

Arrays of atoms for Q simulation & computing – Lecture 3

Lecture 1: Arrays of atoms in optical tweezers
Rydberg atoms

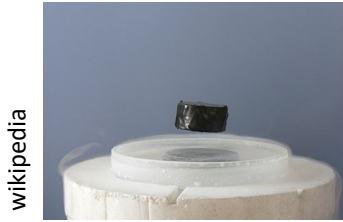
Lecture 2: Interactions between Rydberg atoms
Rydberg blockade
Quantum computing with Rydberg atoms

Lecture 3: Quantum simulation: from Rydberg interactions
to spin models... and more

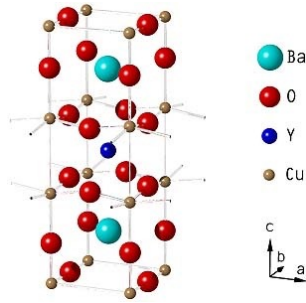
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The many-body problem: the art of modelling...



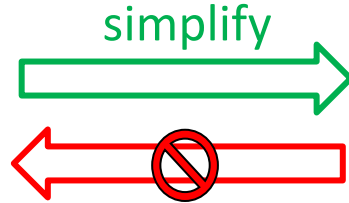
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Observe unexpected effects
Ex: high- T_c superconductivity

Microscopic understanding?

Experiment on
“real” system



Too hard to calculate...

Cook up a model

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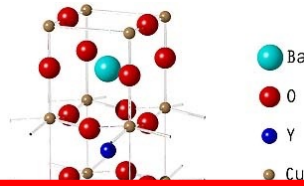
Problem: exponential complexity

2 d. of freedom (spin...) $\psi_i = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$

Many-body wavefunction: $\Psi = \Psi(1, 2, \dots, N) \Rightarrow \Psi$ requires 2^N numbers

Record *ab-initio* calculation (2025) $N \sim 50 \Rightarrow 2^{50} \sim 10^{15} = 1000 \text{ Tb RAM !!}$

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Approximations possible!!
mean-field, perturbation theory, Monte-Carlo,
variational methods: DFT, MPS, Neural Quantum States...

But... can be poorly controlled or not valid
when *interactions dominate*

= **Strongly correlated** systems

$$\sum_i n_{i\downarrow} n_{i\uparrow}$$

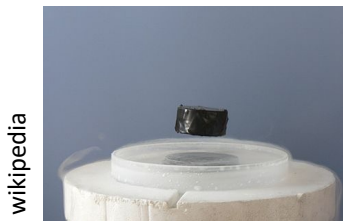
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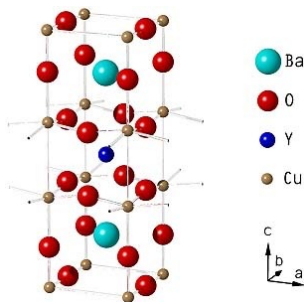
Many-body

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One approach: build a synthetic many-body quantum systems



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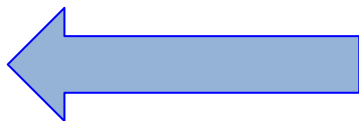


Lab...

Quantum simulation

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Engineer a system
ruled by H_{model}



Measure on system:
Supercond. or not?



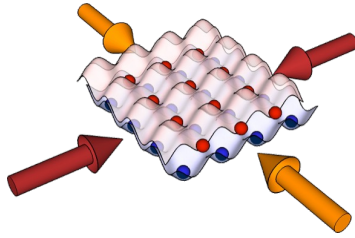
R.P. Feynman

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Analog versus digital quantum simulation

Analog

The platform implements directly H_{model}



e.g.: Fermi Hubbard, spin models, electrons in B-fields...

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t H_{\text{mod}}(t') dt'\right) |\psi(0)\rangle$$

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Digital

H_{model} synthesized digitally

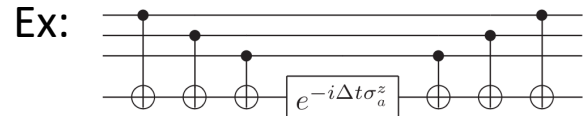
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e.g. single & 2-qbit operations

$$e^{-iH_{\text{mod}}t} \approx$$

$$\left(e^{-iH_1 t/n} e^{-iH_2 t/n} \dots e^{-iH_3 t/n}\right)^n$$

= **“universal” quantum simulation**

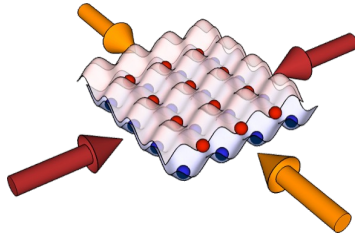


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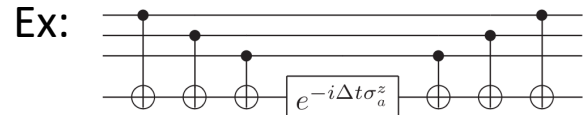
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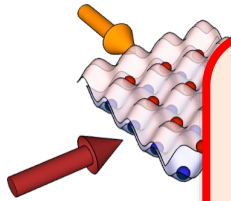


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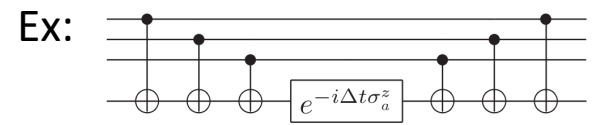
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2-qbit operations

Today: **Hybrid digital / analog**
Same platform = **quantum processors**

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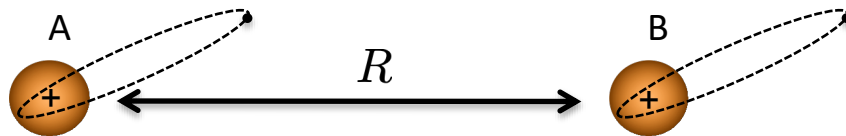


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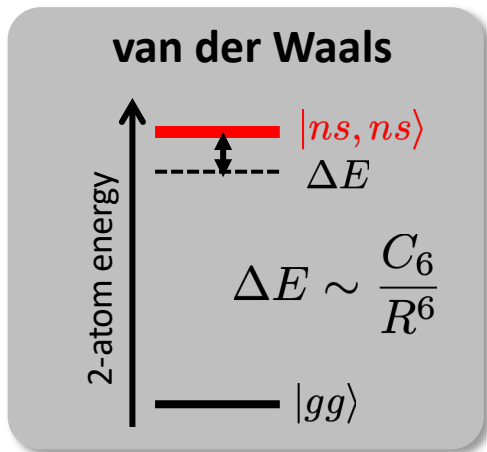
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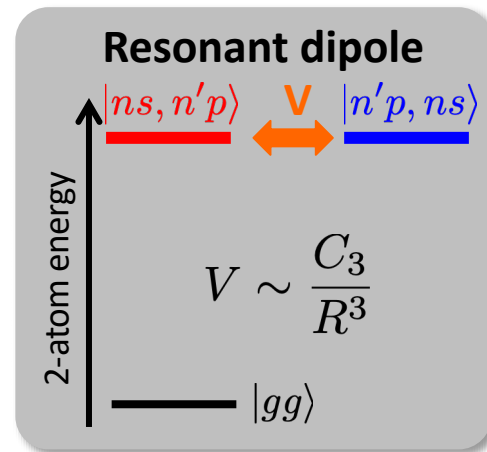
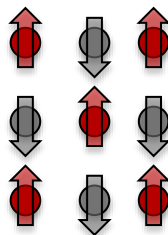
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Ising model

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i \neq j} J_{ij} \hat{n}_i \hat{n}_j$$

Spin 1/2

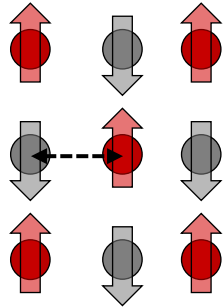


XY model

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Spin models: one of the “simplest” many-body systems

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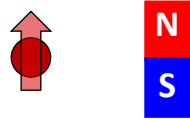
Heisenberg

Ising

$$\hat{H}_{\text{Ising}} = \sum_{i \neq j} J_{ij} \hat{\sigma}_z^{(i)} \hat{\sigma}_z^{(j)}$$

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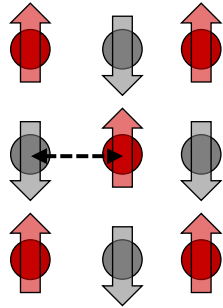
	(D) Spatial Dimension		
	1 Wire/Ladder	2 Plane	3 Crystal
1 Ising	 eg. BaCo ₂ V ₂ O ₈	 eg. CrI ₃	 eg. FePS ₃
2 XY	 eg. Cs ₂ CoCl ₄	 * Kosterlitz-Thoules eg. Fe on Au(100)	 e.g. NiPS ₃
3 Heisenberg	 eg. AgCrP ₂ S ₆	 approximated K ₂ MnF ₄ eg. Cu(HF ₂)(pyz) ₂ BF ₄	 eg. CdCr ₂ Se ₄

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No order/ exotic groundstate	Long Range Order
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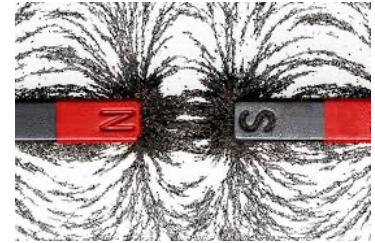
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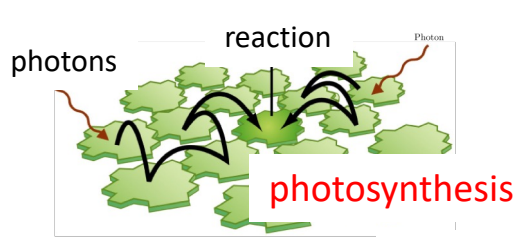
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Magnetism

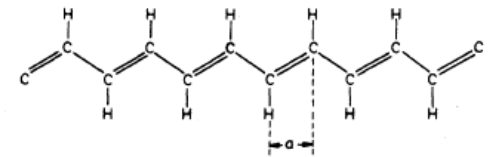


Transport of excitations



Light scattering

excitons



Spin models = generic systems to study many-body questions:

Quantum phase transition, out-of equilibrium, topology, entanglement...

