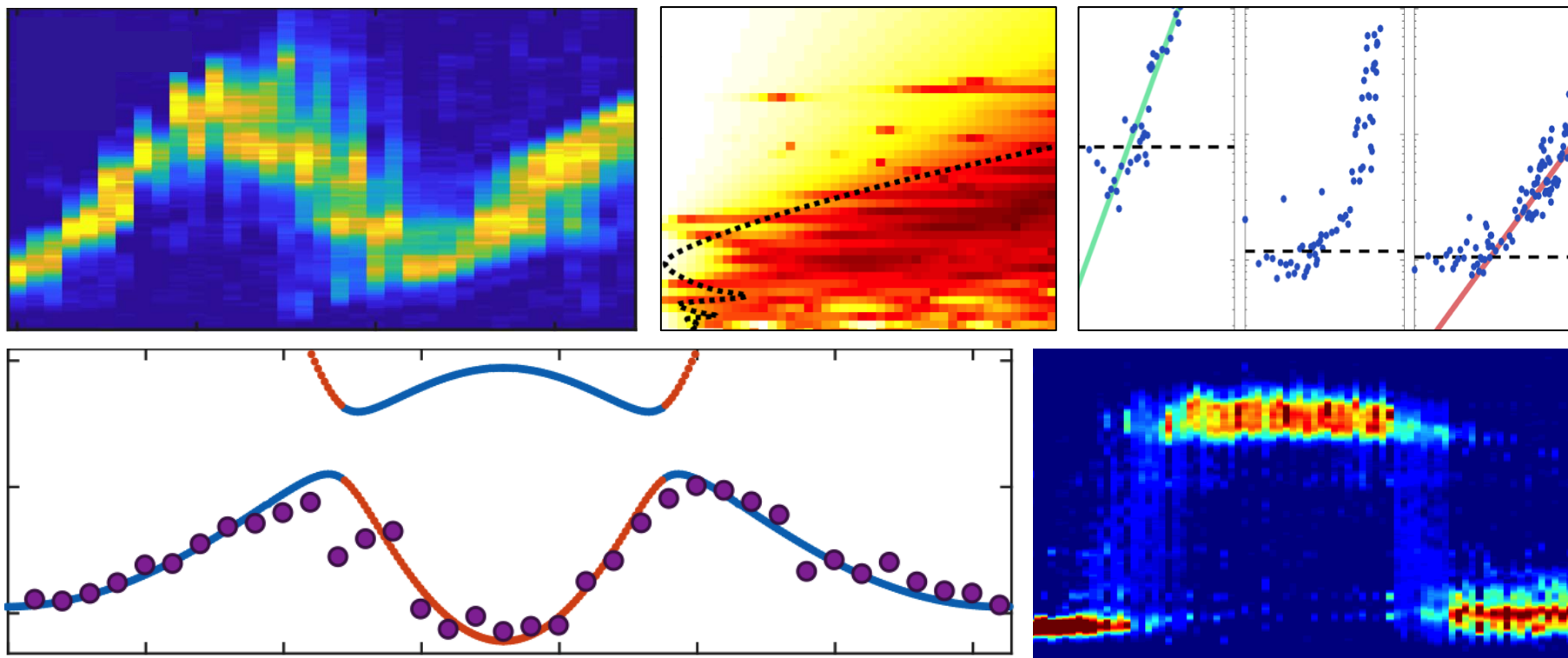


Floquet band engineering and prethermalization in driven optical lattices



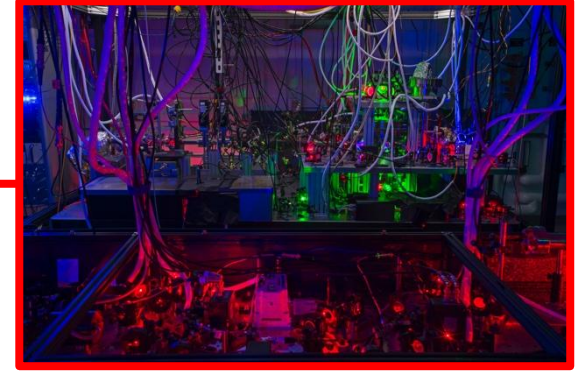
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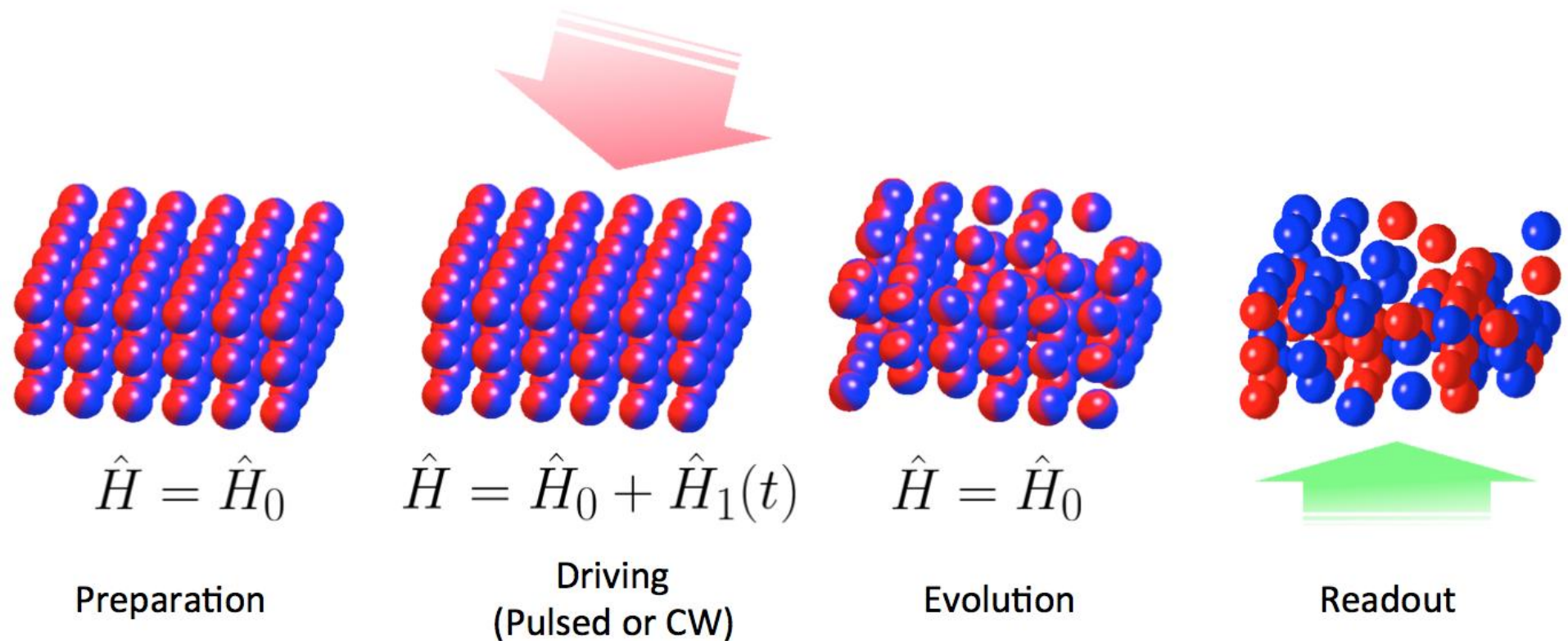
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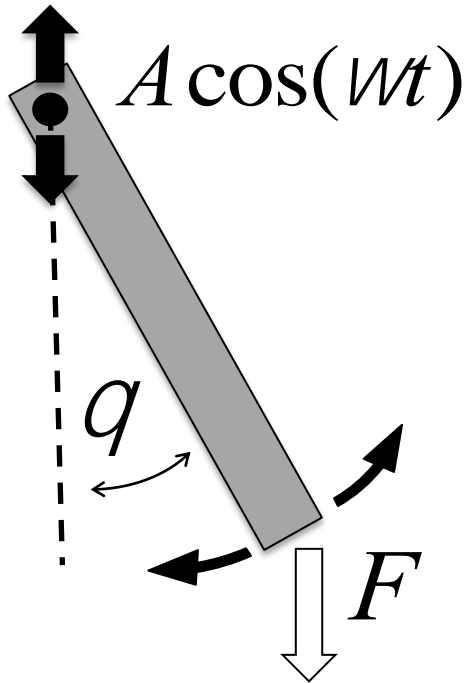
Driven Systems

The basic question: what happens when you shake stuff?



Driven Systems: Classical Example

Pendulum with vibrating pivot:

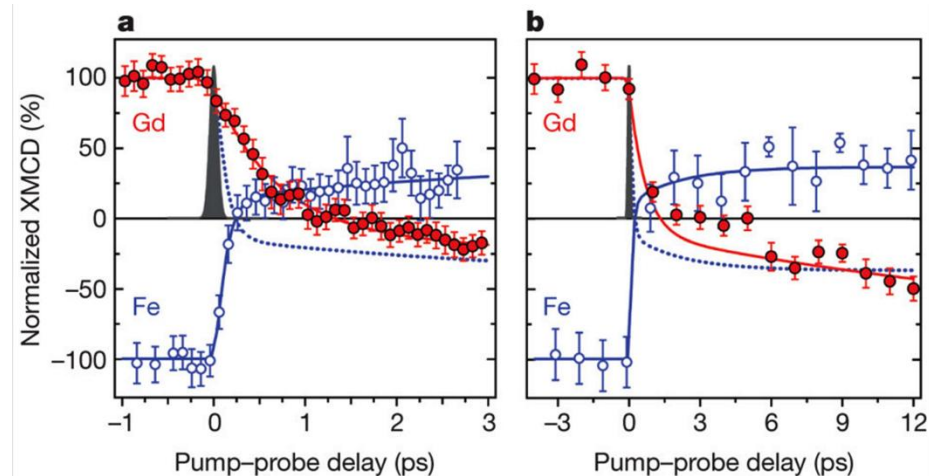
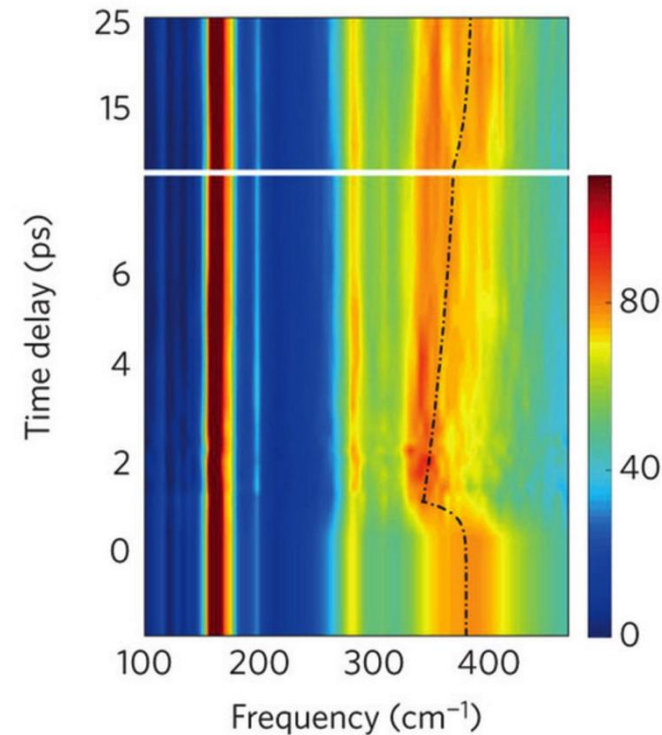
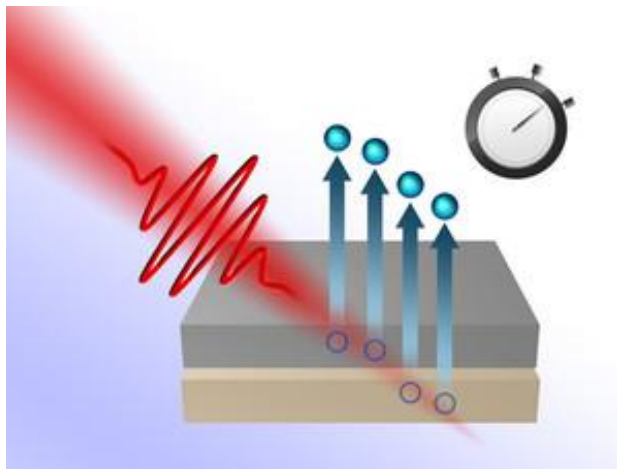


$$\ddot{q} + [d + e \cos(t)] \sin q = 0$$



Driven Systems: Quantum Example

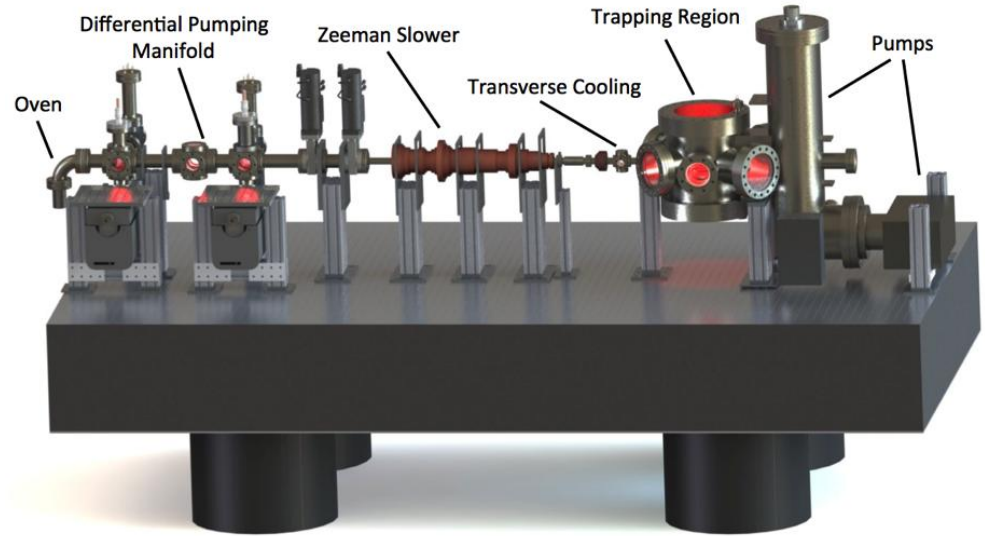
- Atoms and solids in pulsed-laser fields
- Nontrivial dynamical behavior (tunnel ionization, HHG)
- Emergent states of matter



