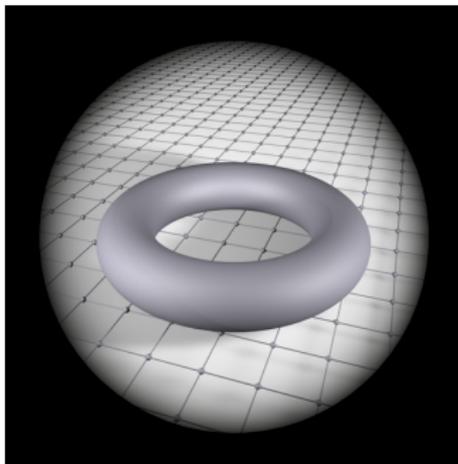


# Creating and Probing Topological Matter with Cold Atoms: From Shaken Lattices to Synthetic Dimensions

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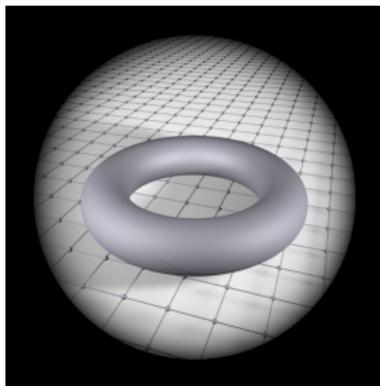
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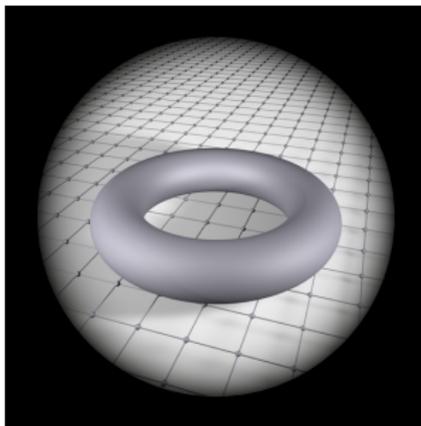
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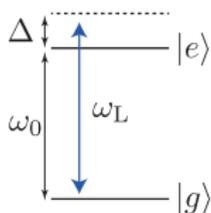
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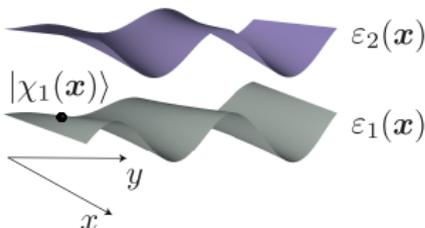
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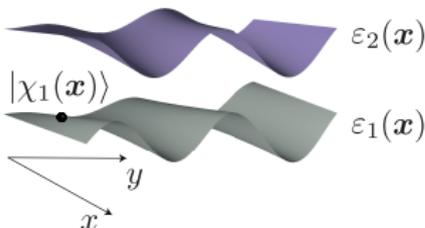
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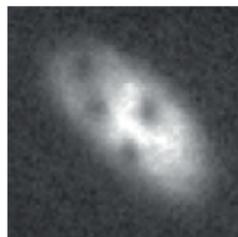
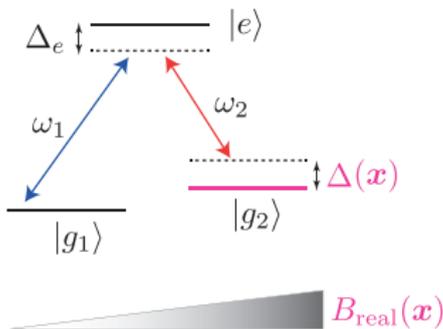
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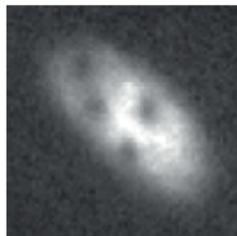
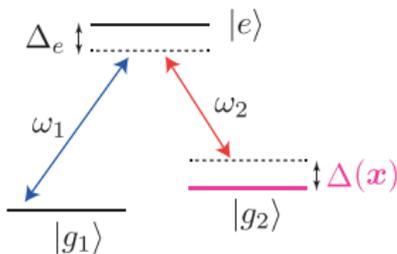
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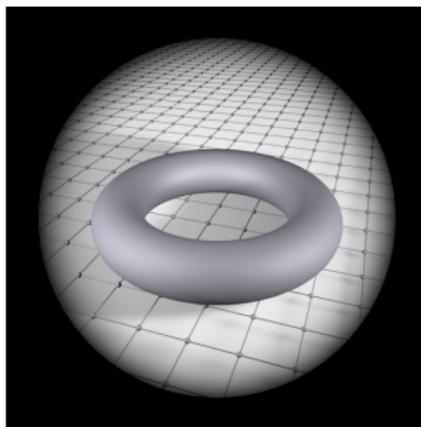
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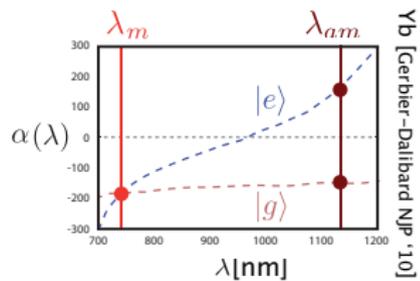
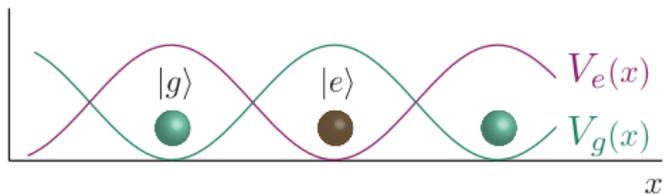
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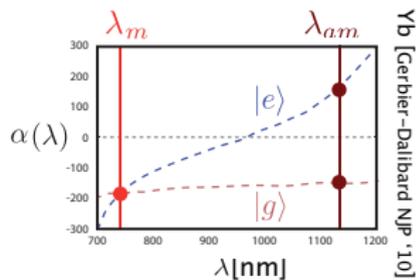
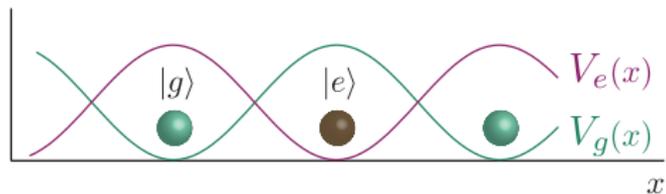
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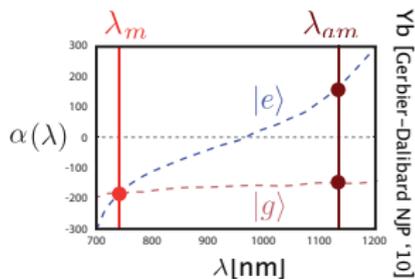
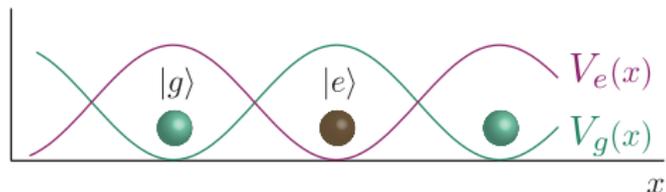


