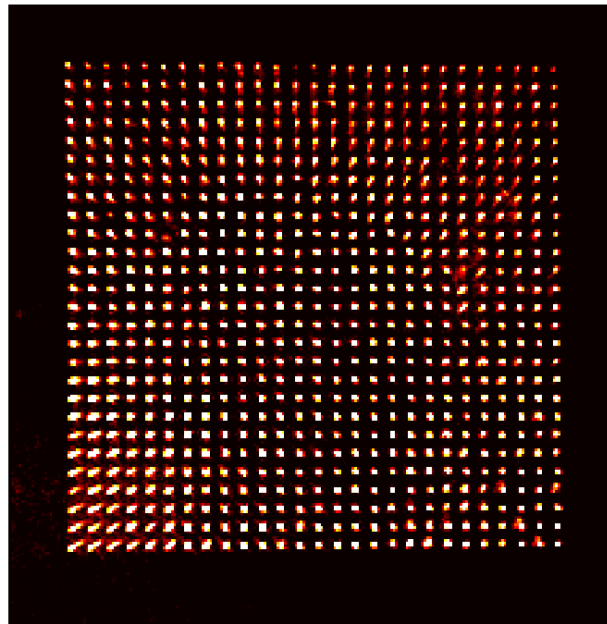


Quantum simulation in arrays of single Rydberg atoms

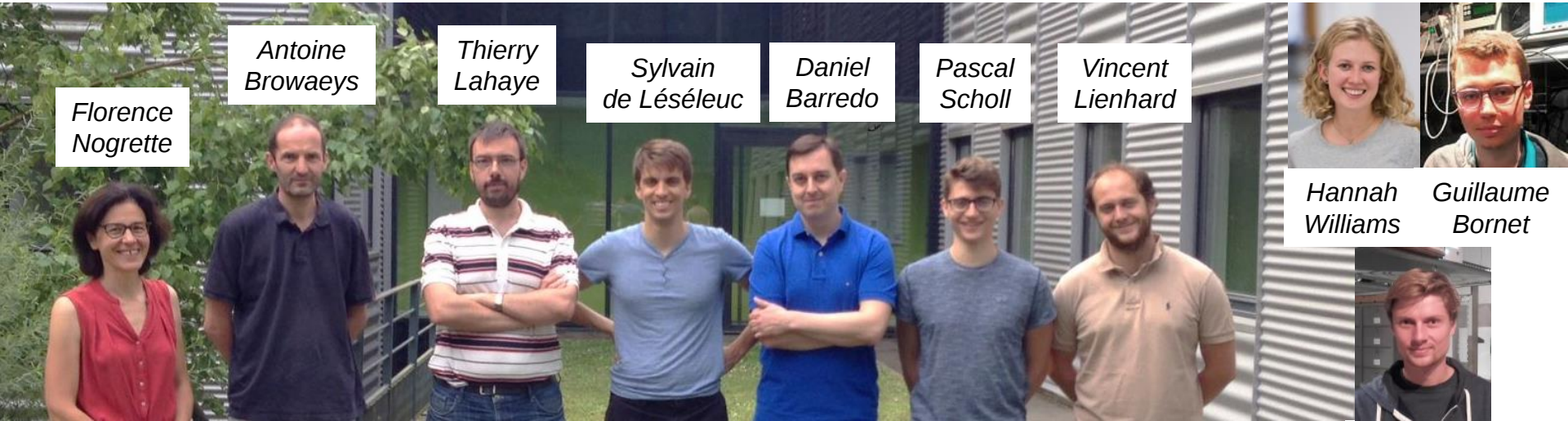
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<https://atom-tweezers-io.org/>

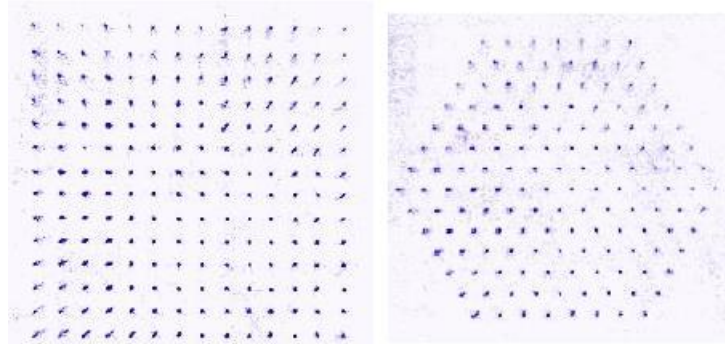
Funding:



Arrays of single Rydberg atoms

- Arrays of single atoms with arbitrary geometries

Up to > 200 atoms
Spacing: a few microns



- Strong interactions via Rydberg excitation

$U / h \sim 1$ to 10 MHz for $R \sim 5 \mu\text{m}$
Lifetime 100s of μs

Implement spin models

Ising (vdW interactions)

$$\hat{H} \sim \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} \sigma_z^{(i)} \sigma_z^{(j)}$$

XY (resonant dipole-dipole interaction)

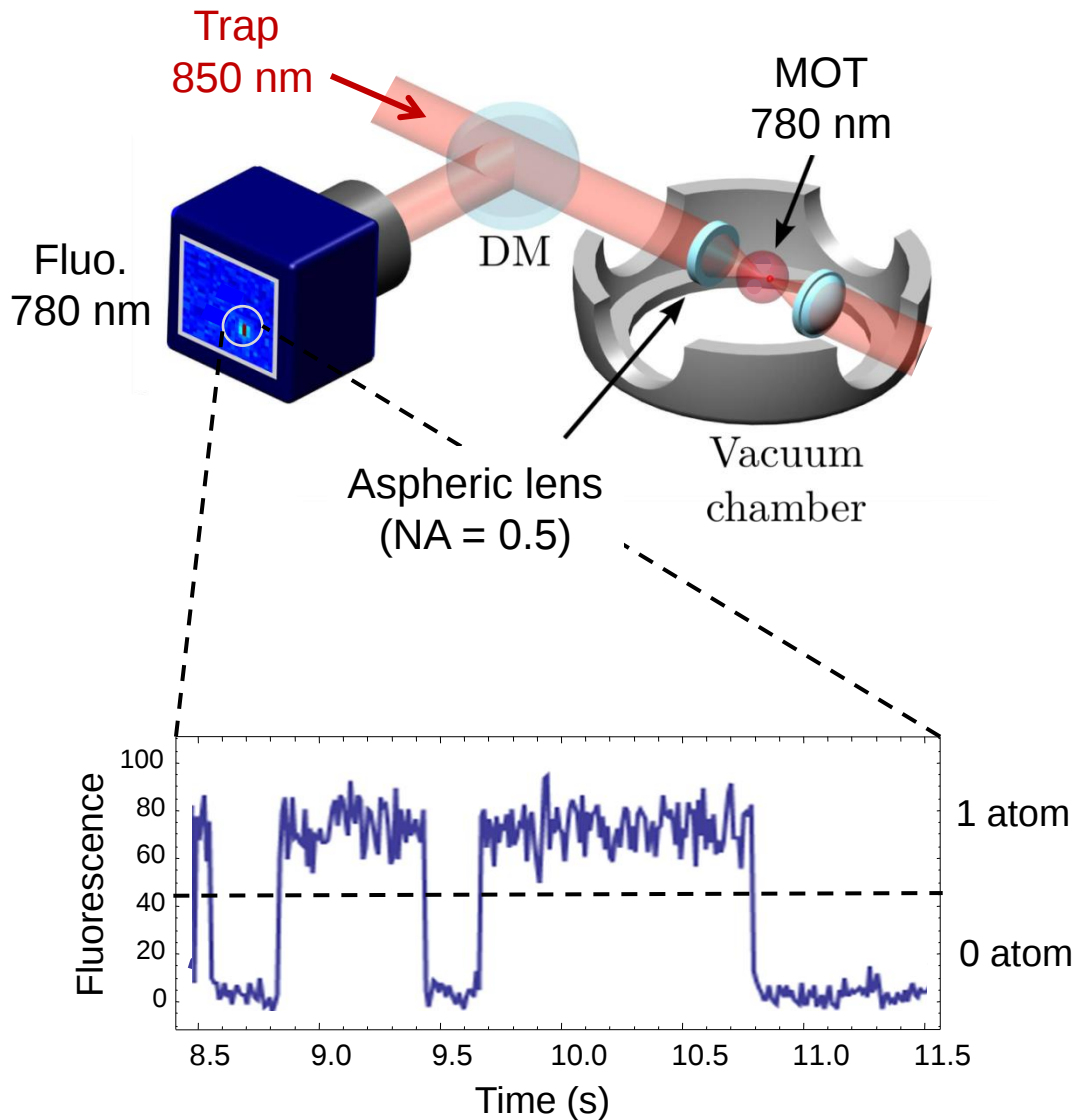
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Outline

- 1. Tweezer arrays & Rydberg atoms***
- 2. Quantum simulation of spin Hamiltonians***

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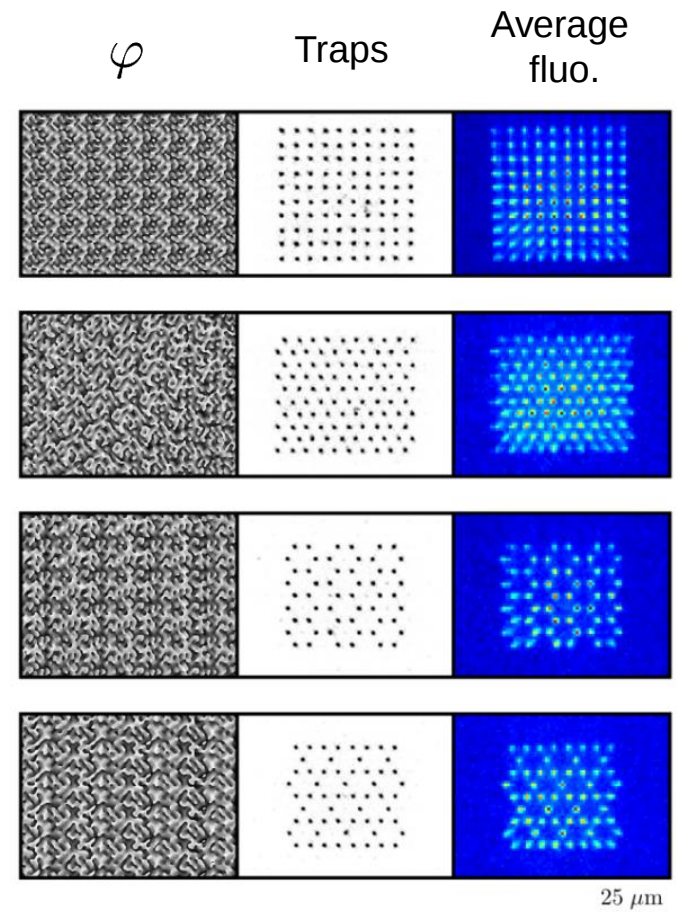
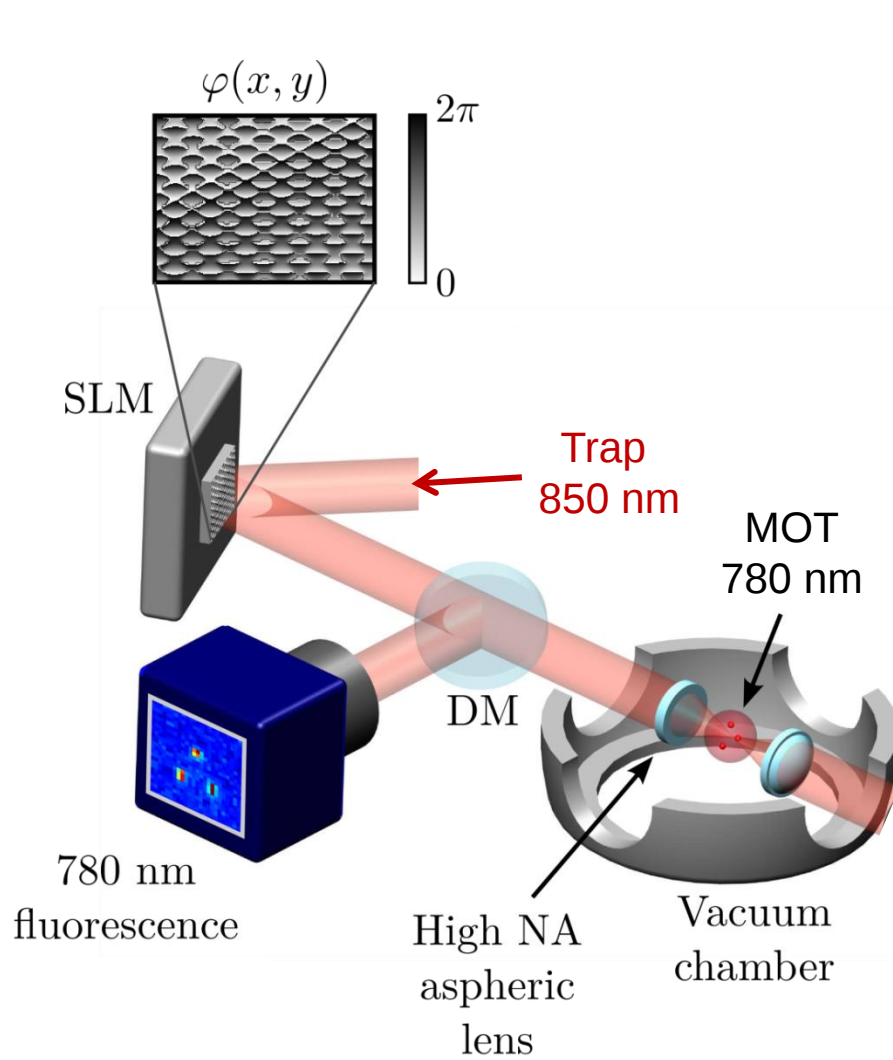
Single atoms in optical tweezers



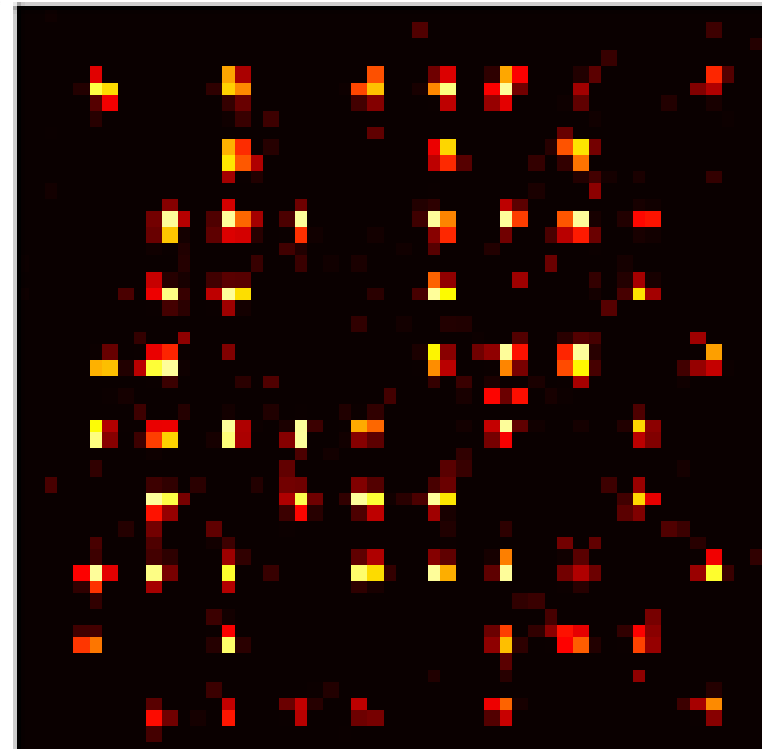
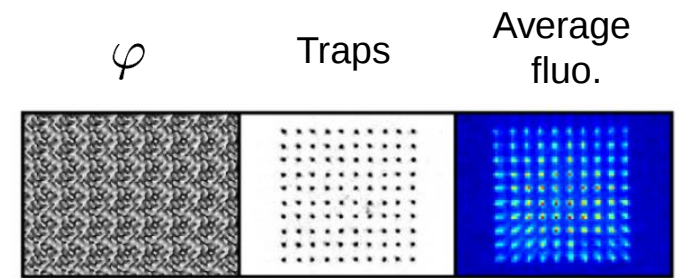
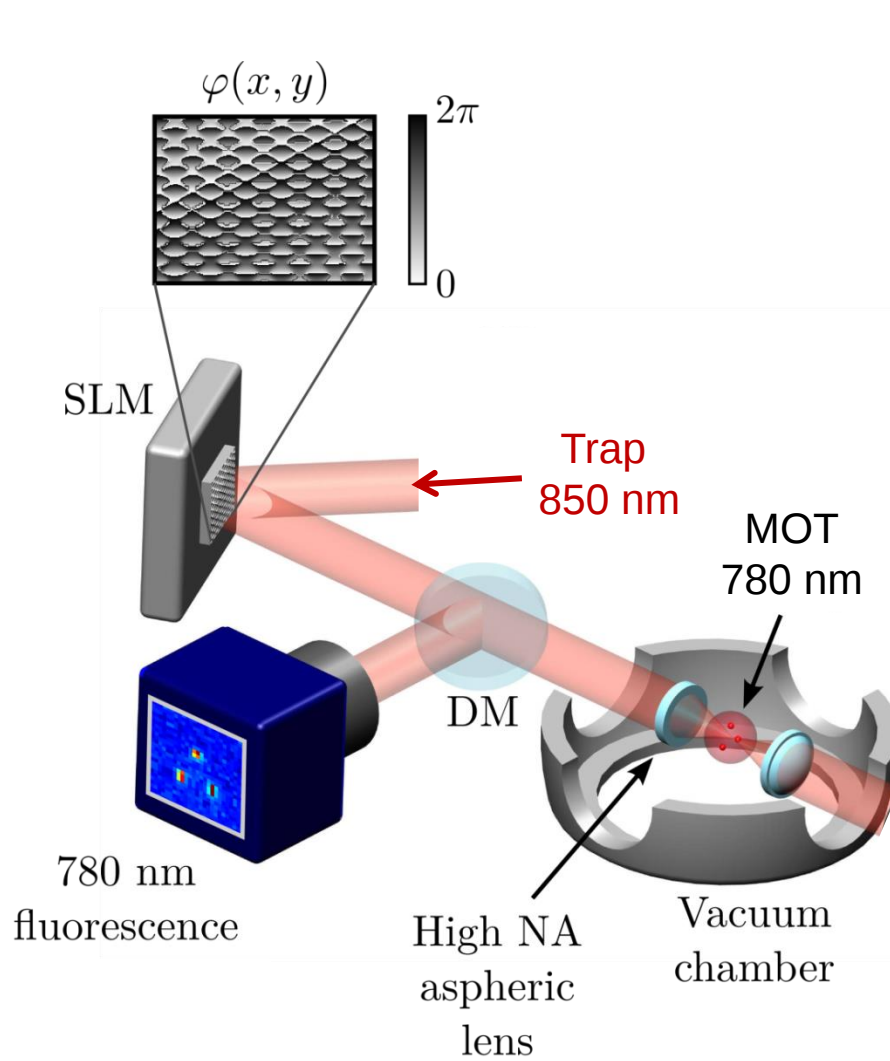
- 1 μm waist optical tweezers loaded from MOT
- At most one atom due to light-assisted collisions
- 50% loading probability:

