

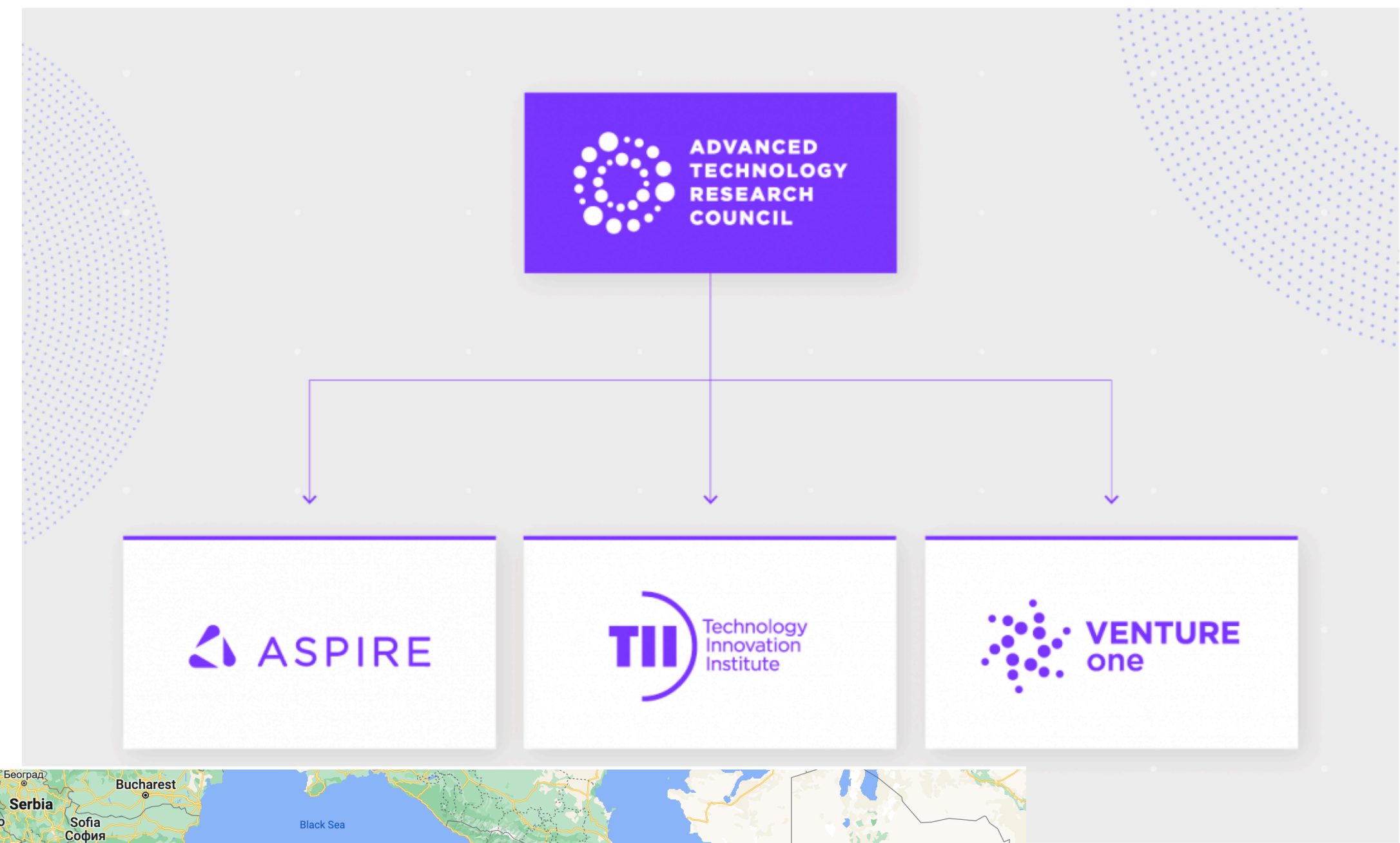
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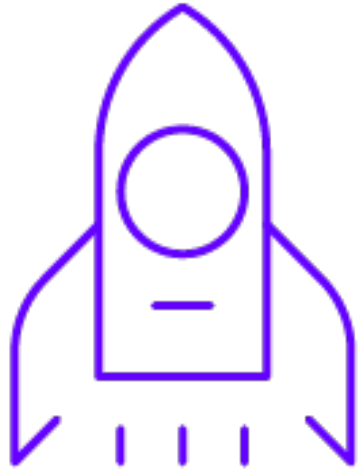
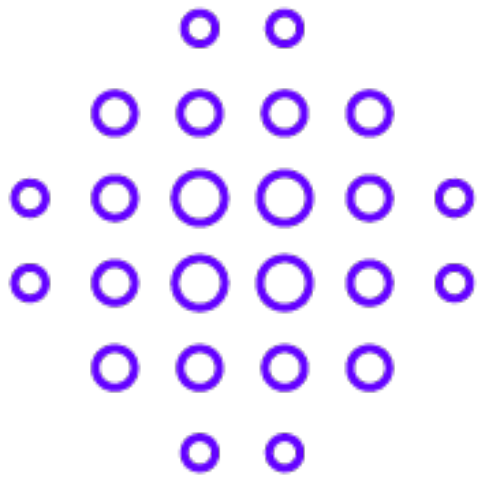
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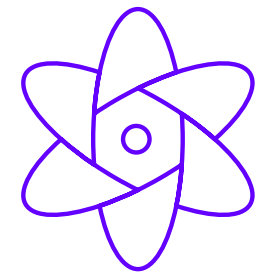
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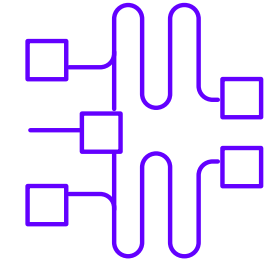
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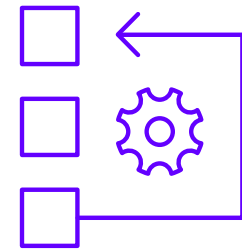
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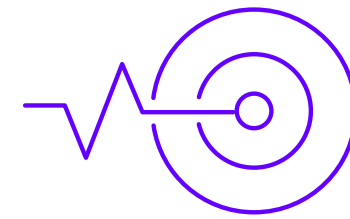
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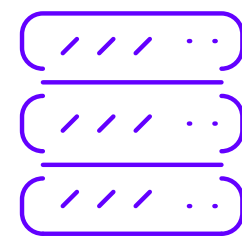
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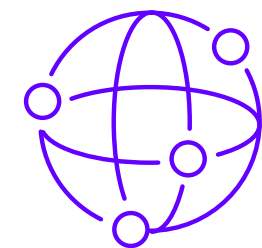
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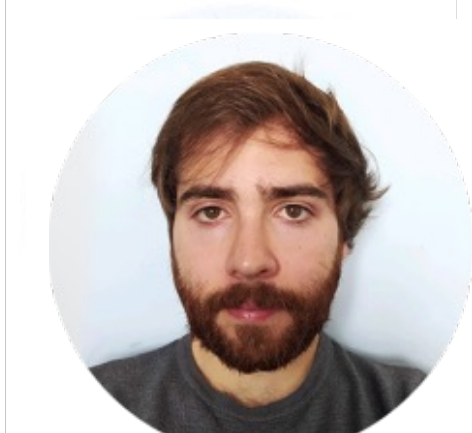
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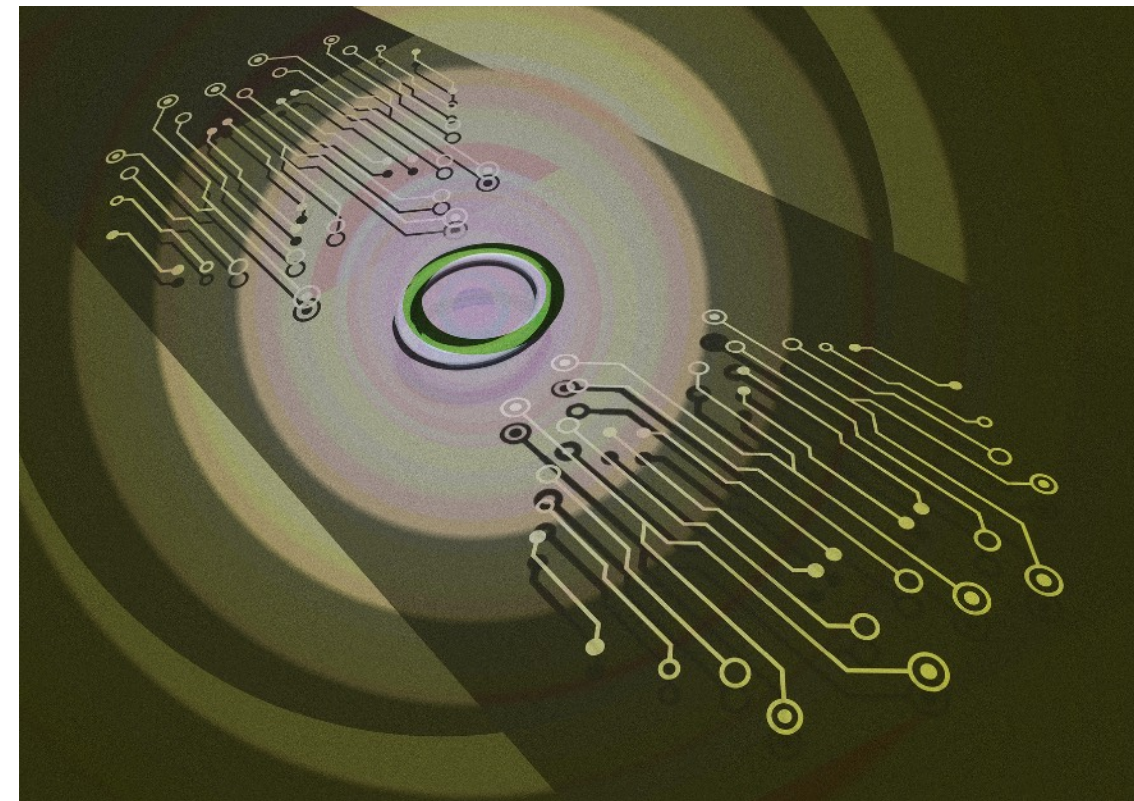
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Atomtronics

Atomtronics is an emerging field in *quantum technology* seeking to realize atomic circuits exploiting ultra-cold atoms manipulated in micro-magnetic or laser-generated micro-optical traps or circuits.

