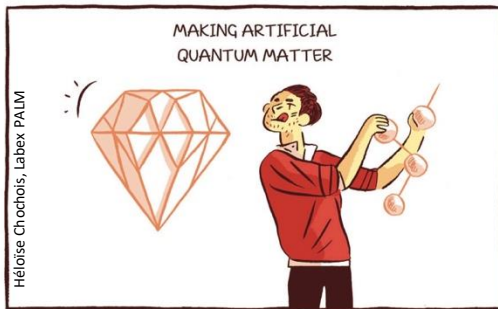


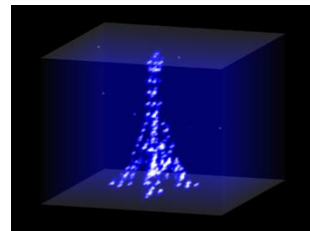
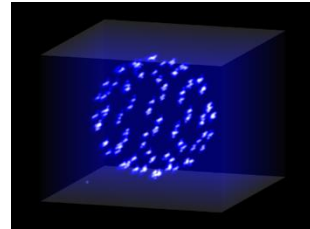
# Exploring many-body physics with arrays of Rydberg atoms (II)



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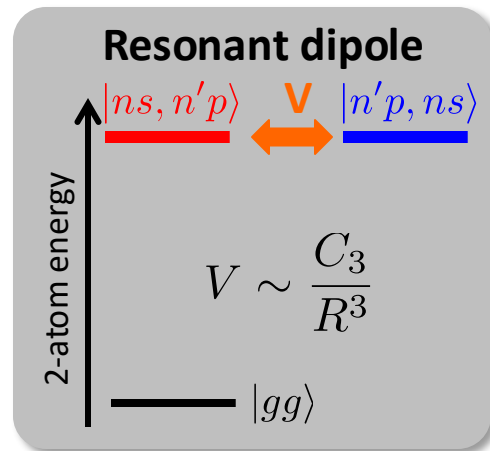
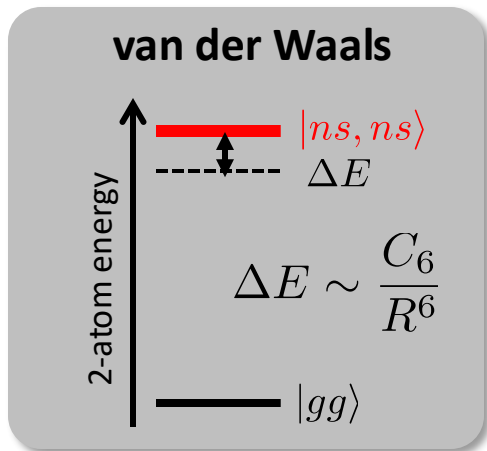
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# Interactions between Rydberg atoms and spin models

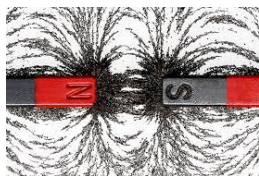
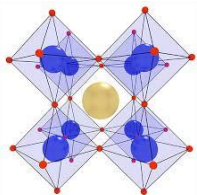


Browaeys & Lahaye, Nat.Phys. (2020)

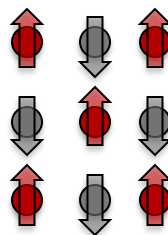


## Ising model

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

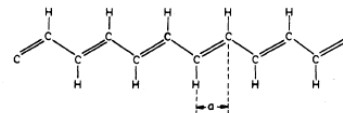


## Spin 1/2

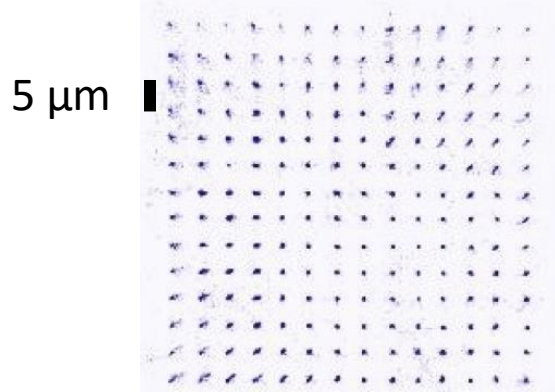


## XY model

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i \neq j} J_{ij} (\hat{\sigma}_i^+ \hat{\sigma}_j^- + \hat{\sigma}_i^- \hat{\sigma}_j^+)$$

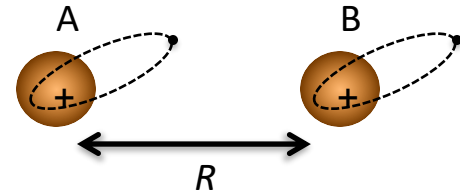


# Combining arrays of atoms and Rydberg interactions



+

## Rydberg interactions



Van der Waals

resonant

$$\frac{C_6}{R^6}$$

$$\frac{C_3}{R^3}$$

Quantum Ising  
 $s = 1/2$

Hardcore  
boson

Bosons/ Fermions  
Softcore  
potential

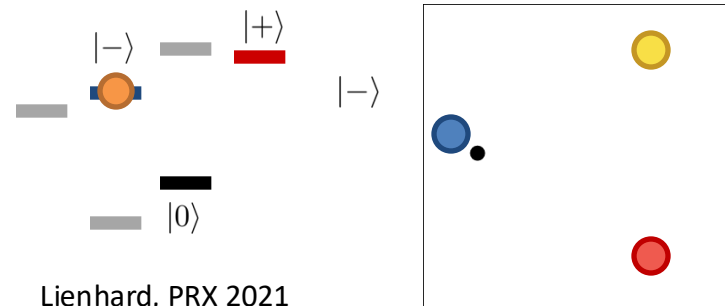
$$XY, s = 1/2$$

$$\frac{1}{R^3}, \frac{1}{R^6}$$

XYZ  
Heisenberg  
 $s = 1/2$   
Floquet

t- J model

## Spin-orbit coupling



# The program

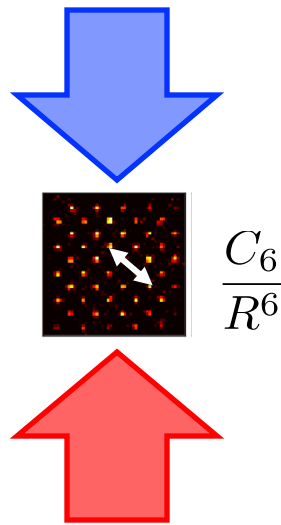
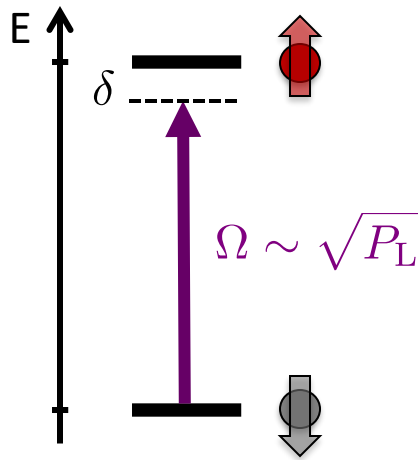
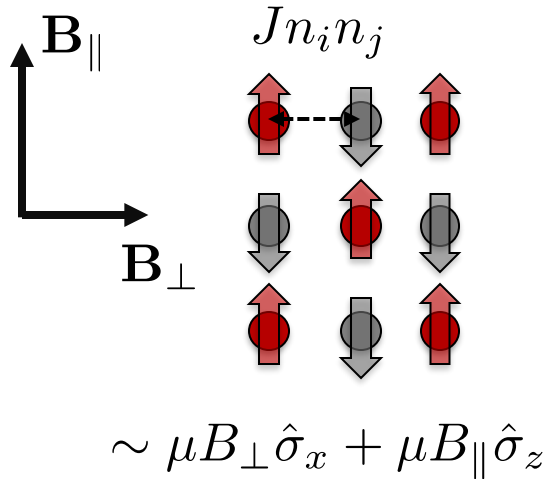
Lecture 1: Arrays of atoms & “Rydbergology”  
Rydberg Interactions and spin models  
Engineering many-body Hamiltonians

Lecture 2: Examples of quantum simulations in  
and out-of-equilibrium: quantum magnetism

# Outline – Lecture 3

1. Studying the ground state of quantum magnets
  - Ising model in 2D
  - Dipolar XY model in 2D
2. Out-of-equilibrium dynamics
  - Quench dynamics in Ising model: thermalization or not...
  - Quench spectroscopy: measuring dispersion relation of quasi-particles
3. Outlook: what we did not discuss... & beyond

# From van der Waals interaction to spin models...



## Transverse Field Ising model:

$$H = \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2} \sum_i \hat{\sigma}_x^i + \hbar\delta \sum_i \hat{\sigma}_z^i + \sum_{i<j} \frac{C_6}{R_{ij}^6} \hat{n}_i \hat{n}_j$$

Laser:  $B_{\perp}$

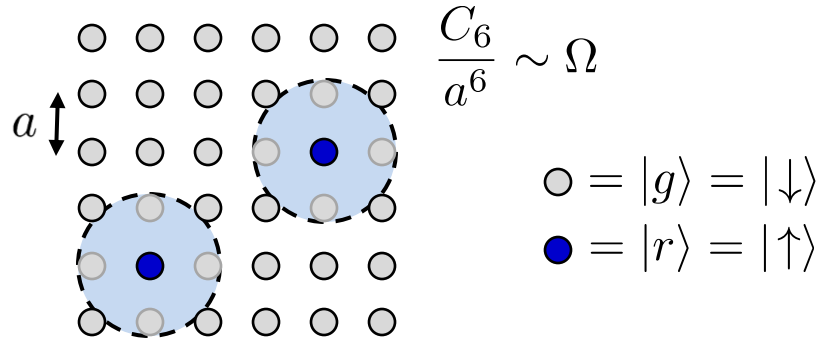
$B_{\parallel}$

spin-spin interactions

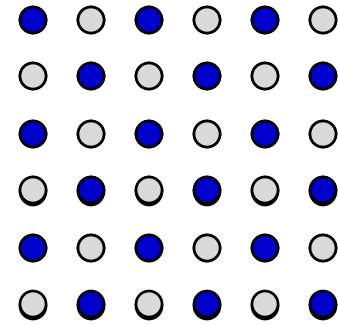
Controlled parameters:  
From negligible to dominant interactions

# 2D Ising anti-ferromagnet on a square

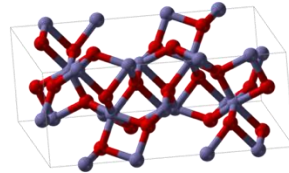
Nearest neighb. interaction



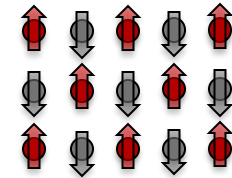
Anti-ferromagnetic ground state



Ex of antiferromagnets:  
MnO, FeO, CoO, NiO, FeCl<sub>2</sub>...