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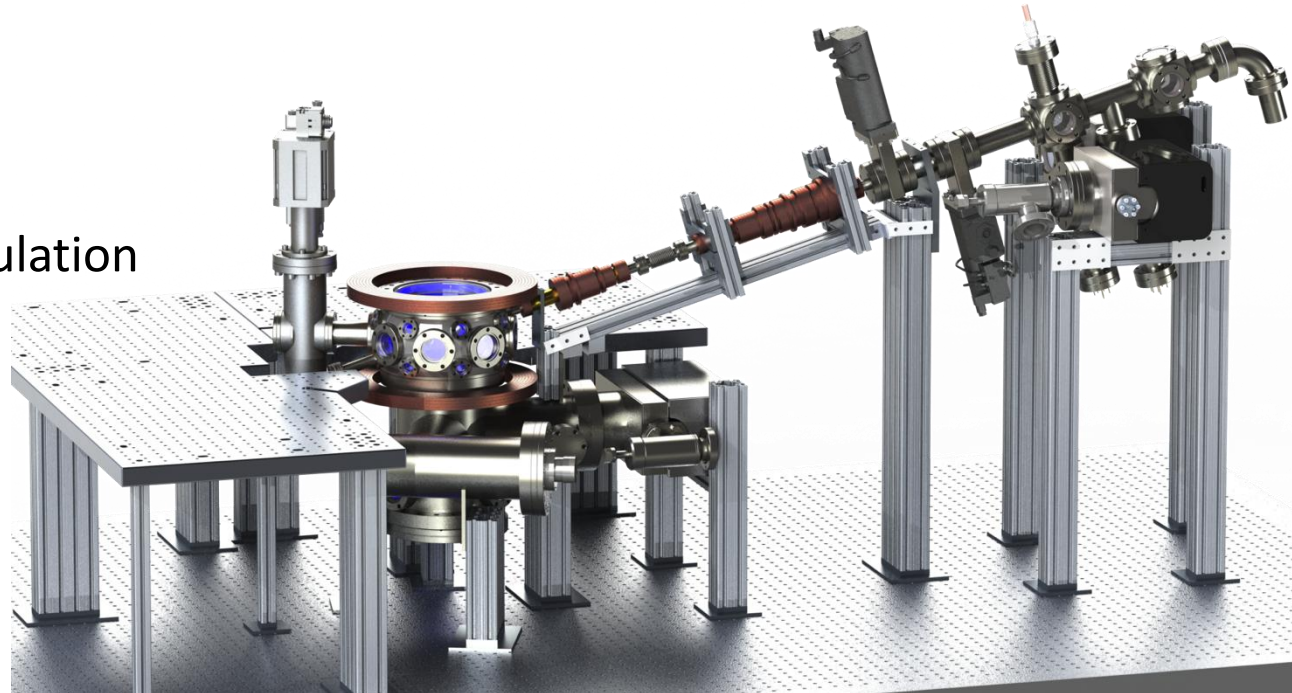
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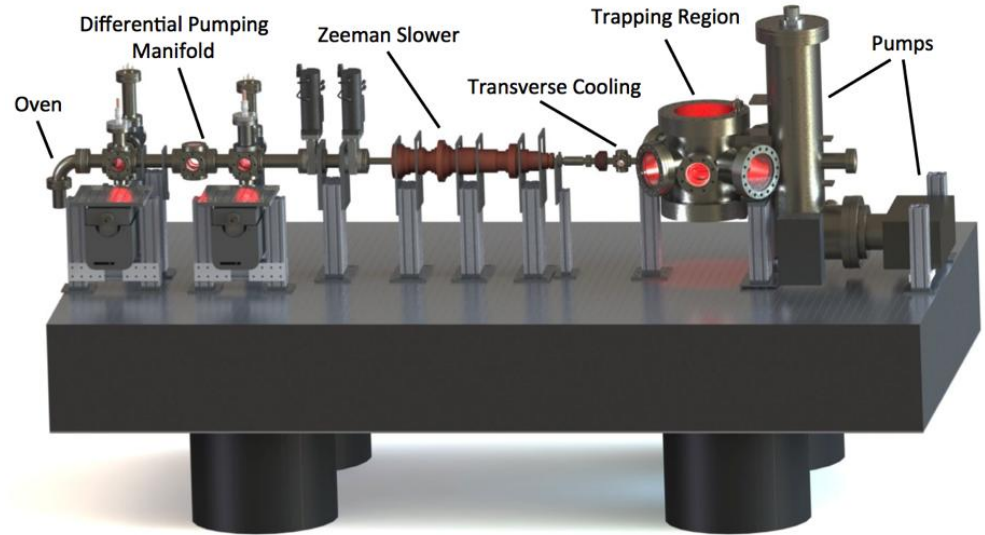
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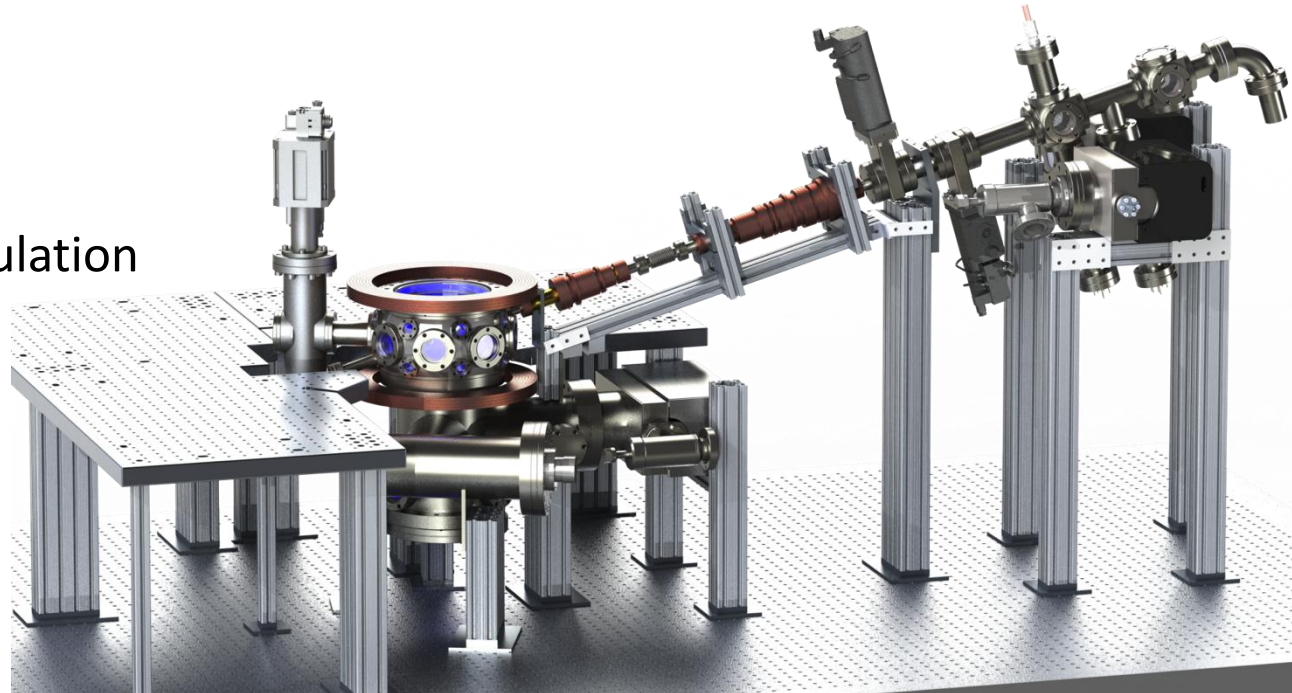
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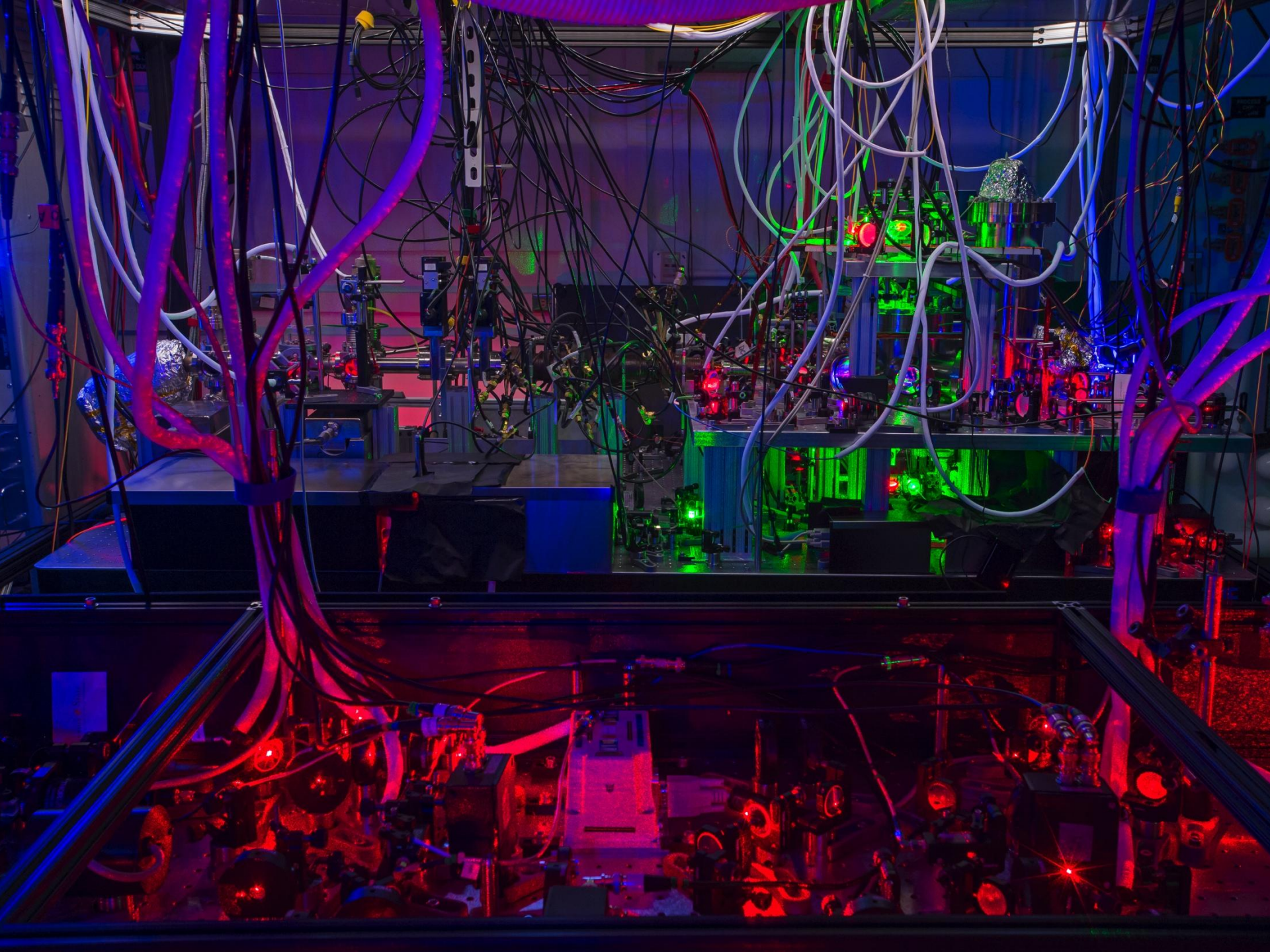
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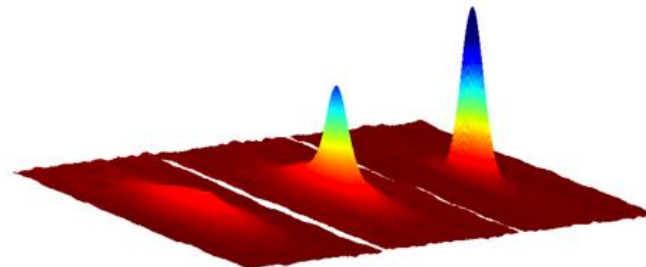
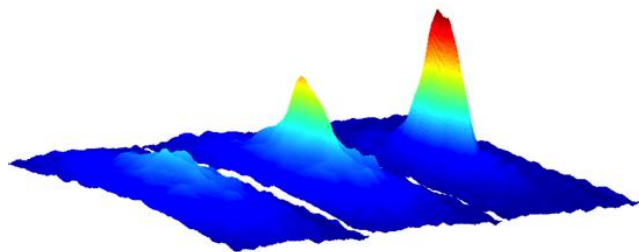
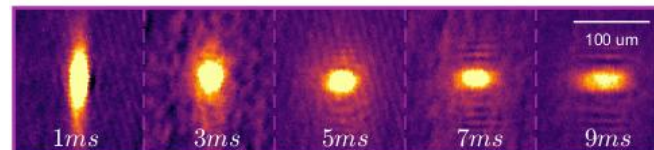
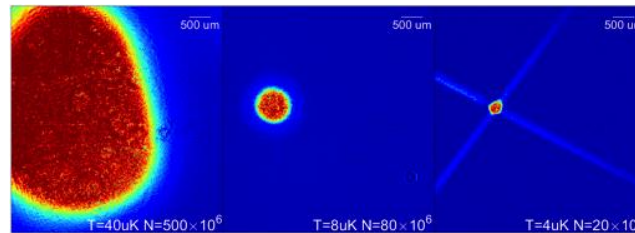
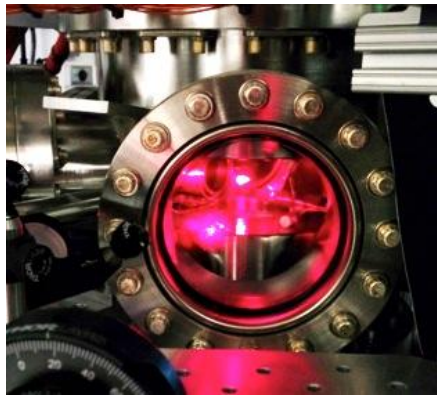
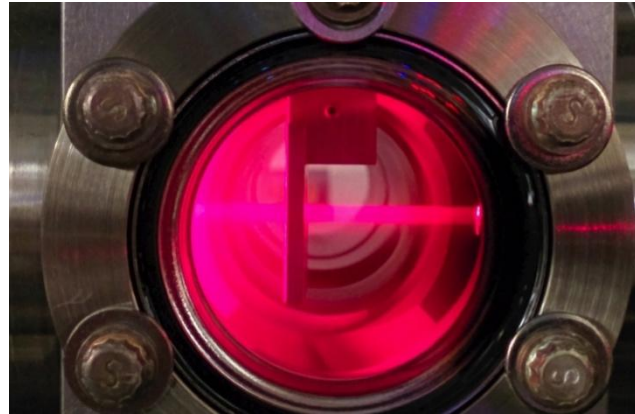
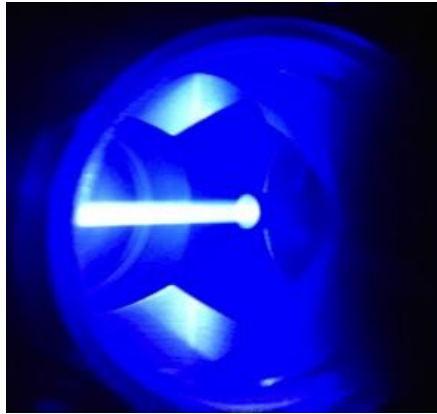
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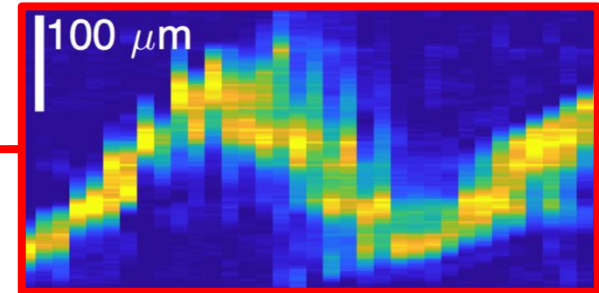
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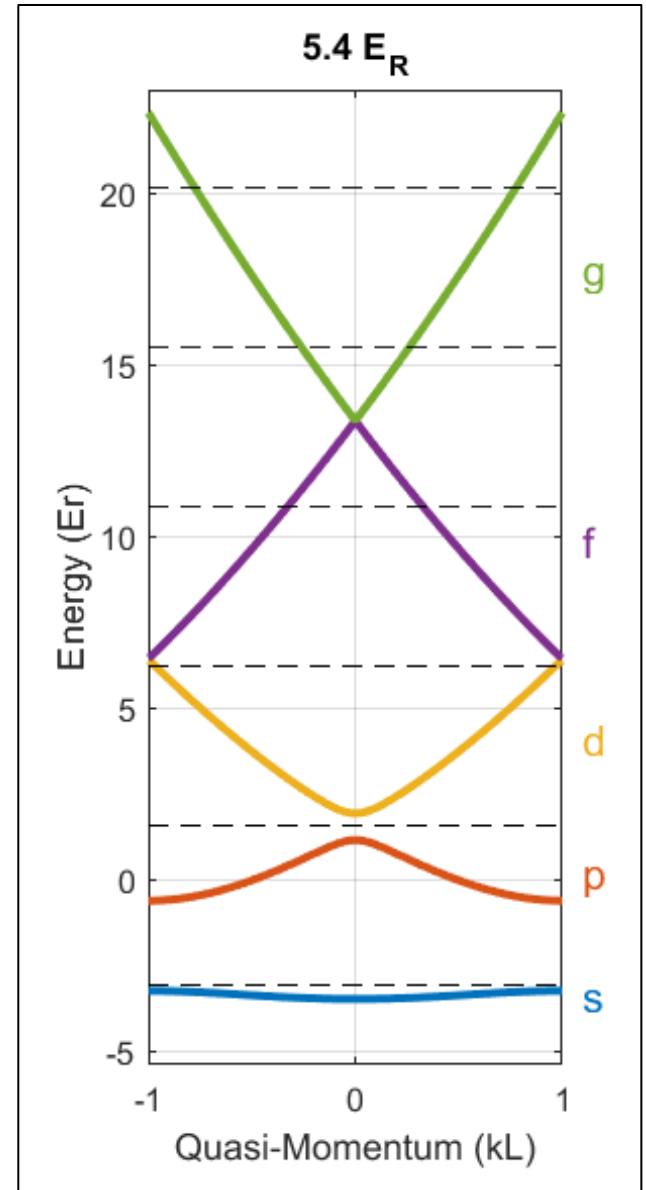
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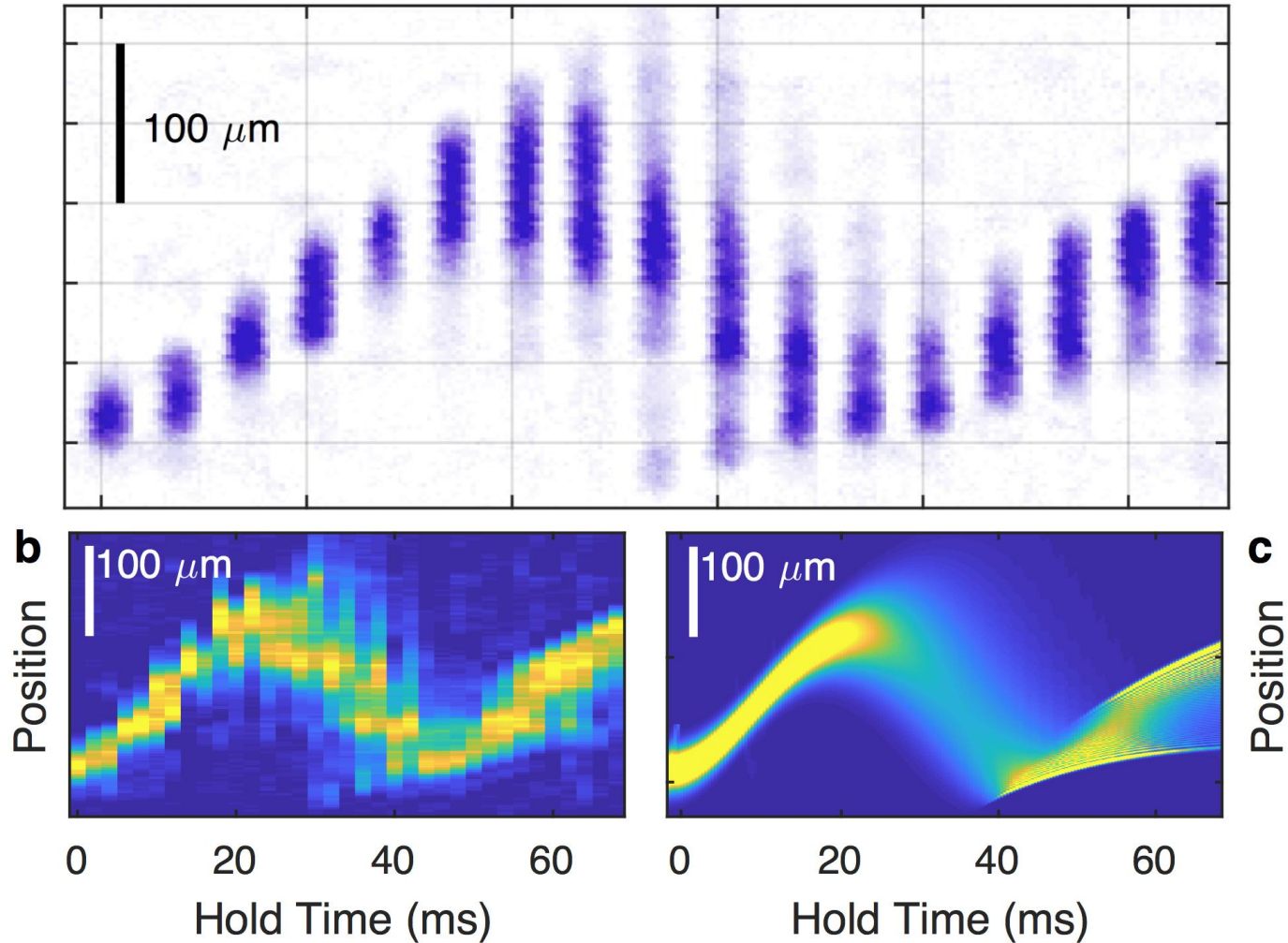
Position-Space Bloch Oscillations

