

# SIMULATION OF QUANTUM MAGNETS

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# Qubit/spin: basic unit for QC/QS

Qubit: a quantum two-level system, e.g., a spin-1/2 particle.  
We mix-use the above terms

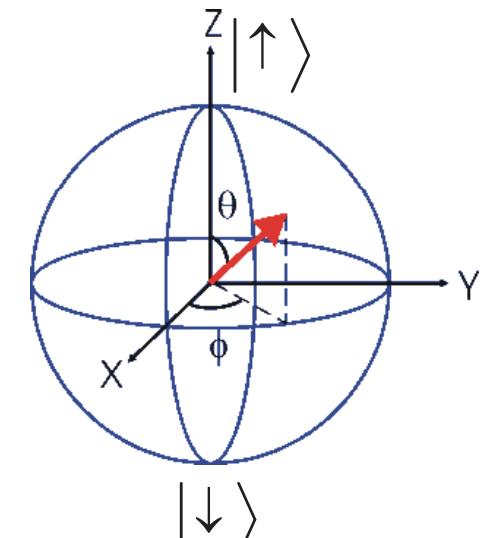
$$\sigma_z = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \sigma_x = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \sigma_y = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|\uparrow\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{|\rightarrow\rangle + |\leftarrow\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\sigma_z |\uparrow\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle, \quad \sigma_z |\rightarrow\rangle = |\leftarrow\rangle$$

$$D[R_{\hat{n}}(\phi)]|\chi\rangle = \exp\left(-\frac{i\vec{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n}\phi}{2}\right)|\chi\rangle$$

$$[\sigma_i, \sigma_j] = i\epsilon_{ijk}\sigma_k$$

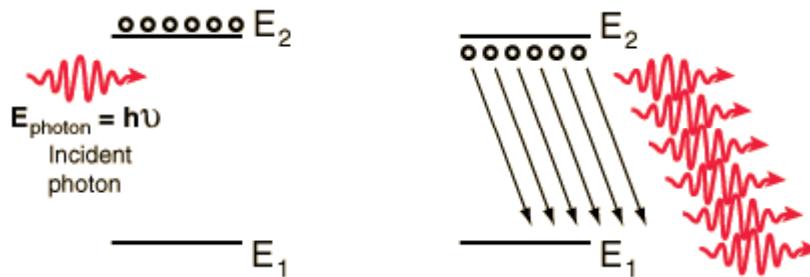


Bloch vector picture

# Brief review of two-level systems

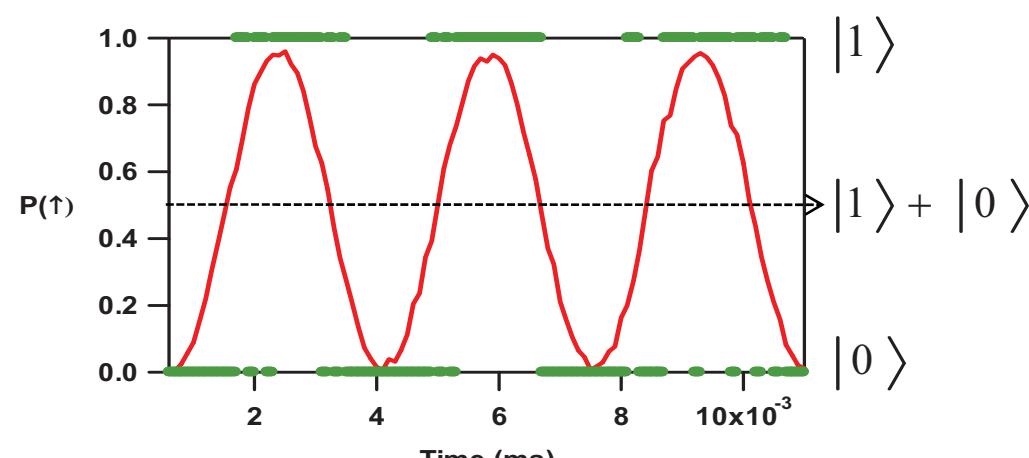
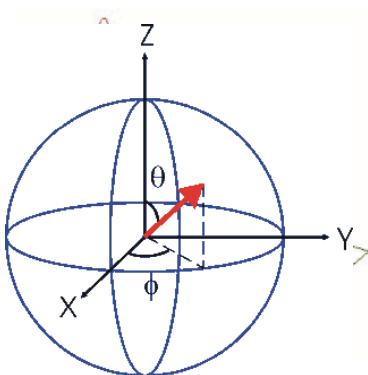
Physicists like two-level systems

Einstein: predicted stimulated emission which led to invention of laser (population control)



A. Einstein

Rabi oscillation: coherent control of two-level atom (state control, coherent control)



Schrodinger Eq. is Deterministic !

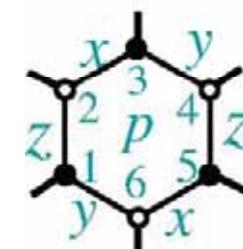
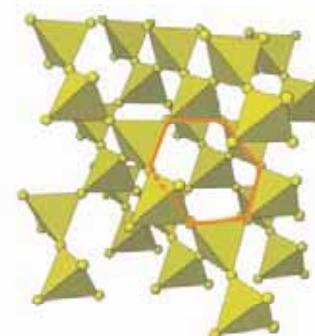
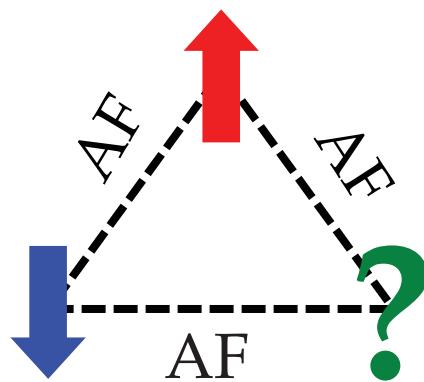
Measurement is Probabilistic !



I. Rabi

# Understand exotic material

- **Magnetic Frustration** – competing (antiferromagnetic) interactions that result in highly degenerate ground states with excess entropy and disorder even at zero temperature. QM leads to massive entangled ground states.
- **Spin Liquids** – a spin system with anti-ferromagnetic coupling, which has no long-range order, even at very low temperatures
- **Topological Order** – where particle exchange can result in “anyonic” statistics that may have applications in fault-tolerant quantum computing.



“Kitaev Lattice”

Science 294, 1495–1501 (2001), Phys. Today 59, 24 (2006)

# Study quantum phase transition

Smooth variations in the non-thermal parameters, such as pressure or magnetic field in the Hamiltonian result in sharp boundaries between different phases near  $T=0$ .

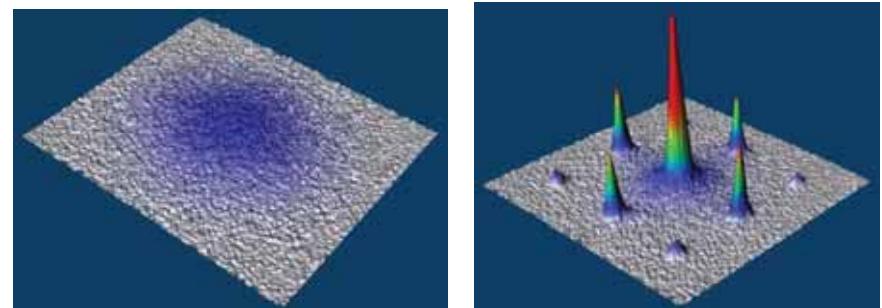
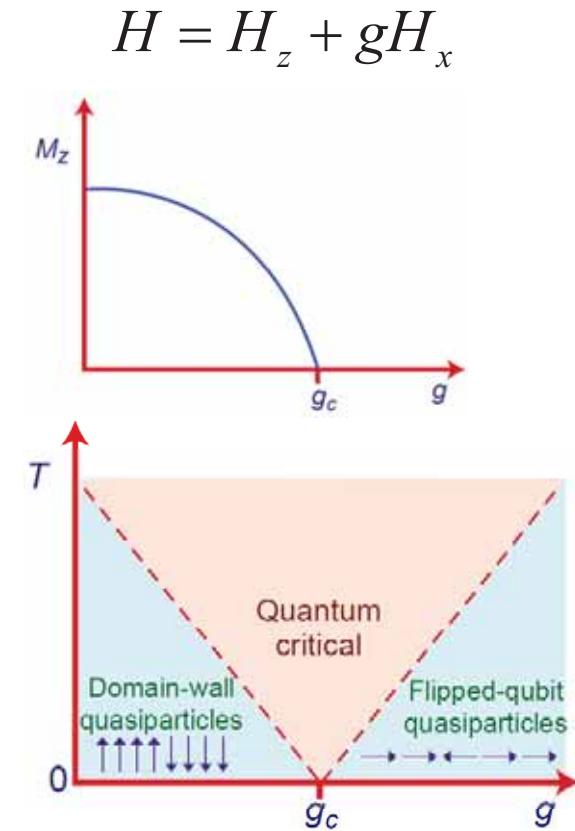
Zero-point fluctuation prevents atoms from staying statically at lattice sites at  $T=0$ .

Competition between **non-commutable operators** can lead to different quantum phases.

Quantum fluctuation induces transitions between quantum phases.

M. Greiner et al., Nature **415**, 39 (2002)

S. Sachdev, Quantum Phase Transition (1999)



# Modeling quantum magnets

- Ising spins in transverse B field:

$$H = \sum_{i,j} J_{ij}^z \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z + B^x \sum_i \sigma_i^x$$

- XY model:

$$H = \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} (\sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + \sigma_i^y \sigma_j^y)$$

- XXZ model :

$$H = \sum_{i,j} J_{ij} (\sigma_i^x \sigma_j^x + \sigma_i^y \sigma_j^y) + J_{ij}^z \sigma_i^z \sigma_j^z$$

(~ Bose-Hubbard under Holstein-Primakoff transformation)

- Possible Observations

Quantum phase transition  
Spin frustration  
Complex entangled states

- Provided tunable spin-spin interactions:  
*Strength,*  
*Sign (ferro or anti-ferro),*  
*Range,*  
*Coupling graph (geometry).*

D. Porras & J. I. Cirac, PRL **92**, 207901(2004).

Two ion quantum simulator: Friedenauer et al., Nat. Phys., **4**, 757 (2008)

# Solving a complex quantum system is difficult

$$|\psi(t_2)\rangle = \hat{U}(t_2, t_1)|\psi(t_1)\rangle,$$

where  $\hat{U}(t_2, t_1) = \hat{T} \exp[-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} H(t) dt]$ .

# of spins

1 spin

2 spins

⋮

30 spins

# of c-numbers needs to be stored in a classical memory

$$|\psi^{(1)}\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\uparrow} \\ c_{\downarrow} \end{bmatrix} \quad \hat{U}^{(1)} = [2 \times 2]$$

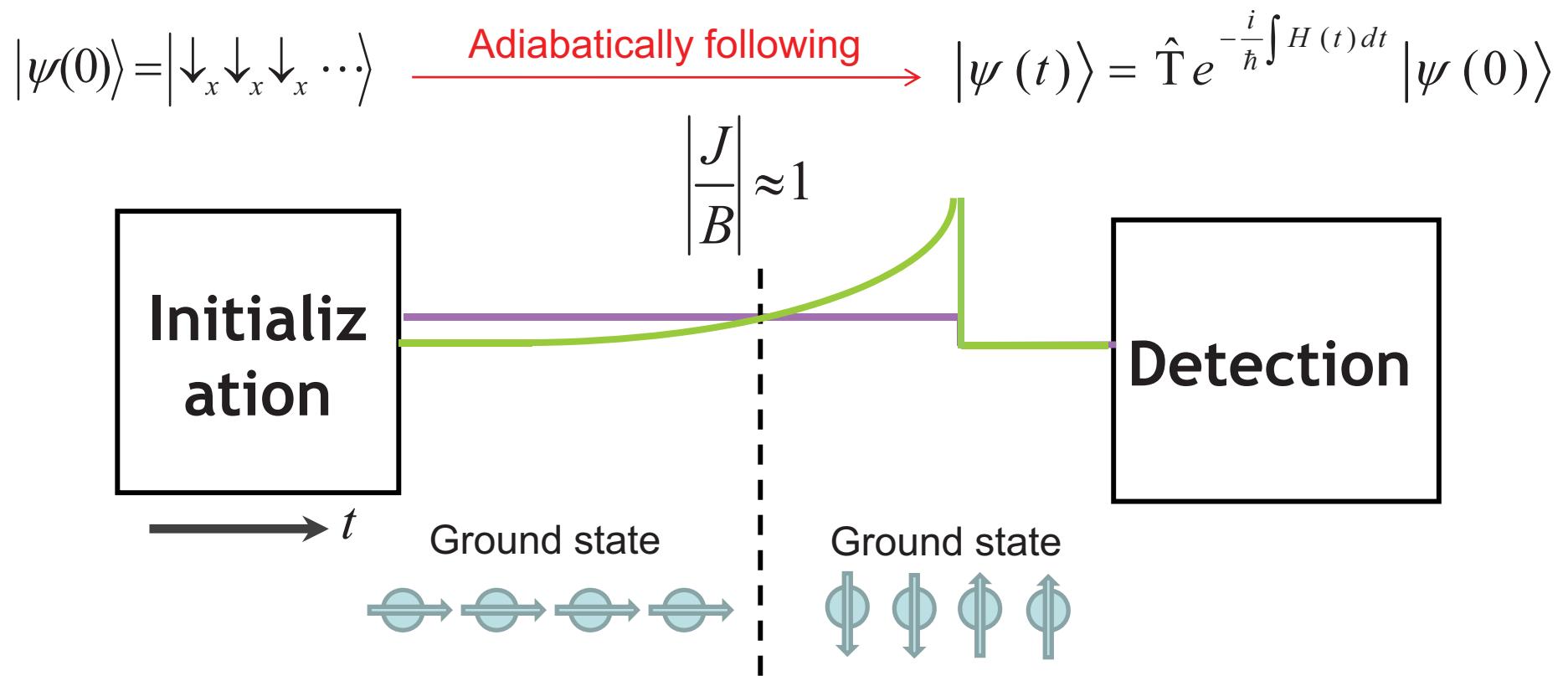
$$|\psi^{(2)}\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\uparrow\uparrow} \\ c_{\uparrow\downarrow} \\ c_{\downarrow\uparrow} \\ c_{\downarrow\downarrow} \end{bmatrix} \quad \hat{U}^{(2)} = [4 \times 4]$$

$$|\psi^{(30)}\rangle = [1 \times 2^{30}] \quad \hat{U}^{(30)} = [2^{30} \times 2^{30}]$$

This is classically intractable, and we need a quantum simulator. This idea was first proposed by R. Feynman (1982), and then refined by S. Lloyd (1996)

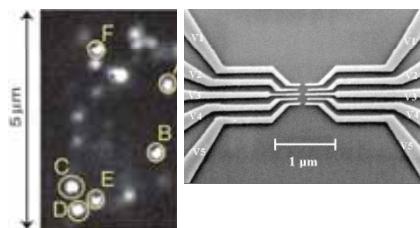
# Quantum simulator: implementation

$$H = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \sigma_z^i \sigma_z^j + B_y \sum_i \sigma_x^i$$

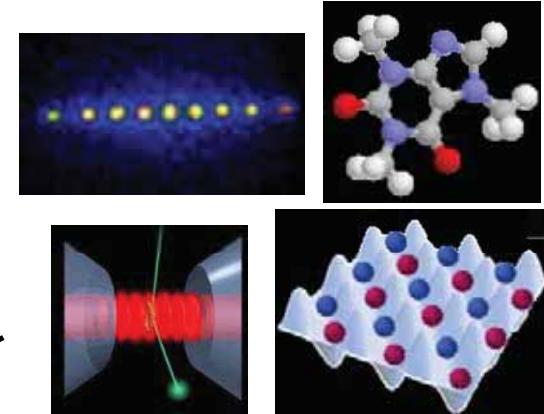
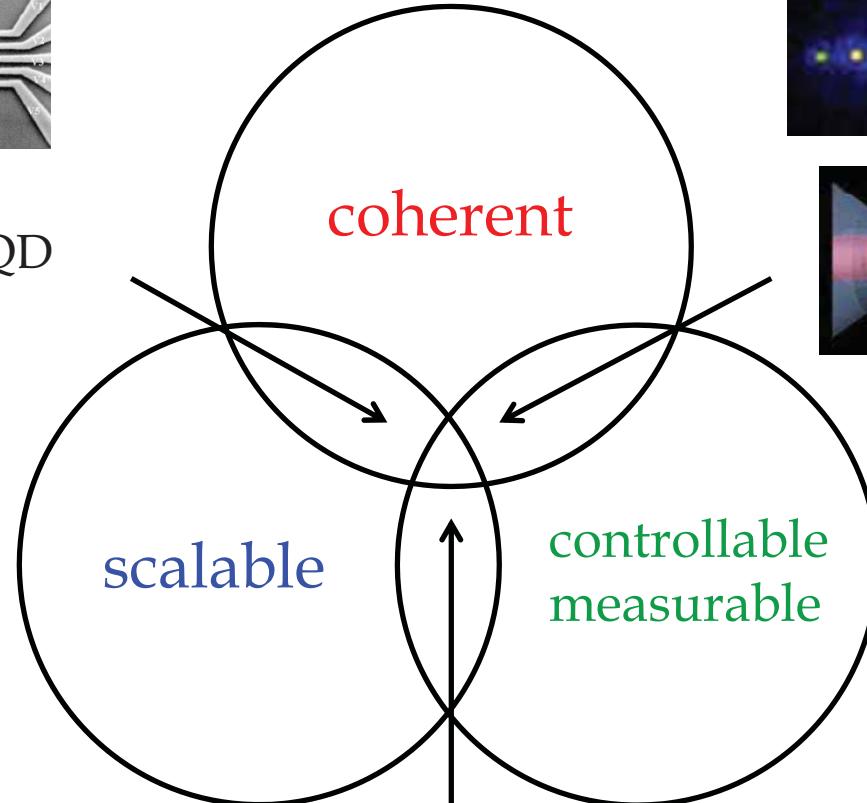


Lloyd, Science **273**, 1073 (1996) and **319** 1209 (2008). Farhi et al., Science **292**, 472 (2001);  
(2 ion simulator) Friedenauer et al., Nat. Phys., **4**, 757 (2008)

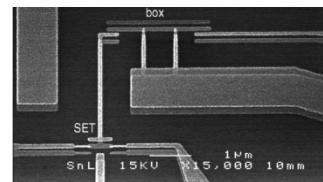
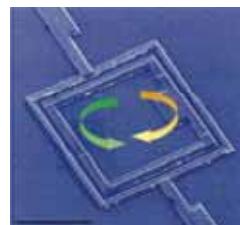
# physical implementations of a QC/QS



Nuclear spin in QD  
Diamond NVC



Trapped ions  
Atoms in OL  
Cavity QED  
molecule NMR



Cooper pair box  
SQUID

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# What ion to trap?