***Non-deterministic
single-atom source!***

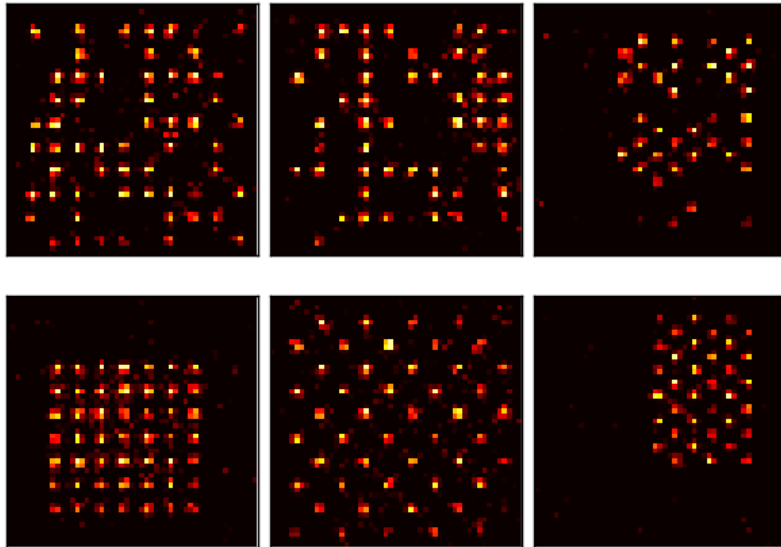
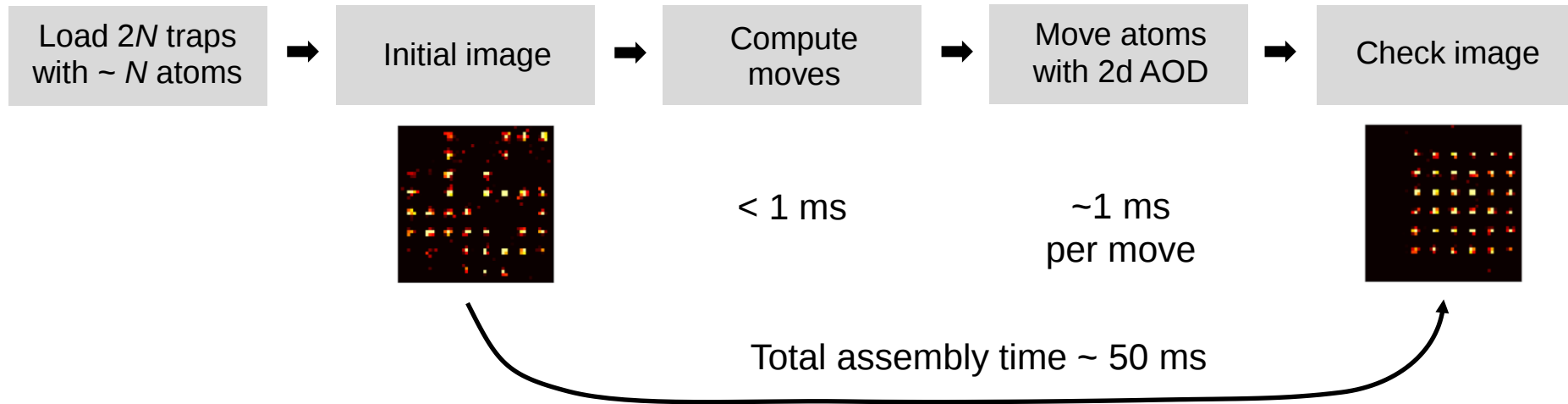
Arrays of single atoms



Arrays of single atoms



Atom-by-atom assembly



- Fully loaded arrays up to 50 atoms
- 98% filling fraction
- Rep. rate up to ~ 4 Hz

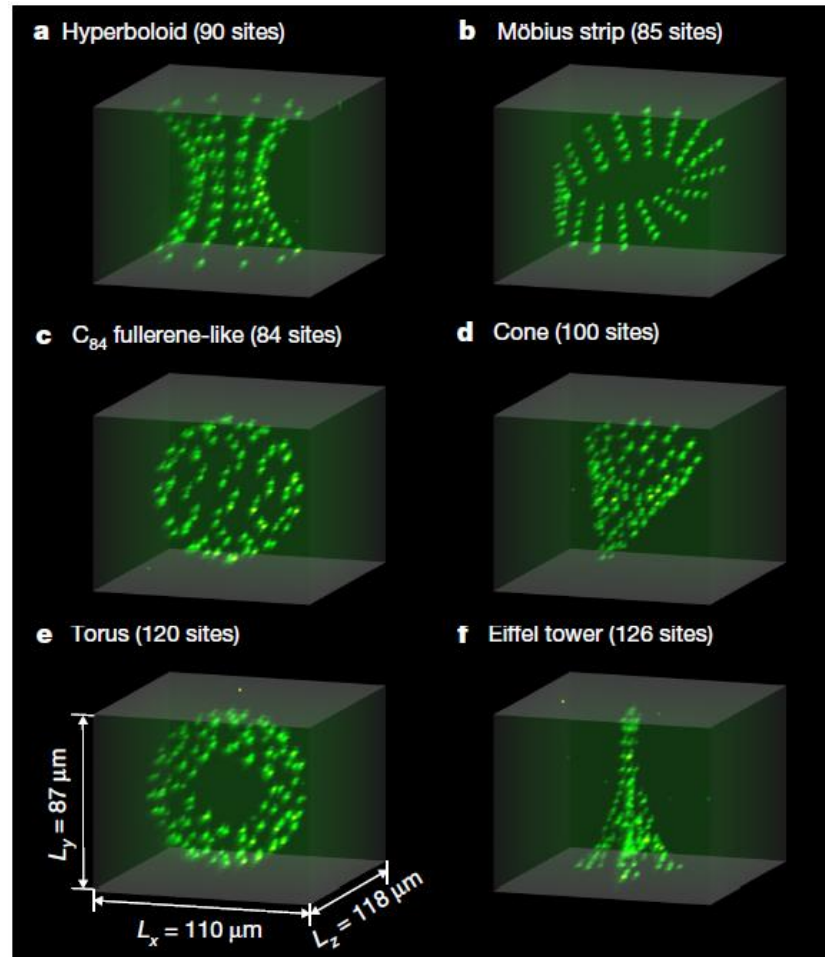
Barredo *et al.*, [Science](#) **354**, 1021 (2016)

See also:

Endres *et al.*, [Science](#) **354**, 1024 (2016)

Kim *et al.*, [Nature Comm.](#) **7**, 13317 (2016)

Extension to 3D arrays



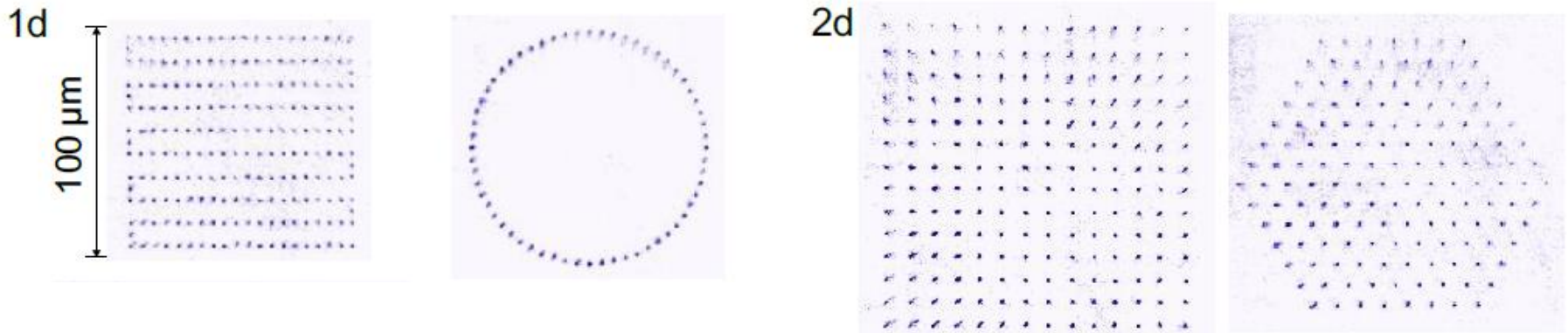
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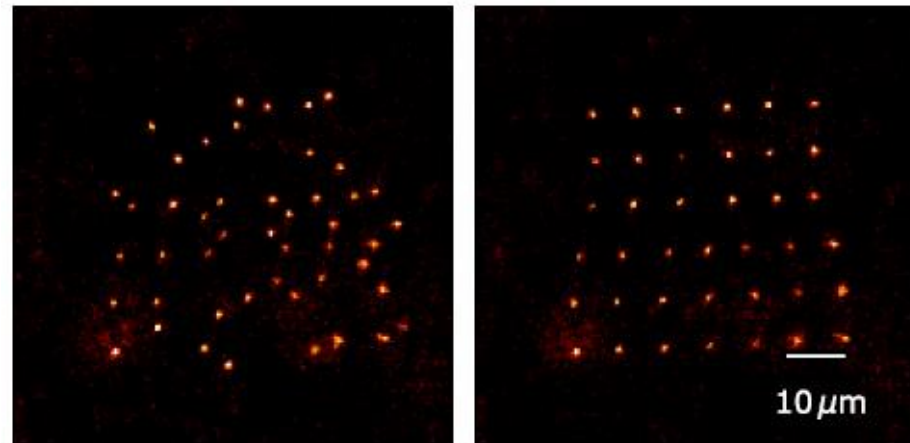
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- ***Up to > 200 atoms***



- ***Geometries not limited to a regular array***

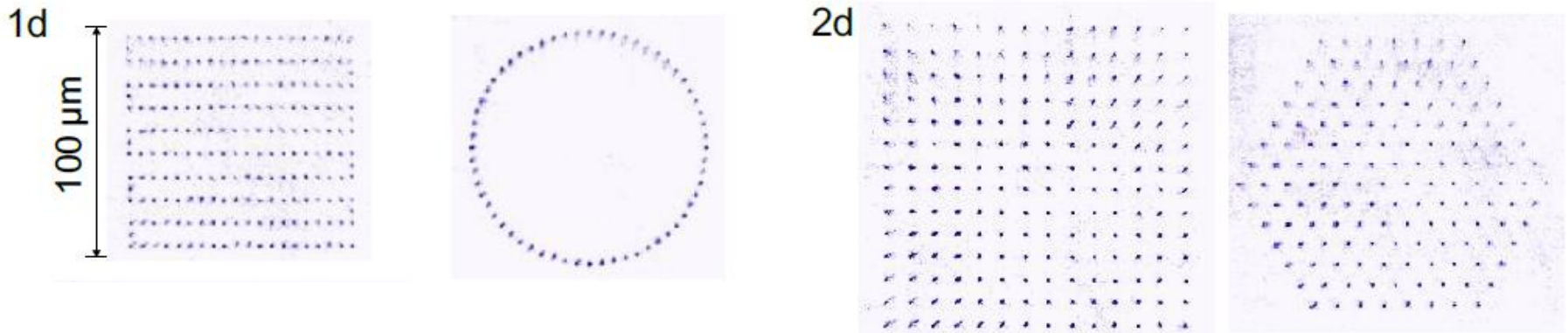


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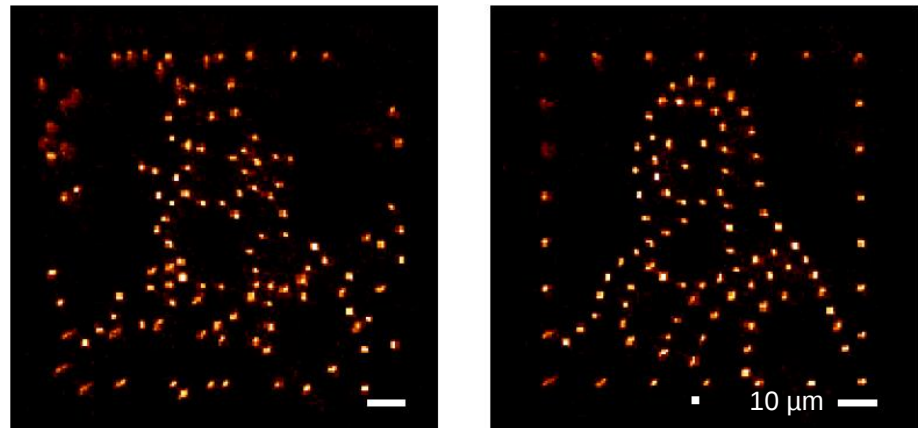
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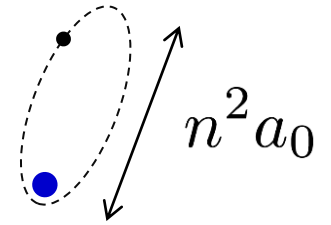


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Rydberg atoms

Large principal quantum number: $n \gg 1$
 $n \sim 50 - 100$



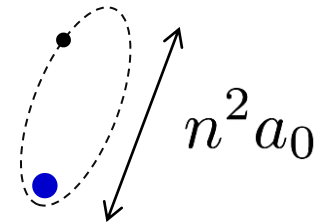
Exaggerated properties:

Electric dipole $\langle nS | d | nP \rangle \sim n^2$

Lifetime $\tau \sim n^3$ (100s of μs)

Rydberg atoms

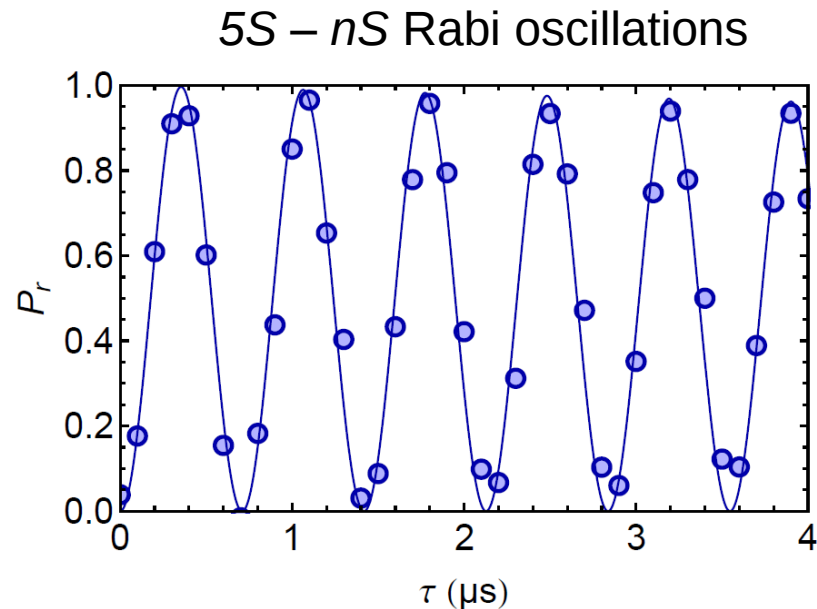
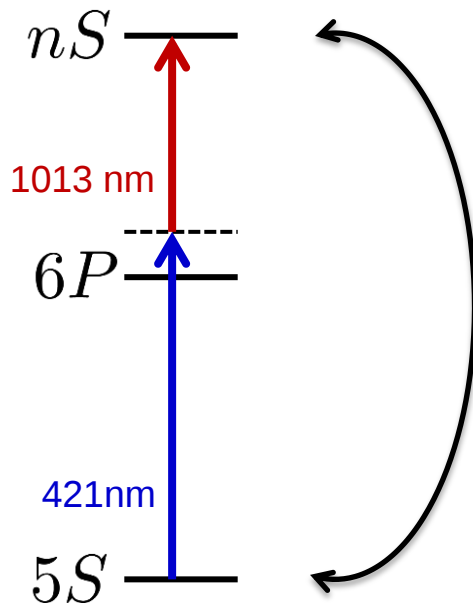
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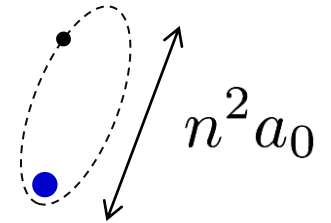
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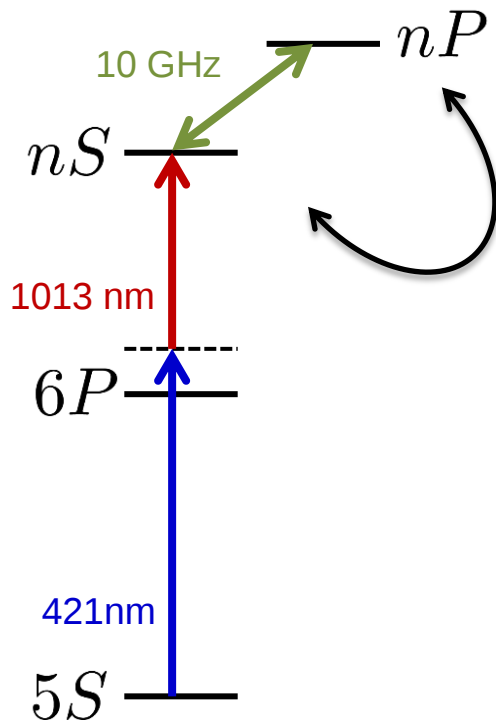
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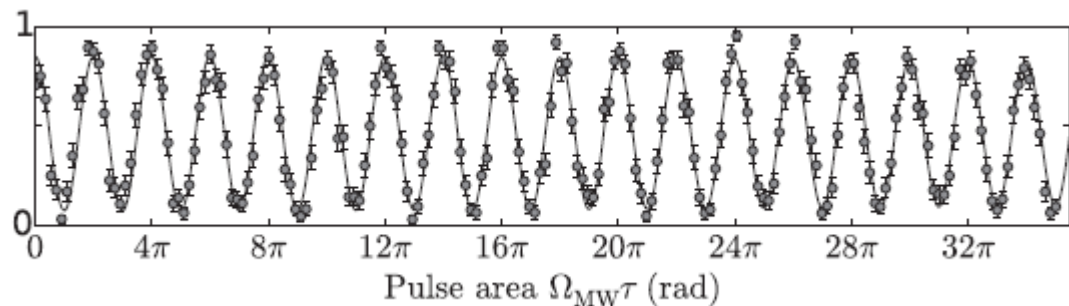
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$nS - nP$ Rabi oscillations