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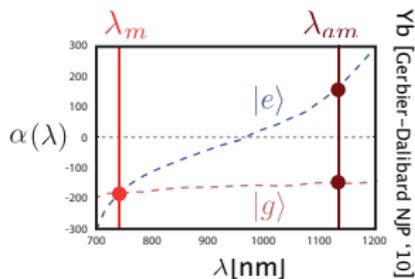
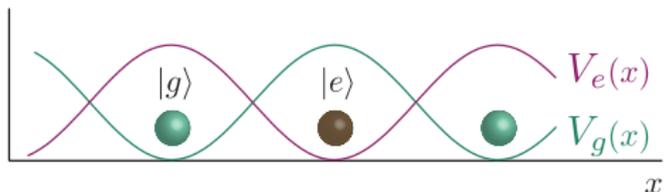
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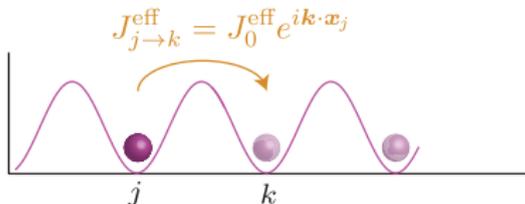
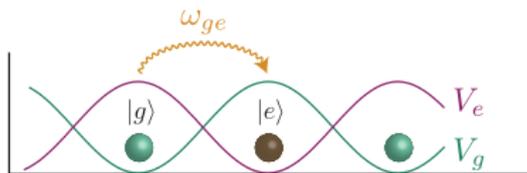
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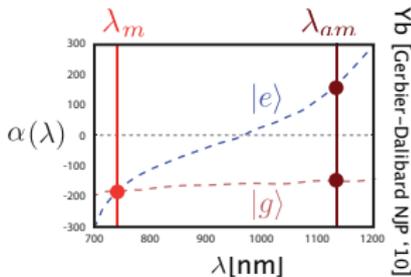
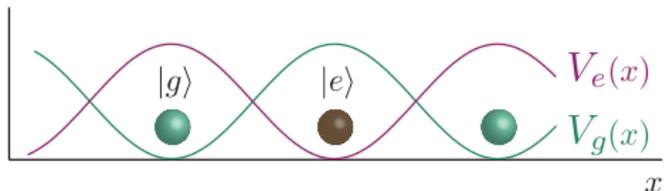