Periodic Table of the Elements

1 H																			2 He
	hydrogen		alkali metals		alkali earth metals		transition metals		poor metals		nonmetals		noble gases		rare earth metals				
	Li	Be							B	C	N	O	F			Ne			
	Na	Mg							Al	Si	P	S	Cl			Ar			
	K	Ca	Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn	Ga	Ge	As	Se	Br	Kr	
	Rb	Sr	Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Tc	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd	In	Sn	Sb	Te	I	Xe	
	Cs	Ba	La	Hf	Ta	W	Re	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg	Ti	Pb	Bi	Po	At	Rn	
	Fr	Ra	Ac	Unq	Unp	Unh	Uns	Uno	Une	Unn									

58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr

**$^{171}\text{Yb}^+$**

Electronic: **[Xe].4f<sup>14</sup>.6s<sup>1</sup>**, Term  **$^2\text{S}_{1/2}$**  (**J=1/2**)

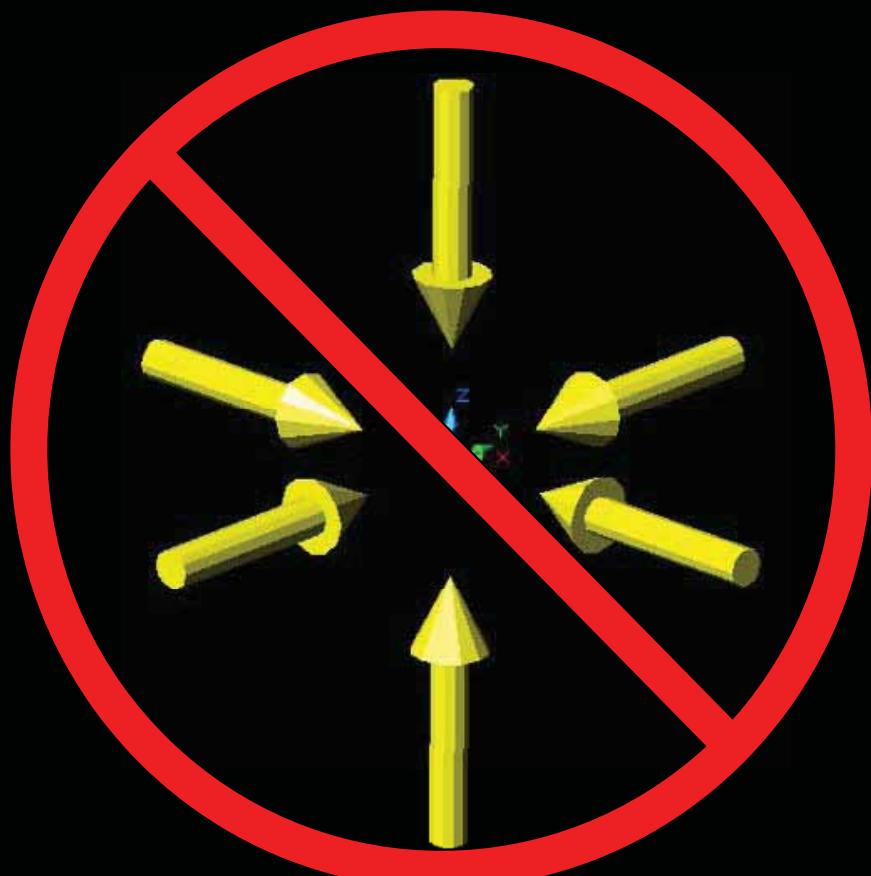
Nuclear: **I=1/2**

Hyperfine: **F=1,0** (qubit / spin)

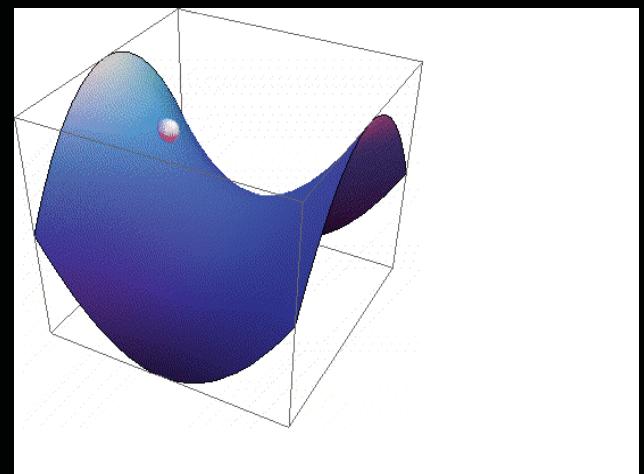
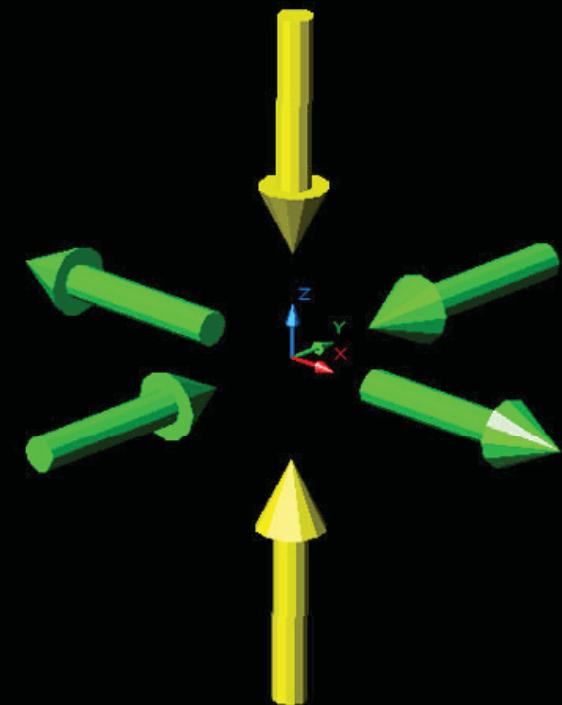
Olmschenk et al., Phys. Rev. A 76, 052314 (2007)