- In a periodic system, static force produces oscillatory response (Bloch, Zener 1929)
- Momentum evolves through edge of BZ
- Cold atoms an excellent platform for studying such Bloch oscillations (way easier than in solids)
- Typically probed in momentum space; position-space dynamics initially predicted by Zener too small to be observed



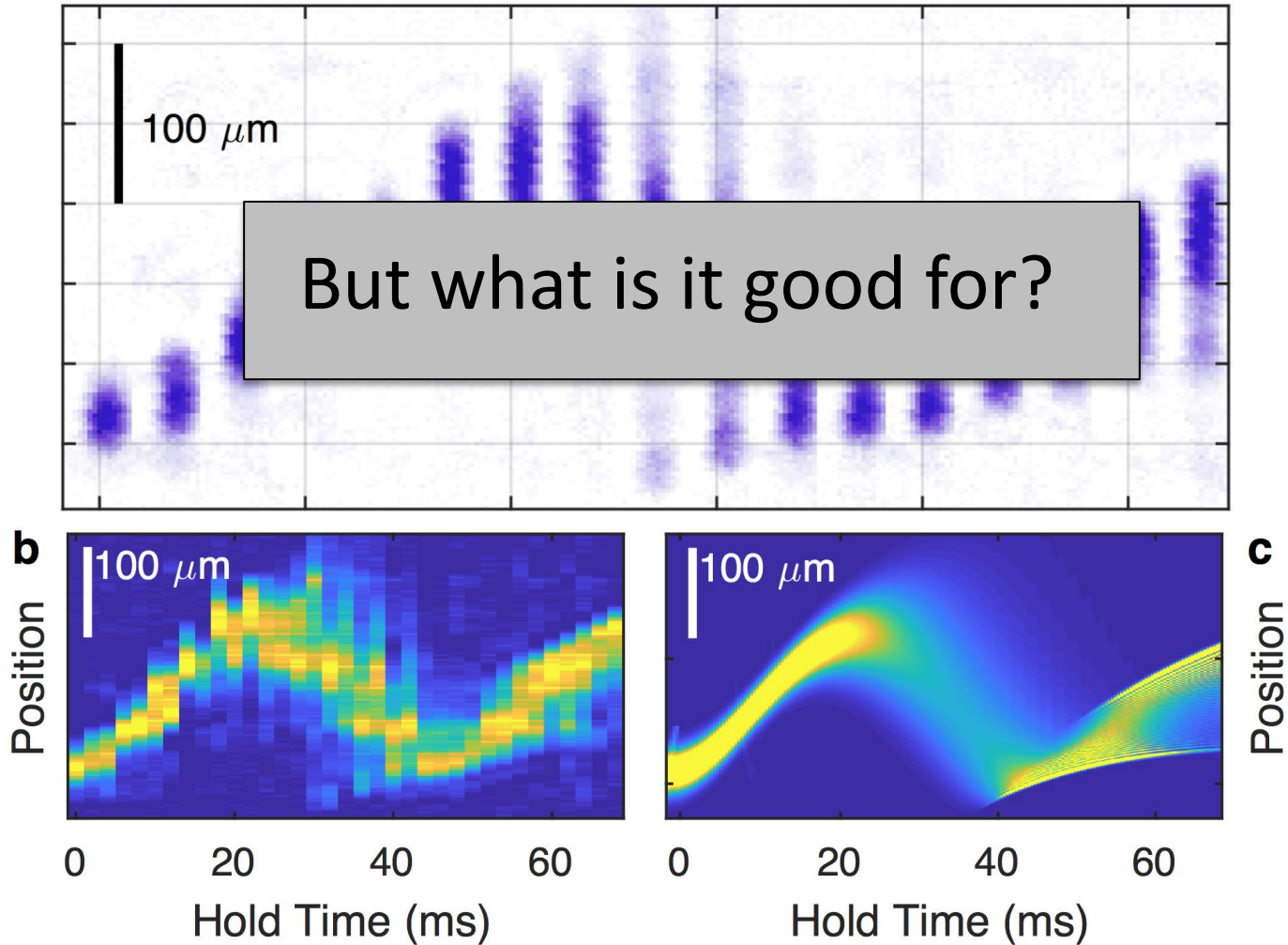
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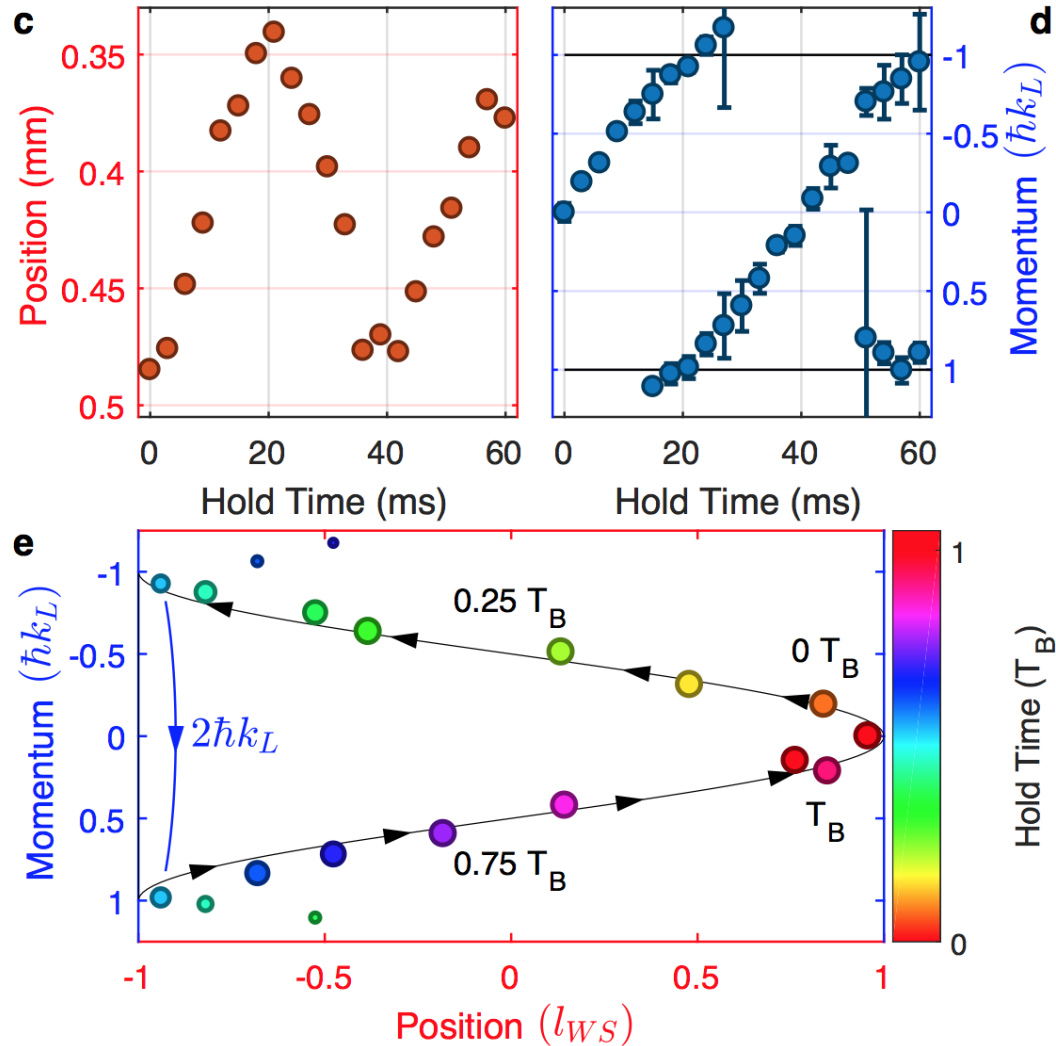
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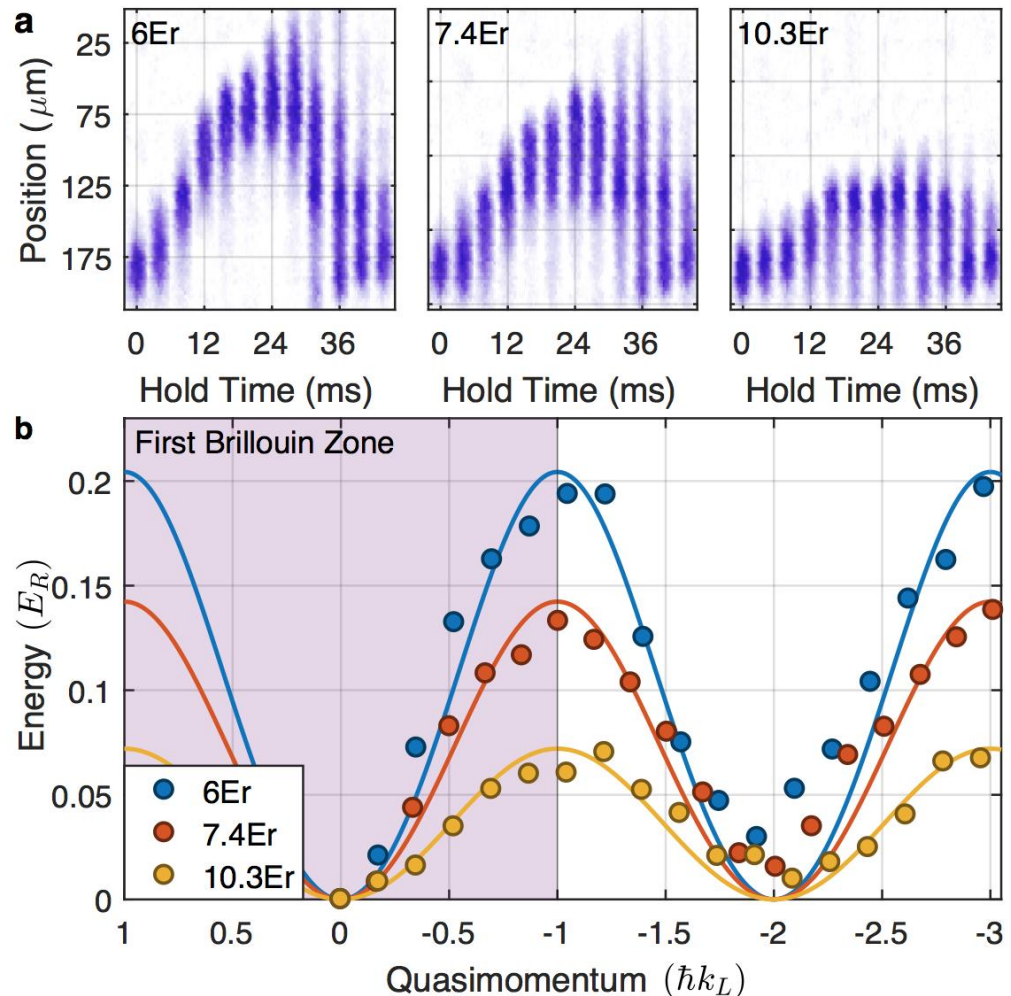
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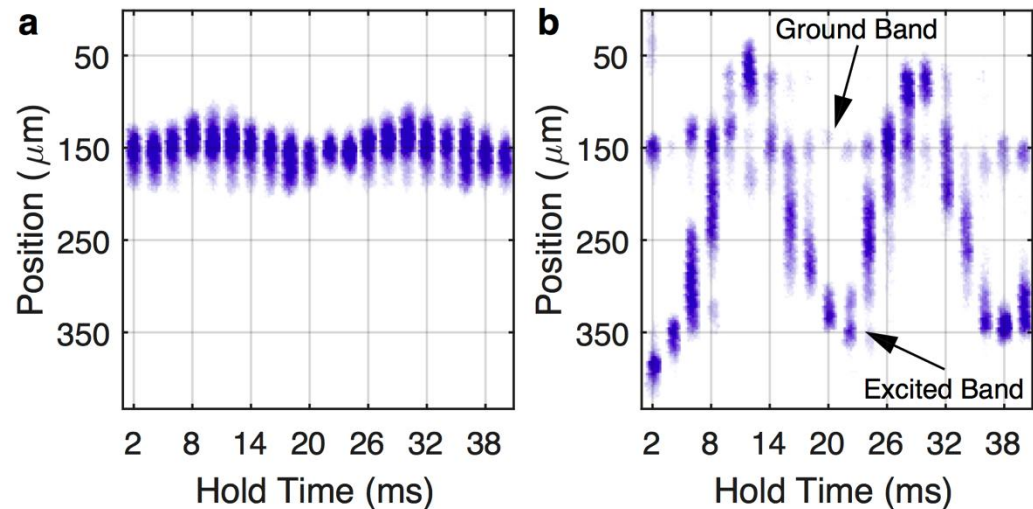
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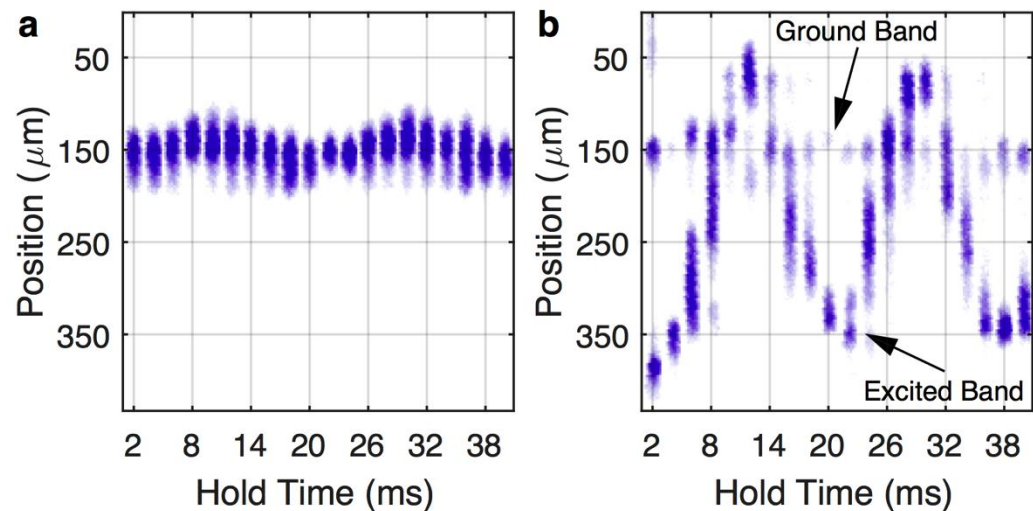
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→ Position-space Bloch oscillations are visible and useful.