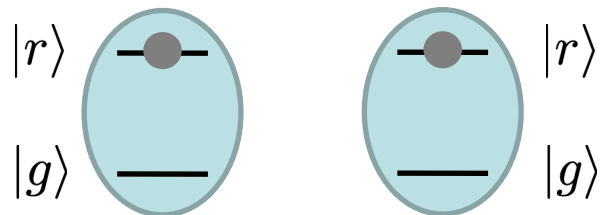
From van der Waals interaction to the Ising spin model



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van der Waals: $\Delta E \sim \frac{C_6}{R^6}$

$C_6 \propto n^{11} \Rightarrow$ switchable interaction



Ground state: $n = 5$
 Rydberg: $n = 50$ $\times 10^{11}$

“Equivalent” to interaction between spins

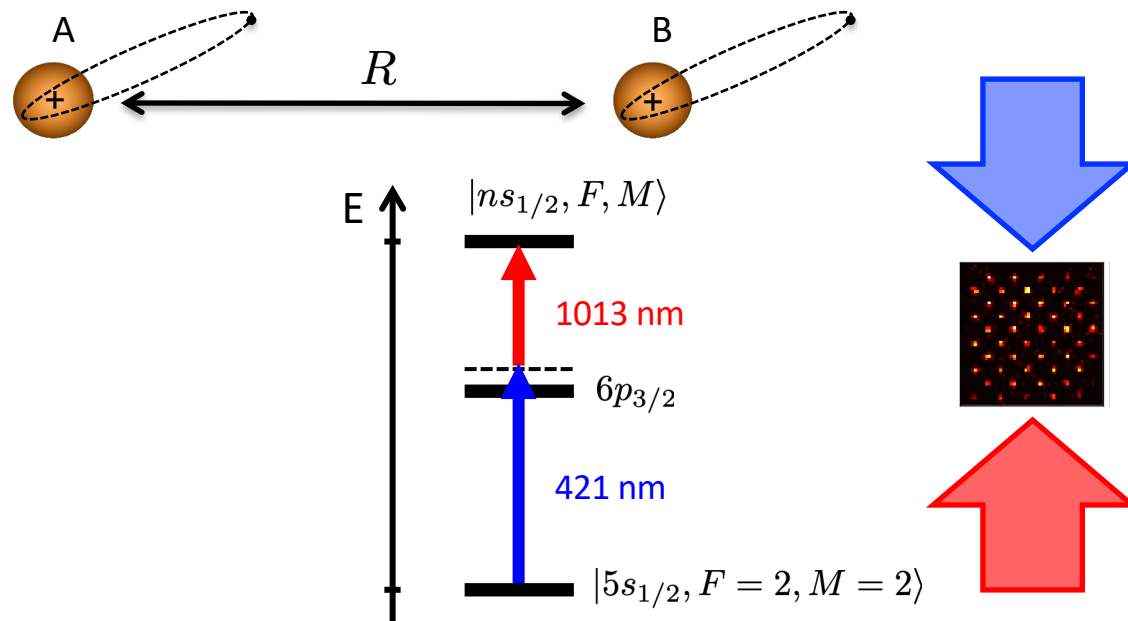


Ising - like!!

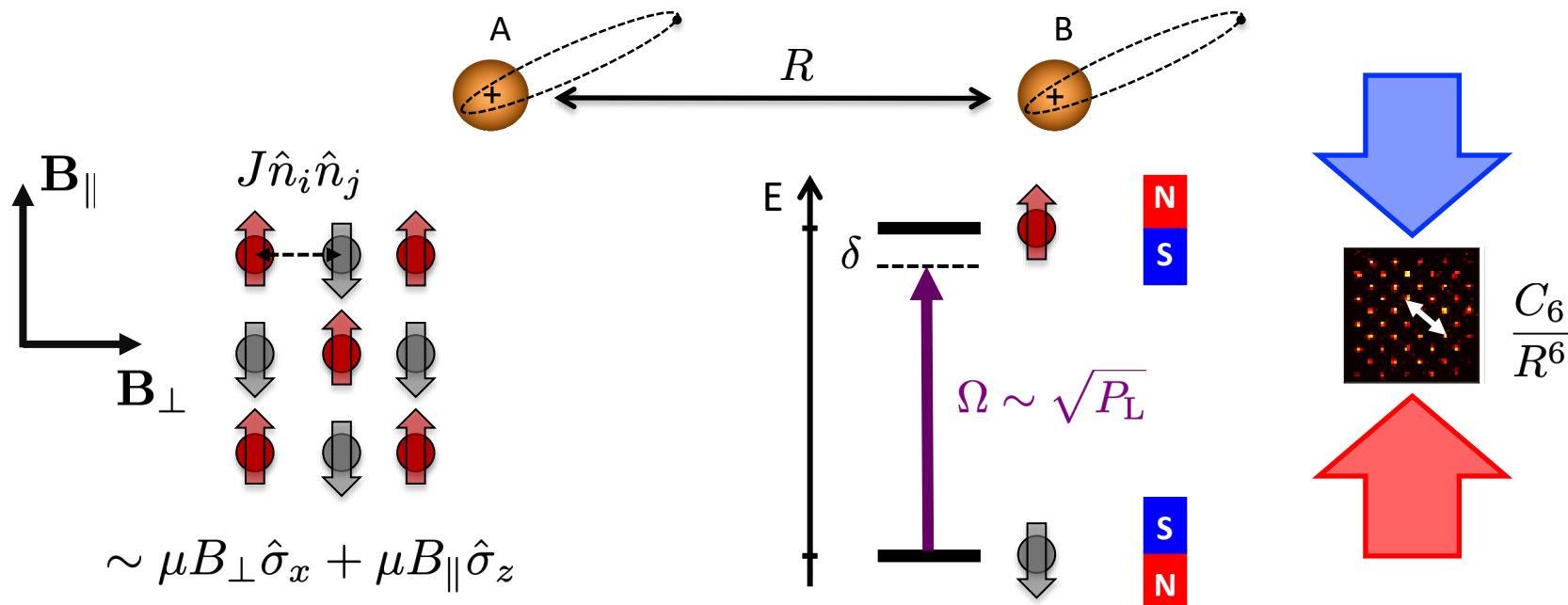
$$\hat{H}_{\text{int}} = \frac{C_6}{R^6} \hat{n}_1 \hat{n}_2 \sim J \hat{\sigma}_1^z \hat{\sigma}_2^z$$

Rydberg $n_{1,2} = 1$
 Ground state $n_{1,2} = 0$

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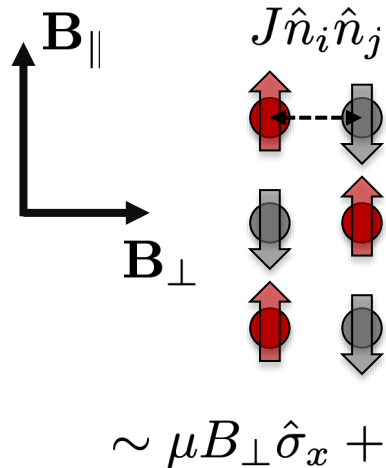


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Laser: B_{\perp} B_{\parallel} spin-spin interactions

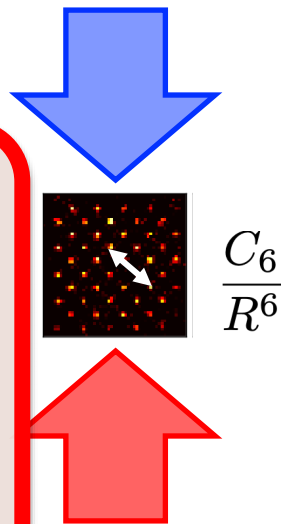
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Quantum simulation:

Emulate a system by another one

Similar equations lead to same solutions!!



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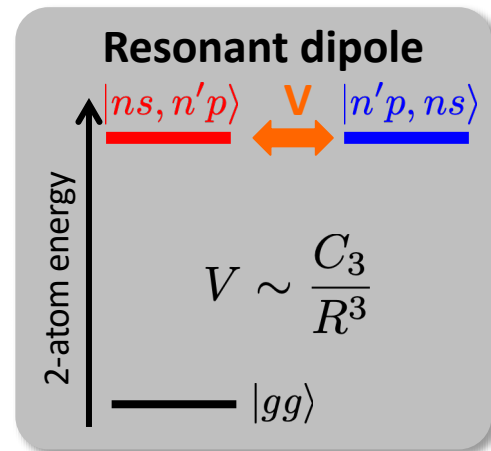
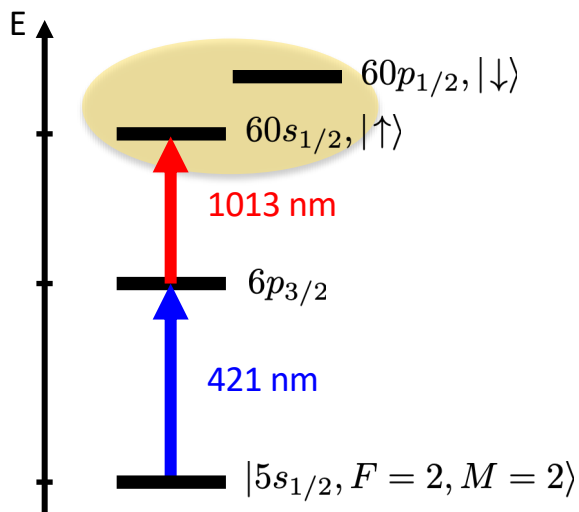
spin-spin interactions

Controlled parameters:

From negligible to dominant interactions

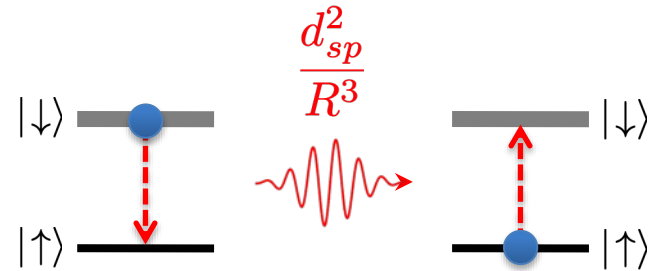
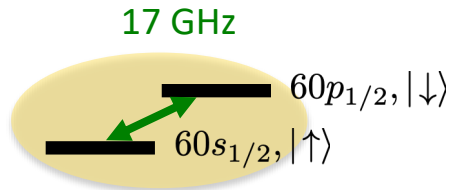
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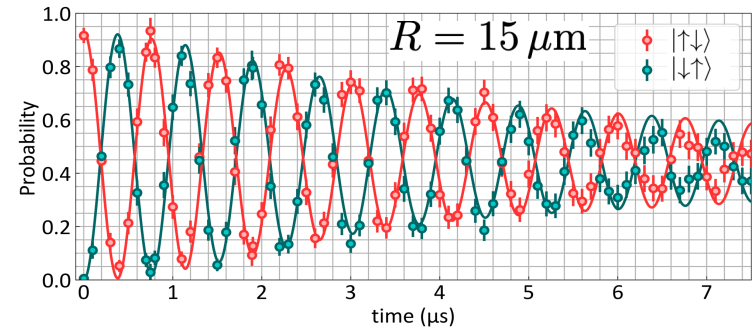


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Non radiative “exchange” of excitation

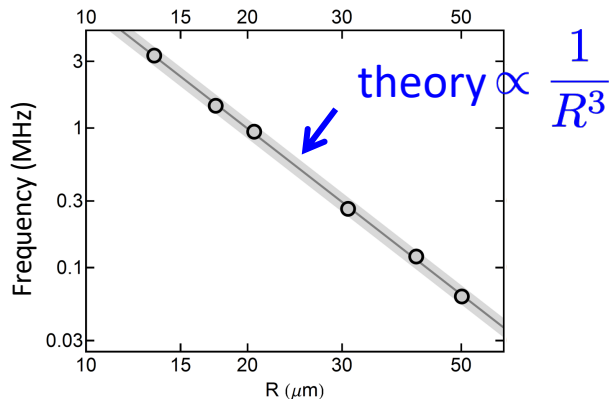


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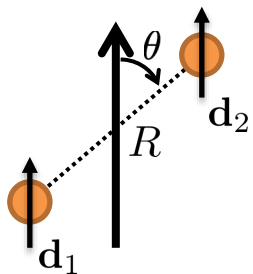
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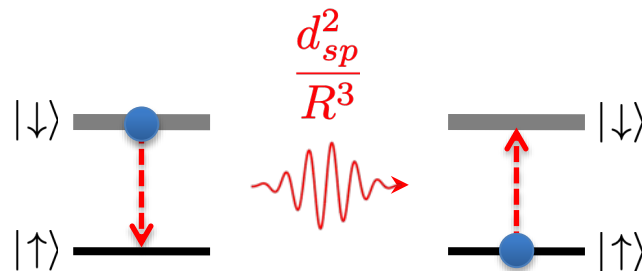
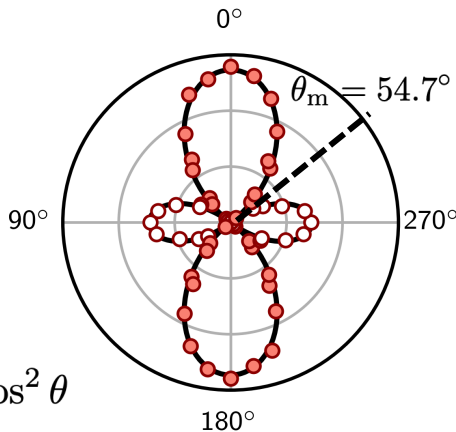
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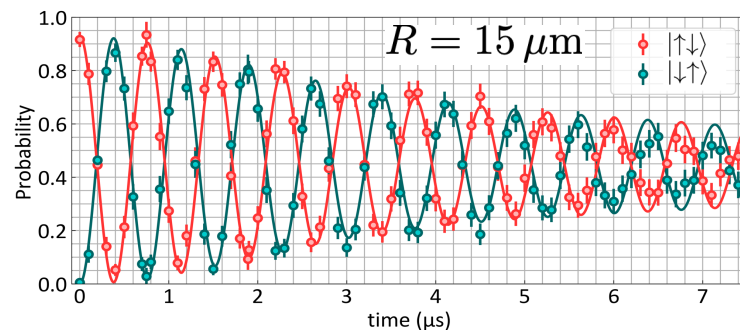
Quantization axis (B)



