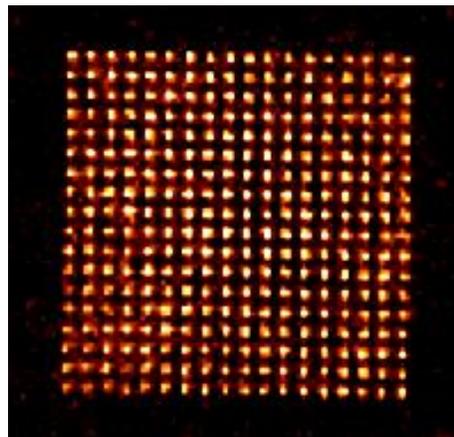


# *Exploring the properties of the dipolar XY model using arrays of Rydberg atoms*

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# The Rydberg team in Palaiseau



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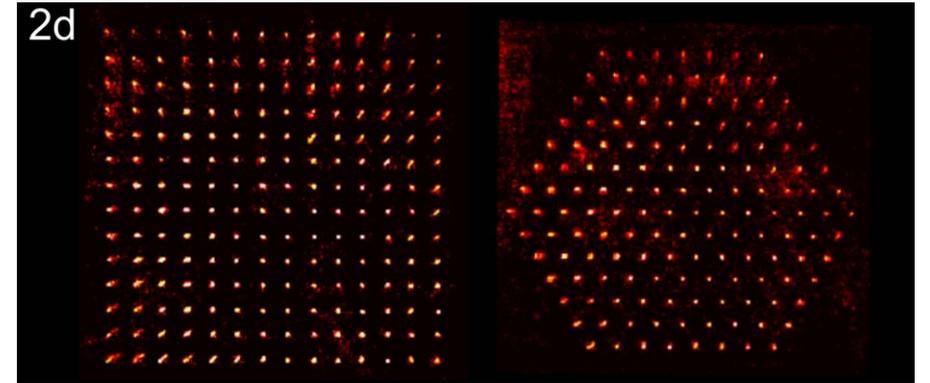
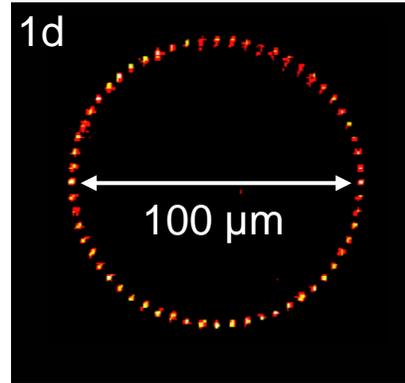
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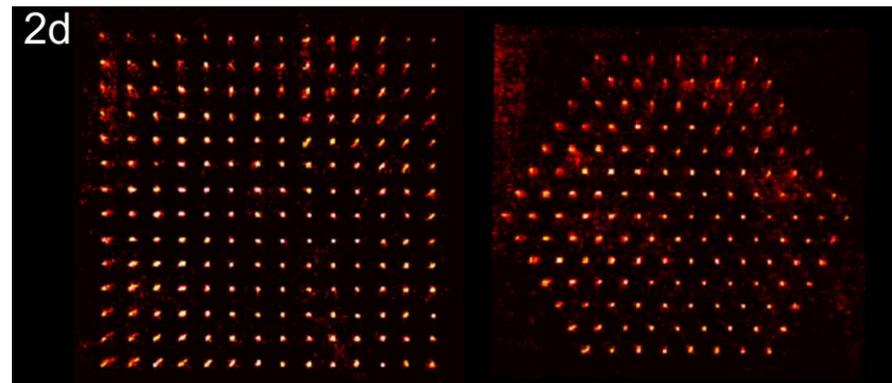
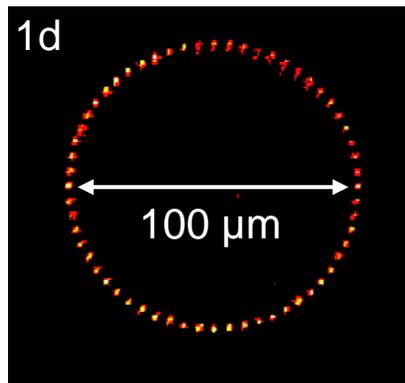
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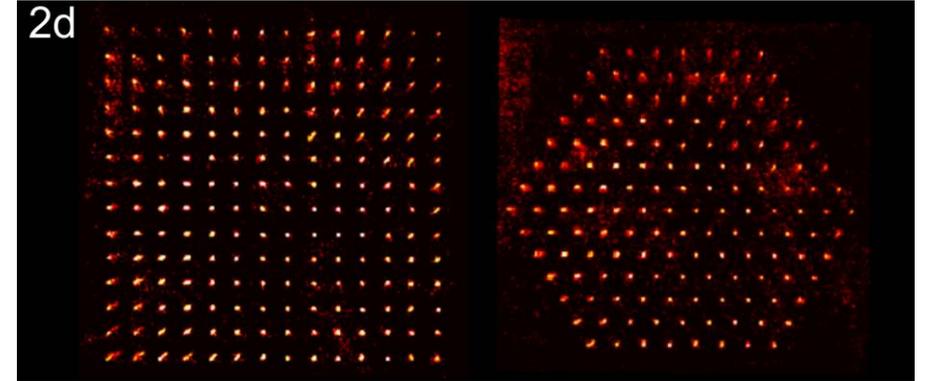
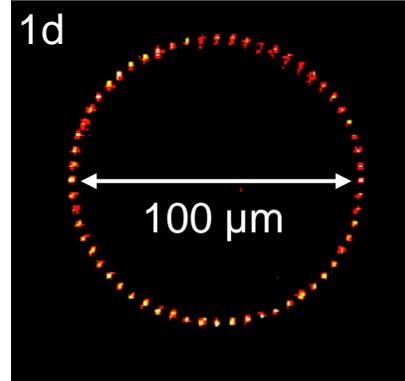
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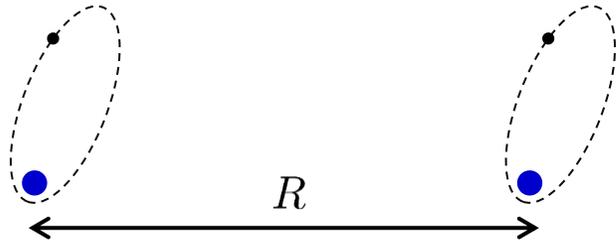
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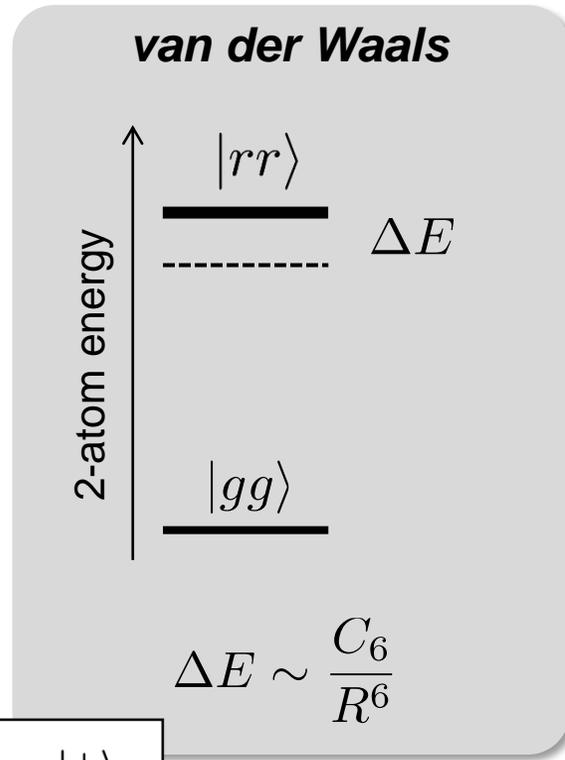
Ising (van der Waals interactions)

XY (resonant dipole-dipole interaction)

# Interactions between Rydberg states



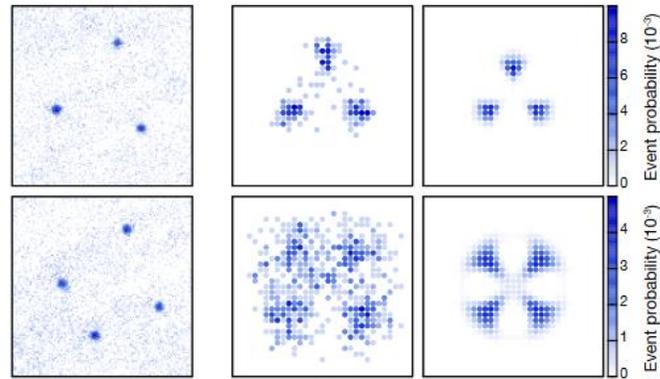
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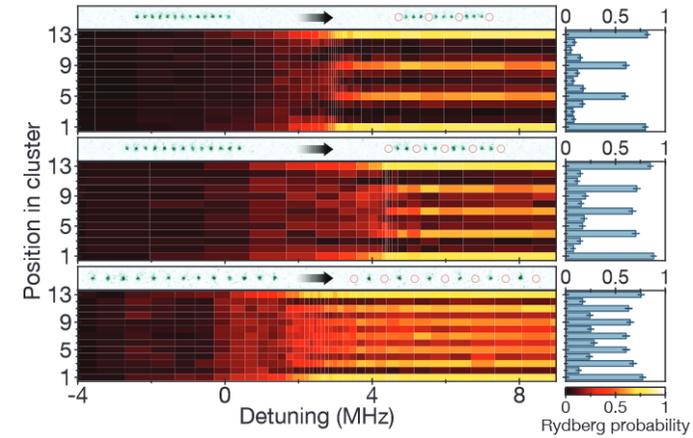
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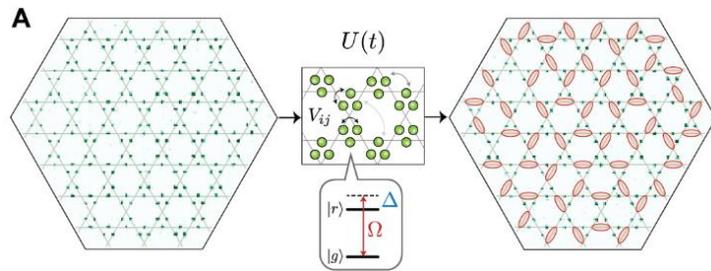
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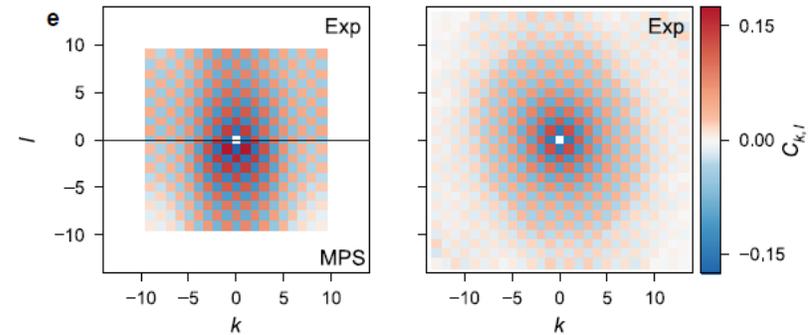
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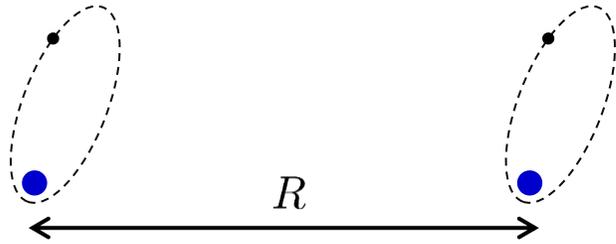
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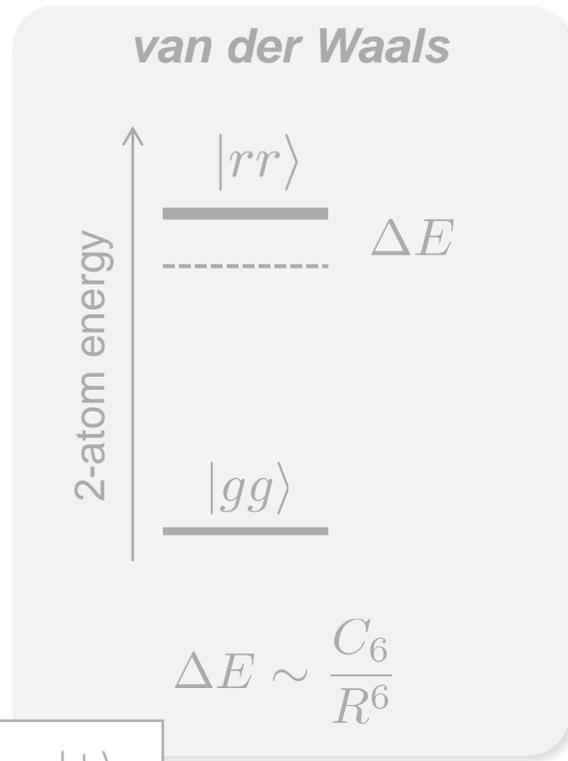
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**And many, many more examples!**