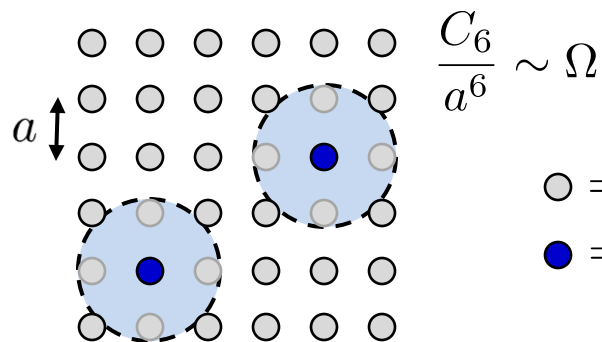


AFM (Néel) ordering ( $Z_2$  phase)

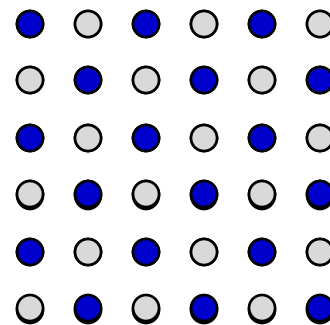


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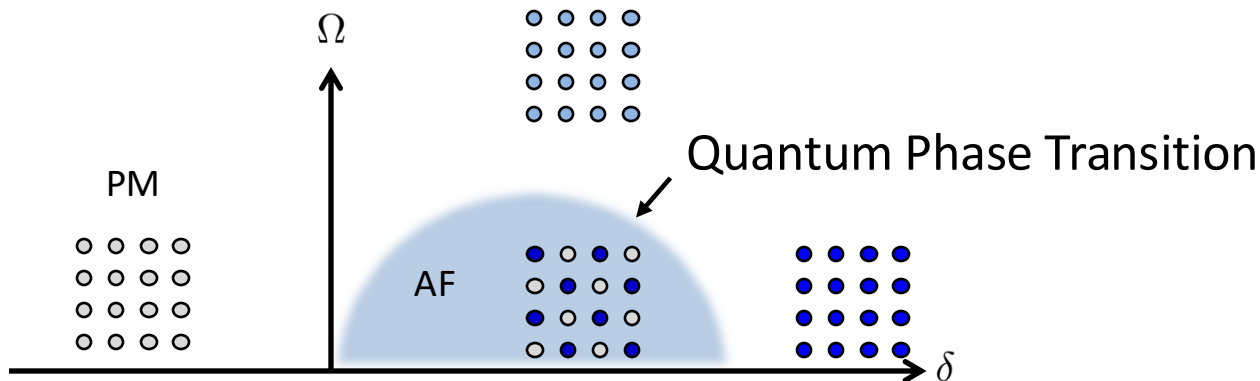


Anti-ferromagnetic ground state



○ =  $|g\rangle = |\downarrow\rangle$   
● =  $|r\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle$

2D phase diagram  
(1970)



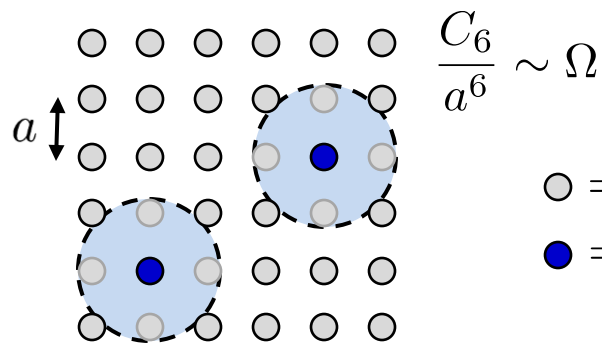
Known by Quantum Monte-Carlo

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



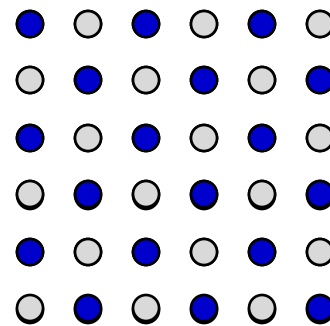
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Nearest neighb. interaction

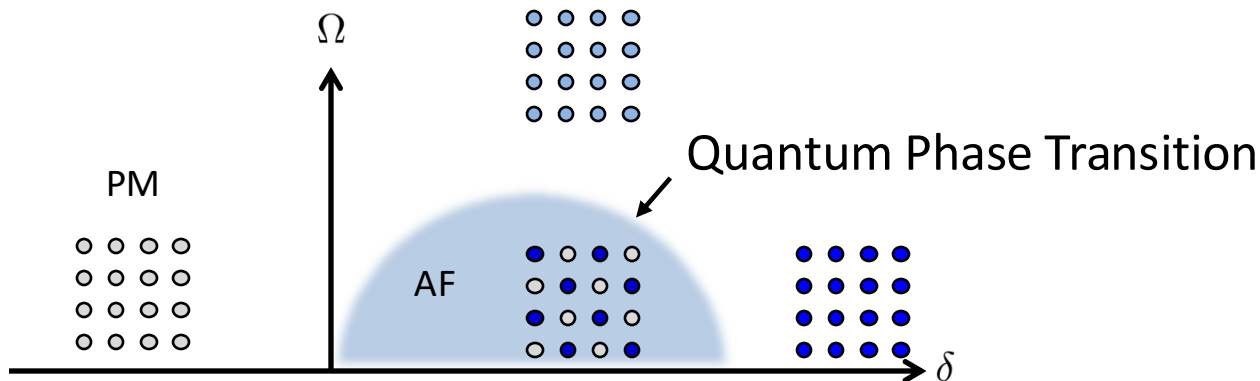


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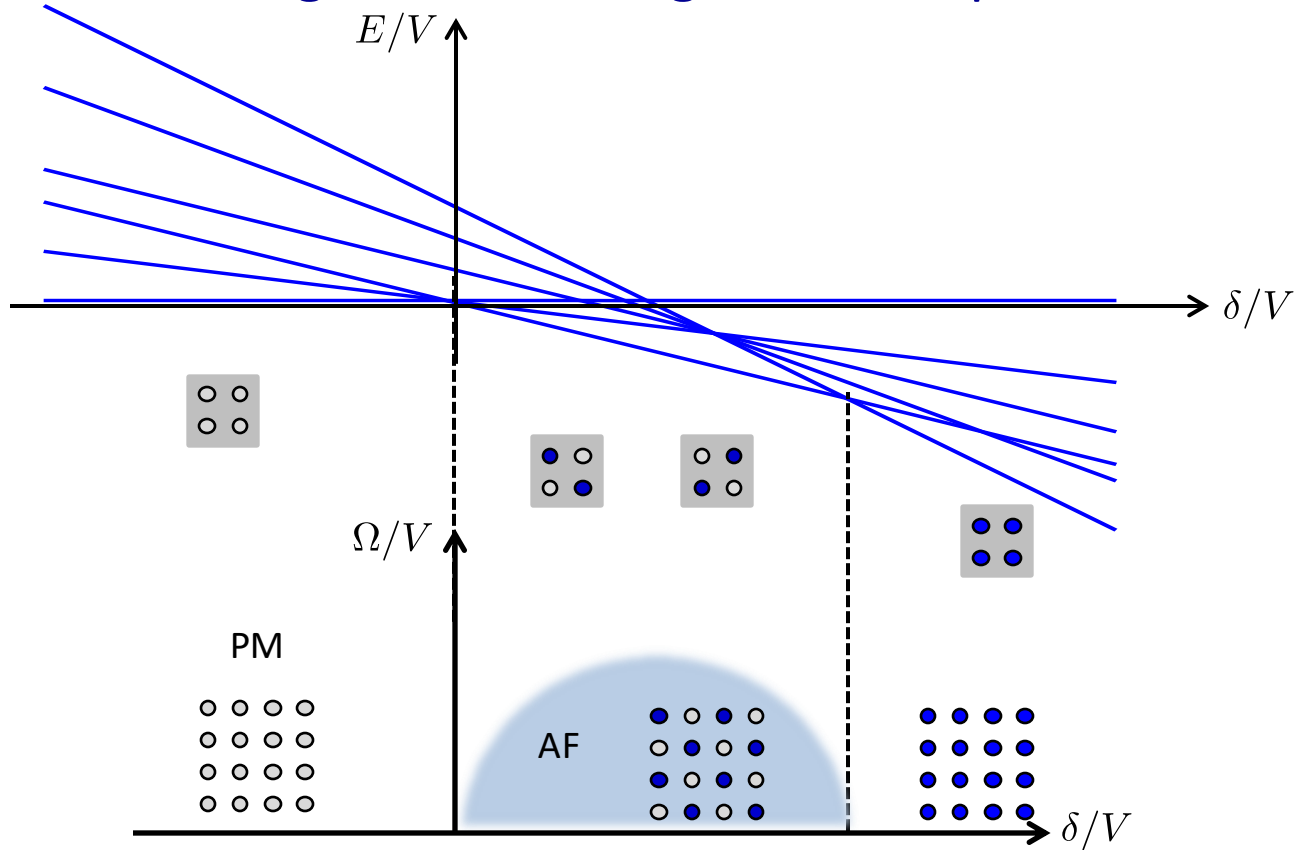
2D phase diagram  
(1970)



$$H = \frac{\hbar\Omega}{2} \sum_i \sigma_x^i - \hbar\delta \sum_i \hat{n}_i + \frac{V}{2} \sum_i \hat{n}_i \hat{n}_{i+1}$$

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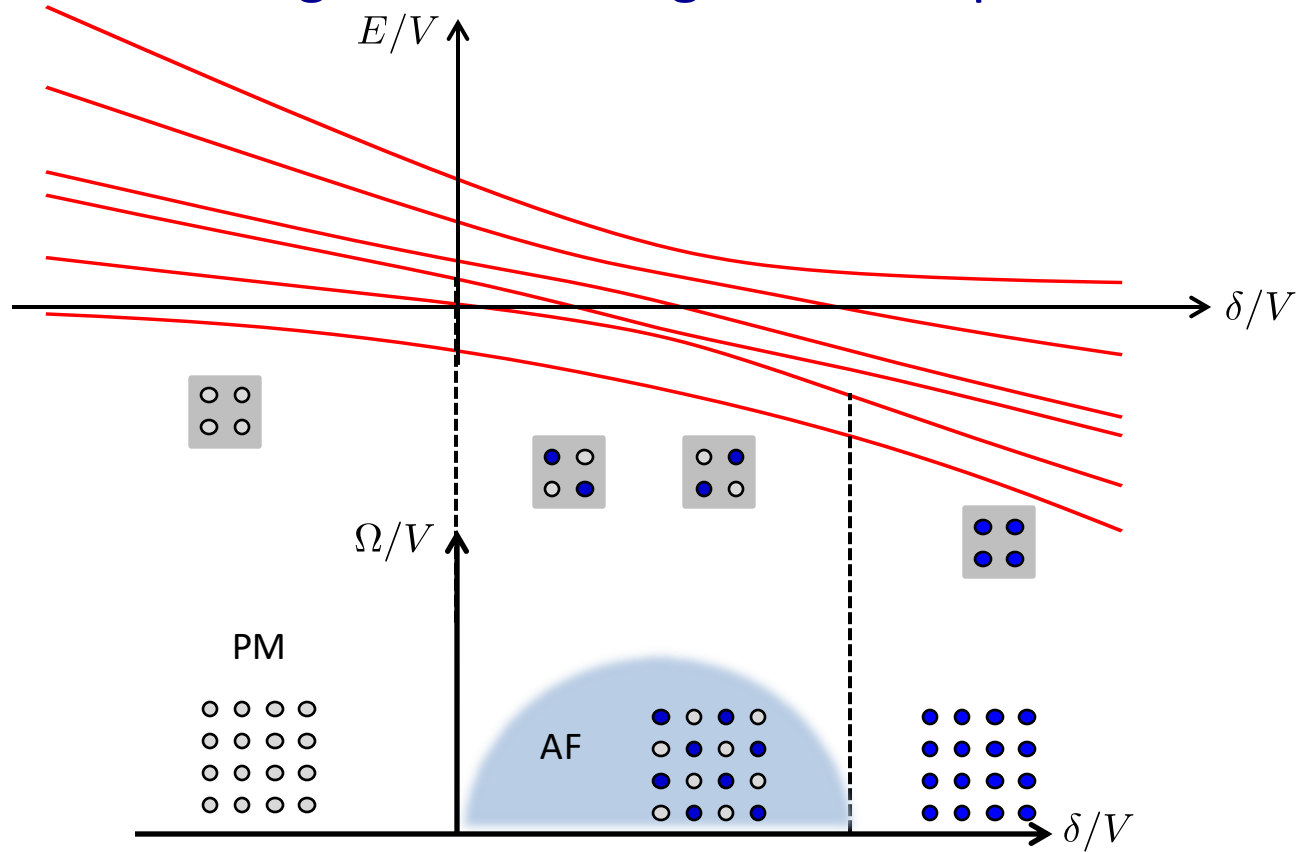
$$\Omega/V = 0$$



$$H = -\hbar\delta \sum_i \hat{n}_i + \frac{V}{2} \sum_i \hat{n}_i \hat{n}_{i+1}$$