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Some goals

- Enlarge the scope of cold atoms quantum simulators (currents).
- Many-body physics (exotic quantum phases of matter: topological order..)
- Bridging mesoscopic and cold-atoms physics.
- Insights in foundational aspects of quantum science.
- New quantum devices.
- Quantum sensing.
- Hybrid systems.
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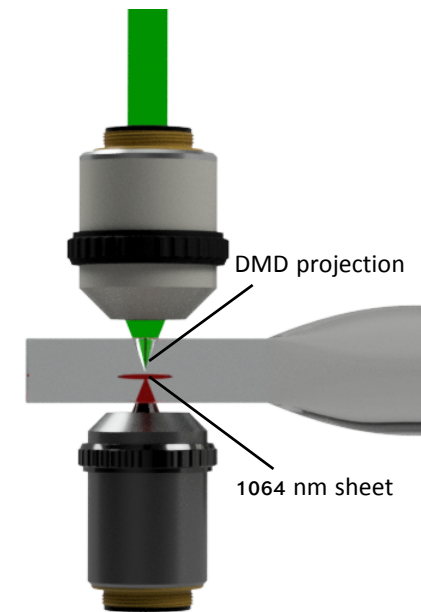
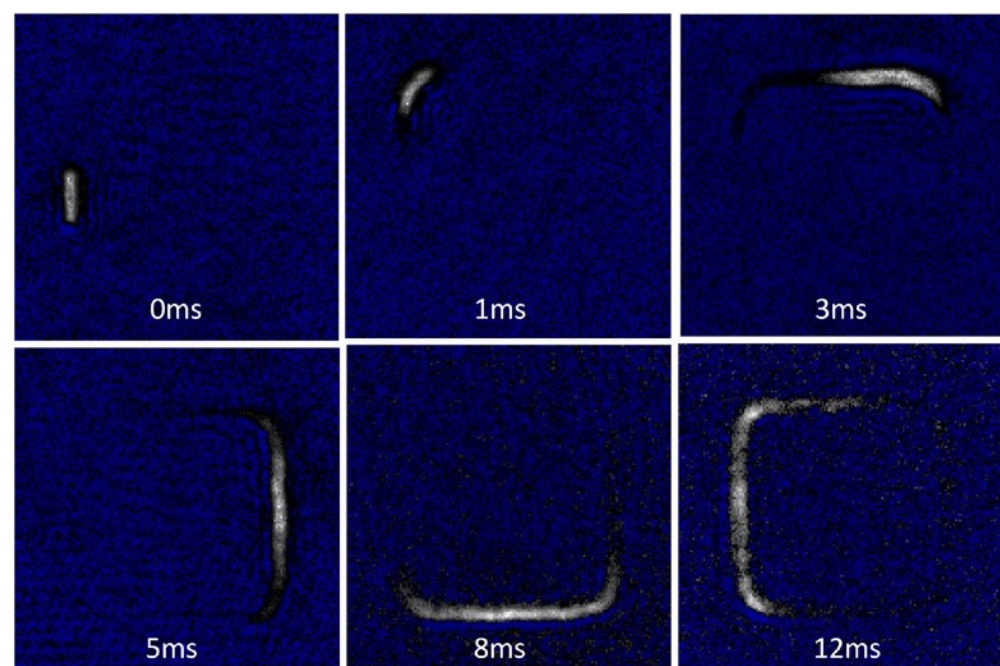
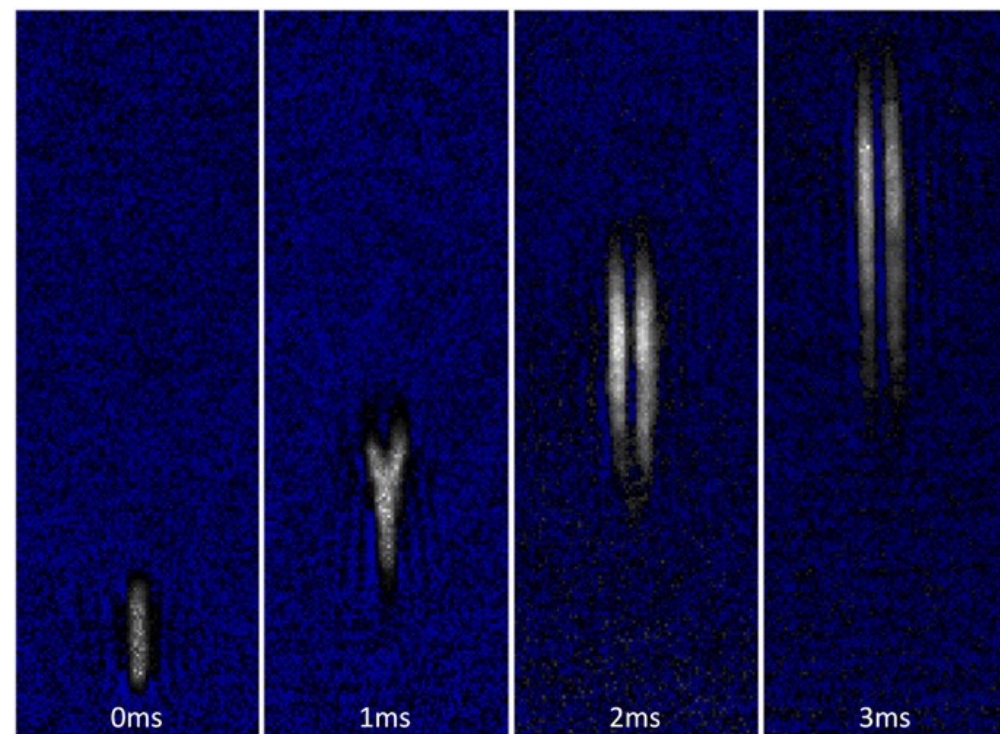
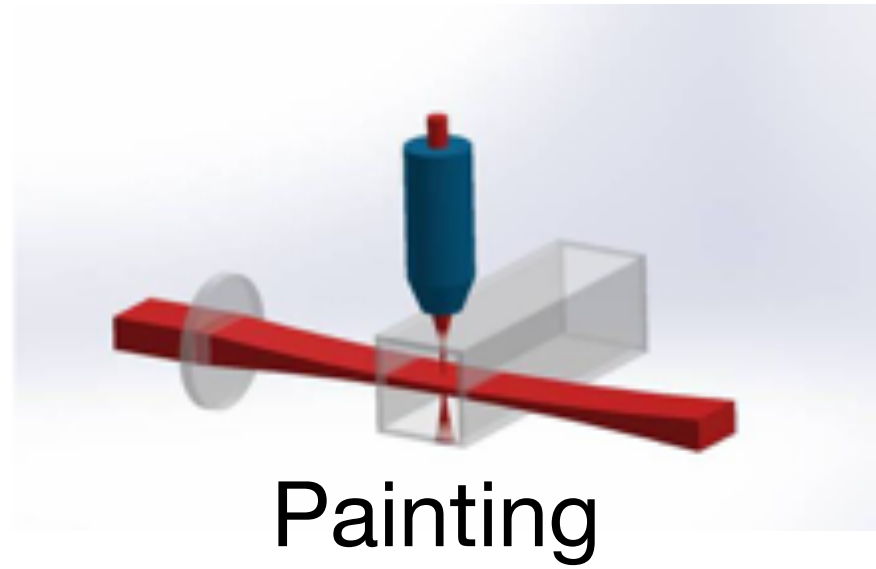


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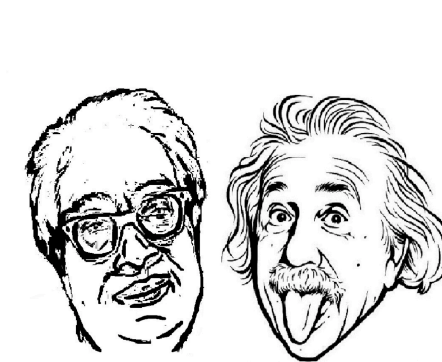
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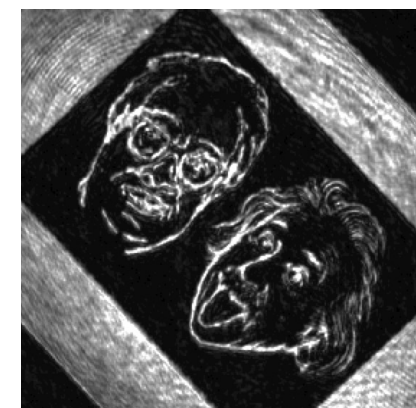
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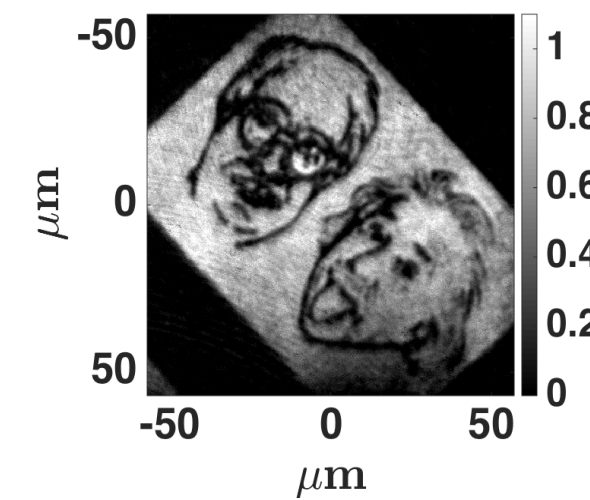
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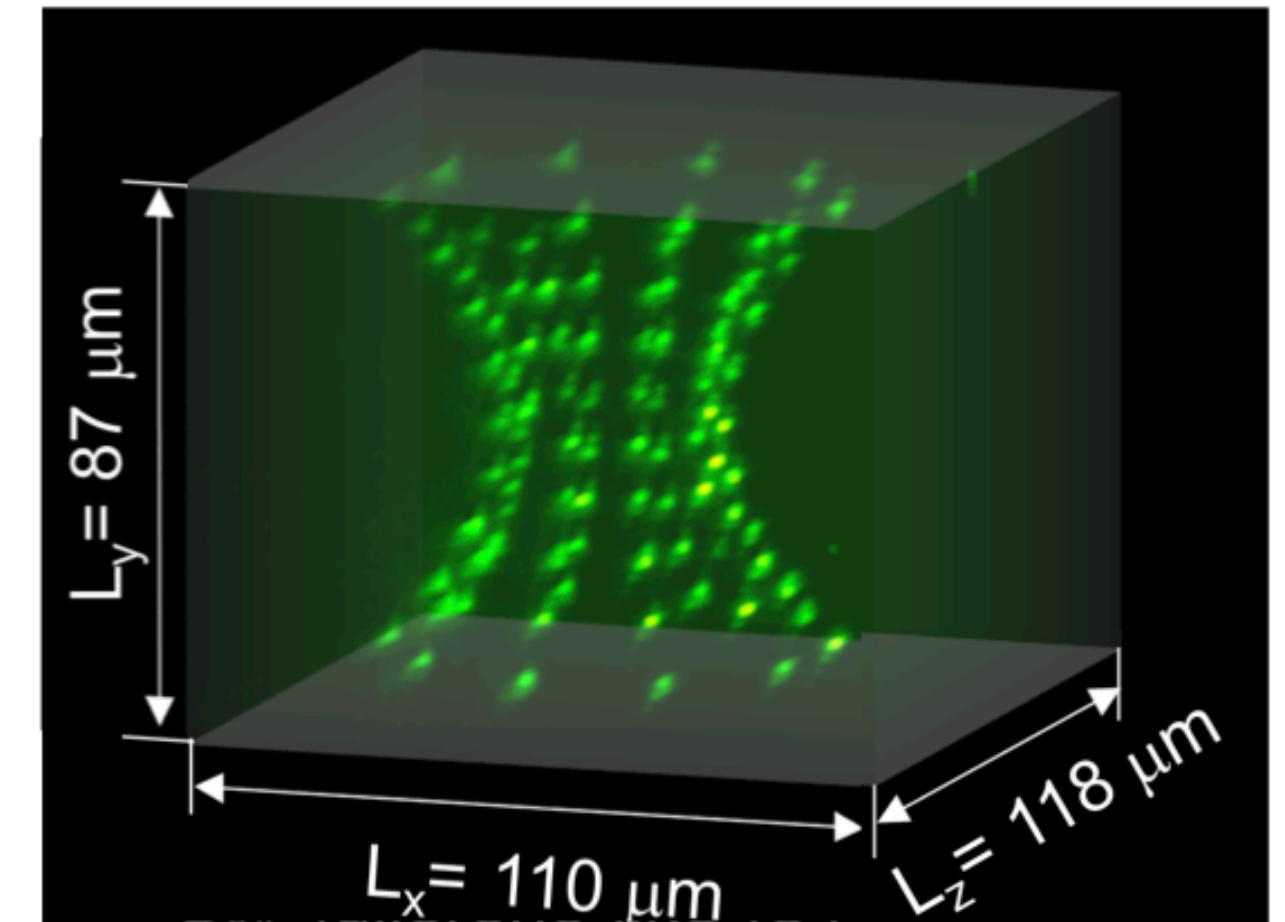
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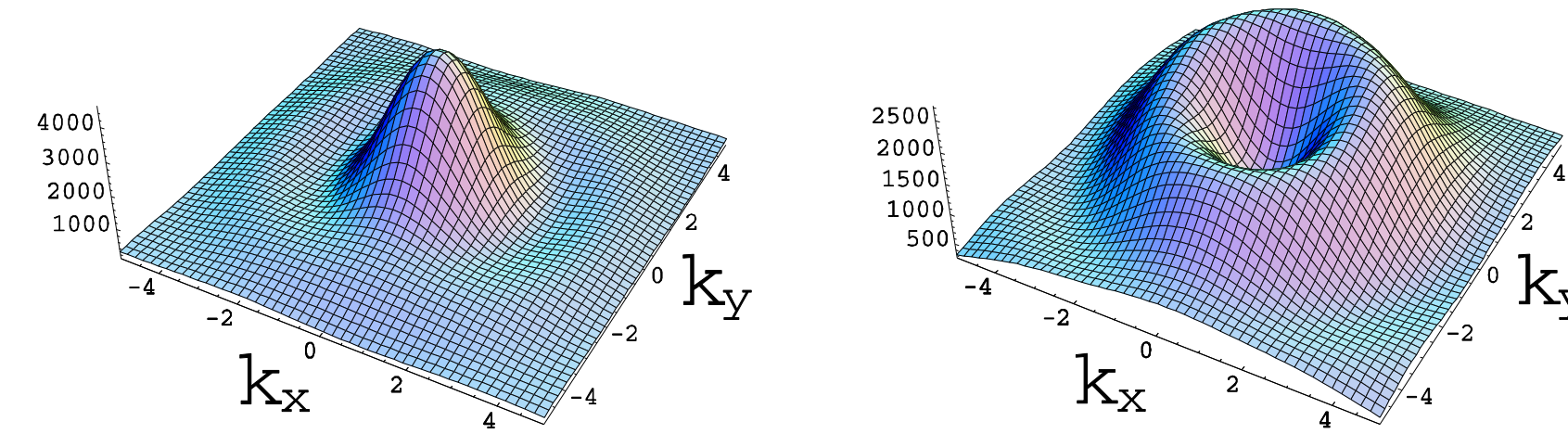
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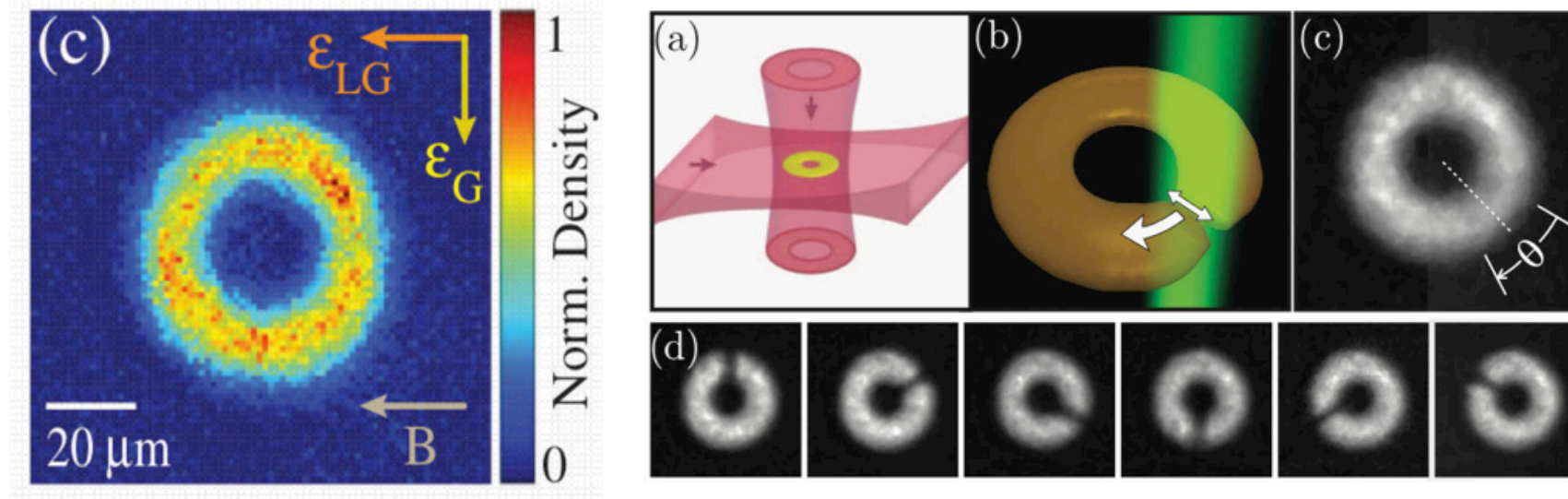
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Ring circuits