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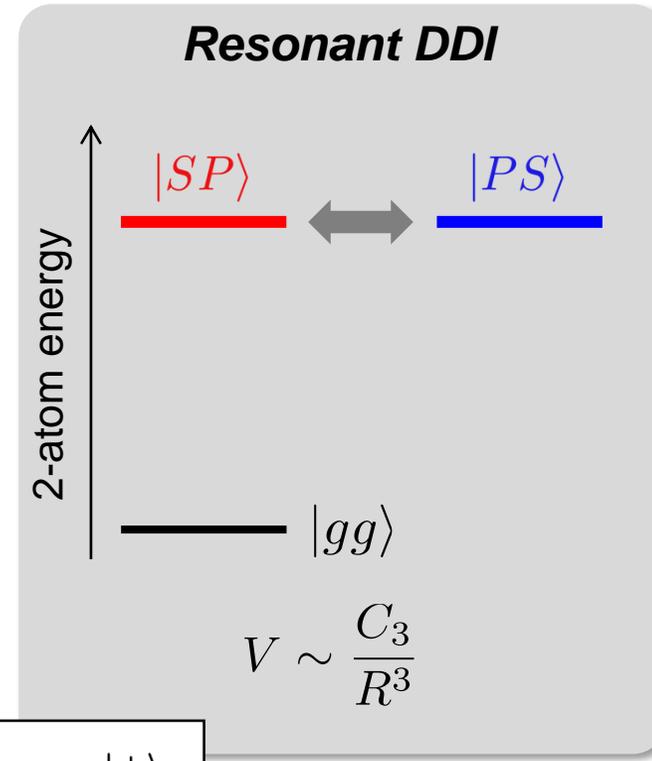


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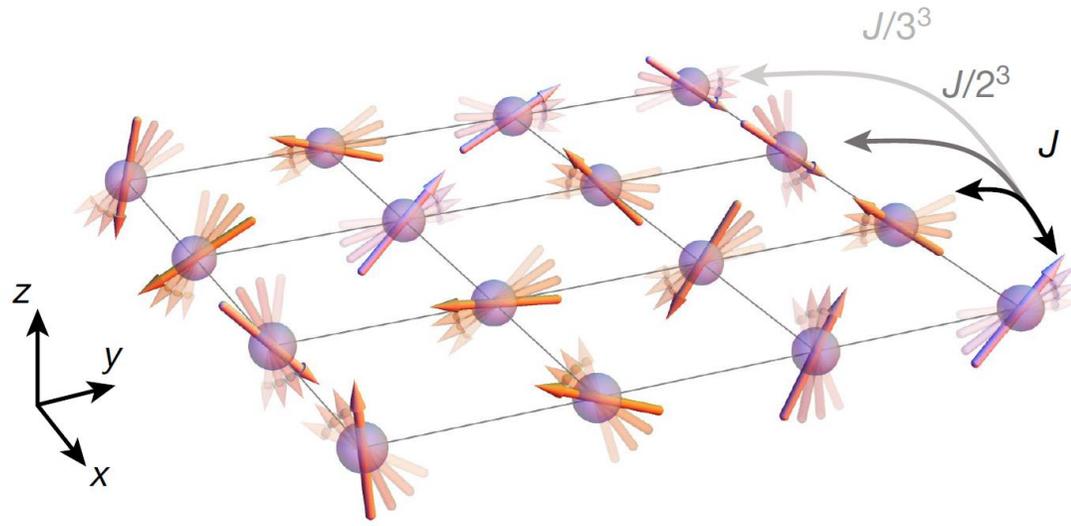
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XY interaction (flip-flop)

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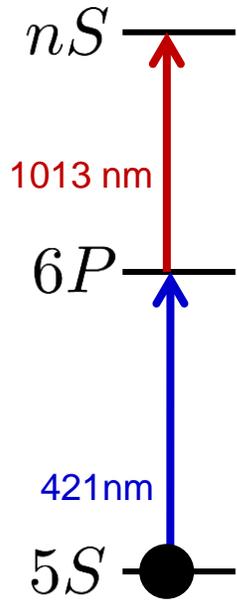
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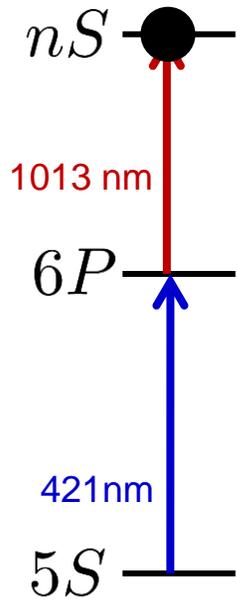
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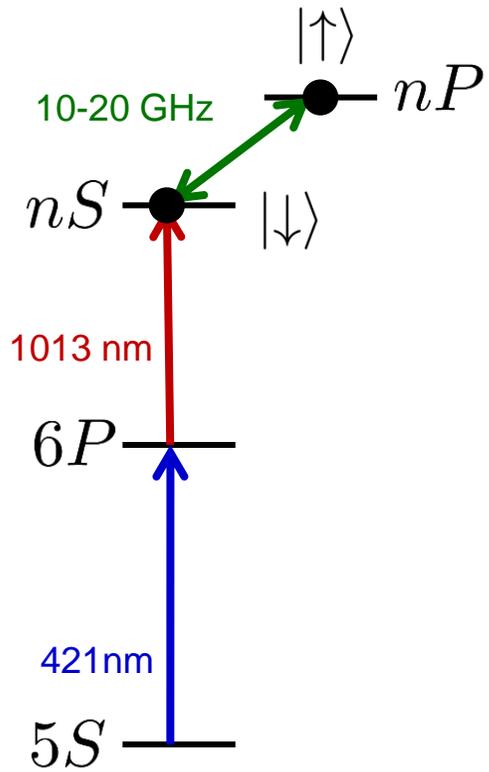
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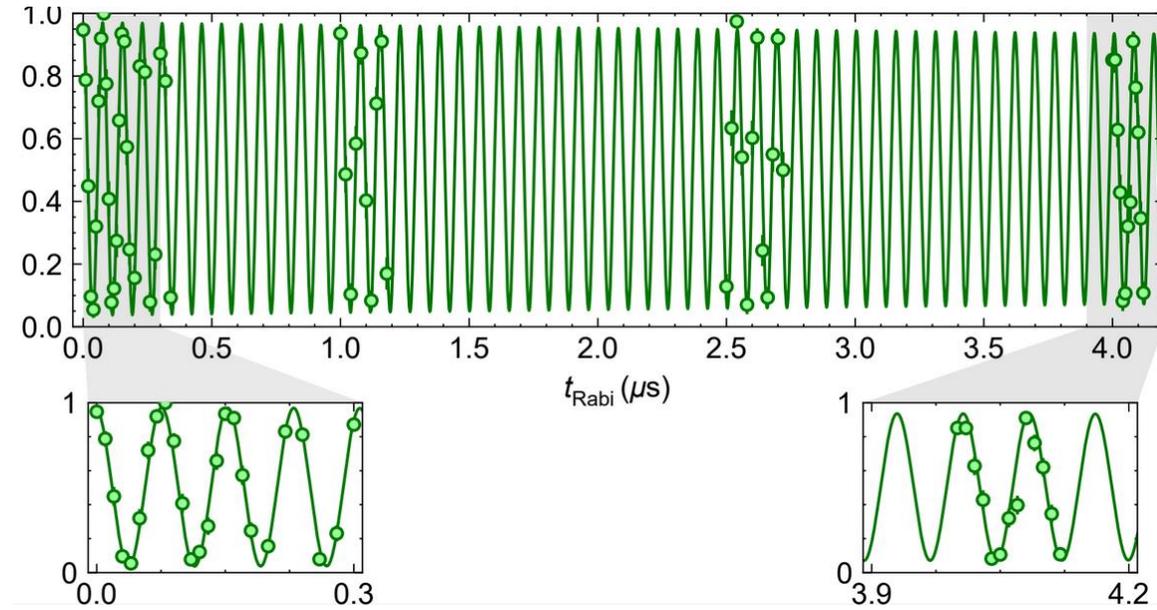
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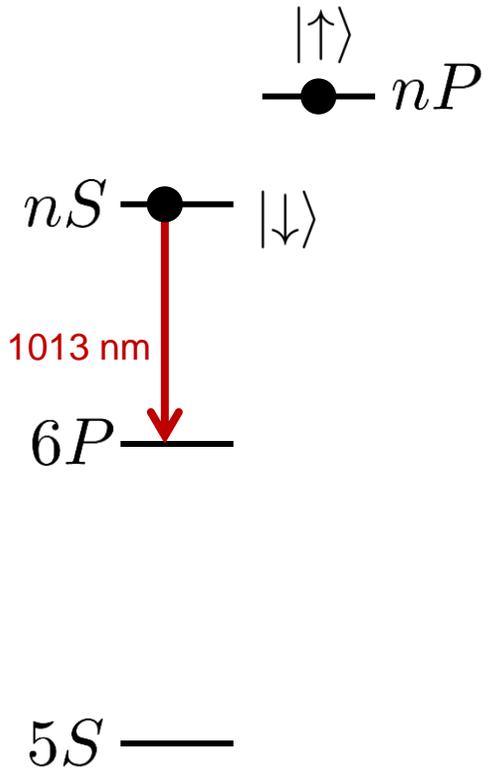
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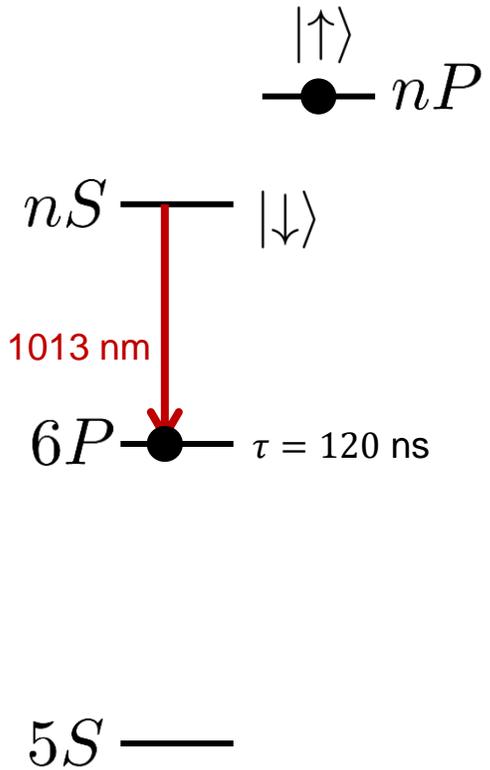
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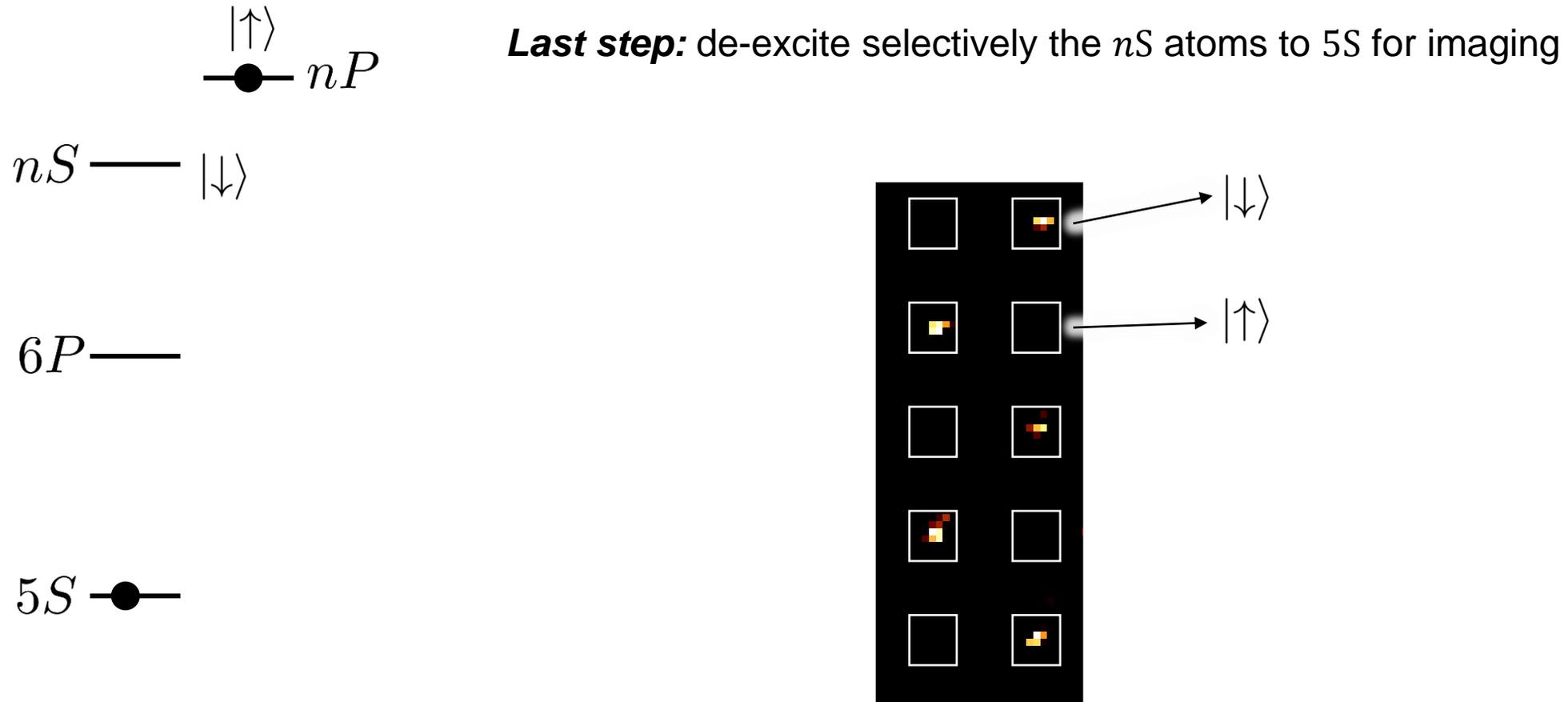
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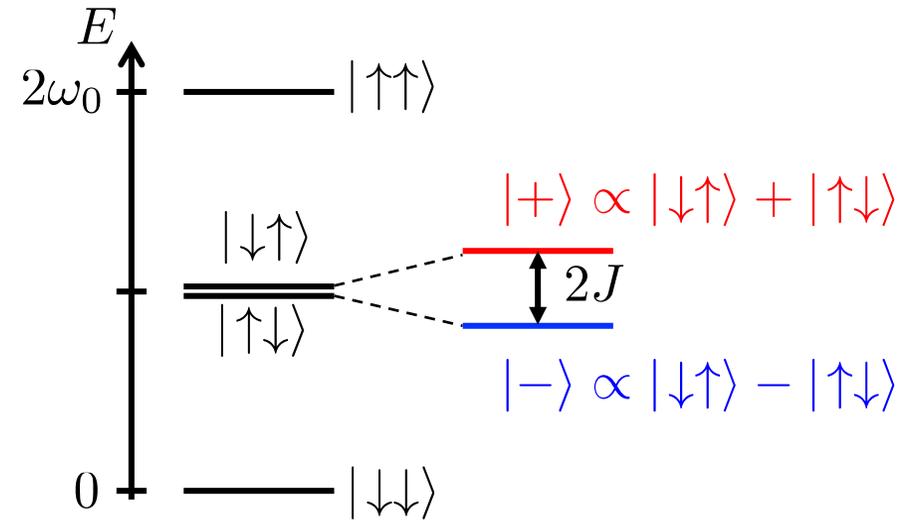