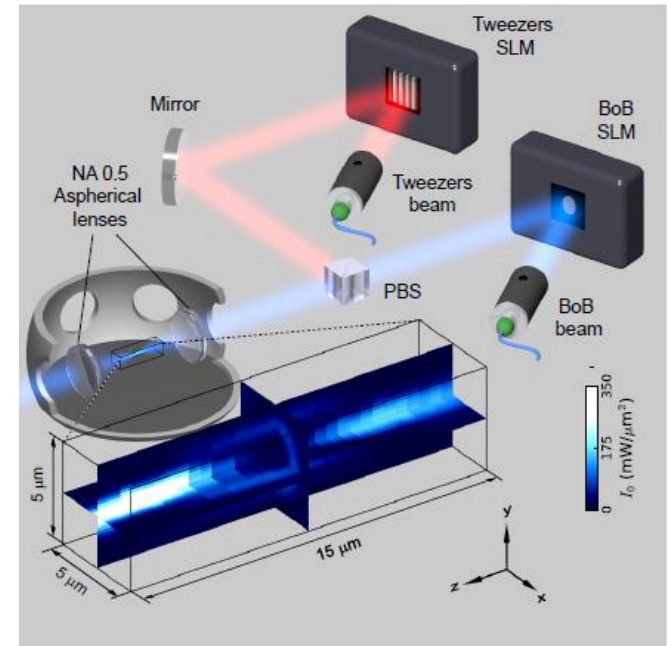
Trapping of Rydberg atoms

Ponderomotive 'Bottle beam' trap

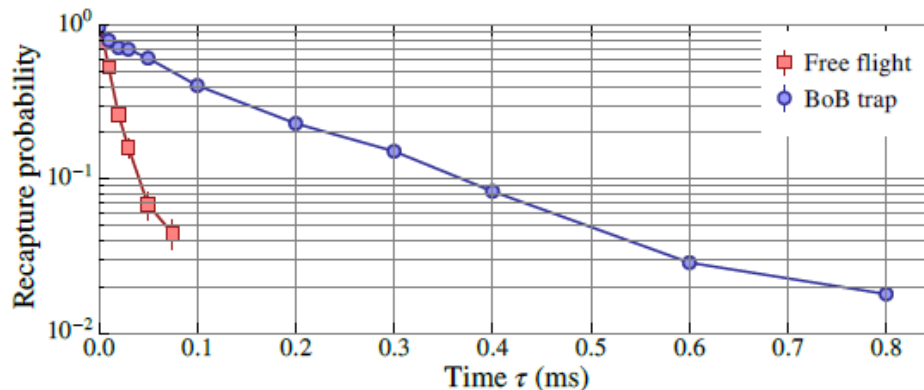
$$U_{nljm_j}(\mathbf{R}) = \int d^3r V_P(\mathbf{R} + \mathbf{r}) |\psi_{nljm_j}(\mathbf{r})|^2$$

Ponderomotive potential
for the electron (repulsive)

$$V_P(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{q_e^2 I(\mathbf{r})}{2m_e \epsilon_0 c \omega_L^2}$$

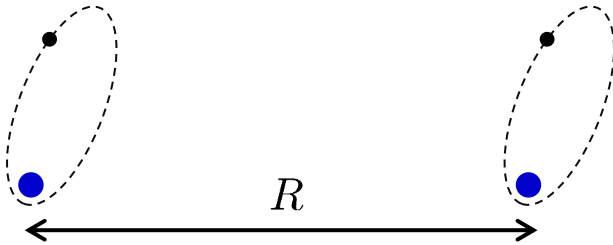


Increased time for simulation

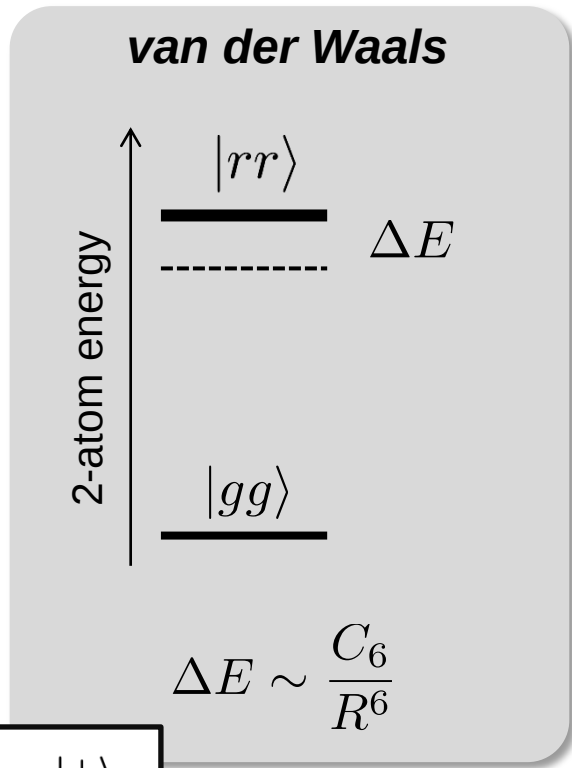


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Interactions between Rydberg states



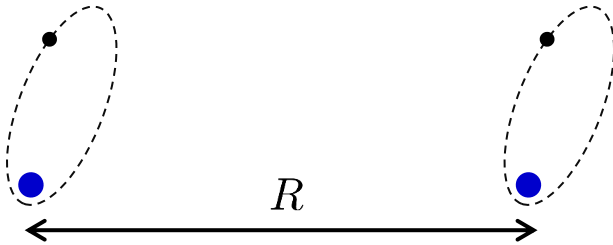
$$\hat{V}_{\text{ddi}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{\hat{\mathbf{d}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{d}}_2 - 3(\hat{\mathbf{d}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}})(\hat{\mathbf{d}}_2 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}})}{R^3}$$



$$\begin{cases} |g\rangle \rightarrow |\downarrow\rangle \\ |r\rangle \rightarrow |\uparrow\rangle \end{cases}$$

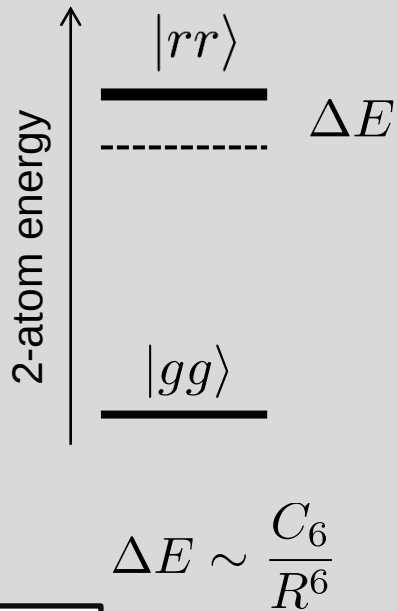
Ising-like interaction

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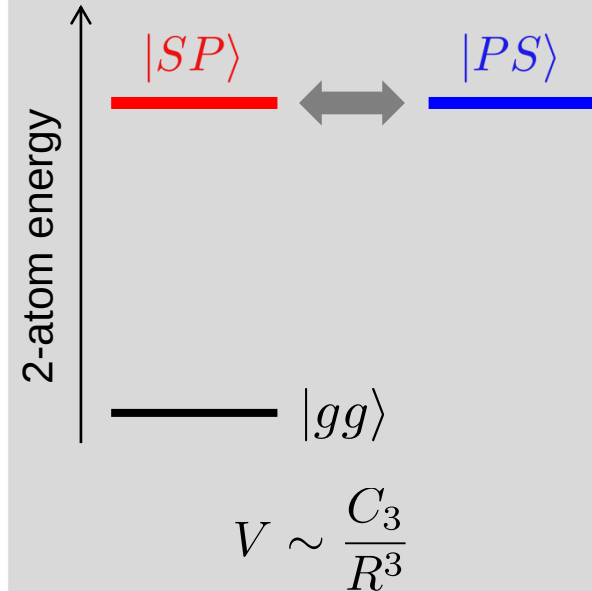
van der Waals



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Ising-like interaction

Resonant DDI

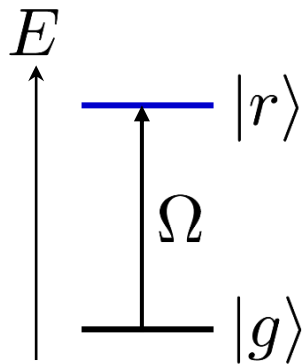


$$\begin{cases} |S\rangle \rightarrow |\downarrow\rangle \\ |P\rangle \rightarrow |\uparrow\rangle \end{cases}$$

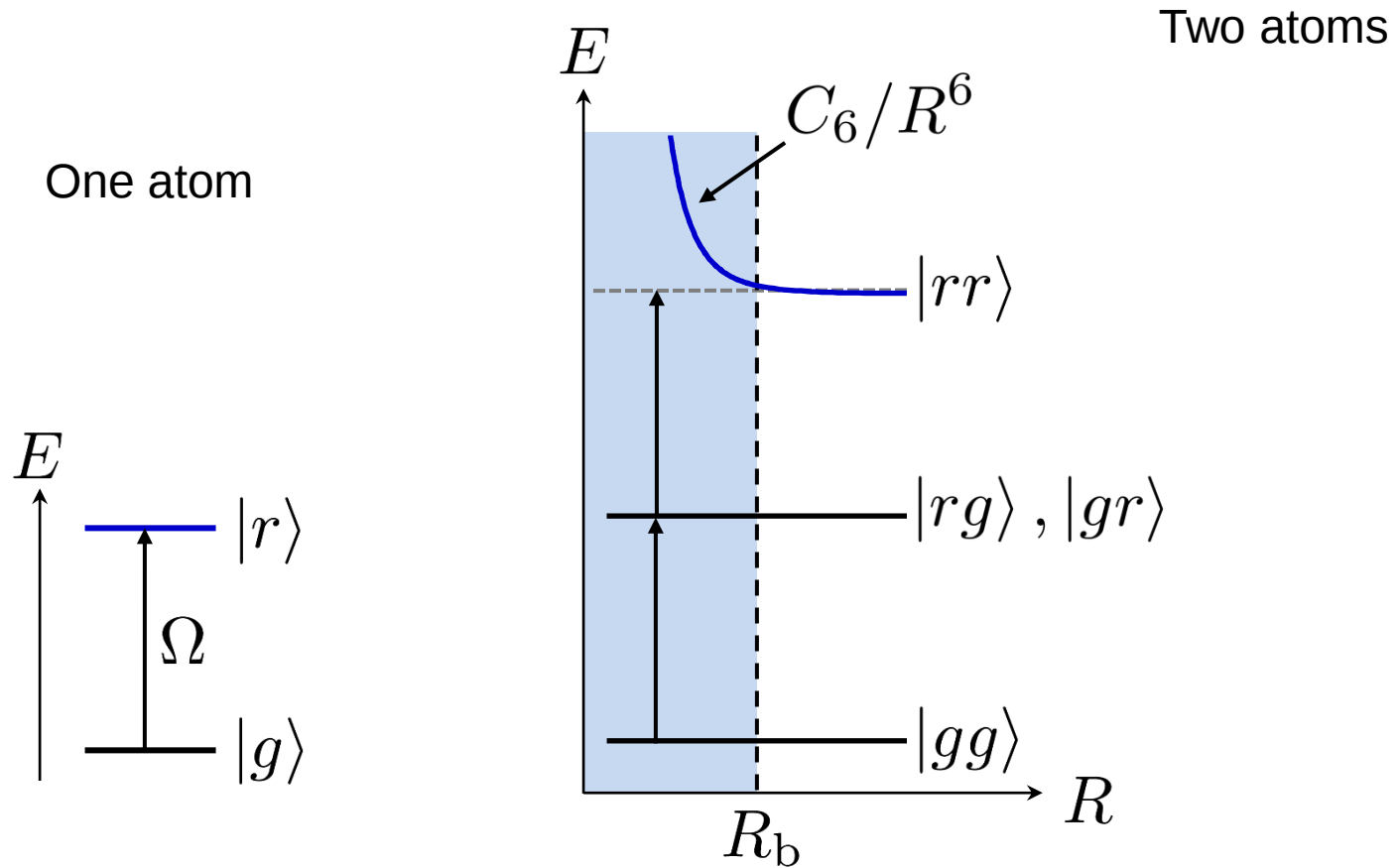
XY interaction (flip-flop)

Rydberg blockade

One atom

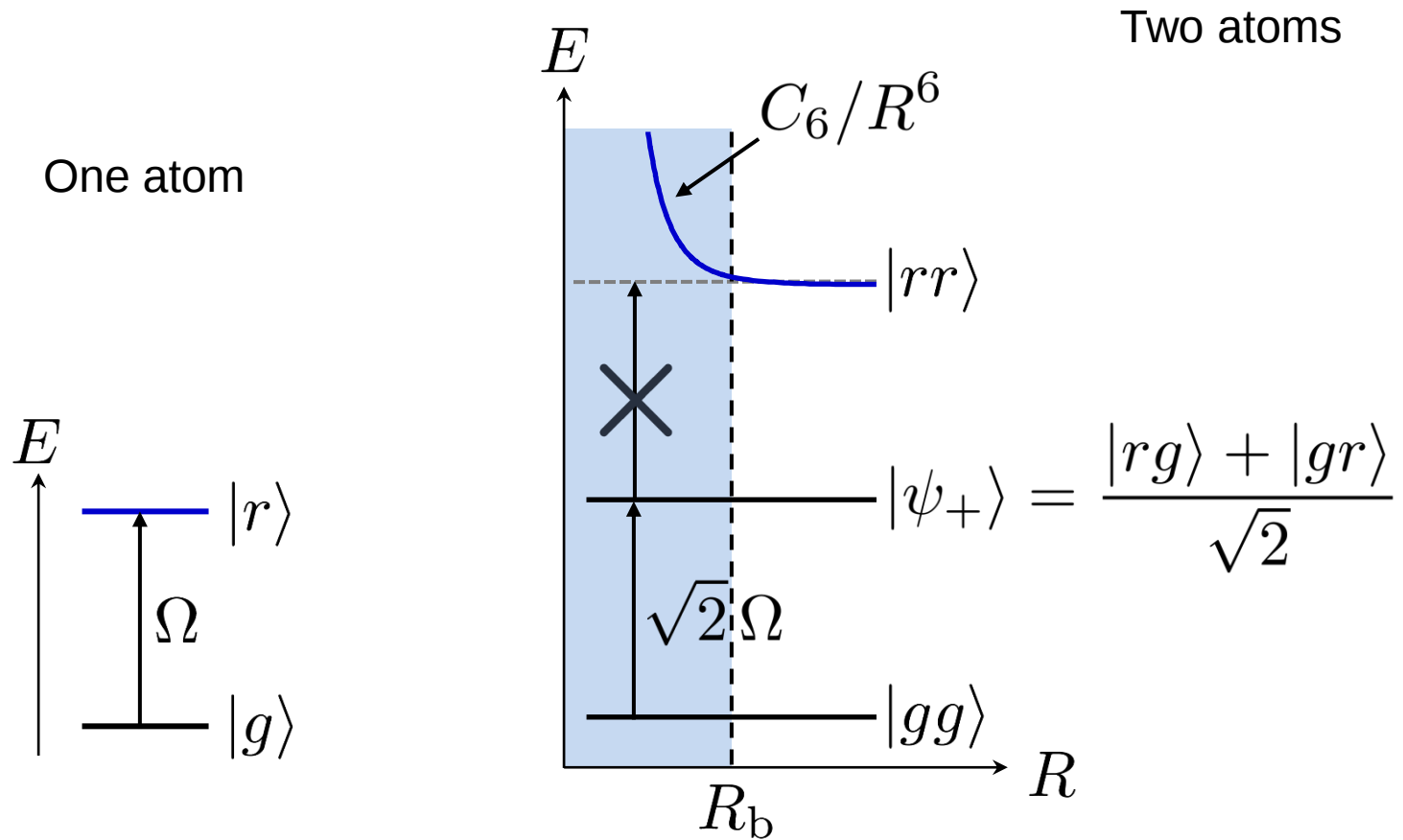


Rydberg blockade



Blockade radius: $\hbar\Omega = C_6/R_b^6$

Rydberg blockade

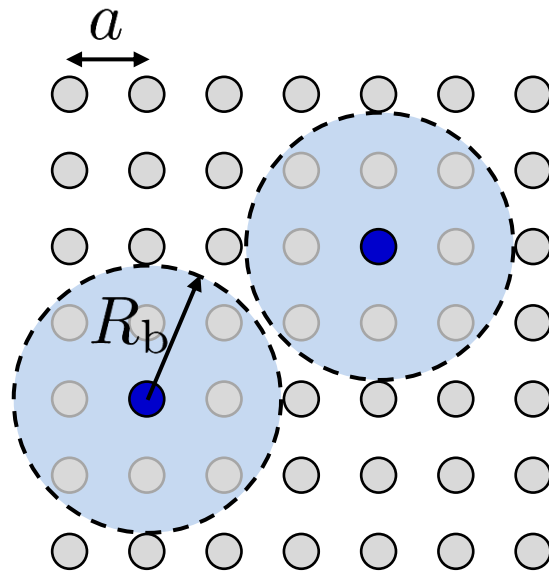


- Generate entanglement
- Basis of two-qubit gates
- Extends to N atoms in a blockade volume

Rydberg blockade

Several blockade volumes in the array:

Strongly correlated quantum many-body systems!



