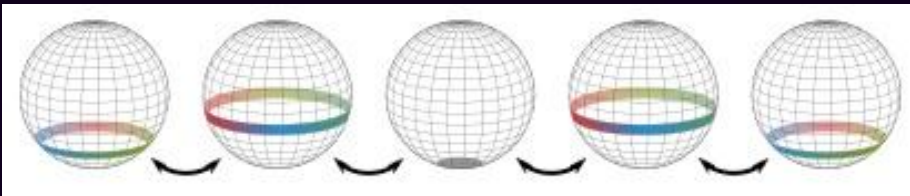
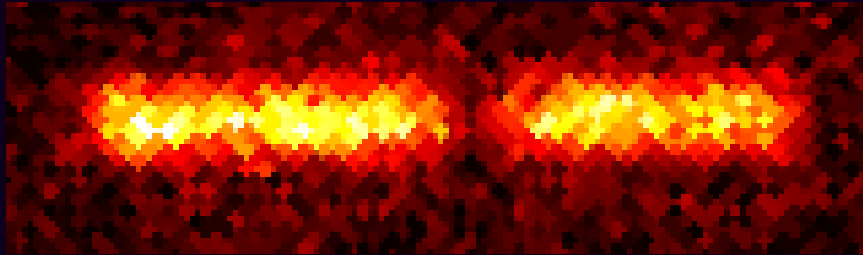


# Spin-Entanglement detection in Bose-Hubbard chains

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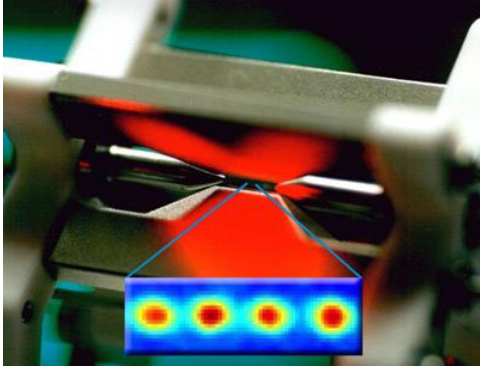
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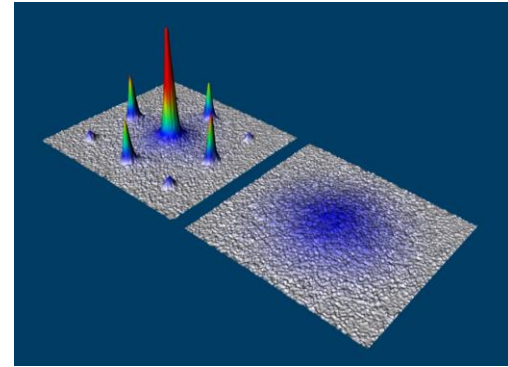
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Few-atom systems (e.g. ion chain)



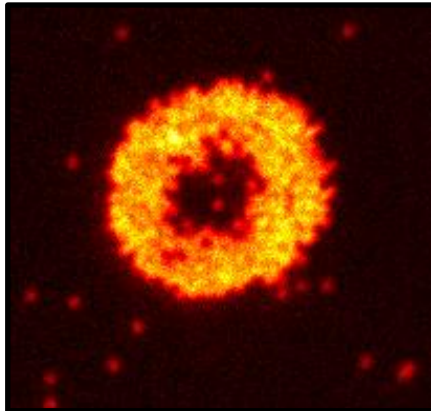
Coherent control over single particles

Many-body systems (e.g. ultracold atoms)



Large clouds of atoms in optical lattices

Single particle detection  
+ control in many-body systems



# Entanglement Detection

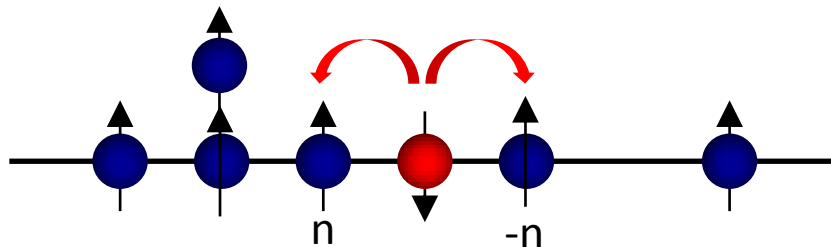
Can we probe entanglement in ultracold quantum gases in optical lattices?

## Ion traps:

- Entanglement detection well established in **spin chains** of  $\sim 15$  spins
- Quantum state reconstruction using local rotations

## Neutral atoms in optical lattices:

- So far, only global entanglement witnesses but no local detection
- Degrees of freedom:
  - Charge-degree of freedom (i.e., on-site occupation number)
  - Spin-degree of freedom (e.g., super-exchange)

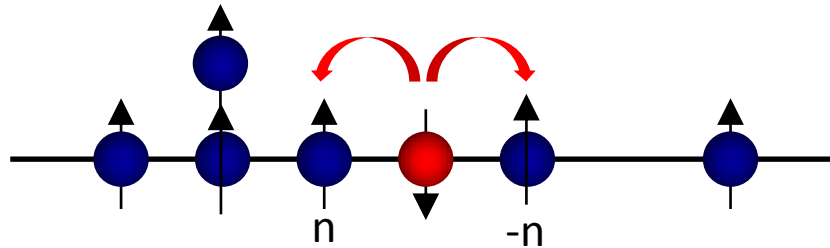


# Entanglement Detection

Can we probe entanglement in ultracold quantum gases in optical lattices?

**This talk:** Entanglement detection in a **Bose-Hubbard chain**

- Entanglement in **spin-degree of freedom**
- Entanglement in subsystems of **two lattice sites**
- Generation and spreading of entanglement
- What's the influence of particle number fluctuations?



# Outline

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I. Introduction to single-site imaging

II. Observables

III. Spin-Impurity dynamics

IV. Spin-Entanglement detection conceptually

V. Spin-Entanglement detection in practice

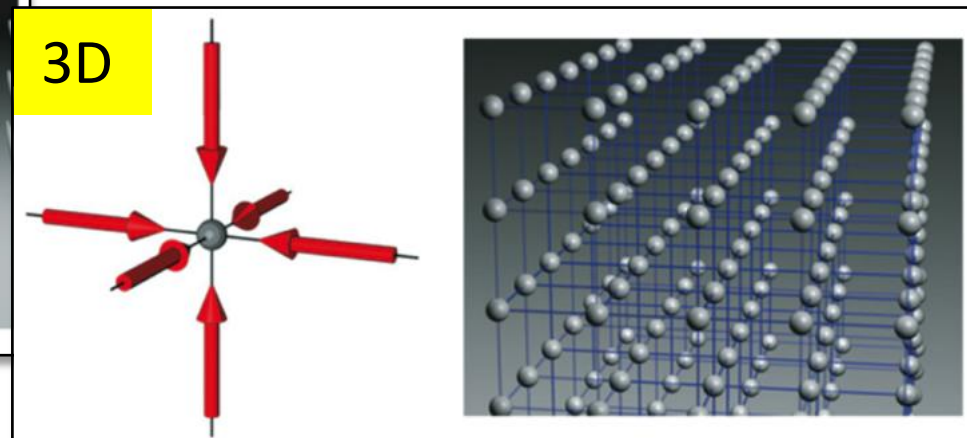
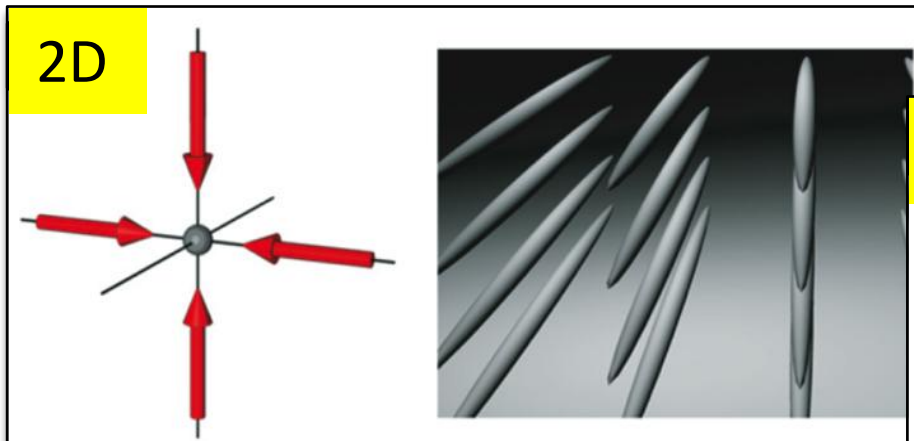
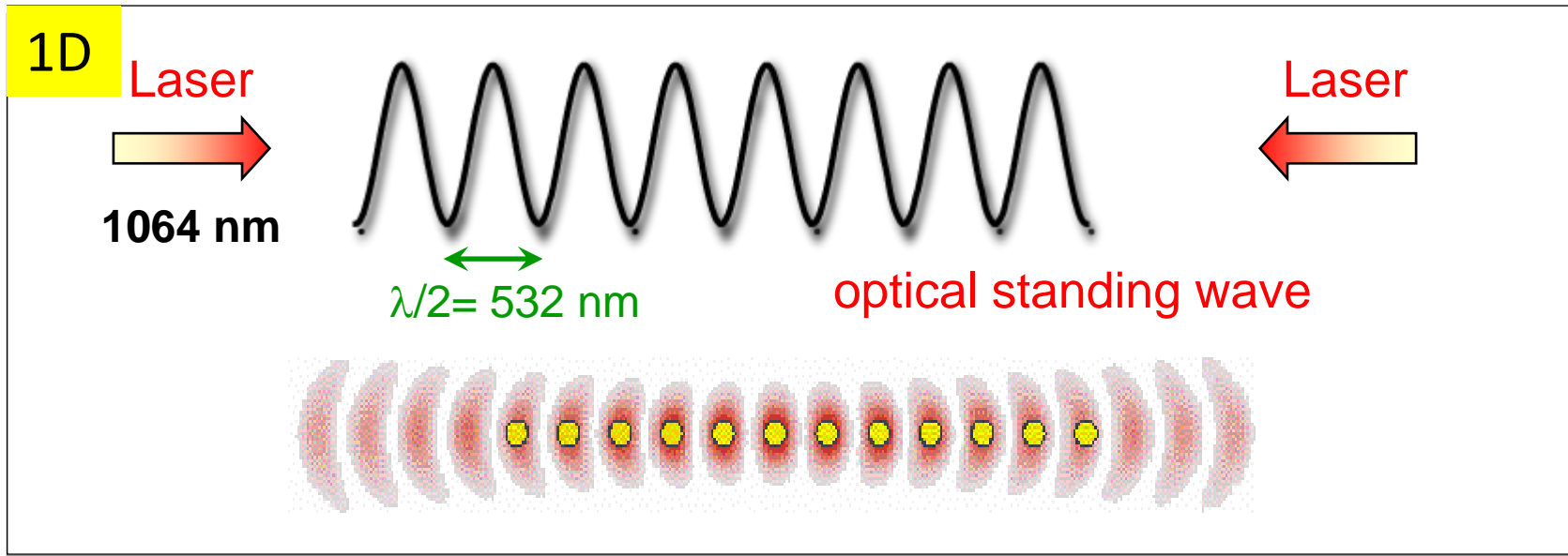
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Introduction to single-site imaging