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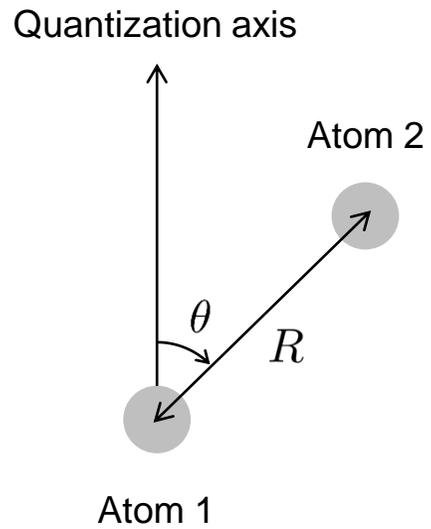
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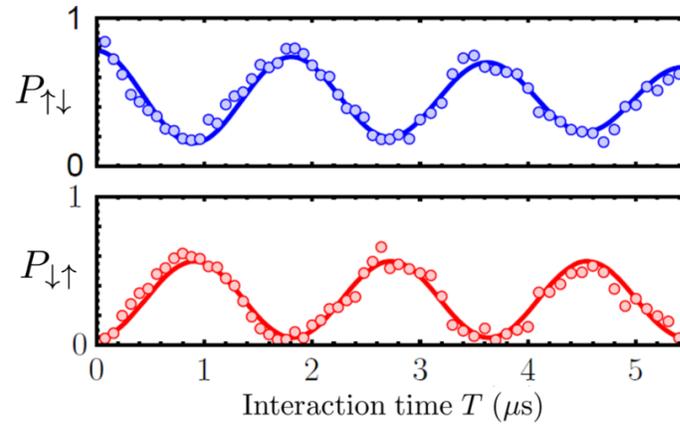
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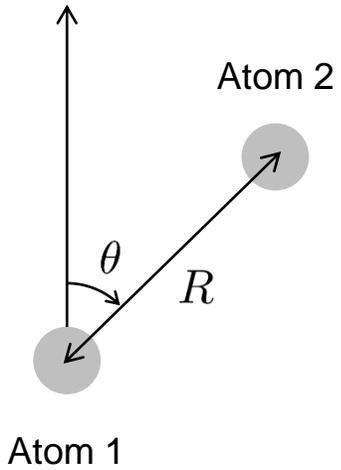
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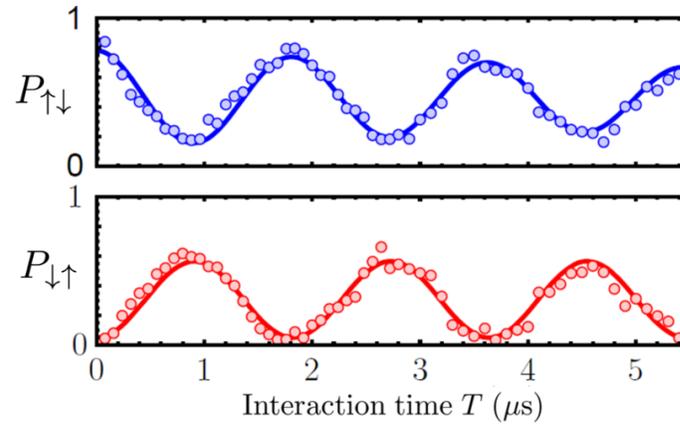
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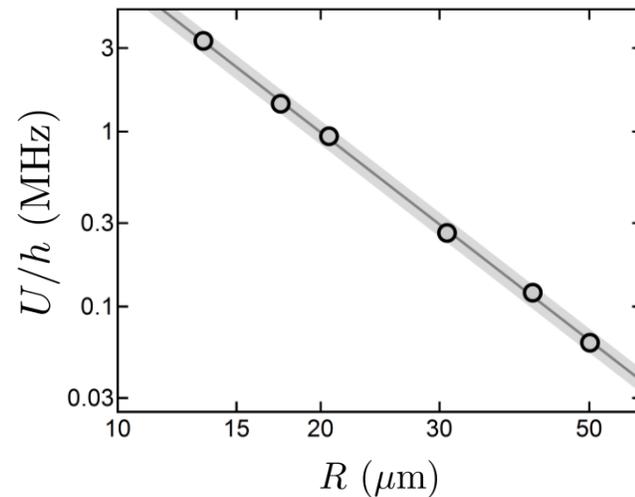
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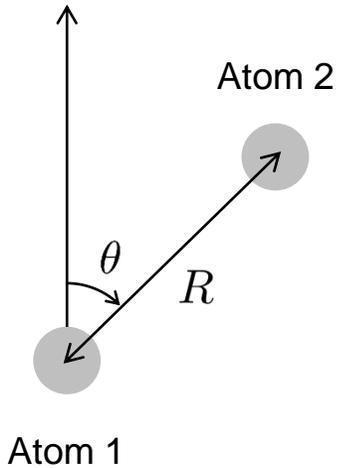
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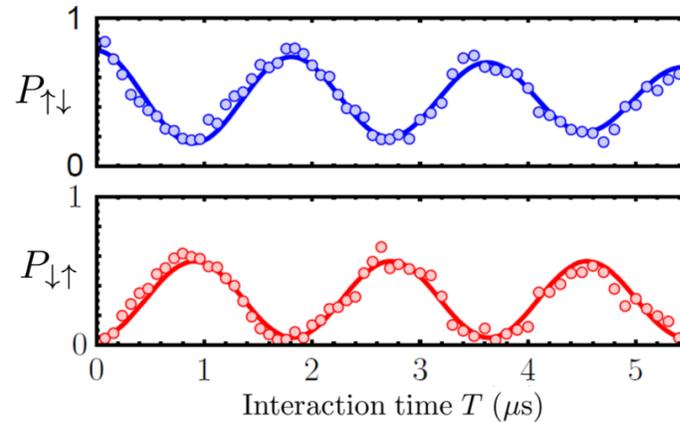


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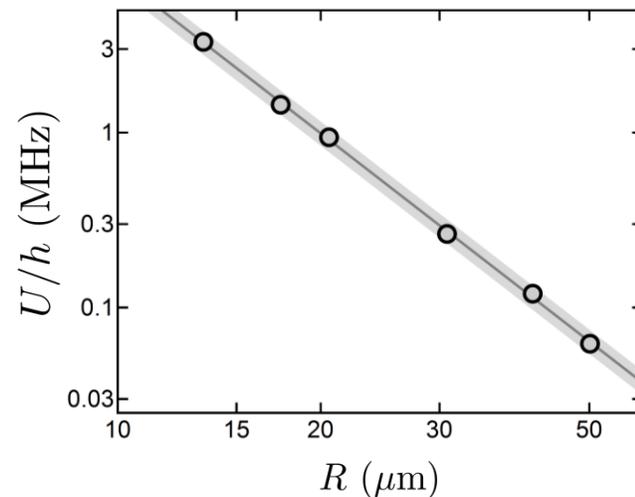


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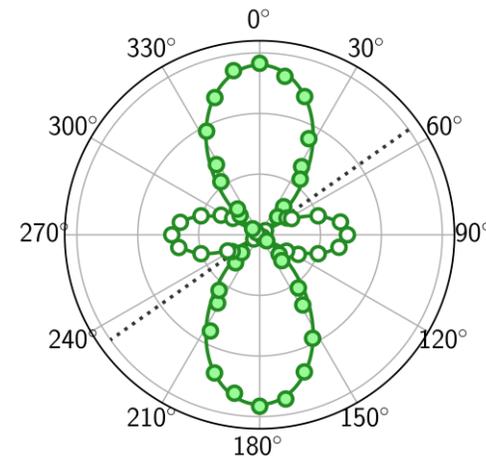
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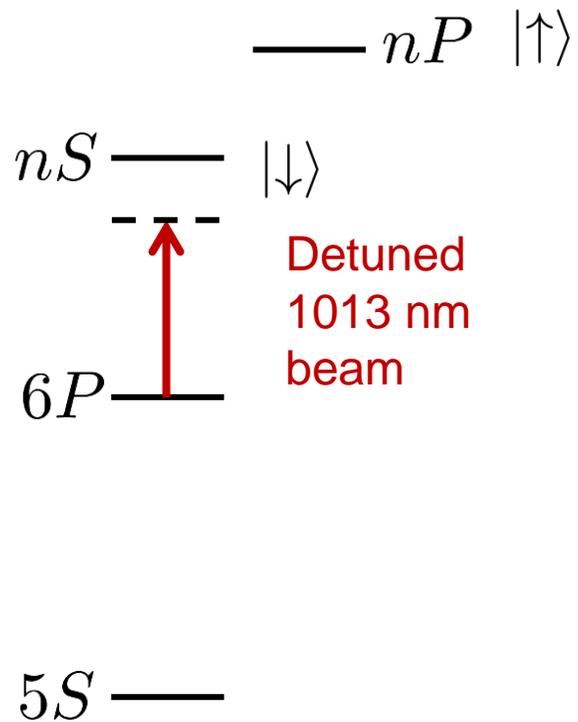