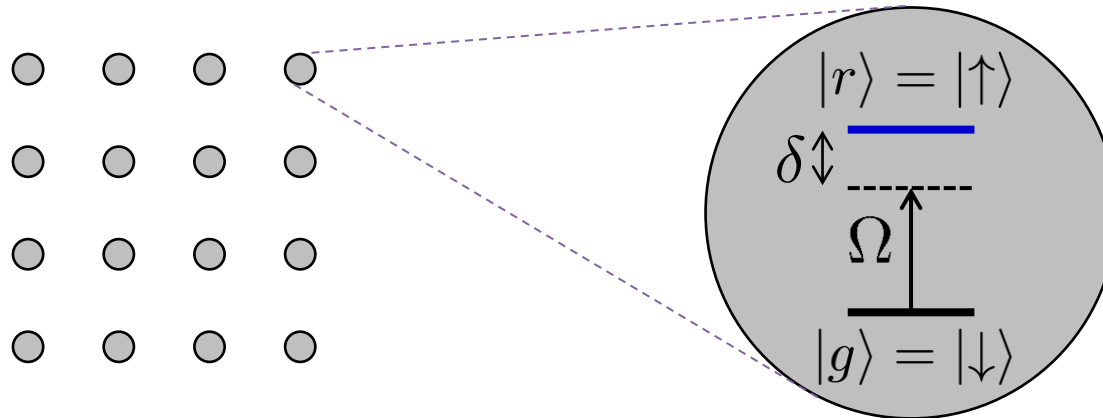
Questions?

2. Quantum simulation of spin Hamiltonians

Review:

A. Browaeys & T. Lahaye, [Nature Phys.](#) **16**, 132 (2020)

Blockade: quantum Ising model



$$n^i = |r_i\rangle \langle r_i|$$

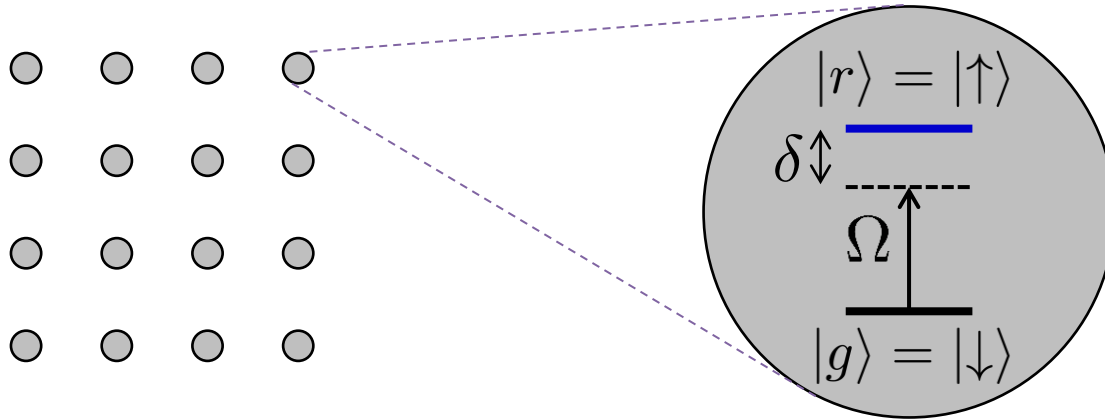
$$H = \sum_i \left(\frac{\hbar\Omega}{2} \sigma_x^i - \hbar\delta n^i \right) + \sum_{i<j} \frac{C_6}{R_{ij}^6} n_i n_j$$

Rabi frequency

Laser detuning

van der Waals interactions

Blockade: quantum Ising model



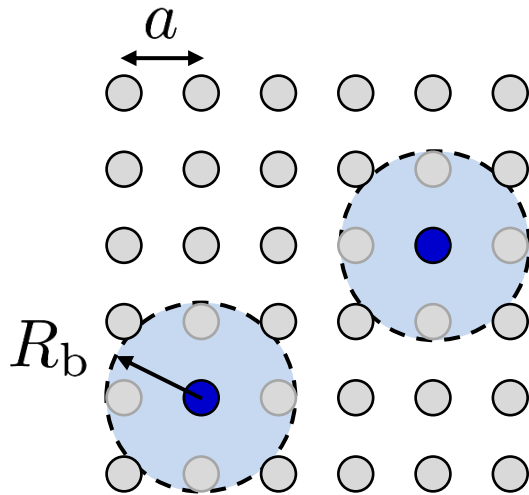
$$n^i = |r_i\rangle \langle r_i| = (1 + \sigma_z^i)/2$$

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Ising model: adiabatic preparation

$$R_b = 1.2a$$

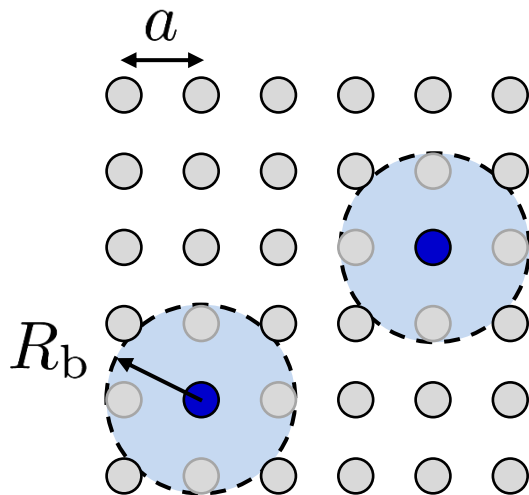
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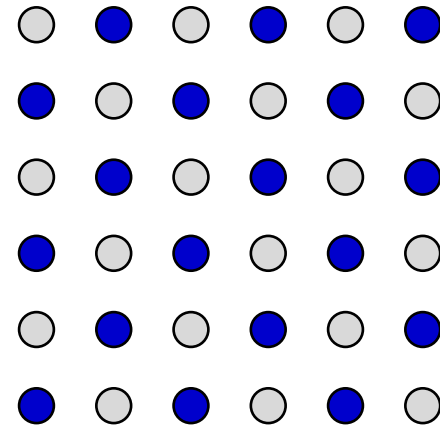
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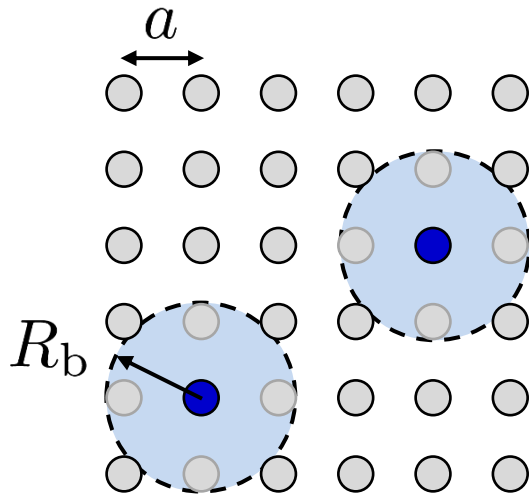
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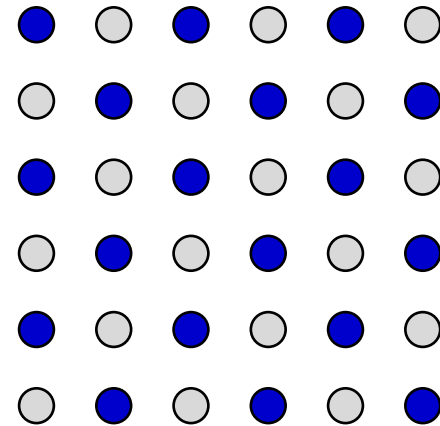
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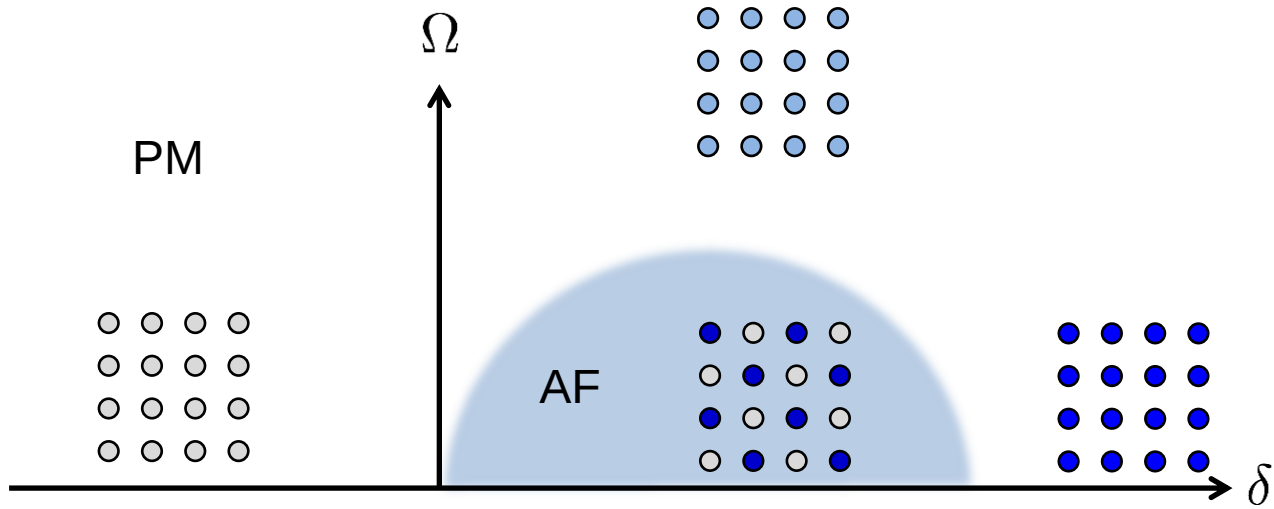


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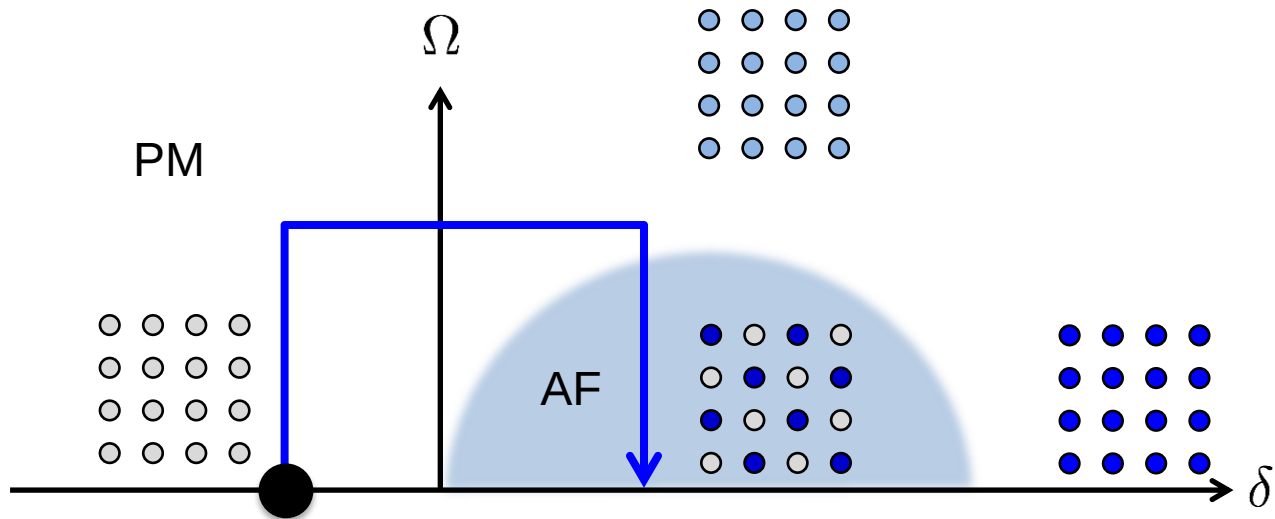
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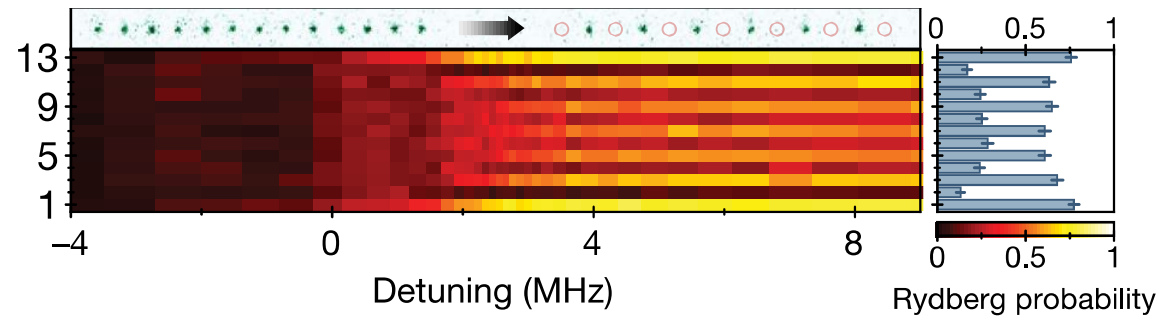
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Vary slowly **Rabi frequency** and **detuning** to explore the phase diagram

Previous work

1D chains

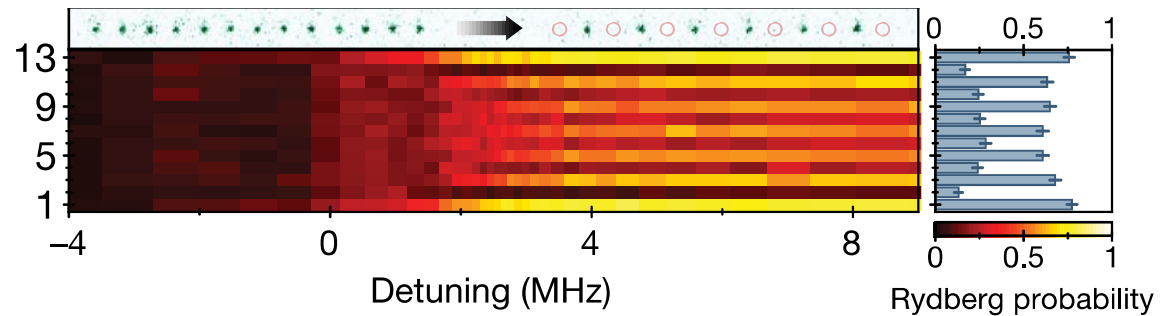
Lukin group, Nature 2018



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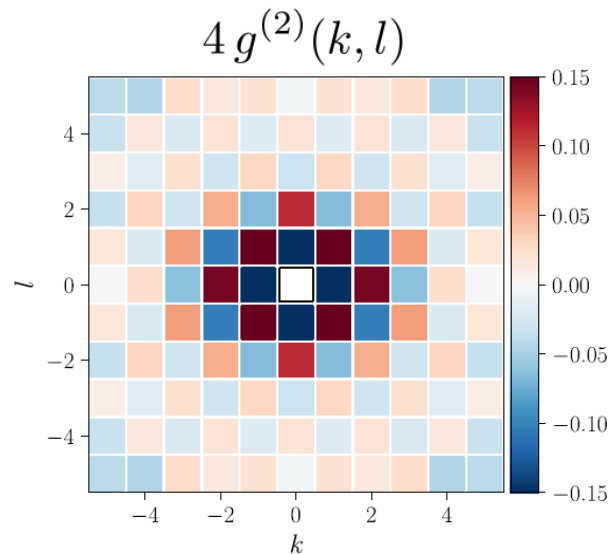
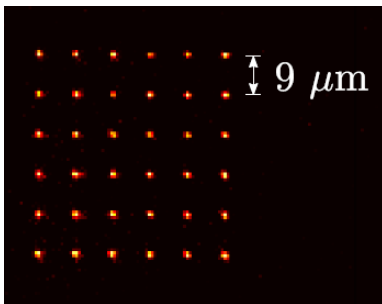
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2D arrays

Square lattice
 $N = 36$



- Onset of AF correlations
- Correlation length

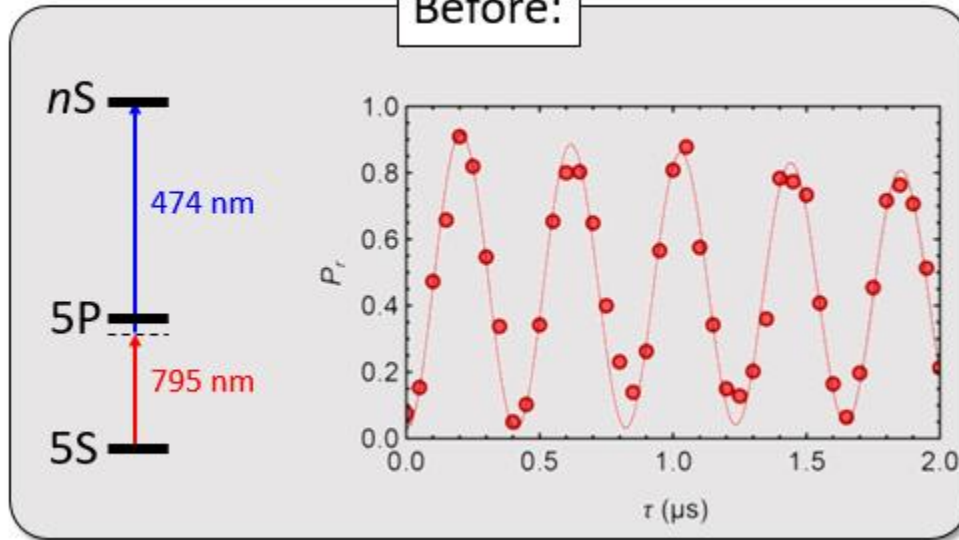
$$\xi \simeq 1.5a$$

Limited by dephasing & sp. em.