$$C_3(\theta) \propto 1 - 3 \cos^2 \theta$$



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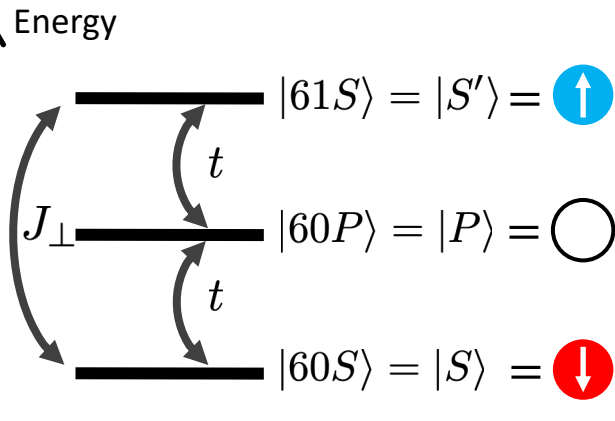


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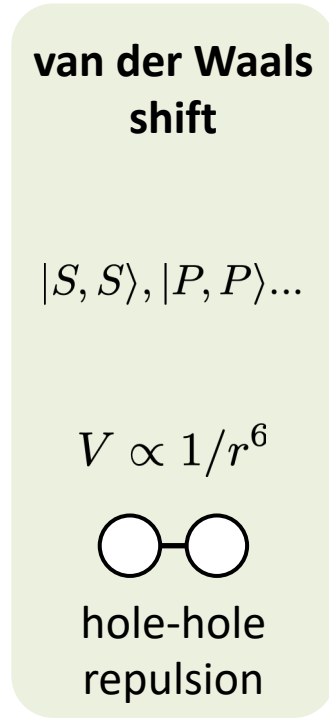
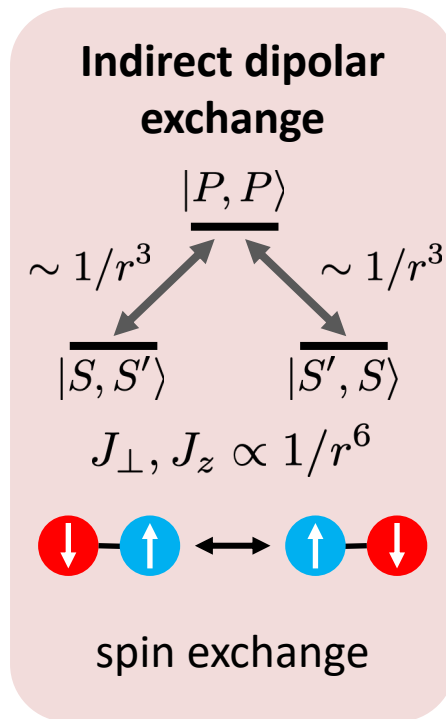
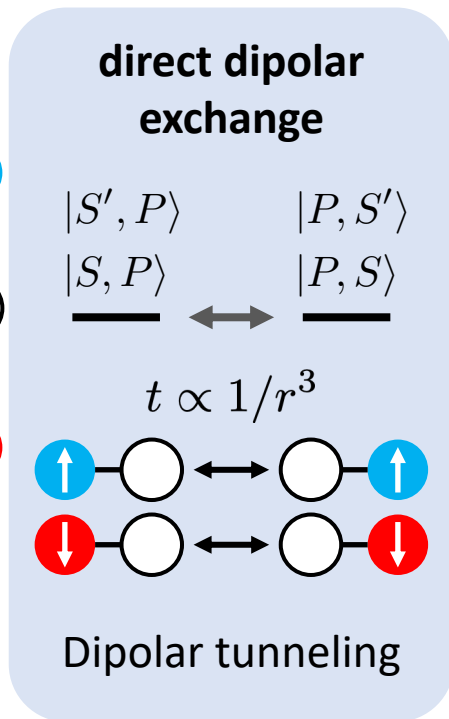
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Beyond spin 1/2: $t - J - V$ model

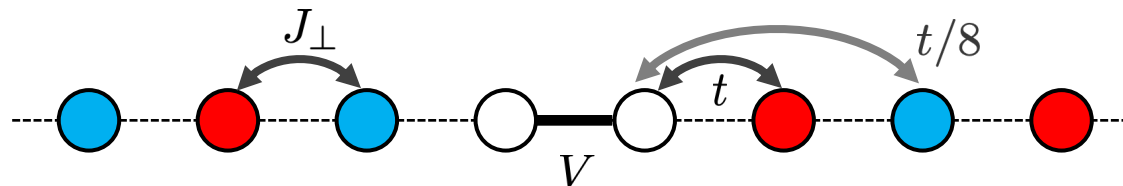
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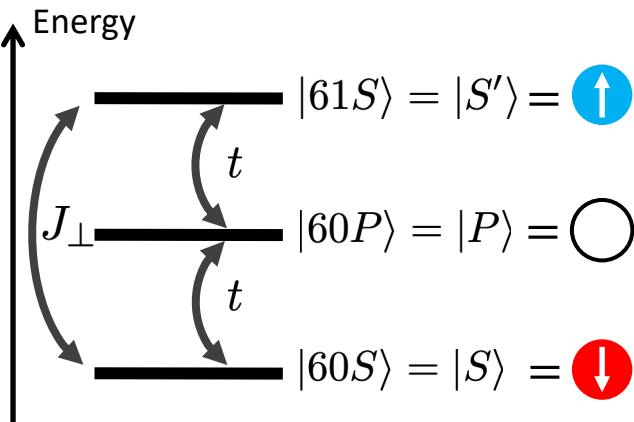
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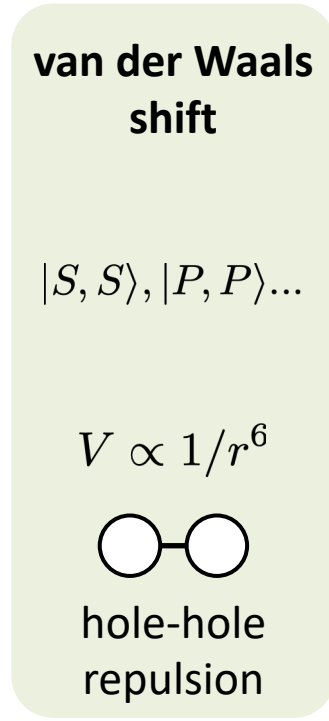
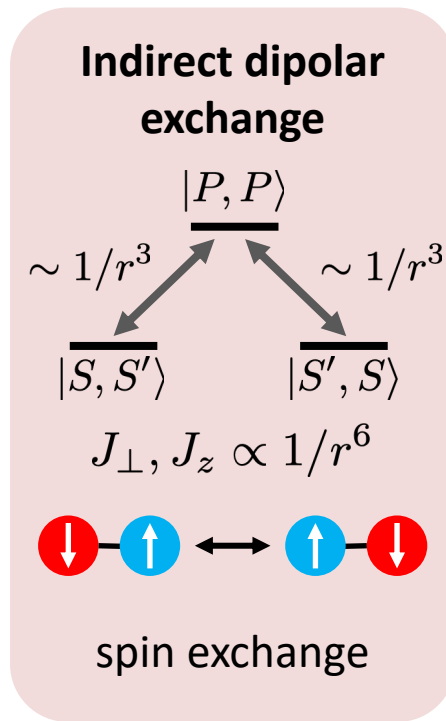
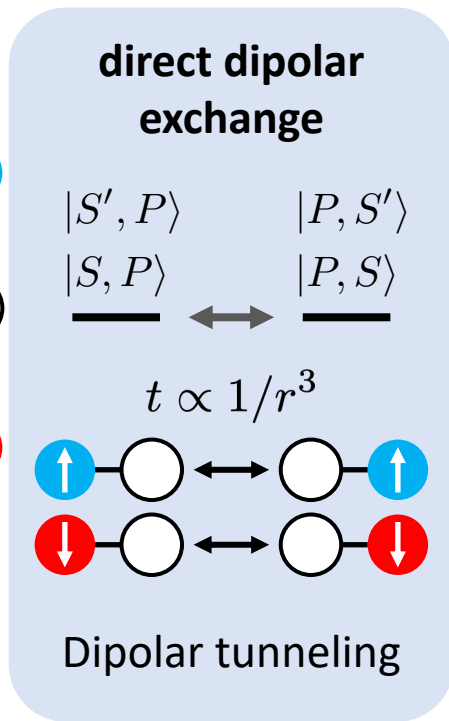
Long-range hopping...

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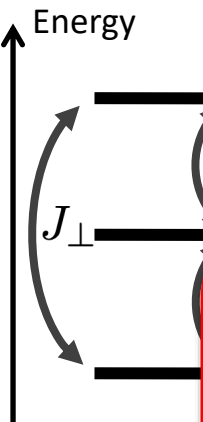


Bosonic t - J - V model:

$$\hat{H}_{tJV} = - \sum_{i \neq j} \sum_{\sigma = \downarrow, \uparrow} \frac{t_\sigma}{r_{ij}^3} \left(\hat{a}_{i,\sigma}^\dagger \hat{a}_{j,h}^\dagger \hat{a}_{i,h} \hat{a}_{j,\sigma} \right) + \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{r_{ij}^6} \left[J^z \hat{S}_i^z \hat{S}_j^z + \frac{J_\perp}{2} \left(\hat{S}_i^+ \hat{S}_j^- \right) \right] + \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{V}{r_{ij}^6} \hat{n}_i^h \hat{n}_j^h$$

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direct dipolar exchange

$|S', P\rangle$ $|P, S'\rangle$

$|S, P\rangle$ $|P, S\rangle$

Indirect dipolar exchange

$|P, P\rangle$

$\sim 1/m^3$ $\sim 1/m^3$

van der Waals shift

$|S, S\rangle, |P, P\rangle \dots$

$\propto 1/r^6$

hole-hole repulsion

Cuprate away from zero doping...

Antiferromagnet

Competition hole propagation / magnetic ordering

Bosonic

\hat{H}_{tJV}

$\hat{n}_i^h \hat{n}_j^h$

Conclusion: many variants of spin Hamiltonians

Quantum Ising
 $s = 1/2$

Hardcore
boson

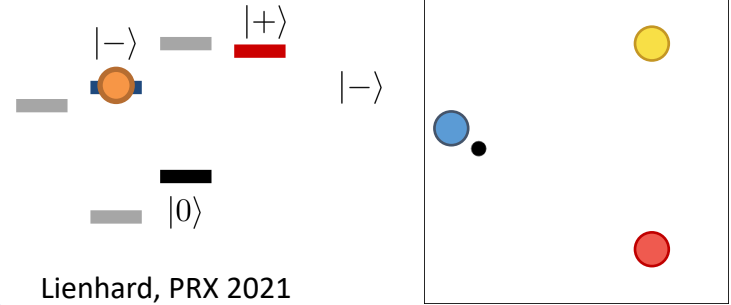
Bosons/ Fermions
Softcore
potential

XY, $s = 1/2$
 $\frac{1}{R^3}, \frac{1}{R^6}$

XYZ
Heisenberg
 $s = 1/2$
Floquet

t- J model

Spin-orbit coupling



In various *addressable geometries*: 1D (OBC, PBC), 2D : square, triangle, Kagome...