$$V_{\text{dd}} \propto (1 - 3 \cos^2 \theta)$$

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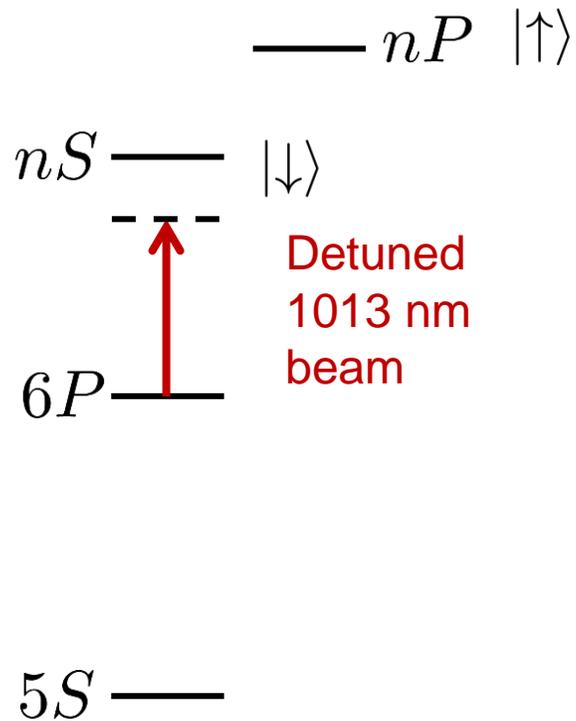
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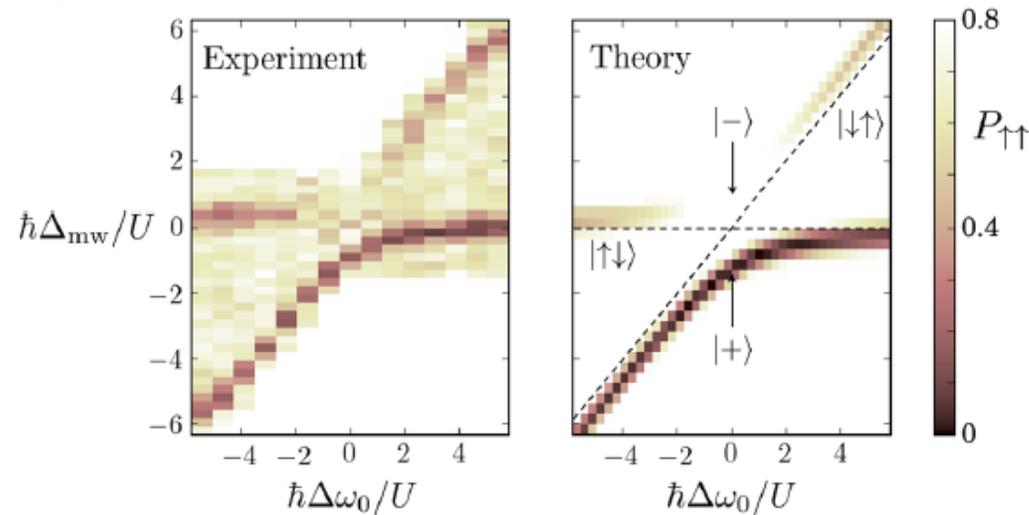
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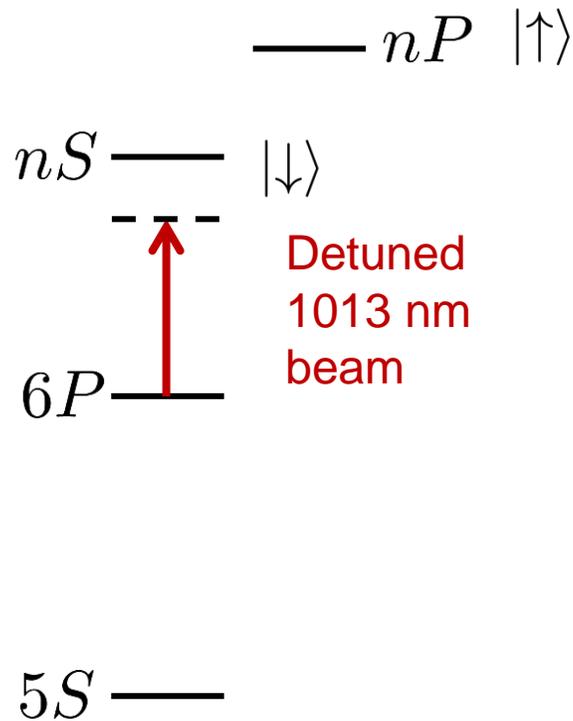


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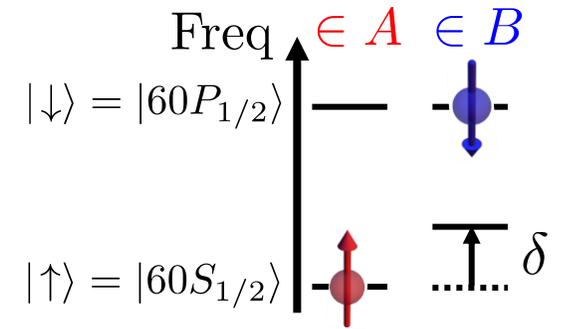
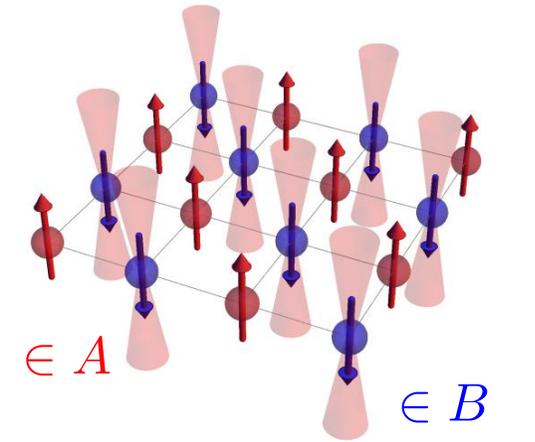
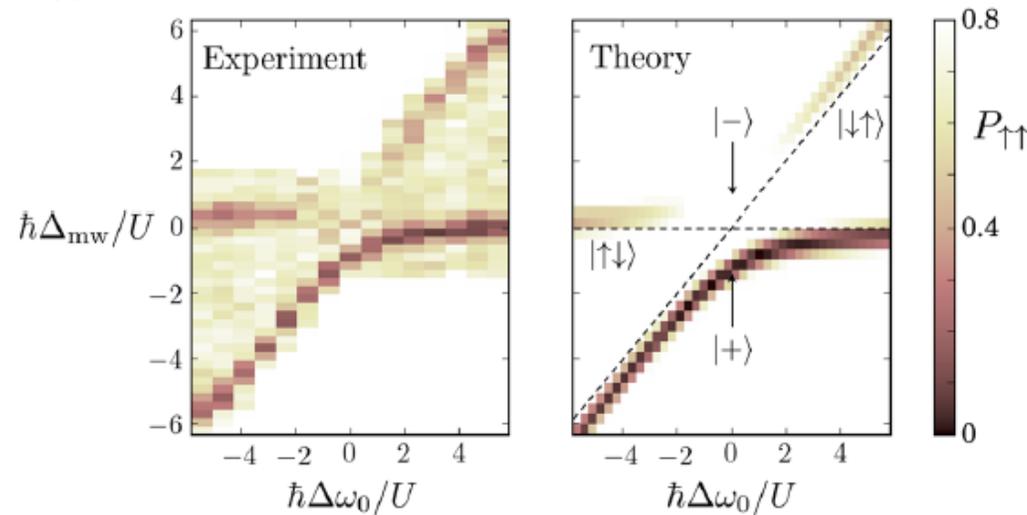
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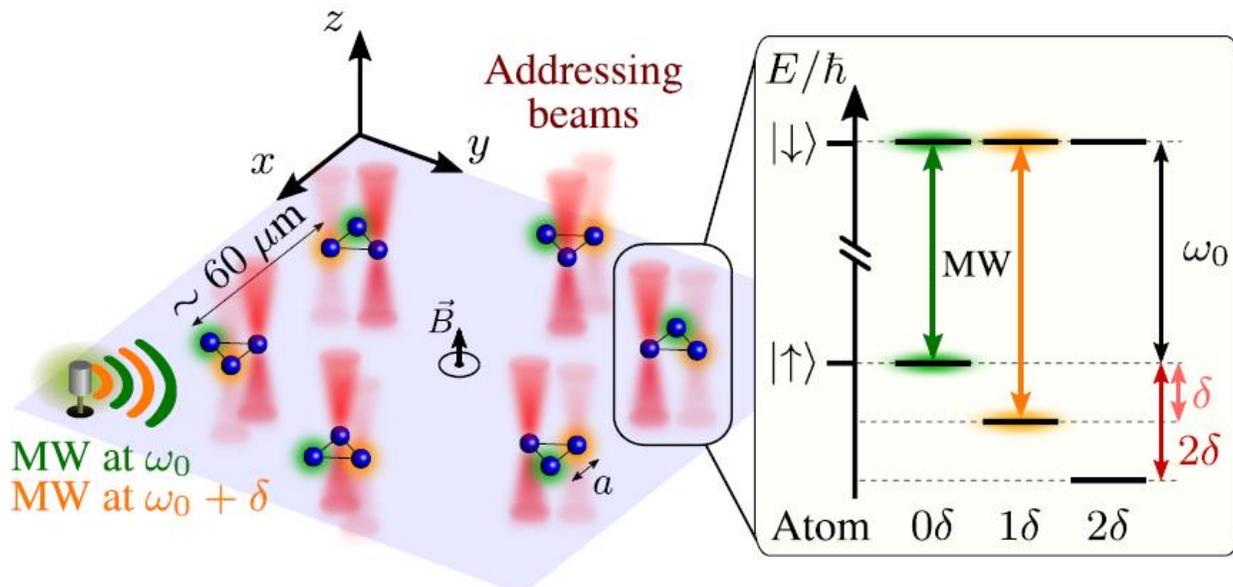


# Multi-basis rotations

**Use several values of light-shift and multi-tone microwaves:**

Measure different atoms in different bases:  $X, Y, Z \dots$

Access to crossed-basis correlation functions, e.g.,  $\langle X_1 Z_2 Y_3 X_4 \rangle$



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Similar results in quantum gas microscopes: A. Impertro *et al.*, [arXiv:2312.13268](https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.13268)