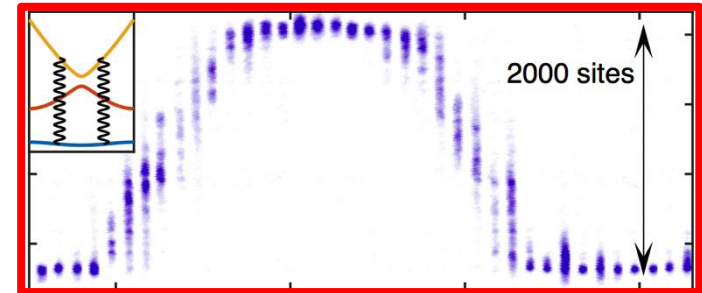
- ARPES- Next: What if we drive the lattice directly?

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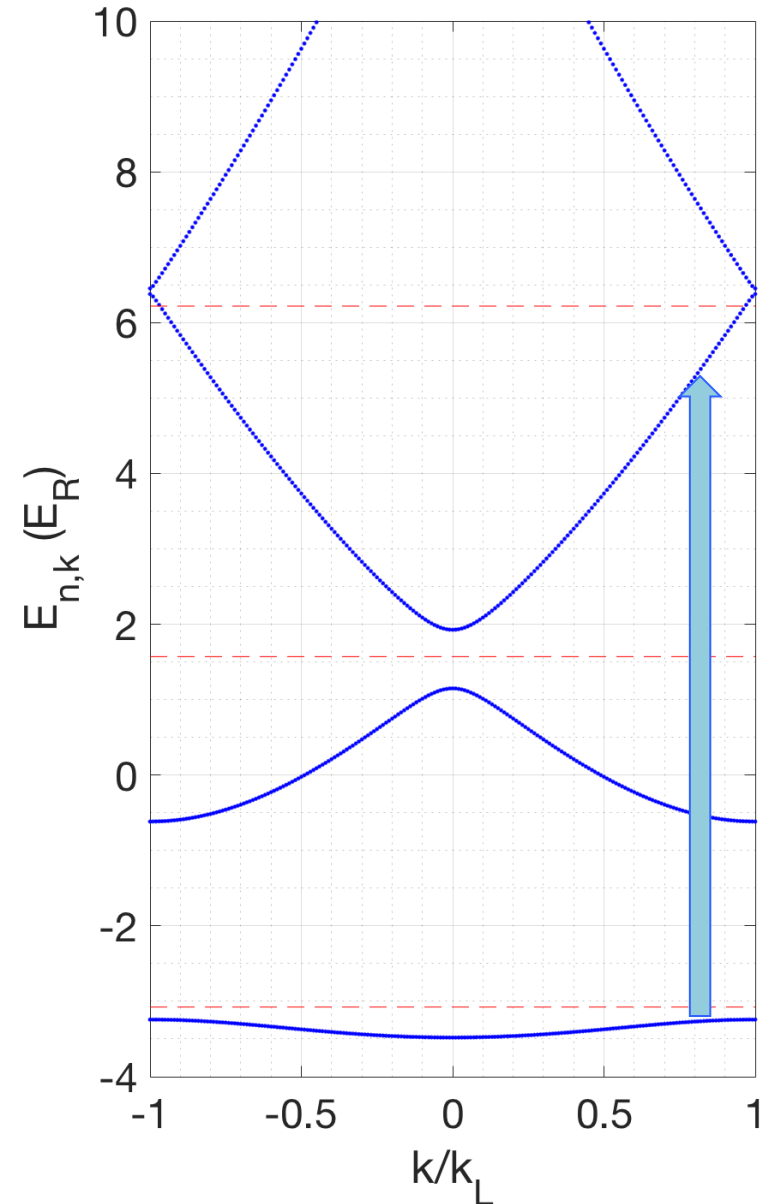
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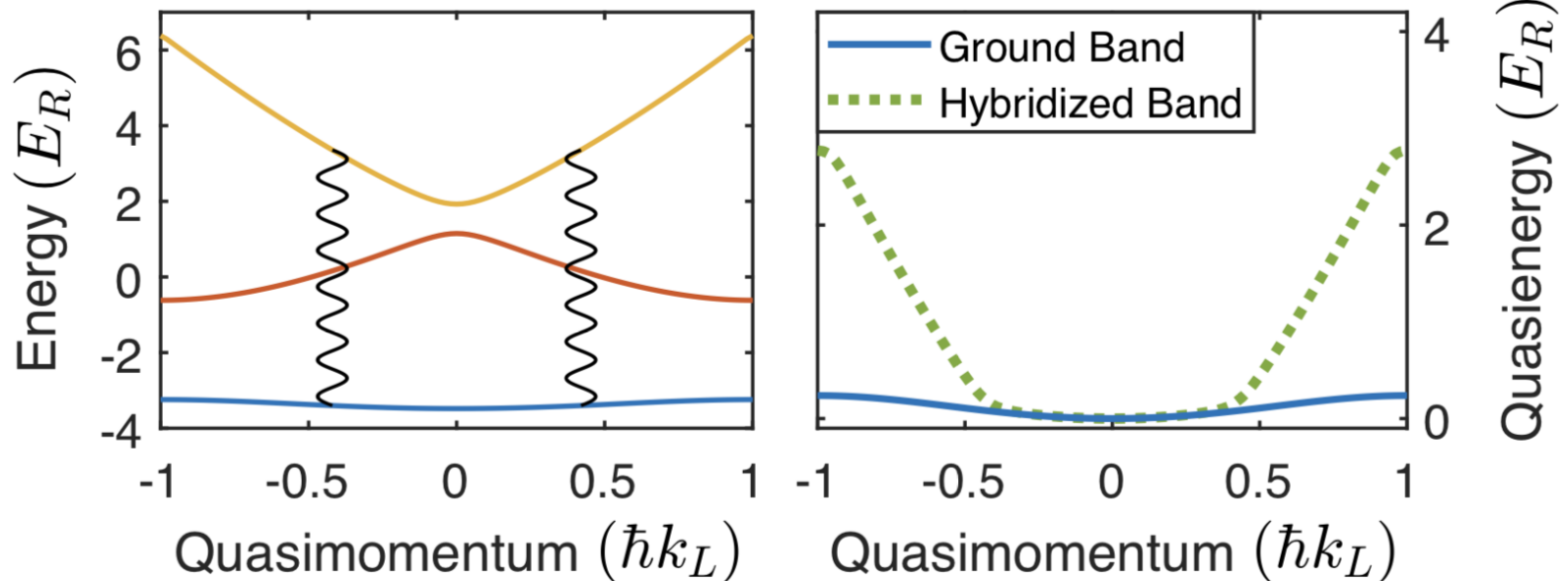
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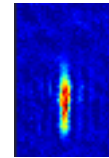
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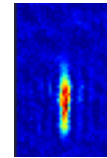
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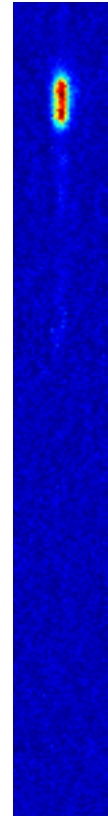
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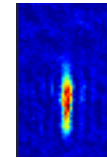
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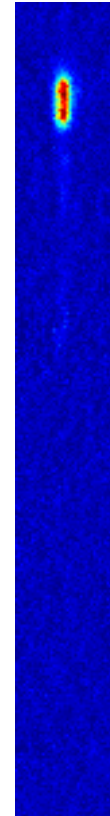
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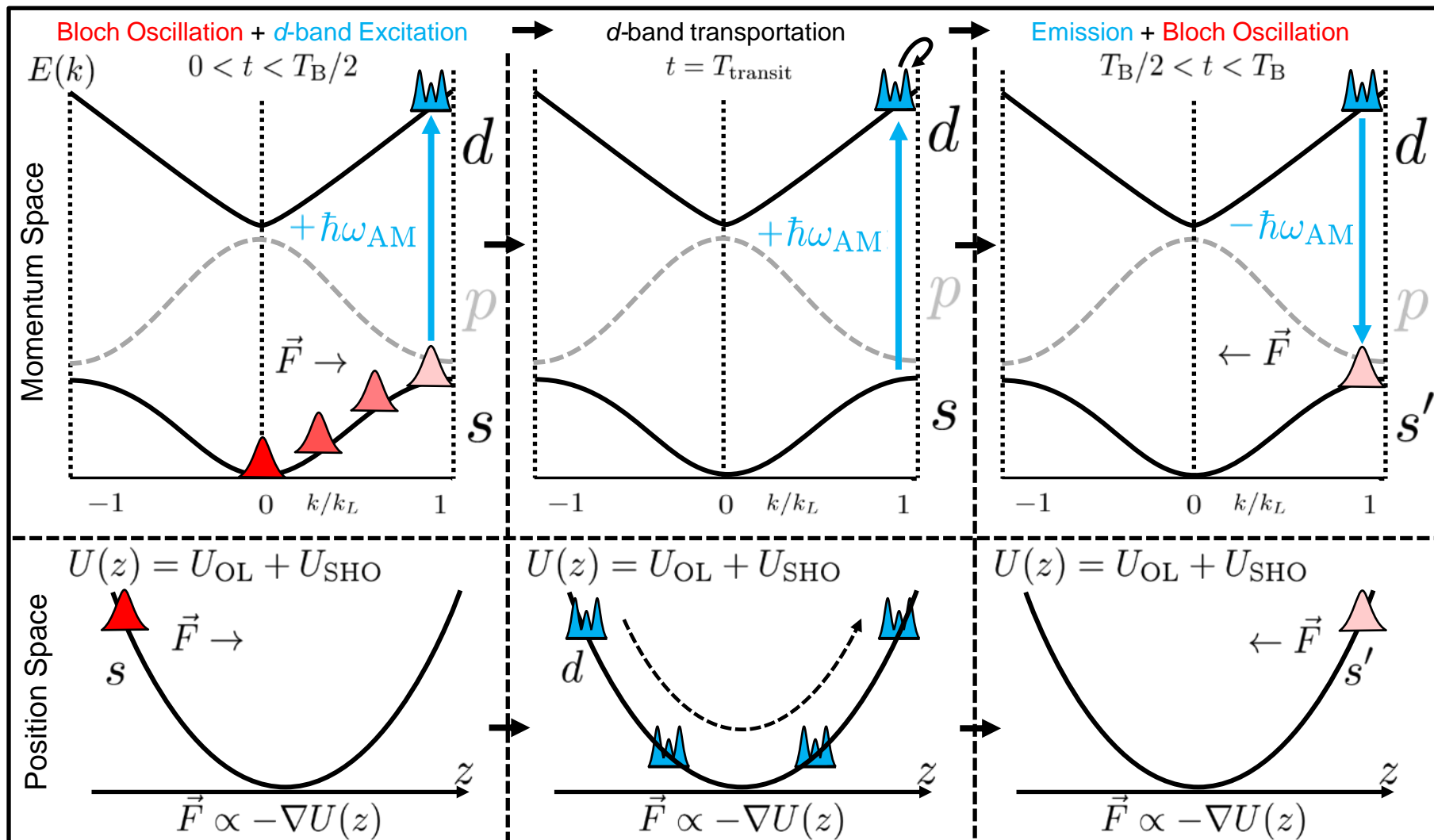


>1000 Lattice Sites

→ **Giant Floquet-Bloch oscillations**

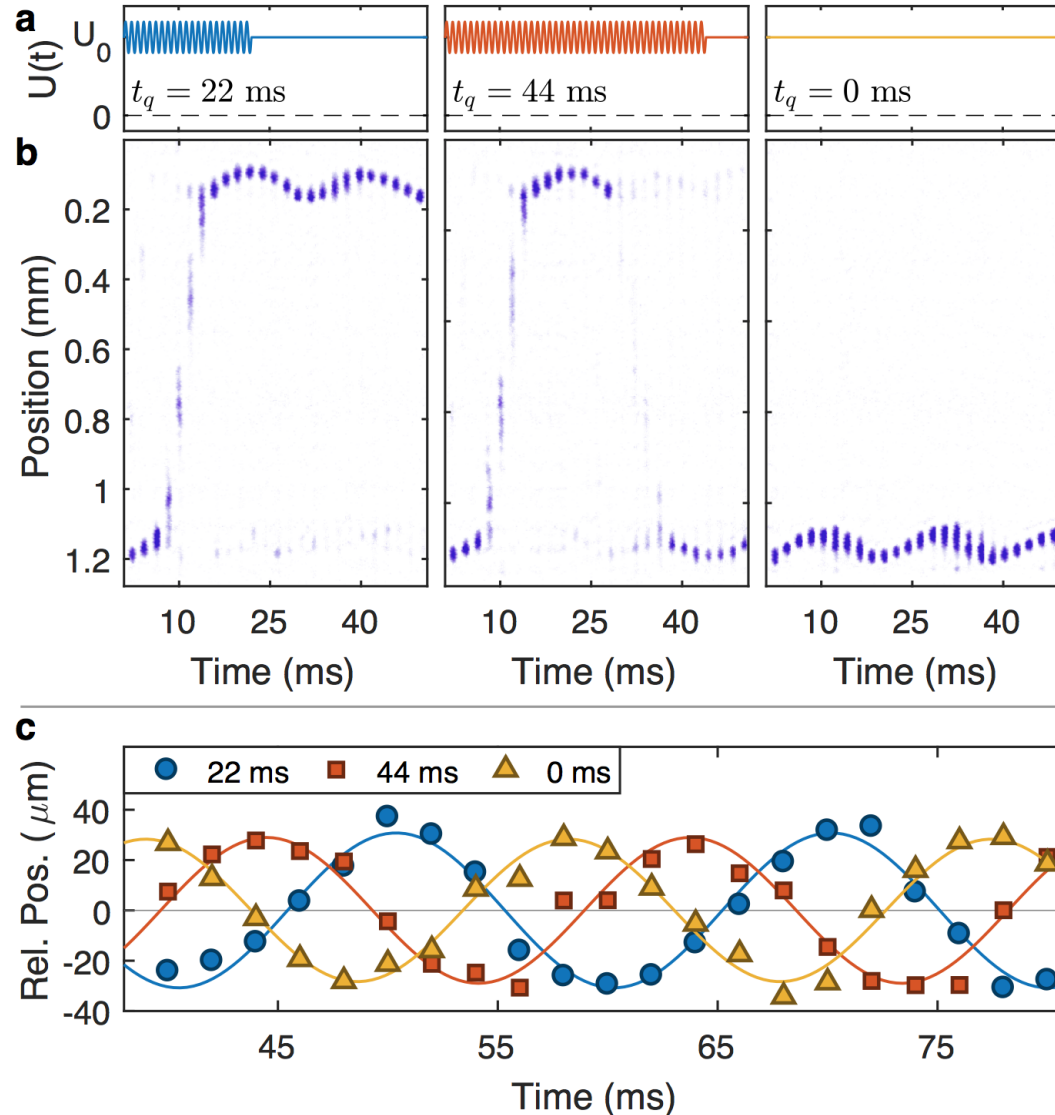
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- Can think of this as evolution in a single Floquet-hybridized s/d band