# 2D Ising anti-ferromagnet on a square

$$\Omega/V = 1$$

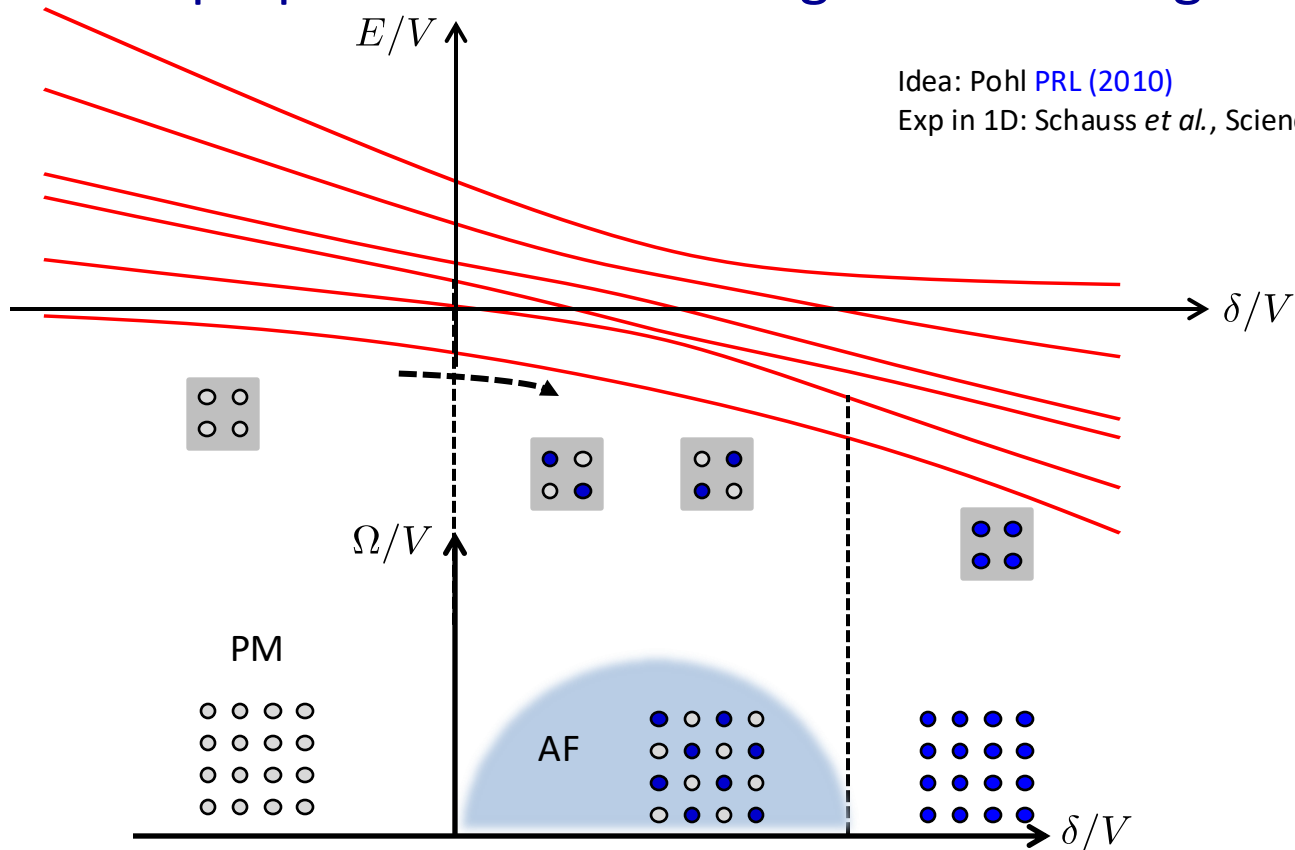


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Idea: Pohl [PRL \(2010\)](#)  
 Exp in 1D: Schauss *et al.*, *Science* (2015)



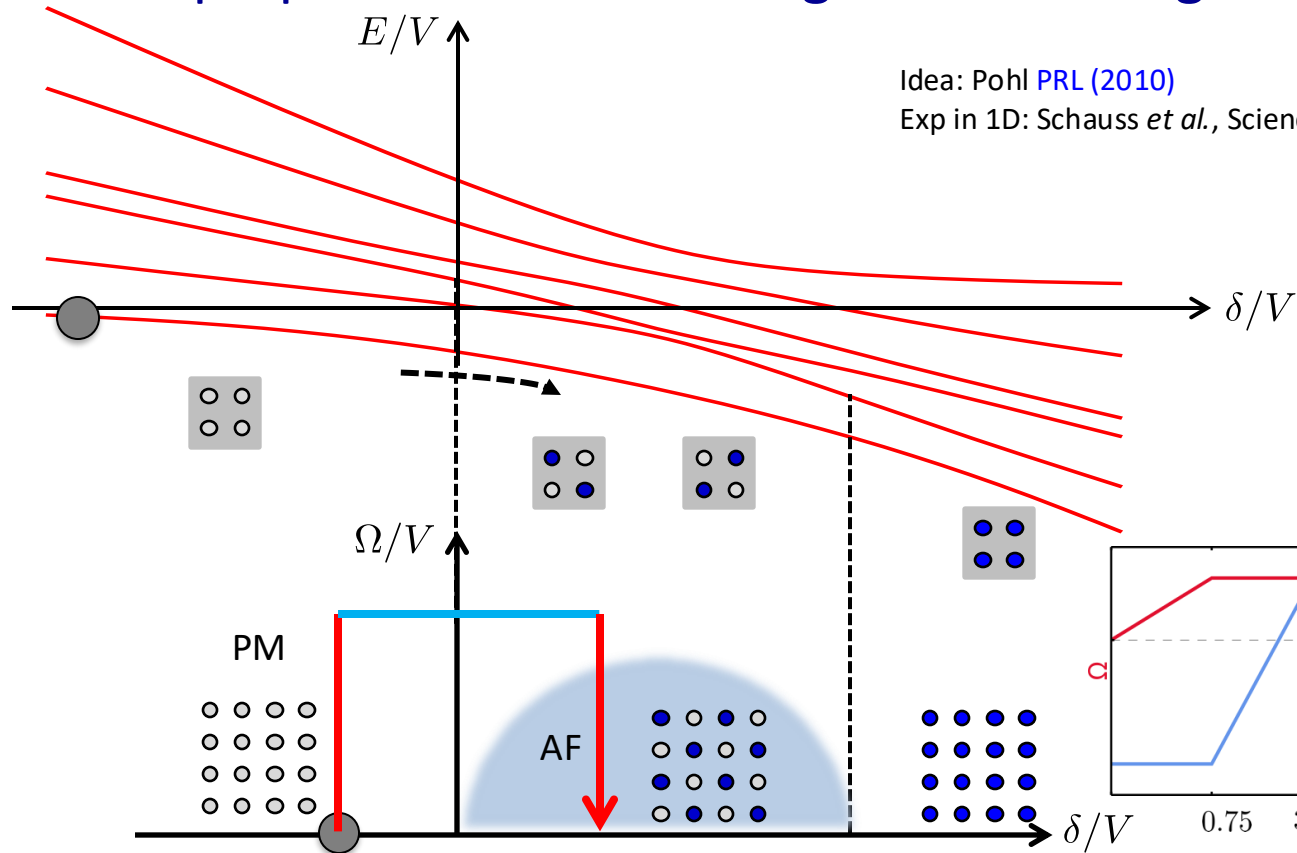
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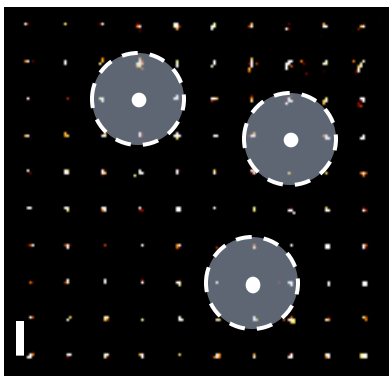
$$H = \sum_i \left( \frac{\hbar\Omega(t)}{2} \sigma_x^i - \hbar\delta(t) \hat{n}_i \right) + \sum_{i<j} \frac{C_6}{R_{ij}^6} \hat{n}_i \hat{n}_j$$

# Adiabatic preparation of an antiferromagnet on a square array

Scholl et al. Nature (2021)

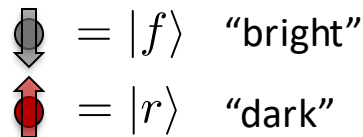
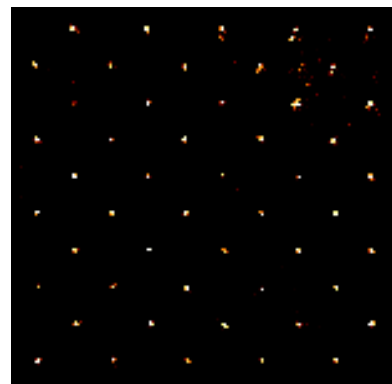
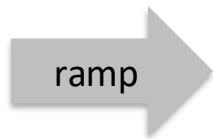
$$\frac{C_6}{a^6} \sim \Omega$$

10 × 10



10 μm

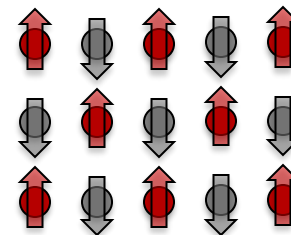
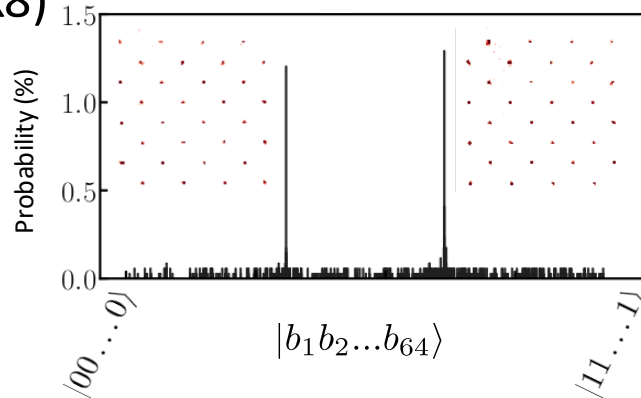
$$\Omega(t), \delta(t)$$



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

$2^{64}$  states!!!