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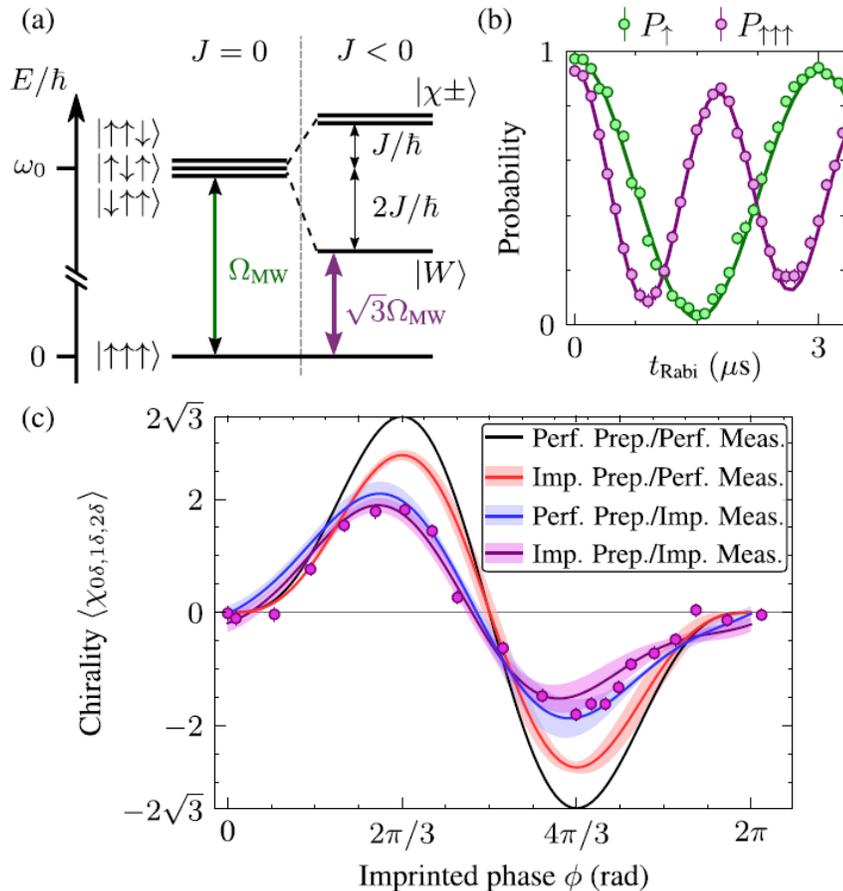
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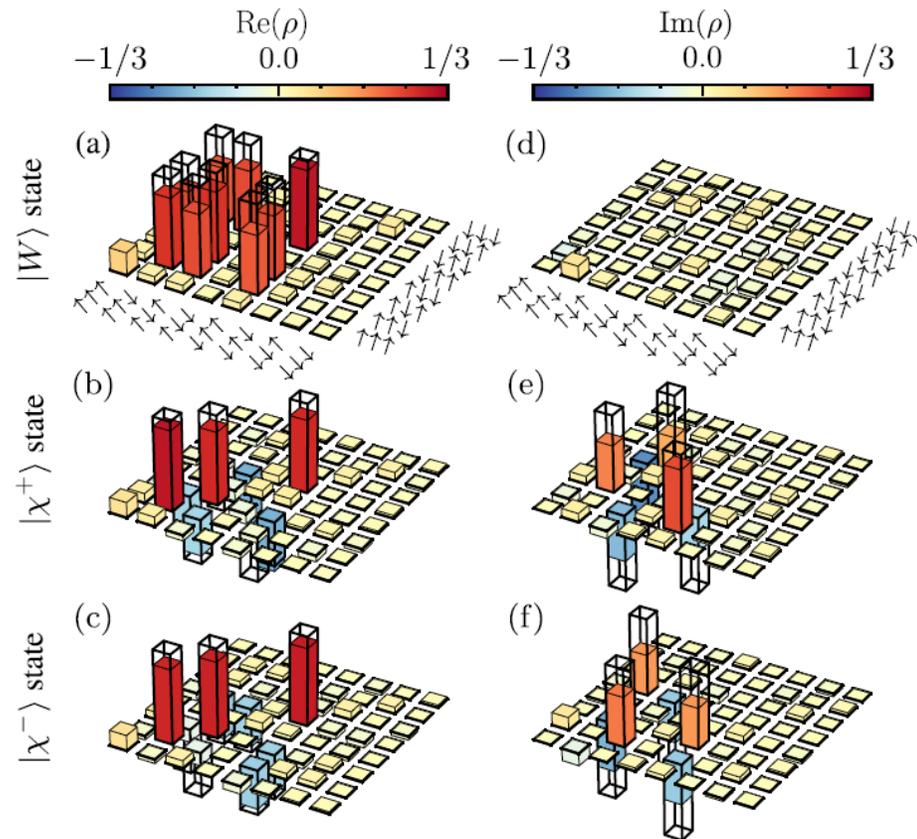
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$$F \simeq 0.75$$



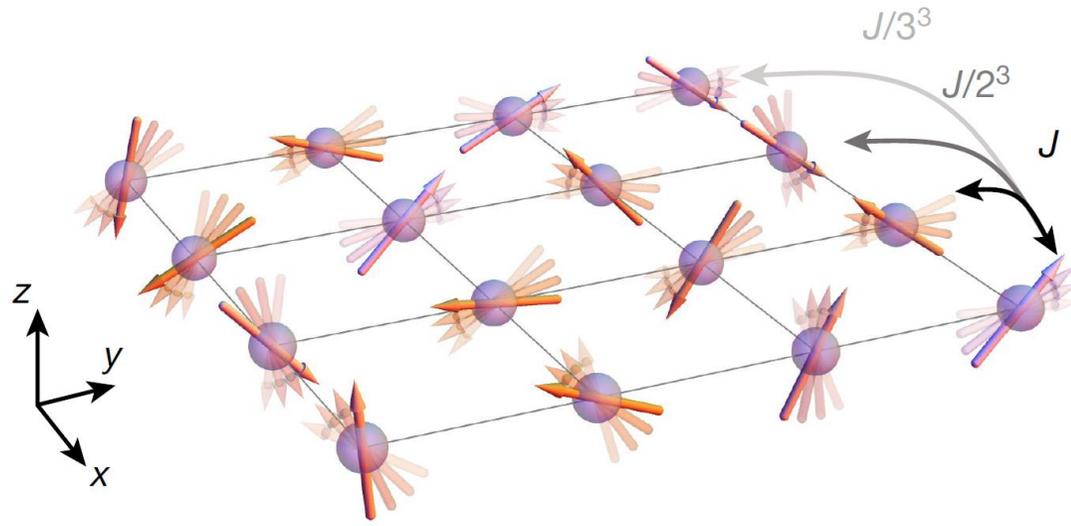
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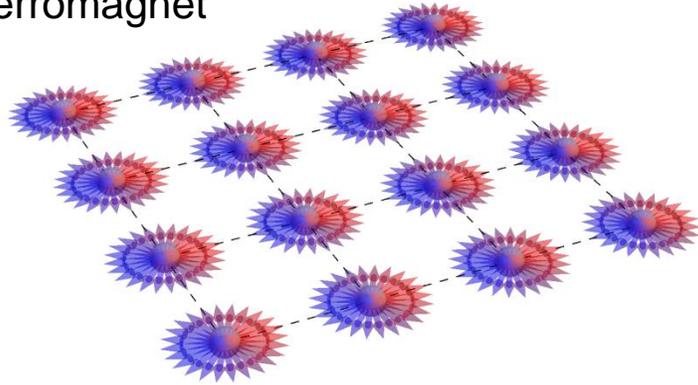


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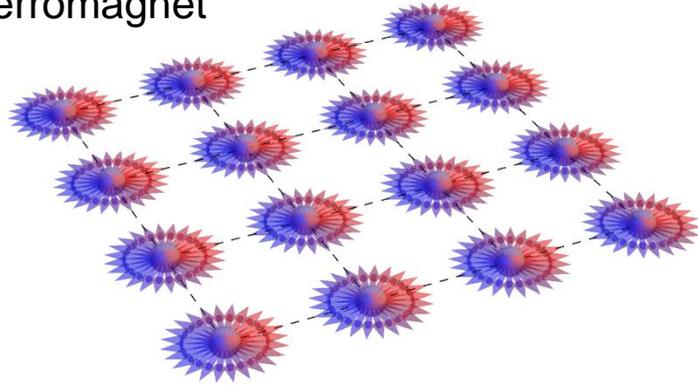
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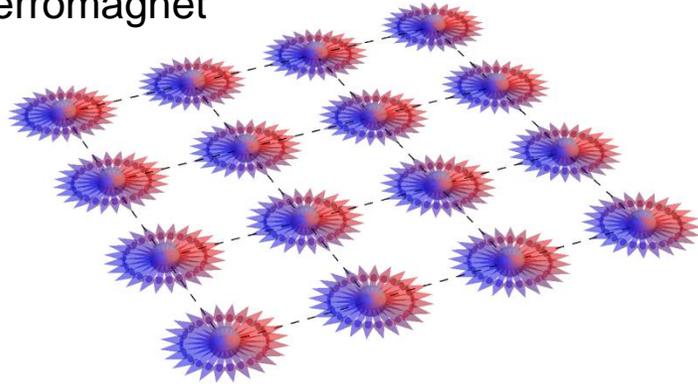
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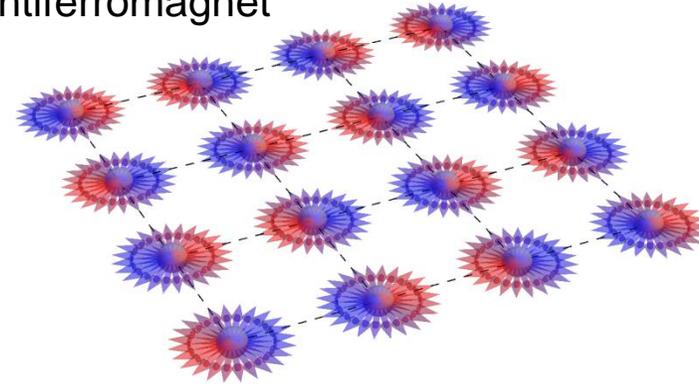
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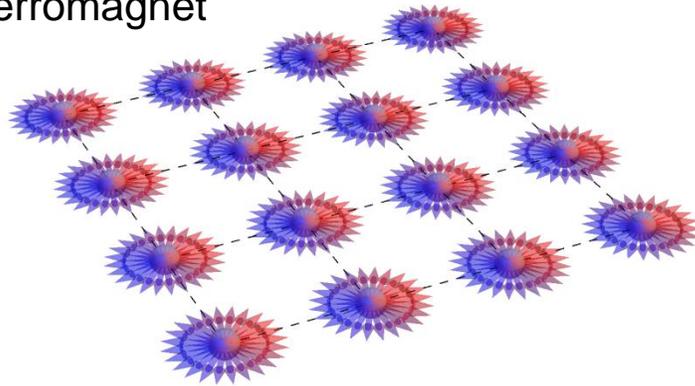
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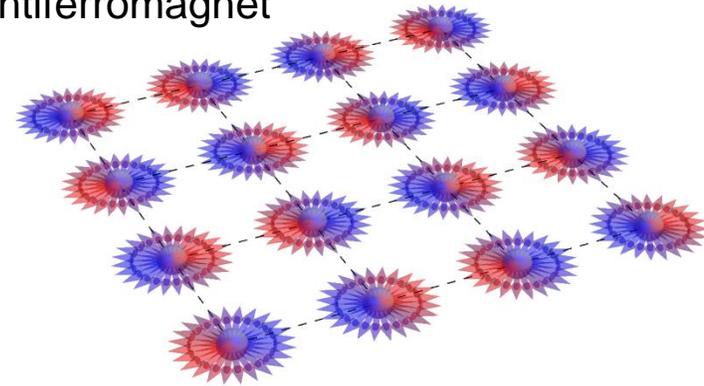
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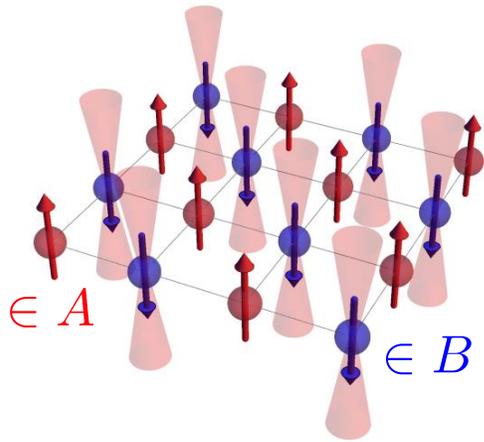
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↖ Staggered z-field

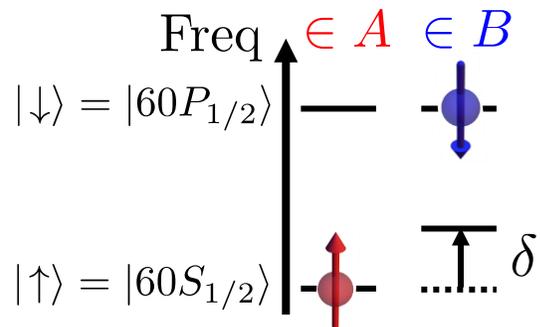
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1. Prepare a **classical Néel state** along z: checkerboard pattern



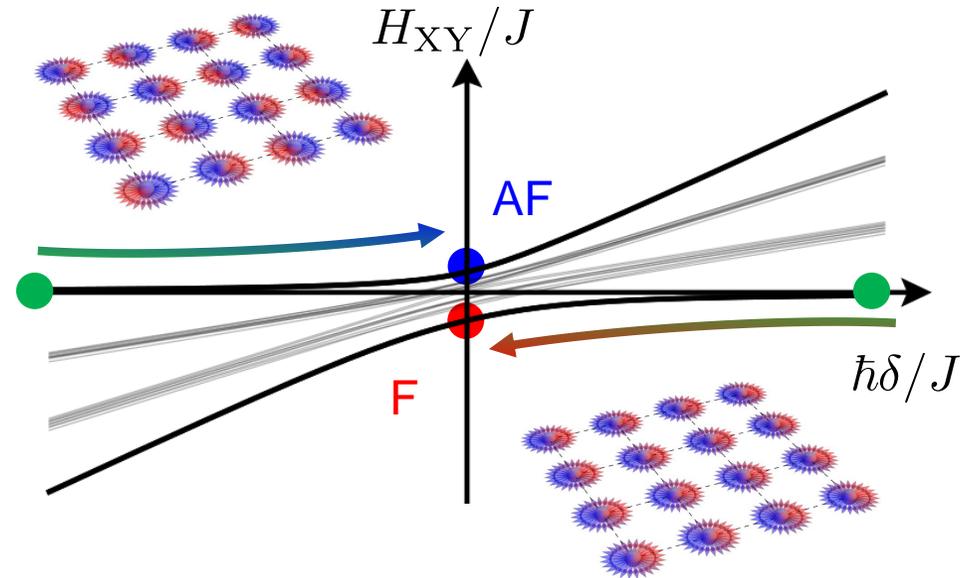
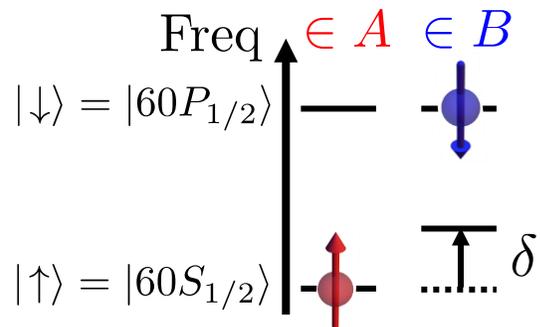
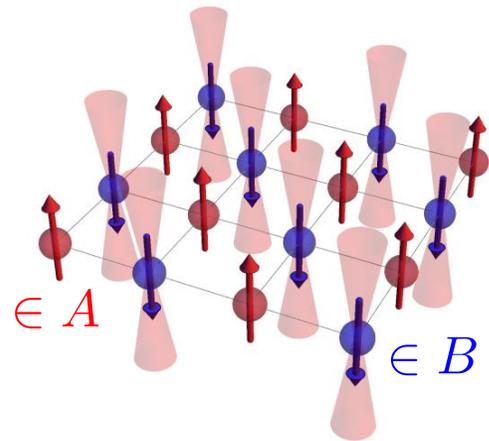
- Apply local light-shift on atoms on sublattice *B*
- Apply microwave pulse