# How to trap an ion?

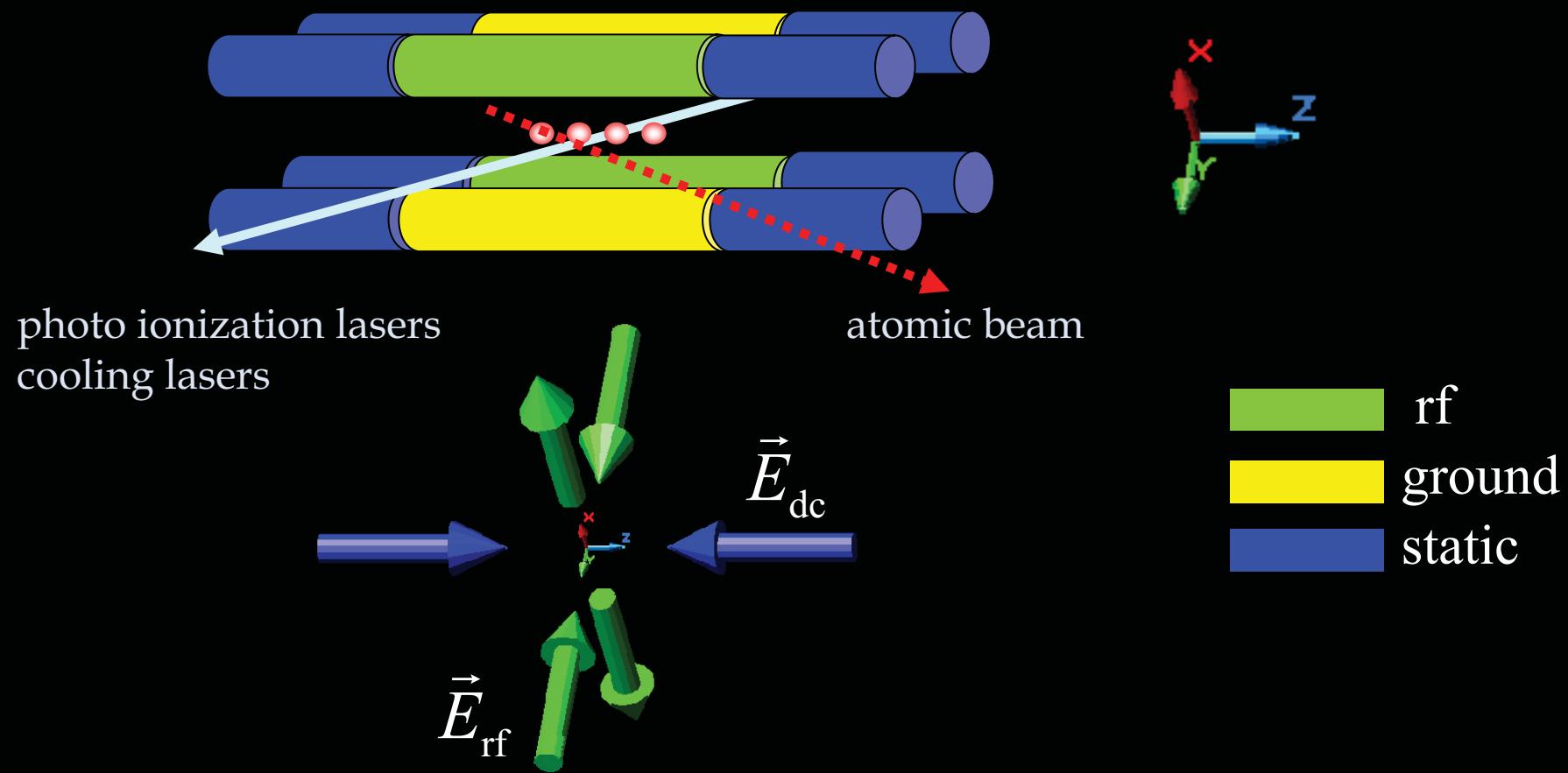
Electric Field Vectors



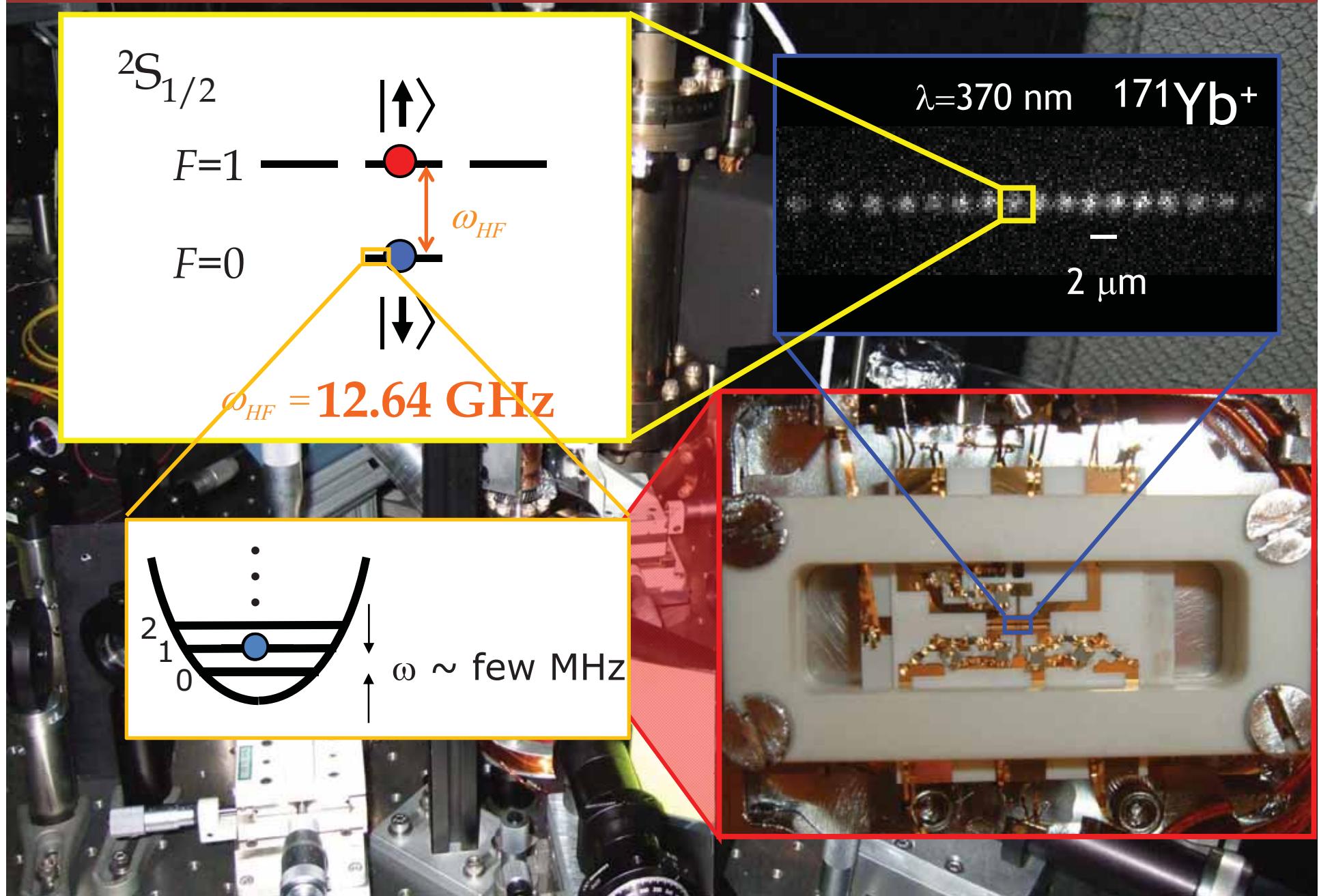
$$\vec{\nabla} \bullet \vec{E} = 0$$



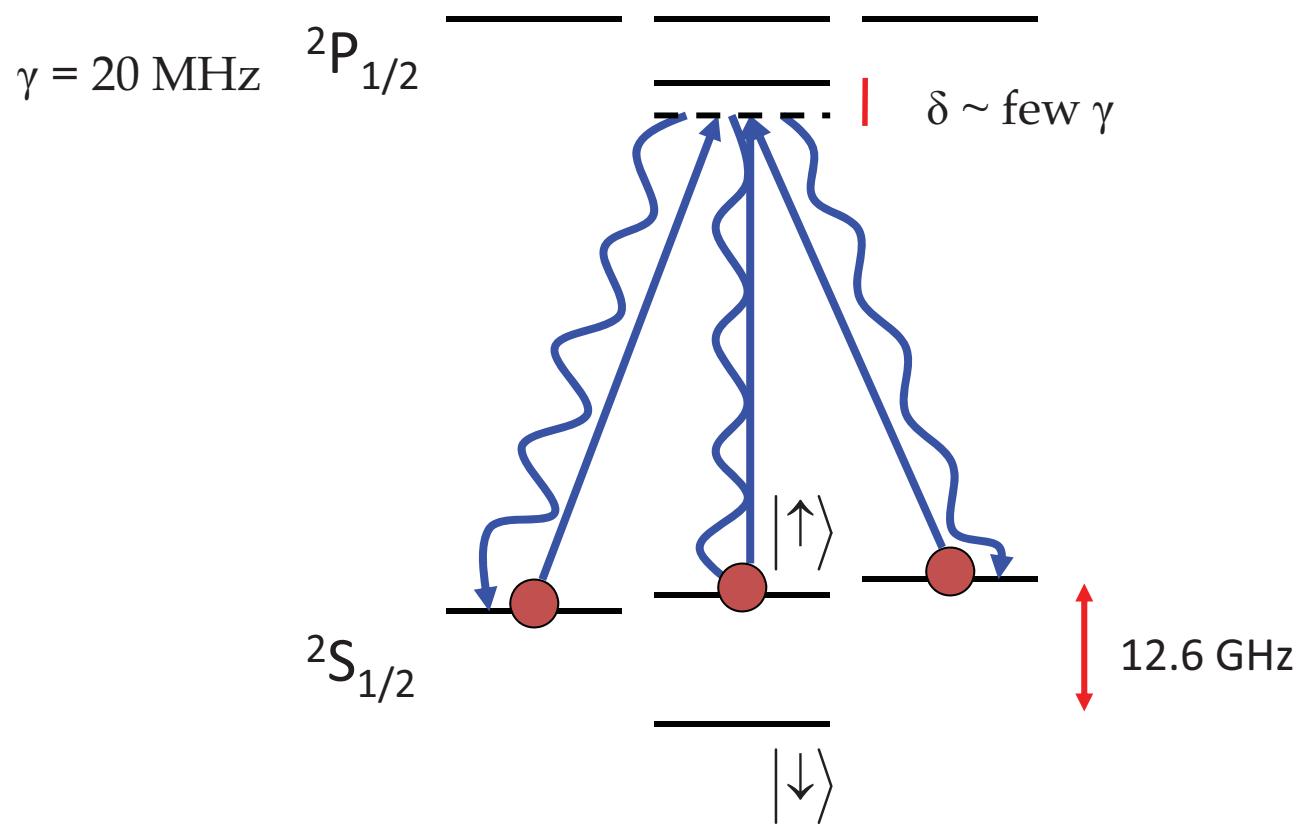
# Linear Paul Trap



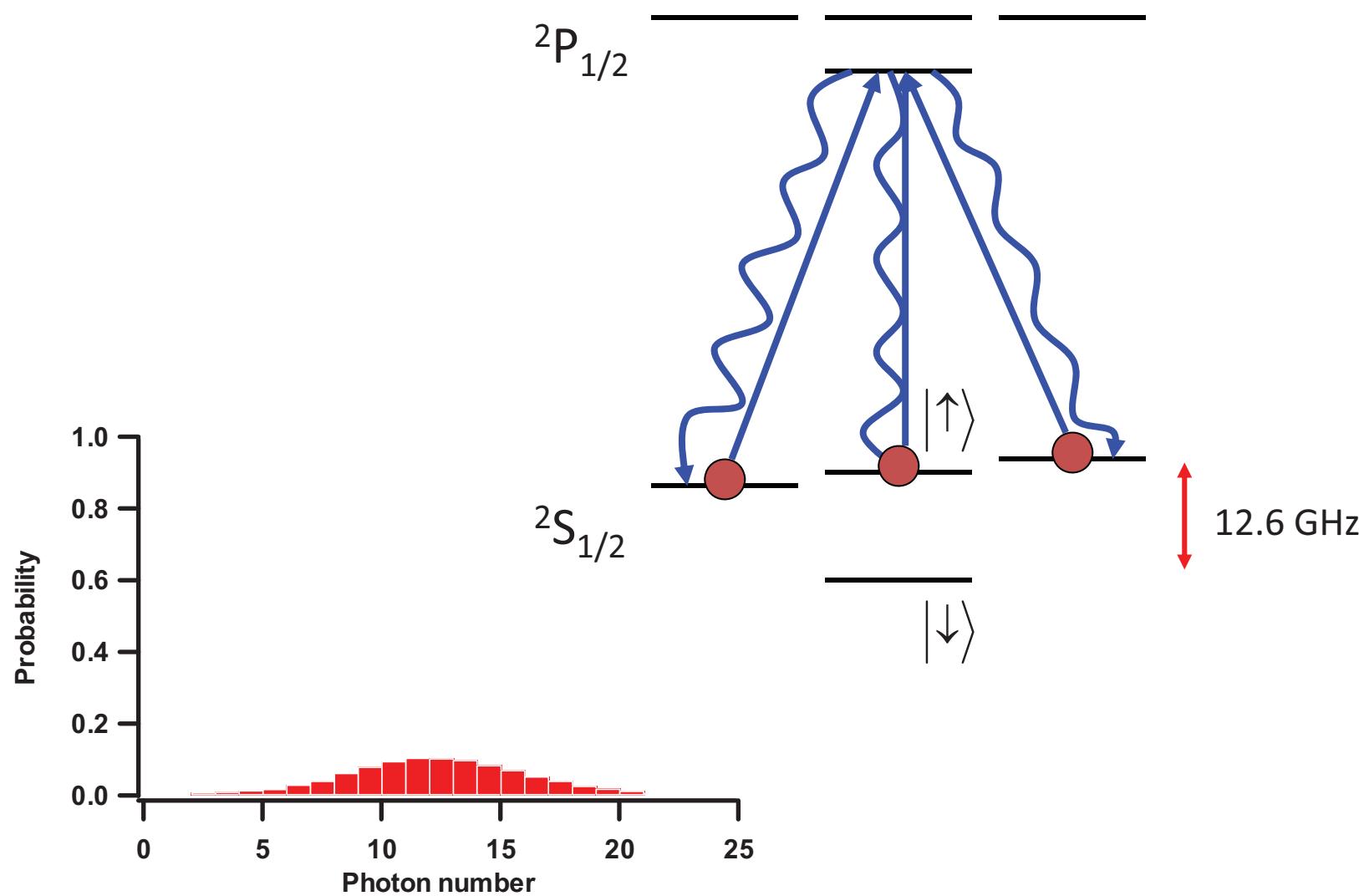
# Trapped Ion QC / QS



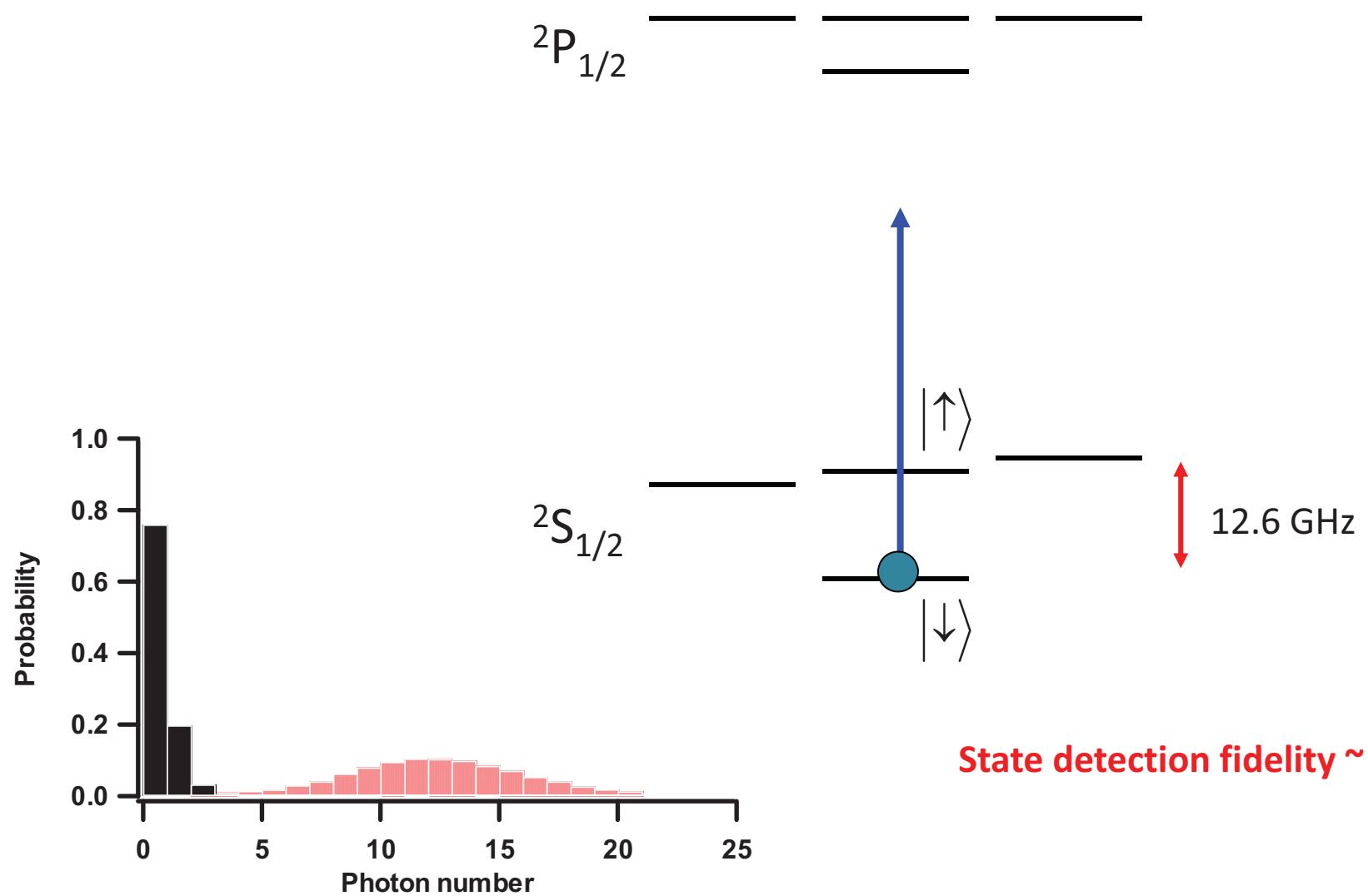
# Some Atomic Physics - Laser Cooling



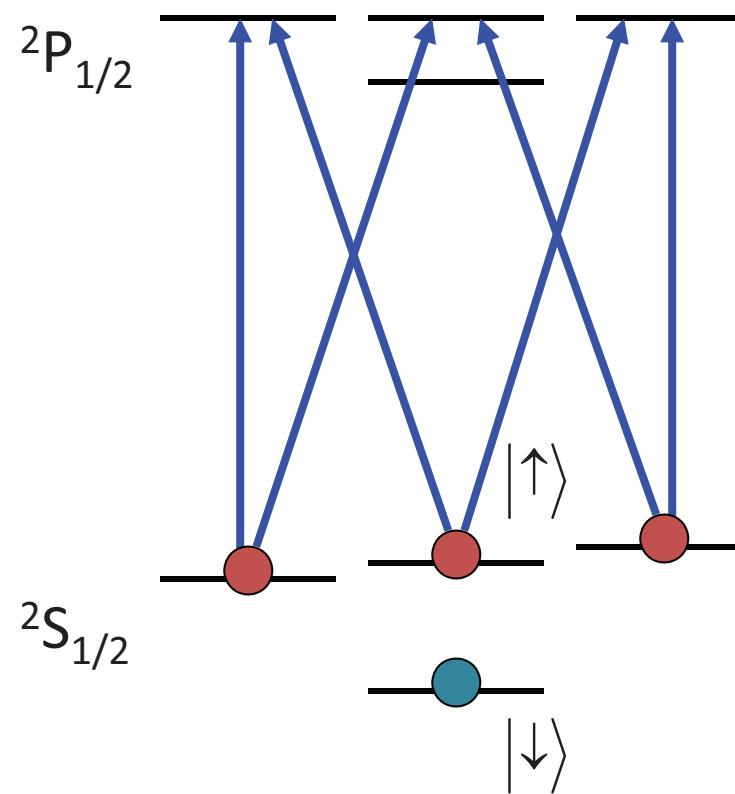
# State Detection



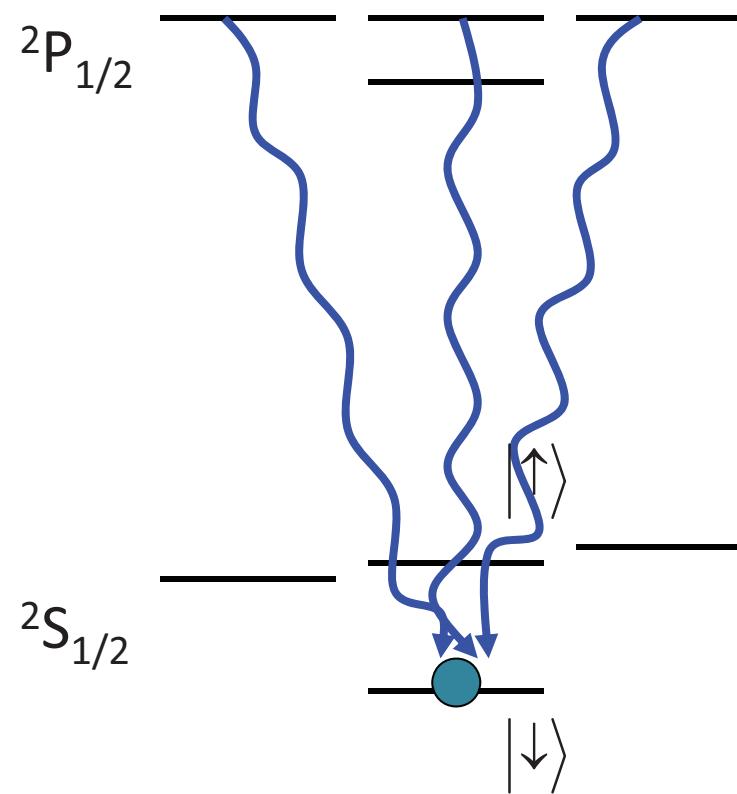
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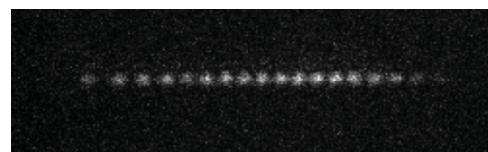
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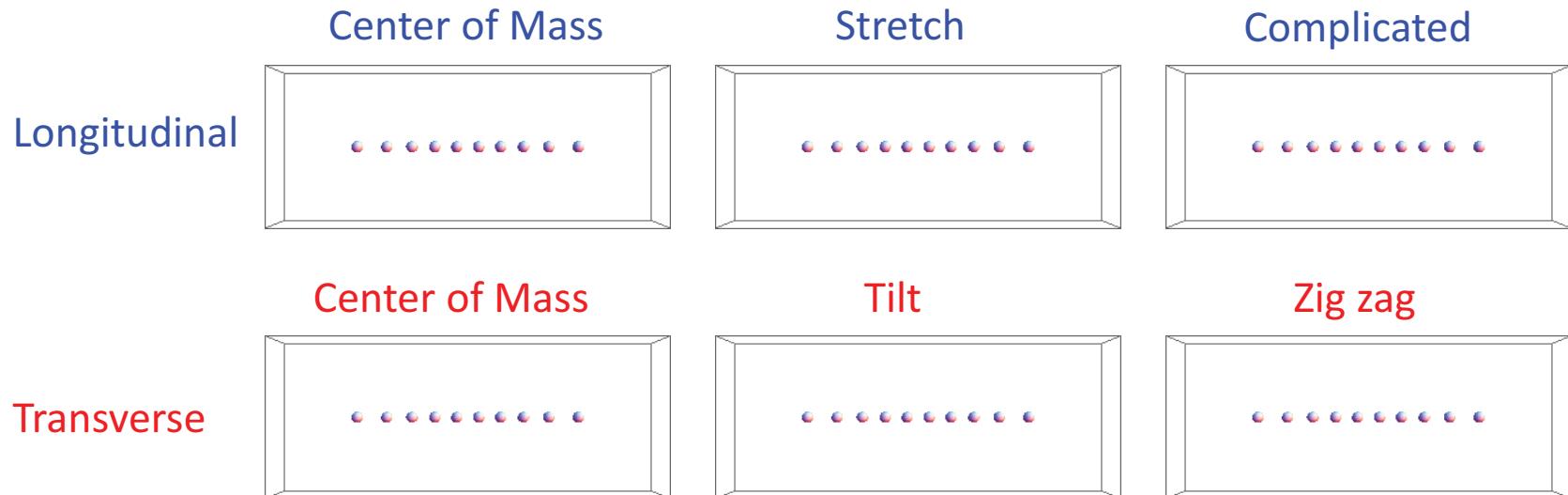
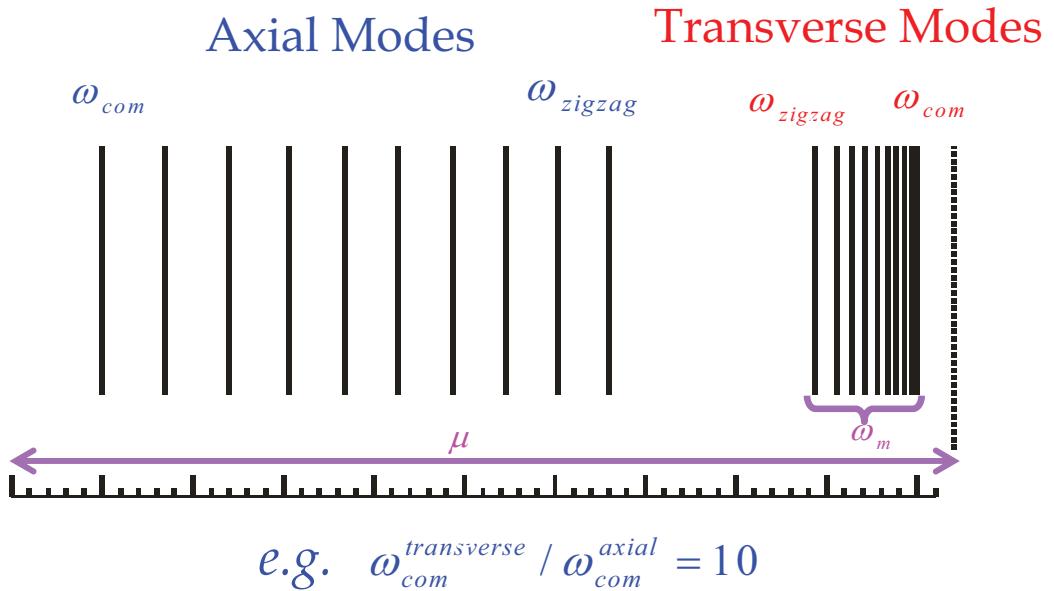
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# Motional normal modes