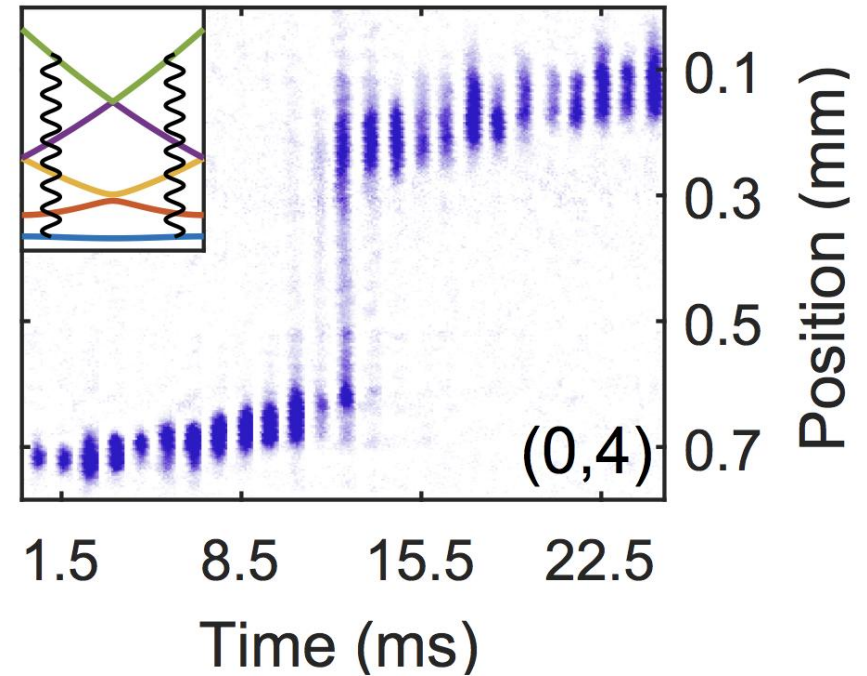
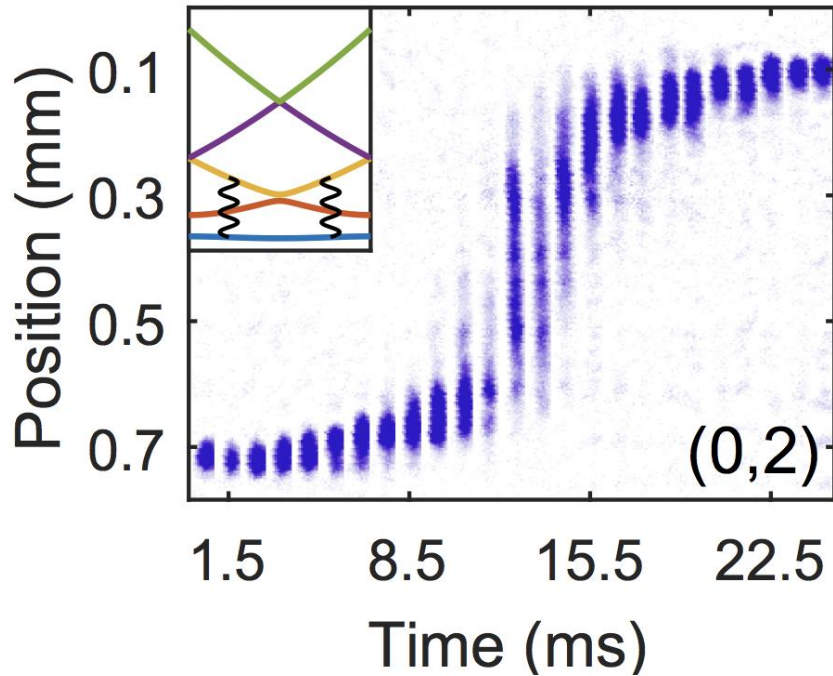
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- Allows precise coherent control of long-range transport



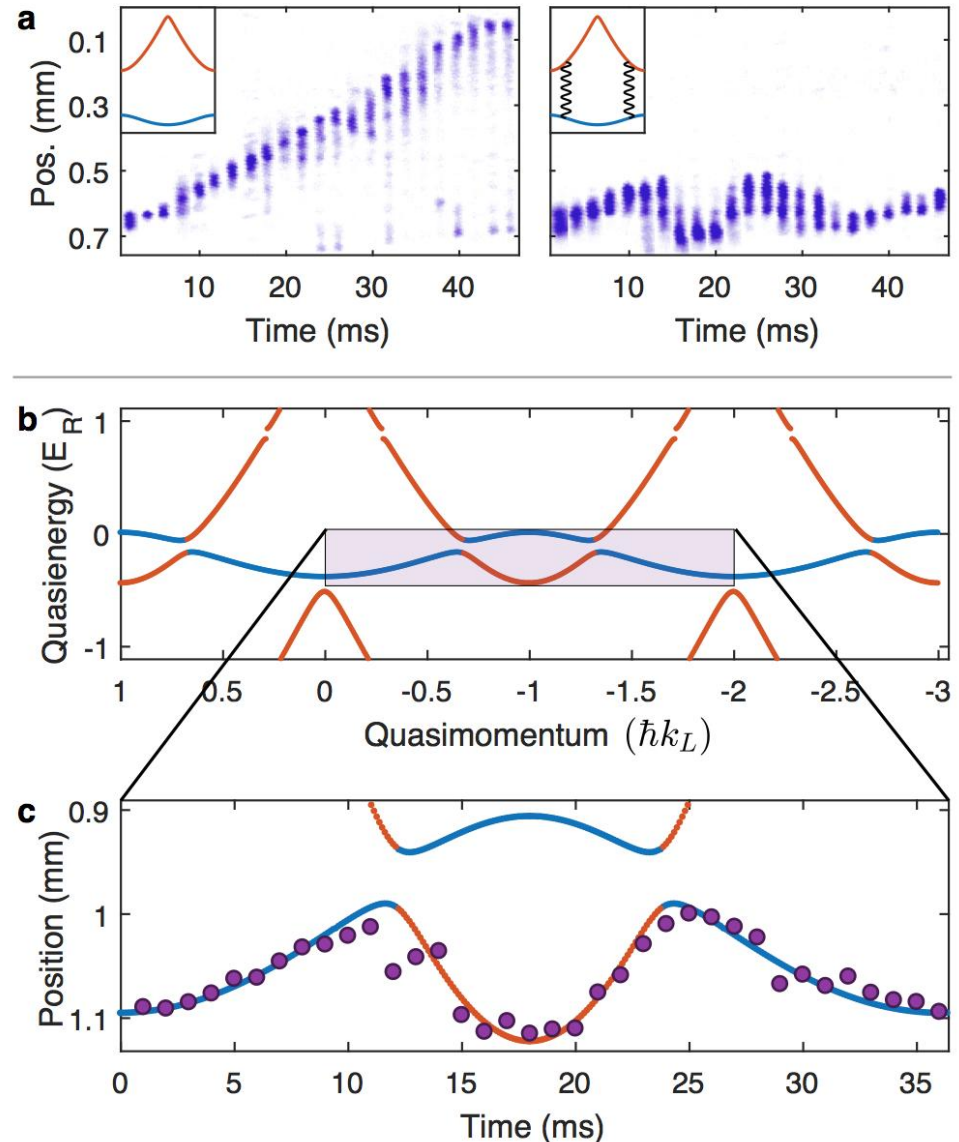
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- Can couple different pairs of bands at different quasimomenta



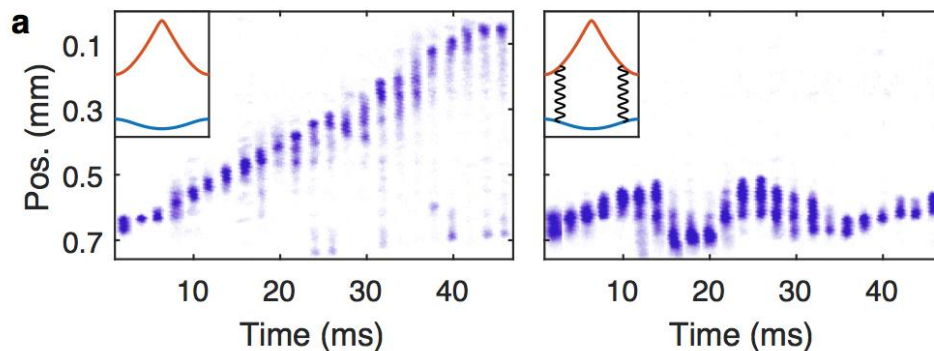
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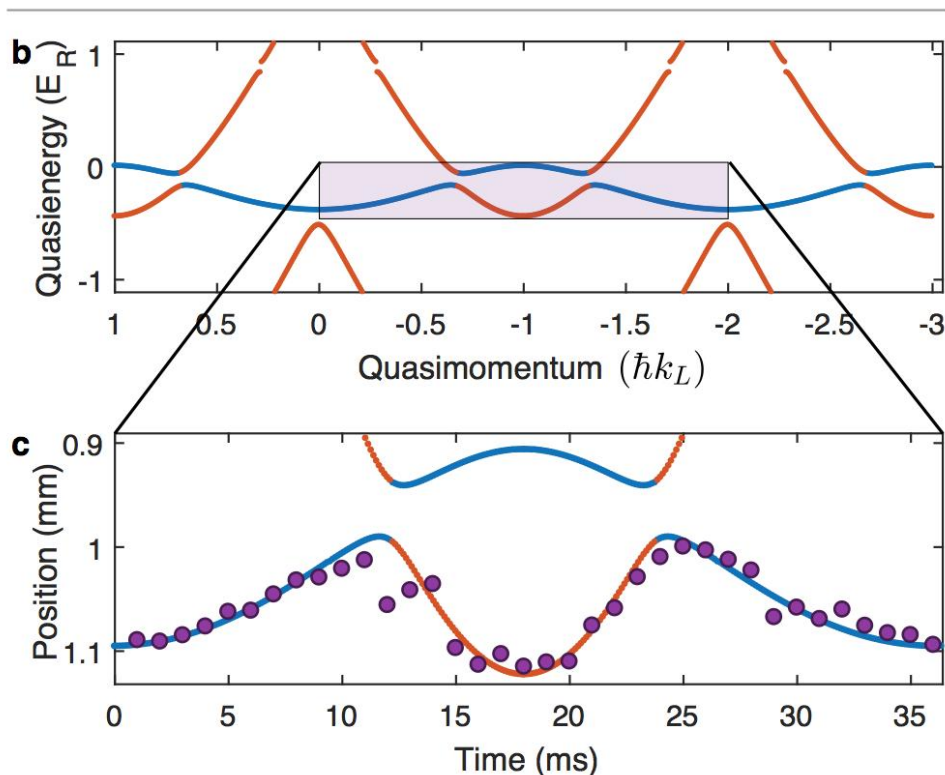
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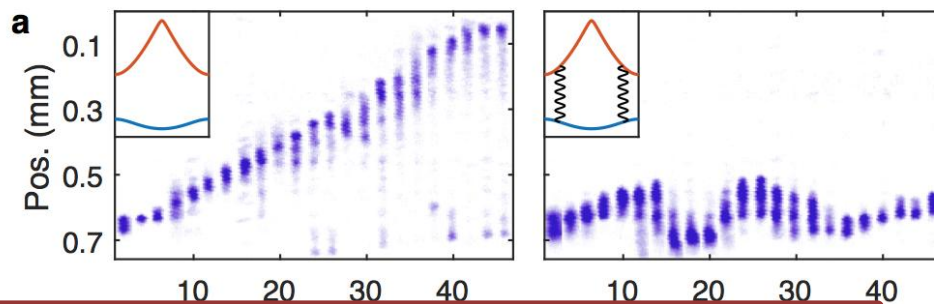
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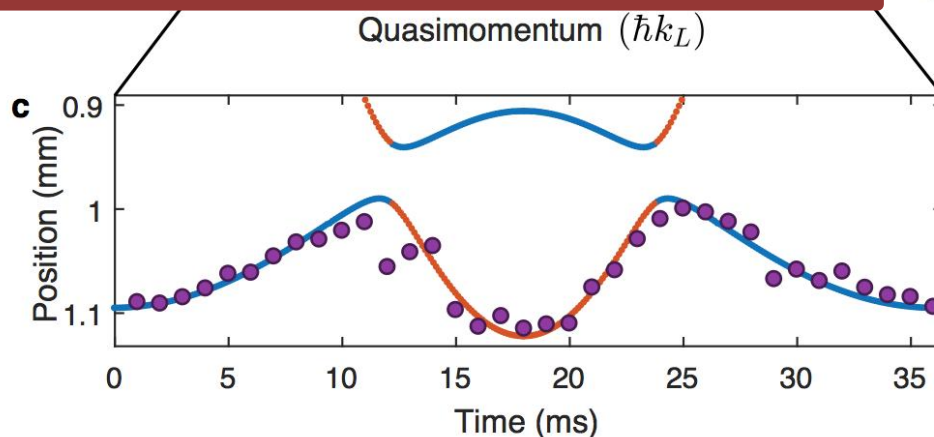
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Franken → Can engineer Floquet bands to control transport.

- Some features:
 - Topological

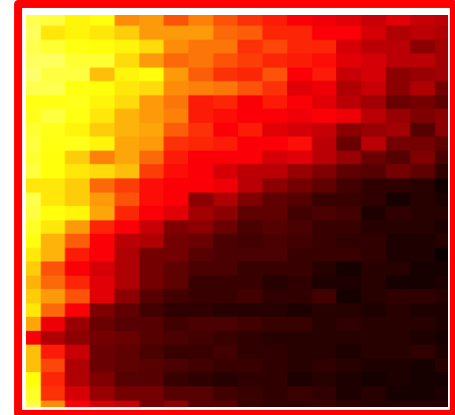
Next: Does driving necessarily heat things up? Can we create metastable or prethermal Floquet “phases” of interacting matter?