Warning: mapping is only approximate (on top of uncontrolled parameters)...:

XY has small Ising; neglect quadrupolar interactions; not exactly 2 levels...

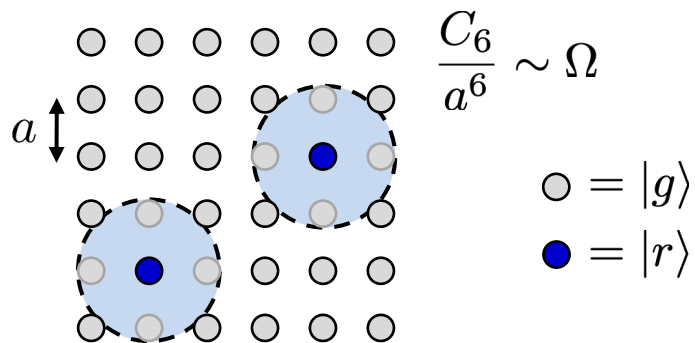
Hard to assess the impact...!!

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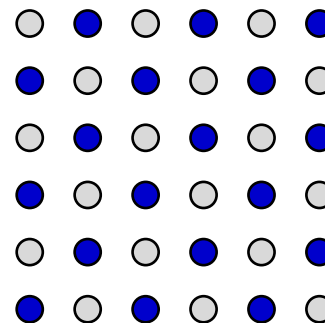
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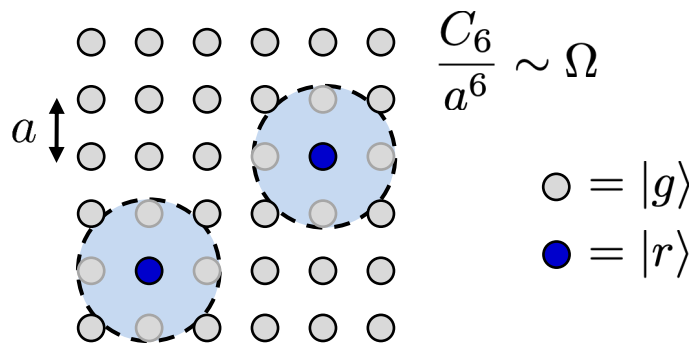


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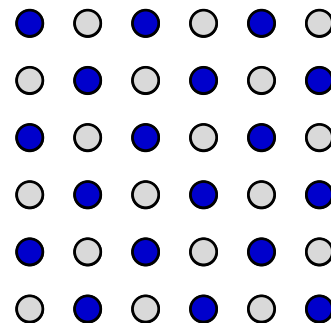


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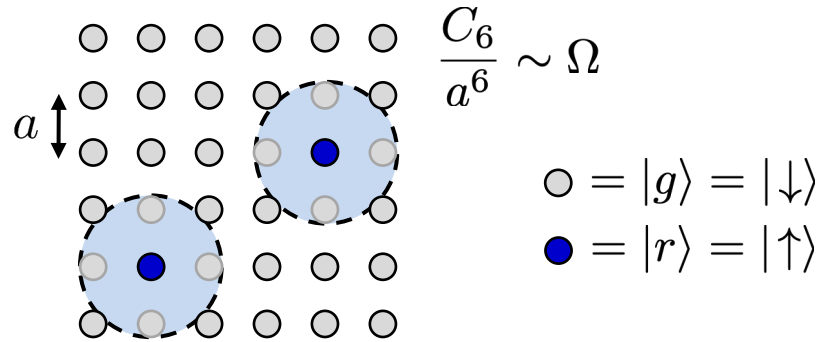


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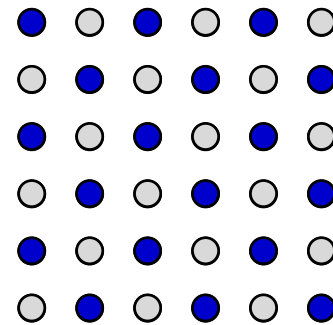


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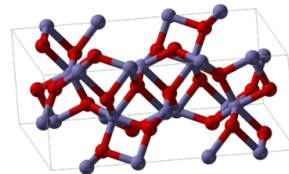
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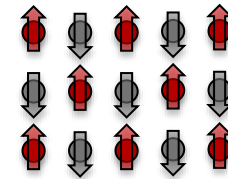
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Ex of antiferromagnets:
 MnO, FeO, CoO, NiO, FeCl₂...

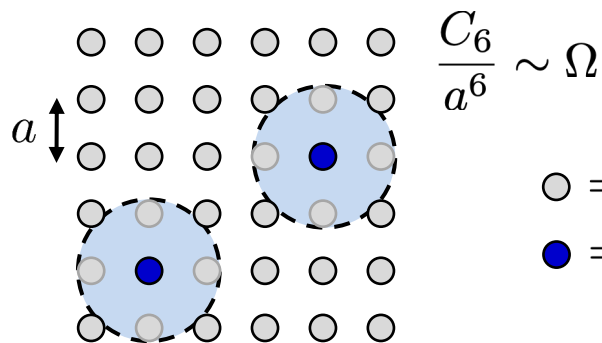


AFM (Néel) ordering (Z_2 phase)



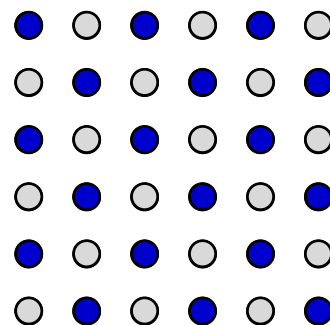
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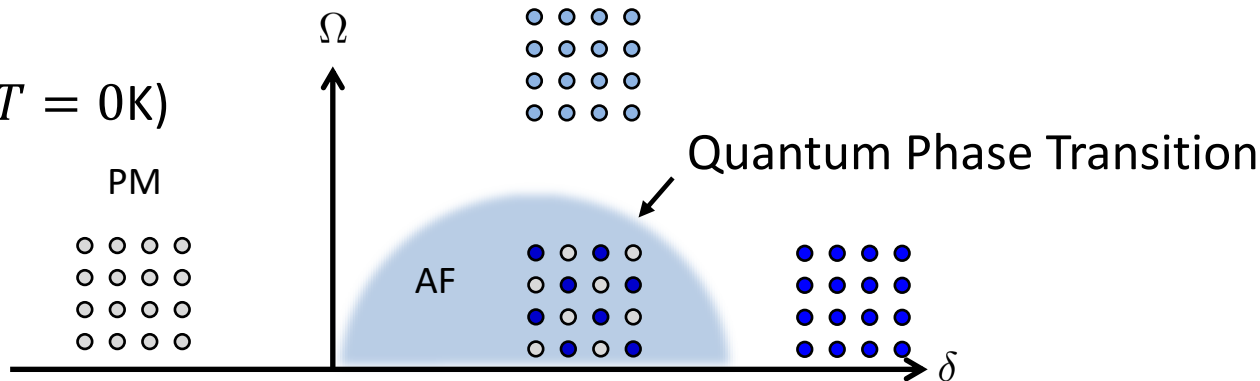


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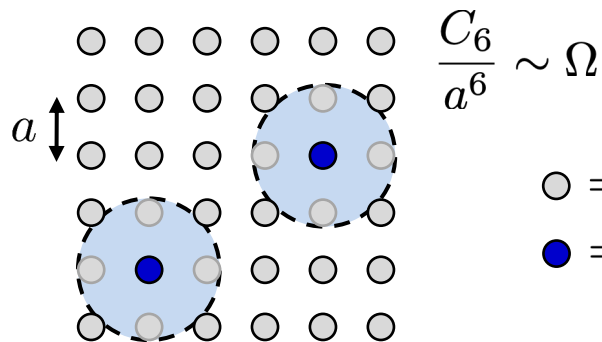


Known by Quantum Monte-Carlo

Never implemented and measured in 2D... (approximation in material)

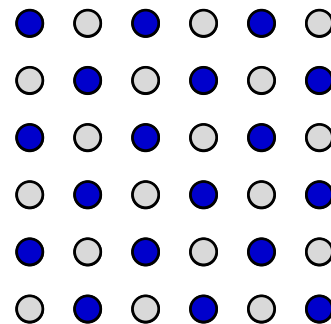
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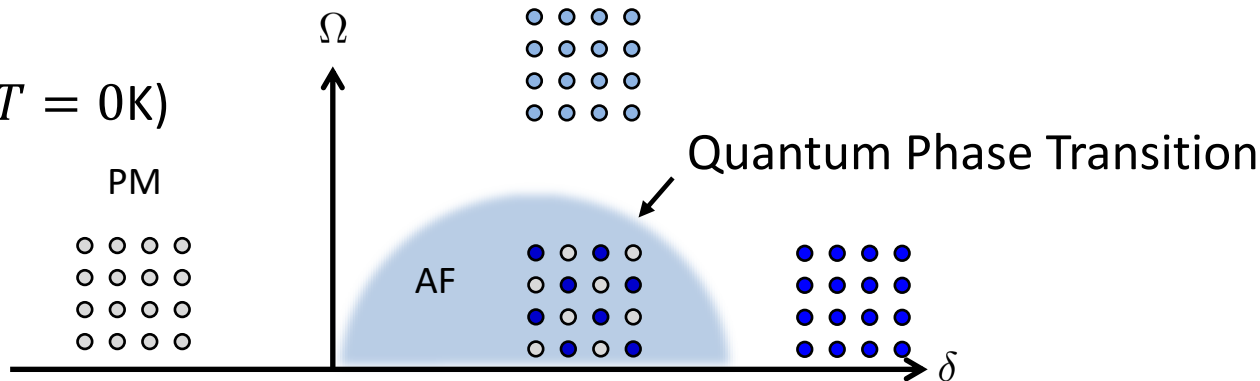