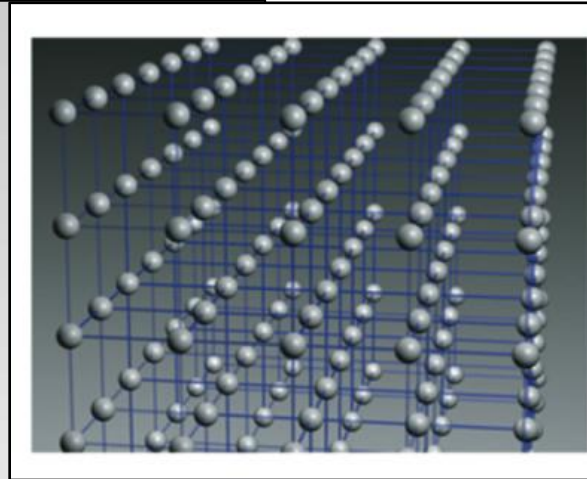
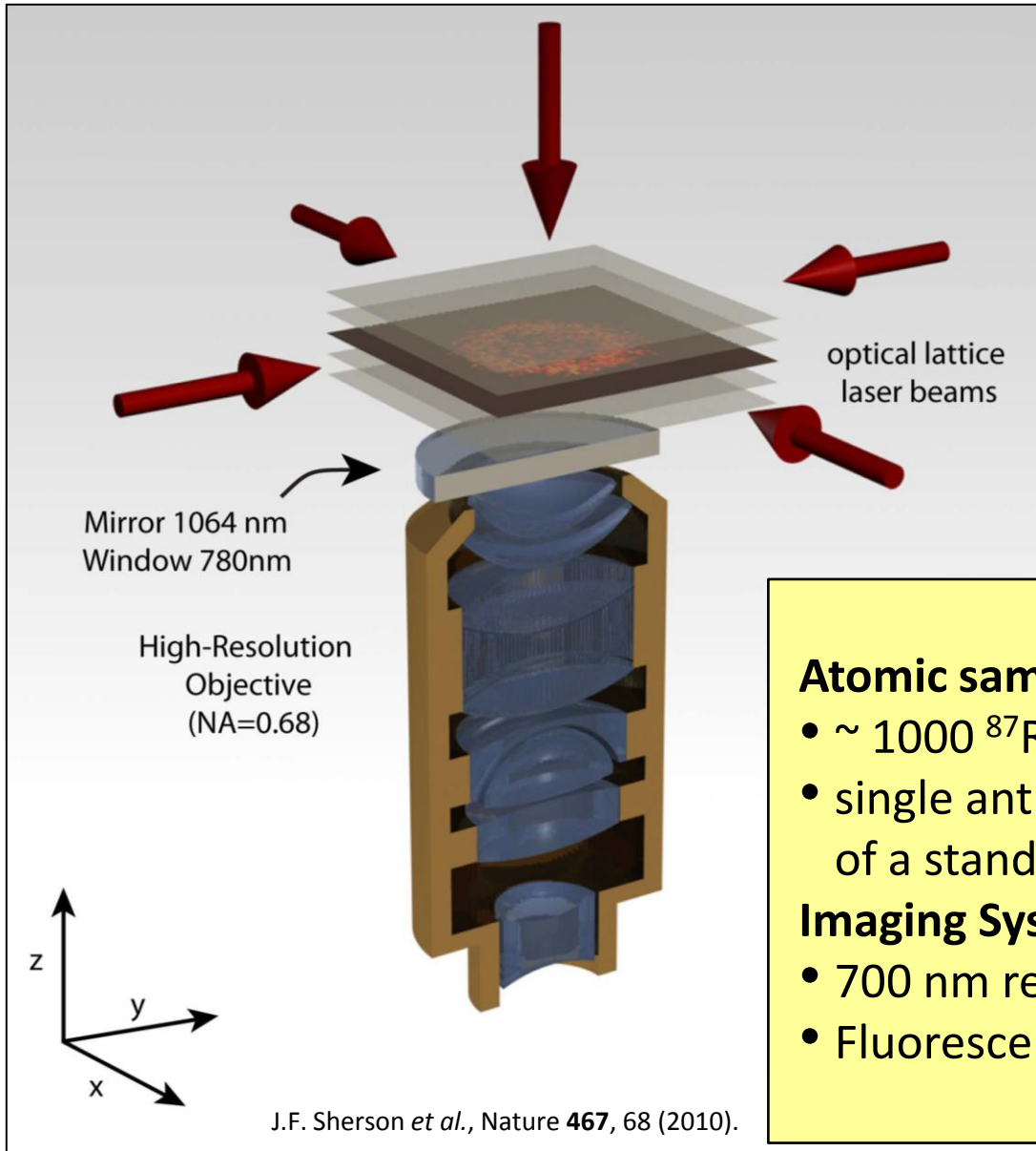
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# Optical lattices