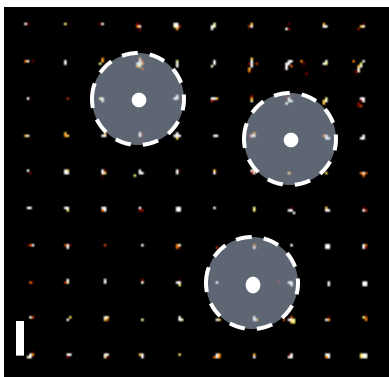
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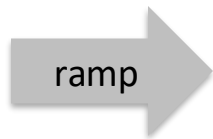
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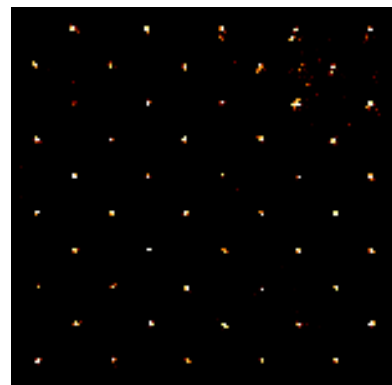
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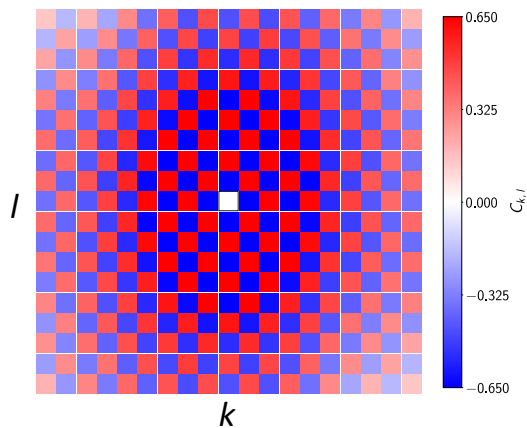


 =  $|f\rangle$  "bright"  
 =  $|r\rangle$  "dark"

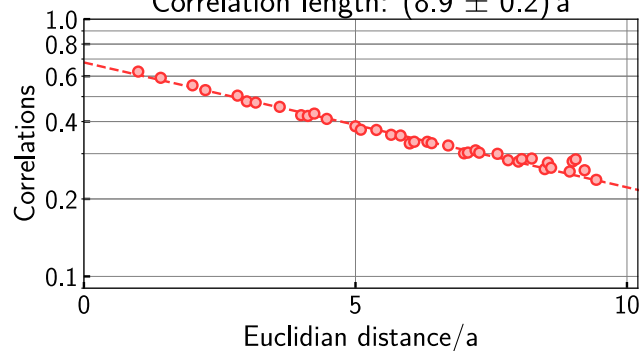
Scholl et al. Nature (2021)



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



Correlation length:  $(8.9 \pm 0.2)a$

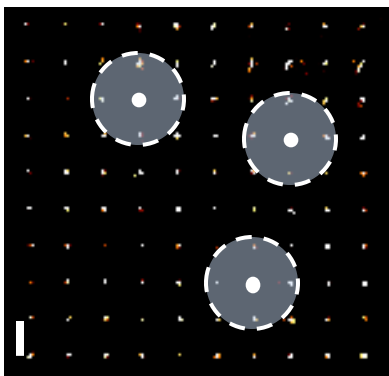


Also: Lukin Nature 2021

# Classical simulation of the preparation

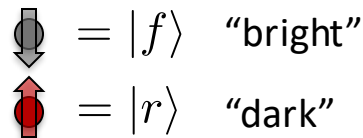
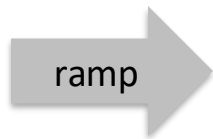
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10 × 10

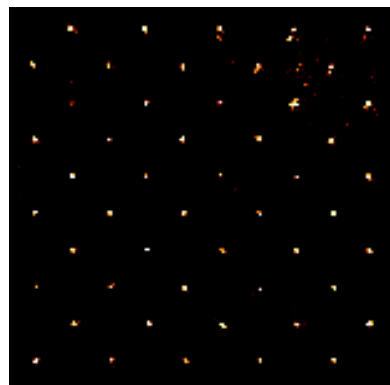


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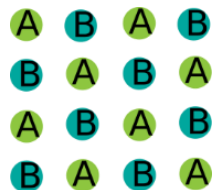
$$\Omega(t), \delta(t)$$



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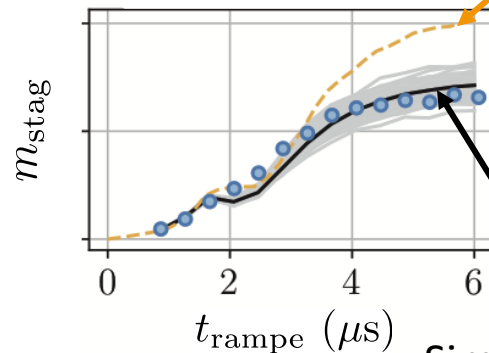
Perfect



Dynamics of magnetization

$$m_{\text{stag}} = \langle |n_A - n_B| \rangle$$

State-of-the-art simulation (2021):  
MPS limited to 10 x 10  
(14 days on super supercomputer!!)



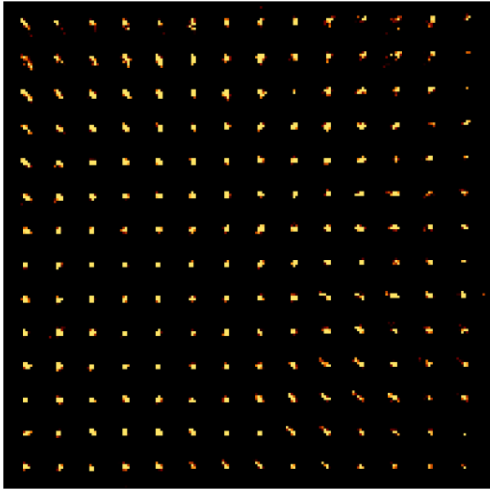
Simulation with imperfections



# But we can push the atom number... by a lot...

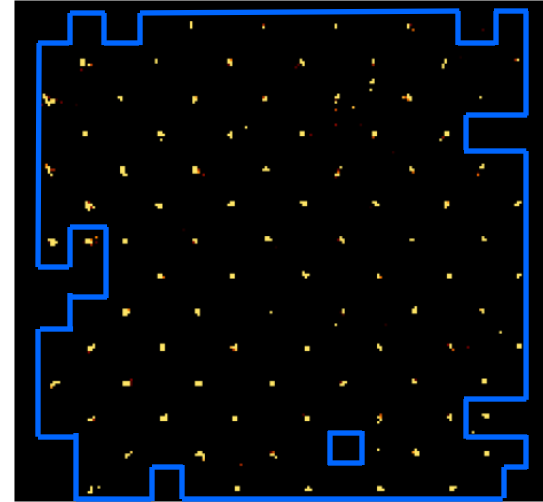
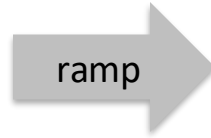
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$\Omega(t), \delta(t)$

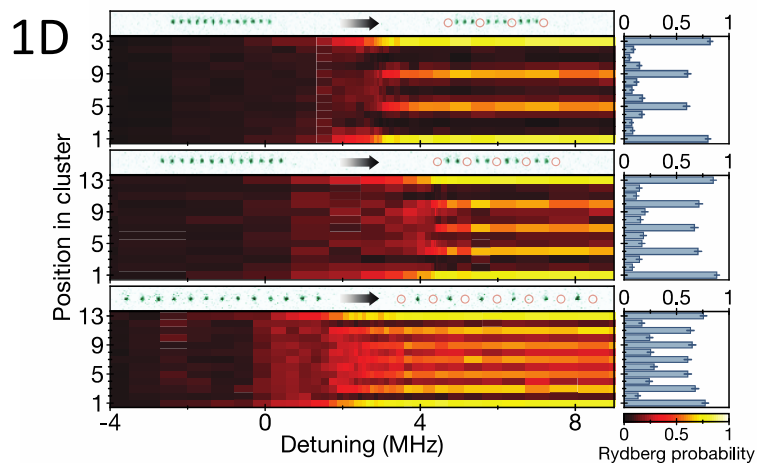
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Antiferromagnetic cluster:  
182 atoms

Since 2022: more elaborate numerical methods ...!!

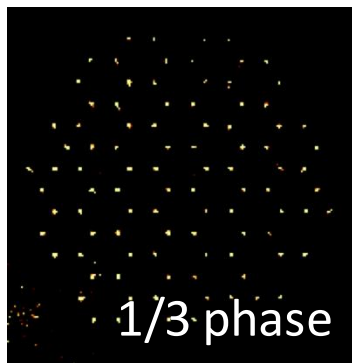
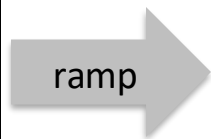
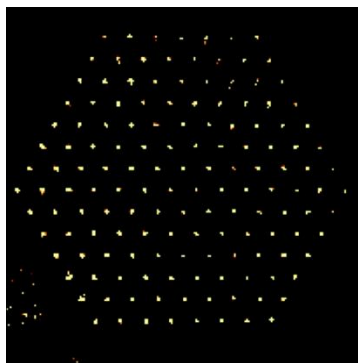
# Ising model in other geometries



Bernien, Nature 2017

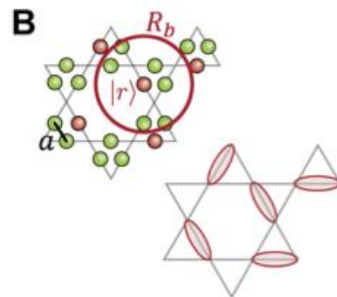
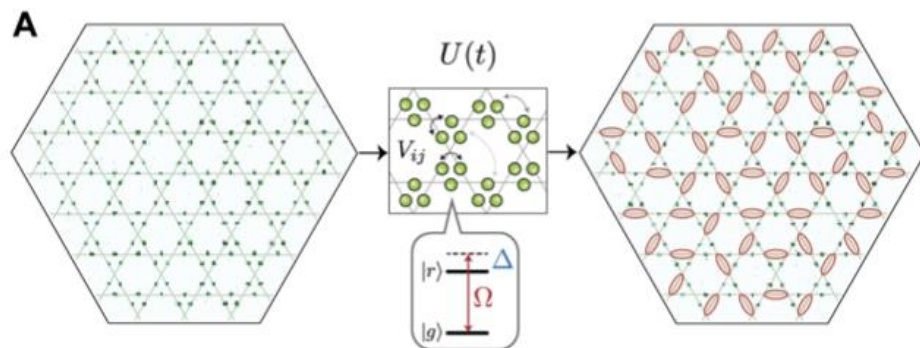
Triangle (frustration)

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Ruby lattice: spin liquid?

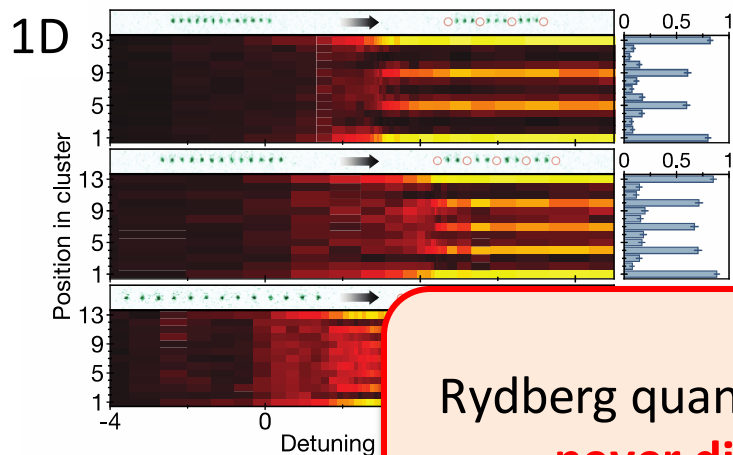
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**C**

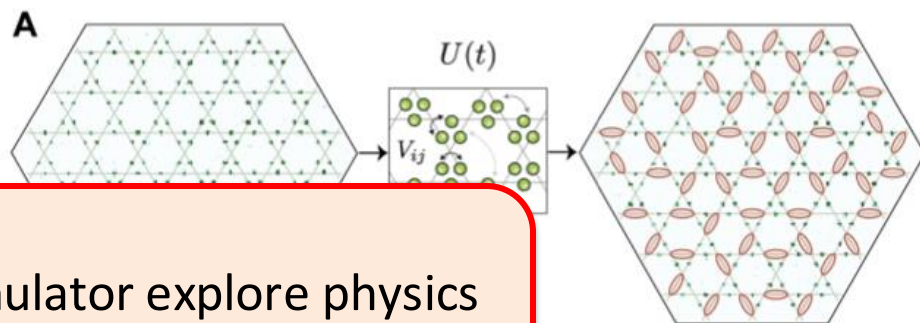
$$|\psi_{QSL}\rangle = \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle with Rydberg states} \end{array} \right\rangle + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle with Rydberg states} \end{array} \right\rangle + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle with Rydberg states} \end{array} \right\rangle + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{triangle with Rydberg states} \end{array} \right\rangle + \dots$$

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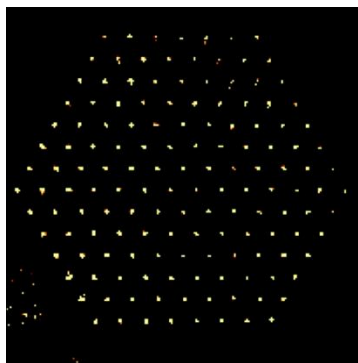
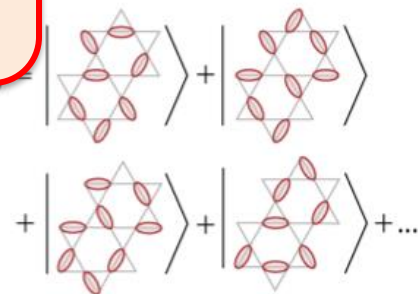
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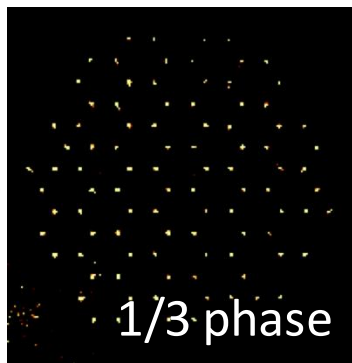


Rydberg quantum simulator explore physics  
**never directly** observed before !!