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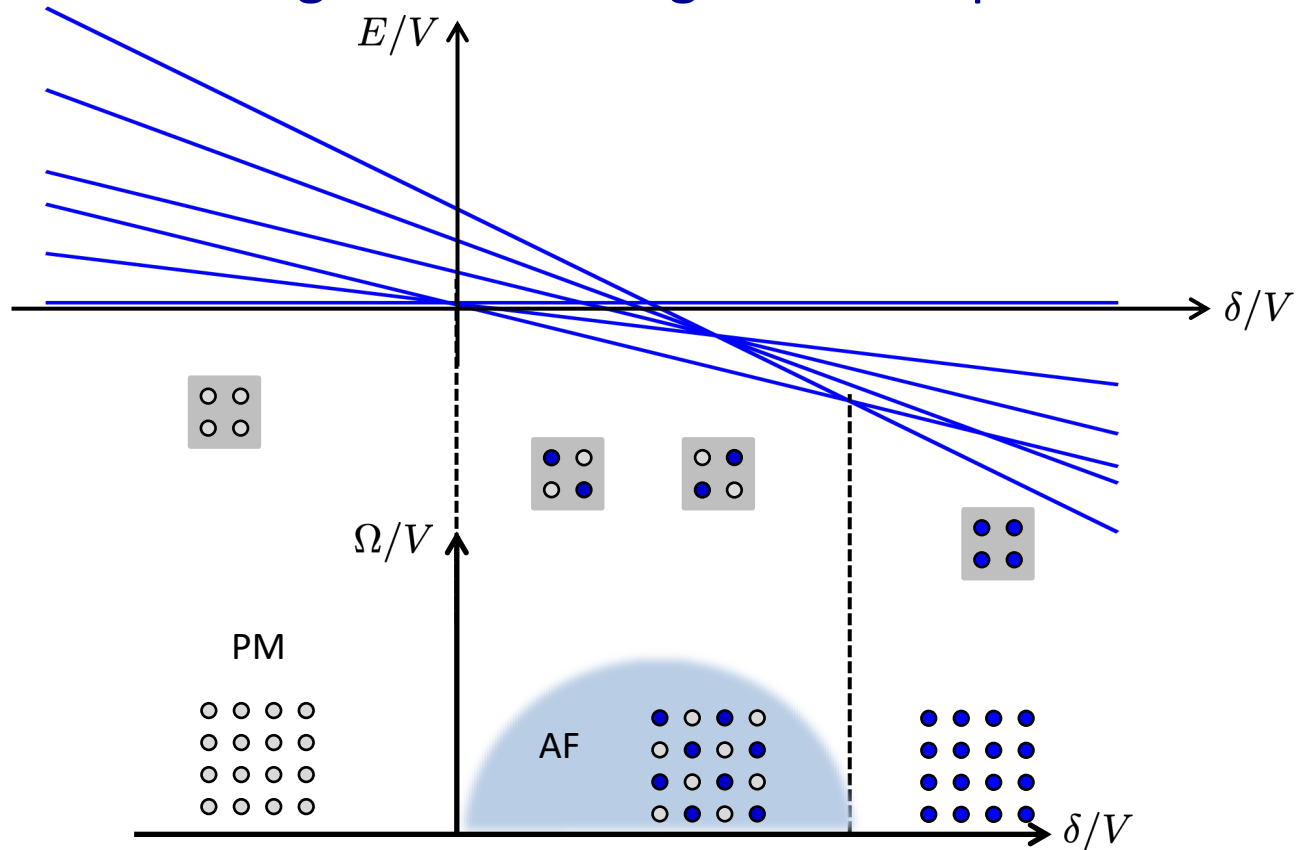
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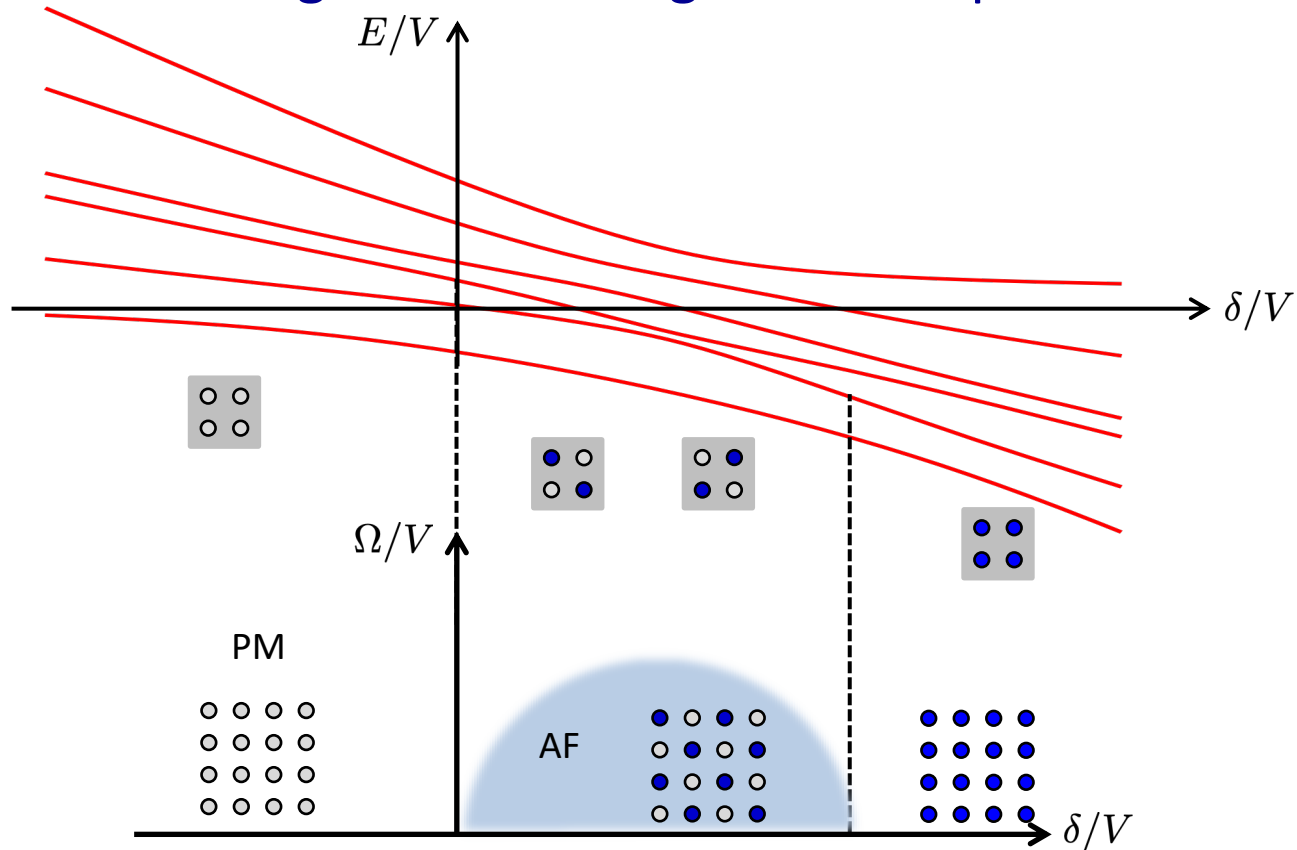
$\Omega/V = 0$



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$\Omega/V = 1$

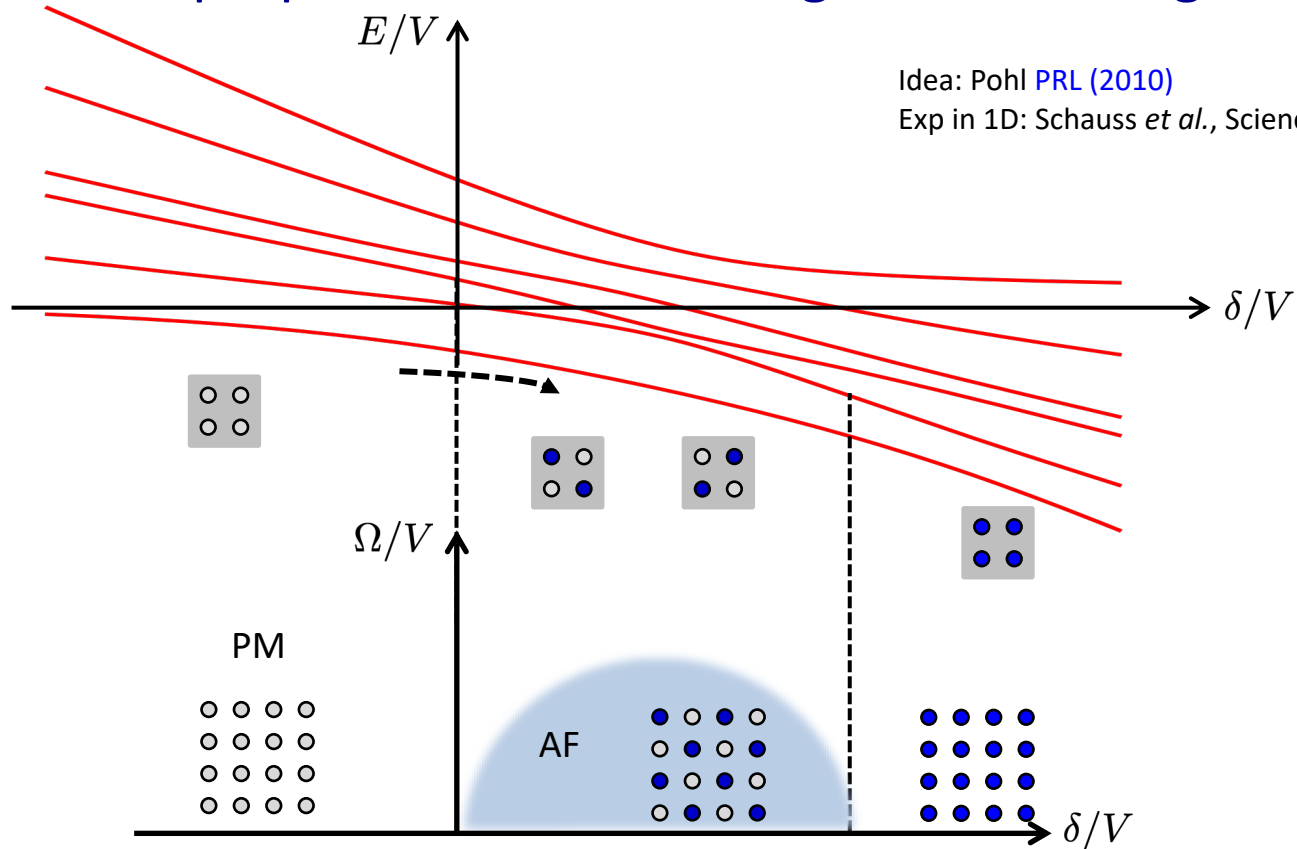


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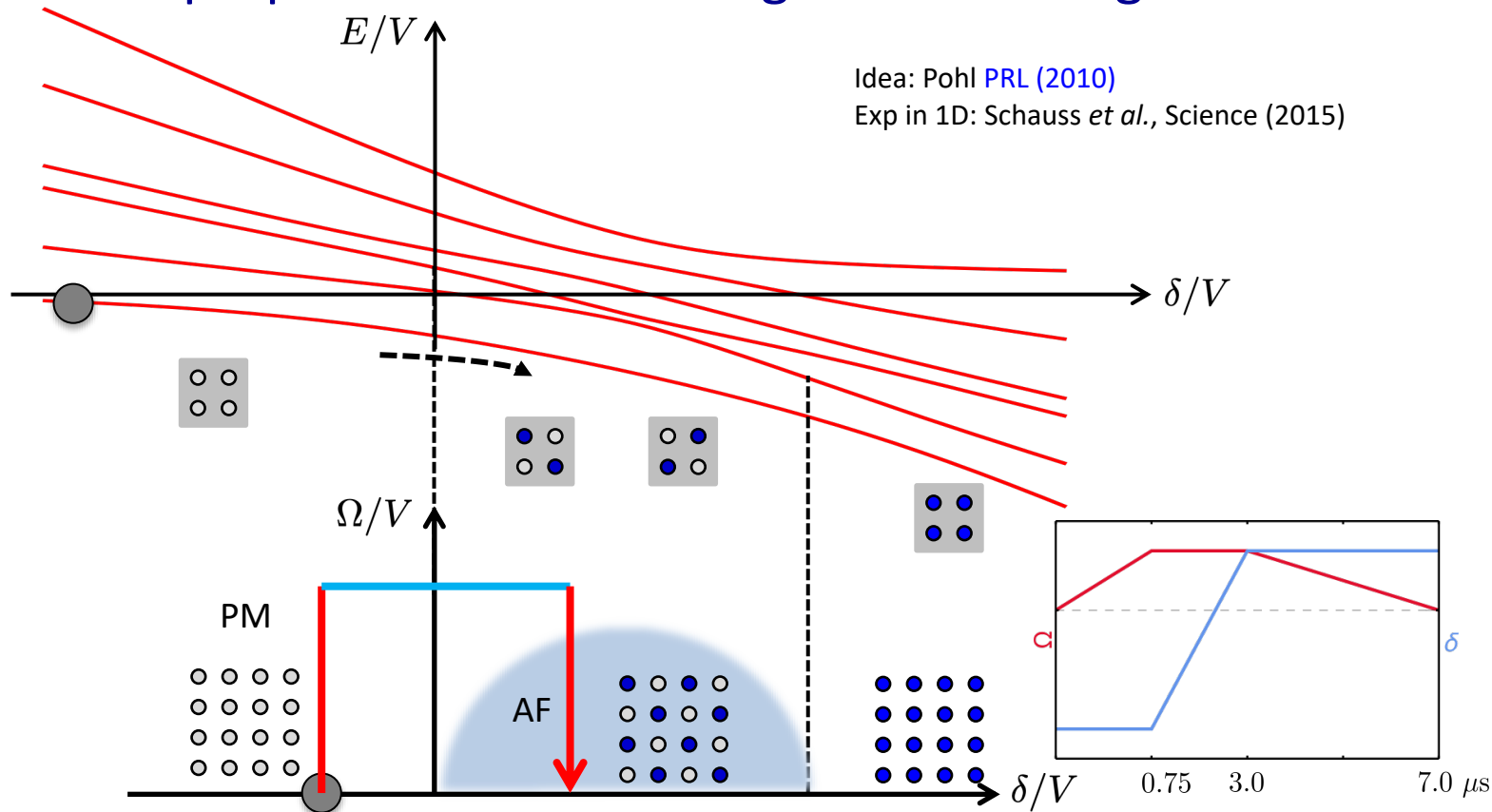


