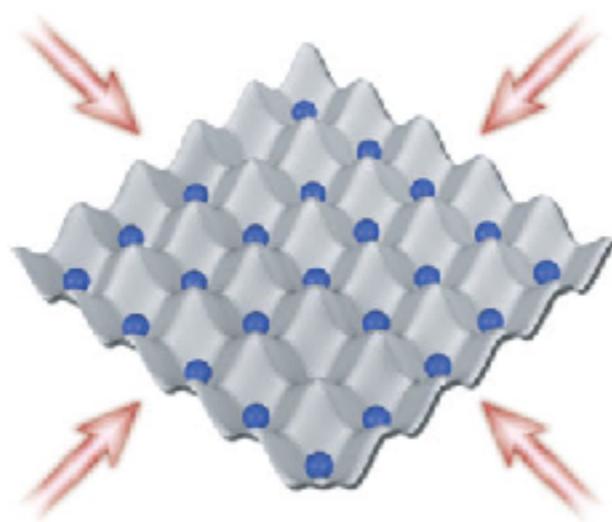


Nonequilibrium dynamics in ultra-cold atomic gases

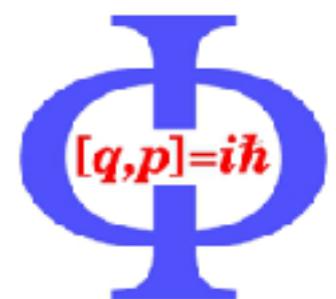


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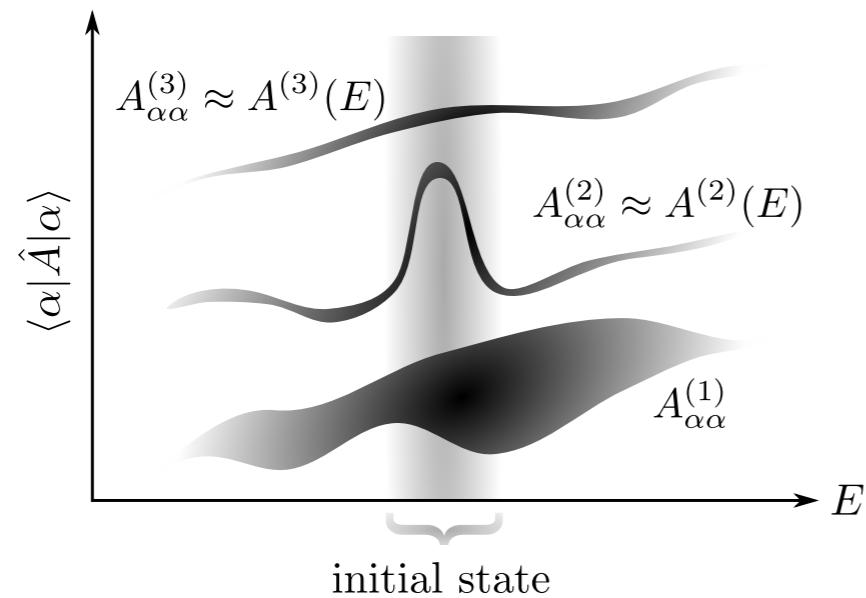


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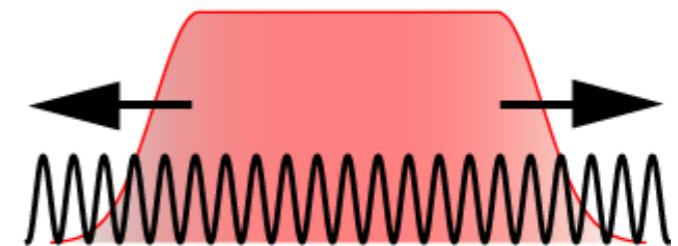