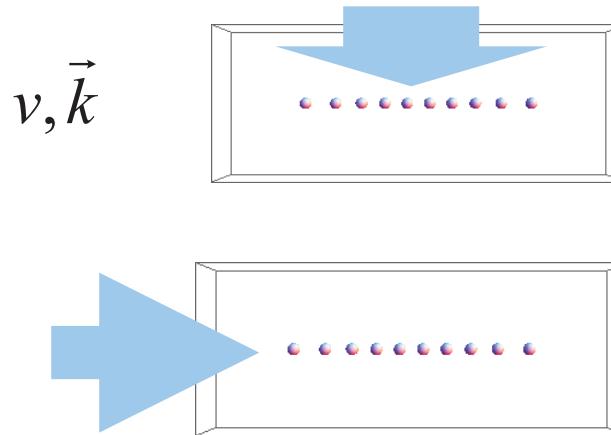
Amplitude  $\sim 5 \text{ nm}$   
(1 MHz)



# The swing: control of normal modes



**The Swing**  
by Jean-Honore Fragonard, 1766  
(French painter and printmaker)



Note that...

Superposition of normal modes  
(classically allowed)

Superposition of atom in motion and at rest  
(QM allowed)

# Coupling Spin and Motion with light - I

$$\hat{H}_I = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \Omega \hat{\sigma}^+ e^{-i\delta t} e^{ikx} + h.c.$$

$$e^{ik\hat{x}} = e^{ikx_0(a+a^\dagger)}$$

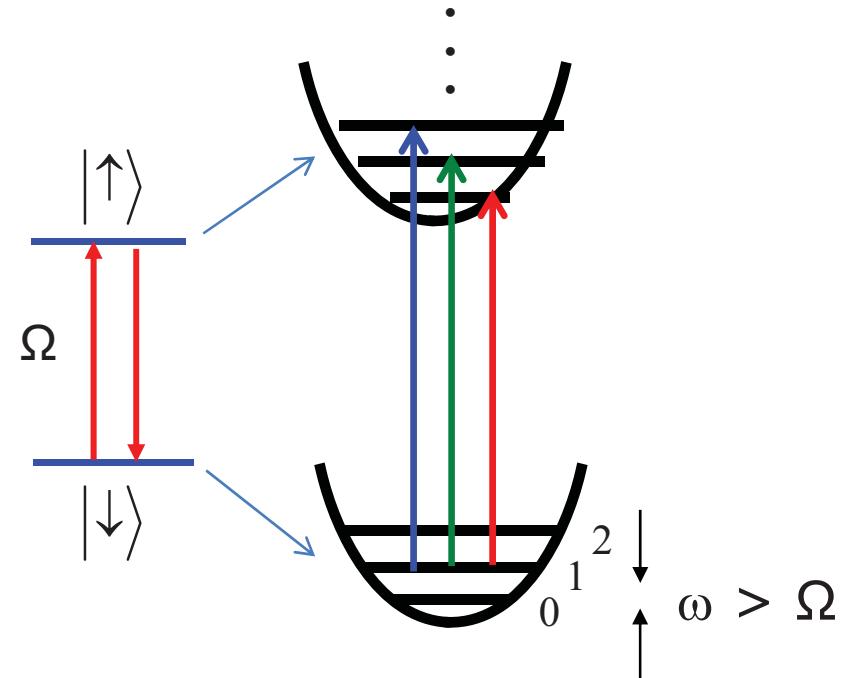
$$= 1 + ikx_0(a + a^\dagger) + \cancel{H.O.},$$

↑  
Lamb-Dicke regime

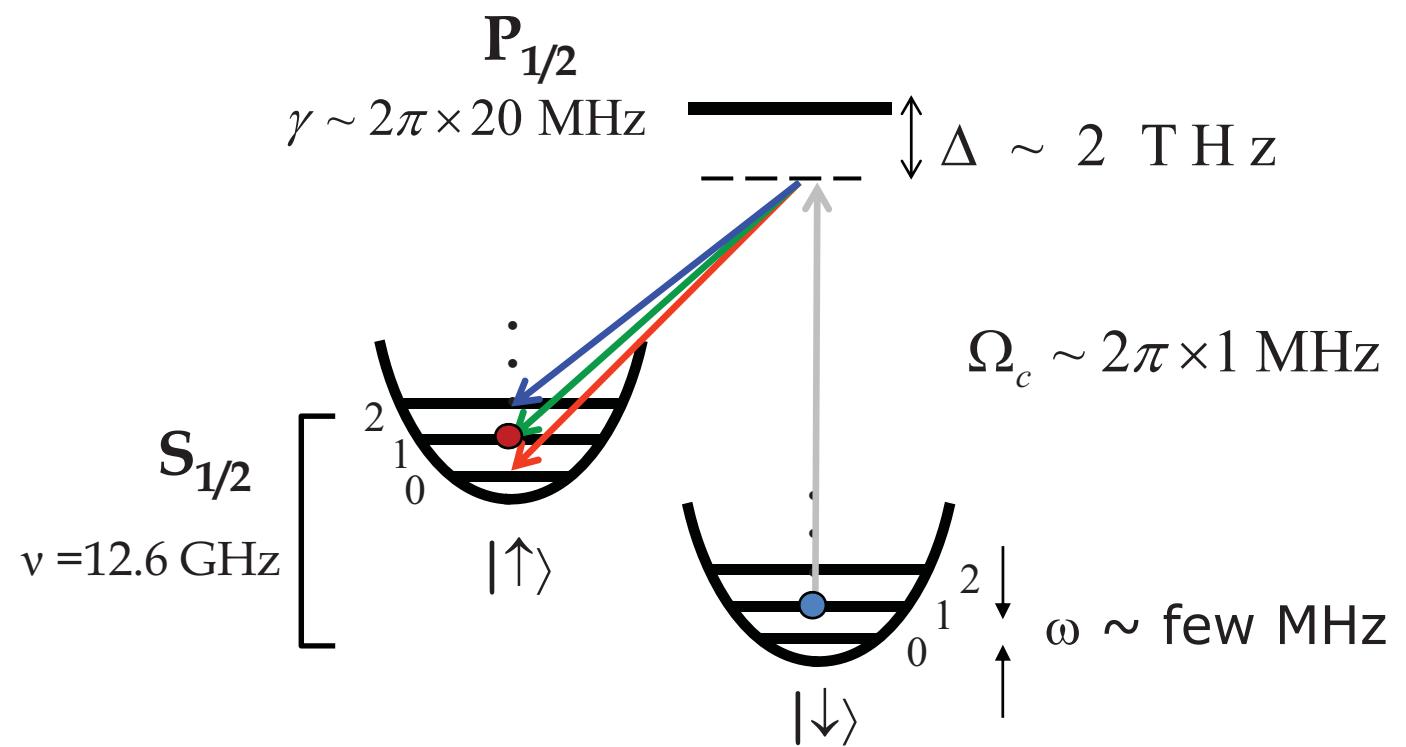
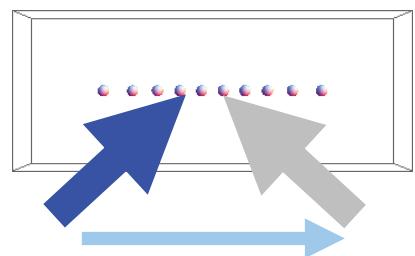
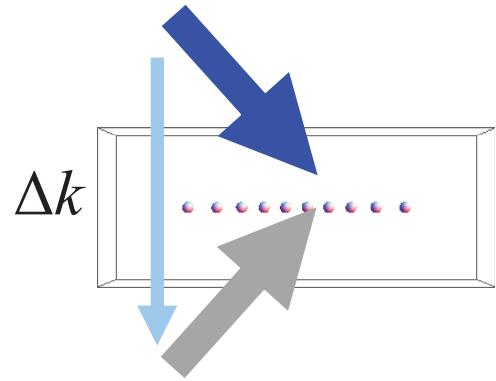
L-D parameter :  $\eta = kx_0 \propto \frac{x_0}{\lambda} \ll 1$

$$\hat{H}_I = \frac{1}{2} \hbar \Omega \hat{\sigma}^+ e^{-i\delta t} (1 + \eta a + \eta a^\dagger) + h.c.$$

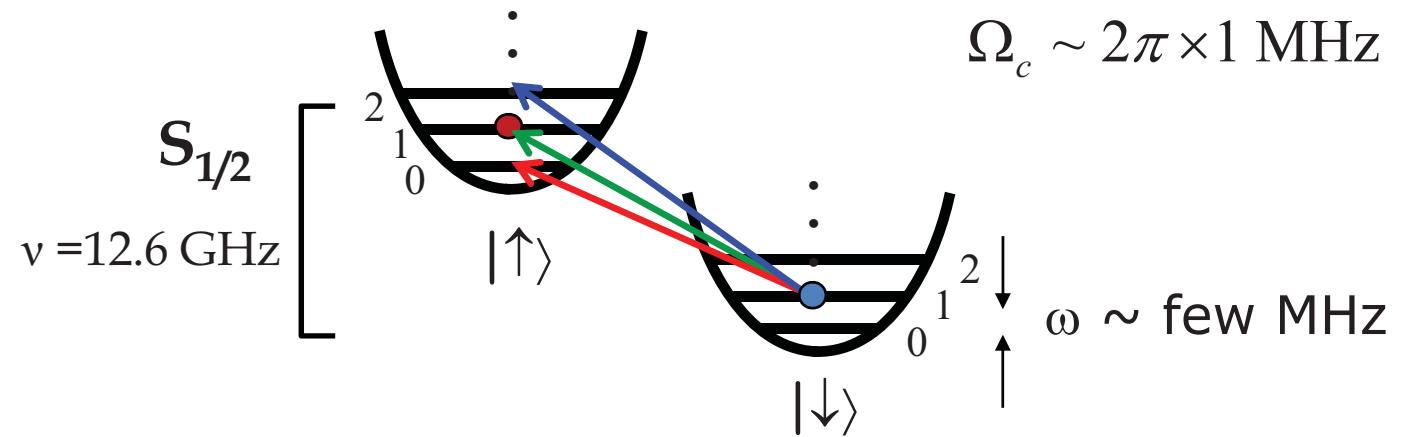
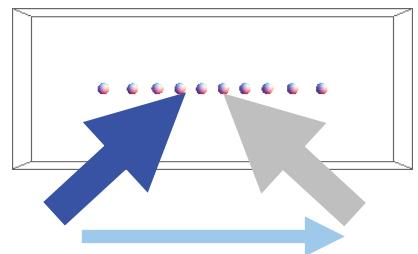
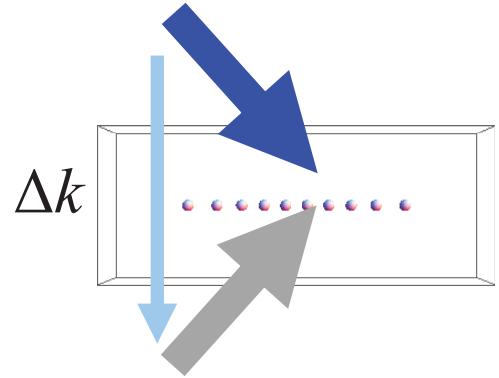
↑ carrier      ↑ red sideband      ↑ blue sideband



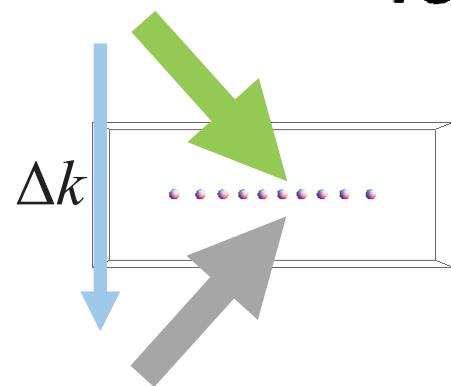
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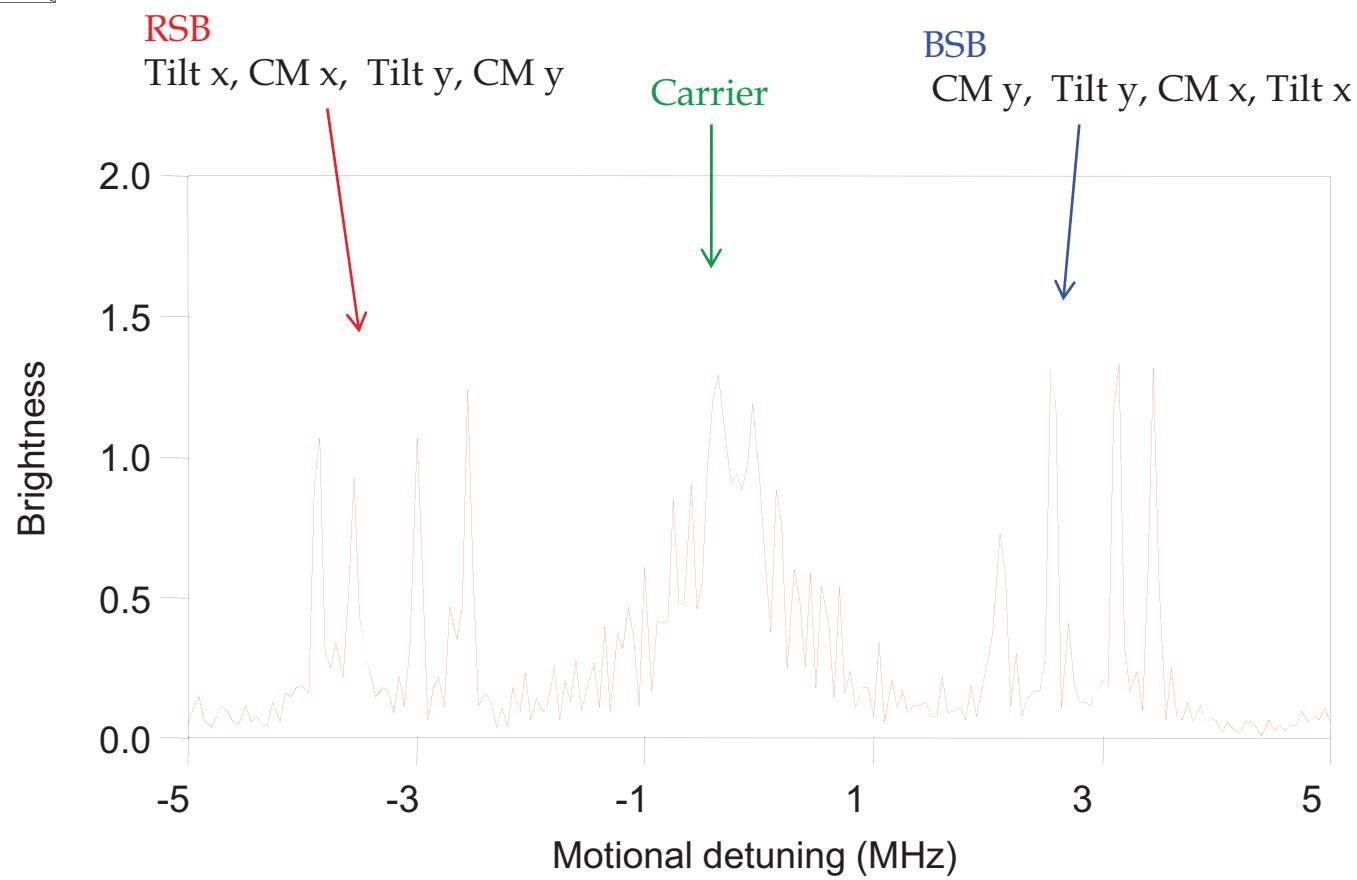
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# Ion normal mode spectrum