V. Lienhard *et al.*, [Phys. Rev. X 8, 021070 \(2018\)](#)
See also Bakr group

Improved Rydberg excitation

Before:



“Regular” scheme

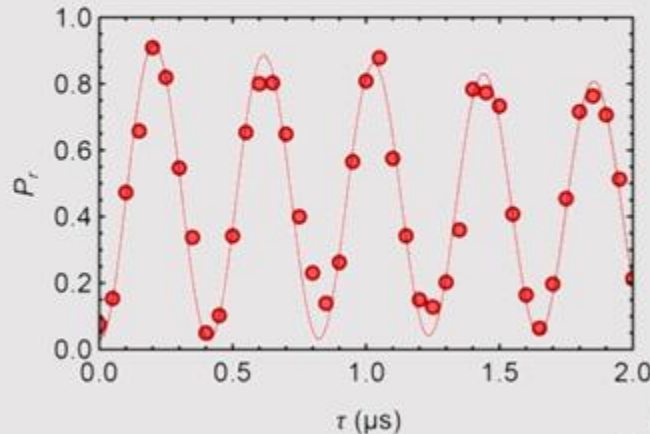
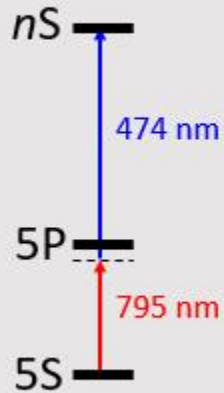
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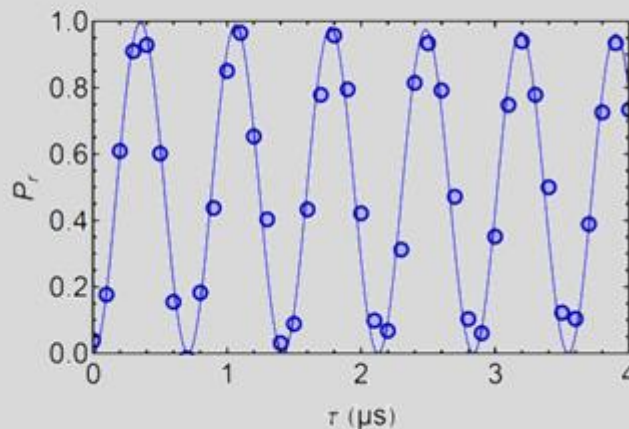
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After:



“Inverted” scheme

420nm: Ti:Sapph + doubling cavity

1013nm: Ti:Sapph + fiber amplifier

- Less laser phase noise
- 5 times less spontaneous emission via intermediate state

Programmable quantum simulation of 2D antiferromagnets with hundreds of Rydberg atoms

P. Scholl *et al.*, [arXiv:2012.12268](#)

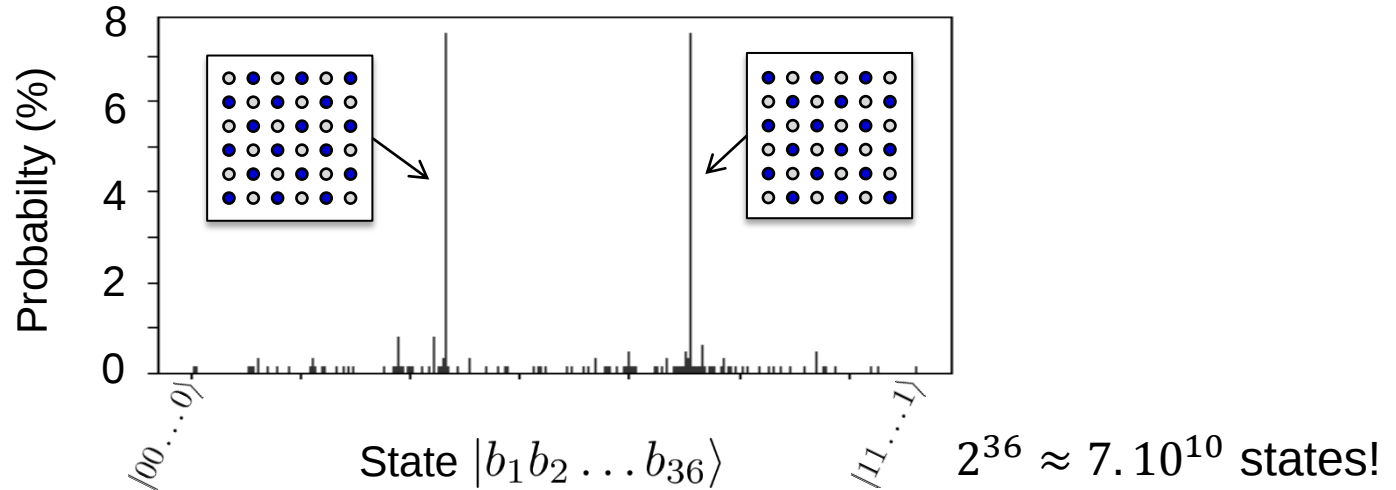
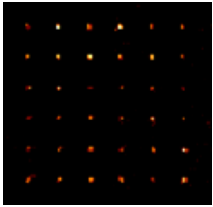
Similar results at Harvard: S. Ebadi *et al.*, [arXiv:2012.12281](#)

Theory: Andreas Läuchli, Innsbruck



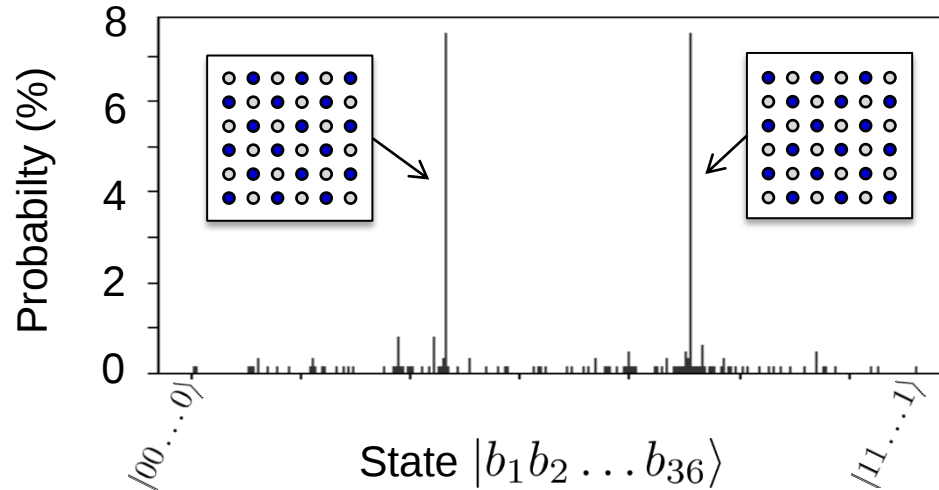
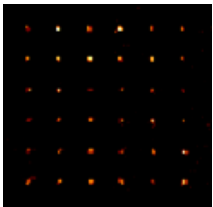
‘Adiabatic’ preparation on a square array

**6×6
square array**



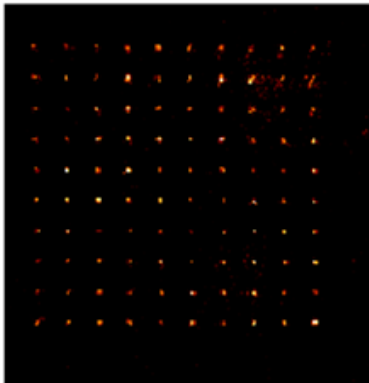
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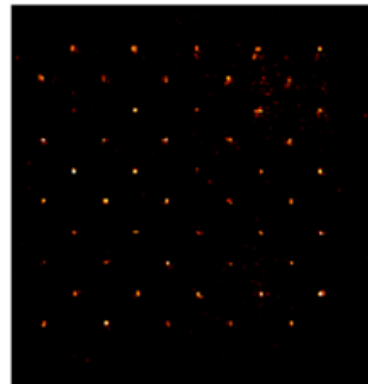


$2^{36} \approx 7.10^{10}$ states!

10×10



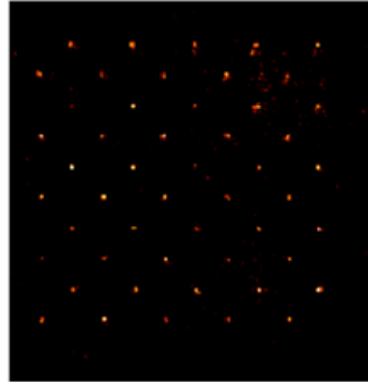
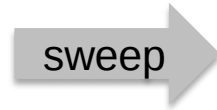
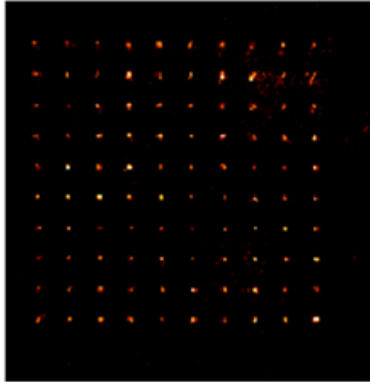
sweep



Perfect AF ordering!

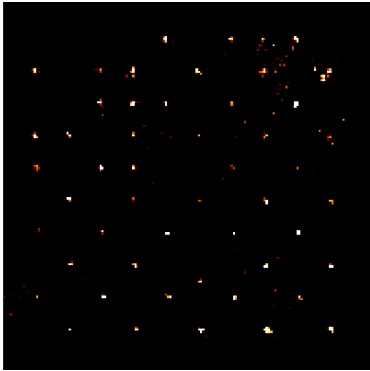
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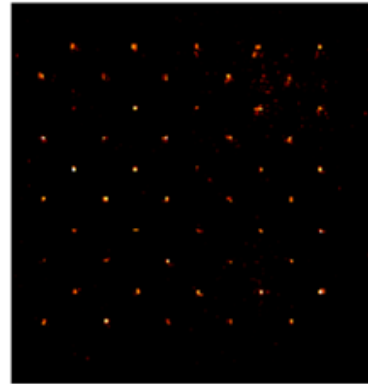
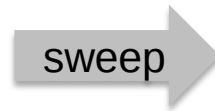
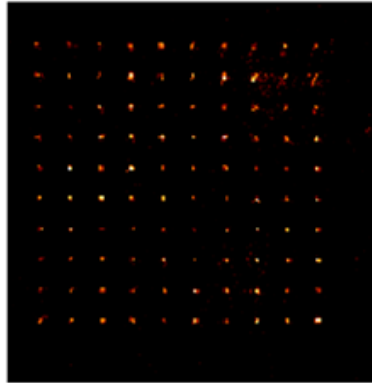


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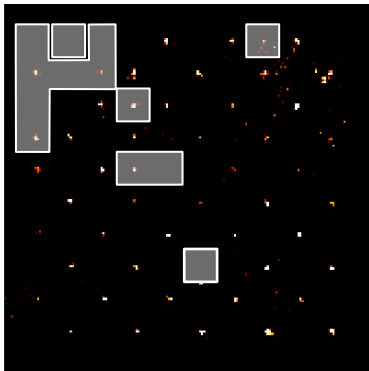


Domain sizes



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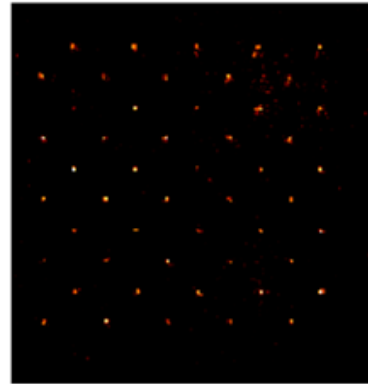
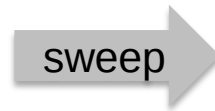
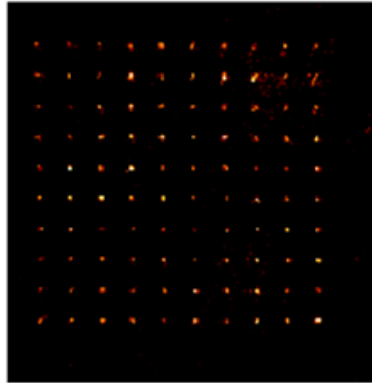
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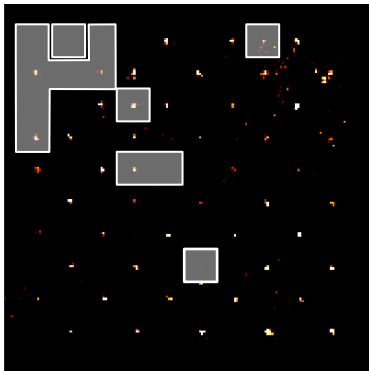
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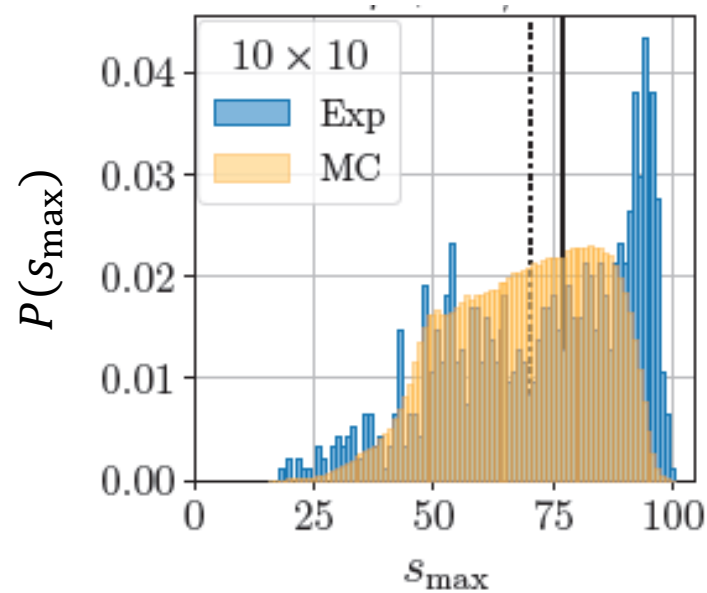
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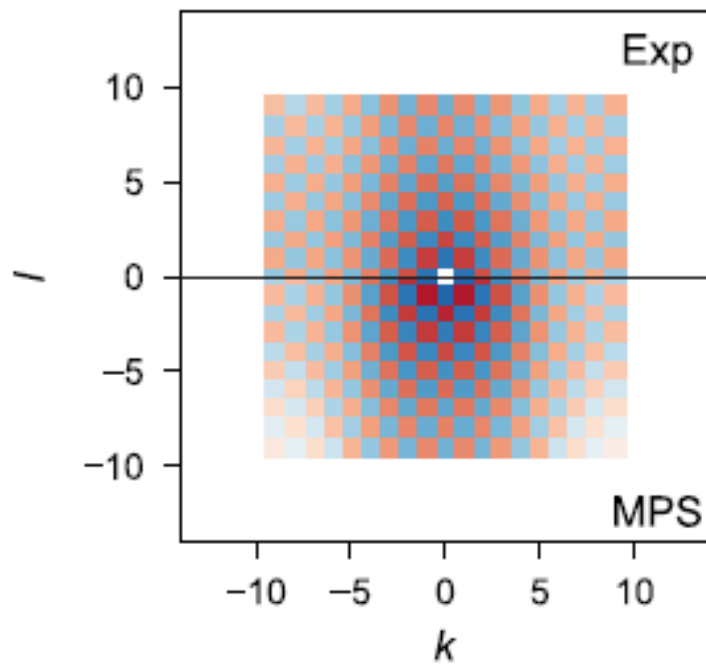
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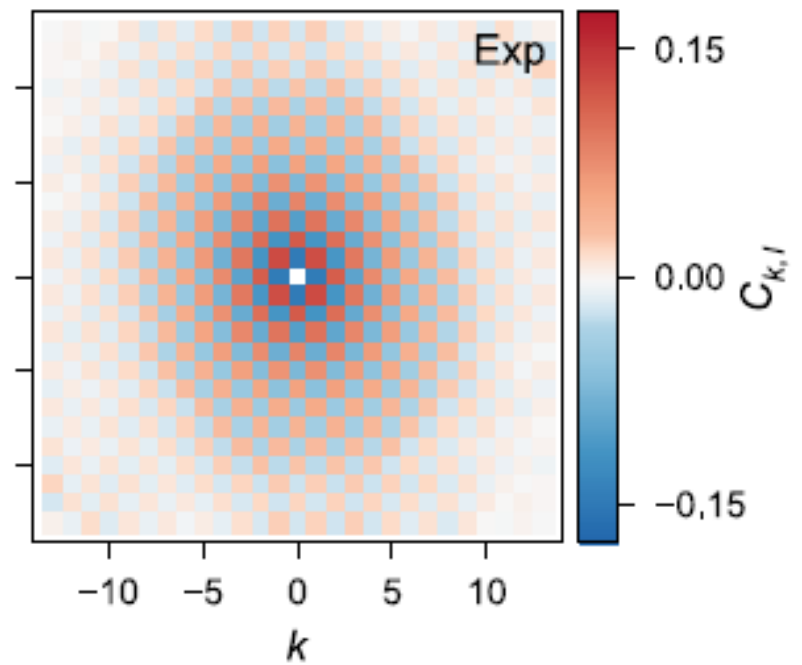
Correlation functions