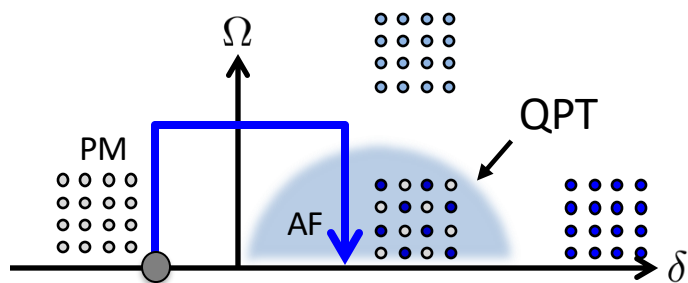
Triangle (frustration)



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# Use failure of adiabaticity to study quantum phase transition



## Adiabaticity criteria:

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

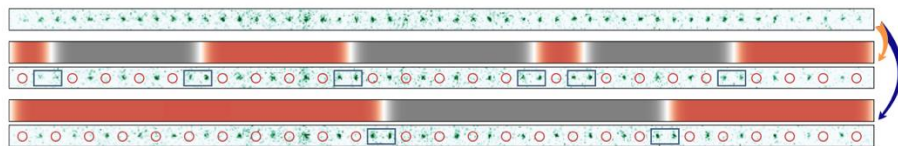
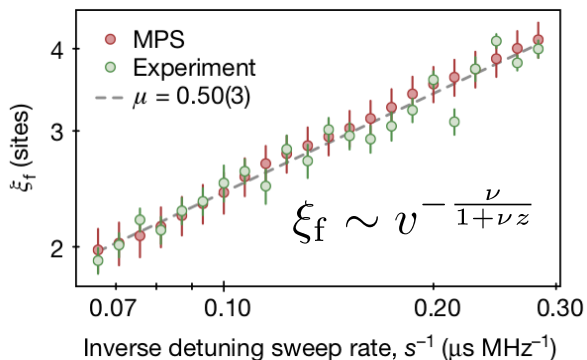
$$|\langle \psi_1(t) | \frac{dH}{dt} | \psi_0(t) \rangle| \ll \frac{\Delta E(t)^2}{\hbar}$$

**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

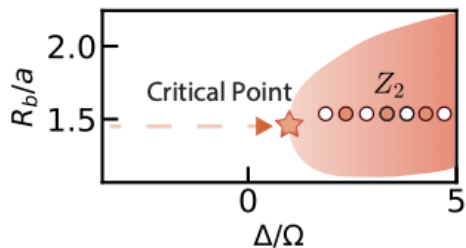


**Kibble-Zurek mechanism:**  
statistics of defects  $\Rightarrow$  critical exponent

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

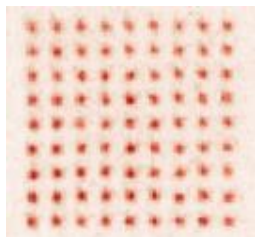
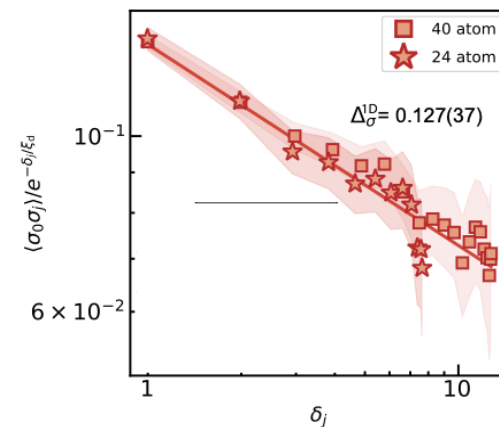
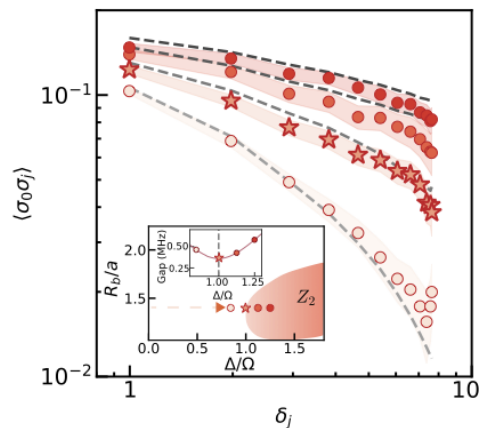
$$v_{2D, \text{square}} = 0.62(4) \quad (v_{\text{MF}} = 1/2)$$

# Studying quantum phase transition in 1D and 2D



Far from QPT:  $\langle \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z \rangle \sim \exp[-|i - j|/\xi]$

Close to QPT (criticality):  $\langle \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z \rangle \sim |i - j|^{-\Delta}$



$$\Delta_{\text{th}}^{2D} = 0.518149$$

$$\Delta_{\text{exp}}^{2D} = 0.59(9)$$

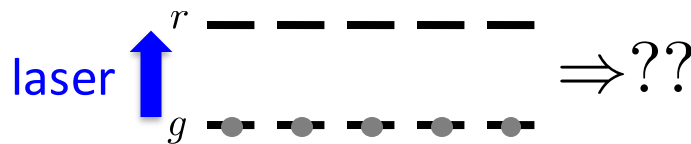
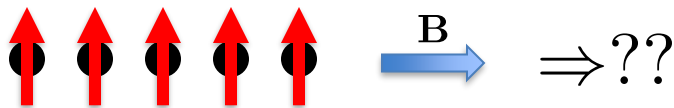
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# Outline – Lecture 3

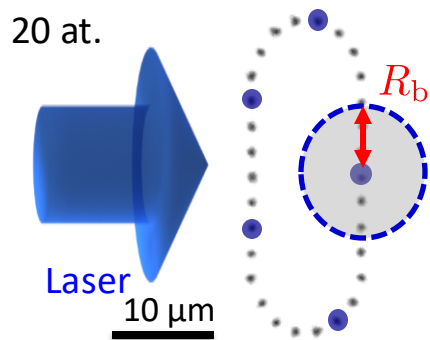
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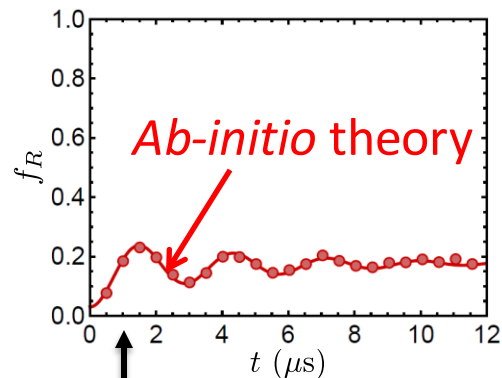


## 1D with periodic boundaries



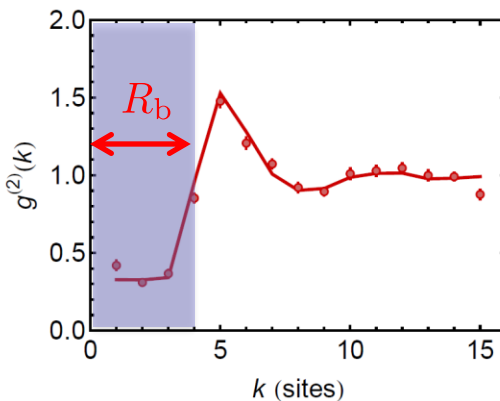
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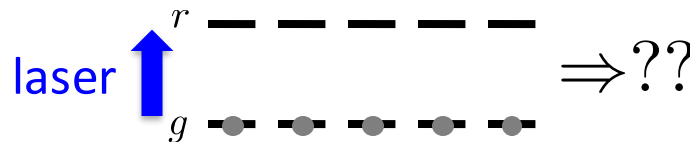
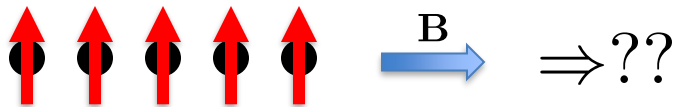


1 Rydberg atom  
= hard sphere  $R_b$

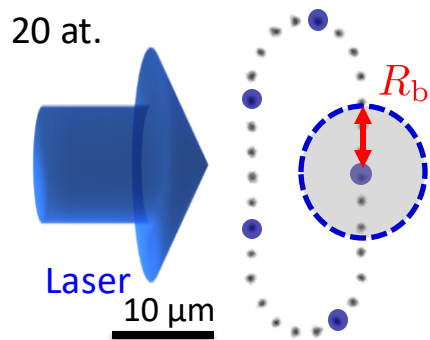
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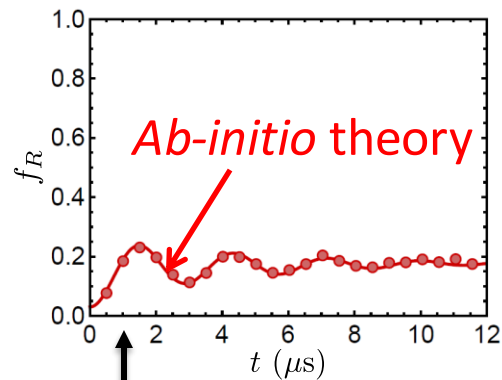


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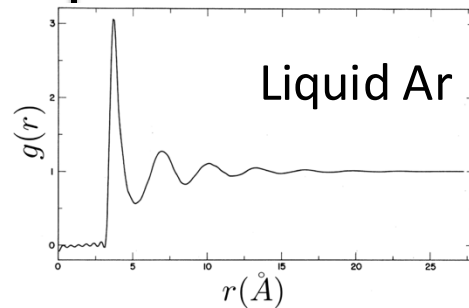
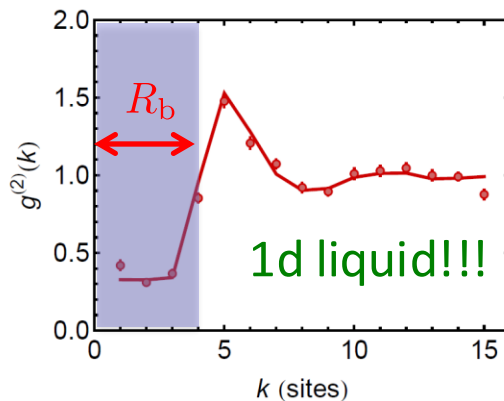
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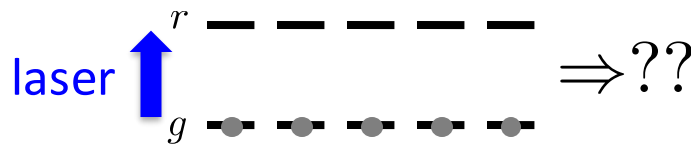
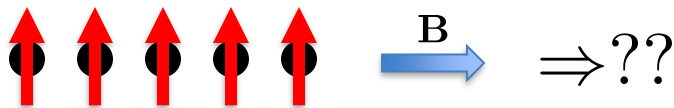