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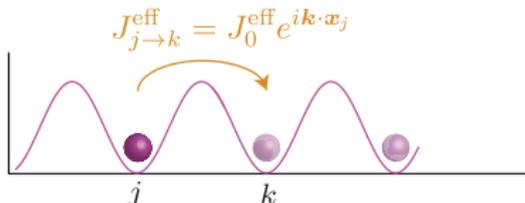
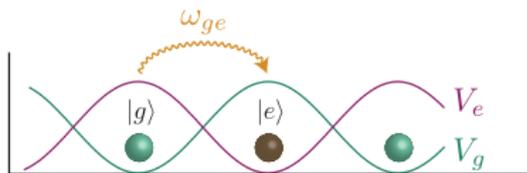
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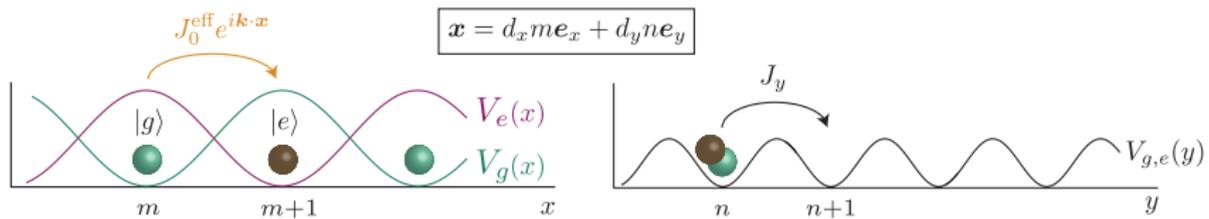


- Jaksch & Zoller [NJP '03] : In the Wannier-states basis  $\{|j; g\rangle, |k; e\rangle\}$

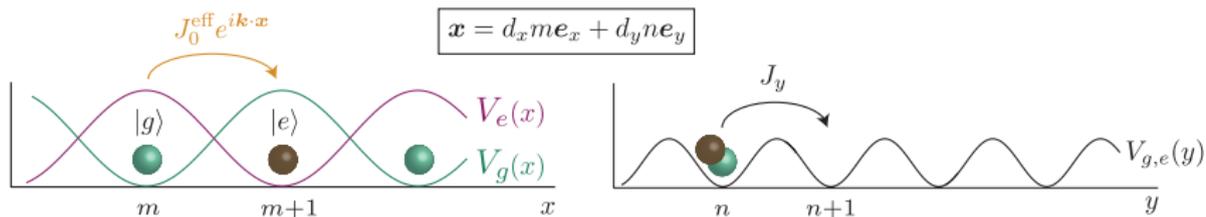
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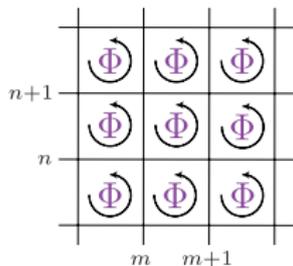
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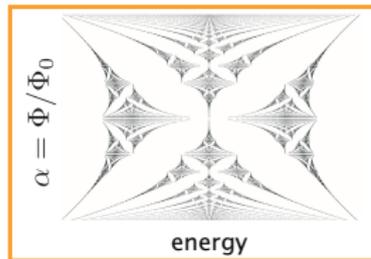


- Setting  $\mathbf{k} = k_y \mathbf{e}_y \rightarrow$  the Harper-Hofstadter model [Jaksch & Zoller, NJP '03]



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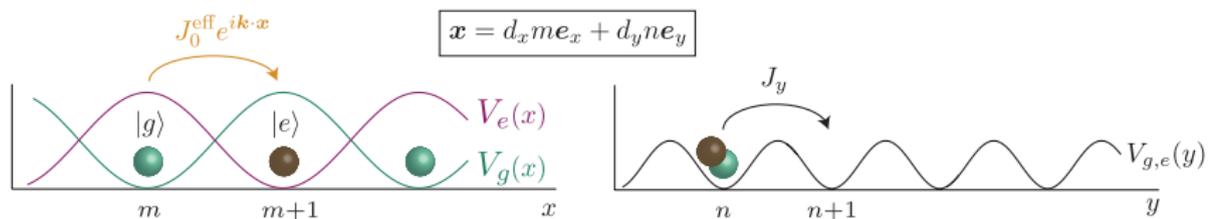
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- Under the carpet here* : the flux had to be rectified [see J-Z, Gerbier-Dalibard '10]
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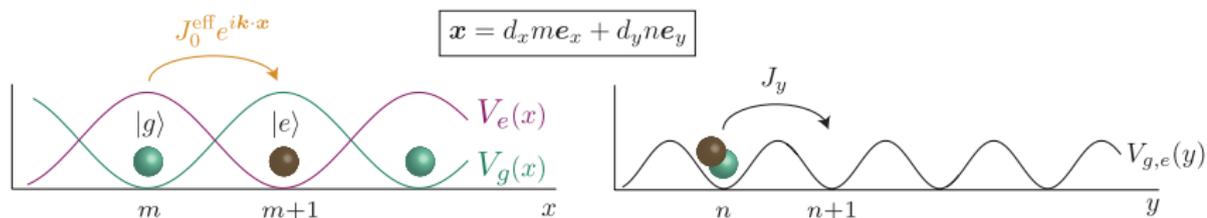