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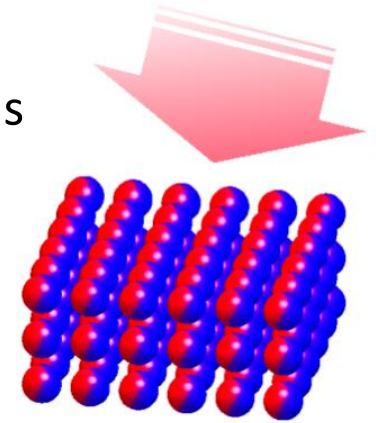
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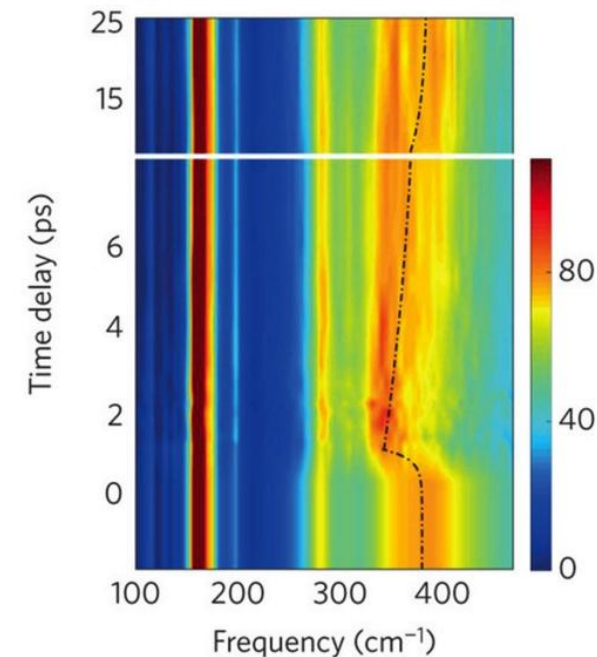


“Floquet Matter”

- Non-equilibrium steady states of driven interacting systems
 - Application example: condensed matter in pulsed laser fields
- Role for cold atom quantum emulation
 - Microscopically well-understood system
- Open Questions:
 - Conditions for (meta)stability? Thermalization?
 - Can drive force “phase transitions?”
 - Effect of interactions?
 - Prethermal “memory?”
 - Dynamics of quantum information?

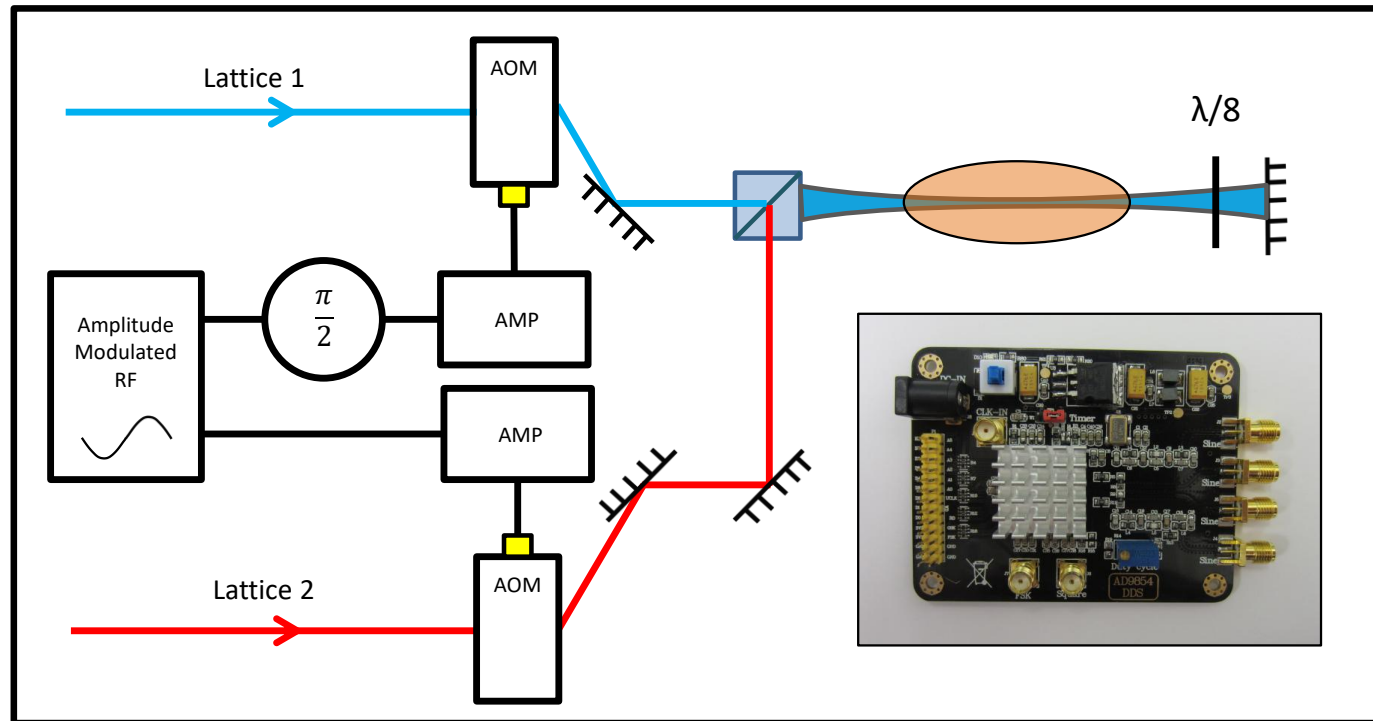


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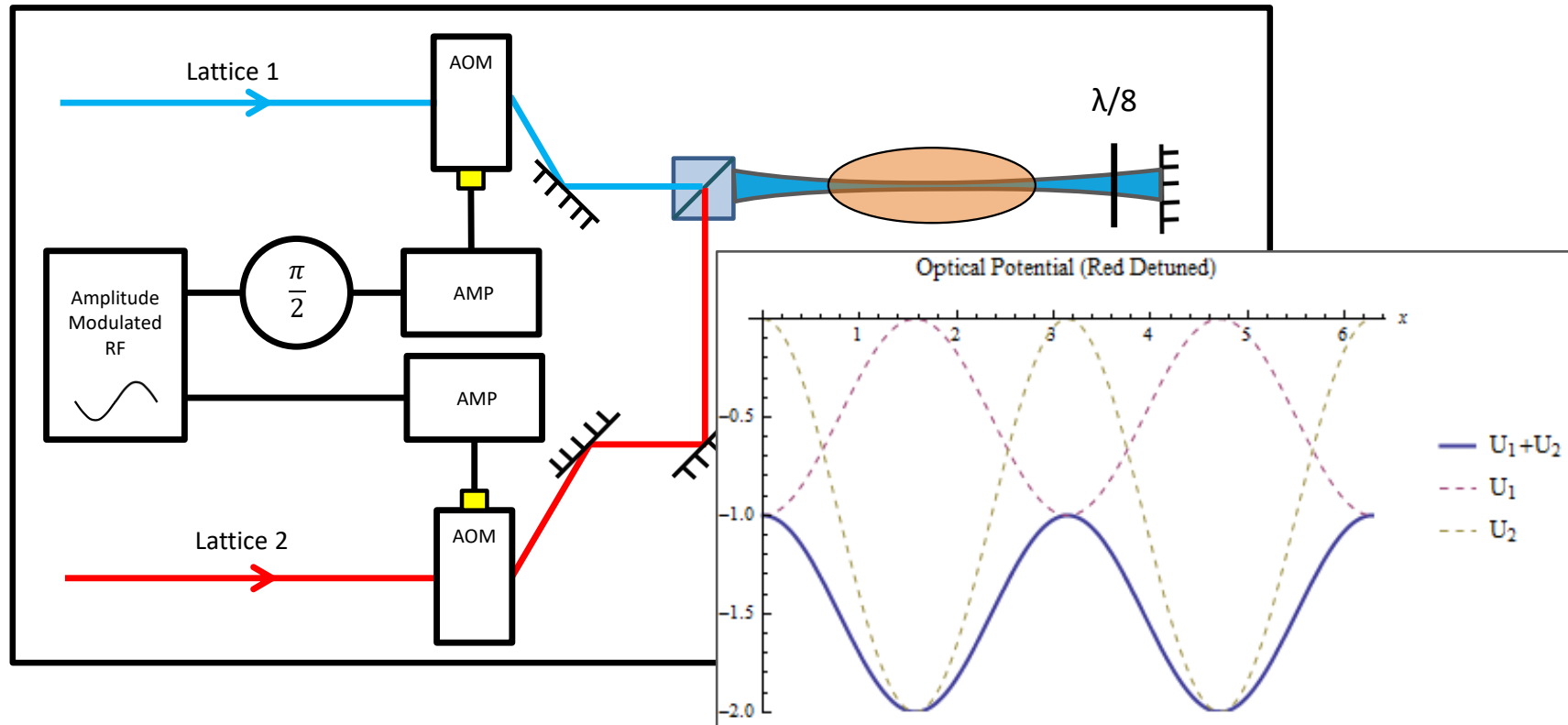
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Experiment: Ultrastrong Lattice Modulation

- Vary modulation frequency and amplitude to explore Floquet “phase diagram”
- Experimental Protocol: double quench
 - Load atoms into time-average lattice
 - Fixed A (static lattice depth)
 - Quench to driven lattice with some α (modulation depth) and Ω (frequency of drive)
 - After some drive time, quench back to static lattice and bandmap
- Results depend on α and Ω

$$A = 10 \text{ Er}, \alpha = 5 \text{ } (-50\text{Er} \rightarrow 50\text{Er})$$



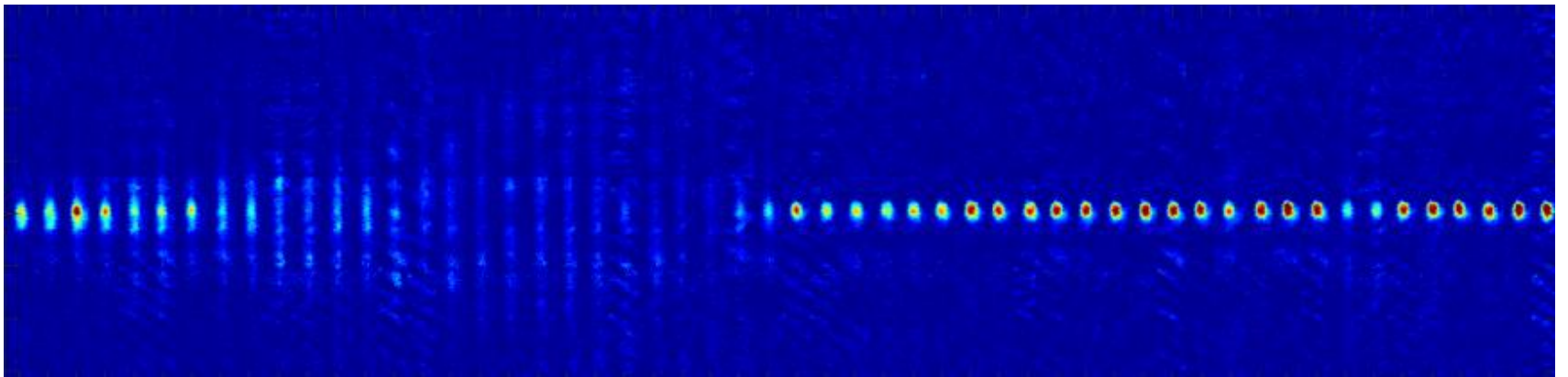
Quantifying ergodicity

- f_0 = fraction of atoms in ground band after modulation
→ Quantitative measure for characterizing non-ergodicity

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \sum_n c_n |n(t)\rangle e^{-i\varepsilon_n t/\hbar}$$

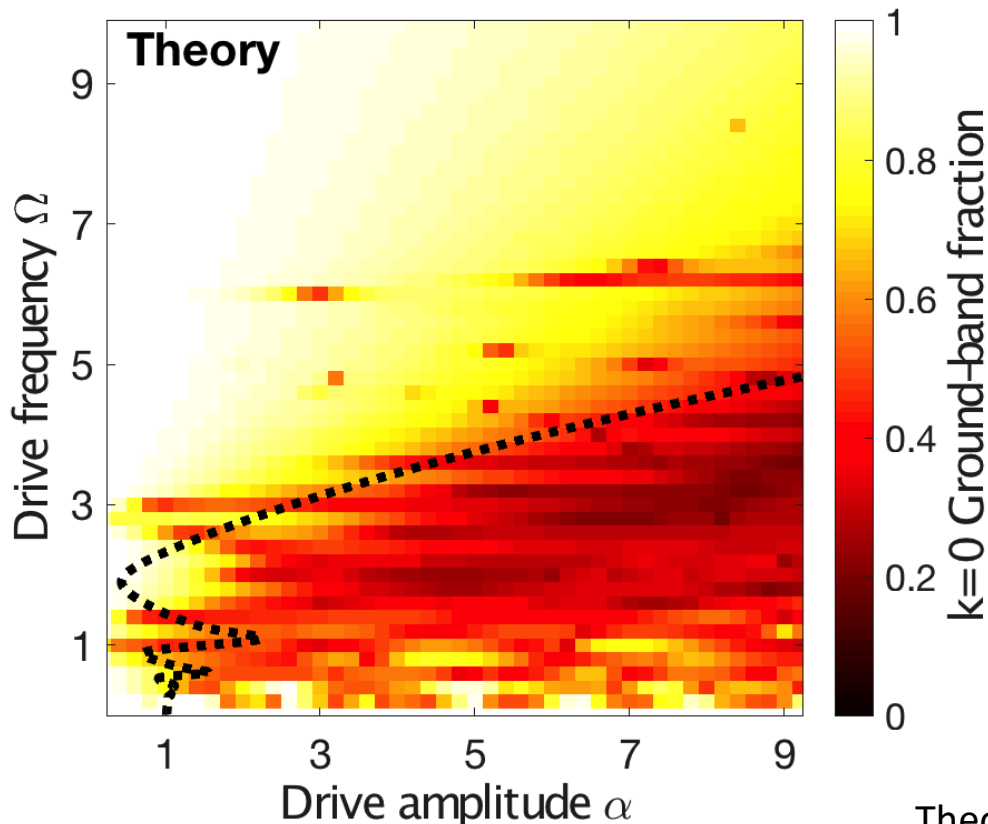
$$\overline{f_0(t_\nu)} = \overline{|\langle \psi_0 | \psi(t_\nu) \rangle|^2} = \sum_n |\langle \psi_0 | n(0) \rangle|^4 \equiv \text{IPR}.$$