Main topics in this lecture

Thermalization in closed many-body systems

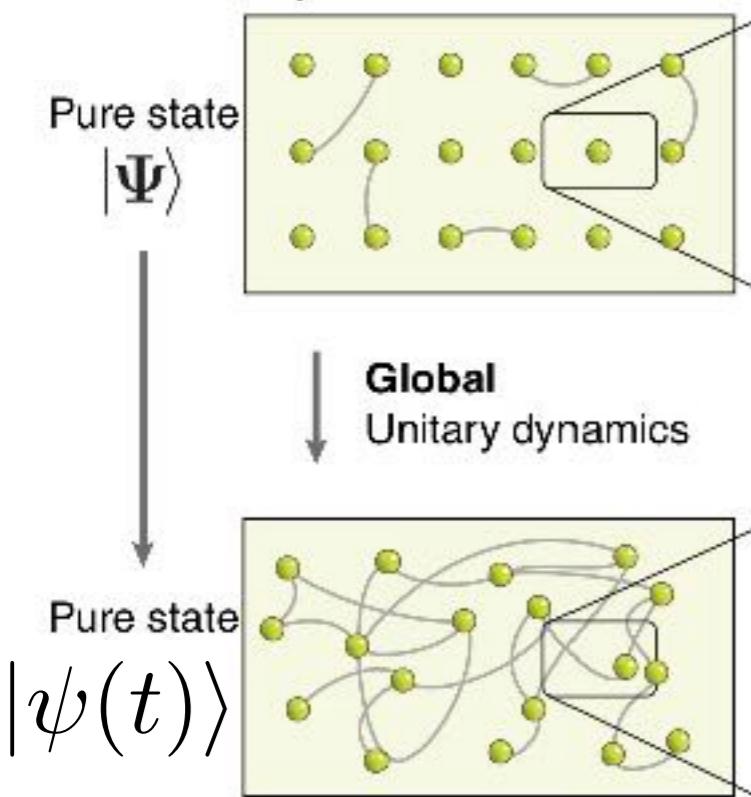


Nonequilibrium transport In optical lattices



Bloch group (LMU & MPQ), Weiss group (PSU)

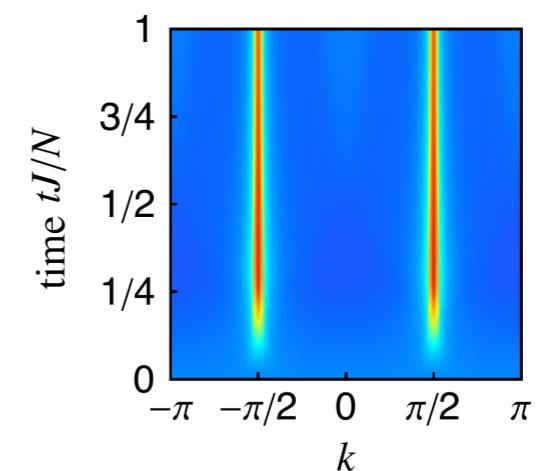
Quantum quench



Experiments with quantum gases !

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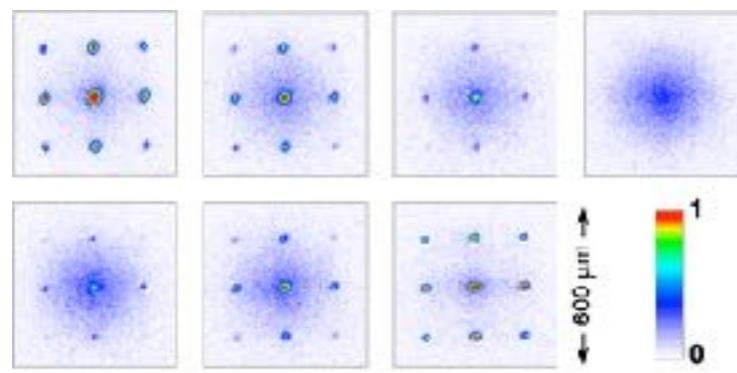
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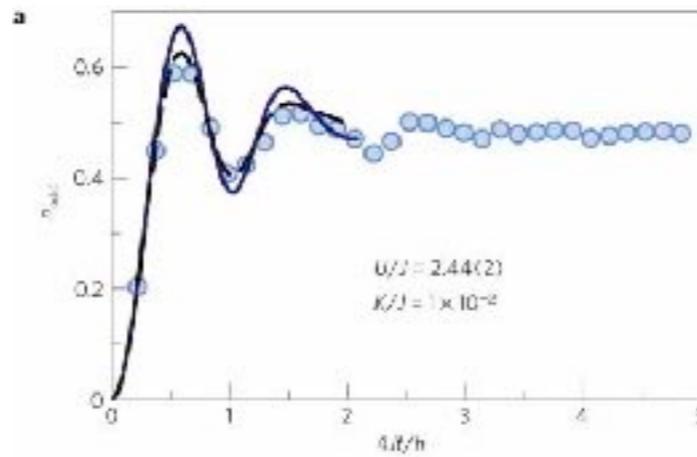
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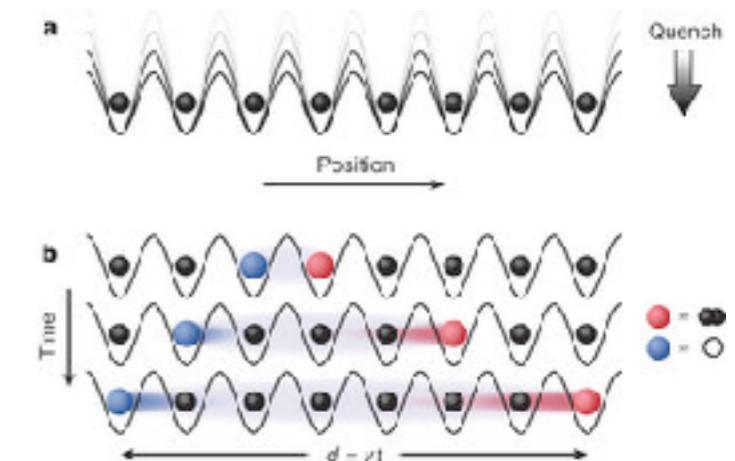
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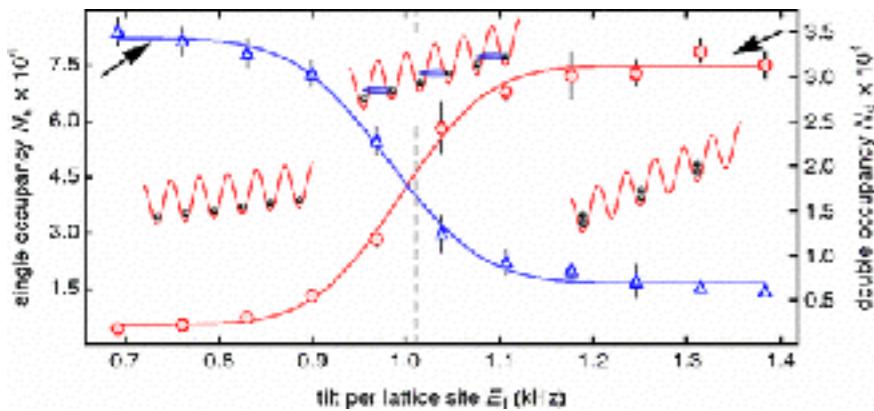
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Spreading of correlations