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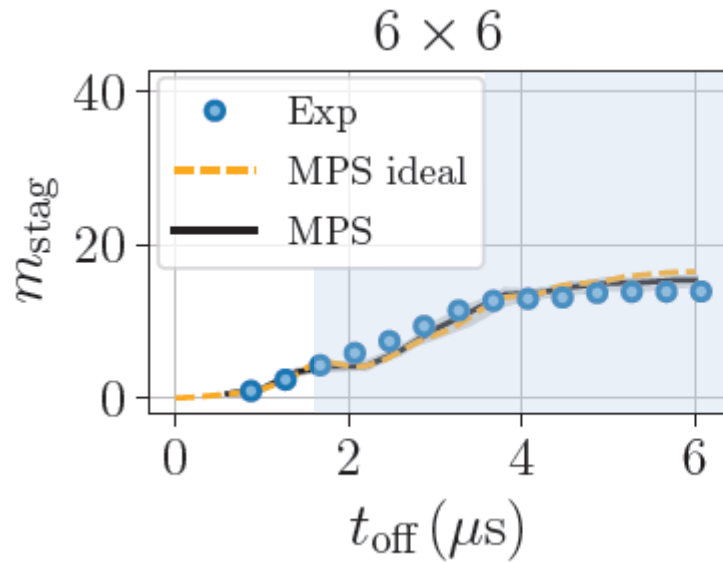


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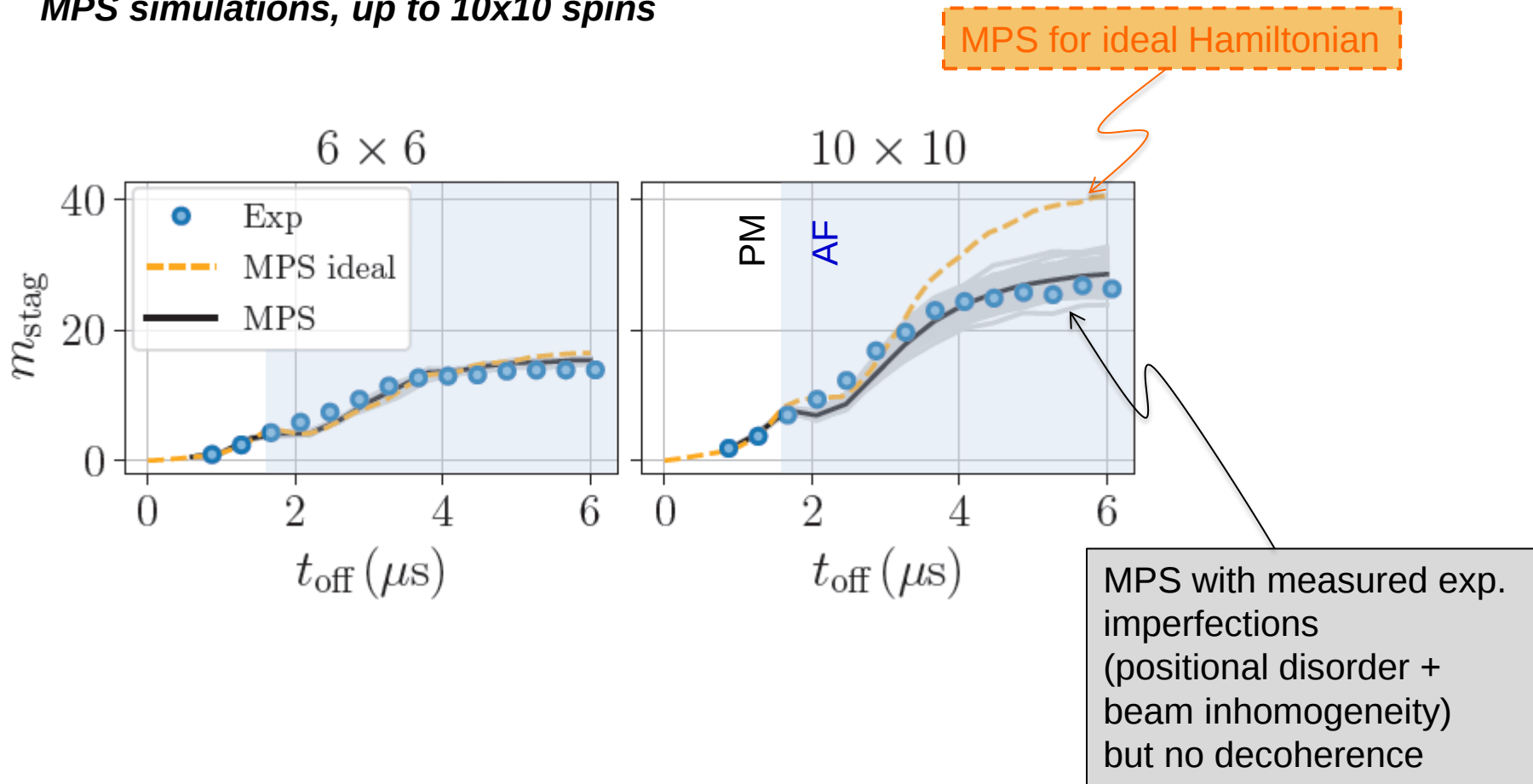
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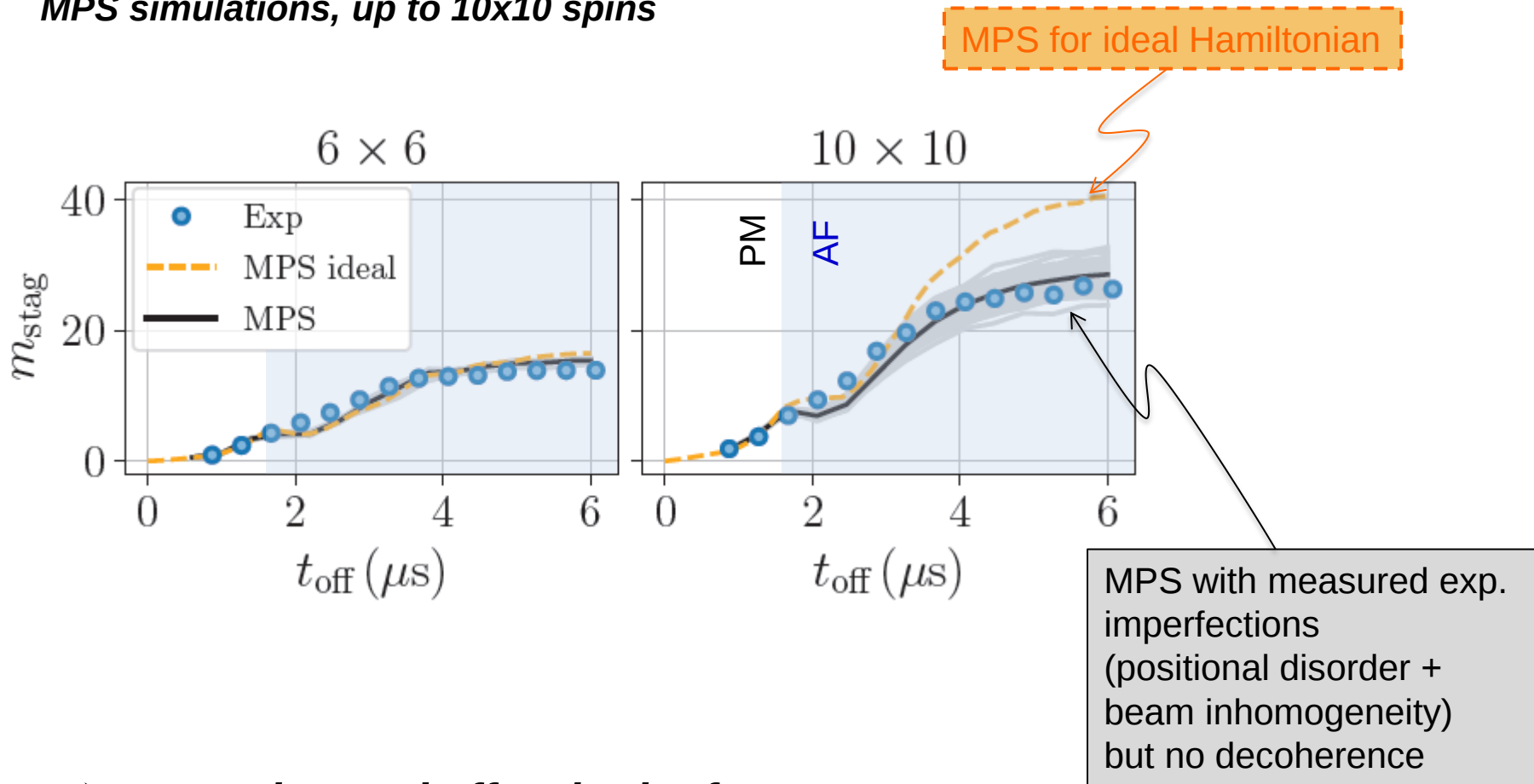
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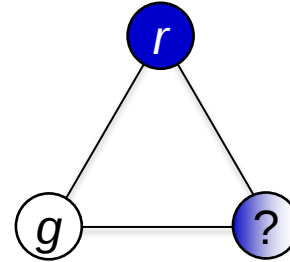
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- **Experimental effort in the future:**
beam homogeneity, better arrays

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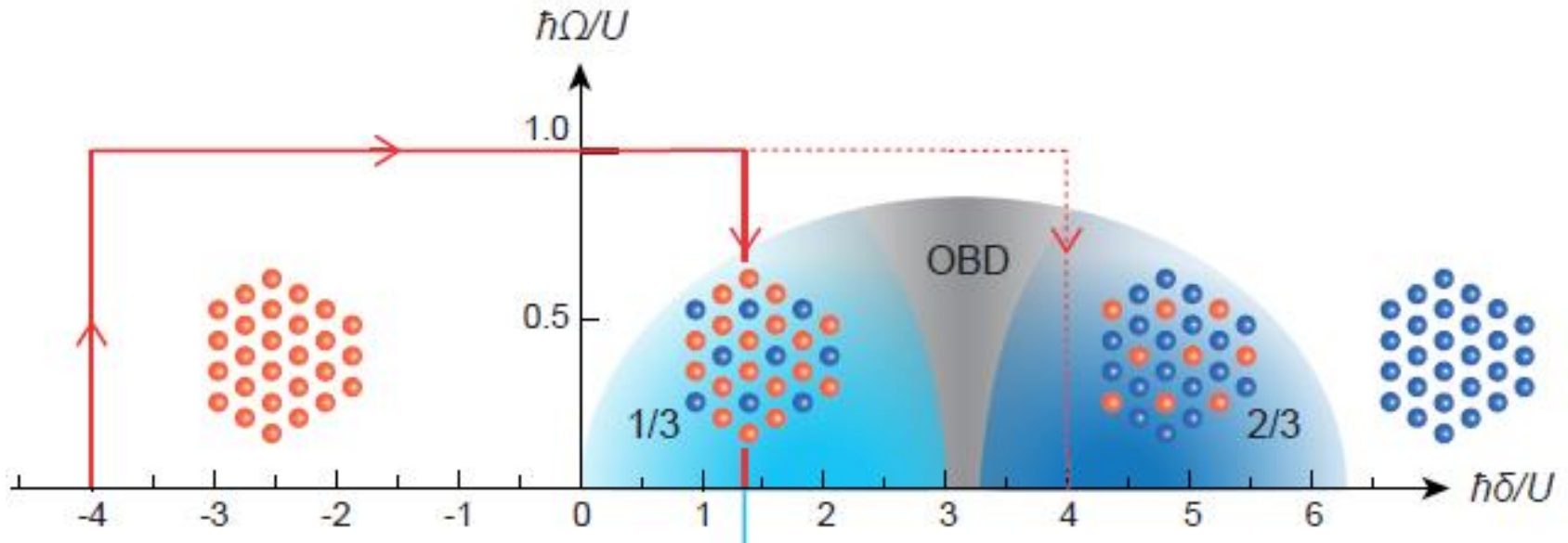
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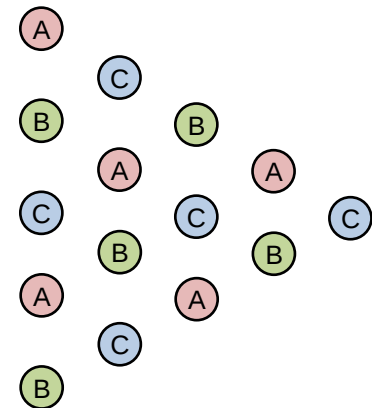
Classical ground state at half filling has a macroscopic degeneracy
[[Wannier, Phys. Rev. 1950](#)]

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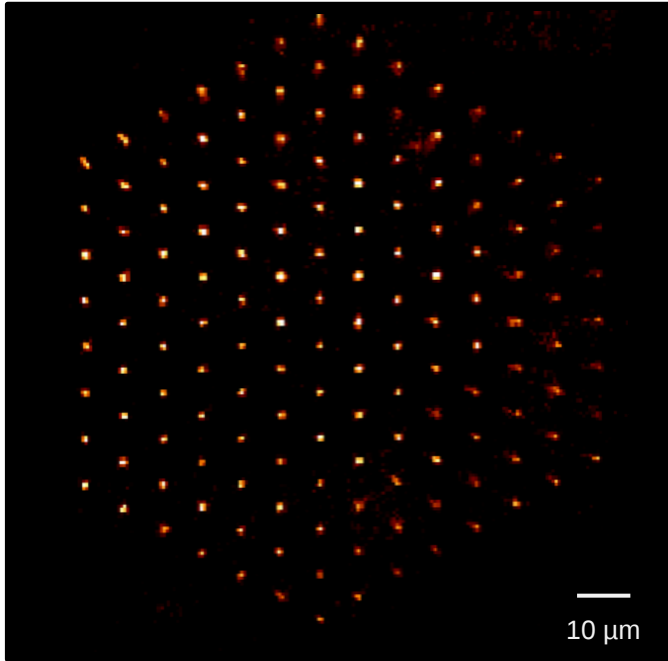
Phase diagram for an infinite lattice



Ordered phases at $1/3$ and $2/3$ Rydberg fraction:
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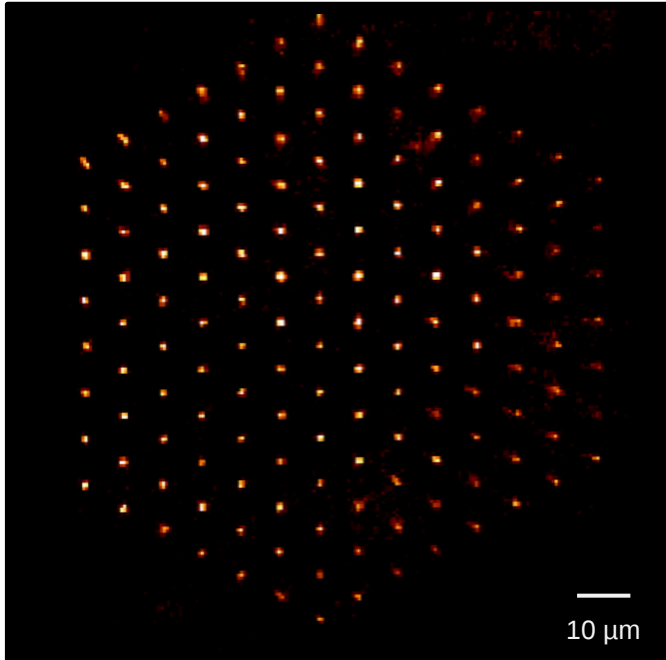
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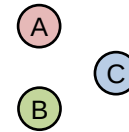
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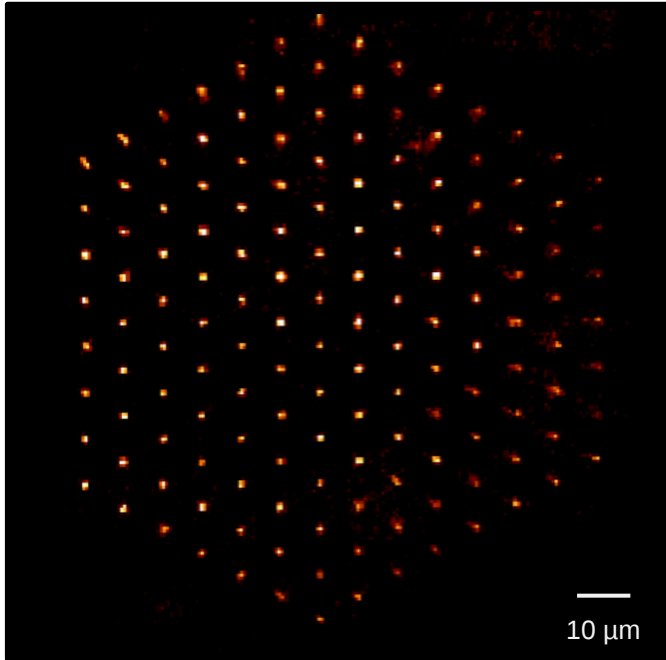