# Experimental Setup



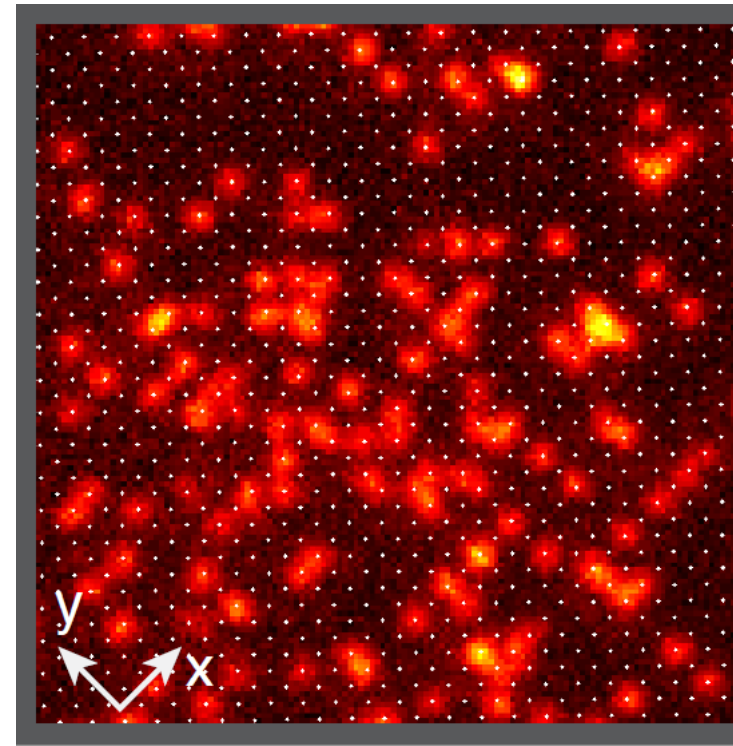
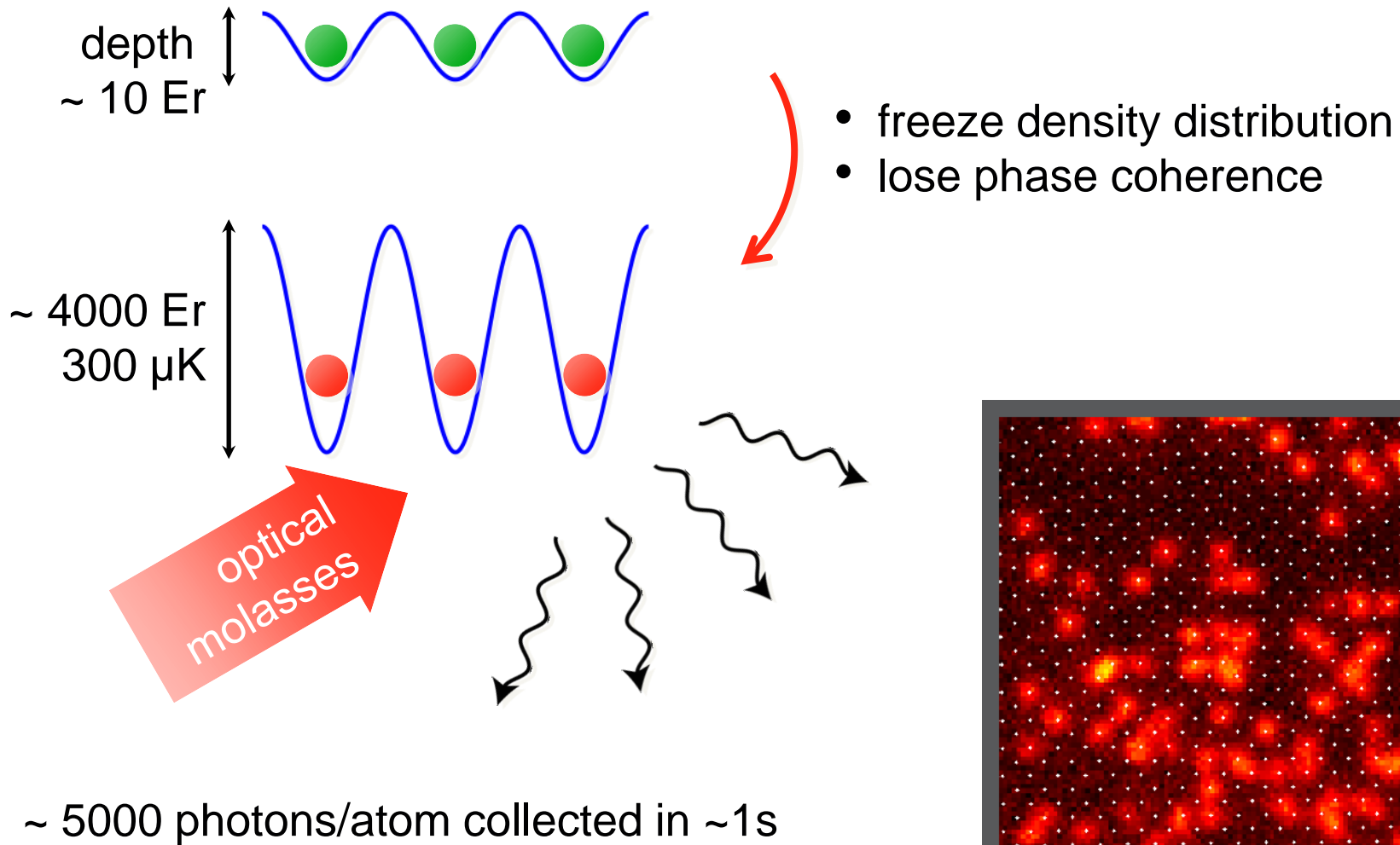
## Atomic sample:

- $\sim 1000$   $^{87}\text{Rb}$  atoms (bosons)
- single anti-node of a standing wave

## Imaging System:

- 700 nm resolution
- Fluorescence detection

# Fluorescence imaging



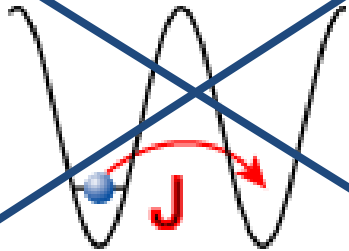
# Bose-Hubbard

## Bose-Hubbard Hamiltonian

Atomic  
Limit:

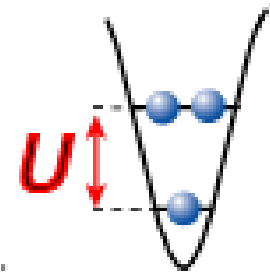
$$H = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_j + \sum_i \varepsilon_i \hat{n}_i + \frac{1}{2} U \sum_i \hat{n}_i (\hat{n}_i - 1)$$

~~Tunnelmatrix element~~



$$J/U \ll 1$$

Onsite interaction

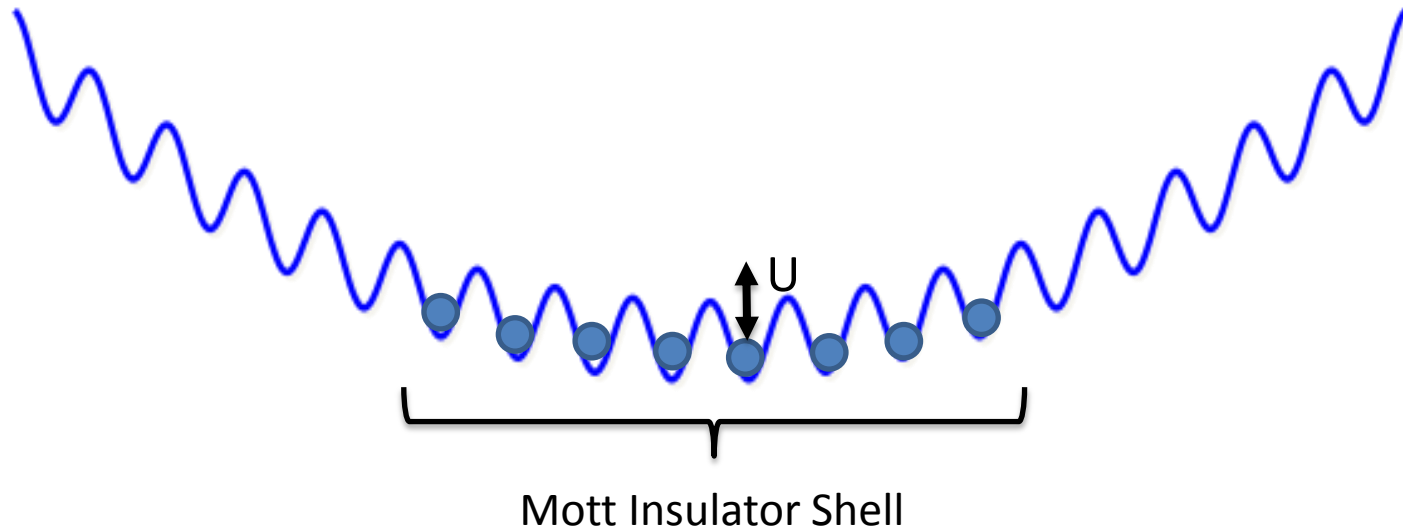


$\hat{a}_i^\dagger, \hat{a}_i$  : creation and annihilation operator for Boson on  $i^{\text{th}}$  lattice site