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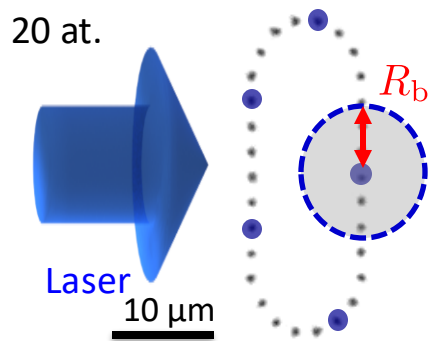


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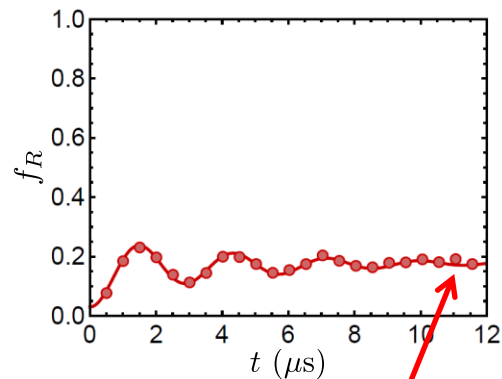


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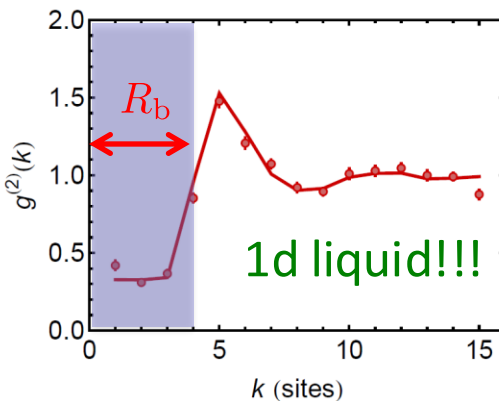
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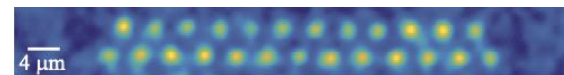
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Thermalization??

Kim, ... Ahn, PRL 2018



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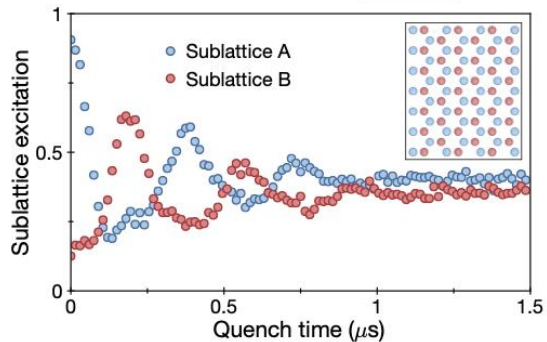
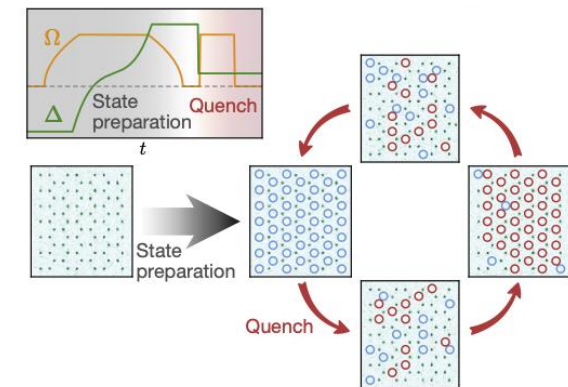
# Thermalization of closed Many-Body systems

Question: do closed systems always reach equilibrium?

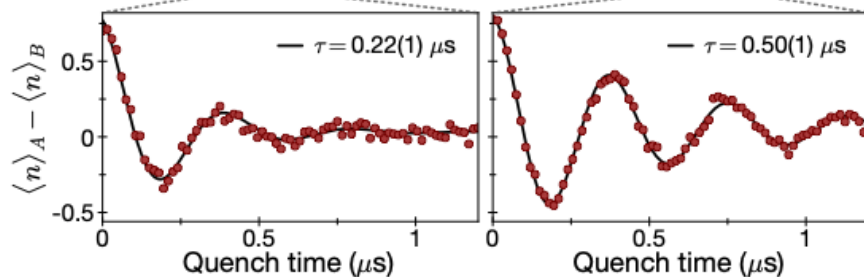
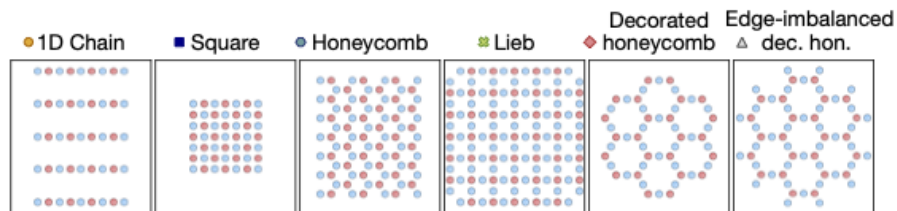
Answer: it depends... ETH, many-body localization and Quantum Scars

Quantum scarrs in 2D (1D: Lukin Nature 2019)

Bluvstein...Lukin, Science 2021



Scarrs depends on geometry

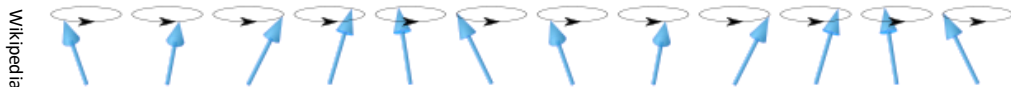


Blockade constraint breaks ergodicity

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# Elementary excitations of *dipolar* XY model: spin waves



Wikipedia

Büchler *et al.*, PRL 109, 025303 (2012)  
Roskilde *et al.*, arXiv:2303.00380

## Linear spin wave theory + Bogolubov:

$$H_{XY} = -J \sum_{i < j} \frac{a^3}{r_{ij}^3} (\sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + \sigma_i^y \sigma_j^y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^+ &\rightarrow \hat{b}_q^\dagger \\ \sigma^- &\rightarrow \hat{b}_q \end{aligned}$$

Ground state

Spin wave

$$H_{XY} \approx E_0 + \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \hbar \omega_{\mathbf{q}} a_{\mathbf{q}}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{q}}$$

$$\omega_{\mathbf{q}} = J_0 \sqrt{1 - J_{\mathbf{q}}/J_0} \quad \text{with} \quad J_{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{J a^\alpha}{N} \sum_{i \neq j} (\pm 1)^{|i-j|} \frac{e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{ij}}}{r_{ij}^\alpha}$$

↖ FM  
↙ AFM

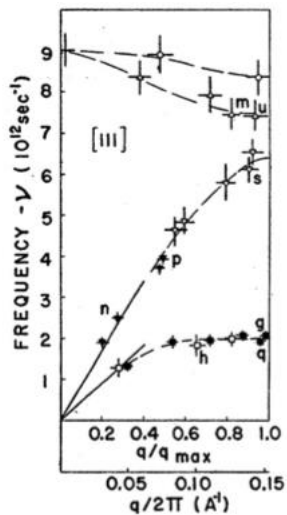
		N.N.	Dipolar
Ferro	$J > 0$	$\omega(\mathbf{q}) \propto  \mathbf{q} $	$\omega(\mathbf{q}) \propto \sqrt{ \mathbf{q} }$
Antiferro	$J < 0$	$\omega(\mathbf{q}) \propto  \mathbf{q} $	$\omega(\mathbf{q}) \propto  \mathbf{q} $



# “Quench spectroscopy” of dipolar XY magnets

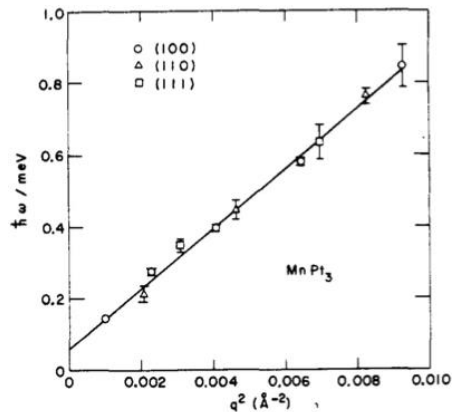
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## Neutron scattering



phonons

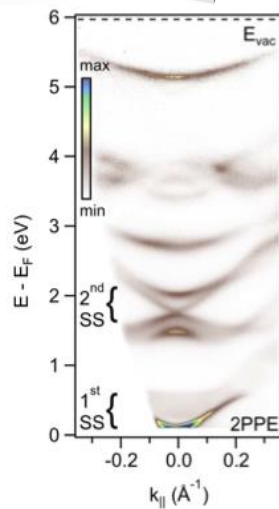
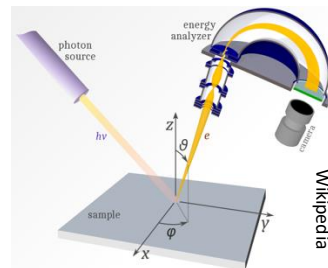
Brockhouse PR 1958



Magnons

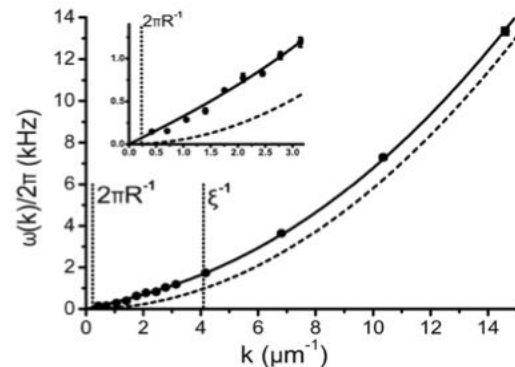
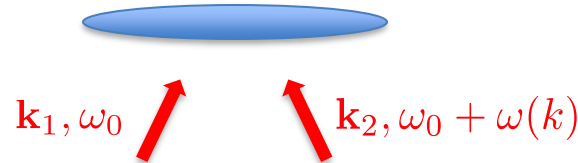
Antonini Sol. St. Comm. 1972

## ARPES



## Bragg spectroscopy

$$k = k_2 - k_1$$



Phonons in BEC

Steinhauer PRL 2002

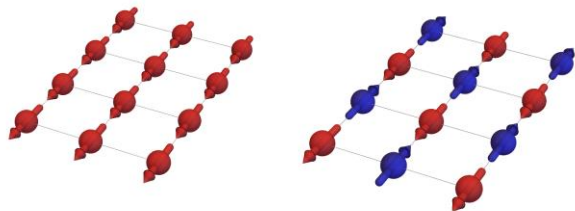
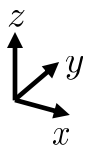
# “Quench spectroscopy” of dipolar XY magnets

**Usually:** Excite system above ground state & measure dynamics

**Here:** Measure dynamics after quench preparing MEAN-FIELD ground state

“Mean-field ground state = true ground state + spin waves”

Villa, Despres & Sanchez-Palencia, PRA 2019  
Roskilde *et al.*, PRB 2018, arXiv:2303.00380



Classical FM / AFM in  $(xy)$   
= MEAN-FIELD ground state  
= easy to prepare state (product state)

**t-Structure factor:**

$$S_{zz}(\mathbf{q}, t) \propto \sum_{i,j} \langle \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z \rangle(t) e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot (\mathbf{r}_j - \mathbf{r}_i)}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{J_{\mathbf{q}}}{2J_0} + \frac{J_{\mathbf{q}}}{2J_0} \cos(2\omega_{\mathbf{q}}t)$$

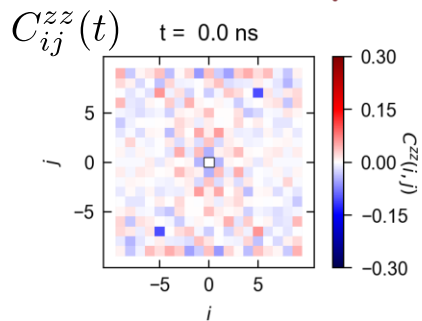
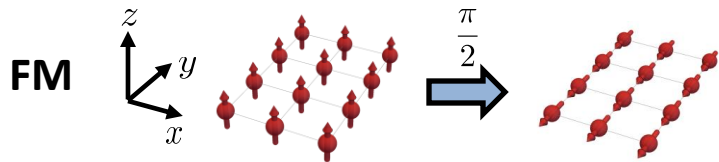
Quench  $\Rightarrow$  pairs  $(q, -q)$

LSW theory

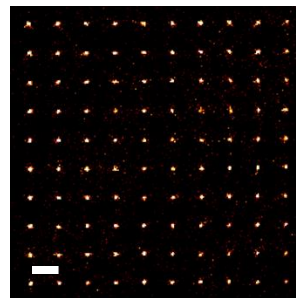
**Related work:** ultra-cold atoms in lattices, ions, superconducting circuits...