# Preparing XY ferro- and antiferromagnets

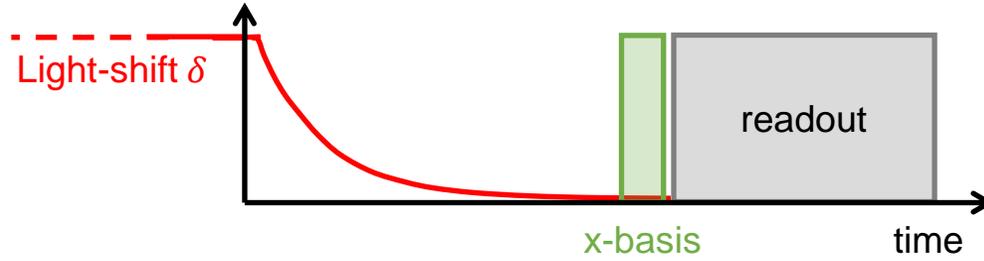
Start from: 
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2. Adiabatically decrease  $\delta$  to “melt” into XY AF/F

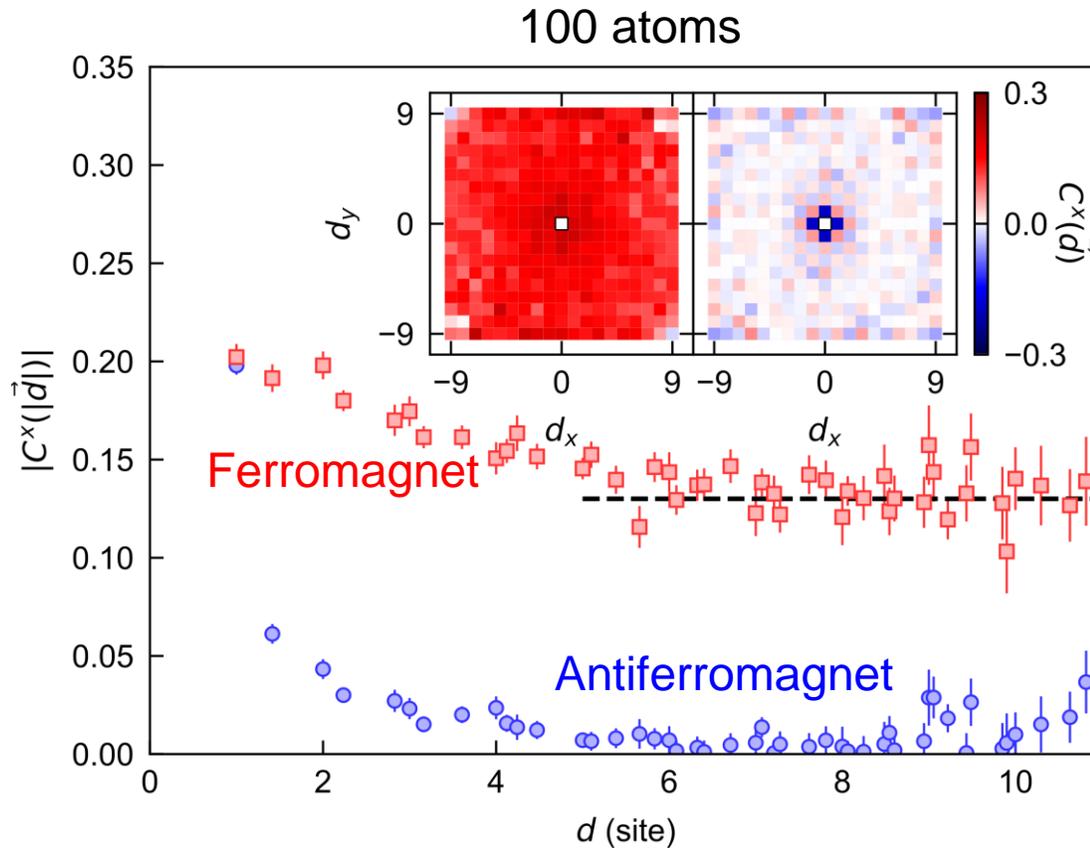


Sørensen *et al.*, PRA **81**, 061603(R) (2010)

# Long-range order for the FM case



$$C^x(\vec{d}) \equiv \langle C_{\vec{r}, \vec{r} + \vec{d}}^x \rangle_{\vec{r}}$$



**Ferromagnet:**

Long-range order

**Antiferromagnet:**

Correlations decay to 0

Crucial role of  
dipolar couplings  
(*cf.* Mermin-  
Wagner)

# Outline

1. *Our tools*

2. *Quasi-adiabatic preparation of the ground state*

3. ***Quench dynamics: spin squeezing and spectroscopy of spin waves***

# Quantum quench from the mean-field ground state

- **Ferromagnet:**

Prepare  $|\psi_0\rangle = |\rightarrow_x \cdots \rightarrow_x\rangle$  at  $t = 0$  and let the system evolve

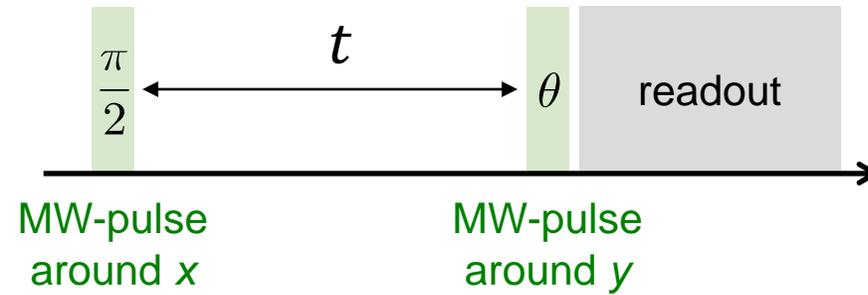
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# Dipolar spin squeezing with Rydberg atoms

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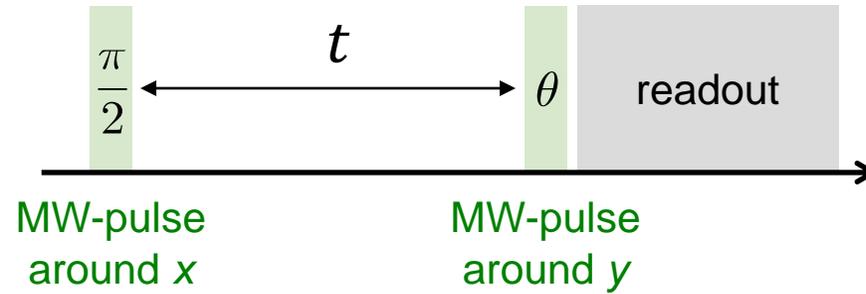
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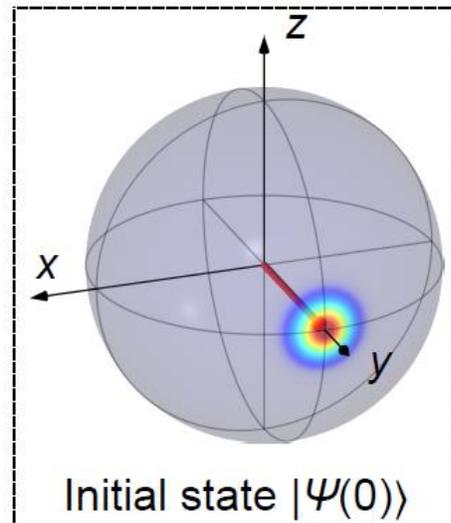
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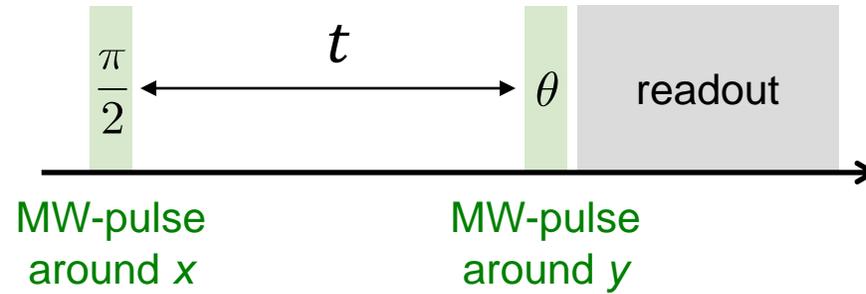
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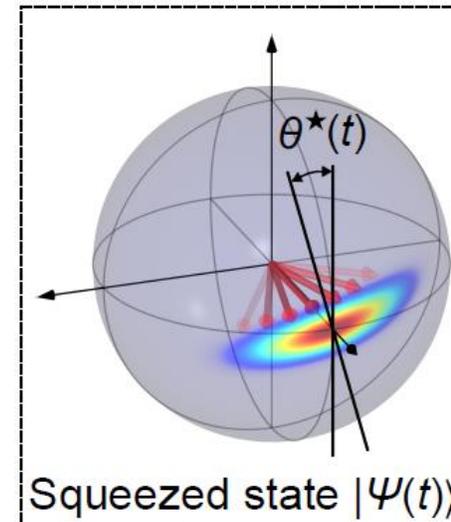
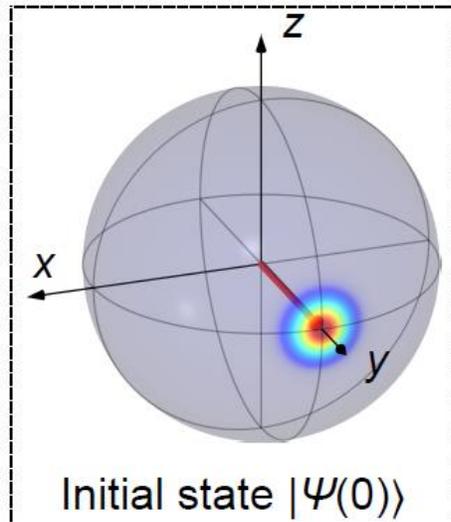
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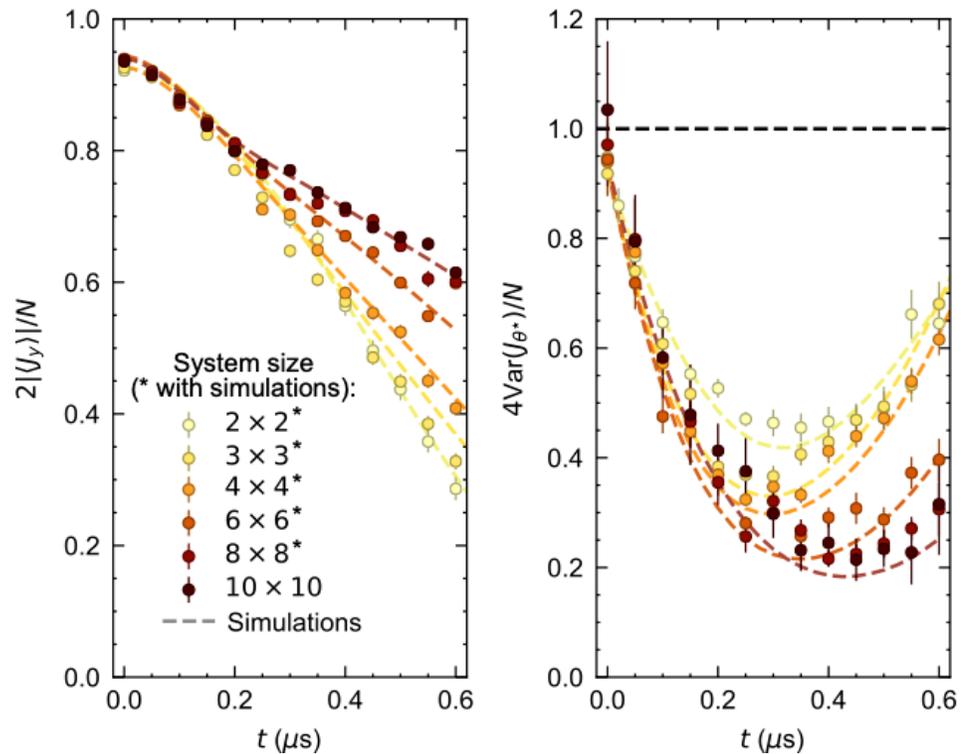
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Squeezing parameter:

$$\xi_R^2 = N \frac{\min_{\perp} (\Delta J_{\perp}^2)}{\langle \mathbf{J} \rangle^2}$$