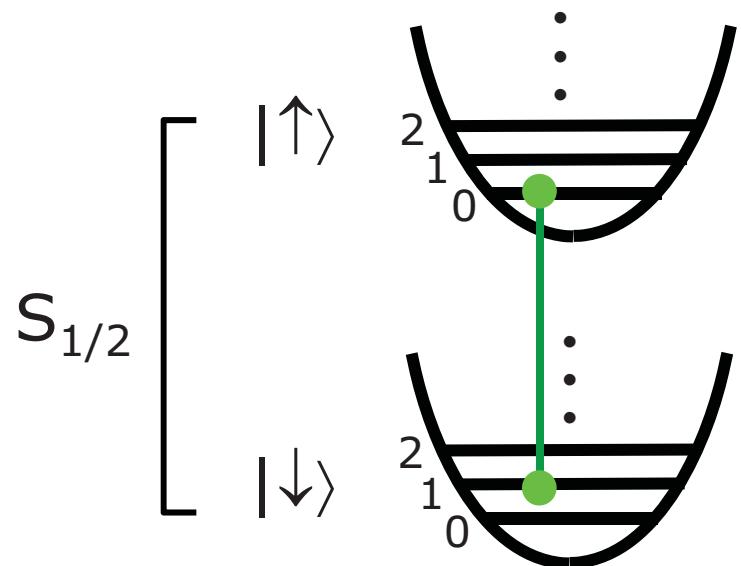


Two ion, transverse modes



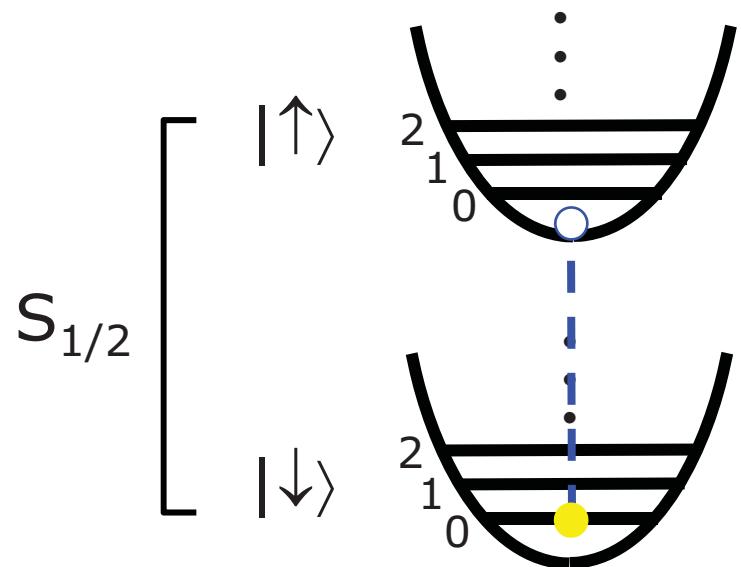
excitation on 1<sup>st</sup> lower (“red”) motional sideband (n=0)

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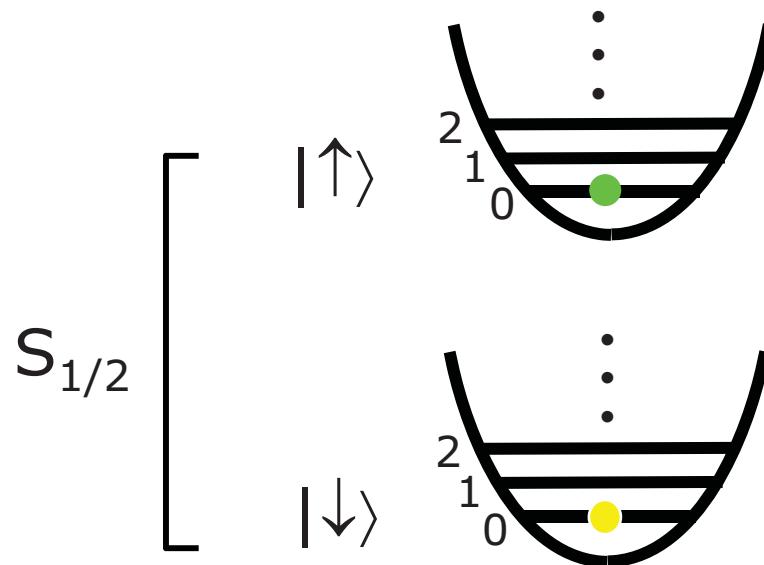
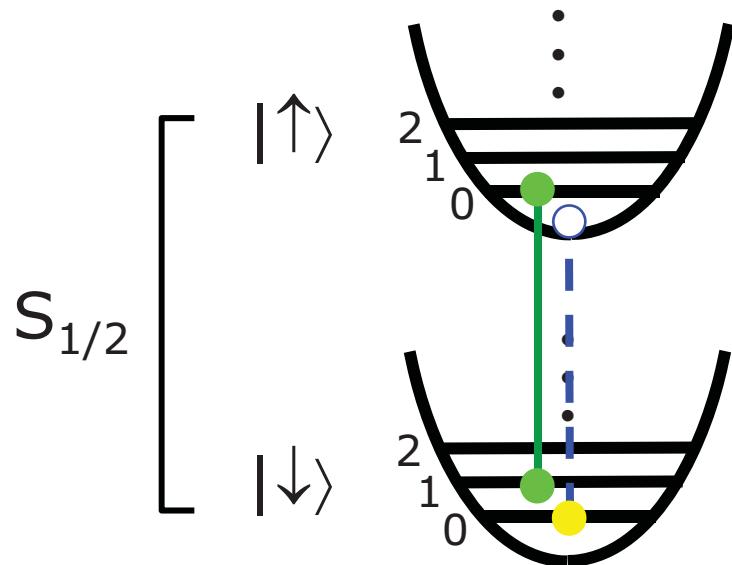
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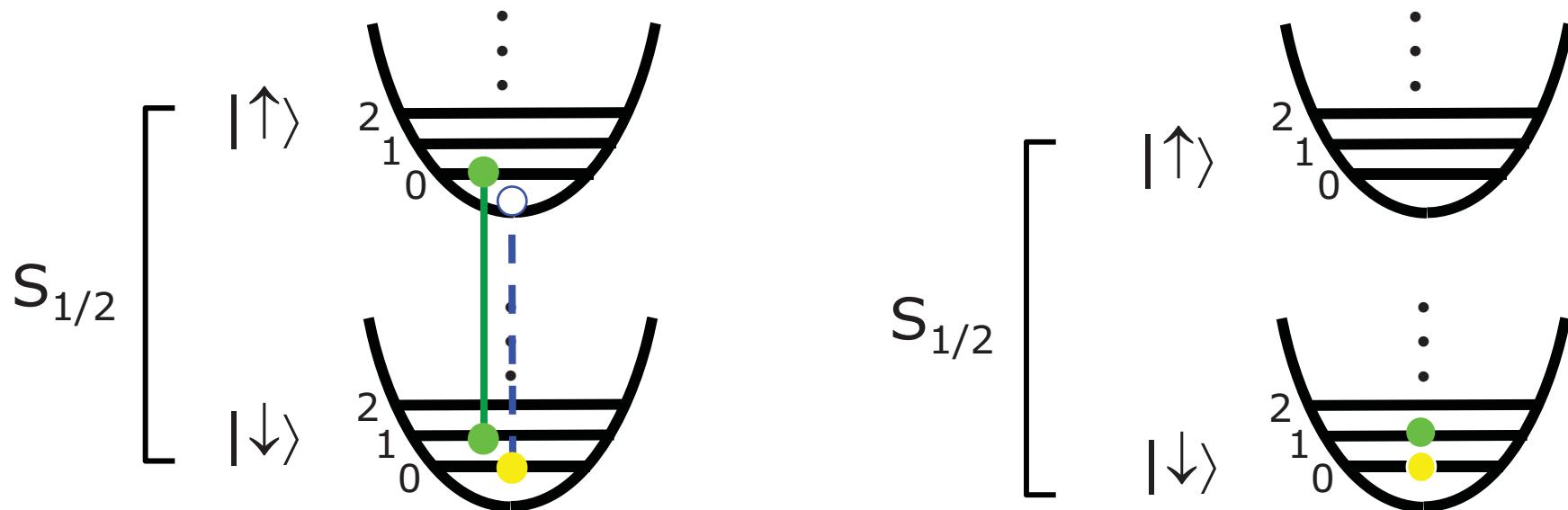
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State mapping:  $(\alpha| \downarrow \rangle + \beta| \uparrow \rangle)| 0 \rangle_m$

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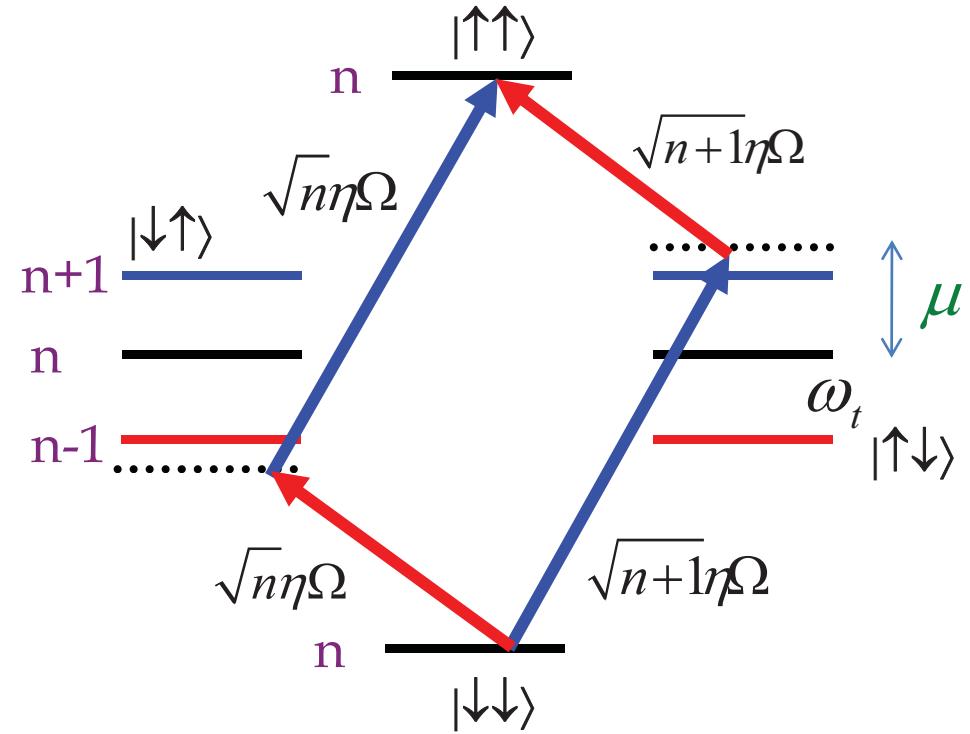
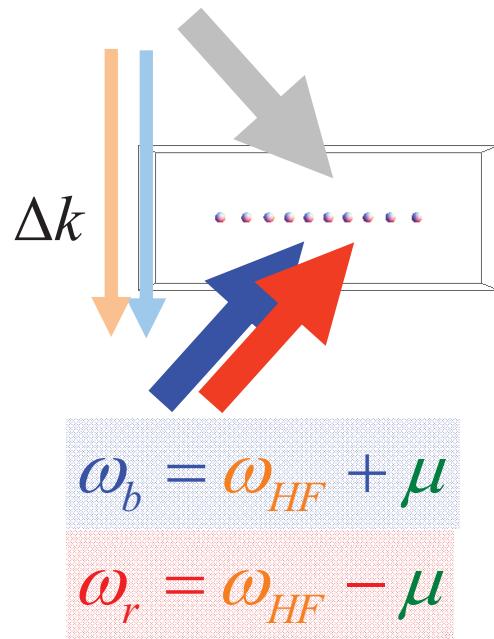
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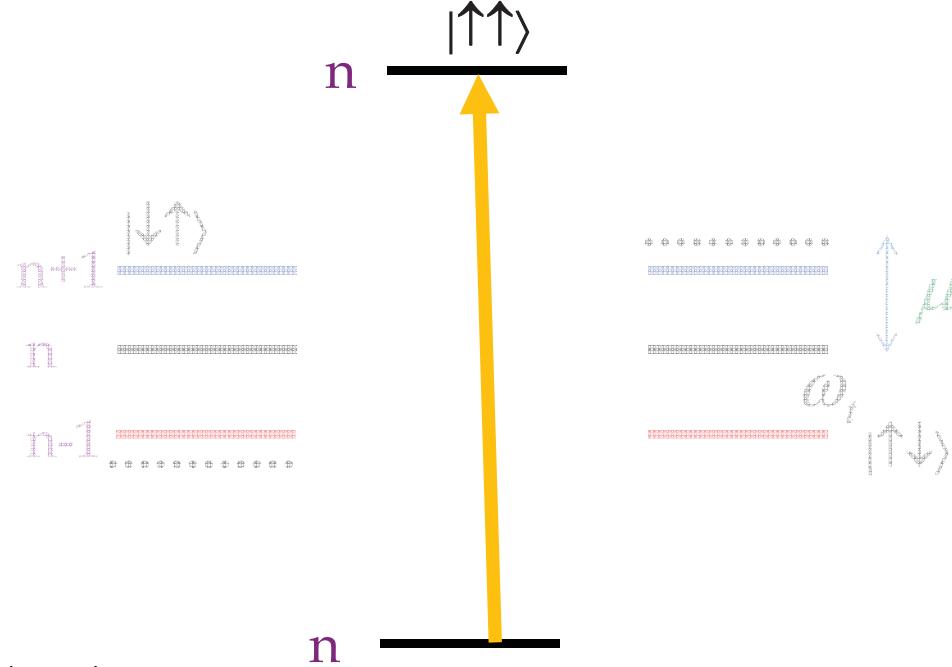
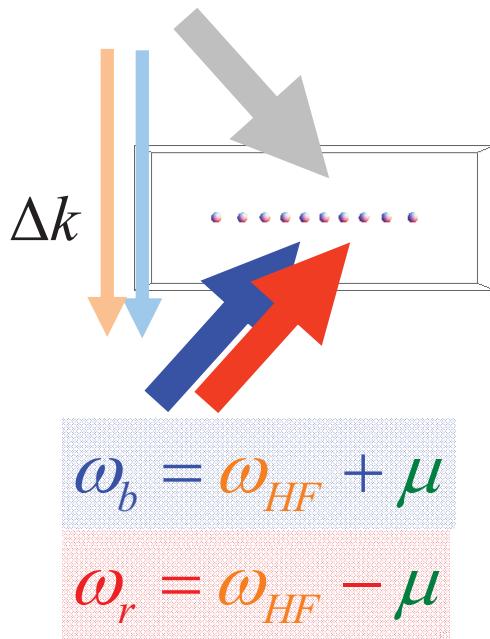
Cirac and Zoller, Phys. Rev. Lett. **74**, 4091 (1995)