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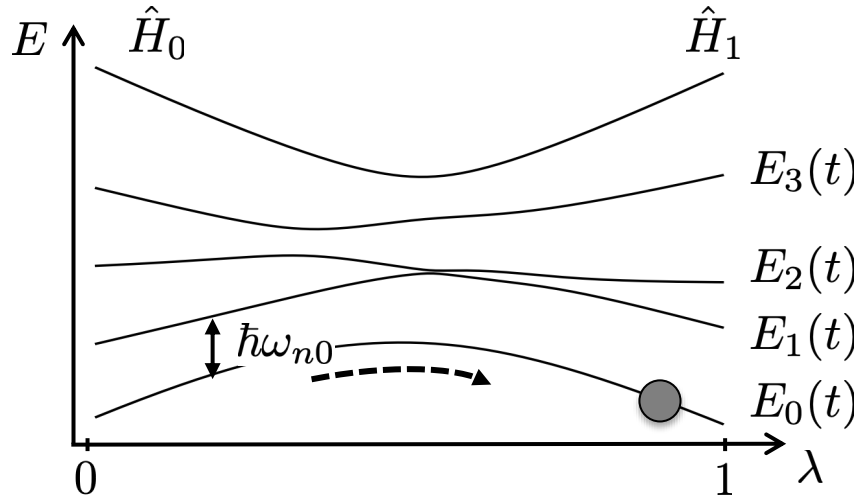
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Adiabatic preparation of a ground state: quantum annealing

Sakurai, Quantum Mechanics & Wikipedia



$$\hat{H}(t) = (1 - \lambda(t))\hat{H}_0 + \lambda(t)\hat{H}_1$$

Instantaneous eigenstates:

$$\hat{H}(t)|\phi_n(t)\rangle = E_n(t)|\phi_n(t)\rangle$$

Solve: $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt}|\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{H}(t)|\psi(t)\rangle$ with $|\psi(t)\rangle = \sum_n a_n(t)|\phi_n(t)\rangle$, $a_n(0) = \delta_{n,0}$

$$\Rightarrow |a_n(t)| \sim \frac{|\langle \phi_n | \frac{d\hat{H}}{dt} | \phi_0 \rangle|^2}{\hbar\omega_{n0}^2}$$

Adiabatic following: $|\langle \phi_n | \frac{d\hat{H}}{dt} | \phi_0 \rangle|^2 \ll \hbar\omega_{n0}^2$

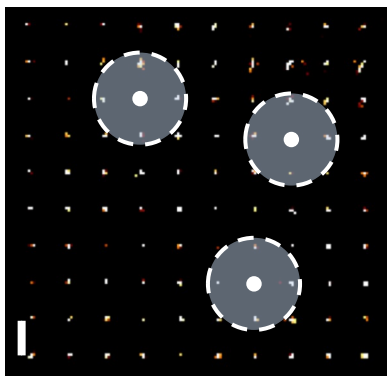
Rate of change of H slow with respect to the energy gaps...

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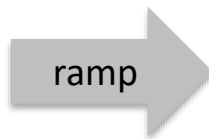
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10 × 10

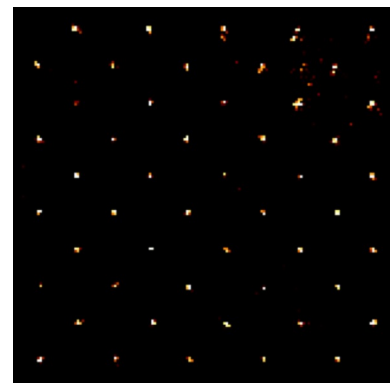


10 μm

$$\Omega(t), \delta(t)$$



 = $|f\rangle$ "bright"
 = $|r\rangle$ "dark"



1D: Pohl PRL 2010; Bloch Science 2015; Lukin Nature 2017, 2019;

2D: Lienhard PRX 2018, Bakr PRX 2018; Lukin Nature 2021

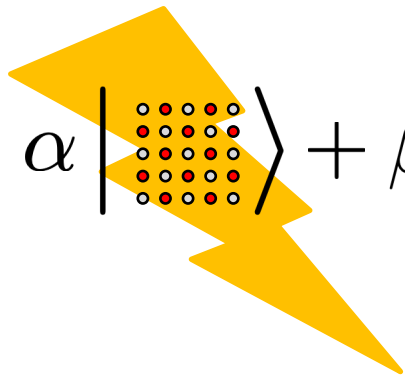
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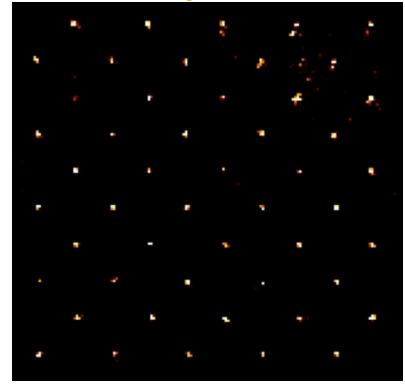
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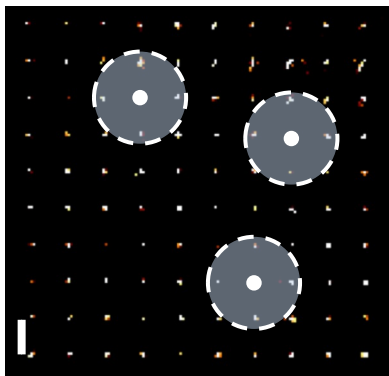
probability $|\alpha|^2$

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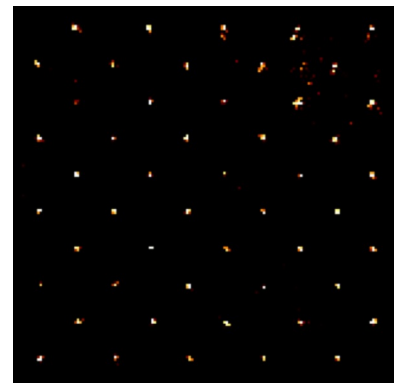
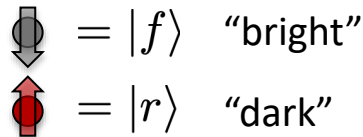
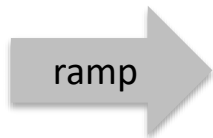
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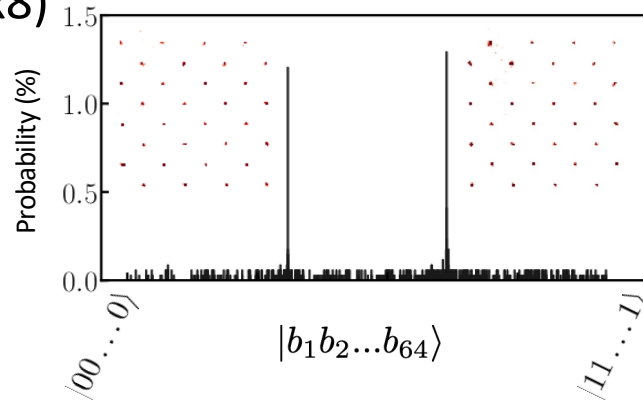
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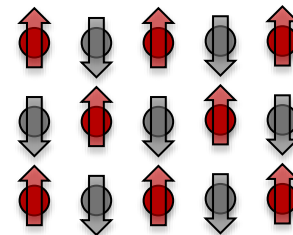


(8x8)

2^{64} states!!!



Perfect AF (Néel) ordering!
(proba < 1%)

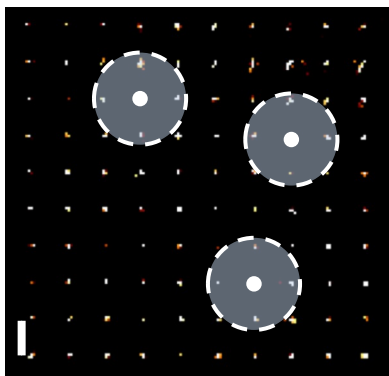


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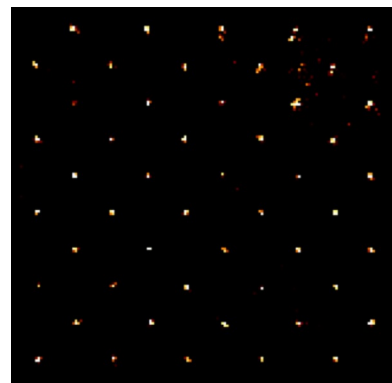
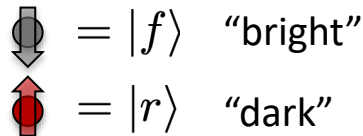
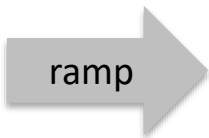
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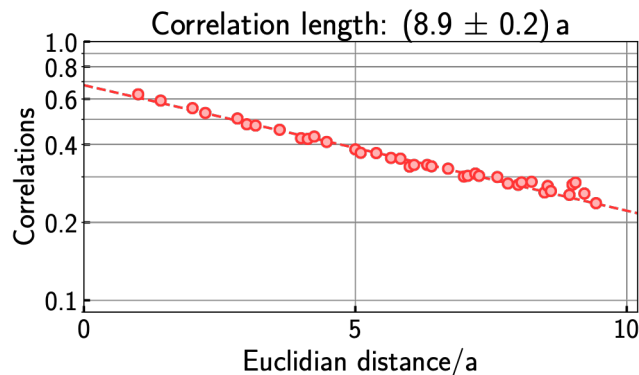
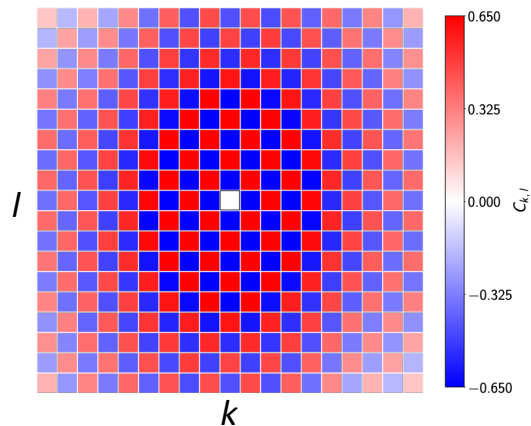