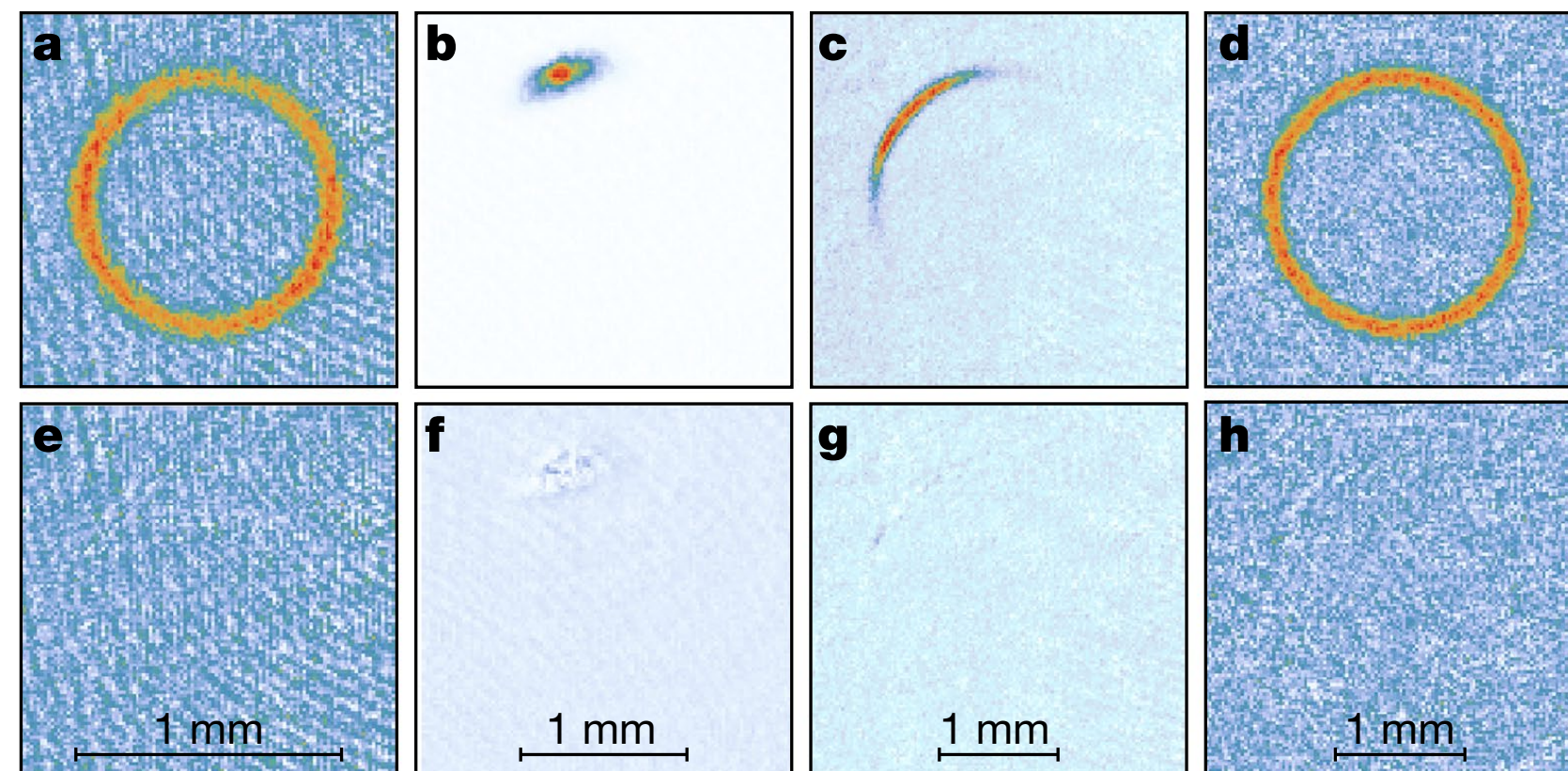
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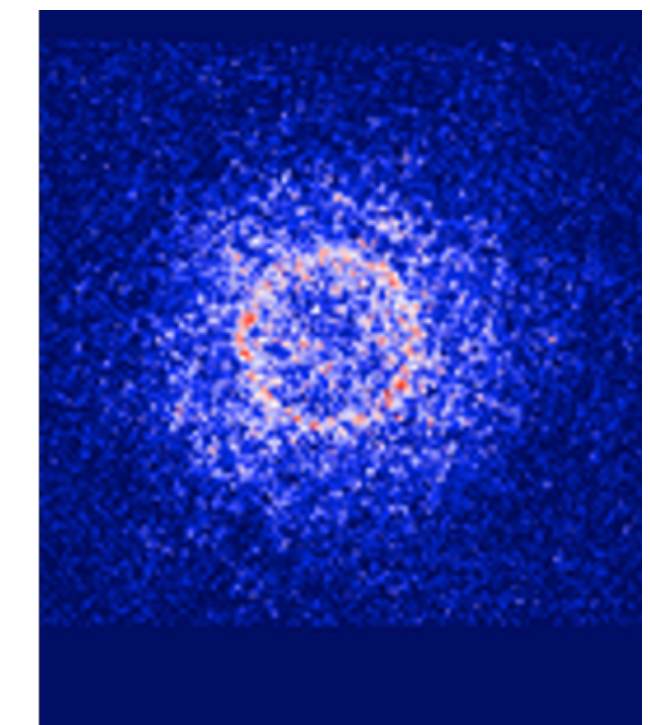
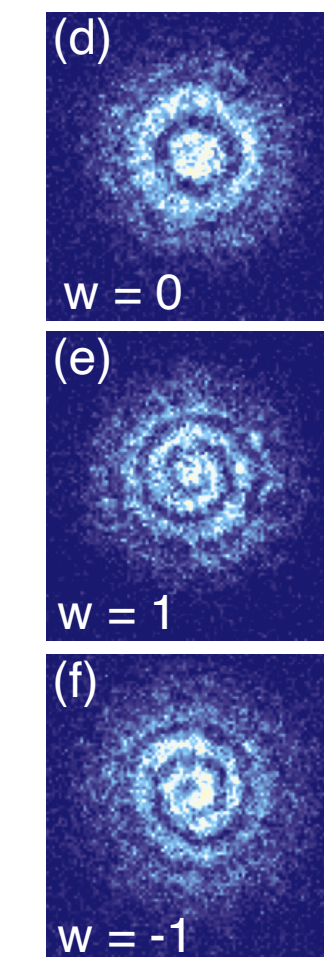
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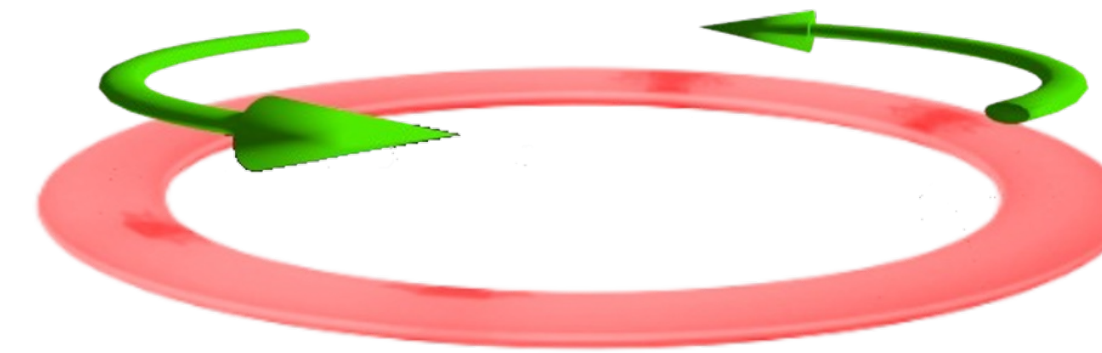
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- **Rotation sensors: Bose gases**

- Interferometry
- Qubits made out of currents
- Shapiro steps



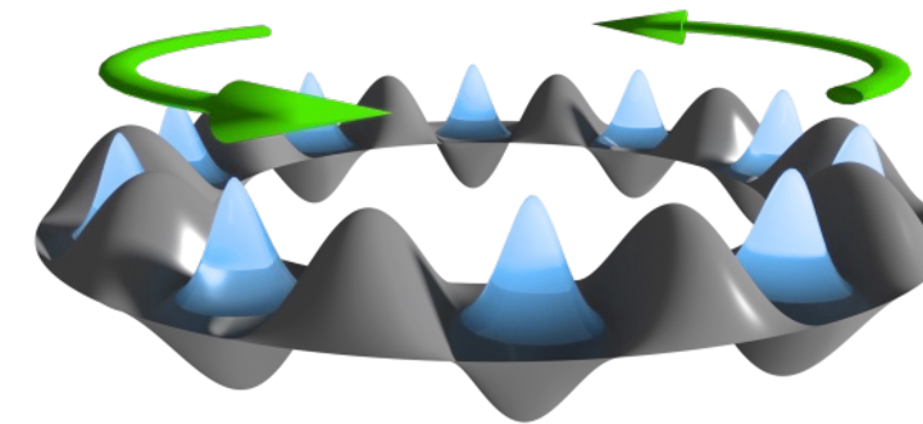
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- **SU(N) fermions**