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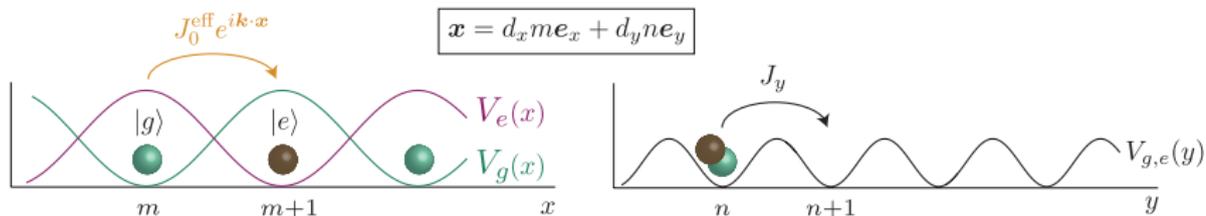
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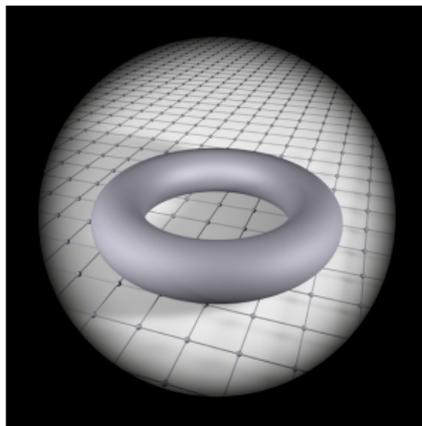
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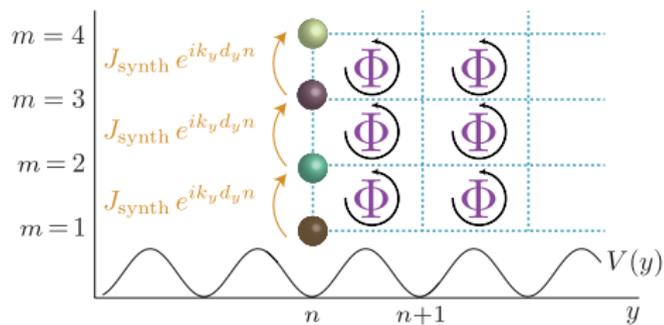
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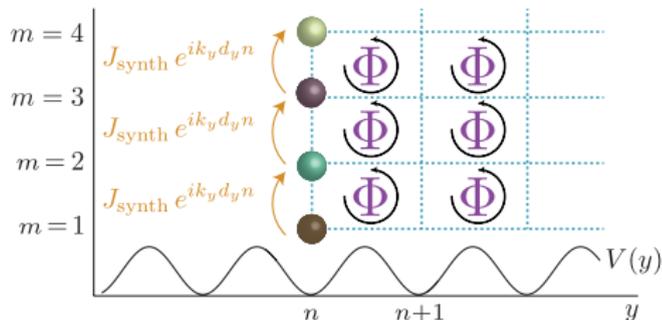
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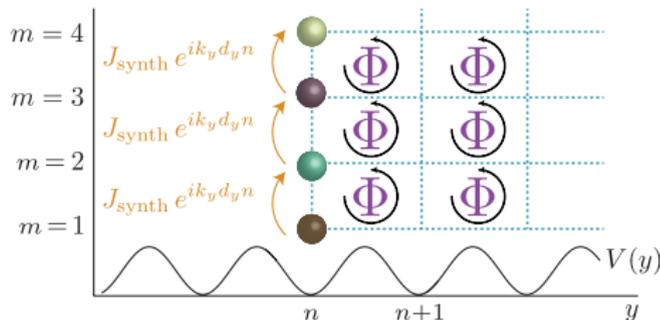
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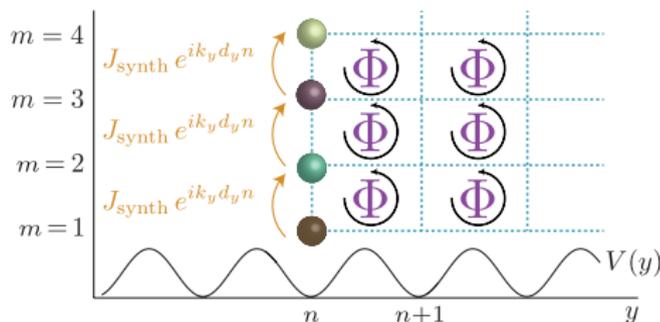
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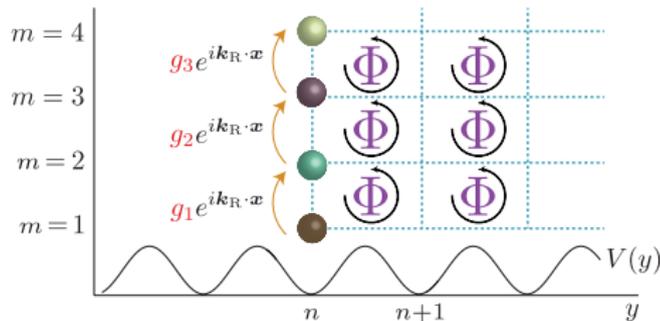
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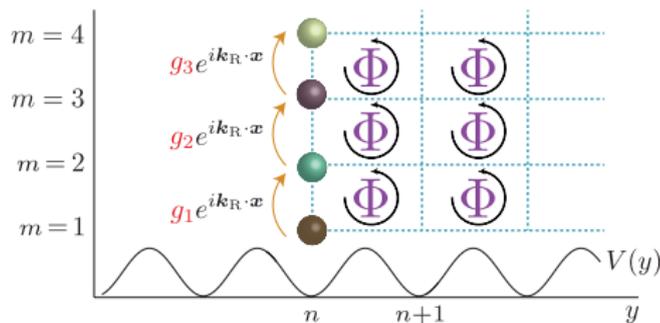