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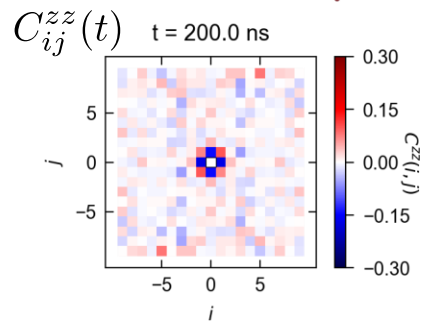
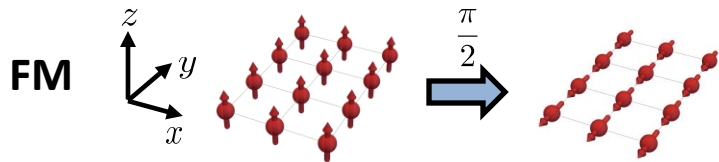
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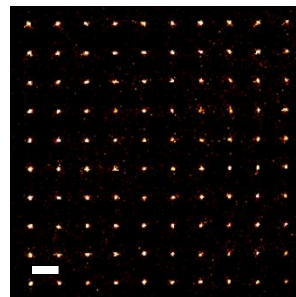
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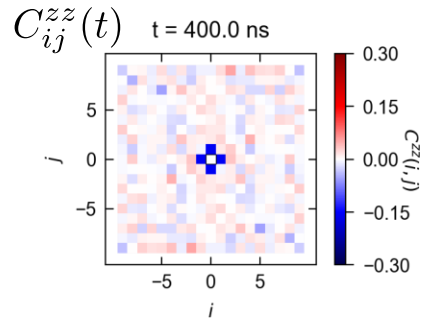
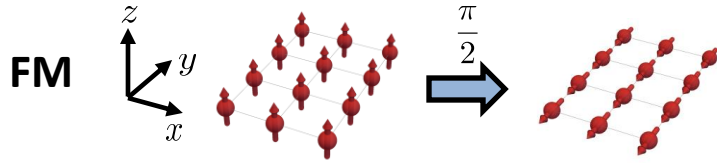


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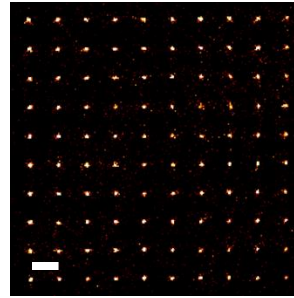


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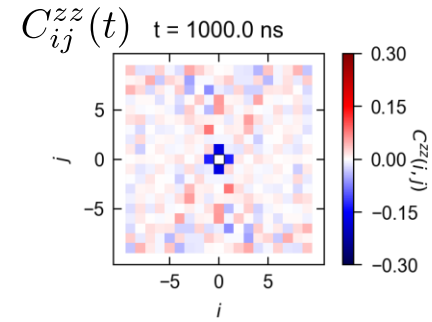
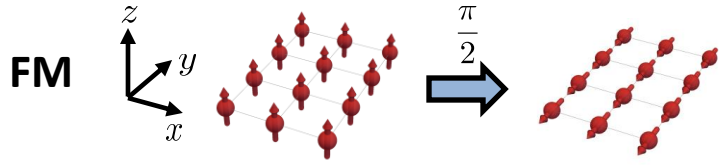
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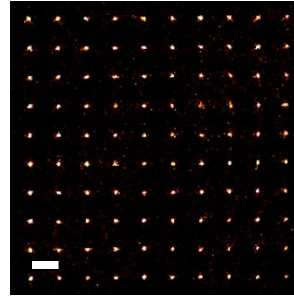
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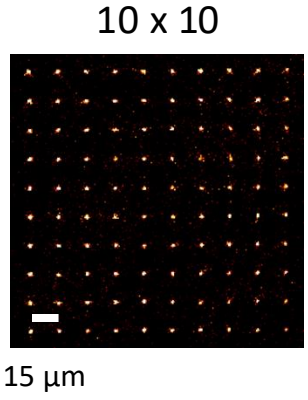
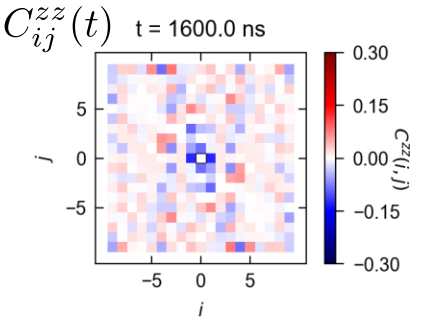
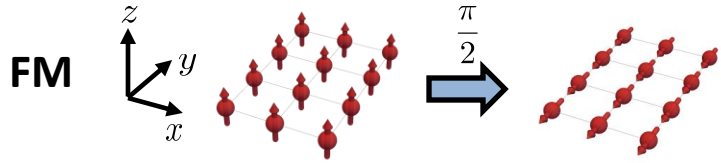
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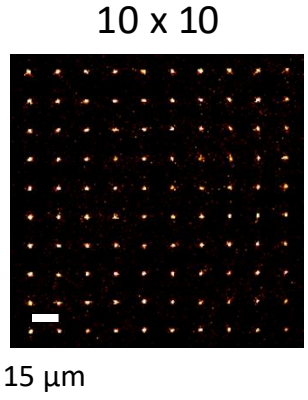
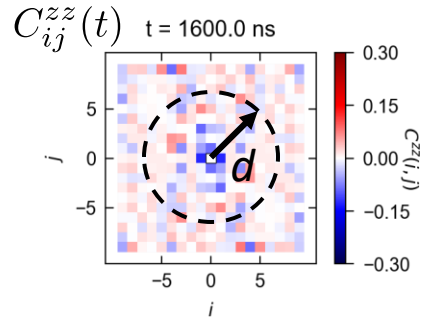
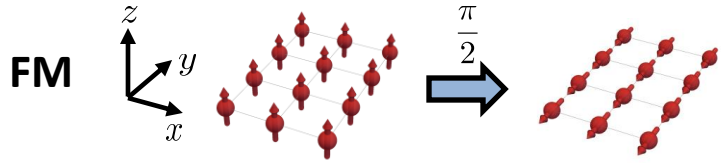
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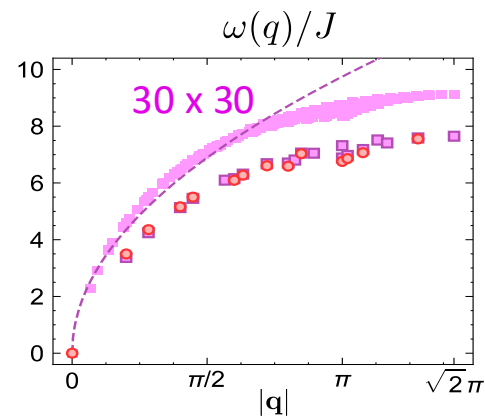
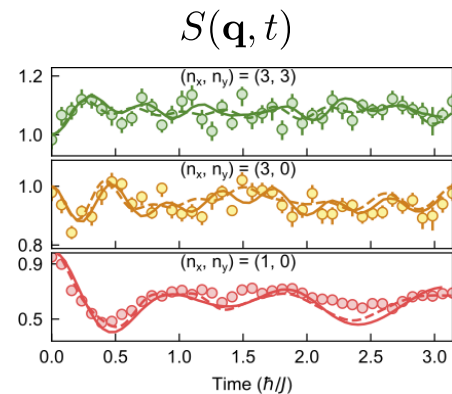
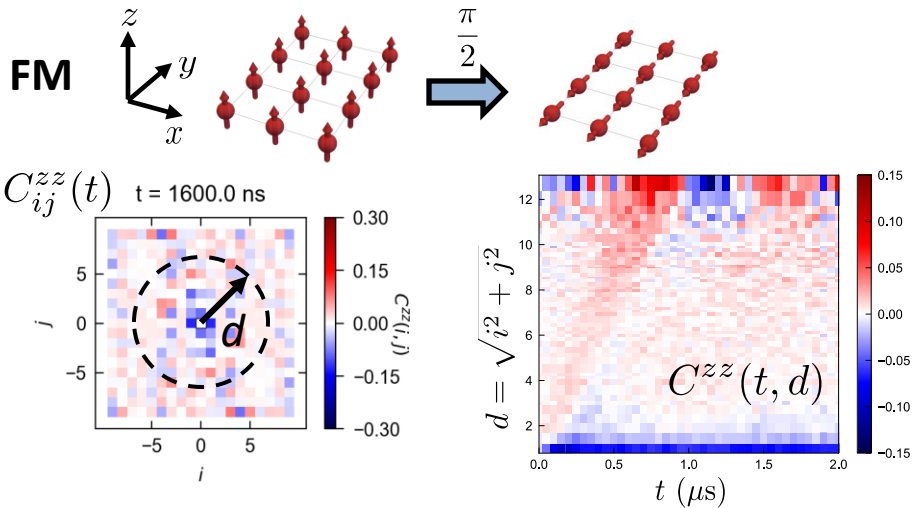
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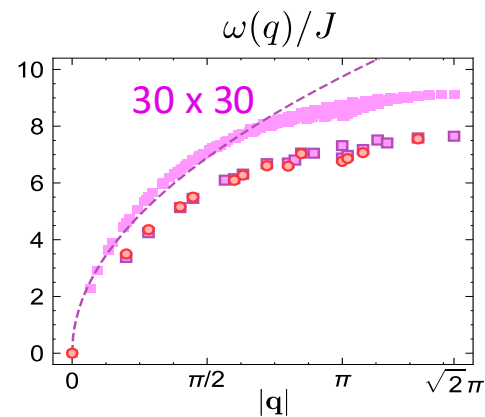
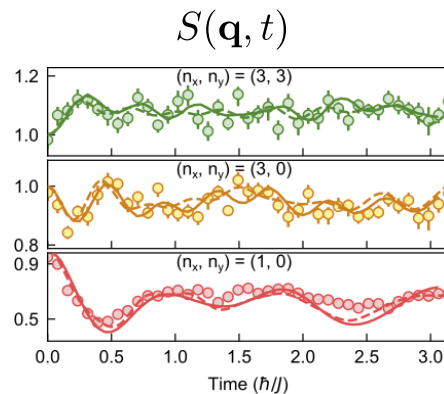
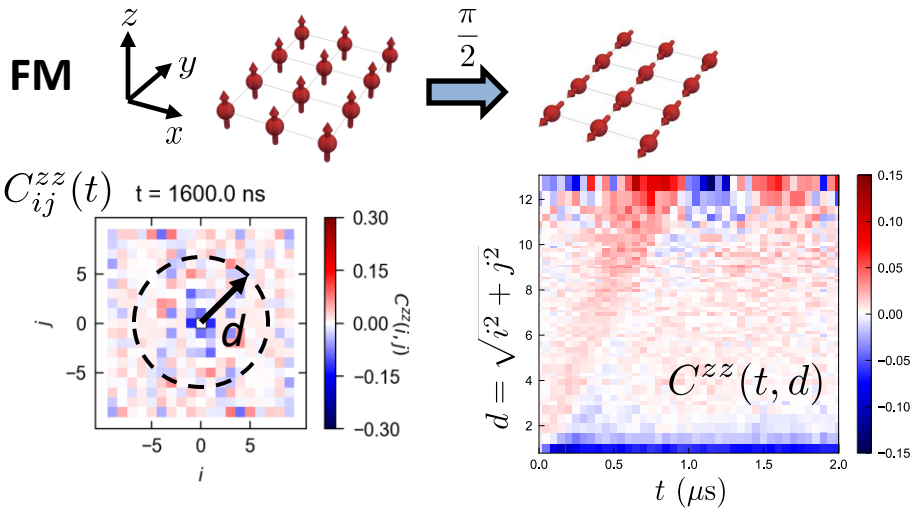
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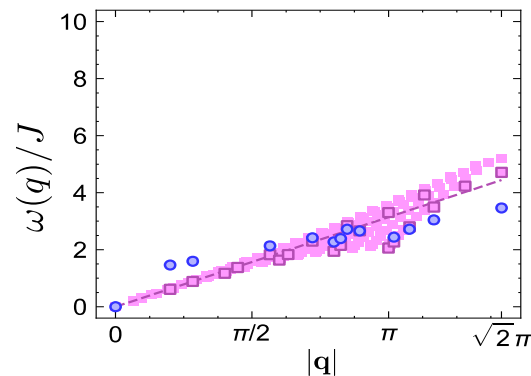
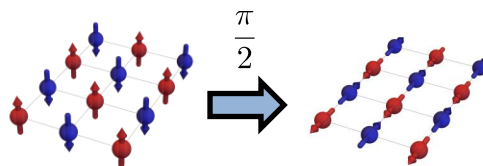
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**AFM**