# Molmer-Sorensen ( $\sigma_x \otimes \sigma_x$ ) Gate with Two Ions



$$\tilde{\Omega} = \frac{\eta^2 \Omega^2}{\mu - \omega_t} (\cancel{n+1} - \cancel{n})$$

# Molmer-Sorensen ( $\sigma_x \otimes \sigma_x$ ) Gate with Two Ions



$$|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \Rightarrow \cos\left(\frac{\tilde{\Omega} T}{2}\right) |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle + e^{i\phi} \sin\left(\frac{\tilde{\Omega} T}{2}\right) |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$$

choose  $\frac{\tilde{\Omega} T}{2} = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , then

$$|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle + e^{i\phi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle$$

$$\tilde{\Omega} = \frac{\eta^2 \Omega^2}{\mu - \omega_t} (\cancel{n+1} - \cancel{n})$$

# Entangling Ions via Spin-Dependent Force

Bichromatic Raman lasers create spin-dependent force:

$$H = -F\hat{x}(|\uparrow\rangle\langle\uparrow| - |\downarrow\rangle\langle\downarrow|) = Fx_0(\hat{a} + \hat{a}^+)\hat{\sigma}_{z(\text{or } x, y)}$$

$$H(t) = \frac{1}{2}\hbar\Omega \sum_{i,m} \sigma_i^x [a_m e^{-i\delta_m t} + a_m^+ e^{i\delta_m t}]$$

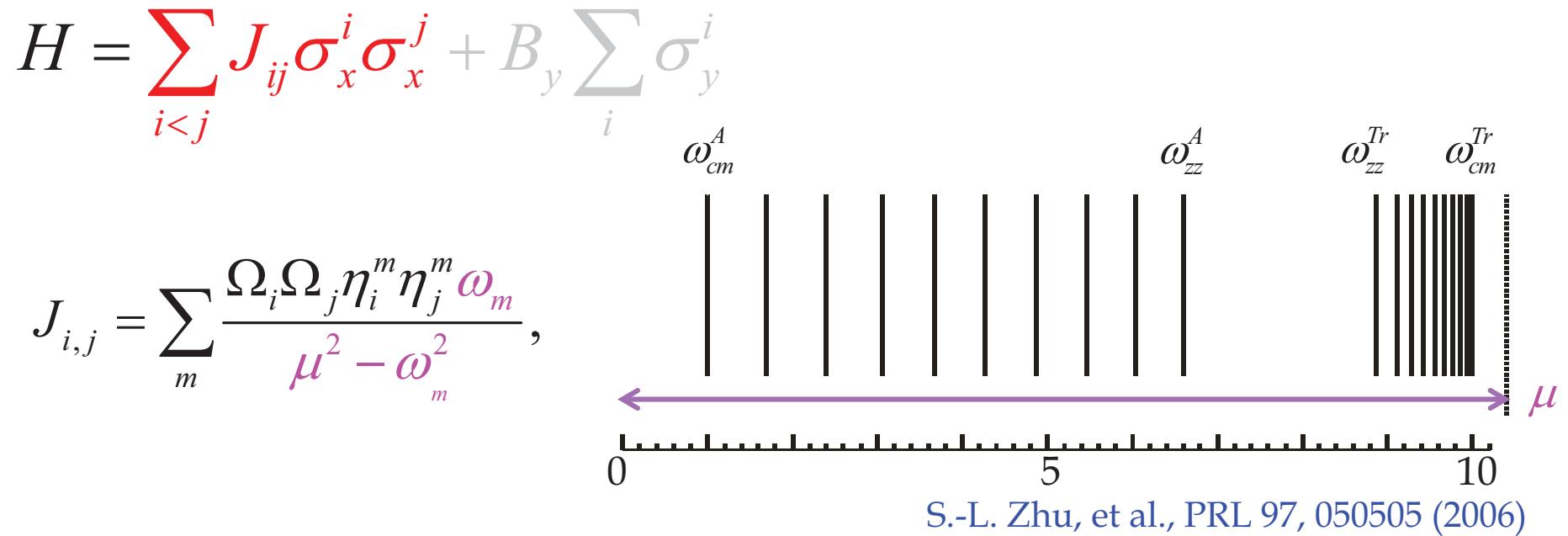
$$|\psi_f\rangle = U(\tau) |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\downarrow\downarrow\rangle + e^{i\phi} |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle)$$


$$U(\tau) = \mathbf{T} \exp \left\{ -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^\tau H(t) dt \right\} \quad \text{Magnus expansion}$$

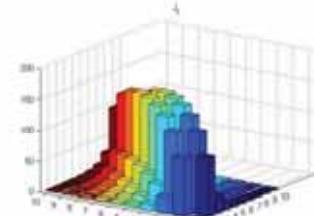
$$= \exp \left\{ -\frac{i}{\hbar} \int_0^\tau H(t) dt - \frac{i}{2\hbar} \int_0^\tau dt_1 \int_0^{t_1} dt_2 [H(t_1), H(t_2)] + \dots \right\}$$

$$\sim \exp \{-i\tilde{\Omega}\tau \sigma_1^x \sigma_2^x\}$$

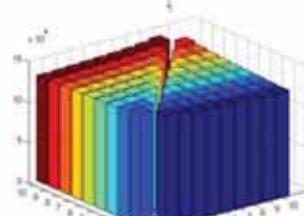
# Simulating spin-spin interactions $J_{ij}$



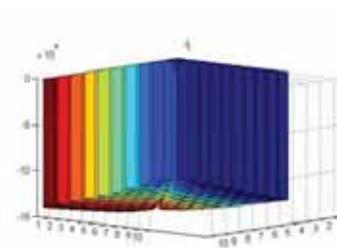
Anti-ferro, short range



Anti-ferro, long range



Ferro, long range

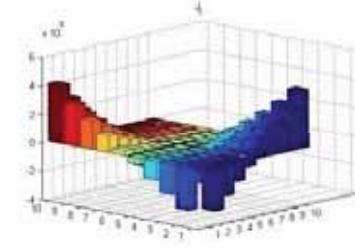


$$\mu = 1.1\omega_{cm}$$

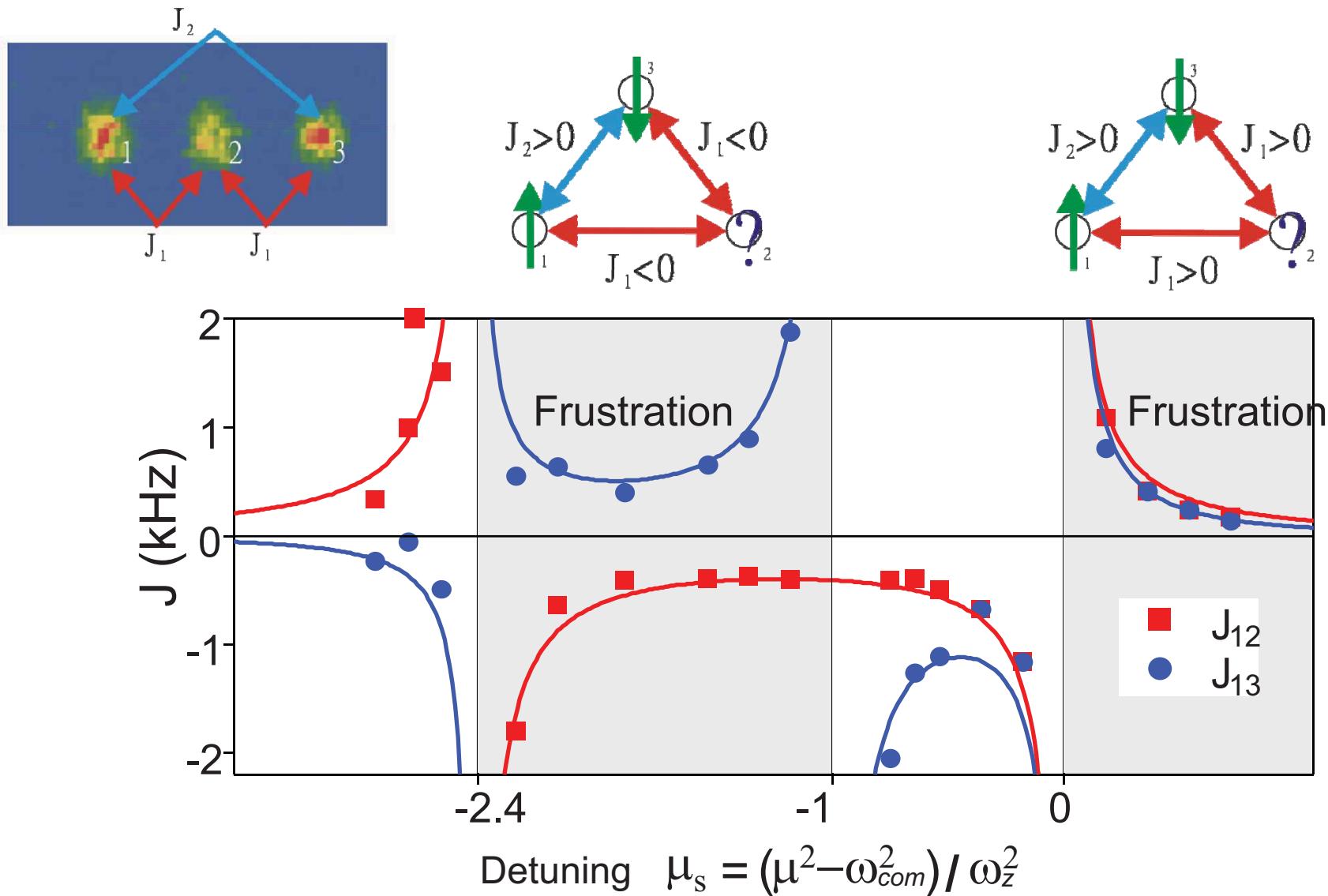
$$\mu = 1.0001\omega_{cm}$$

$$\mu = 0.9999\omega_{cm}$$

$$\mu = 0.9949\omega_{cm}$$

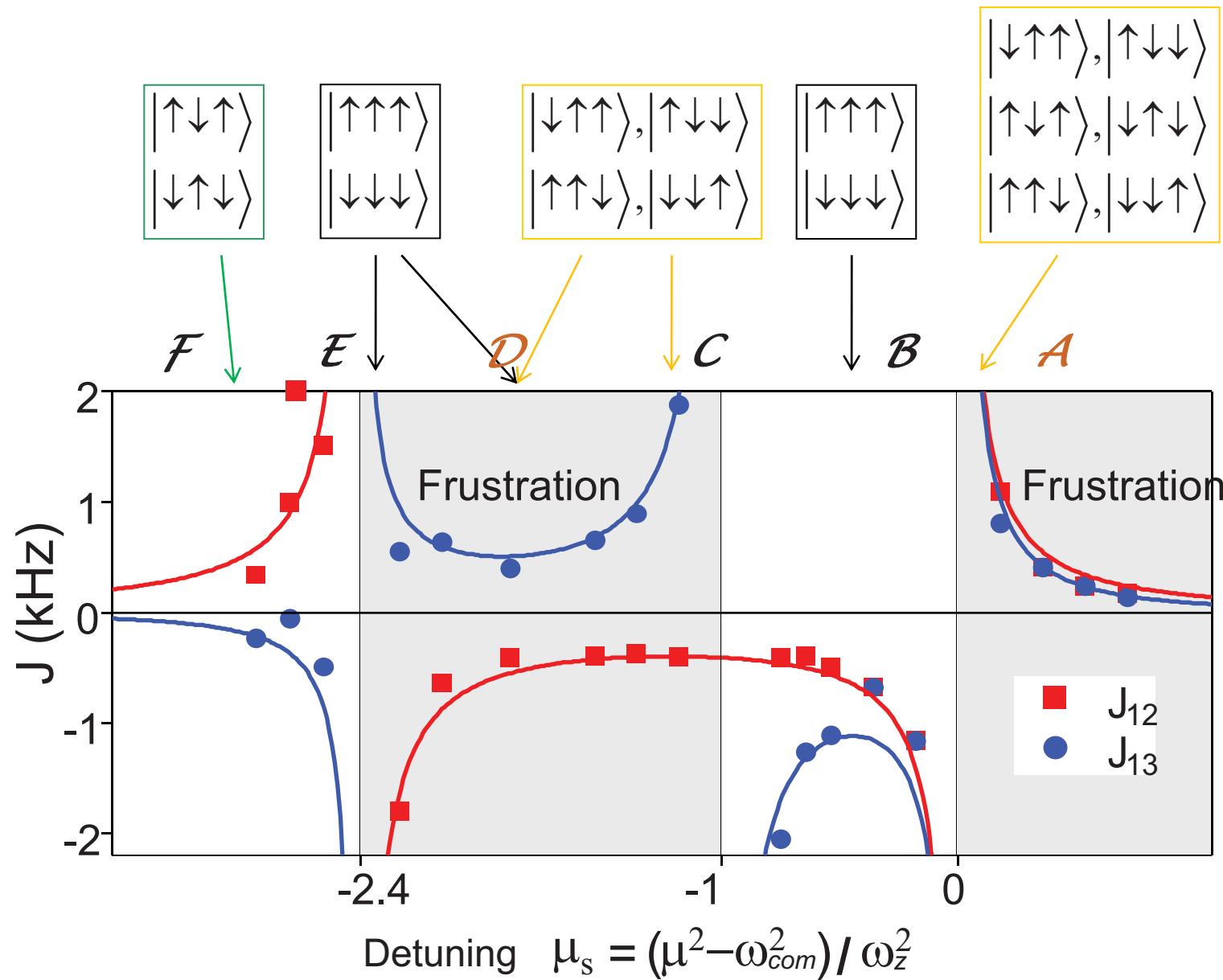


# Spin frustration in triangular lattice

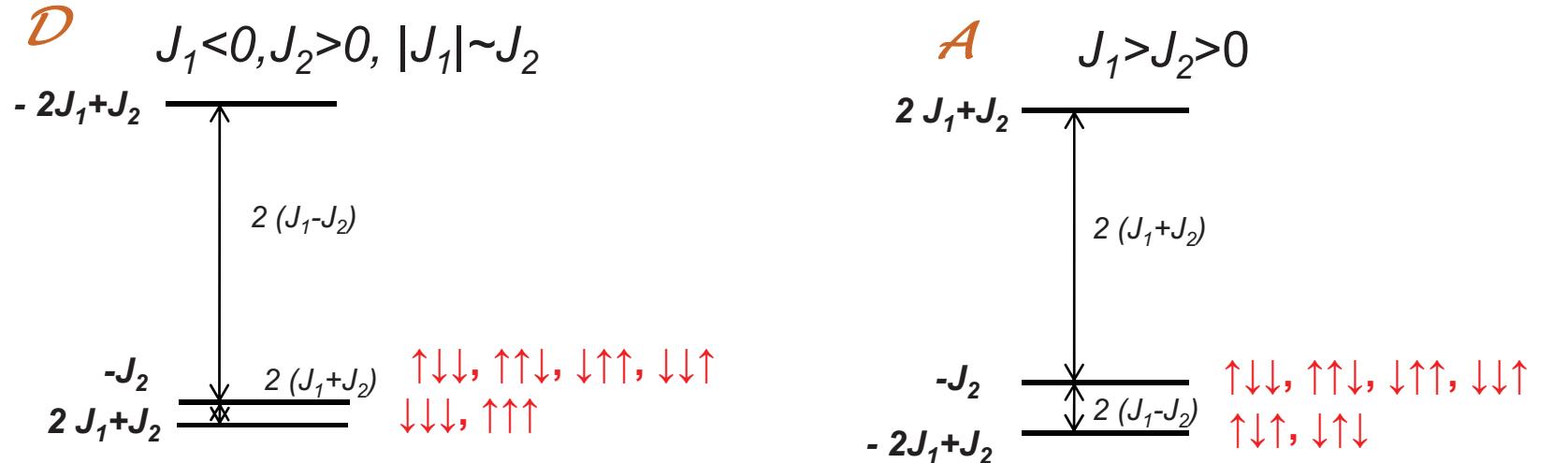


Kim et al., Nature 465, 590 (2010)

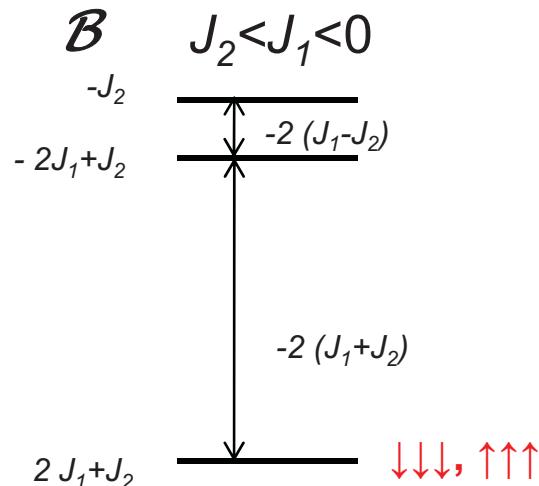
# Favorable states vs. spin-spin couplings