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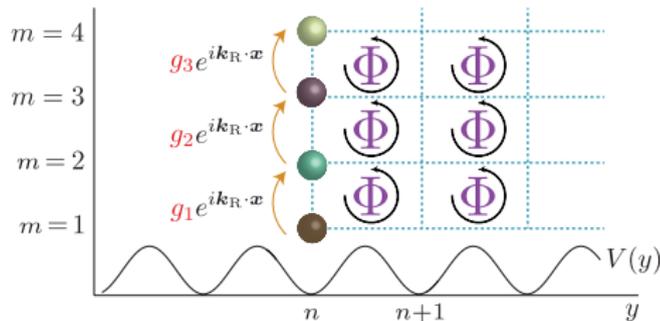
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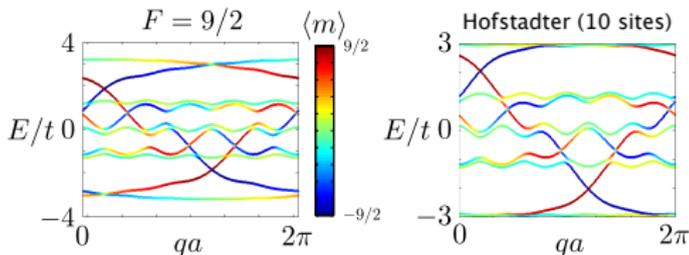
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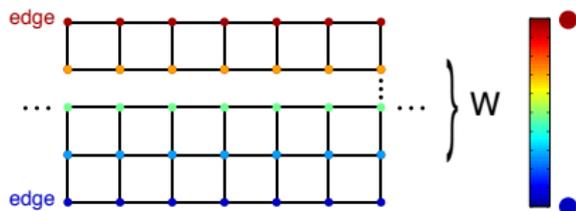


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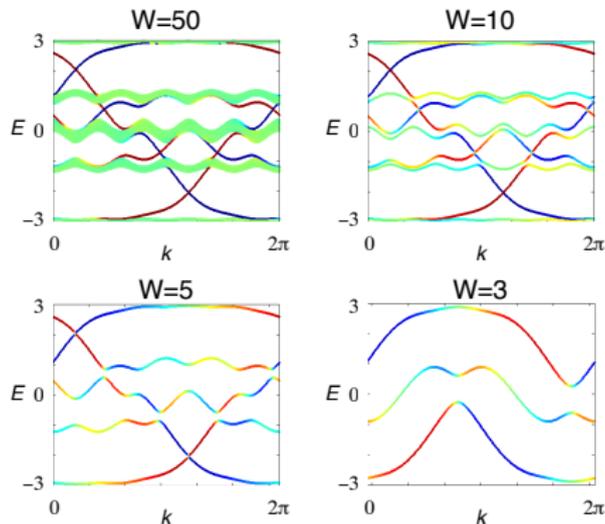