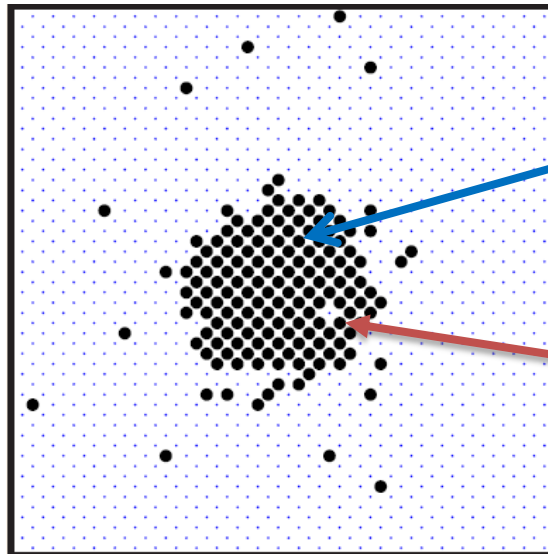
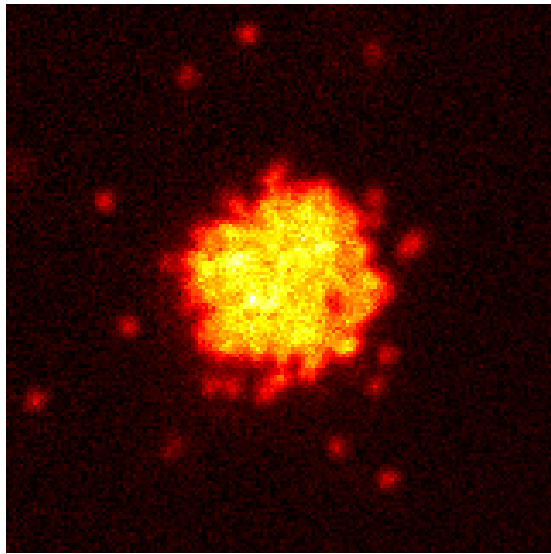
$\hat{n}_i$  : number operator

# Ground state atomic limit

$$H = \cancel{-J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_j} + \sum_i \varepsilon_i \hat{n}_i + \frac{1}{2} U \sum_i \hat{n}_i (\hat{n}_i - 1)$$



# Atomic Limit Mott Insulators



Almost defect free regions

Individual thermal excitation

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# II: Observables

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# Generic observable spinless

Pure state:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\{n_i\}} \alpha_{n_1, \dots, n_N} |n_1, \dots, n_N\rangle, \longrightarrow$$

Most general observable:

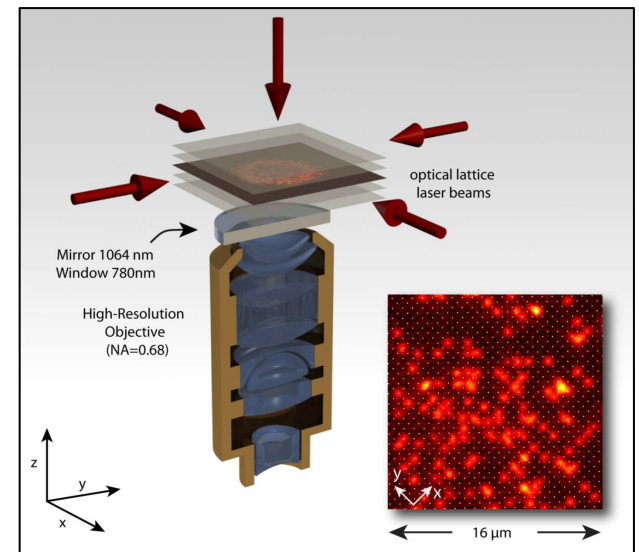
$$p(n_1, \dots, n_N) = |\alpha_{n_1, \dots, n_N}|^2$$

(includes all density-density correlations)

Mixed state:

$$\hat{\rho} = \sum_{\{n_i\}} |\alpha_{n_1, \dots, n_N}|^2 |n_1, \dots, n_N\rangle \langle n_1, \dots, n_N|$$

Measurement is limited to diagonal elements of the density operator in occupation number basis!



# Summary of experiments

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For entanglement detection we will need access to off-diagonal elements:

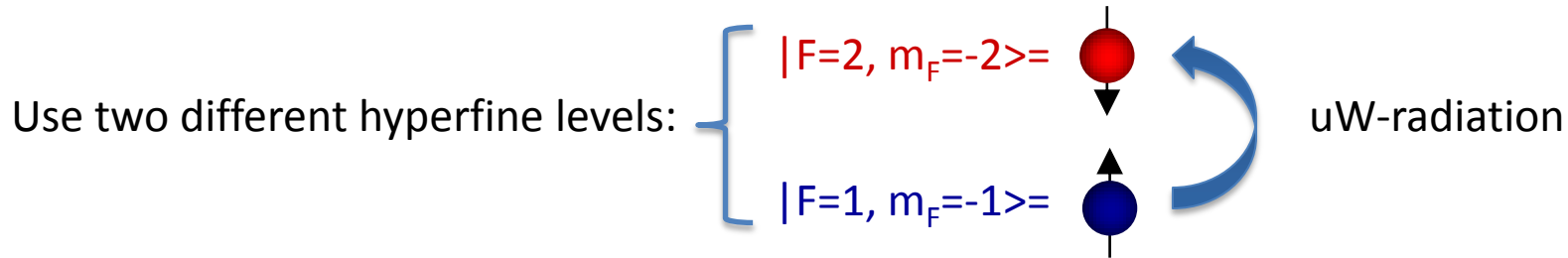
Option 1: off-diagonal with respect to **on-site occupation number**

Option 2: off-diagonal with respect to **spin state**

- Detection of various correlations functions in equilibrium across SF-Mott transition  
M. Endres *et al.*, Science **334**, 200 (2011)
- Light-cone-like spreading of correlations after quantum quench  
M. Cheneau *et al.*, Nature **481**, 484 (2012)
- Dynamical response close to SF-Mott in 2d: ‚Higgs amplitude mode‘  
M. Endres *et al.*, Nature **487**, 454 (2012)
- Spin-impurity dynamics  
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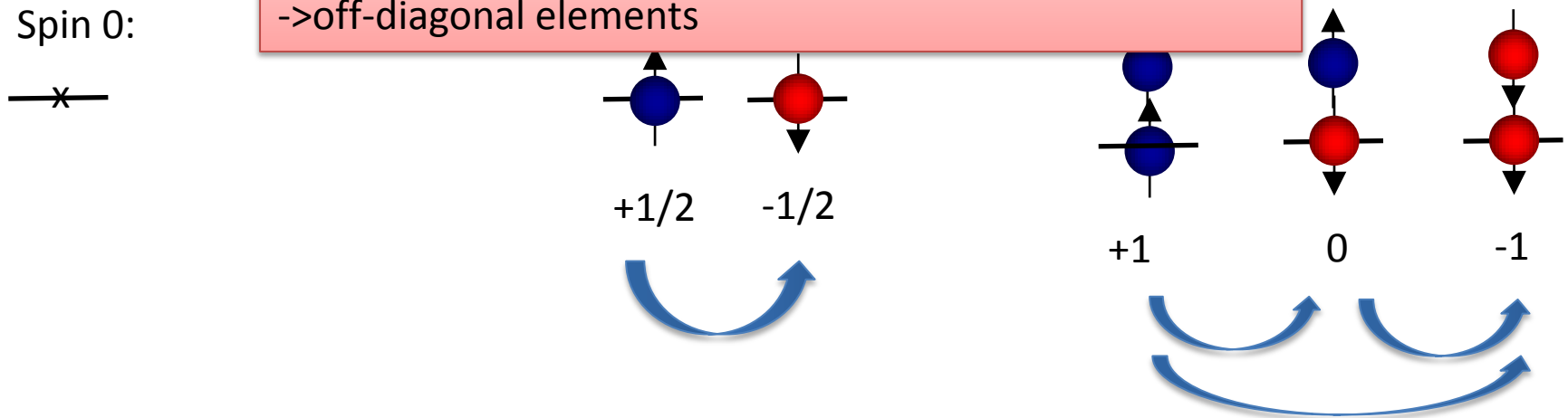


# Spin-Degree



Map difference

Spin degree realized with hyperfine levels.  
 Rotations in spin-space possible (at fixed local total spin)  
 -> apply rotation before imaging  
 -> off-diagonal elements

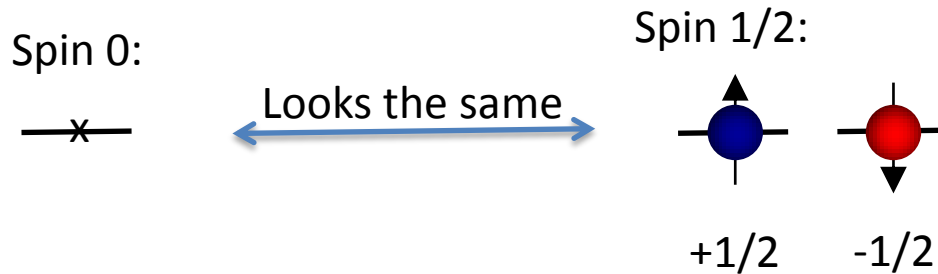


# Spin-Imaging

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Ideally we could image both states in one shot -> not possible

Eliminate one component with a 'push-out pulse':



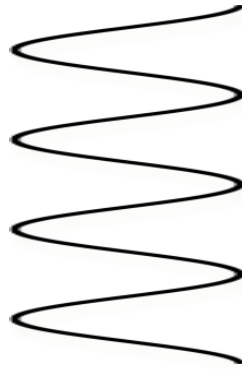
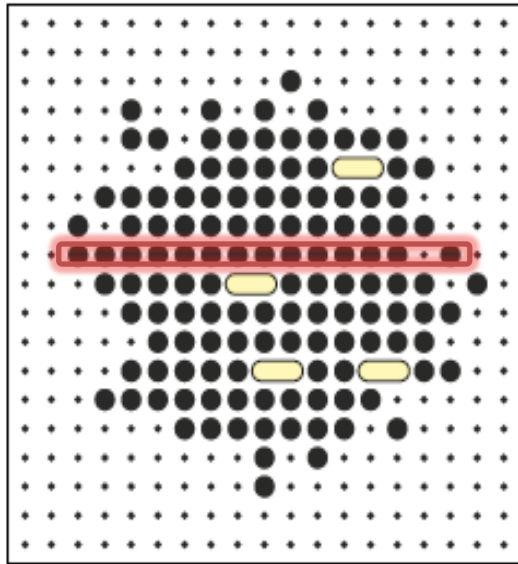
Spin resolved imaging possible  
but it cannot distinguish holes from one of the spin states

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# III: Single Spin-Impurity Dynamics in 1d

# 1d limit

How to get 1d systems?