- Persistent currents and correlations
- Interferometry



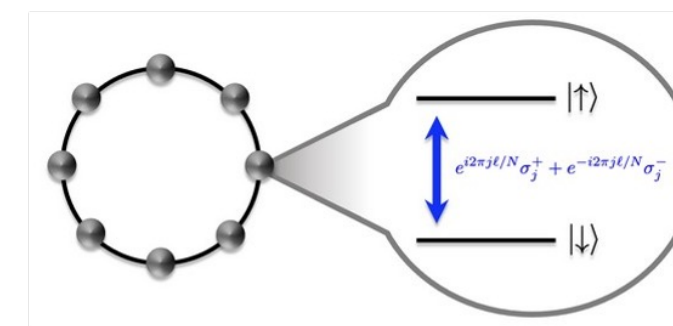
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- **Rydberg Atomtronics**

- Flow of excitations



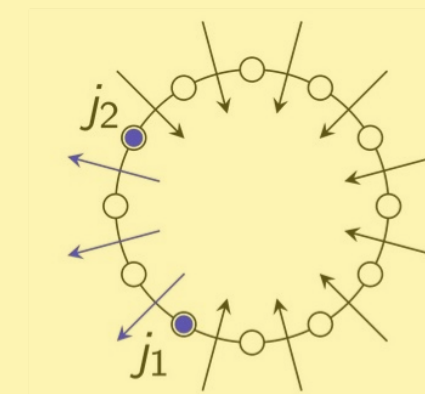
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- Lattice gauge theories
- QCD



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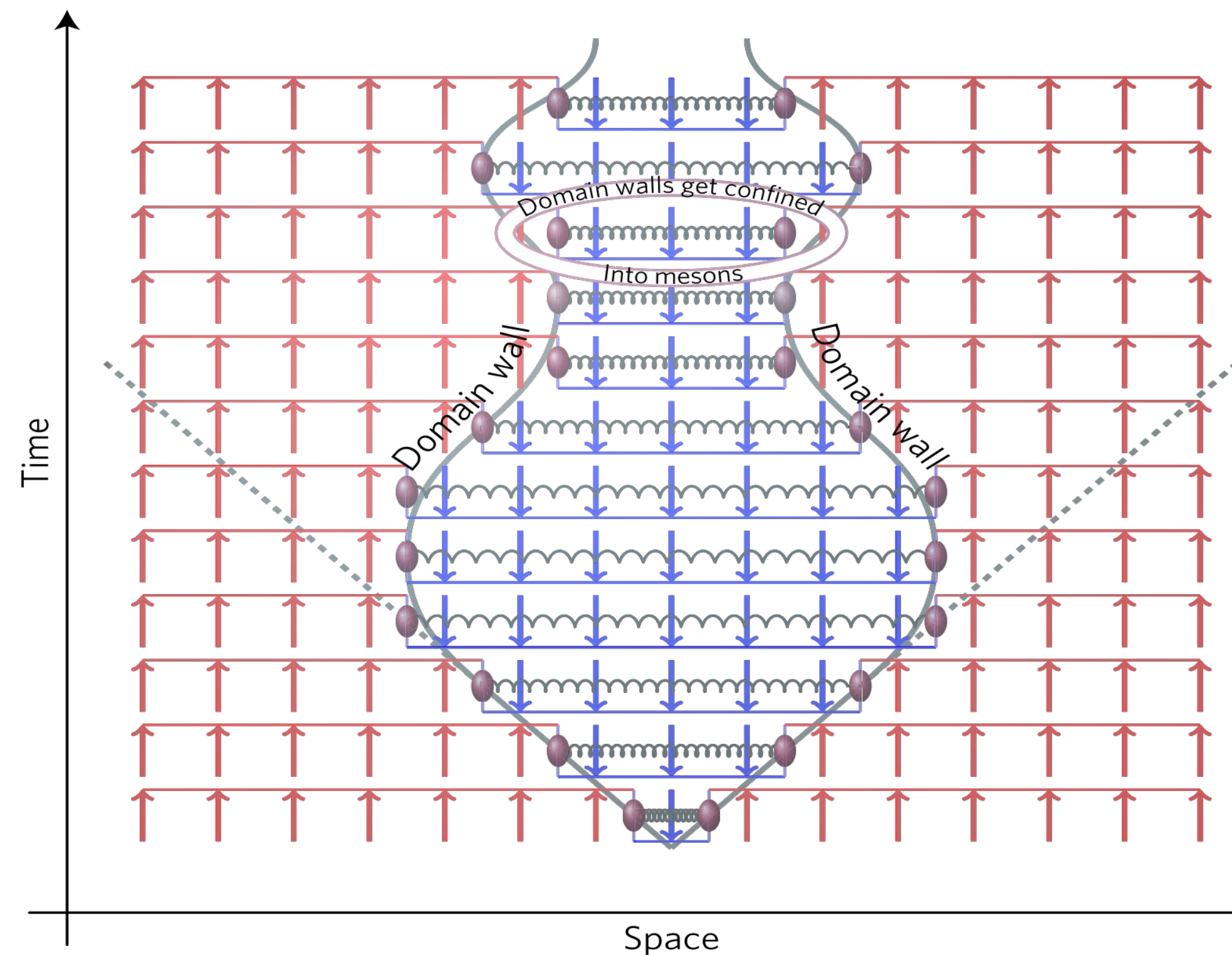
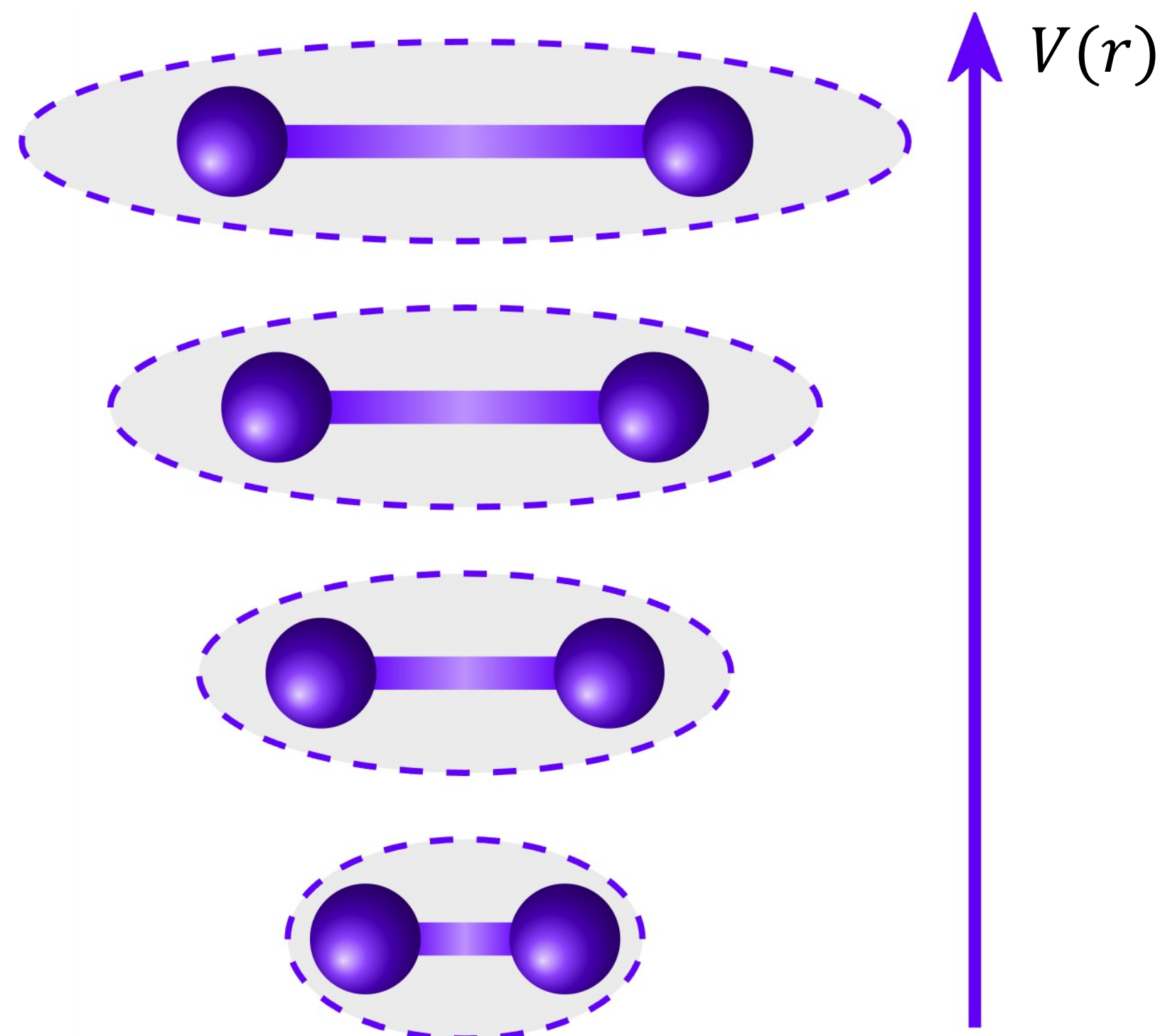
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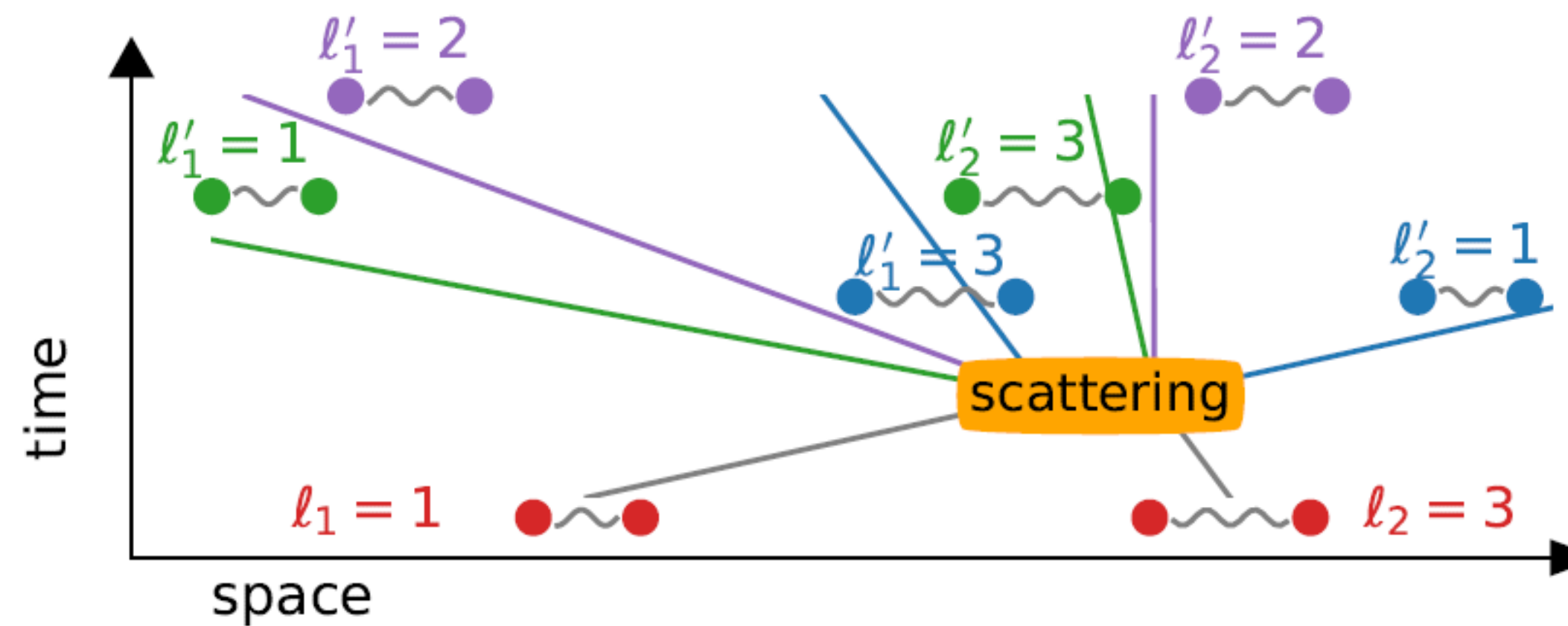
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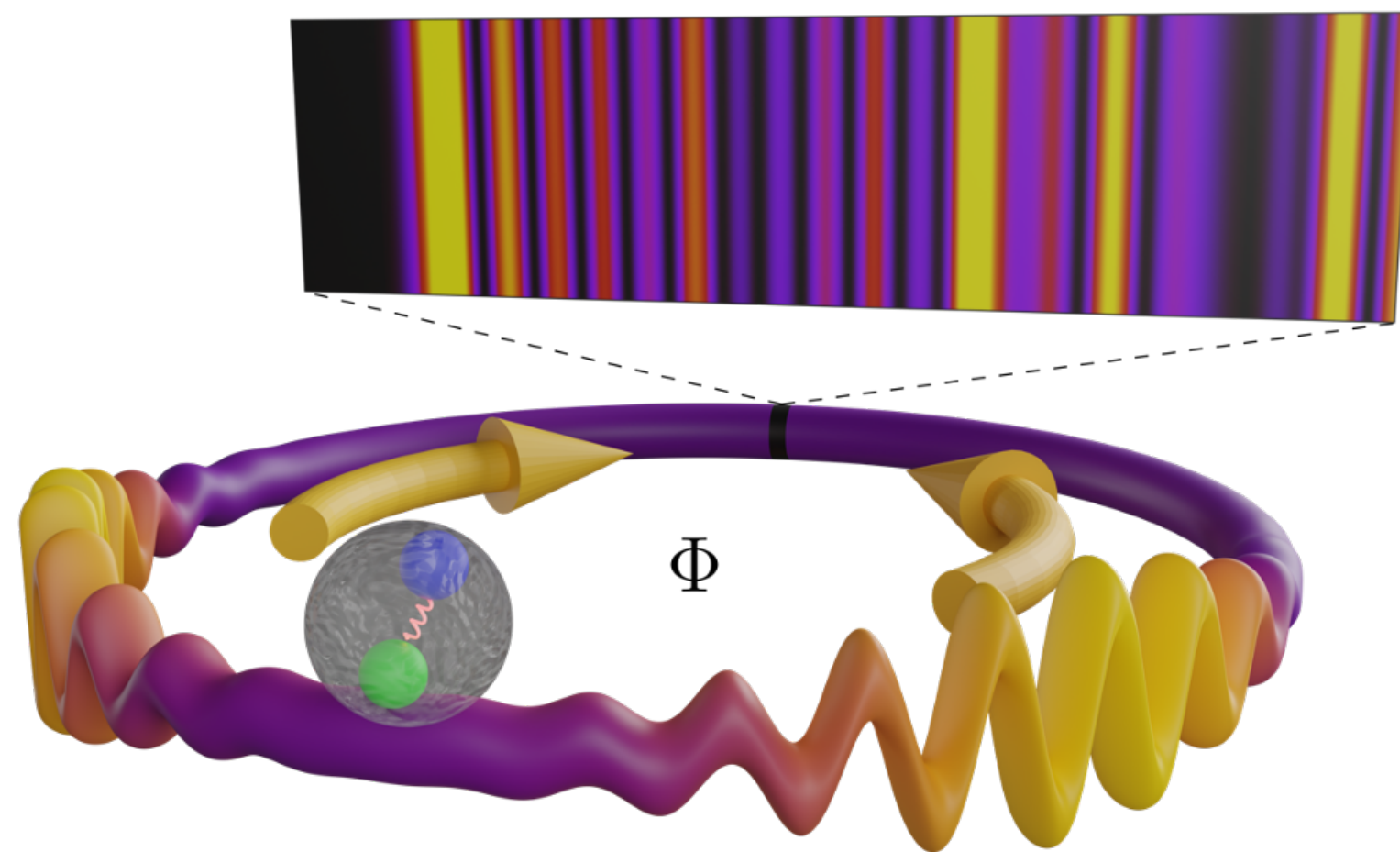
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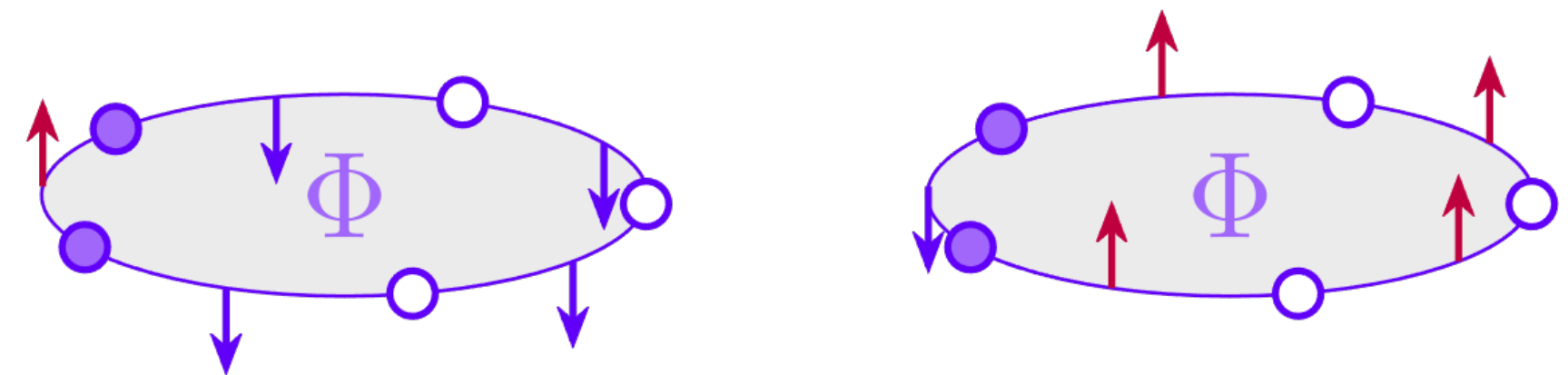