$$t_\nu = \nu T$$



Floquet Phase Diagram: Experiment

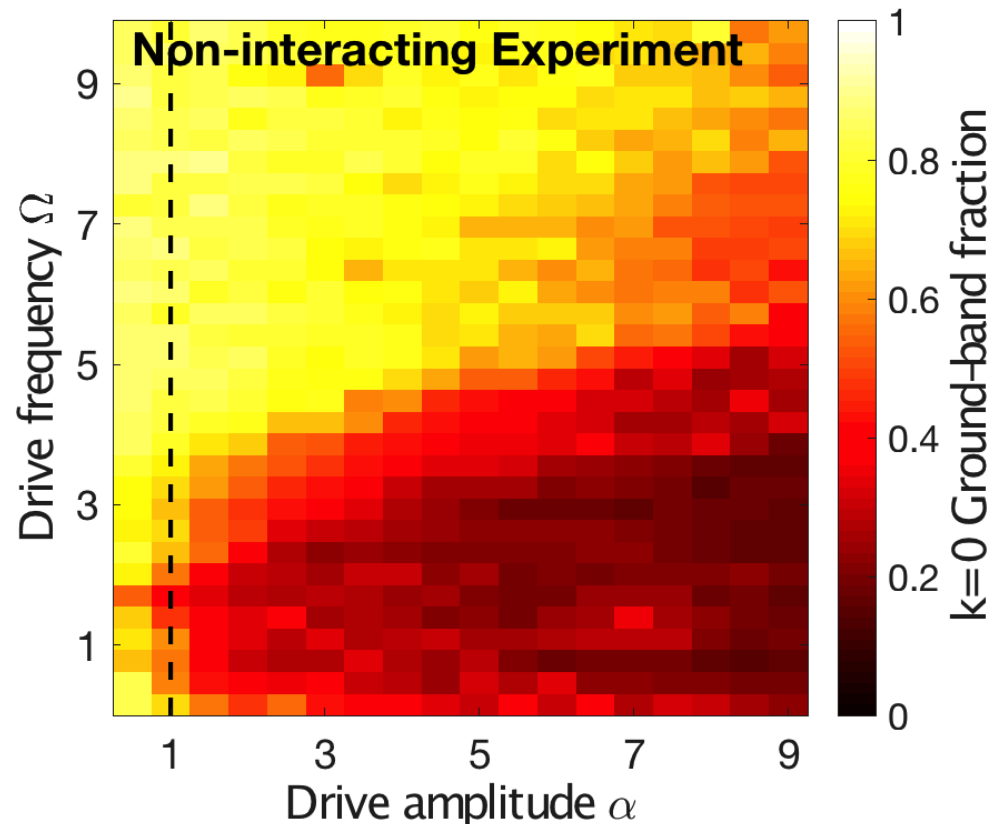
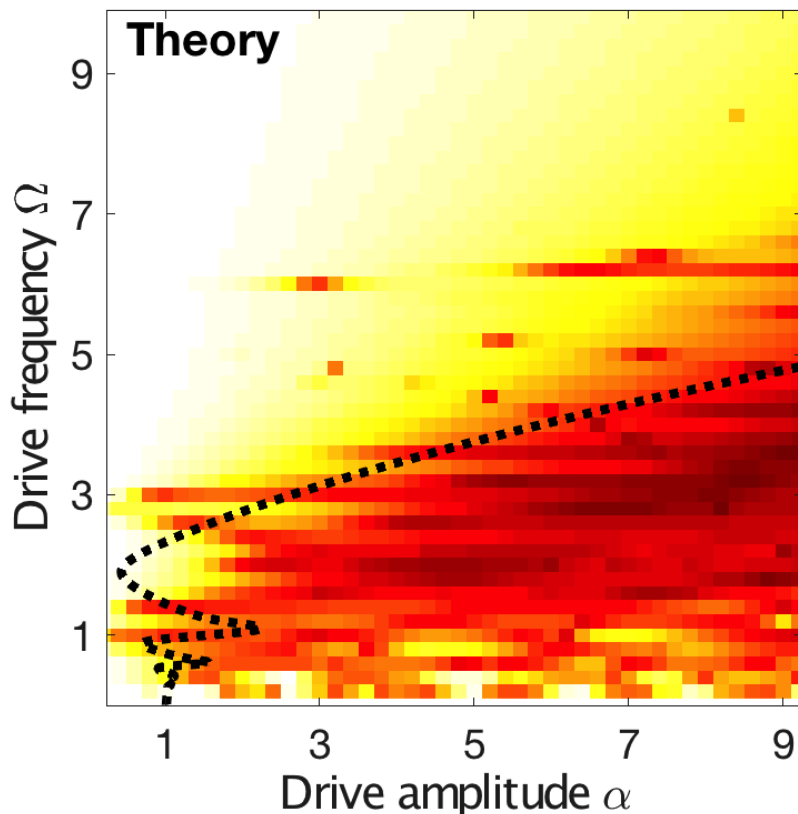
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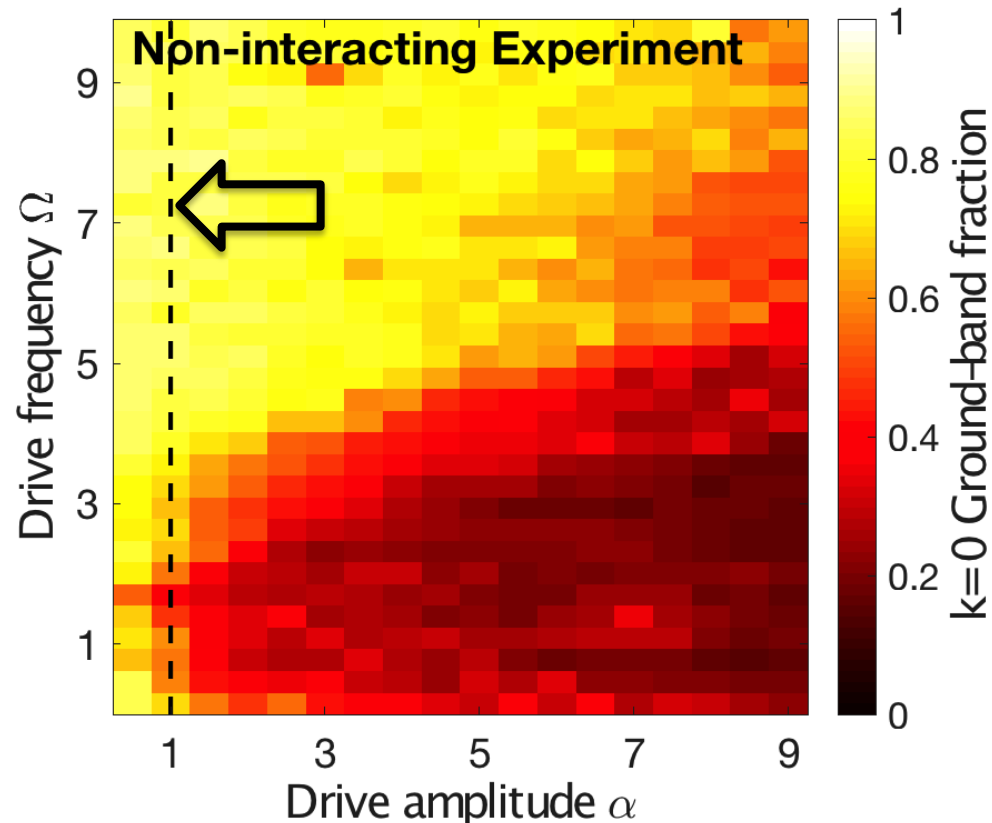
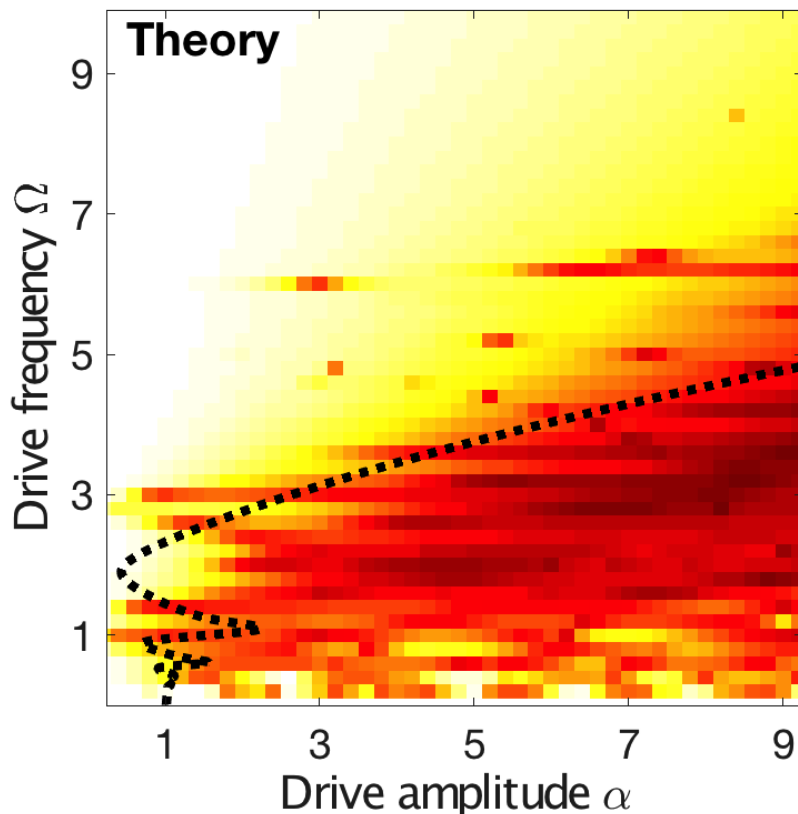
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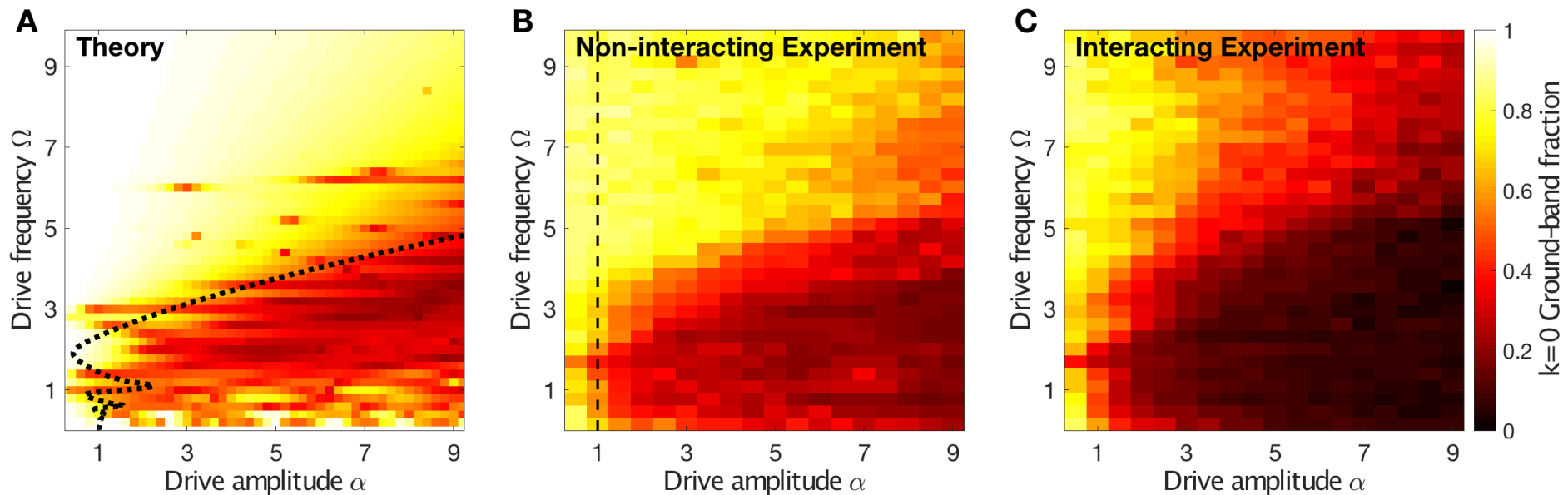
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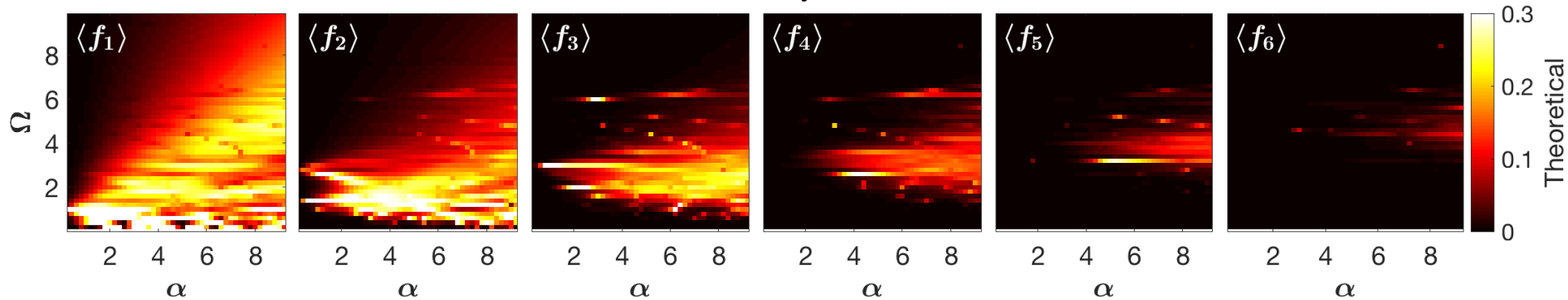
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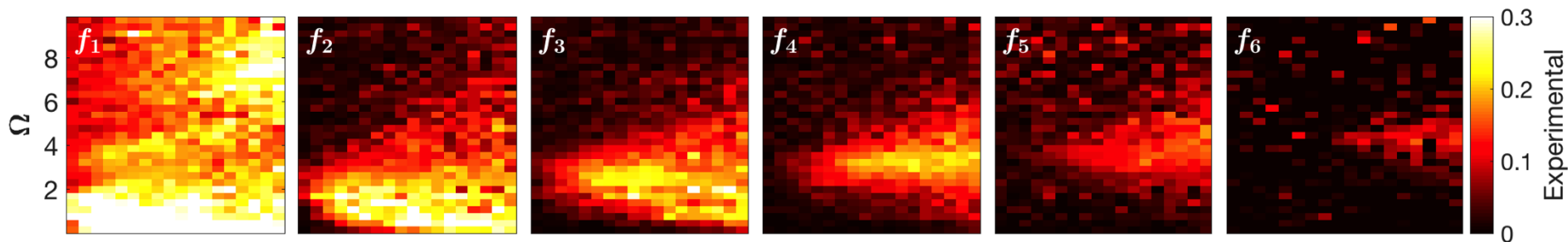
Fully characterizing a Floquet state

- All band occupations can be mapped as a function of drive parameters, both theoretically and experimentally

Theory



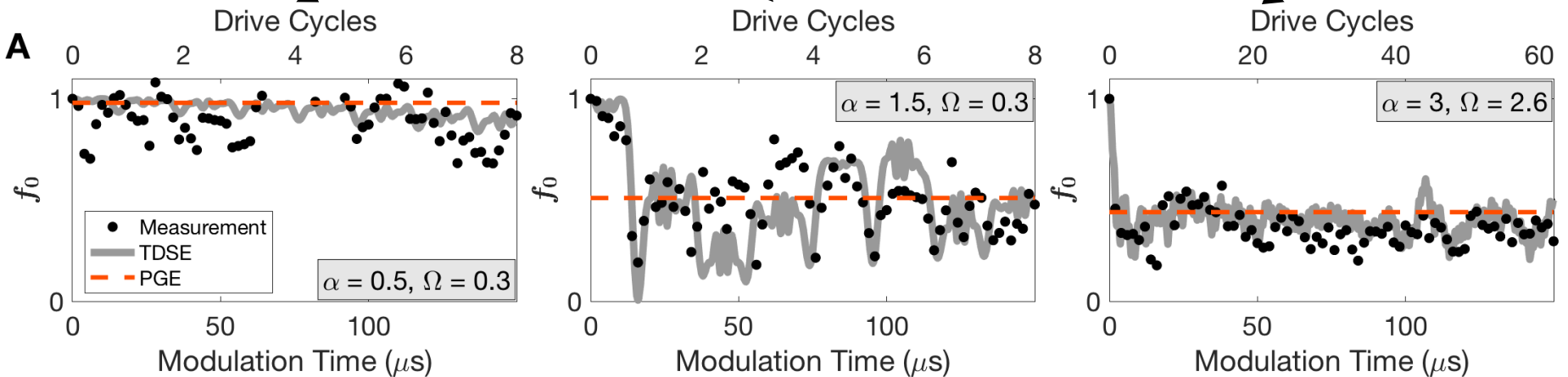
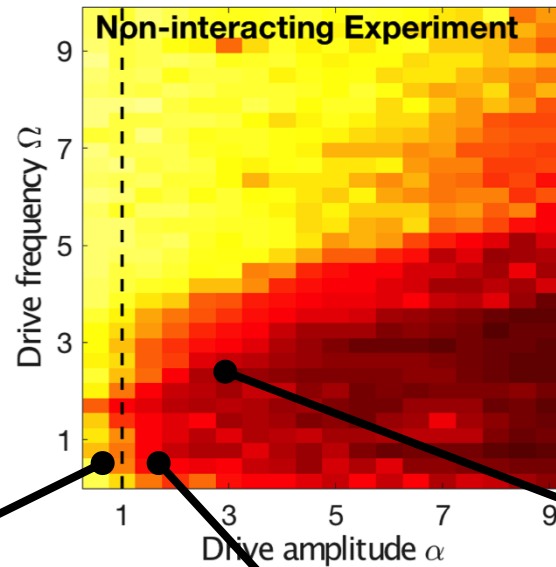
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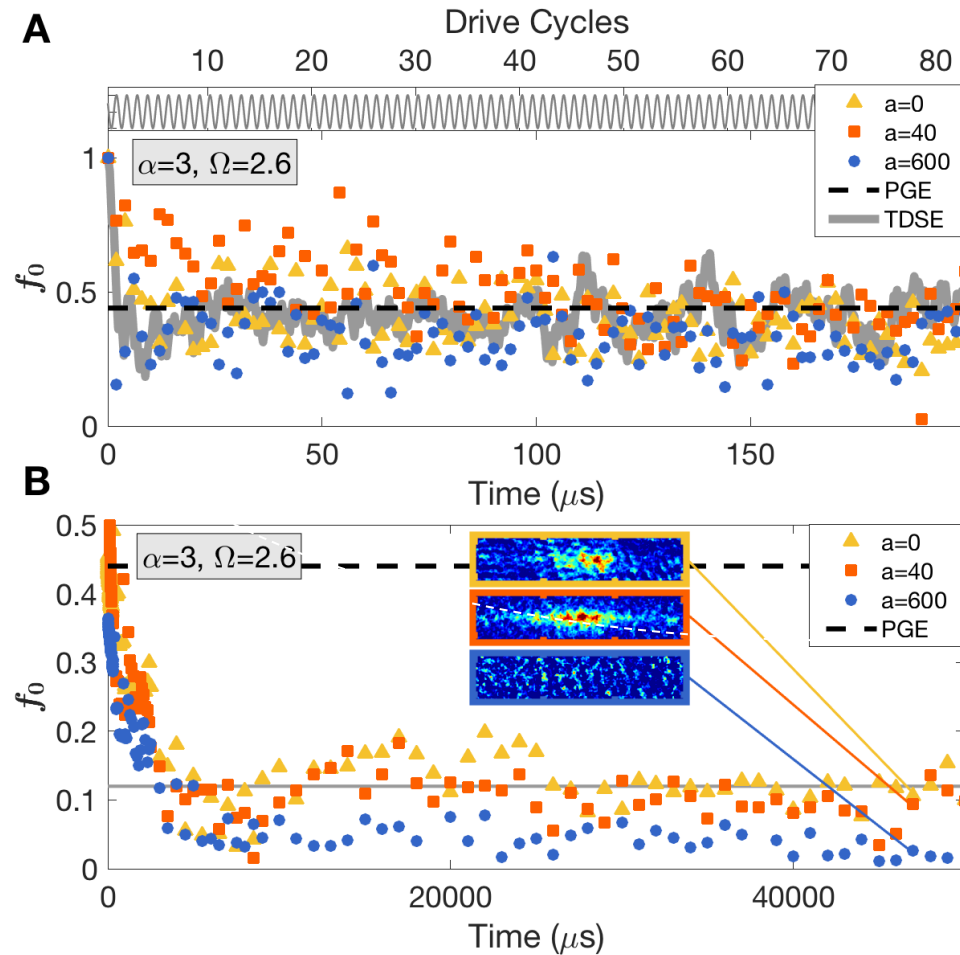
→ Complete experimental characterization of the PGE