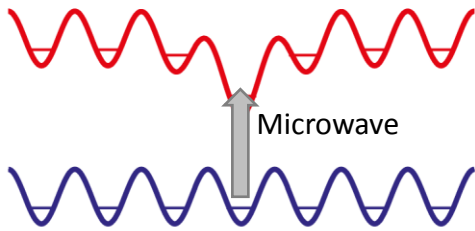
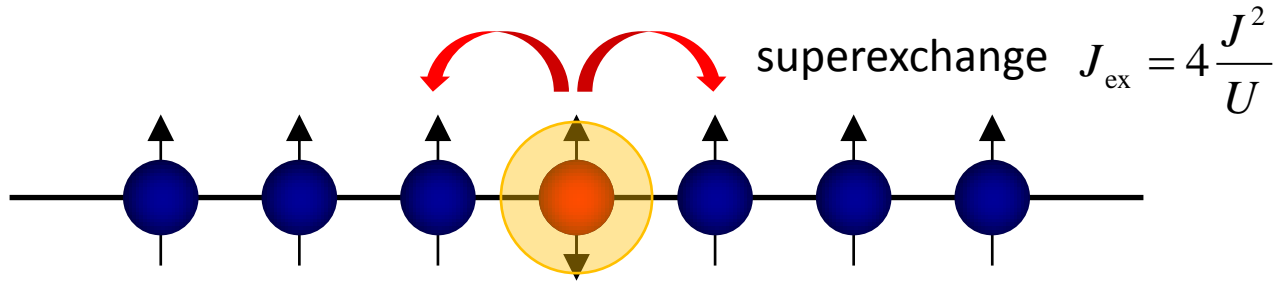


Keep one lattice axis deep  
->no dynamics



Lower other axis  
->dynamics

# Preparation of single spin impurity

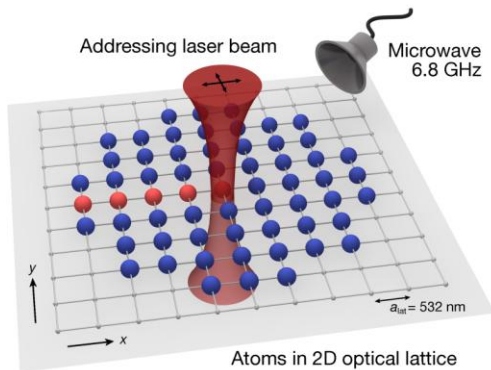


↓:  $|F=2, m_F=-2\rangle$

↑:  $|F=1, m_F=-1\rangle$

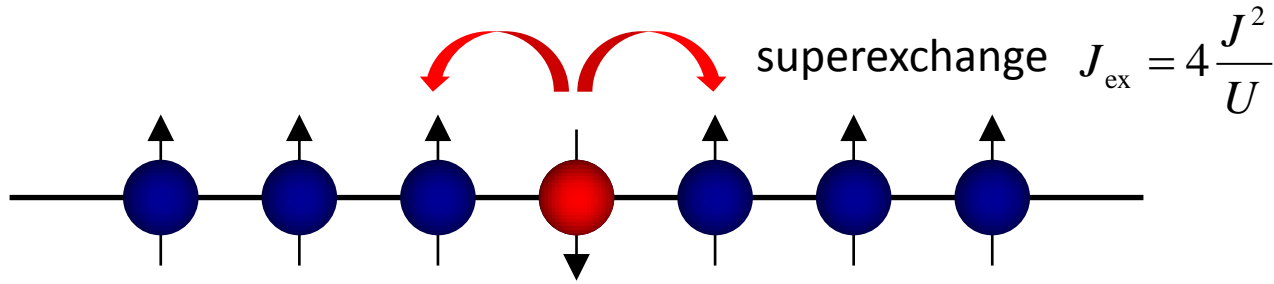
Single-spin addressing scheme

C. Weitenberg *et al.*, Nature **471**, 319 (2011)



Atoms in 2D optical lattice

# Spin impurity dynamics



Heisenberg Hamiltonian ( $U \gg J$ ):

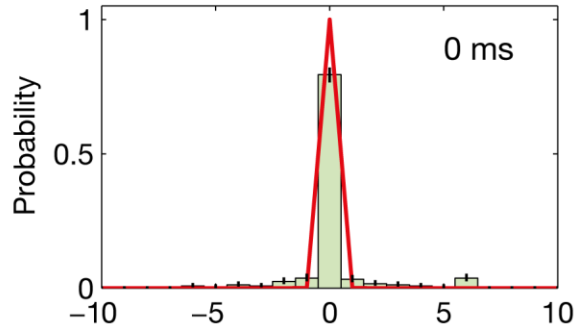
$$\hat{H} = -J_{\text{ex}} \sum_{\langle j,k \rangle} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_j \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_k$$

$$= -\frac{J_{\text{ex}}}{2} \sum_{\langle j,k \rangle} \left( \hat{S}_j^+ \hat{S}_k^- + \hat{S}_j^- \hat{S}_k^+ \right) - J_{\text{ex}} \sum_{\langle j,k \rangle} \hat{S}_j^z \hat{S}_k^z$$

Free propagation

Spin attraction

# Coherent quantum dynamics



$$V = 10 E_r$$
$$J_{\text{ex}}/\hbar = 65(1) \text{ Hz}$$

Observation of a spin wave consisting of only a single spin!

$$P_j(t) = \left[ \mathcal{J}_j \left( \frac{J_{\text{ex}} t}{\hbar} \right) \right]^2$$

$\mathcal{J}_j$ : Bessel function of the first kind

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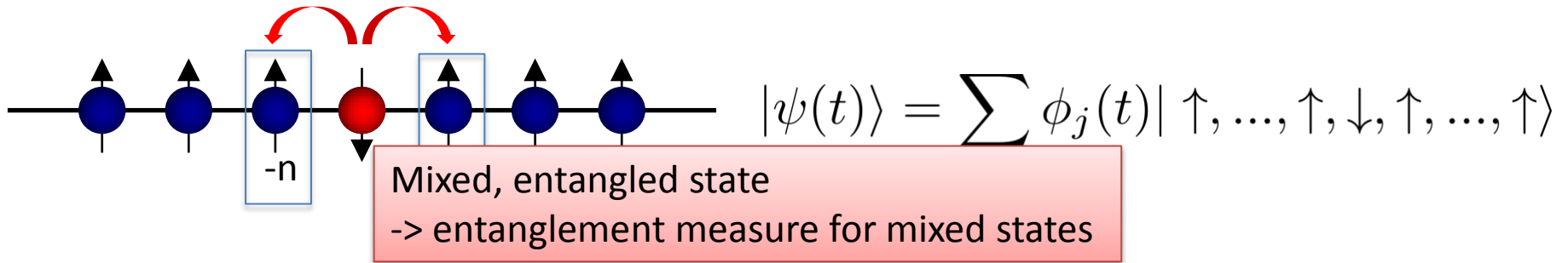
IV:  
Spin-Entanglement Detection  
Conceptually

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# Quantum state

Impurity is in superposition over several sites:



Pick two sites  $n$  and  $-n$  and look at reduced density operator:

$$\rho_{n,-n}(t) = 2|\phi_n|^2 |\Psi^+\rangle \langle \Psi^+|$$

Bell state  $|\Psi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow, \downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow, \uparrow\rangle)$

# Concurrence

- Entanglement measure: Concurrence  $C$

Can we circumvent a full state tomography?  
-> detect lower bound for concurrence

- Pure states:  $C(|\psi_{1,2}\rangle) = \sqrt{2(\langle\psi_{1,2}|\psi_{1,2}\rangle - \text{Tr}(\rho_1^2))}$ ,