1d \mathbb{Z}_2 lattice gauge theory

$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_j \left[w \left(e^{i(2\pi/L) \Phi/\Phi_0} c_j^\dagger c_{j+1} + h.c. \right) \sigma_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^x + \frac{\tau}{2} \sigma_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^z \right]$$

$$G_j = \sigma_{j-\frac{1}{2}}^z (-1)^{n_j} \sigma_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^z$$

- Generator of local \mathbb{Z}_2 transformations $G_j : [\mathcal{H}, G_j] = 0 \implies$ gauge sectors
- Neutral gauge sector: $G_j = 1 \forall j$



Implementation: Driven matterwave

- Two atomic species, obtained from the internal levels of ^{87}Rb , are trapped in a species dependent double well potential

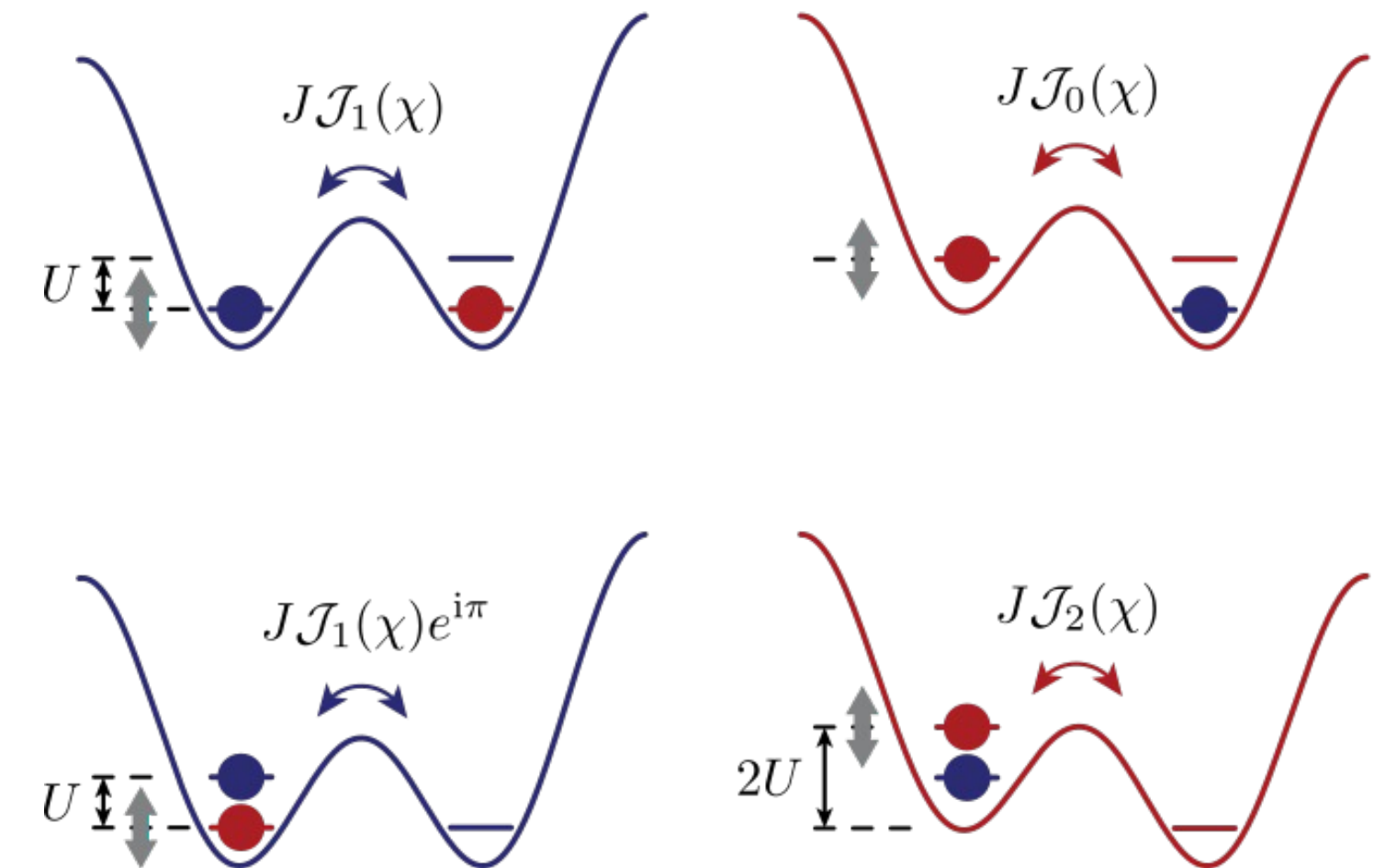
$$H = -J(a_2^\dagger a_1 + f_2^\dagger f_1 + h.c.) + U \sum_{j=1}^2 n_j^a n_j^f + \Delta_f n_1^f + A \cos(\omega t + \phi)(n_1^a + n_1^f)$$

- Tunneling processes are suppressed by large interaction U
- High frequency driving with $\omega \sim U$ restore the tunnelings, that acquire a density dependence

$$H_{eff} = -J_a \tau^z (a_2^\dagger a_1 + h.c.) - J_f \tau^x$$

$$\tau^z = n_2^f - n_1^f \quad \tau^x = f_2^\dagger f_1 + f_1^\dagger f_2$$

matter (a-particles) gauge field (f-particles)

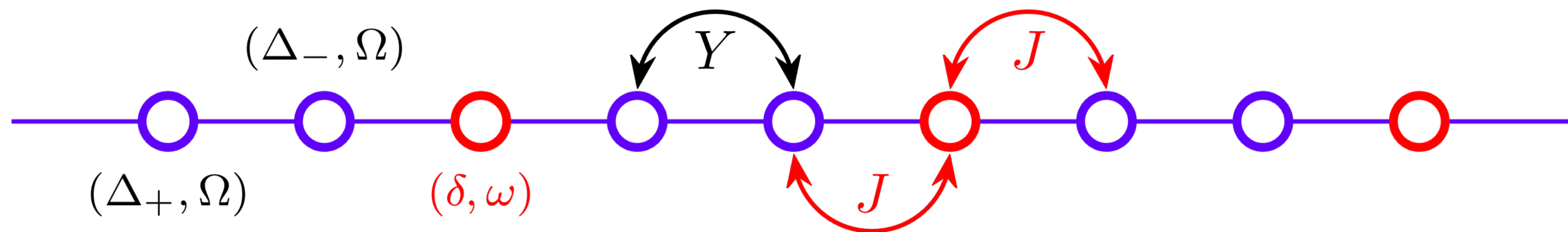


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Implementation: Rydberg atoms

$$H = \sum_j \left[J_j (\sigma_j^+ \sigma_{j+1}^- + h.c.) + \frac{\Omega_j}{2} \sigma_j^x + \frac{\Delta_j}{2} \sigma_j^z \right]$$



- Purple sites = matter sites: alternating detunings $\Delta_{\pm} = \Delta \pm m$ and Rabi frequency Ω
- Red sites = gauge field links: detuning δ and Rabi frequency ω
- In the limit of very large Δ and for $\delta = \frac{2J^2}{\Delta}$ we obtain an effective lattice gauge theory

$$H_{LGT} = \sum_j \left[\frac{\omega}{2} \tau_j^x + \frac{J\Omega}{2\Delta} (s_j^z + \gamma_{j+1}^z) \tau_j^x + \frac{m}{2} (\gamma_j^z - s_j^z) + Y (\gamma_j^+ s_j^- + h.c.) - \frac{J^2}{\Delta} (s_j^+ \tau_j^z \gamma_{j+1}^- + h.c.) \right]$$

