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Engineering new quantum systems with ultracold $$^{173}\mathrm{Yb}$$ fermions

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I will report on new directions for quantum simulation with ultracold Fermi gases of two-electron ¹⁷³Yb atoms. Manipulation of their electronic state on the ultranarrow clock transition allowed us to engineer a new kind of magnetic interaction [1] and to produce strongly interacting Fermi gases with orbital degree of freedom at a newly discovered orbital Feshbach resonance [2]. By manipulating their nuclear spin we realized systems of fermions with tunable SU(N) symmetry [3] and demonstrated a new concept for atomic physics experiments based on the realization of a "synthetic dimension", that we have used to produce gauge fields and directly observe the propagation of chiral edge states in a quantum Hall system [4].

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