- Mixed states:  $C(\hat{\rho}_{1,2}) = \inf \sum_i p_i C(|\phi_i\rangle) \quad \hat{\rho}_{1,2} = \sum_i p_i |\phi_i\rangle\langle\phi_i|$

- Can be analytically calculated for two spins if density matrix is completely known

# Concurrence from X-Matrix

- Concurrence is bounded by concurrence of X-Matrix part:

$$\hat{\rho}_{A,B} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} P_{\uparrow,\uparrow} & 0 & 0 & \rho_{\uparrow\uparrow} \\ \rho_{\uparrow\uparrow}^* & 0 & 0 & P_{\downarrow,\downarrow} \end{pmatrix}$$

Experimentally detect lower bound for two-site concurrence using diagonal elements and only one off-diagonal element

$$\mathbf{C}(\hat{X}) \leq \mathbf{C}(\hat{\rho}_{A,B})$$

- Concurrence of X-Matrix part:

$$\mathbf{C}(\hat{X}) = 2 \max(0, |\rho_{\uparrow\uparrow}| - \sqrt{P_{\uparrow,\downarrow} P_{\downarrow,\uparrow}}, |\rho_{\uparrow\downarrow}| - \sqrt{P_{\uparrow,\uparrow} P_{\downarrow,\downarrow}})$$

# Lower bound for concurrence

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$$2(|\rho_{\uparrow,\downarrow}| - \sqrt{P_{\uparrow,\uparrow}P_{\downarrow,\downarrow}}) \leq \mathcal{C}(\hat{\rho}_{i,j})$$

Measure for coherent superposition

Measure for unintended double spin-preparation

How to measure the individual elements?


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V:  
Spin-Entanglement Detection in  
Practice

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# Coherence detection

- Let's neglect holes and doubly occupied sites for the moment

- Detection using push-out scheme: 

- Only use **probability that both sites are occupied after push-out pulse**  $P^{11}$

- Apply rotations on both sites **before push-out**:

1. No rotation:  $P^{11} = P_{\downarrow,\downarrow}$


2. Pi-rotation:  $P^{11} = P_{\uparrow,\uparrow}$


3. Pi/2-rotation:  $P_{\perp}^{11} = \frac{1}{2} \Re[\rho_{\uparrow,\downarrow}] + \frac{1}{4}$

$\longrightarrow (P_{\perp}^{11} - \frac{1}{4}) \leq \frac{1}{2} |\rho_{\uparrow,\downarrow}|$

# Lower bound for concurrence

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$$2(|\rho_{\uparrow,\downarrow}| - \sqrt{P_{\uparrow,\uparrow}P_{\downarrow,\downarrow}}) \leq \mathcal{C}(\hat{\rho}_{i,j}) \quad P_{\perp}^{11} - \frac{1}{4} \leq \frac{1}{2}|\rho_{\uparrow,\downarrow}|$$


$$2\left(2\left(P_{\perp}^{11} - \frac{1}{4}\right) - \sqrt{P_{\uparrow,\uparrow}P_{\downarrow,\downarrow}}\right) \leq \mathcal{C}(\hat{\rho}_{i,j})$$


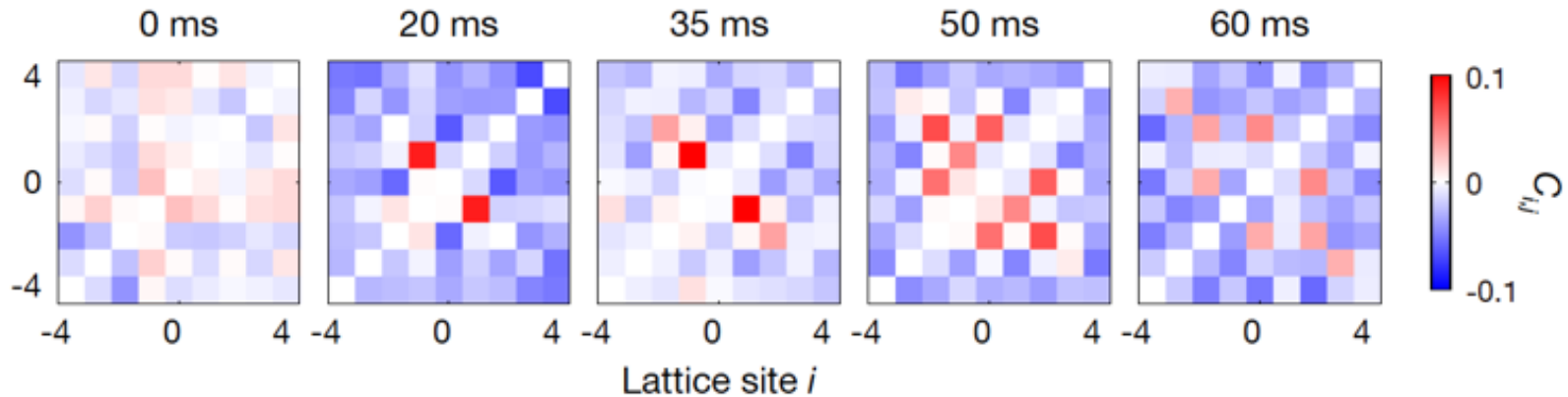
Transverse correlations:  $C_{i,j}$

$$C_{i,j} = \frac{1}{2}(\langle \hat{S}_i^x \hat{S}_j^x \rangle + \langle \hat{S}_i^y \hat{S}_j^y \rangle)$$

# Transverse correlation data

1st row:  $C_{i,j} = P_{i,j,\perp}^{1,1} - \frac{1}{4}$

2nd row:  $\tilde{C}_{i,j} = P_{i,j,\perp}^{11} - P_{i,\perp}^1 P_{j,\perp}^1$

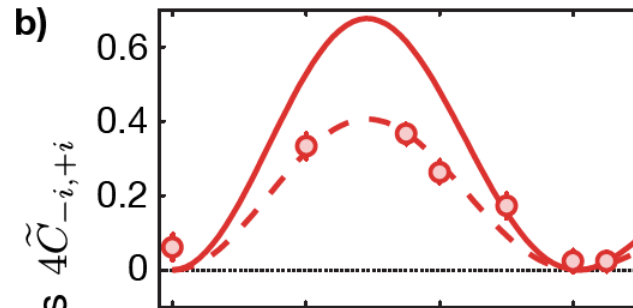




# Transverse correlation data

Transverse correlations reduced due to number fluctuations

$$\tilde{C}_{i,j} = P_{i,j,\perp}^{11} - P_{i,\perp}^1 P_{j,\perp}^1$$



For sites  
-1 and 1

Transverse correlations  $4\tilde{C}_{-i,+i}$

0 20 40 60  
Evolution time (ms)

# Concurrence bound

$$2(|\rho_{\uparrow,\downarrow}| - \sqrt{P_{\uparrow,\uparrow}P_{\downarrow,\downarrow}}) \leq \mathcal{C}(\hat{\rho}_{i,j})$$

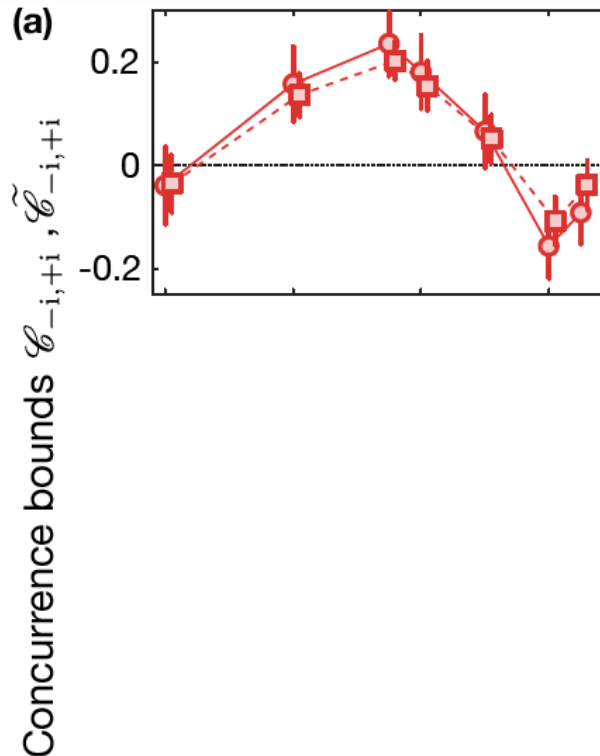
Entanglement spreading observed up to 7 sites distance

Solid: using

$$C_{i,j} = P_{i,j,\perp}^{1,1} - \frac{1}{4}$$

Dashed: using

$$\tilde{C}_{i,j} = P_{i,j,\perp}^{11} - P_{i,\perp}^1 P_{j,\perp}^1$$



For sites  
-1 and 1

Evolution time (ms)

