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Quantum spin ices and magnetic states from dipolar-octupolar doublets on the pyrochlore lattice

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We consider a class of electron systems in which dipolar-octupolar Kramers doublets arise on the pyrochlore lattice. In the localized limit, the Kramers doublets are described by the effective spin-1/2 pseudospins. The most general nearest-neighbor exchange model between these pseudospins is the XYZ model. In addition to dipolar ordered and octupolar ordered magnetic states, we show that this XYZ model exhibits two distinct quantum spin ice (QSI) phases, that we dub dipolar QSI and octupolar QSI. These two QSIs are distinct symmetry enriched U(1) quantum spin liquids, enriched by the lattice symmetry. Moreover, the XYZ model is absent from the notorious sign problem for a quantum Monte Carlo simulation in a large parameterspace. We discuss the potential relevance to real material systems such as Dy₂Ti₂O₇, Nd₂Zr₂O₇, Nd₂Hf₂O₇, Nd₂Ir₂O₇, Nd₂Sn₂O₇ and Ce₂Sn₂O₇.

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