# Ground state degeneracy



Frustration leads to large degeneracy (ground state entropy)

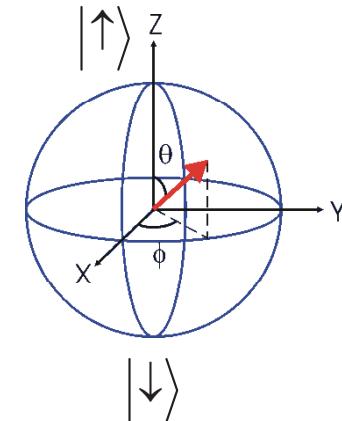
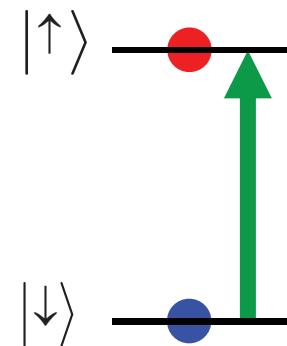
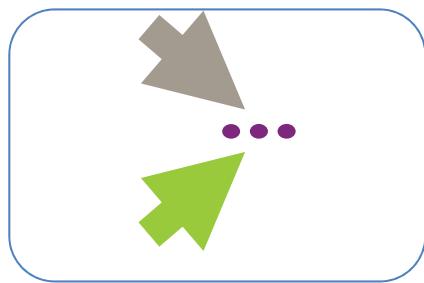


Ferromagnetic interaction  
no frustration  
less degeneracy

L. Pauling (1945)  
Science **294**, 1495–1501 (2001),  
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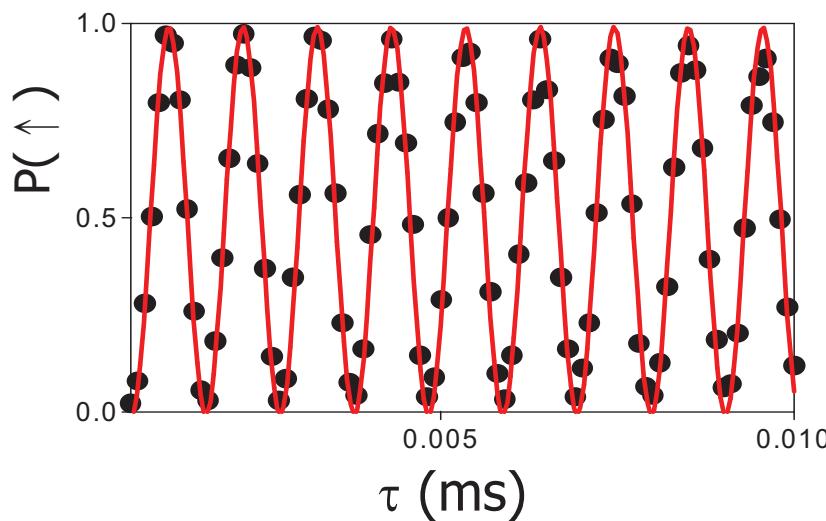
# Simulating a B field (single qubit rotation)

$$H_{XY} = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \sigma_x^{(i)} \sigma_x^{(j)} + B \sum_i \sigma_y^{(i)}$$

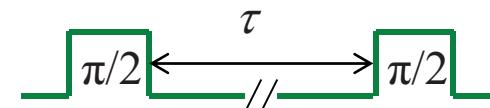


$$R_{\phi+\pi/2}(\theta)$$

Rabi oscillations



Ramsey oscillations



Coherence time > 70 ms

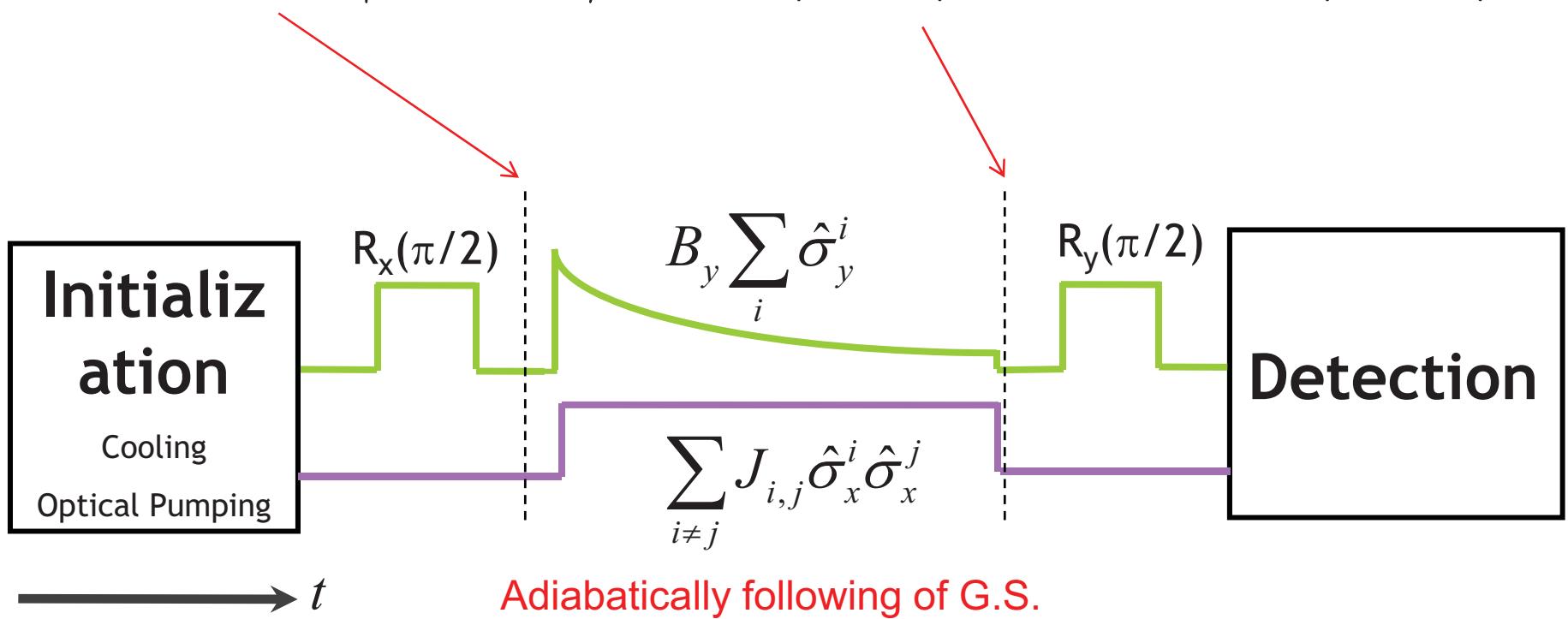
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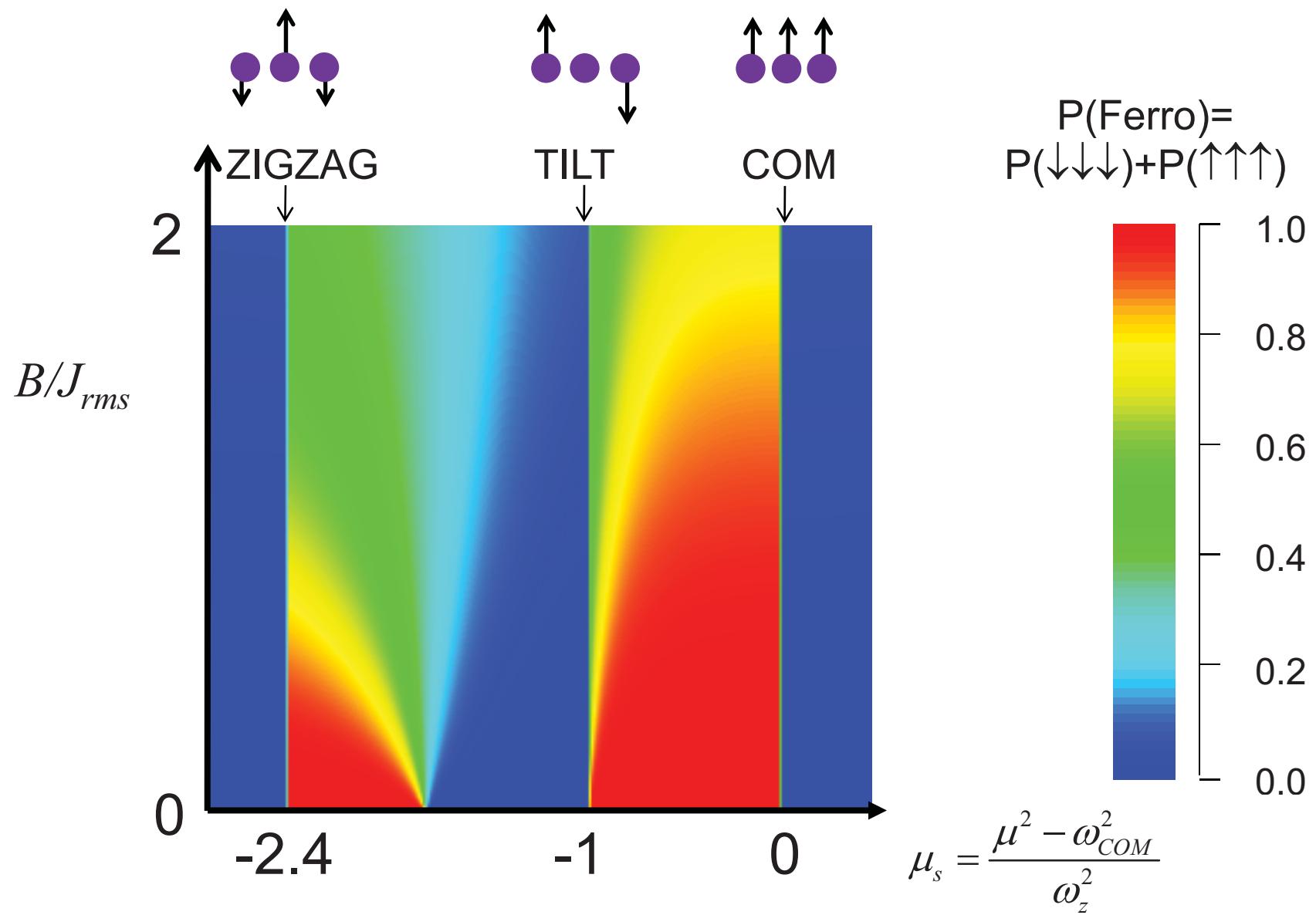
# Quantum simulation in action

$$H(t) = \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \sigma_x^i \sigma_x^j + B_y \sum_i \sigma_y^i$$

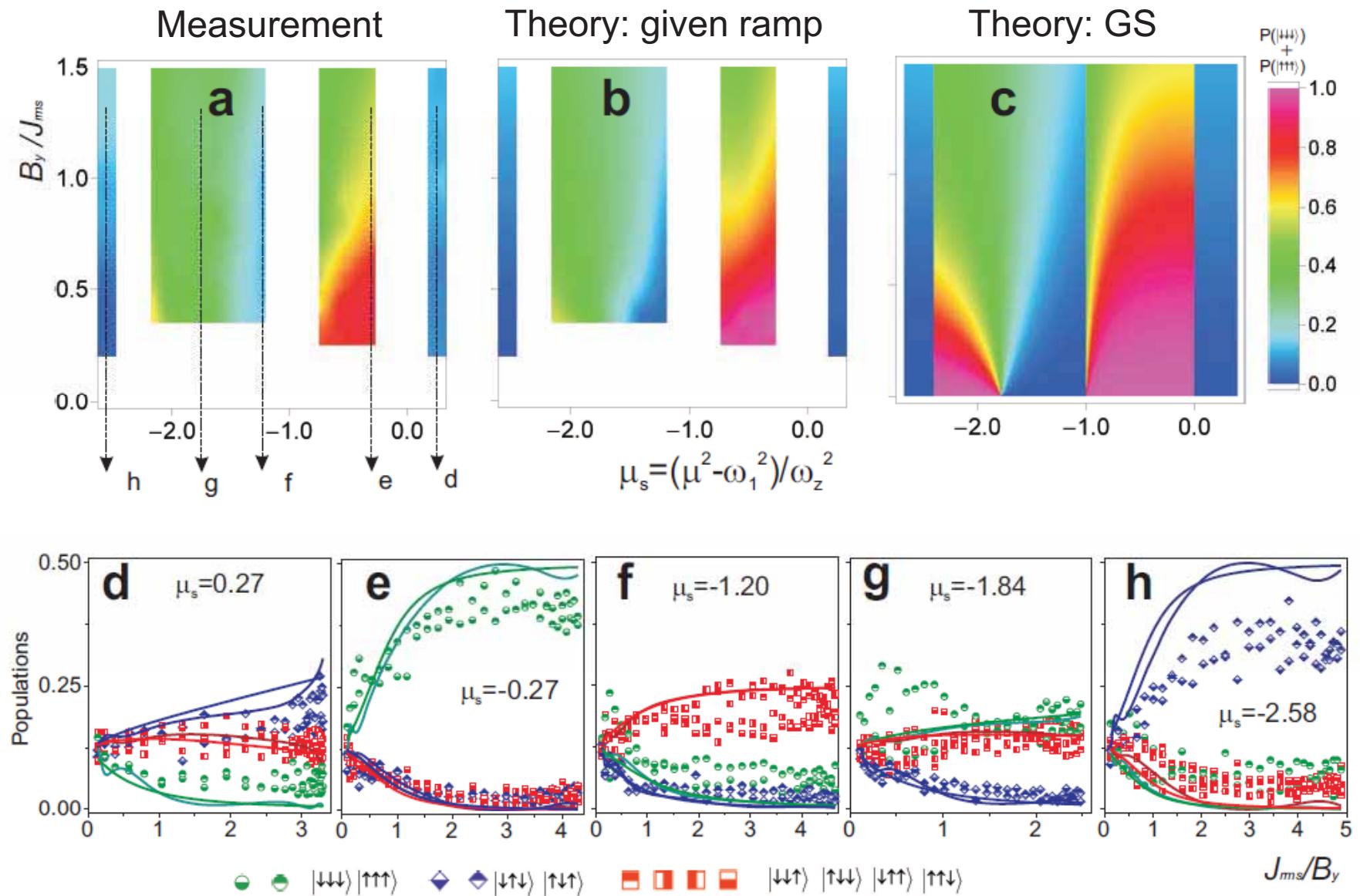
$$|\psi(0)\rangle = |\downarrow_y \downarrow_y \downarrow_y \dots\rangle \quad |\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{T} e^{-\frac{i}{\hbar} \int H(t) dt} |\psi(0)\rangle$$