$\gamma_j, s_j \rightarrow$ matter variables

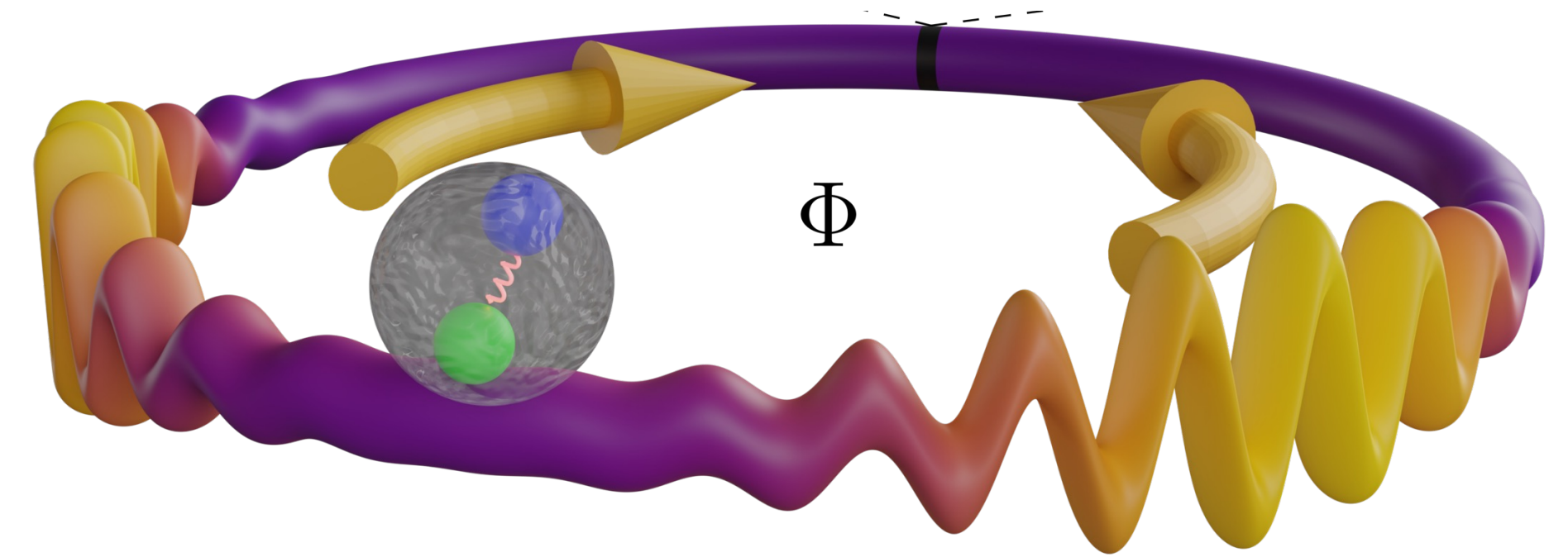
$\tau_j \rightarrow$ gauge variables

Meson on a ring

$$\psi_E(s, r) = \mathcal{N} e^{iKs} \phi_E(K, r)$$

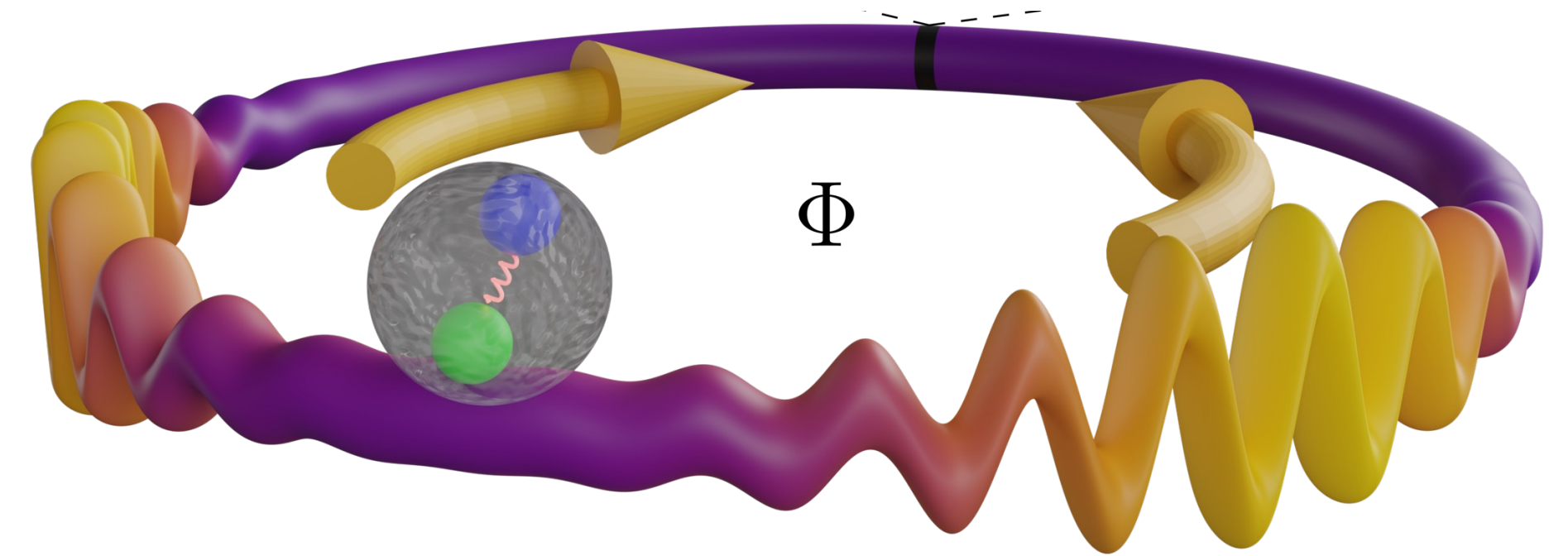
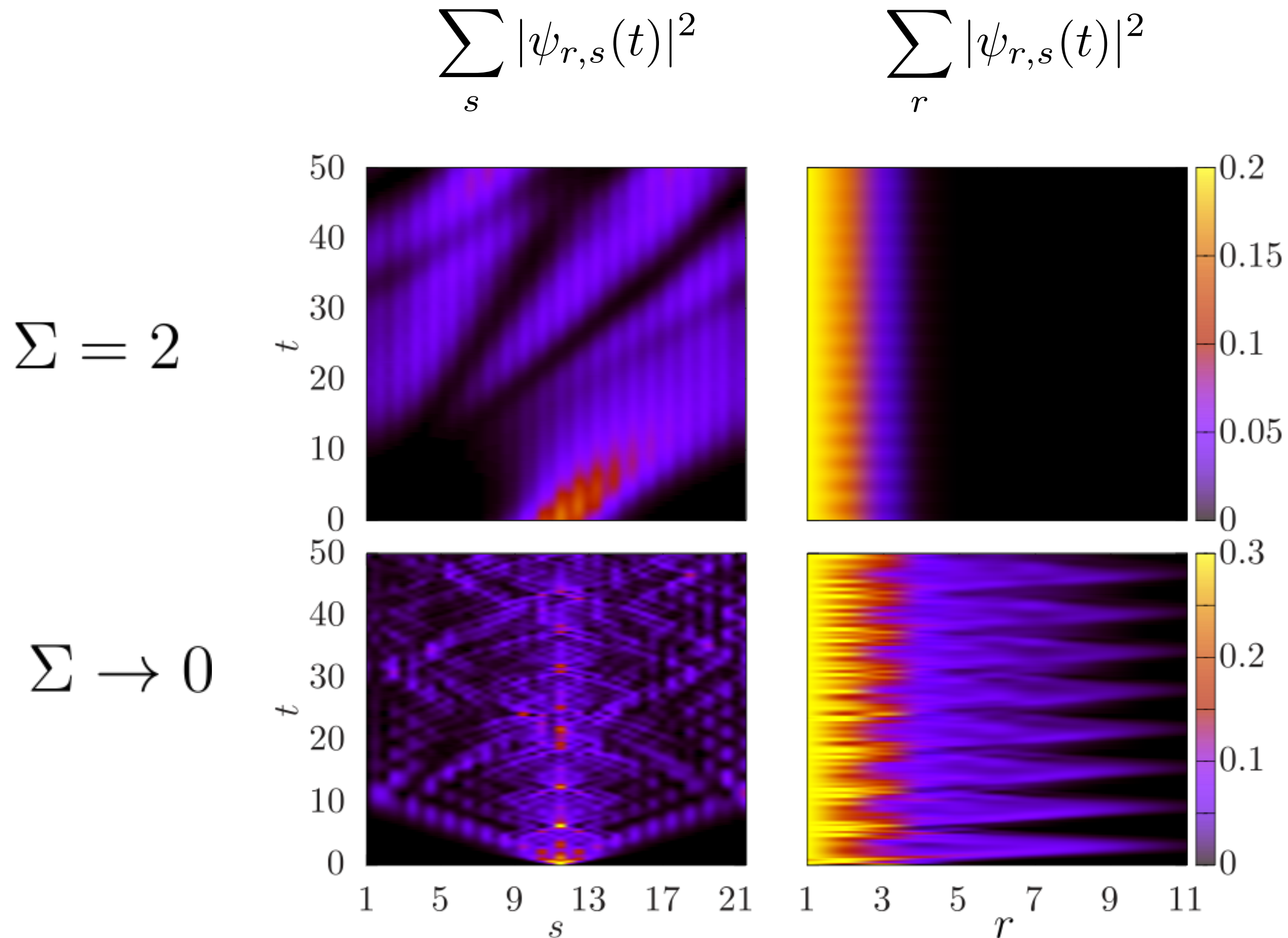
$$\phi_E(K, r) = \frac{\mathcal{J}_{E/\tau-r} [w(K, \Phi)]}{\mathcal{J}_{E/\tau} [w(K, \Phi)]} - \frac{\mathcal{Y}_{E/\tau-r} [w(K, \Phi)]}{\mathcal{Y}_{E/\tau} [w(K, \Phi)]}$$

$$w(K, \Phi) = 2w \cos \left(\frac{K}{2} + \frac{2\pi\Phi}{L\Phi_0} \right), \quad K = \frac{2\pi}{L}n$$



As a lattice effect, coupling between center of mass and relative coordinate dynamics

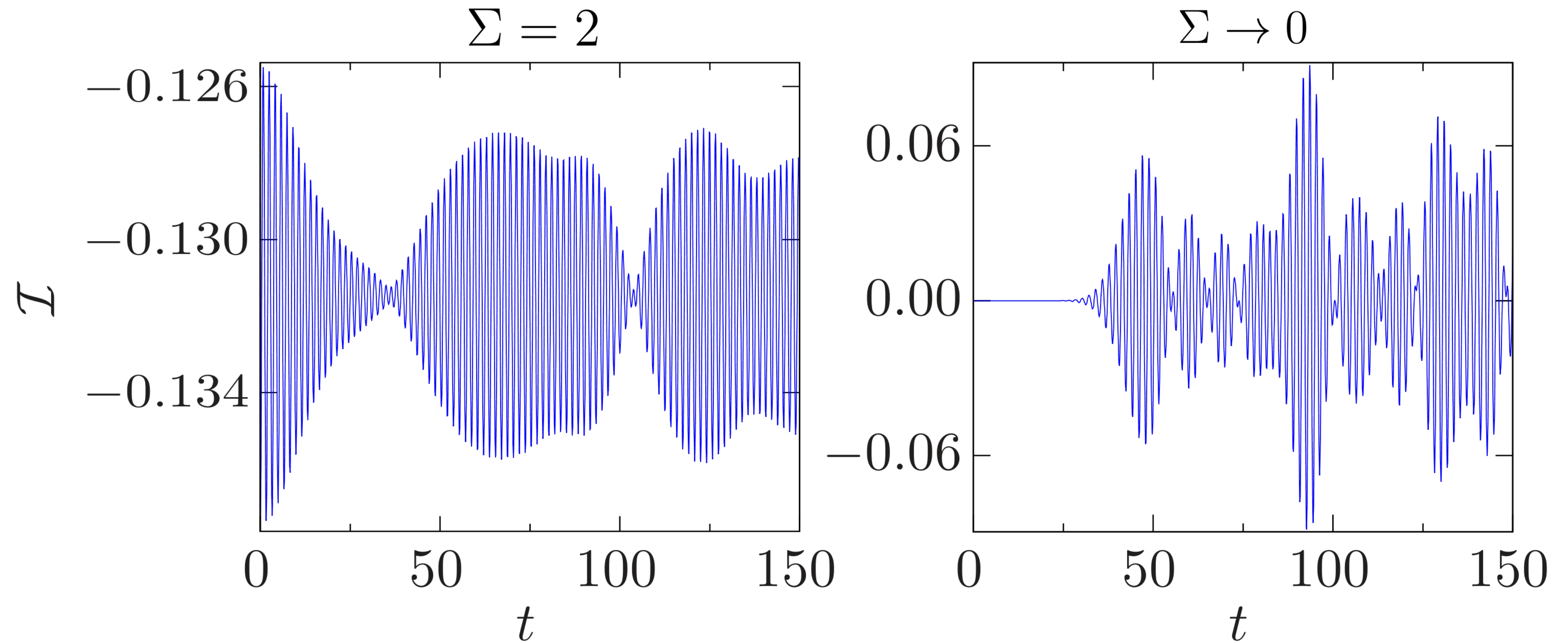
Quench dynamics: $\Phi = 0 \rightarrow \phi \neq 0$



$$\psi_{\Phi}^{\sigma}(t) = e^{-iH(\Phi)t} \psi_0^{\sigma}(t=0)$$

$$\psi_0^{\sigma}(t=0) = e^{-(s+L/2 \delta_{\sigma,\downarrow} - s_0)^2 / (2\Sigma)} \psi_{K=0,l=1}^{\sigma}(s, r)$$