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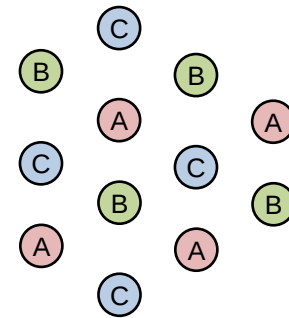


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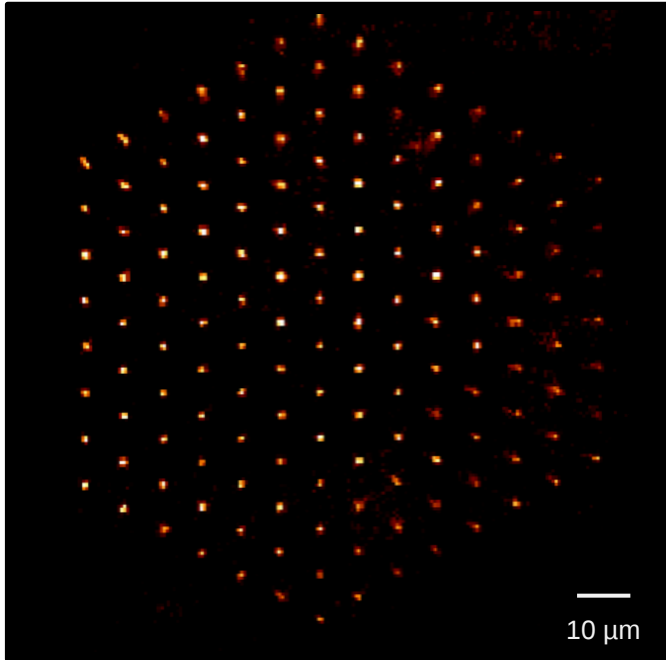


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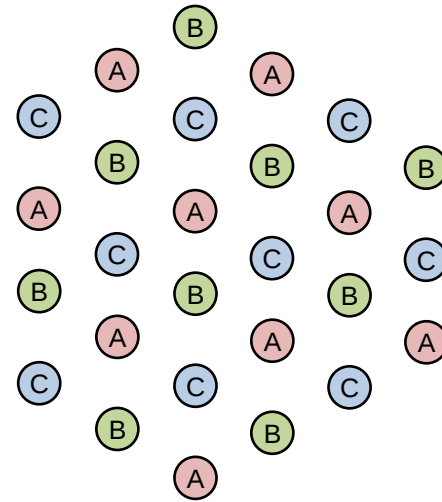


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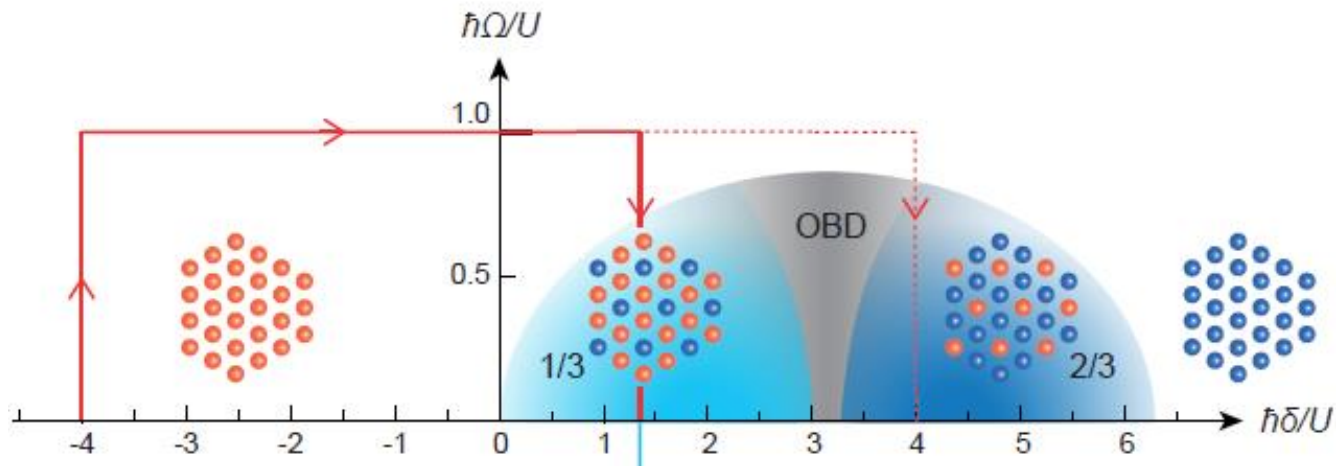
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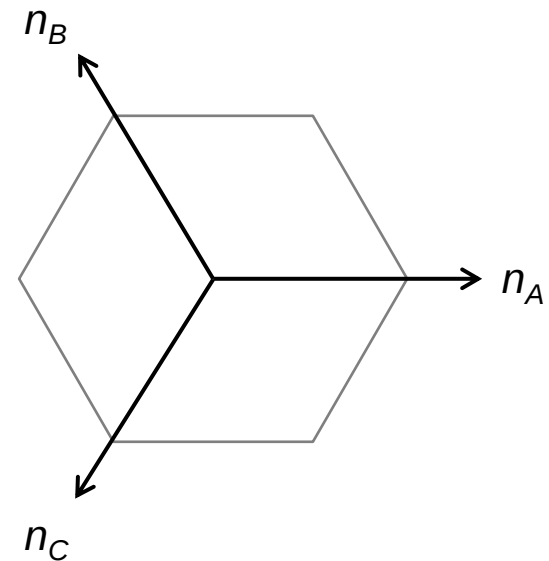
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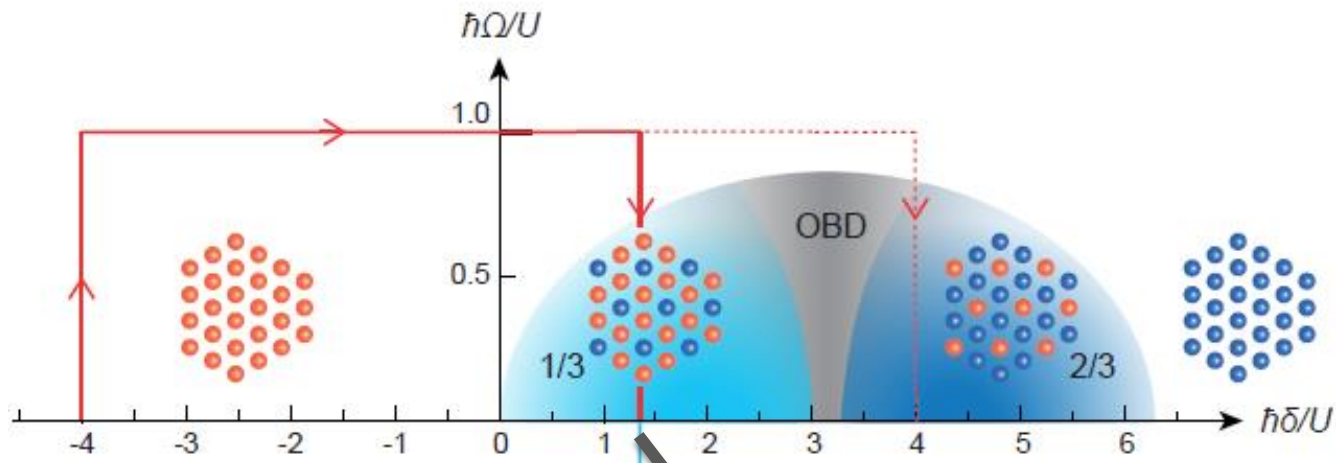
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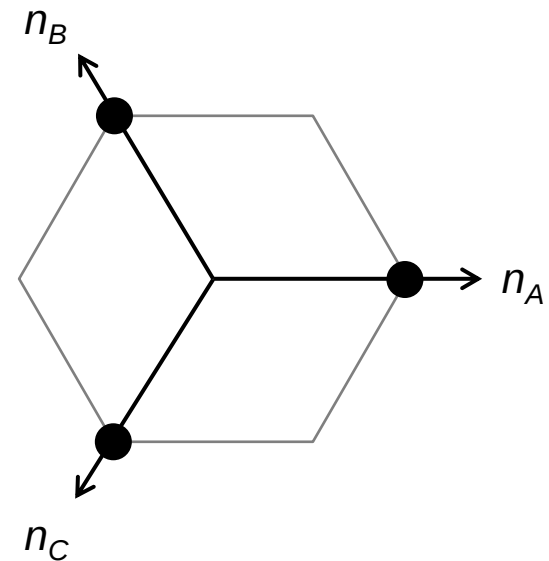
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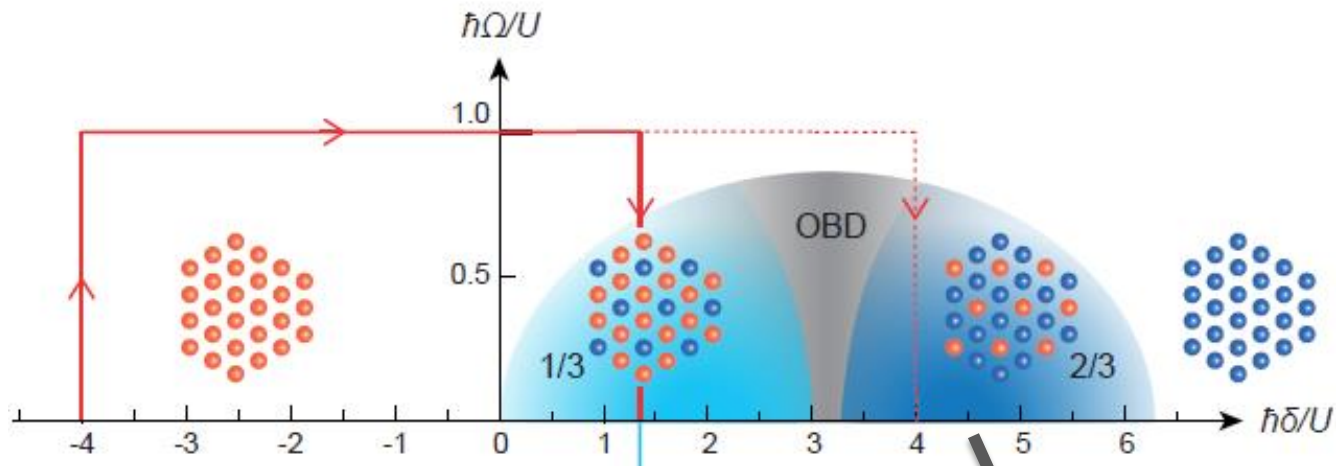
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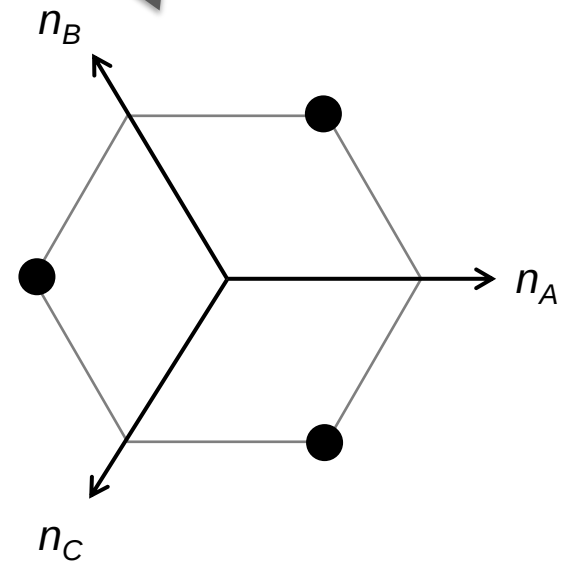
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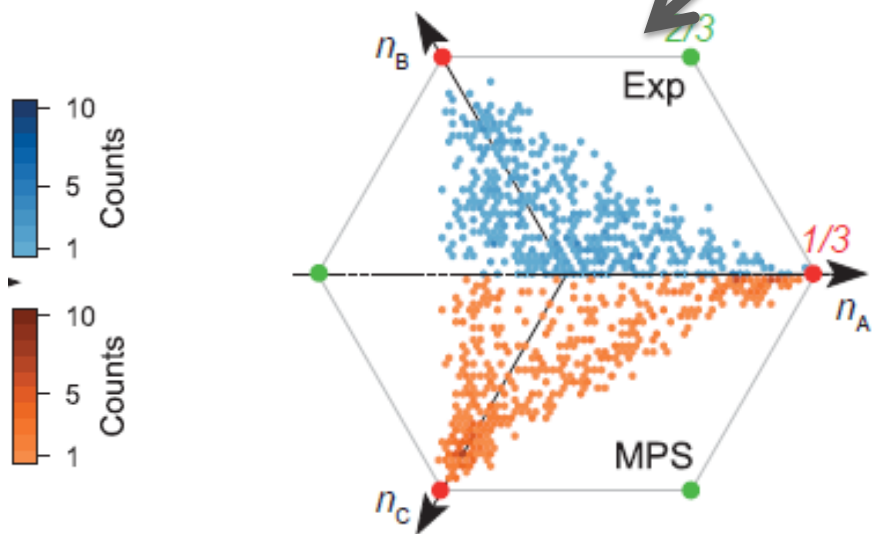
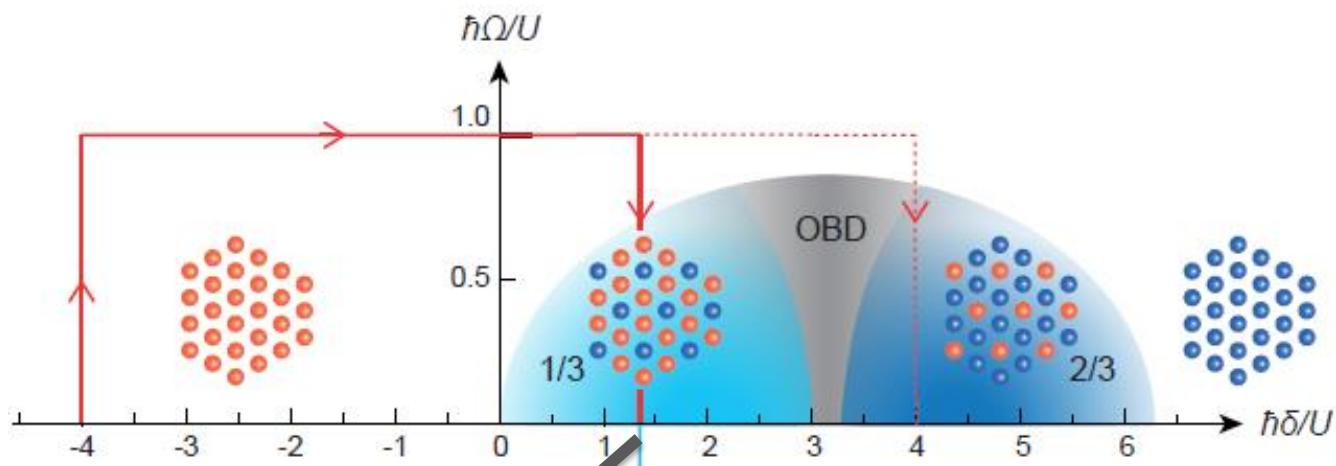
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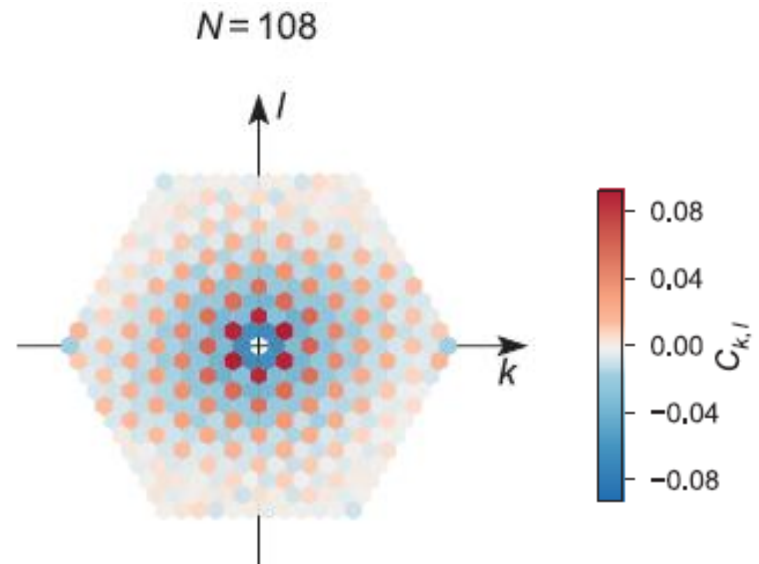
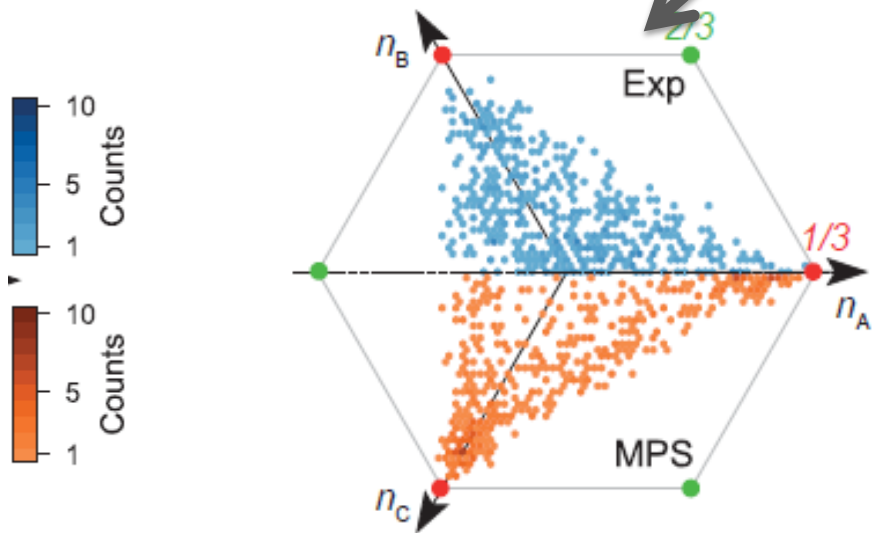
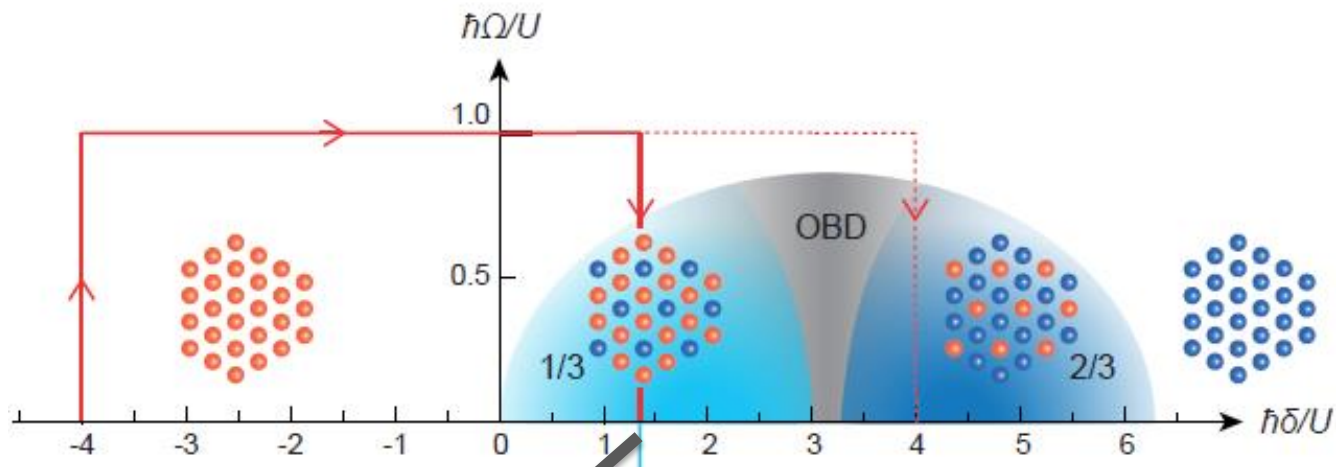
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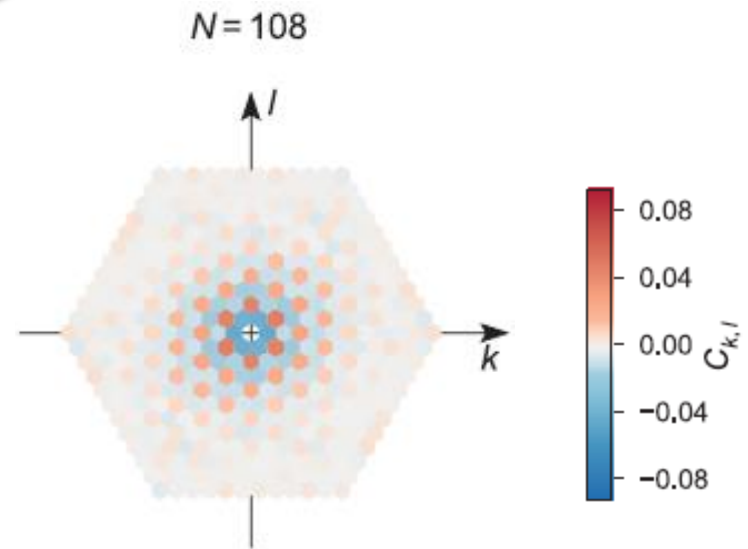
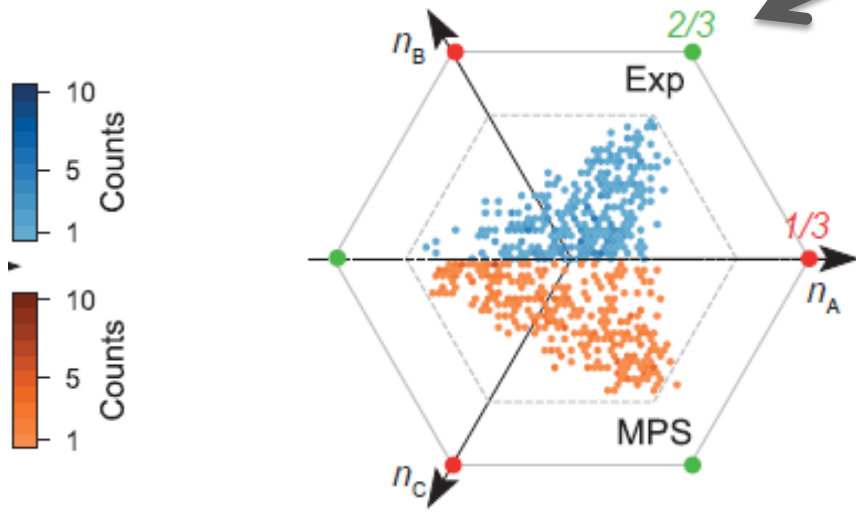
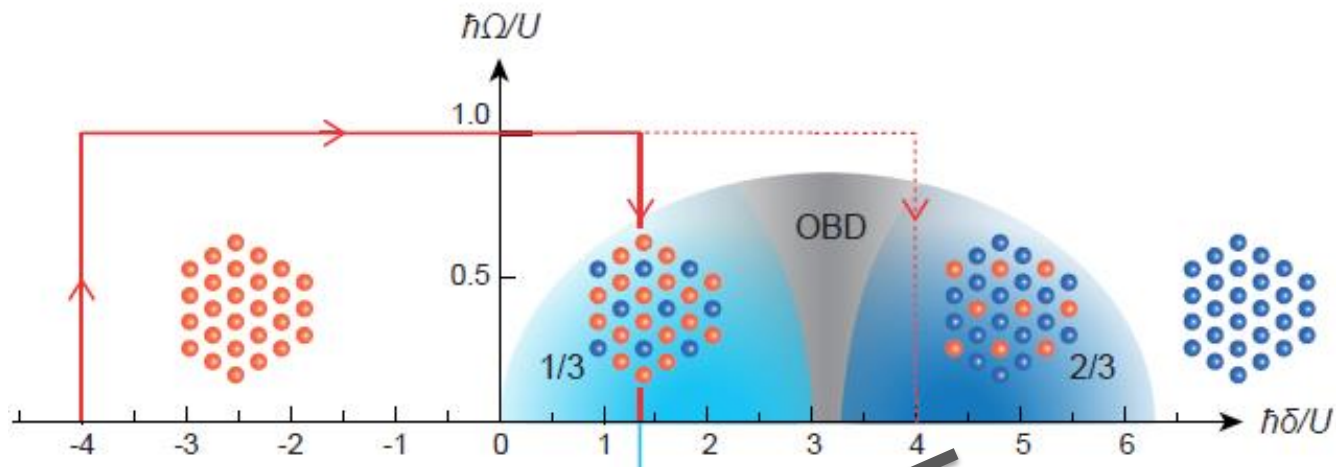
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Questions?

