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Doing Solid State Physics With Cold Atoms

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At present, there are worldwide efforts to emulate strongly correlated electronic systems using cold atoms in optical lattices. We shall discuss the necessary conditions for the success of this effort, how close current experiments are in meeting these conditions, and the new type of novel "solid state" phenomena unique to lattice quantum gases.