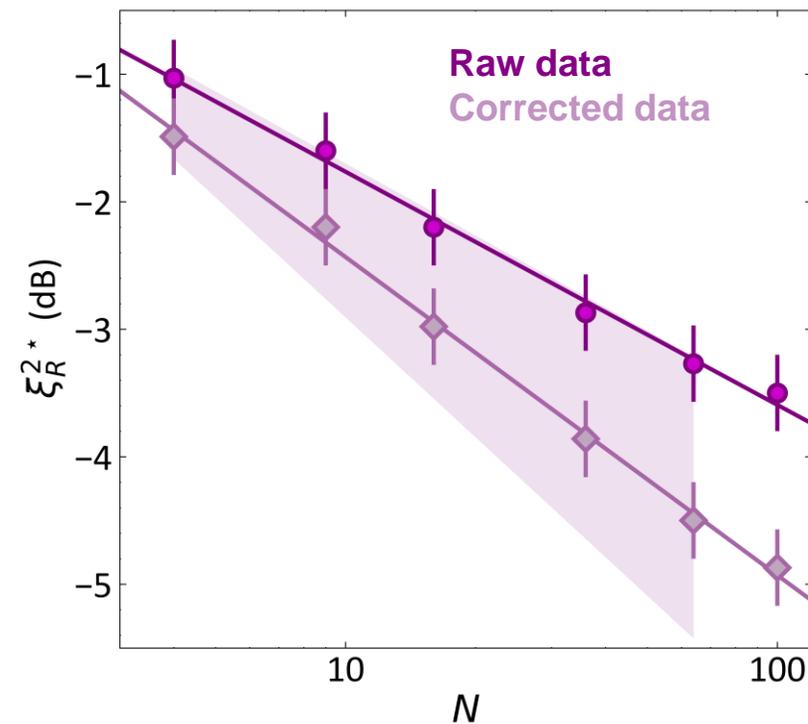
# Scaling of the squeezing parameter with $N$



T. Comparin *et al.*, [PRL 129, 150503 \(2022\)](#)  
M. Block *et al.*, [arXiv:2301.09636](#)  
T. Roscilde *et al.*, [Phys. Rev. B 108, 155130 \(2023\)](#)

**Scalable squeezing!!**

G. Bornet *et al.*, [Nature 621, 728 \(2023\)](#)



# Quench spectroscopy

**Spin squeezing:** global observables  $\langle \vec{J} \rangle, \Delta \vec{J}$

But we also have access to *local* observables:

→ correlation functions  $C^{zz}(d, t)$

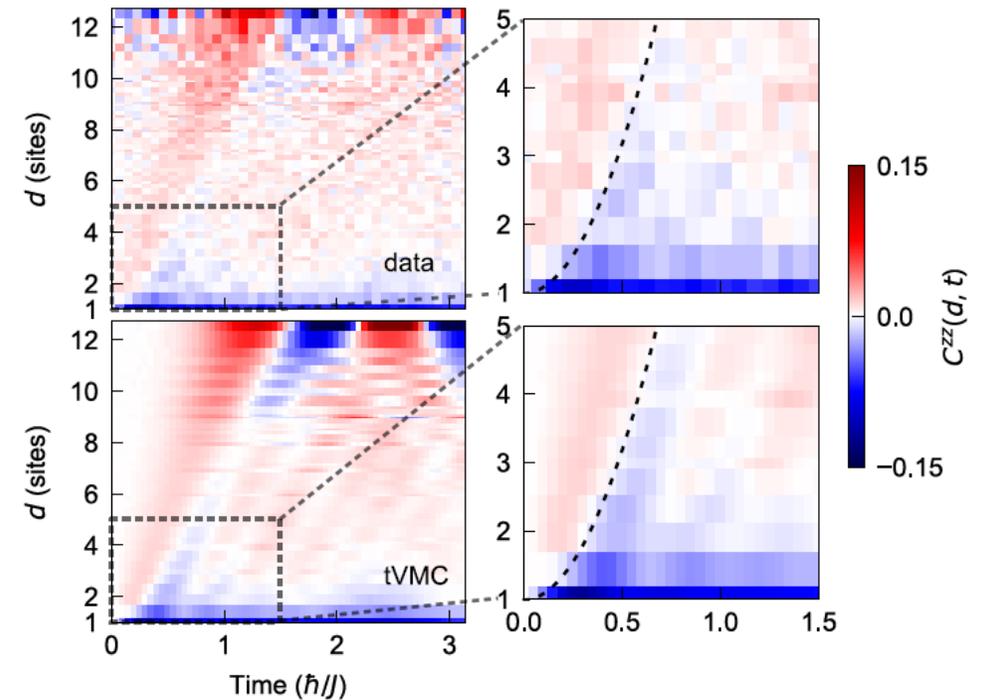
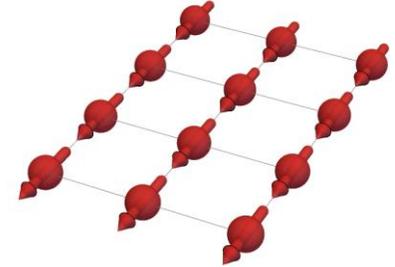
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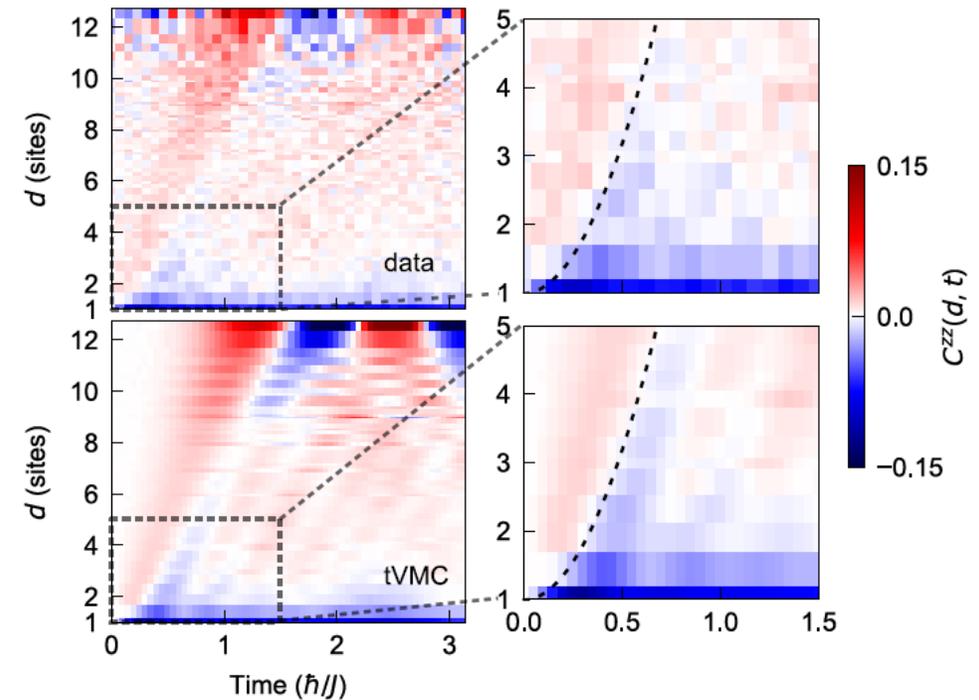
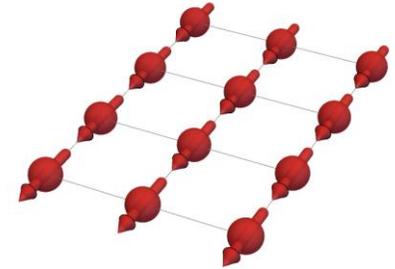
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**Quench spectroscopy: dispersion relation of spin waves**

Sanchez-Palencia, [PRA \(2019\)](#)

Roscilde [PRL \(2023\)](#), [PRB \(2023\)](#)

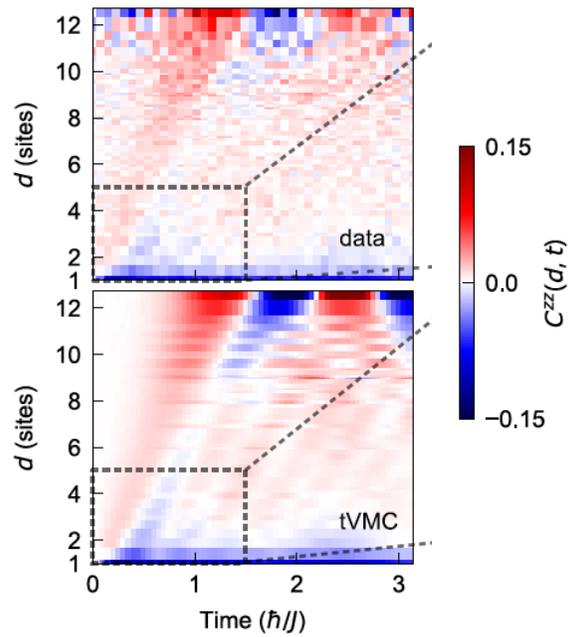
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# From correlations to the dispersion relation of spin waves

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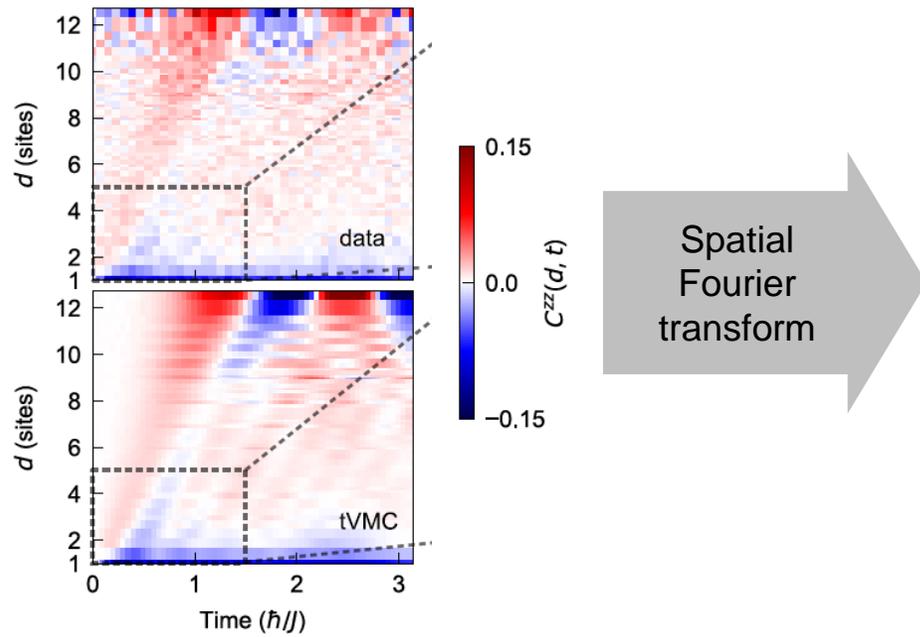
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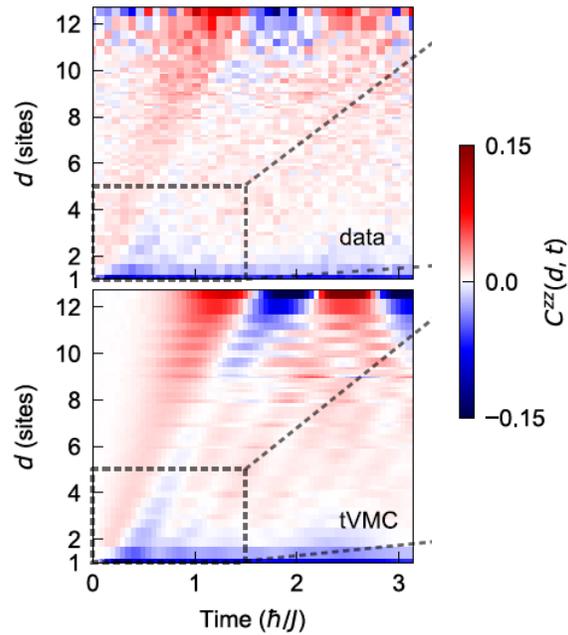
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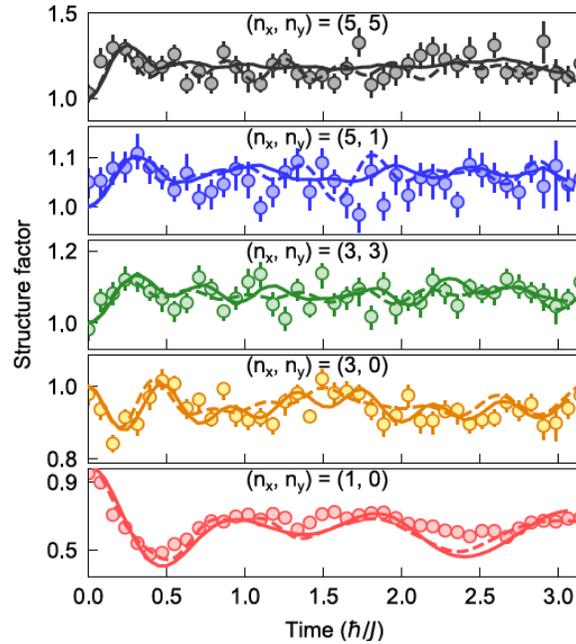
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Spatial  
Fourier  
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Time-dependent structure factor