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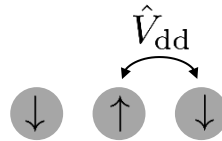
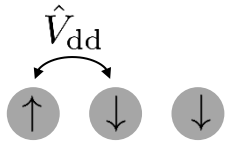


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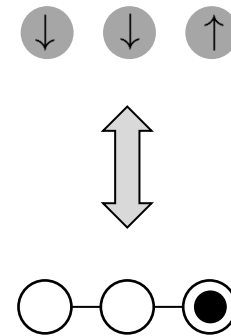
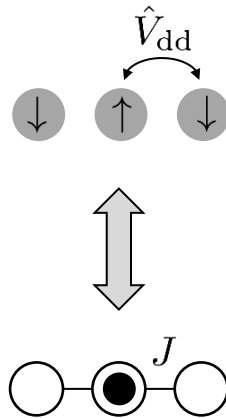
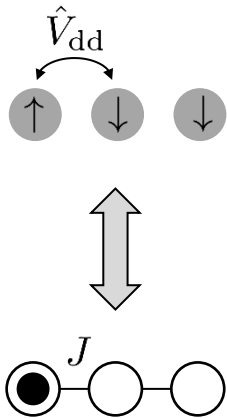
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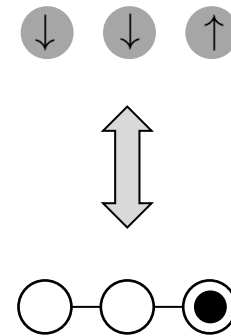
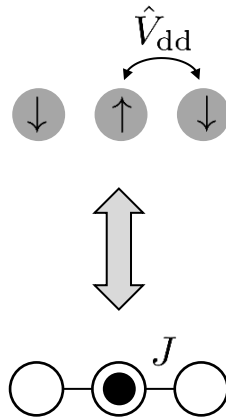
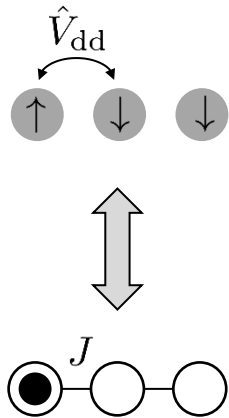
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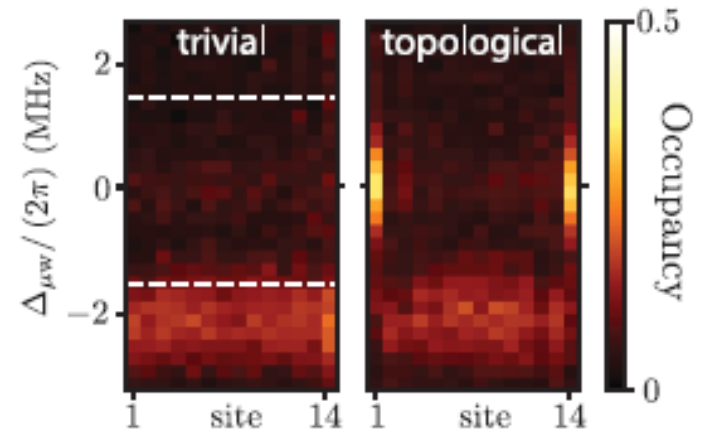


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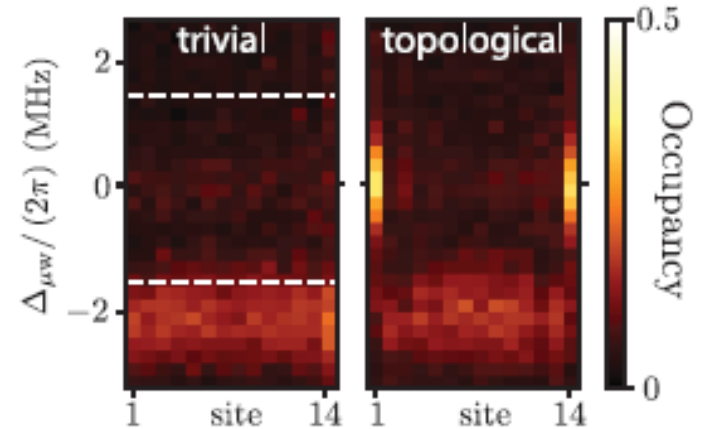
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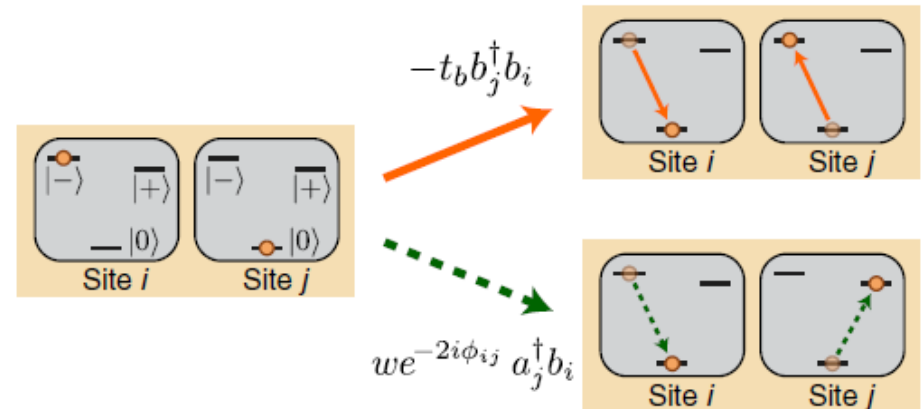
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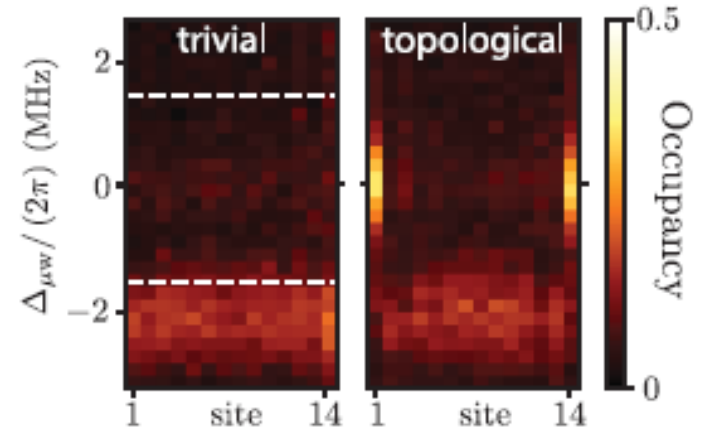
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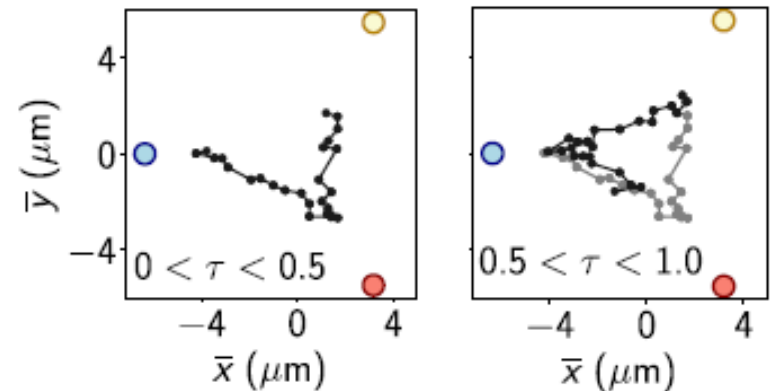
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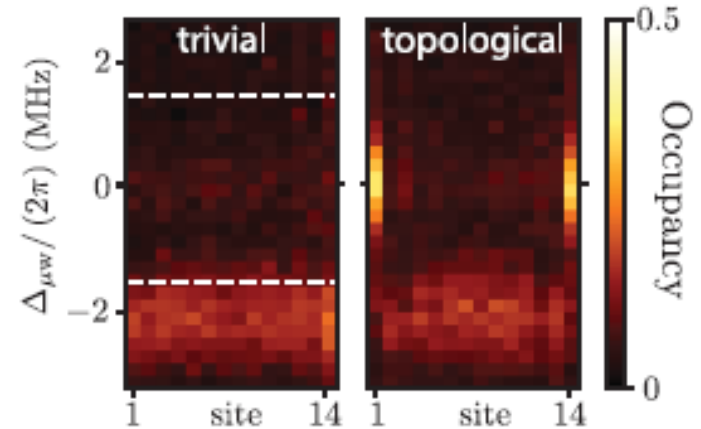
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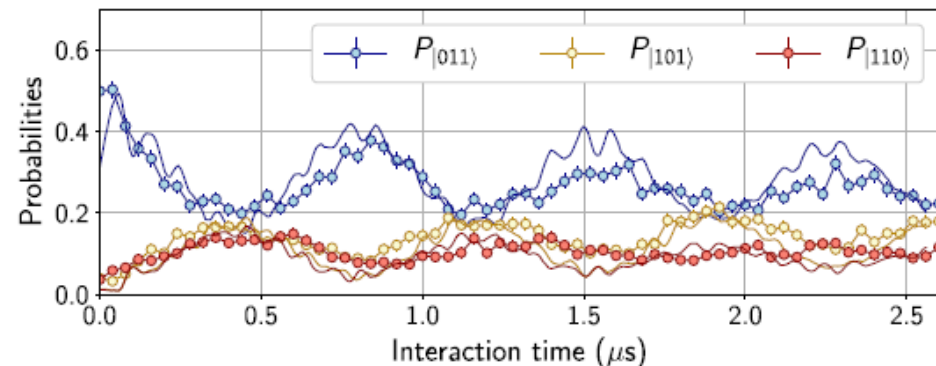
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