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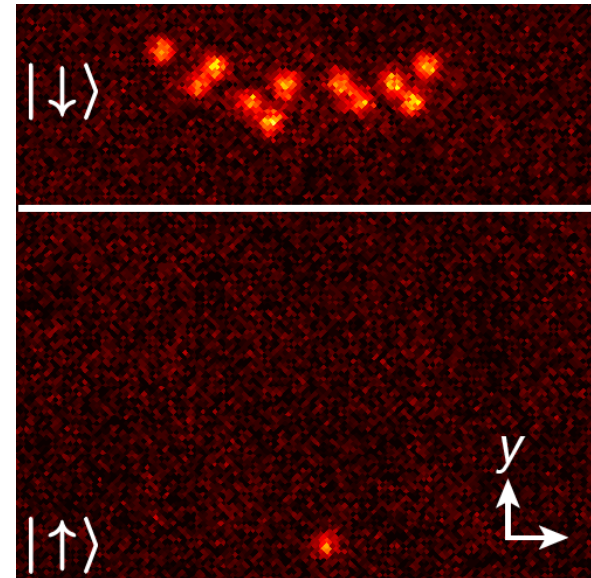
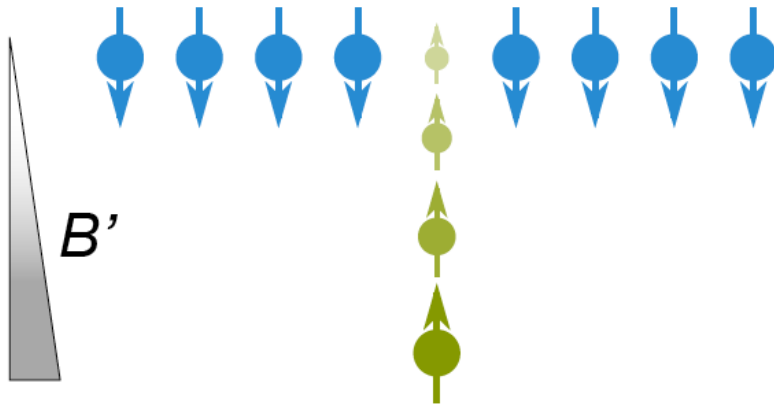
VI:  
Influence of holes: In-situ Stern  
Gerlach

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# In-situ Stern-Gerlach

Influence of holes hard to access using current imaging technique

In-situ Stern-Gerlach imaging with full spatial resolution  
-> On-site occupation number and spin at once!

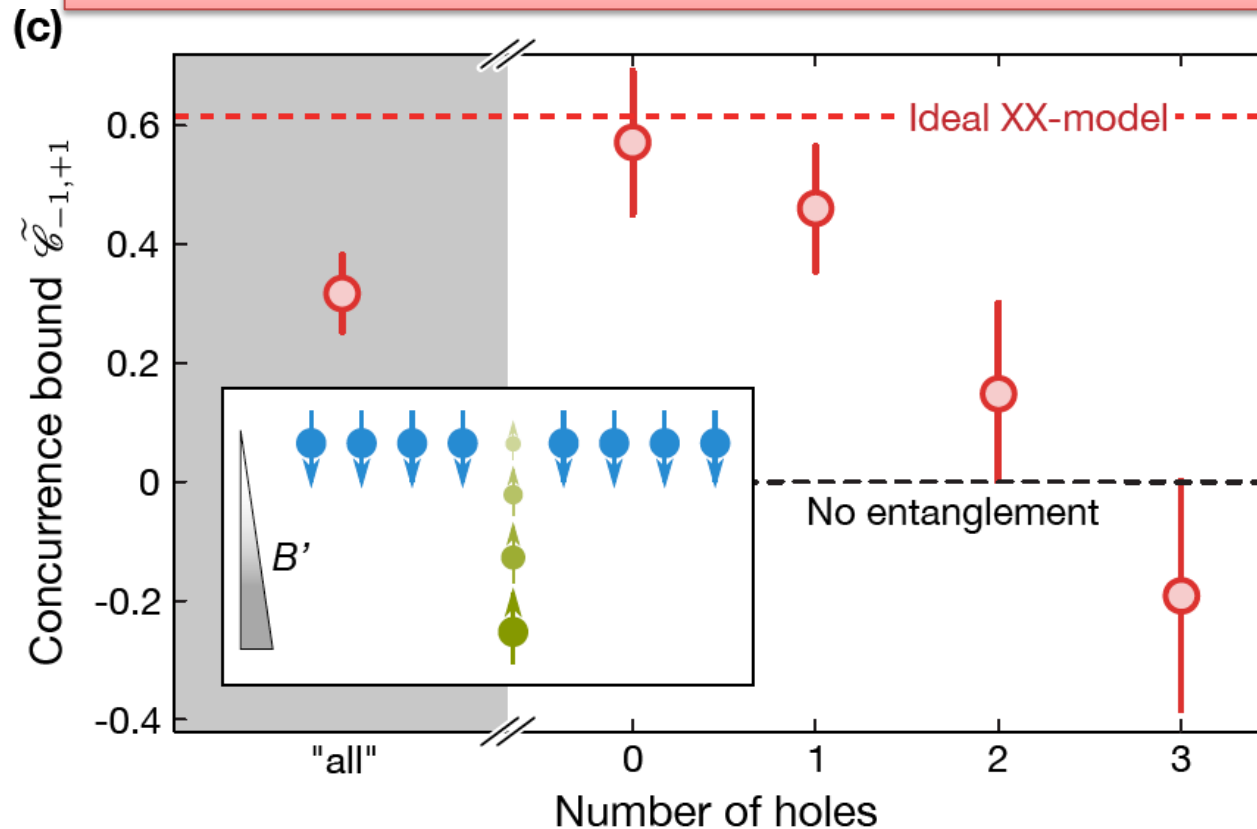


# Influence of holes

How does the entanglement evolution depend on the number of holes in the chain?

-> Post-selection of entanglement data on number of holes!

Holes have a strong influence on Spin-Entanglement dynamics



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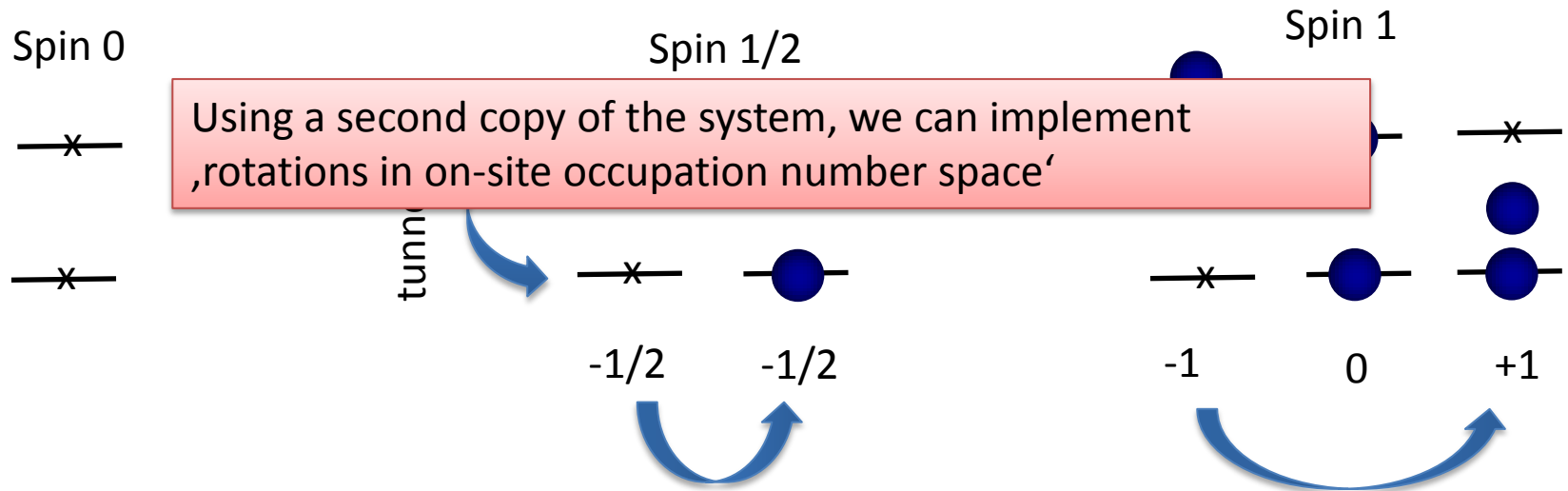
# Outlook

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# Particle-number Entanglement

Can we detect entanglement in the on-site occupation number in a similar way?