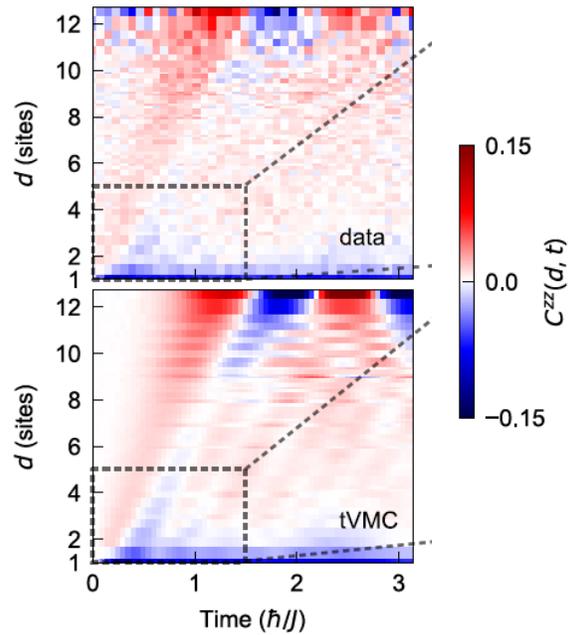
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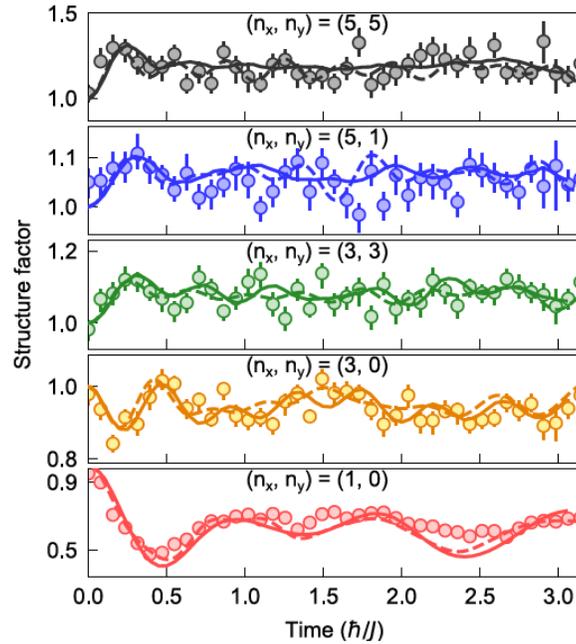
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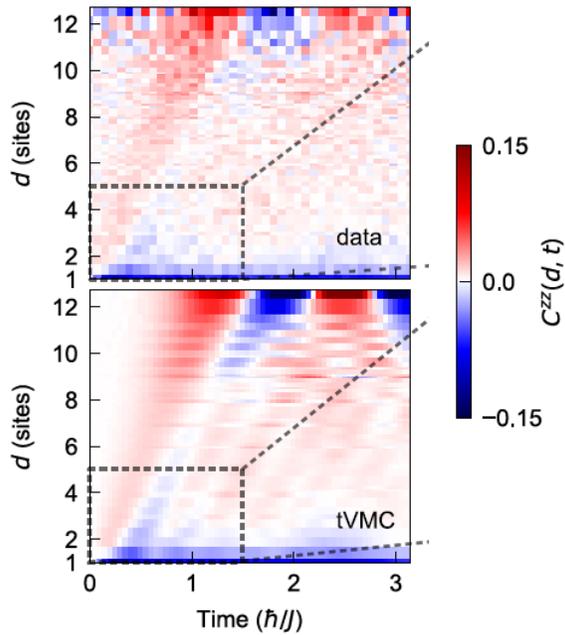


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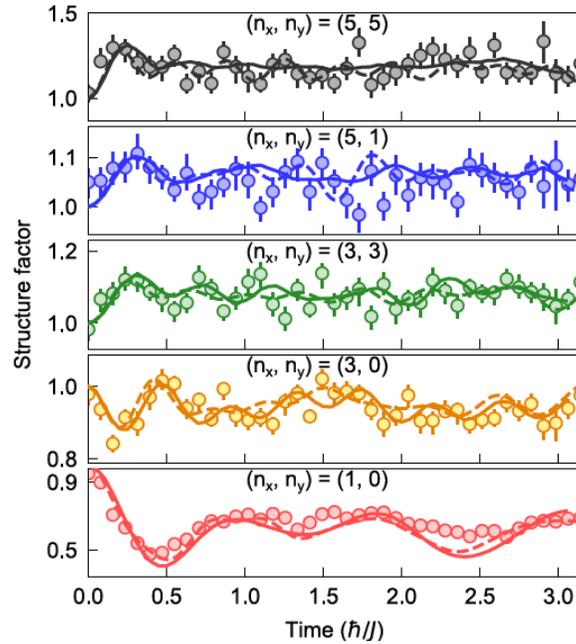
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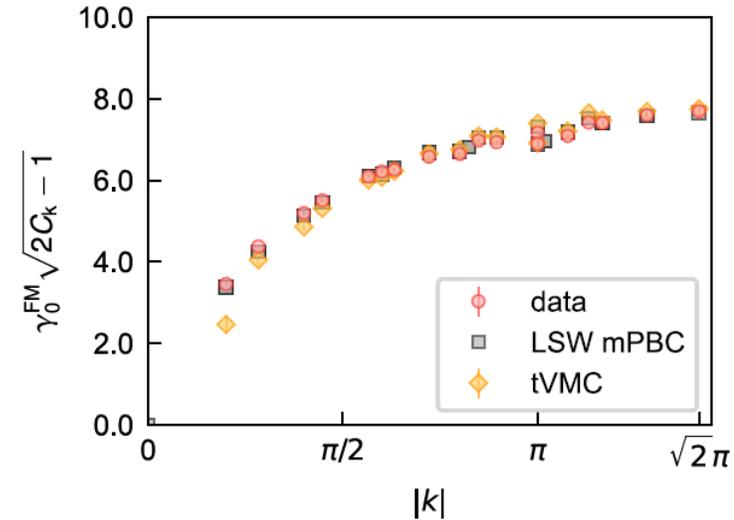
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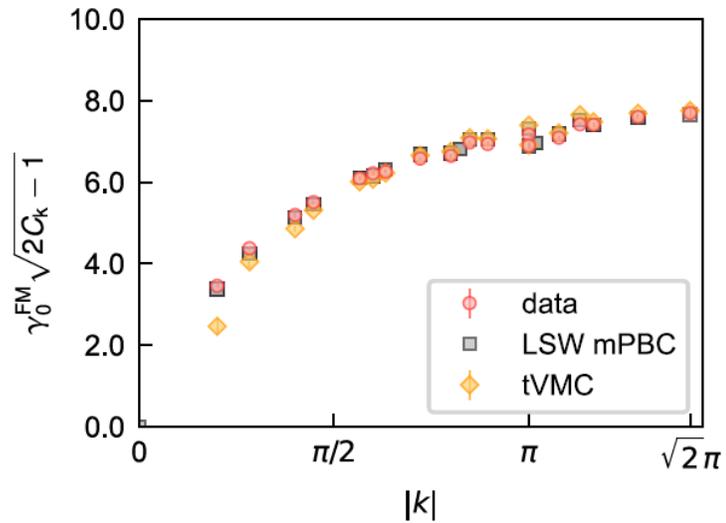
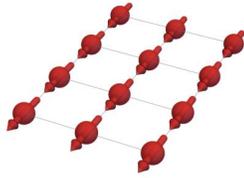
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Spin-waves  
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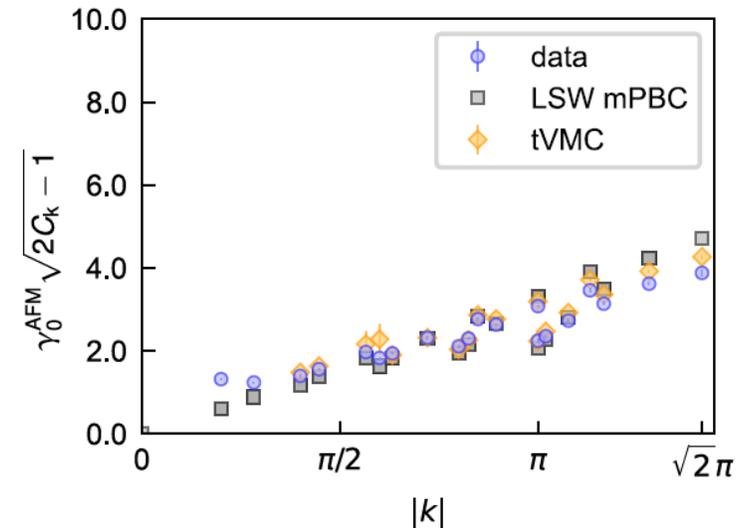
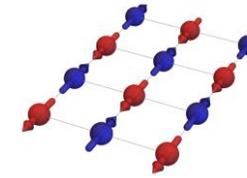
# Dispersion relation: FM vs AFM

Ferromagnet:



$$\omega_k \sim \sqrt{k} \text{ for } k \rightarrow 0$$

Antiferromagnet:



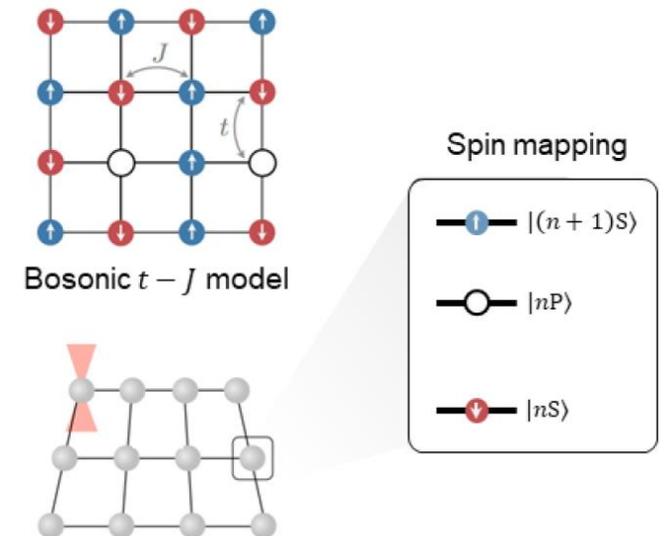
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**Anomalous dispersion relation of spin waves for the FM dipolar XY model!**

See D. Peter, S. Müller, S. Wessel, and H. P. Büchler, [PRL 109, 025303 \(2012\)](#).

# Conclusion and outlook

- **Better and better control** on the simulation of the dipolar XY model
- **Quench spectroscopy in 1D XY magnets**
- **Towards chiral spin liquids on Kagome arrays?**
- **Beyond pure spin models:** doped magnets (bosonic  $t - J$  model)  
L. Homeier *et al.*, [arXiv:2305.02322](https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.02322)



***Thanks for your attention!***