## Synthetic lattice and topological edge states

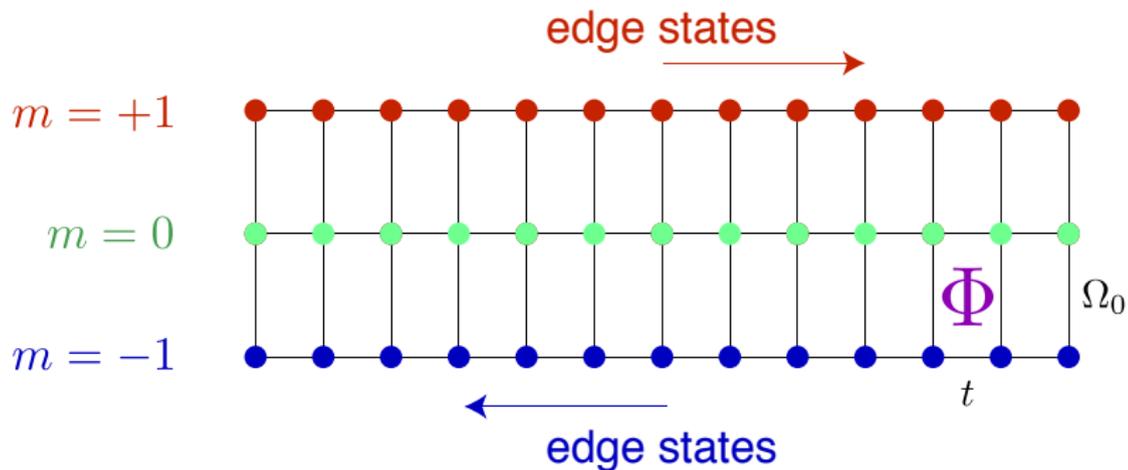
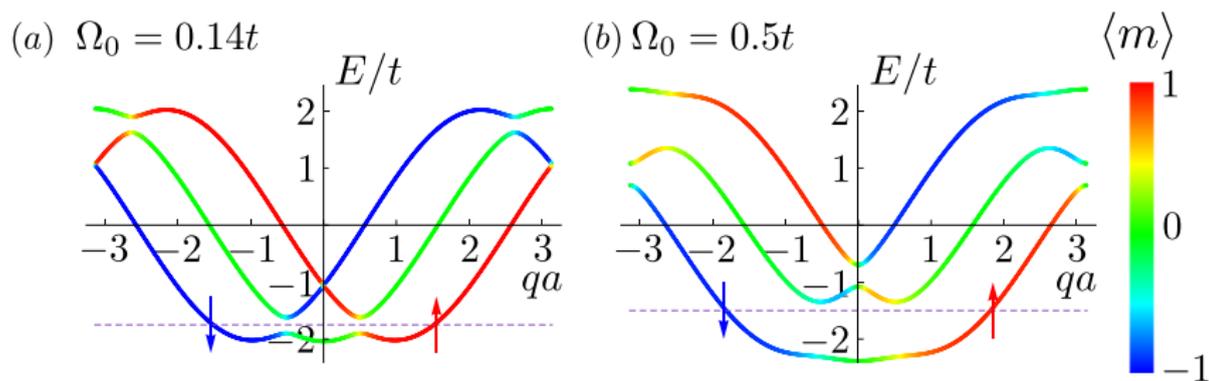
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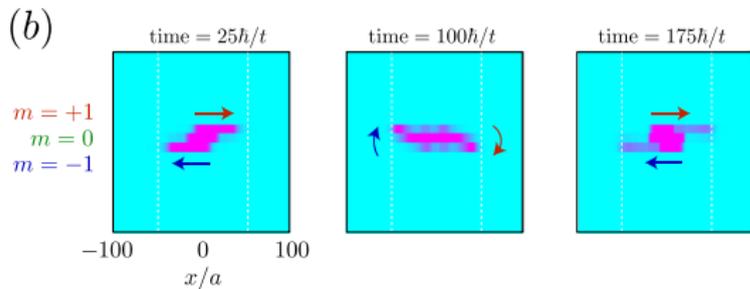
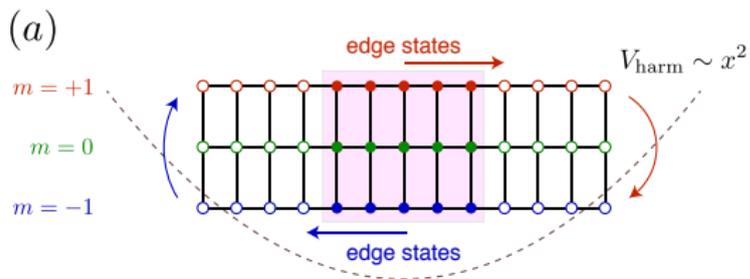
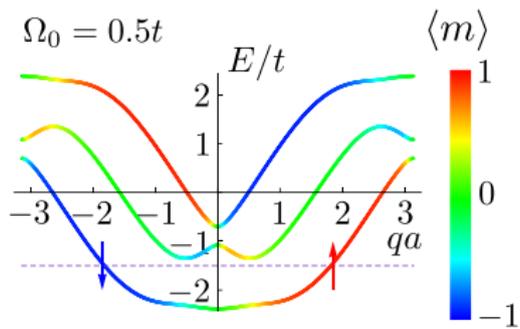