$$J_{60S-60P} > 0$$

**FM** coupling



**Highest excited state**  $H_{XY} = \text{ground state} - H_{XY}$

Same dynamics  $-H_{XY}/H_{XY}$

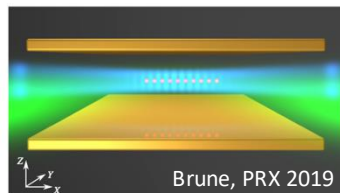
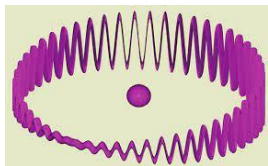
$1/r^3$  Interaction modifies dispersion!!

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**New developments:** circular Rydberg states  $\Rightarrow$  lifetimes  $> 50$  s...



Brune (Paris): arXiv:2407.04109, Nat. Phys. 2022  
Covey (Urbana Champaign)  
Thompson (Princeton)  
Meinert & Pfau (Stuttgart)...

overhead:  
Rydberg trapping

High precision quantum simulation: validation of the simulation

Article

## Benchmarking highly entangled states on a 60-atom analogue quantum simulator

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First attempt of digital quantum simulation (and hybrid analog-digital)

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# Digital quantum simulation: resource estimates...

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

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

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

$M$  sites

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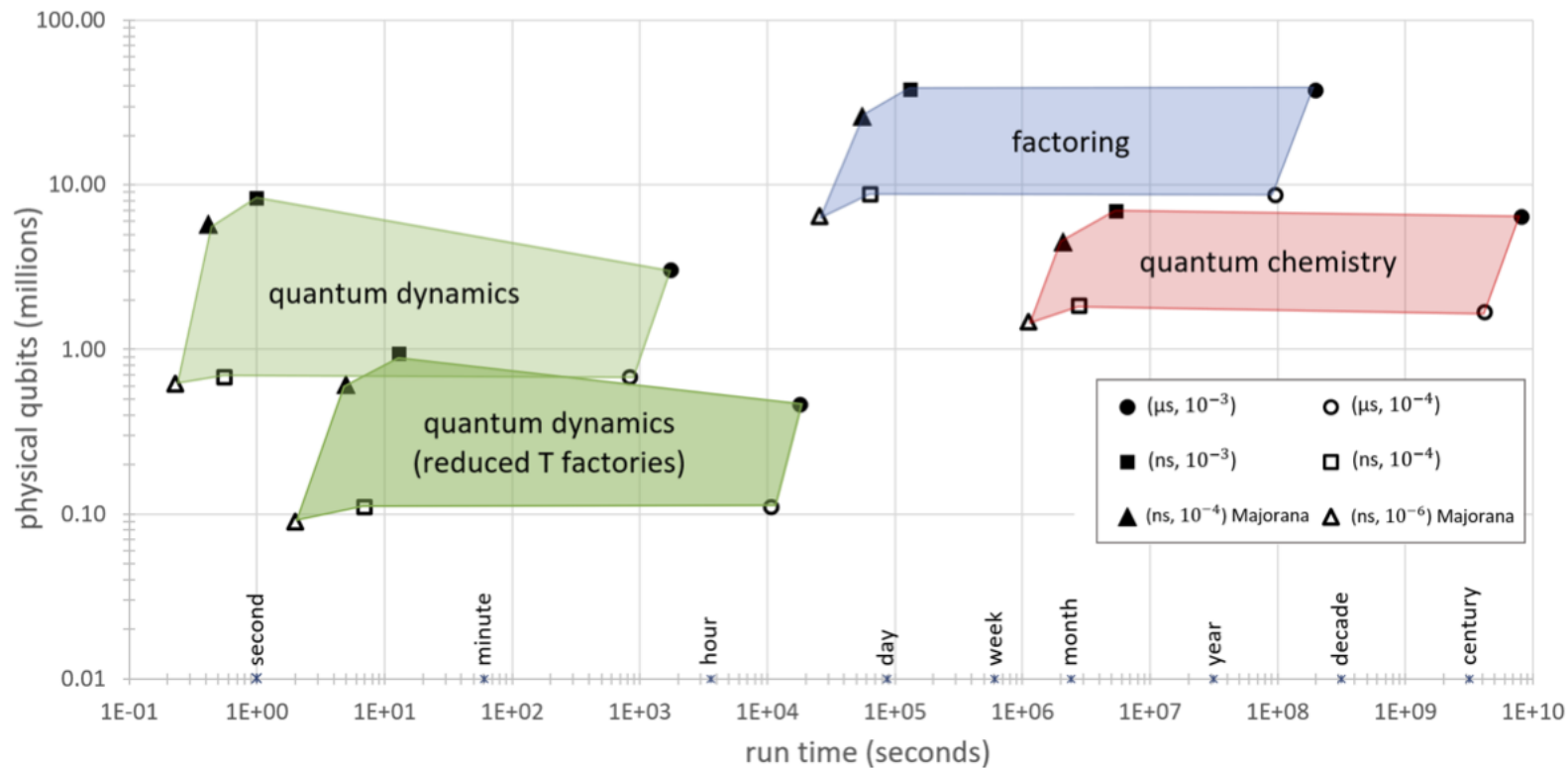
TABLE III. Gate count and depth estimates for digital quantum simulation of the **nearest neighbour Ising model** with  $J\tau = 2.6$ ,  $M = 100$ ,  $tJ = 10$ .

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

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  $\rightarrow 0$

# Digital quantum simulation: resource estimates...

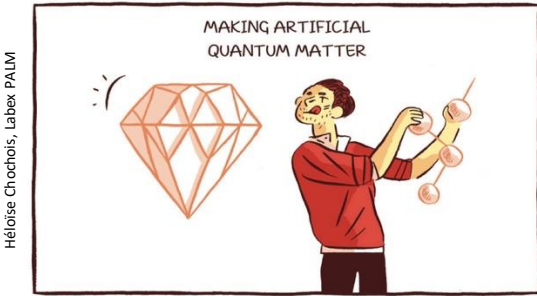


# Many-body physics with synthetic systems or Quantum Simulation?

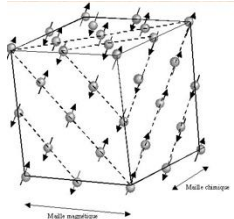
Experiments are **imperfect**...  $\Rightarrow$  **Not a pristine quantum simulation** of a model...  
**Study the noisy many-body system for itself...**

Use “toy many-body systems” to

- Develop intuition (“simple to complex”, noise...)
- Trigger **new theoretical** methods
- Generate “interesting” quantum states (squeezed...)



Understand better “real” systems?

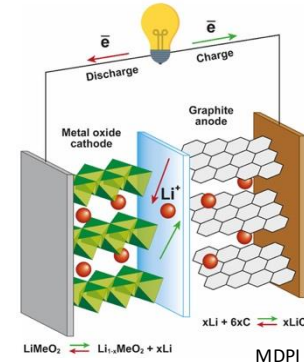


Strongly correlated matter

Develop applications?



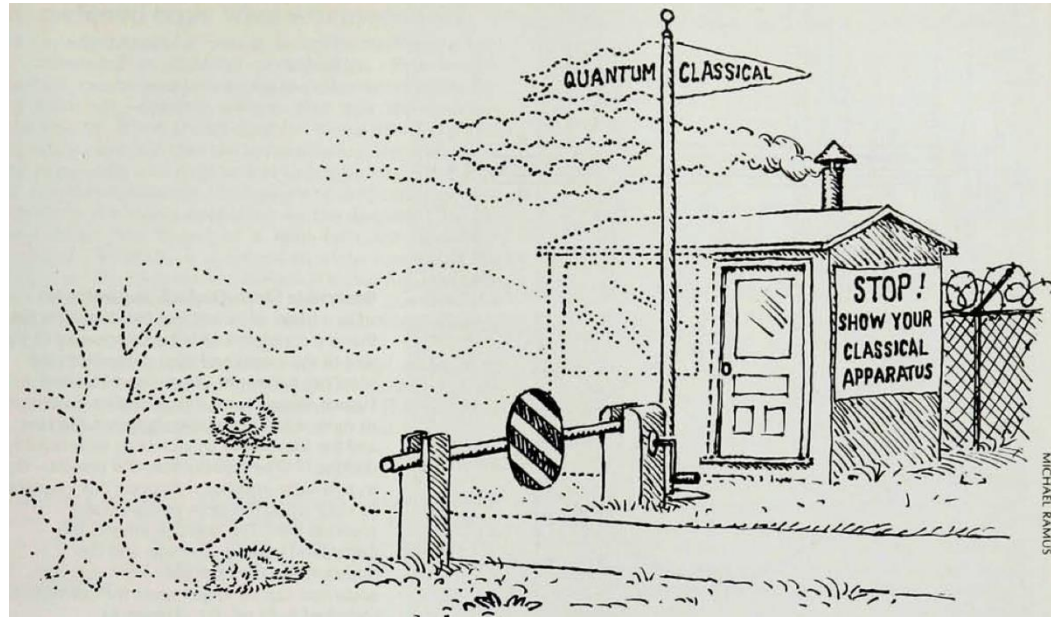
Material



Chemistry  
Catalysis

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# How large can a quantum system be?



Zurek, Physics Today 1991