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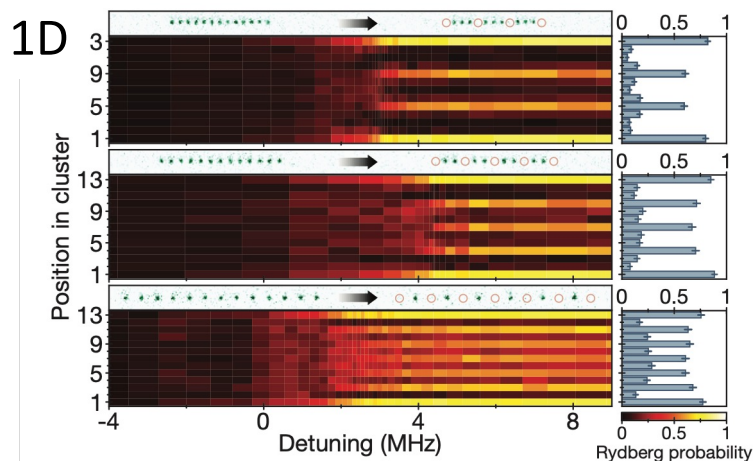


$$C_{kl} \sim \langle n_k n_l \rangle - \langle n_k \rangle \langle n_l \rangle$$



Also: Lukin Nature 2021

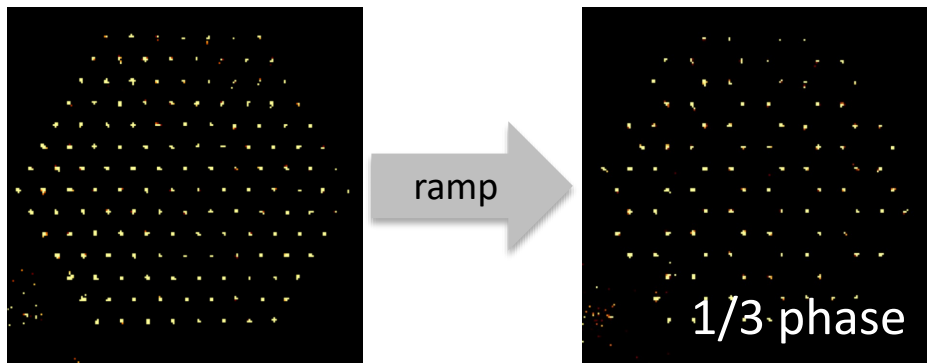
Ising model in other geometries



Bernien, Nature 2017

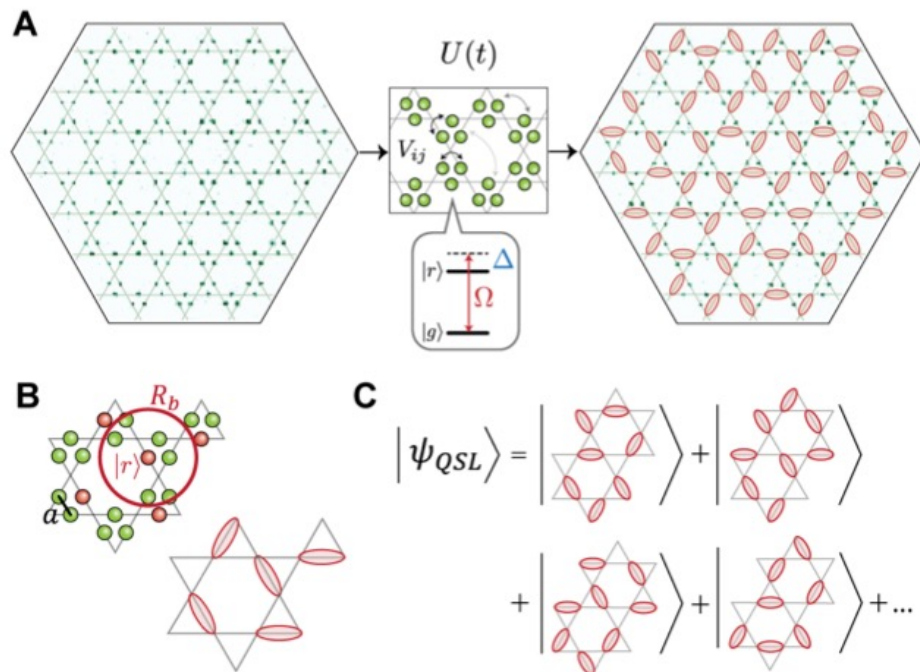
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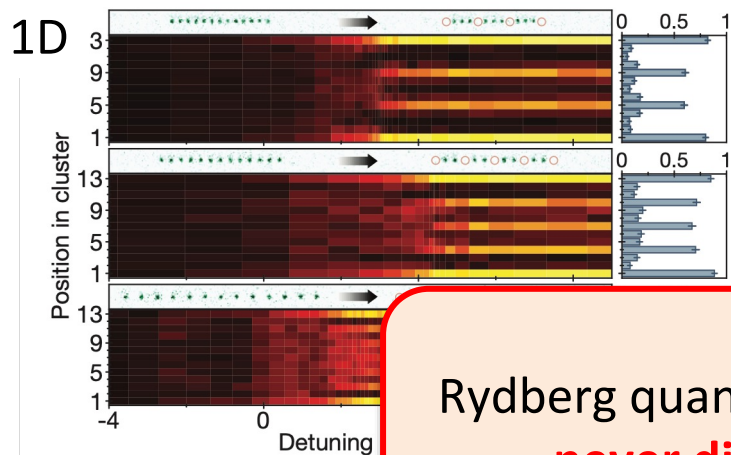


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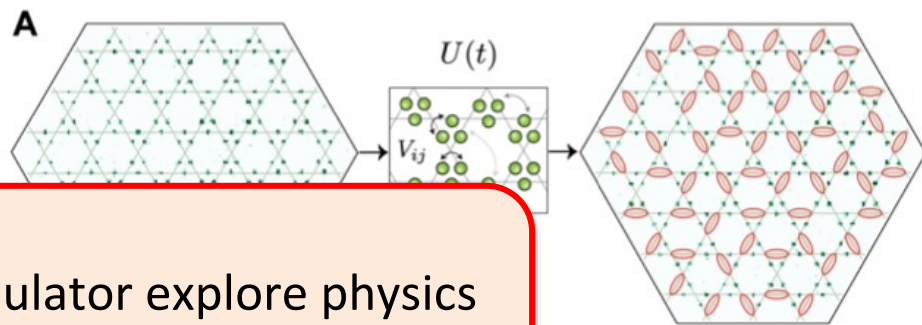


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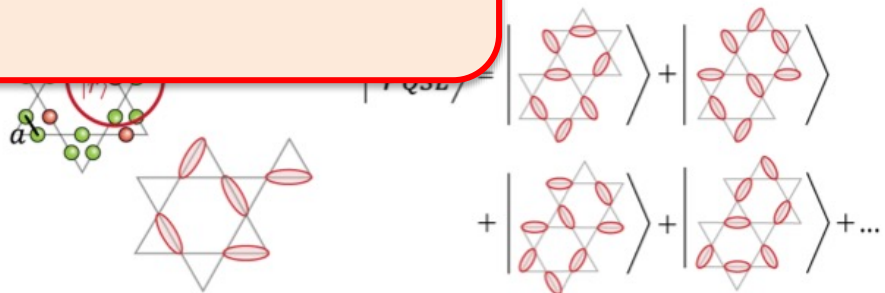
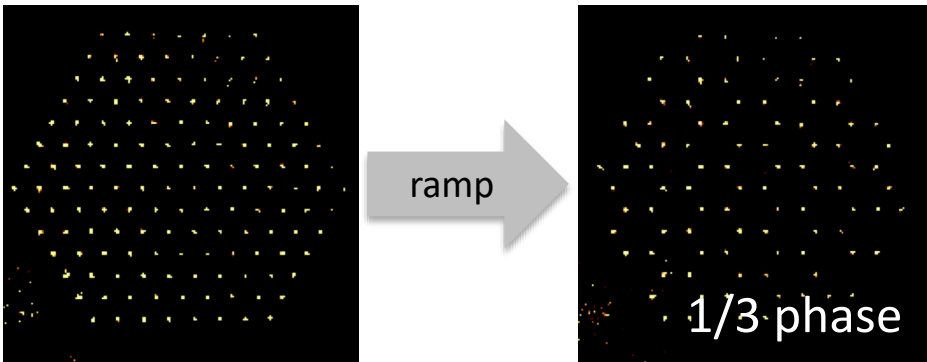
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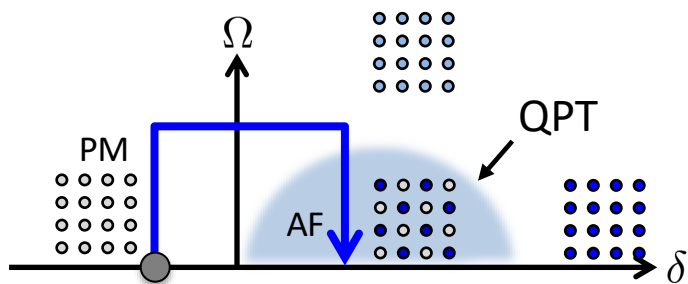


Rydberg quantum simulator explore physics **never directly** observed before !!

Triangle (frustration)



Use failure of adiabaticity to study quantum phase transition



Adiabaticity criteria:

$$H(t) = (1 - \lambda(t))H_0 + \lambda(t)H_{\text{MB}}$$

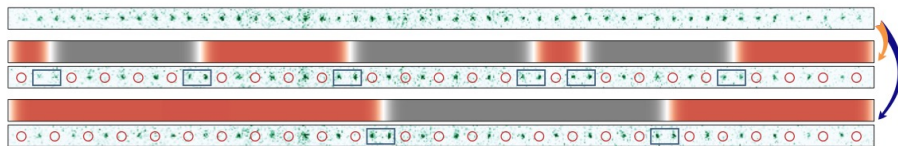
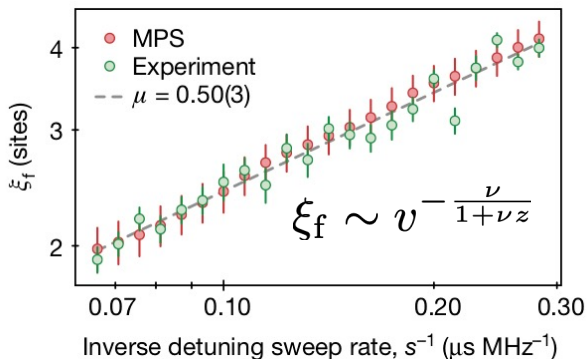
$$|\langle \psi_1(t) | \frac{dH}{dt} | \psi_0(t) \rangle| \ll \frac{\Delta E(t)^2}{\hbar}$$

But...gaps close at the QPT!!

