum simulation of Floquet symmetry-protected topological phases

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