

Supplementary Information

Real-space observation of ergodicity transitions in artificial spin ice

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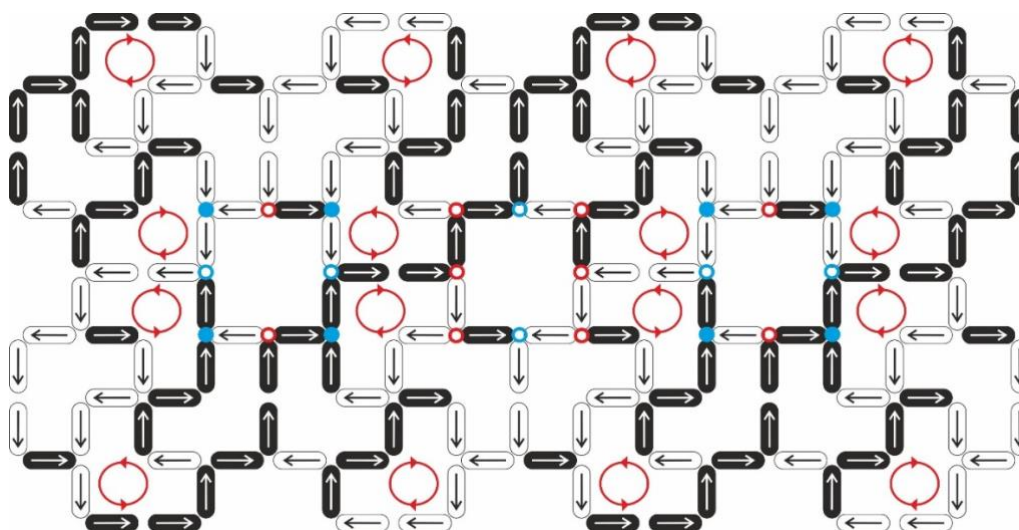
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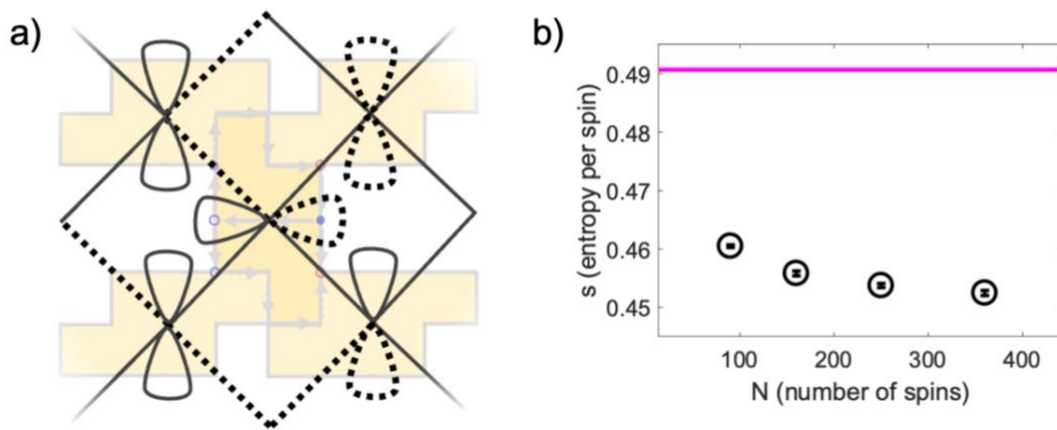
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Supplementary Figures



Supplementary Figure 1. Nearest-neighbor ground state. An arrangement of moments that settles each coordination two and four vertex into its local ground state while minimizing the proportion of Type B vertices, visualized by filled blue or red circles, to 25% of coordination three sites. Each coordination four vertex may independently switch orientation along with its adjacent coordination two vertices without changing local dipolar energy, resulting in an extensive bitwise entropy of $s = 1/20$ due to the size of the unit cell containing the coordination four vertex being 20.



Supplementary Figure 2. Theoretical prediction for the entropy per spin based on the degeneracy of Type B placement. **a**, A graph comprising a square grid with two loops per node that represents the potential placement of Type B vertices. In the empirically supported model, precisely two edges per node must be selected as Type B vertices. The dotted lines represent one such configuration, corresponding to the spin structure of the greyed out underlying lattice. **b**, Two estimates of the entropy per spin. The pink line is the Pauling upper bound on entropy per bit, $s = \frac{1}{10} \log_2 2 \binom{6}{2}$, derived by considering an isolated node. The black circles are brute force estimates of the entropy of graphs corresponding to increasing numbers of spins. The placement of a neighboring Type B vertex may constrain another node's configurations, reducing the total entropy.