Sweeping too fast \Rightarrow create defects

1D: Keesling, Nature (2019), 2D: arXiv.2012.12281

$R_b \sim a$ 51 atoms



Kibble-Zurek mechanism:

statistics of defects \Rightarrow critical exponent

$$v_{1D} = 0.50(3) \quad (v_{\text{MF}} = 1/3)$$

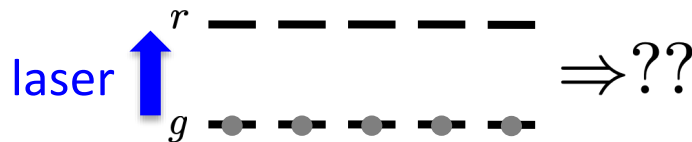
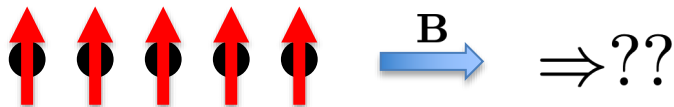
$$v_{2D, \text{square}} = 0.62(4) \quad (v_{\text{MF}} = 1/2)$$

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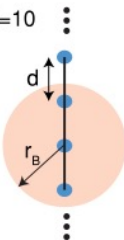
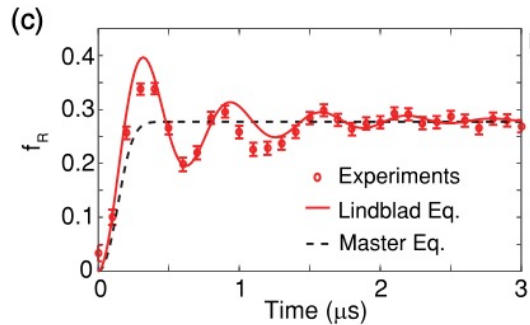
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Thermalization of closed Many-Body systems

Question: do closed systems always reach equilibrium??

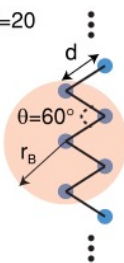
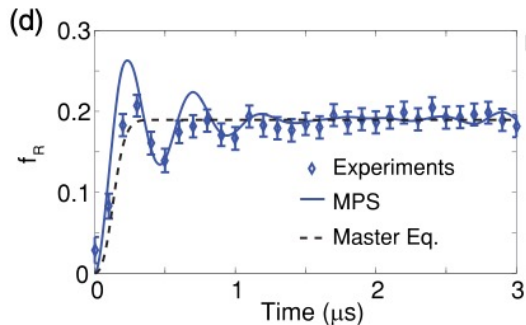
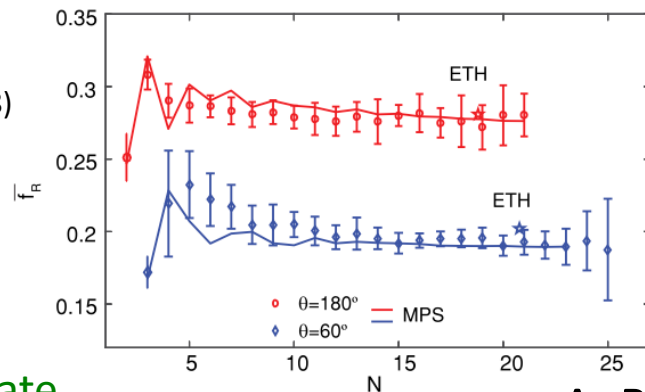


Quenched dynamics in Ising model

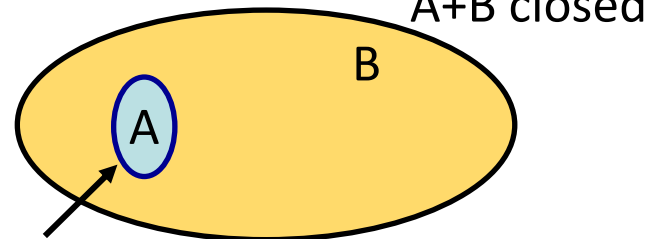


Kim, ... Ahn,
PRL **120**, 180502 (2018)

$$f_r = \frac{\langle N_r \rangle}{N}$$



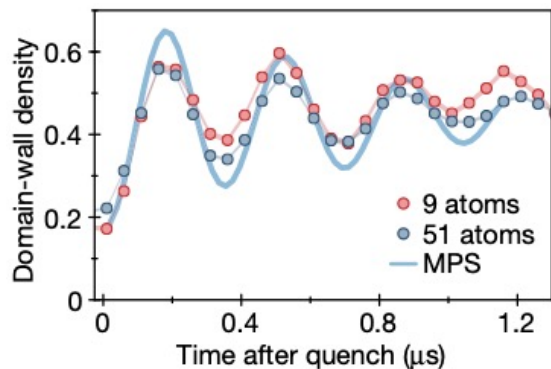
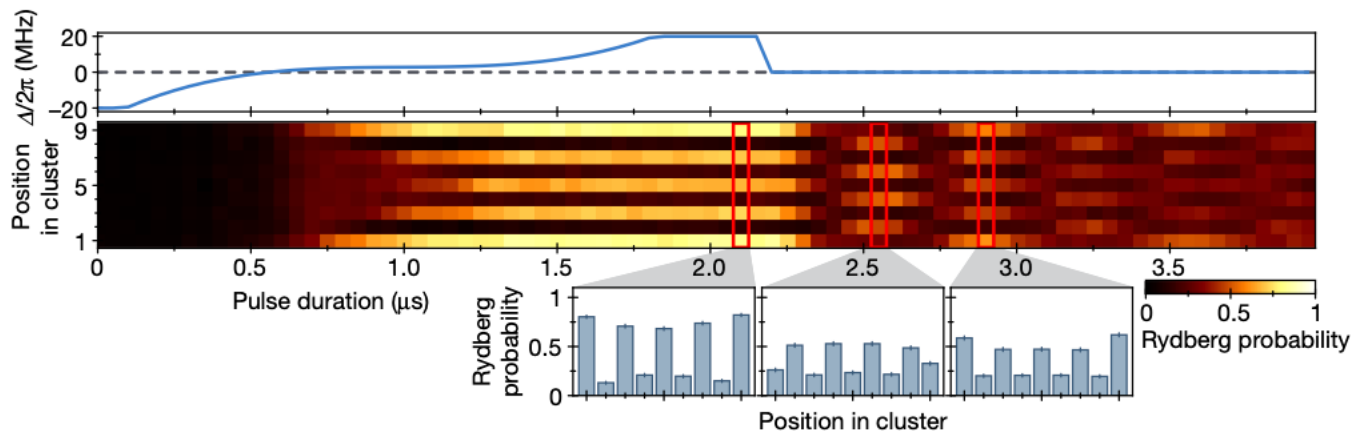
Eigenstate
Thermalization
Hypothesis
(ETH)



$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}[\rho_{AB}] \propto \exp[-\beta H_A]$$

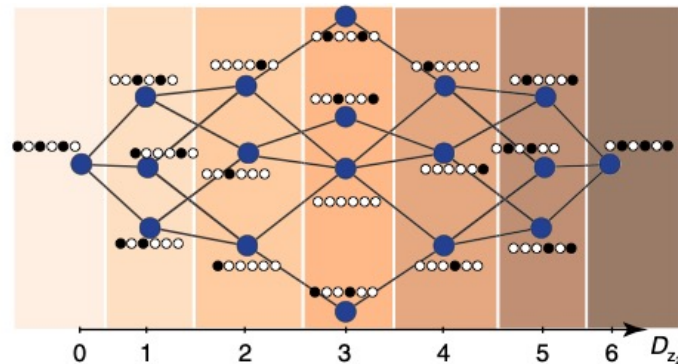
But sometimes it does not thermalize...: quantum scars in 1D

Bernien *et al.*,
Nature **551**, 579 (2017)



Systems keeps memory of initial state!

Blockade constraint breaks ergodicity



Turner *et al.*,
Nat. Phys. 2018

Quantum scars

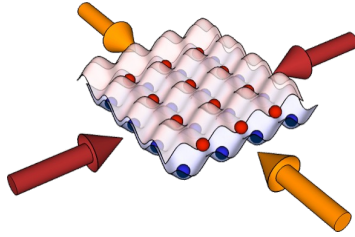
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Analog versus digital quantum simulation

Analog

The platform implements directly H_{model}



e.g.: Fermi Hubbard, spin models, electrons in B-fields...

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \exp\left(-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^t H_{\text{mod}}(t') dt'\right) |\psi(0)\rangle$$

Non-universal

Georgescu, Rev. Mod. Phys. (2014)

Digital

H_{model} synthesized digitally

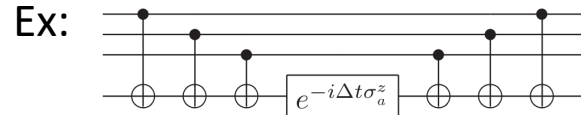
$$H_{\text{mod}} = \sum_{n=1}^N H_n$$

e.g. single & 2-qbit operations

$$e^{-iH_{\text{mod}}t} \approx$$

$$\left(e^{-iH_1 t/n} e^{-iH_2 t/n} \dots e^{-iH_3 t/n}\right)^n$$

= **“universal” quantum simulation**



$$H_{\text{mod}} = \sigma_1^z \otimes \sigma_2^z \otimes \sigma_3^z$$

Digital quantum simulation: resource estimates...

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Number of *perfect* gates to reproduce current *imperfect* analog simulation

Gate	Gate Count	Depth
CNOT	1.7×10^5	8.4×10^3
$R_Z(\theta)$	6.8×10^4	6.7×10^2

M sites

Gate	Gate Count	Depth
CNOT	1.6×10^3	5.5×10^2
$R_Z(\theta)$	2.1×10^4	3.5×10^2

TABLE I. Gate count and depth estimates for digital quantum simulation of **the Hubbard model** with $J\tau = 2.7$, $M = 100$ and $tJ = 10$.

TABLE III. Gate count and depth estimates for digital quantum simulation of the **nearest neighbour Ising model** with $J\tau = 2.6$, $M = 100$, $tJ = 10$.

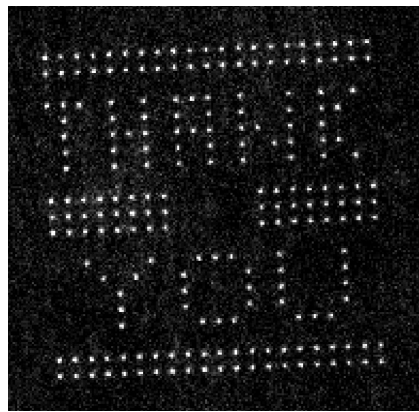
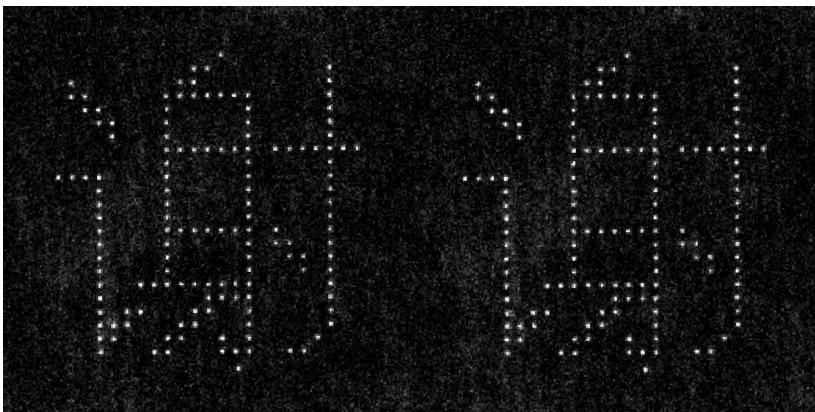
Gate	Gate Count	Depth
CNOT	6.9×10^5	1.4×10^4
$R_Z(\theta)$	3.5×10^5	7.0×10^3

TABLE II. Gate count and depth estimates for digital quantum simulation of the **long-range Ising model** with $J\tau = 2.6$, $M = 100$ and $tJ = 10$.

Numbers explode when analog errors $\rightarrow 0$

Area	Application Task	Target runtime	Logical gates	Logical qubits	Minimum physical qubits needed (surface code)			Desired logical gate execution rate
					10^{-3}	10^{-4}	10^{-6}	
Physics	Dynamical sim. of spin system	10 sec	1M	100	100k	23k	5k	0.1 MHz
Physics	Fermi-Hubbard (10×10) ground-state sim.	1 hr	100M	250	500k	100k	25k	0.03 MHz

Assembled arrays...



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