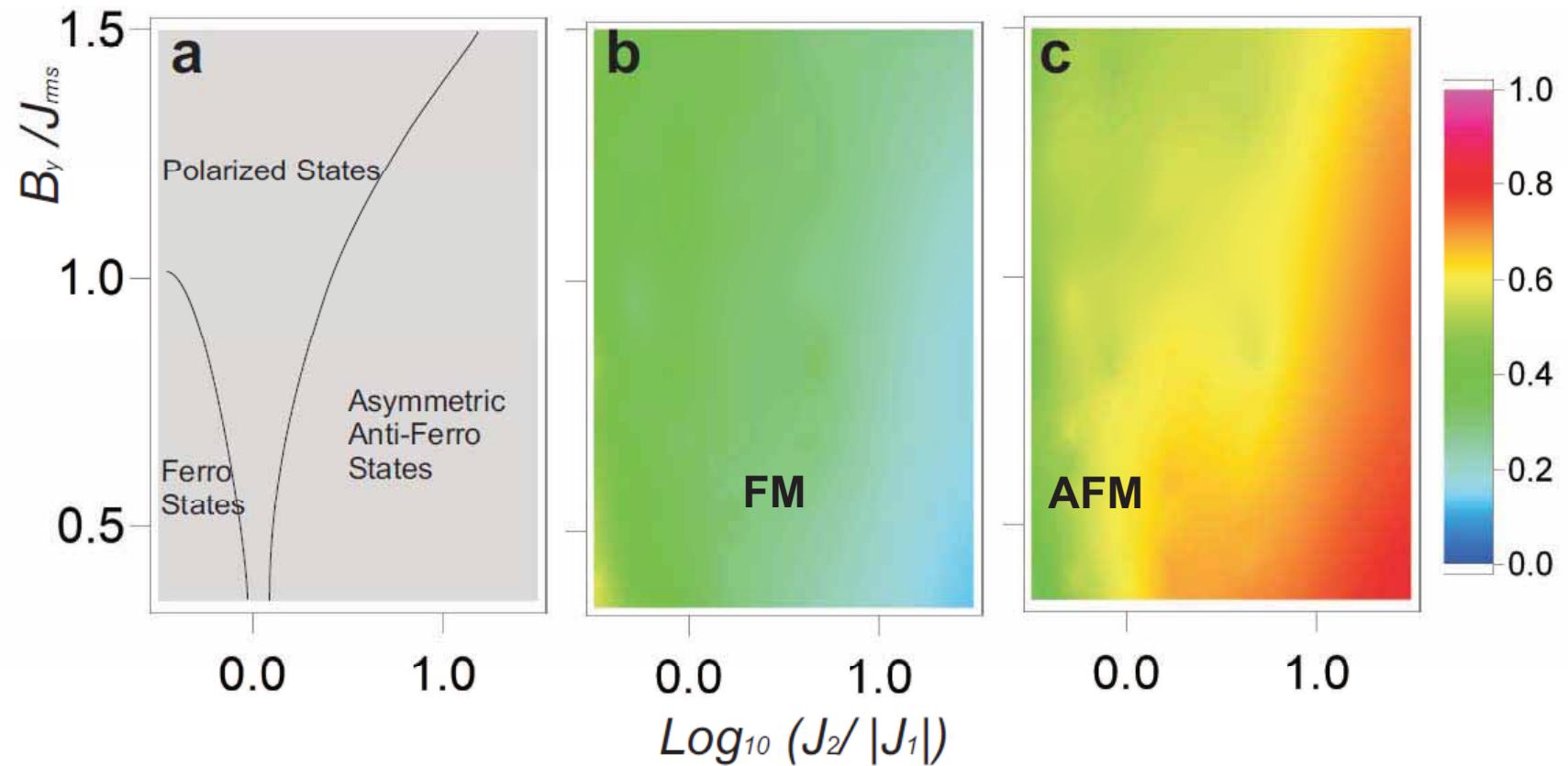
# Exact Ground State (Theory) – Freericks and Duan



# Phase diagram measurement



# Universal phase diagram



# Ground state entanglement or entropy?

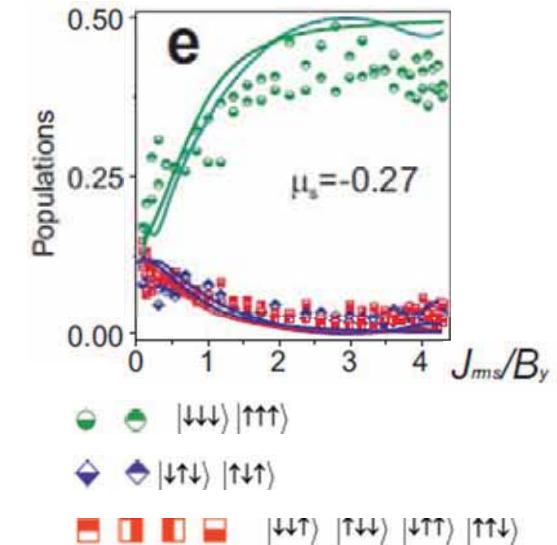
What is the FM ground state?

$$\rho_p = |\psi\rangle\langle\psi|$$

with  $|\psi\rangle = (|\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle - |\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle)/\sqrt{2}$

or  $\rho_m = \frac{1}{2}|\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle\langle\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow| + \frac{1}{2}|\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle\langle\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow|$

or  $\rho = \alpha\rho_p + (1-\alpha)\rho_m$

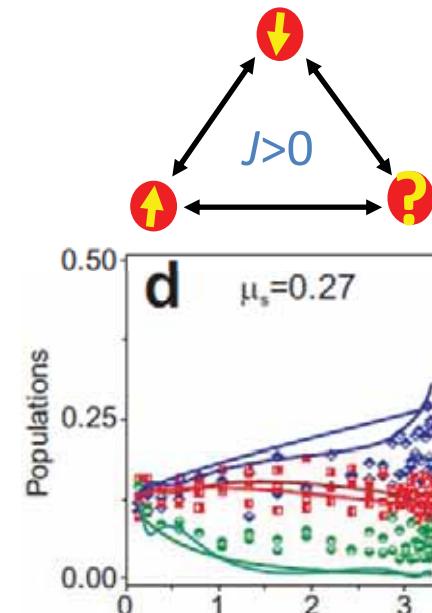


How about AFM frustrated ground state?

$$|\psi\rangle = |\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle - |\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle?$$

If we know the density matrix ( $8 \times 8$  C-numbers), we can know the underlying state. However, density matrix is hard to reconstruct.

Short cut?



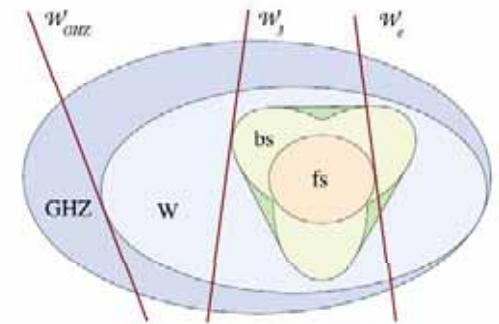
# Detecting the frustrated ground state: entanglement detection

$$|\psi_{FM}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle - |\downarrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle)$$

$$\langle W_{GHZ} \rangle = \frac{9}{4} - J_z^2 - \sigma_\phi^1 \sigma_\phi^2 \sigma_\phi^3, \quad J_\alpha = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \sigma_\alpha^i, \quad \phi = y,$$

$$|\psi_{AFM}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(|\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow\rangle - |\downarrow\downarrow\uparrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\uparrow\downarrow\downarrow\rangle)$$

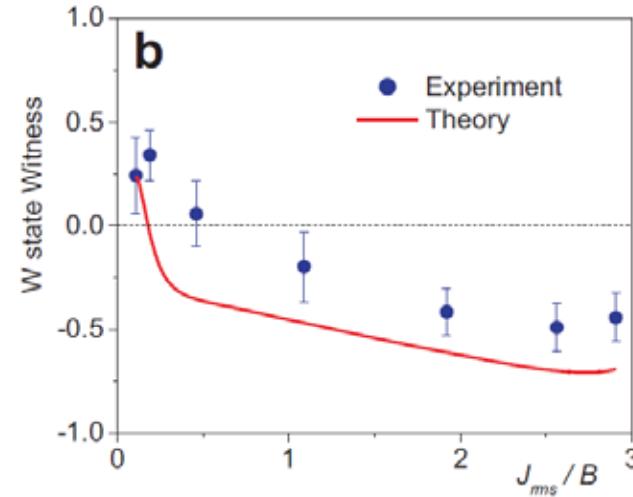
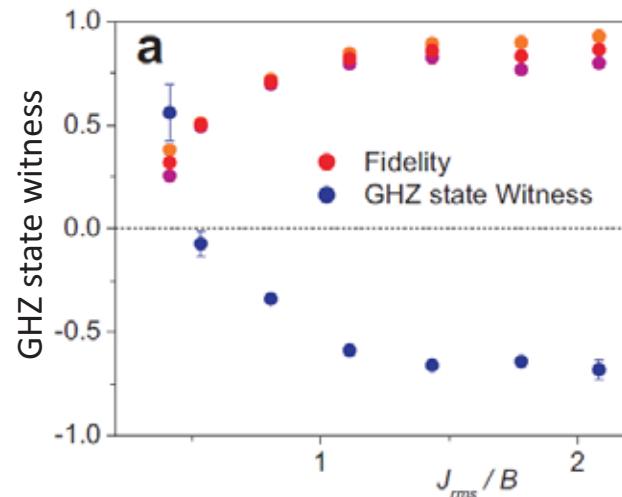
$$\langle W_W \rangle = (4 + \sqrt{5}) - 2(J_y^2 + J_z^2)$$



$\text{Tr}(\mathcal{W}_{Q_s}) \geq 0$  for all separable  $Q_s$ ,

$\text{Tr}(\mathcal{W}_{Q_e}) < 0$  for at least one entangled  $Q_e$

Ghne and Toth, Phys Rep **474**, 1 (2009),  
Horodecki family, RMP **81**, 865 (2009).



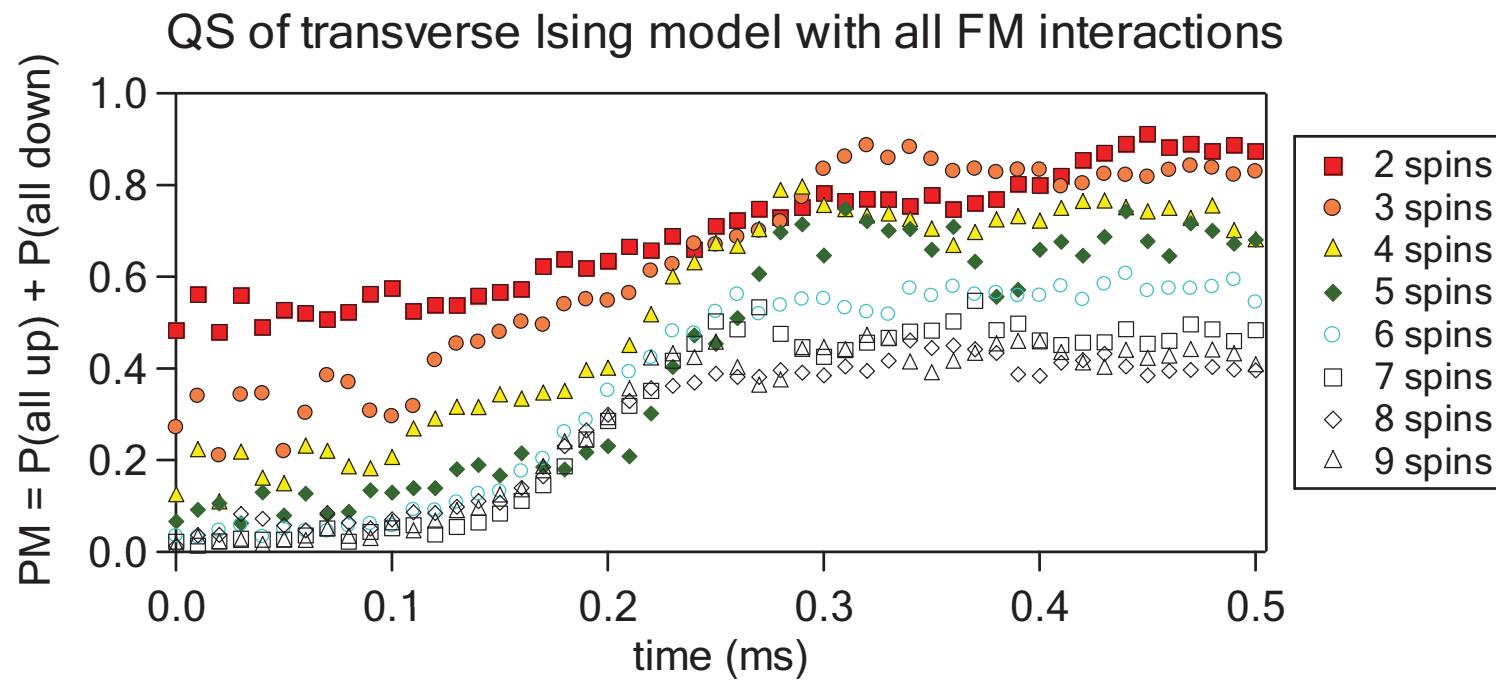
Links frustration to  
ground state  
entanglement.

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# The more ions the better



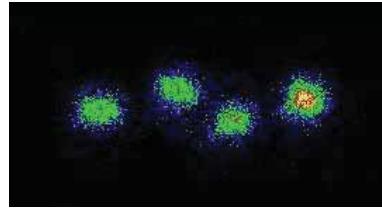
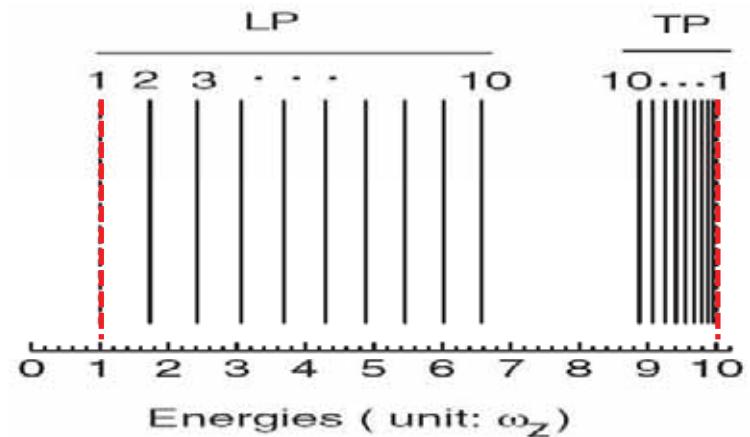
Sharper phase transition as # of spins increases.

# Scalability in a linear Paul trap

Harmonic external axial potential ( $\omega_z$ )



linear crystal:  $\frac{\omega_r}{\omega_z} > 0.73N^{0.86}$

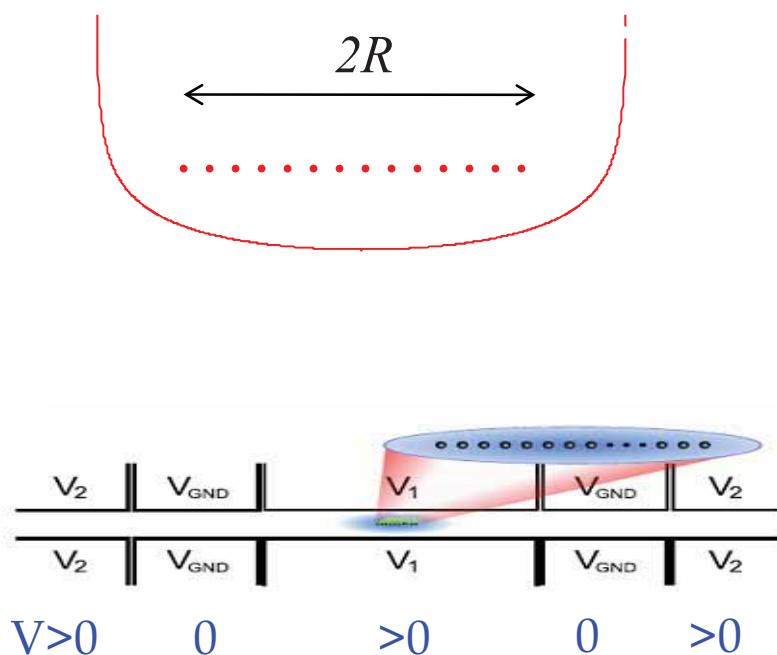
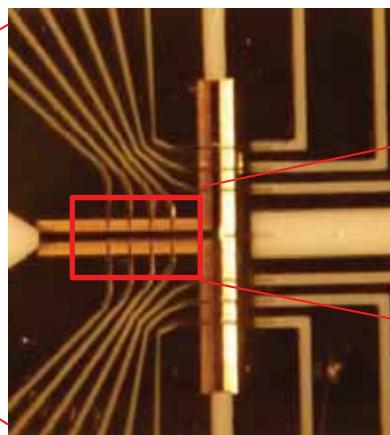
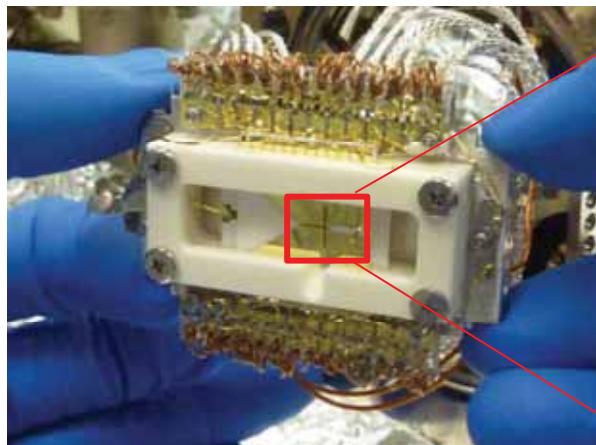


# Scaling a single crystal to >> 10 ions

Uniformly-spaced ion crystal (spacing =  $s$ )     $\omega_r > \sqrt{\frac{7\zeta(3)e^2}{2ms^3}}$

Requires     $U(z) = U_0 \log\left(\frac{1}{1 - z^2/R^2}\right) \sim \alpha z^4$     (quartic)

Lin et al., Europhys. Lett. 86, 60004 (2009).



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