Towards a Dual-Species Dipolar Quantum Gas Microscope

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Ultracold atoms in optical lattices have been established as a powerful toolbox for quantum simulation, enabling the study of many-body physics and strongly correlated condensed matter. In the last decade, single-site imaging and addressing of these lattice-confined atoms has been achieved by the experimental realization of quantum gas microscopes. Until 2023, quantum gas microscopes utilized atomic species with a negligible magnetic moment, which interact exclusively via short-range contact interaction. The addition of long-range interactions in a lattice leads to new exotic phases of matter, such as the Haldane insulator, an interaction-induced topological phase. Here, we report on the progress towards a quantum gas microscope utilizing the highly dipolar species erbium and dysprosium, which will allow the study of both single- and dual-species physics on the single-atom level. With this new setup, we aim to probe extended Bose- and Fermi-Hubbard models, entering a new quantum simulation framework, beyond the capabilities of conventional short-range interaction setups.