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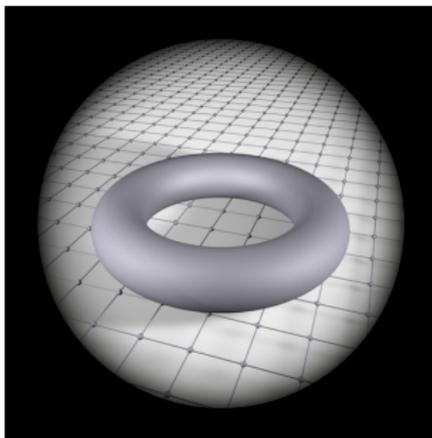
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see Zhang and Hu Science 2001 and Avron et al. PRL 1988 about 4D systems with TRS

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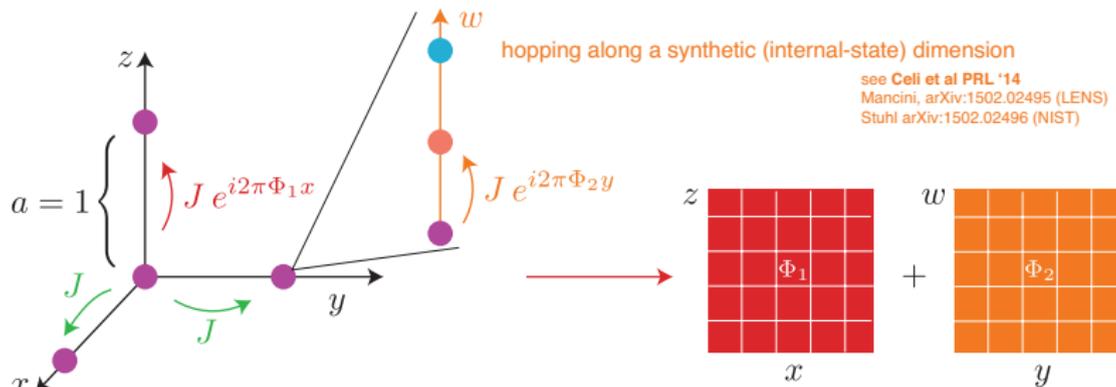
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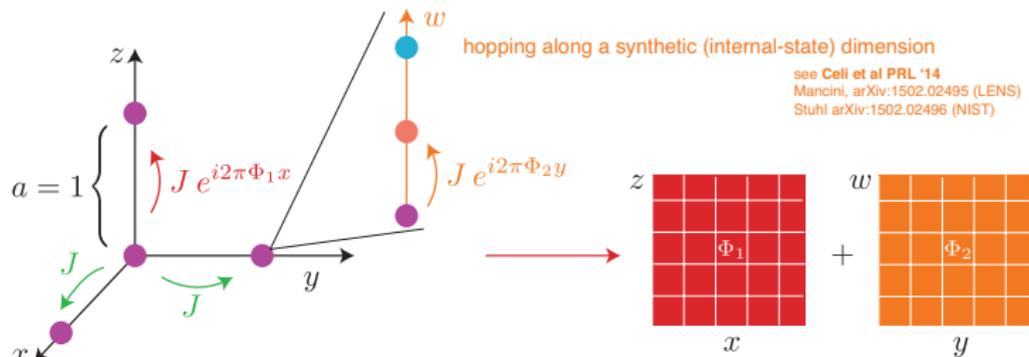
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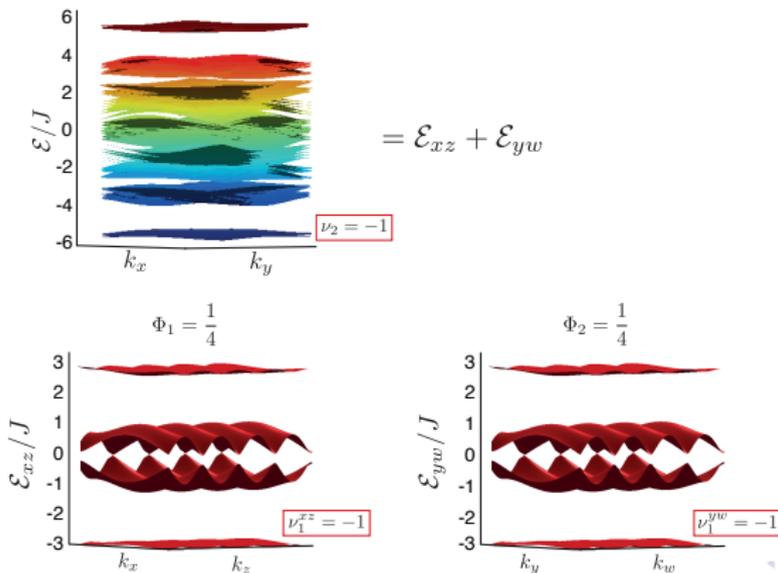