Problem: no local rotations possible

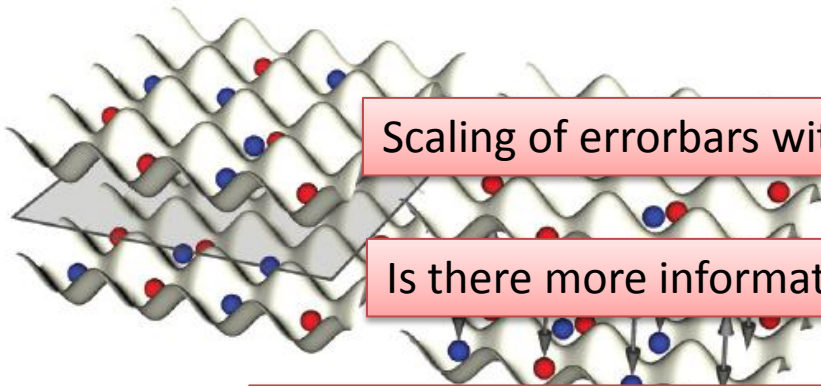


# General entanglement detection

Zoller: Daley et. al, PRL **109**, 020505 (2012), Pichler et. al, New J. Phys. **15** 063003 (2013)

Jacksch: Alves et. al, PRL **93**, 11 (2004)

Measurement of the purity  $tr(\hat{\rho}^2)$  of subsystems:



Scaling of errorbars with subsystem size?

Is there more information than the purity?

1. Create two copies of the system  
then

2. Count atoms in copy A and B

All possible subsystems

On-going work with Michael Knap:

Rényi entropy  
->Entanglement

- Off-diagonal correlation functions:  $\langle \delta \hat{n}_j \delta \hat{n}_k \rangle = 2 |\langle \hat{a}_j \hat{a}_k \rangle|^2$   
(similar to transverse correlations)
- Dynamical correlators (Green function like)

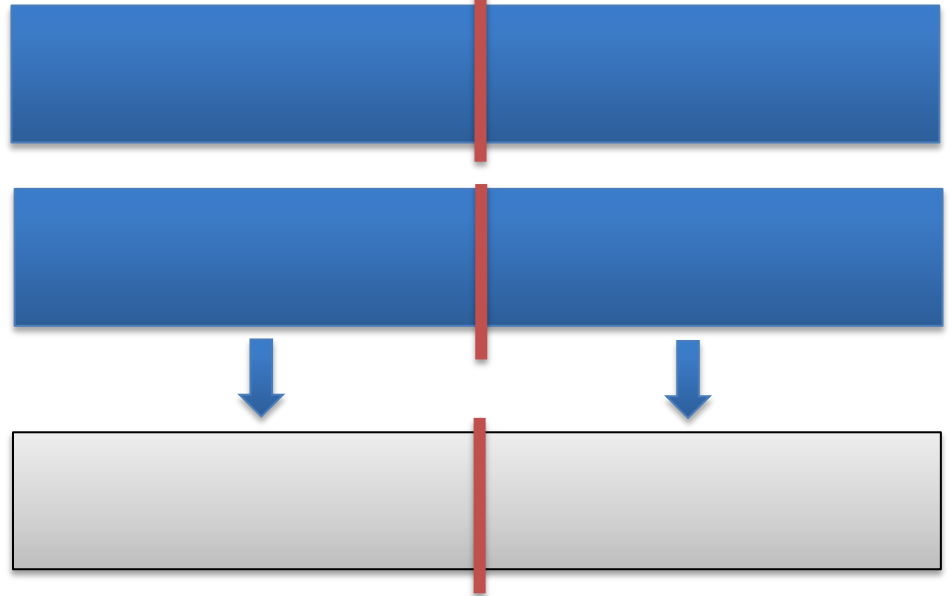
Related work: Abanin, Demler, PRL **109**, 020504 (2012)



# Naive entanglement detection

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System in pure state



1. Cut it in two

2. Let it equilibrate

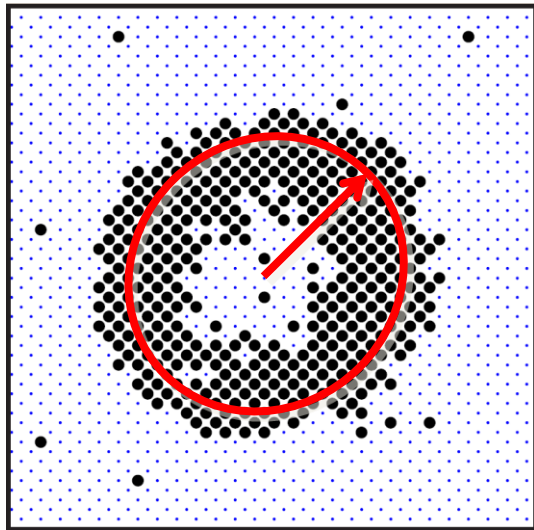
3. Adiabatic change of Hamiltonian  
in both subsystems to 'simple Hamiltonian'

'simple Hamiltonian' = diagonal in measurement basis

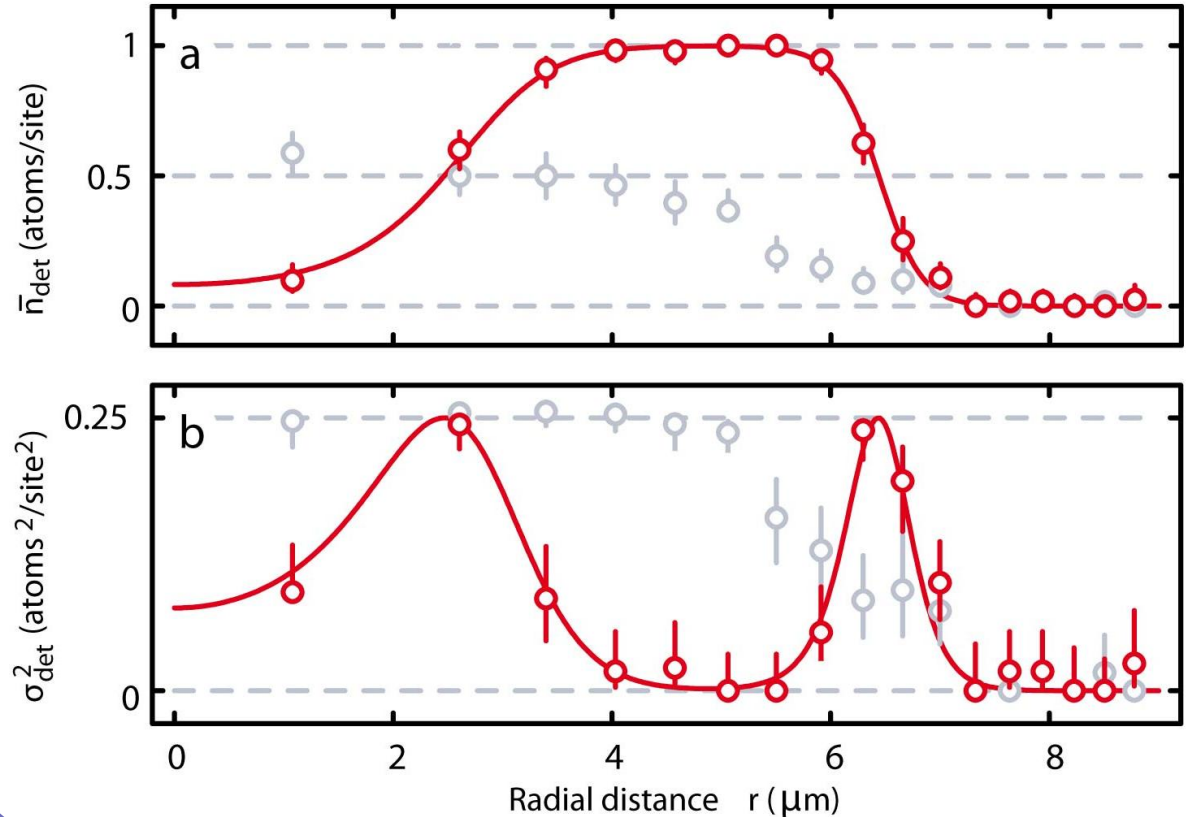
Equilibrium states will be diagonal in measurement basis

-> read off-entropy of subsystems

# Thermometry



$T = 0.074(5) U/k_B$



Single shot thermometry  
of MIs (atomic limit)

*zero-tunneling approximation*

$$P_r(n) = e^{\beta[\mu_{\text{loc}}(r)n - E_n]} / Z(r)$$

fit parameters:  $T/U$ ;  $\mu/U$ ;  $U/\omega^2$

# Summary

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Introduction to single-site resolved imaging in optical lattices

Observables

Thanks!

Spin-Entanglement detection during single Spin-Impurity dynamics

Influence of on-site particle number fluctuations on Spin-Entanglement dynamics

Generalization to entanglement detection in particle-number sector

L. Mazza, D. Rossini, R. Fazio, ME, **New J. Phys.** 17, 013015 (2015)  
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