Time evolution of Floquet Phases

- At each point on the “phase diagram” one can measure the full time dynamics

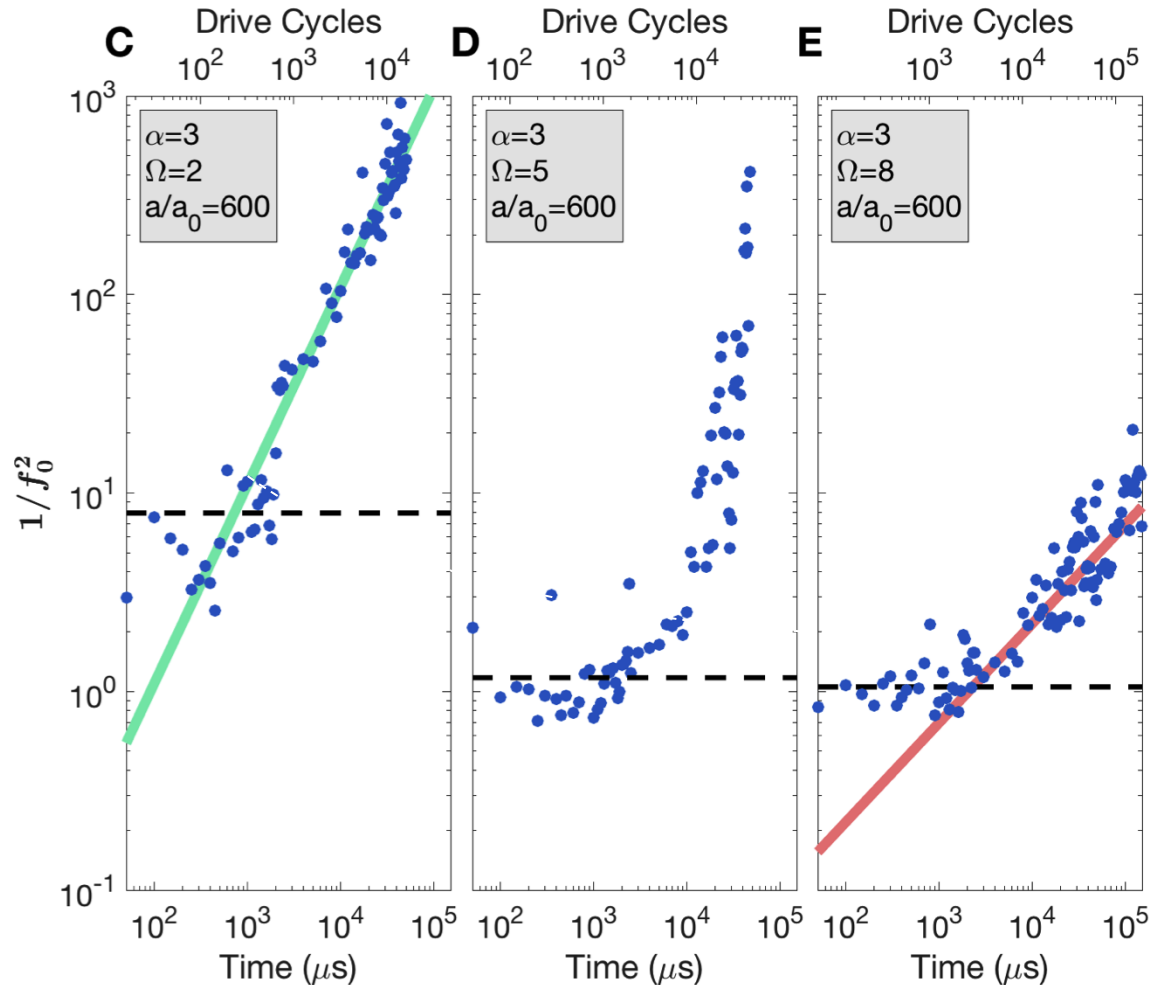


Moving beyond theory: the long-time limit



- Observation of two Floquet prethermalization plateaux
- Long-time behavior depends on drive parameters & interactions

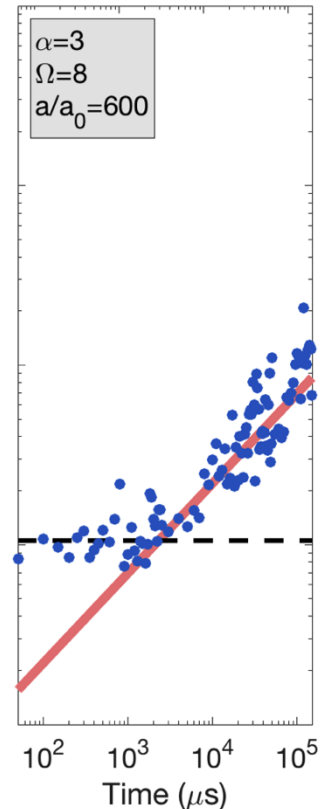
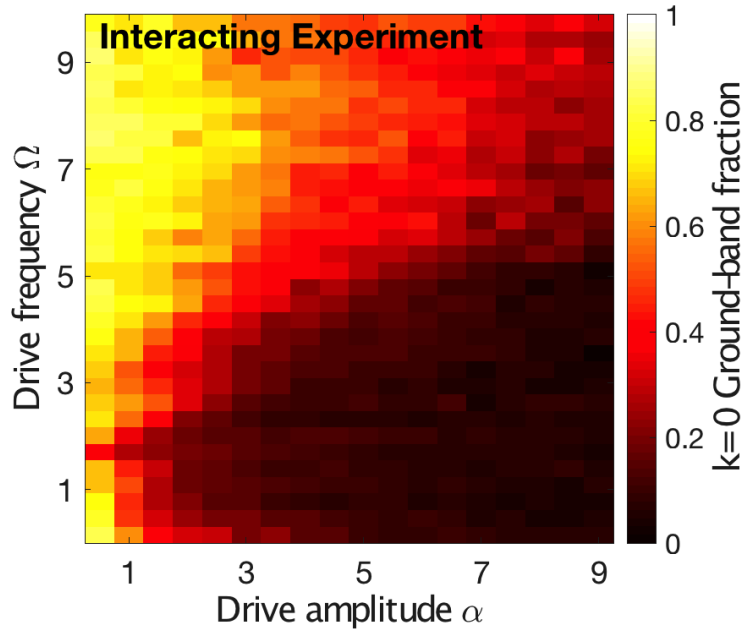
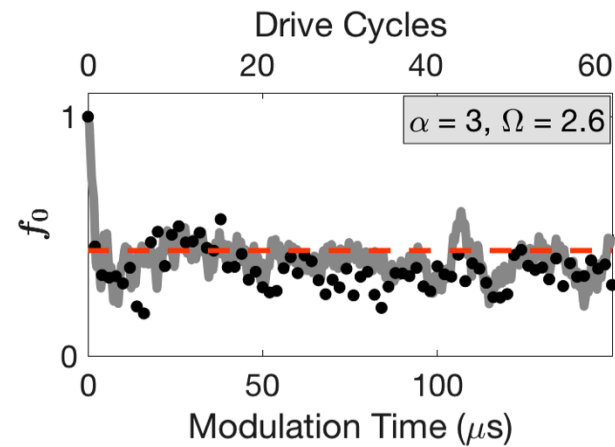
Moving beyond theory: the long-time limit



- Prethermal plateau recovered by increasing drive frequency
- High-frequency and strong interactions \rightarrow sub-Joule heating

Floquet matter: Prethermalization and PGEs

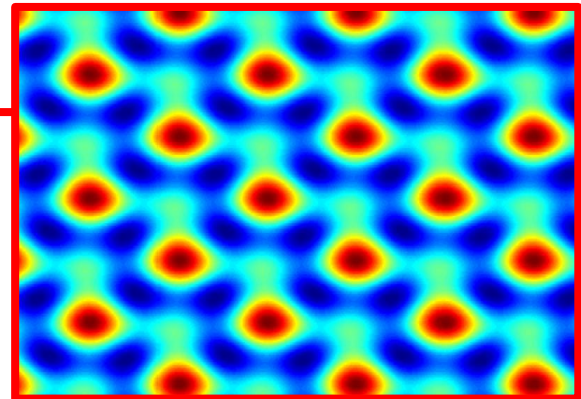
- Clean, tunable realization of Floquet matter & Floquet prethermalization
- Can study dependence of properties of Floquet matter on drive parameters
- Interactions introduce poorly-understood long-time dynamics (e.g. root-t heating)



Outline

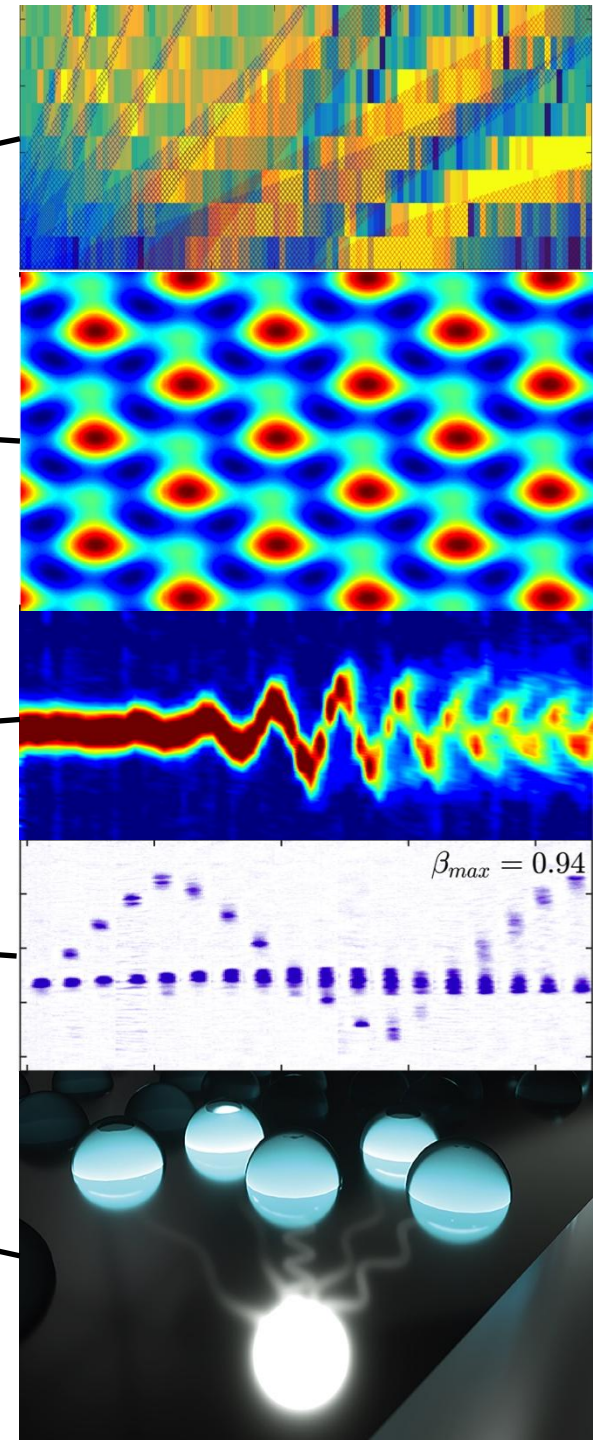
- Introduction
 - Experimental approach
- Driven optical lattices
 - Position-space Bloch oscillations
 - Floquet band engineering & transport
 - Prethermalization & the periodic Gibbs ensemble

- **Other current projects**



Additional Projects

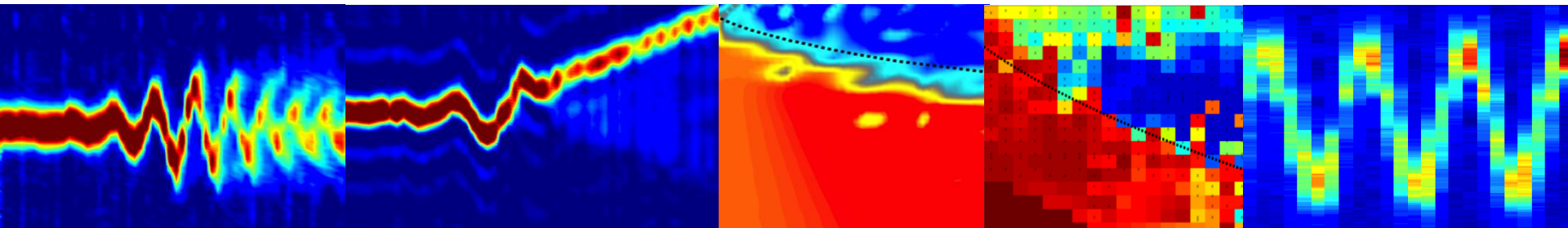
- Tunable quantum quasicrystals
- Anyon synthesis
- Topological bands
- Ultrafast quantum emulation
- Relativistic harmonic motion
- Quantum interfaces
- Targets of opportunity...



Conclusions

Cold atoms are a flexible tool for the study of quantum matter

- Position-space Bloch oscillations probe band structure
- Floquet engineering can hybridize bands & tune transport
- Strongly modulated lattices can realize and probe nontrivial Floquet phases of matter.
- Also: quasicrystals, anyons, topological bands, ultrafast quantum emulation, quantum interfaces



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