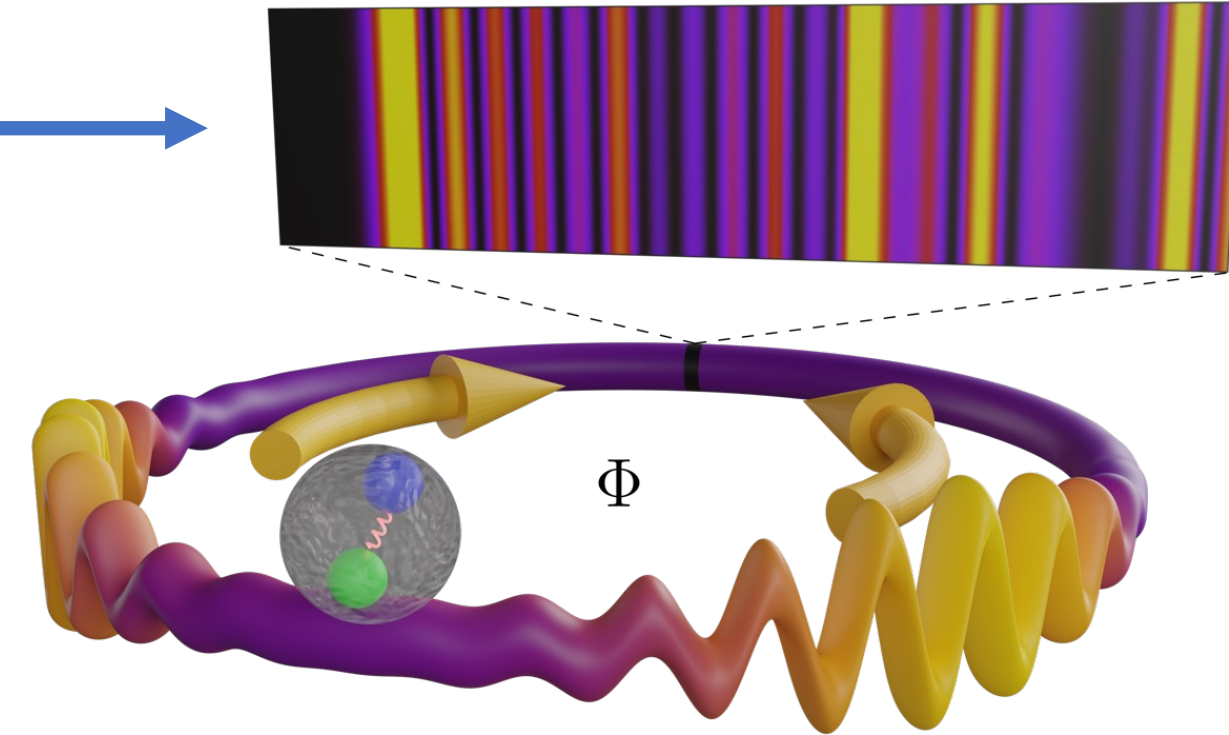
Quench dynamics: current



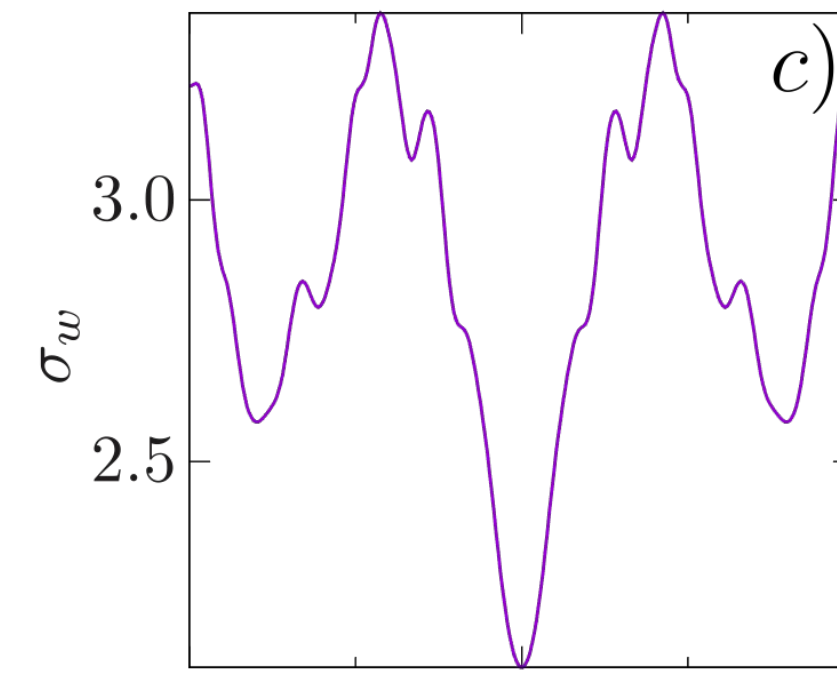
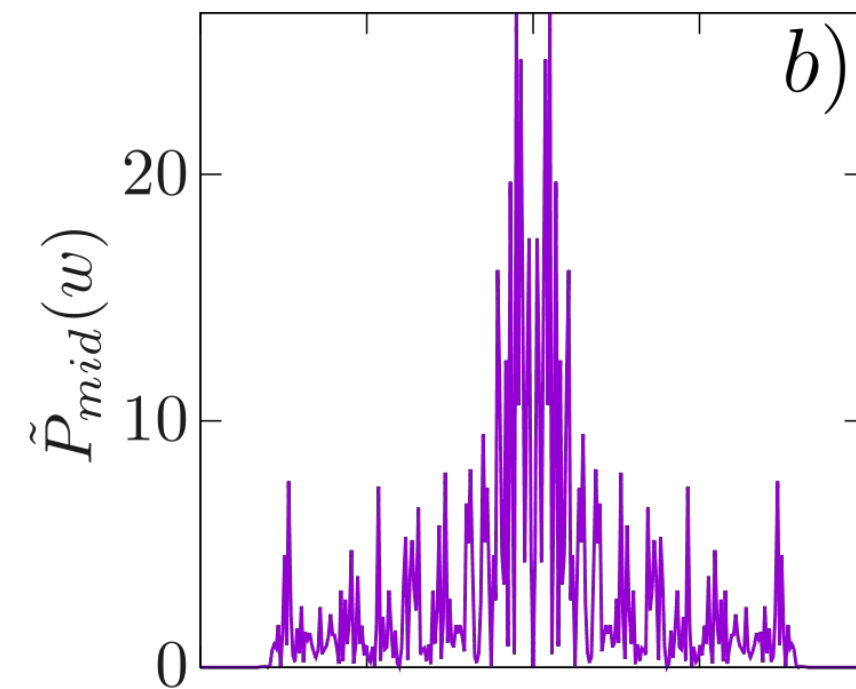
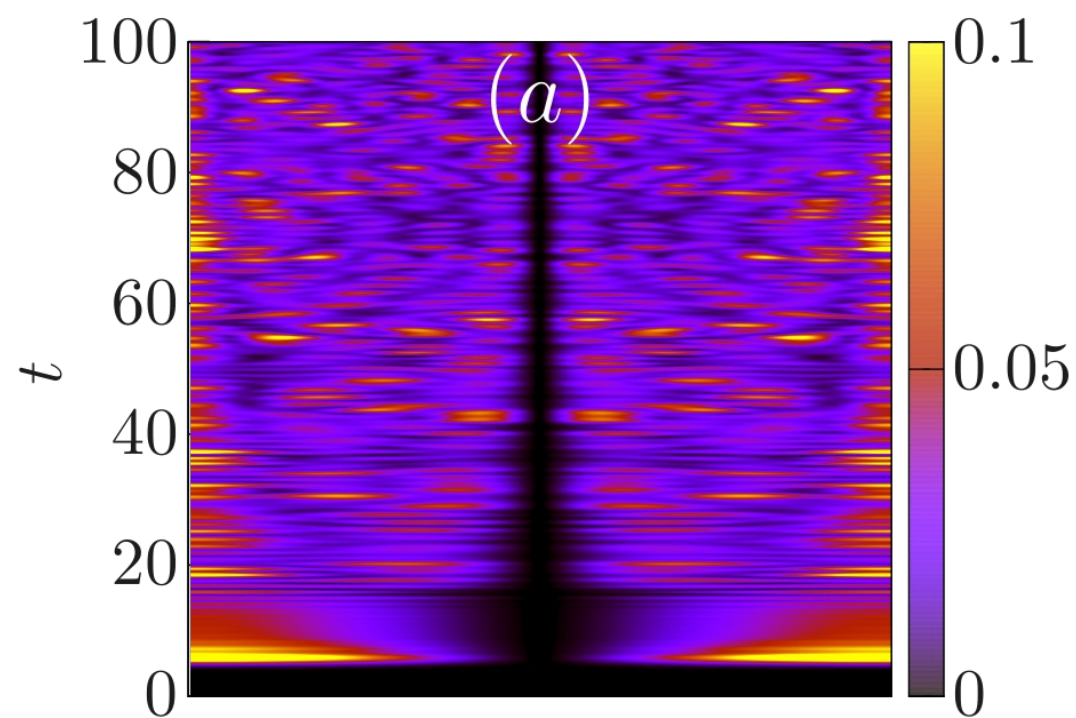
Quench dynamics: Aharonov-Bohm

