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**Realization of anyonic Hubbard and lattice gauge models with Rydberg atoms**<sup>1</sup> SIMON OHLER, University of Kaiserslautern, DAVID PETROSYAN, IESL, FORTH, MICHAEL FLEISCHHAUER, University of Kaiserslautern — We propose a scheme to realize a one-dimensional Hubbard model for anyons with tunable statistical exchange phase. The scheme utilizes the density-dependent Peierl’s phase in the hopping amplitude of excitations of Rydberg atoms in a zig-zag lattice, as was recently realized experimentally in [1]. The obtained Hamiltonian for hard-core anyons contains nearest-neighbor hopping as well as next nearest neighbor density-dependent hopping that results from the combination of the direct and second-order dipole-dipole exchange interactions between the atoms in the Rydberg  $ns$  and  $np$  states. We show how the effective anyons in the lattice can be braided to reveal their exotic exchange statistics. As a second application of the same setup, we propose the realization of a lattice gauge theory using the density-dependent second-order hopping of the Rydberg excitations.

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