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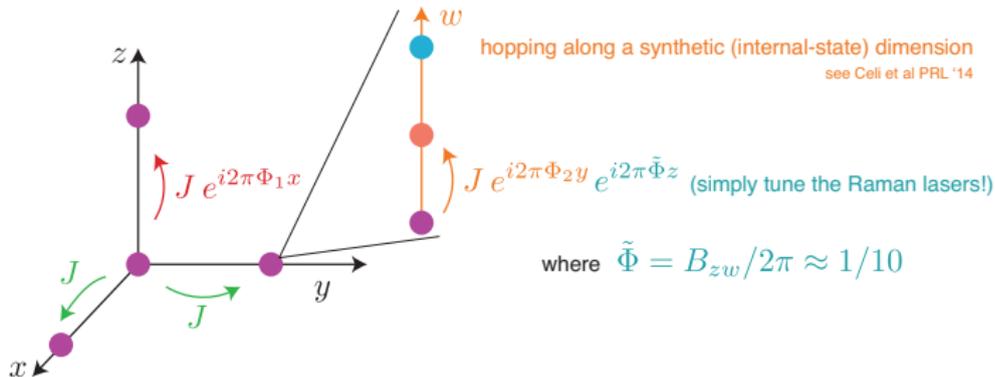
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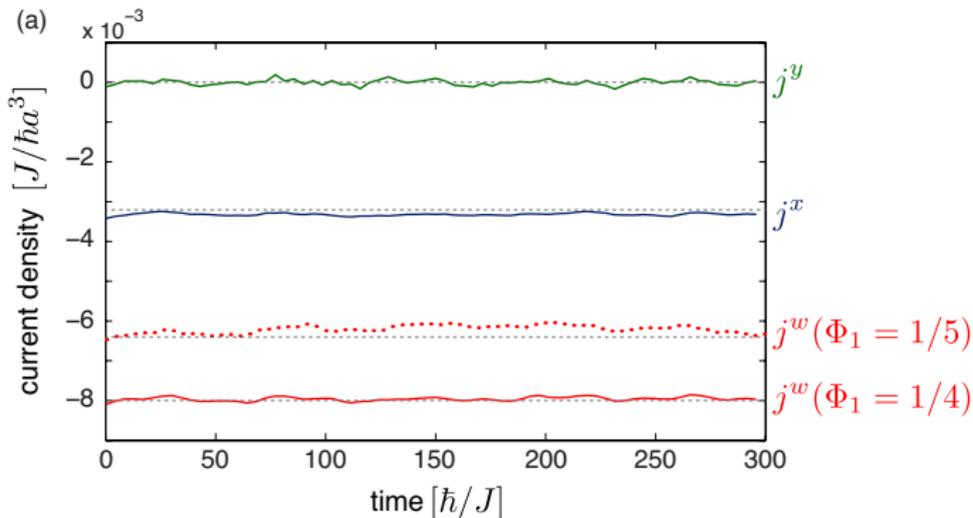
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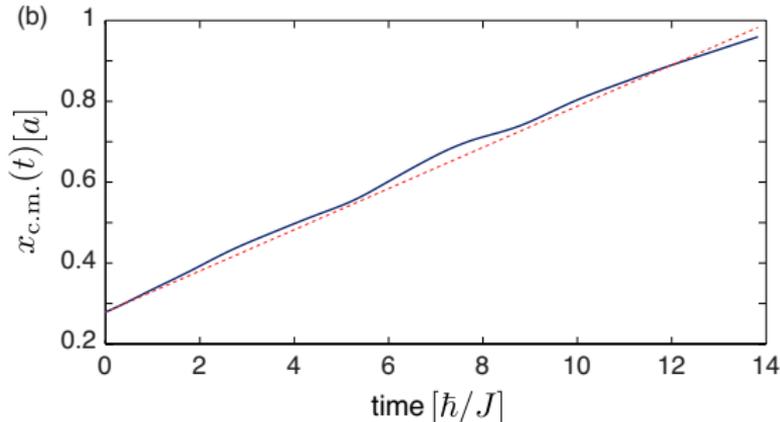
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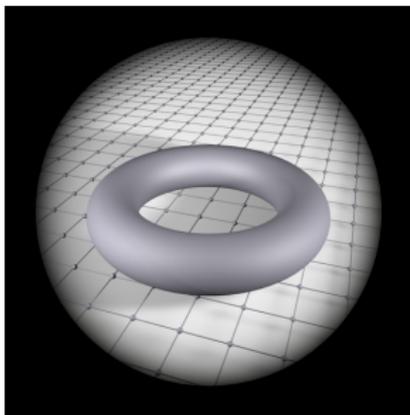
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