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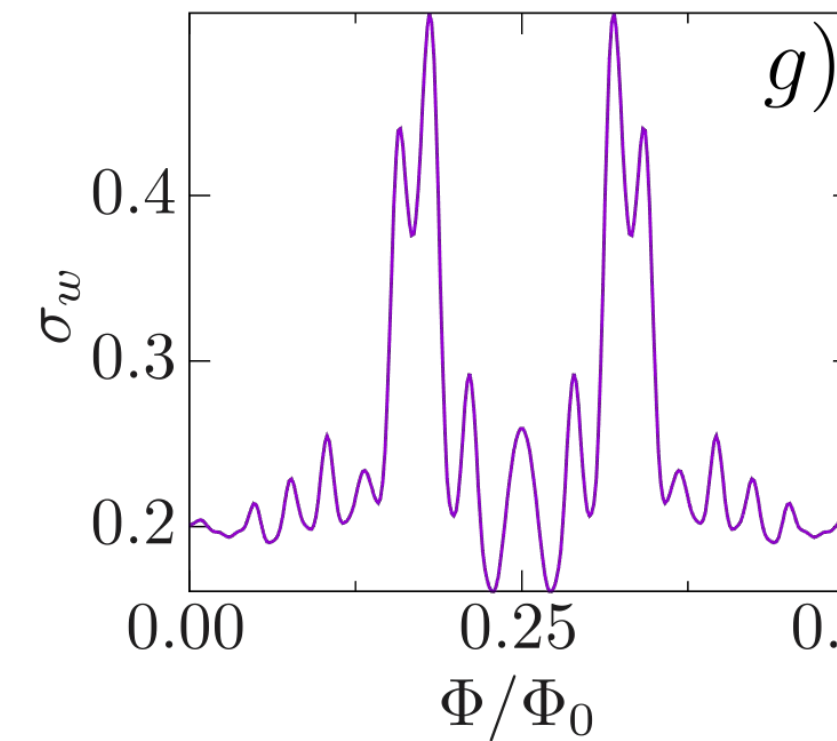
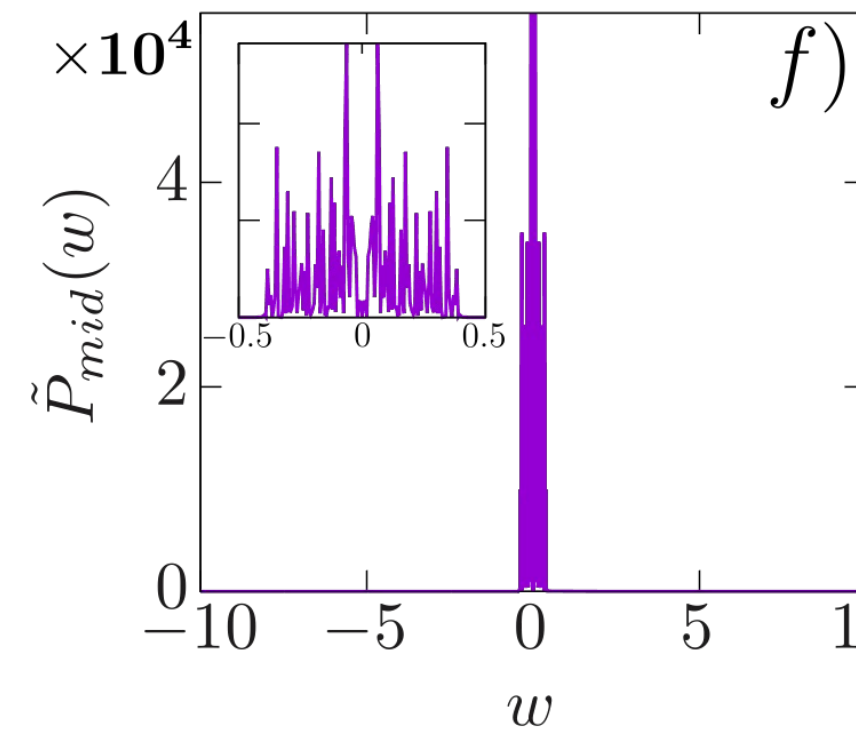
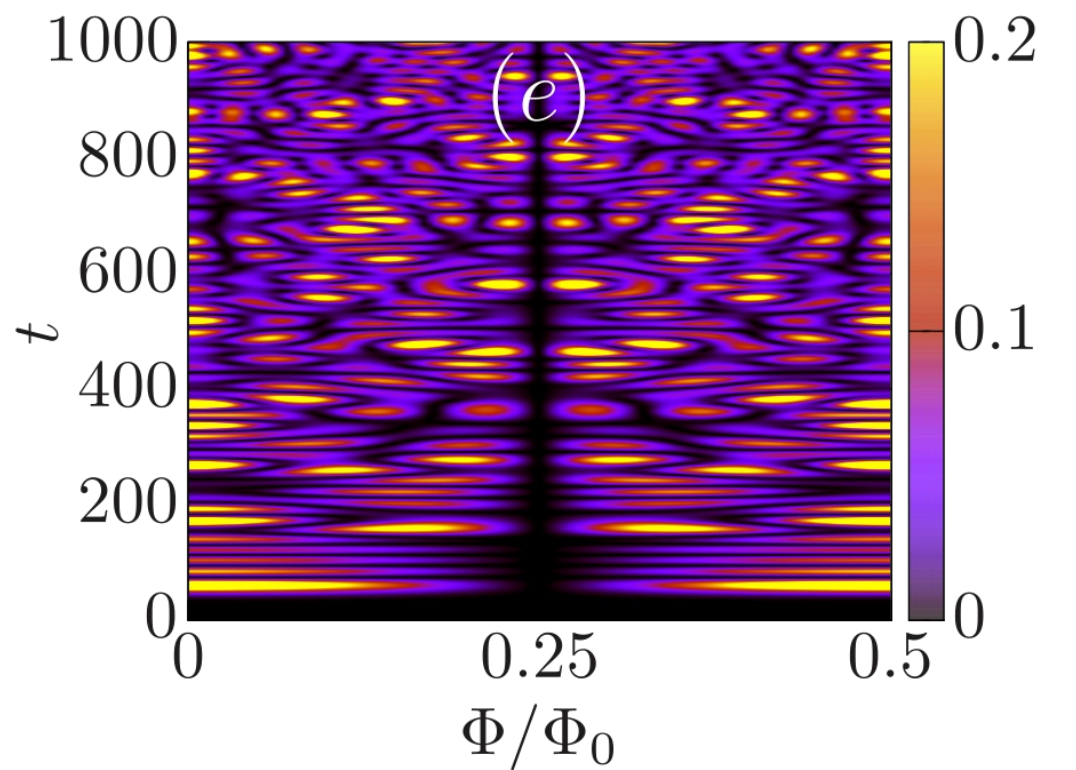
$$P(s_0 + L/2) = \sum_r |\psi(s_0 + L/2, r)|^2$$



$\tau = 0.1$



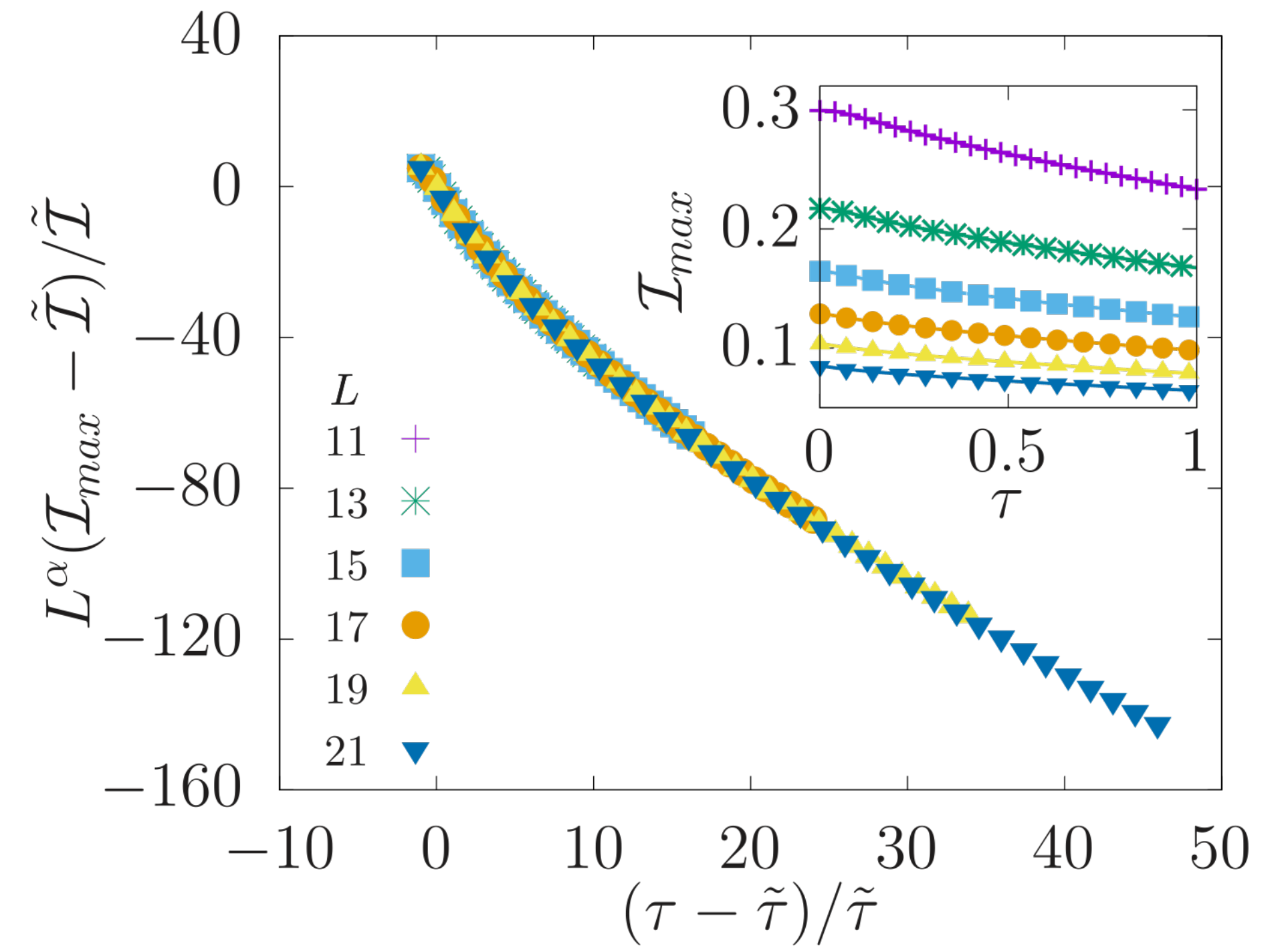
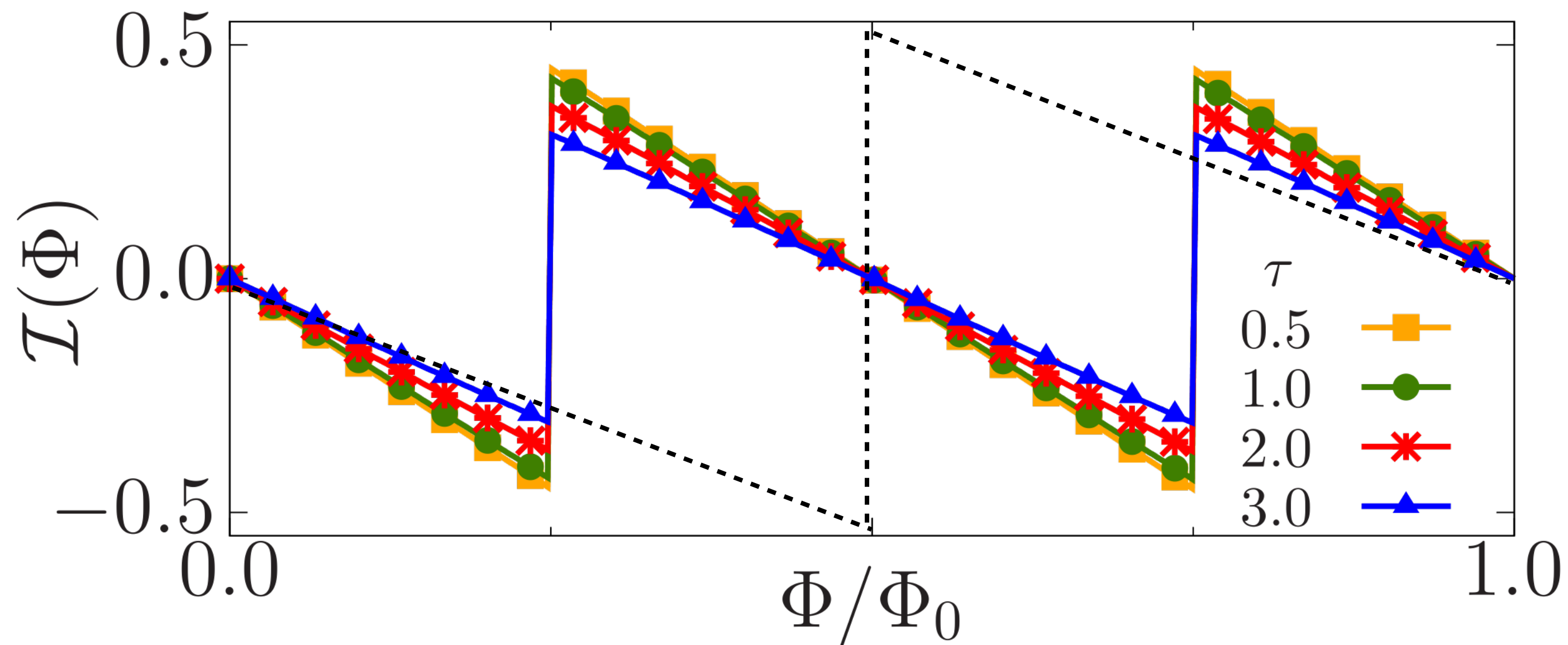
$\tau = 10$



The relative coordinate dynamics is coupled with the magnetic field!

Ground state current

$$\mathcal{I}(\Phi) = -i \frac{2\pi w}{L\Phi_0} \sum_j (e^{i\frac{2\pi}{L}\Phi/\Phi_0} c_j^\dagger \sigma_{j+\frac{1}{2}}^x c_{j+1} - h.c.)$$



Conclusions

- ◆ Atomtronics-enabled quantum simulation of lattice gauge theories: able to resolve features of the theory that are very hard (if not impossible) to access through particle accelerators.
 - The dynamics of the current reflects the coupling between the center of mass and the relative motion of confined particles
 - Mesoscopic properties of confined matter can be accessed through the meson current
 - Aharonov-Bohm oscillations