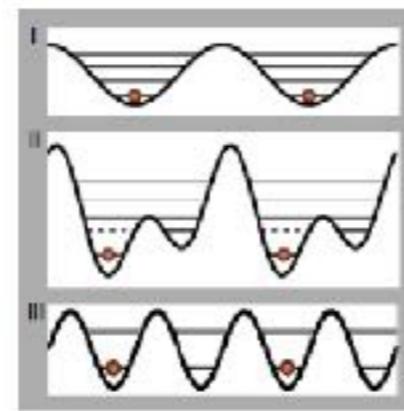
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Tilted lattices



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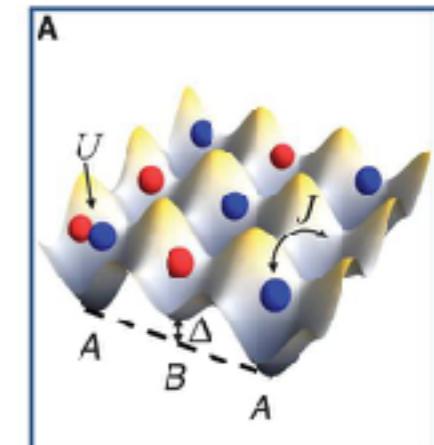
Fermionic relaxation



$$|1, 0, 1, 0, \dots\rangle$$

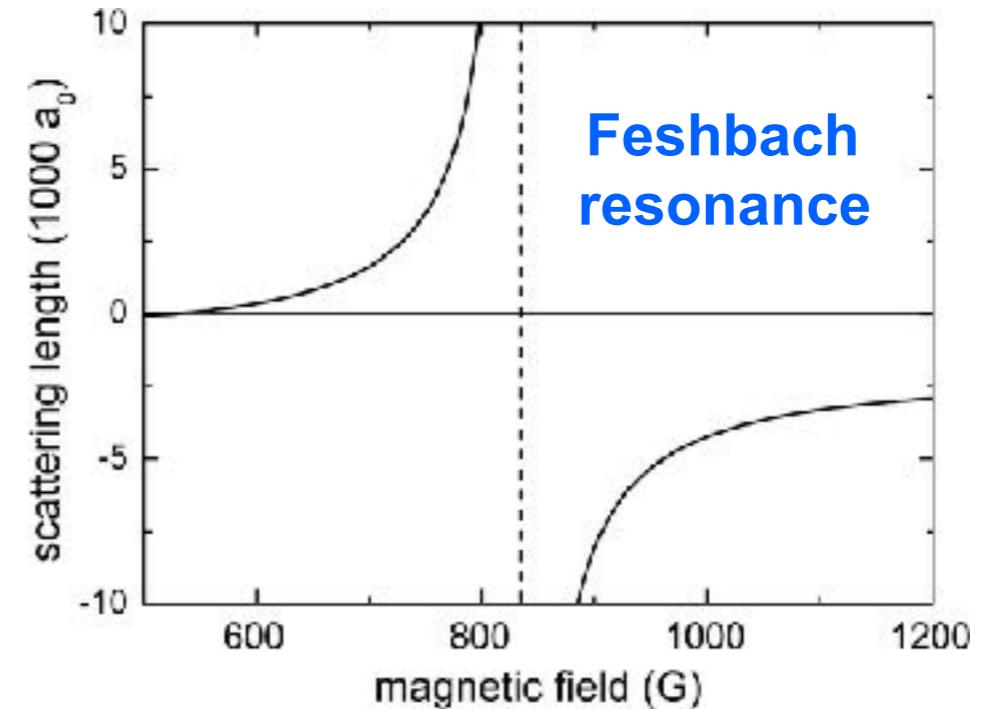
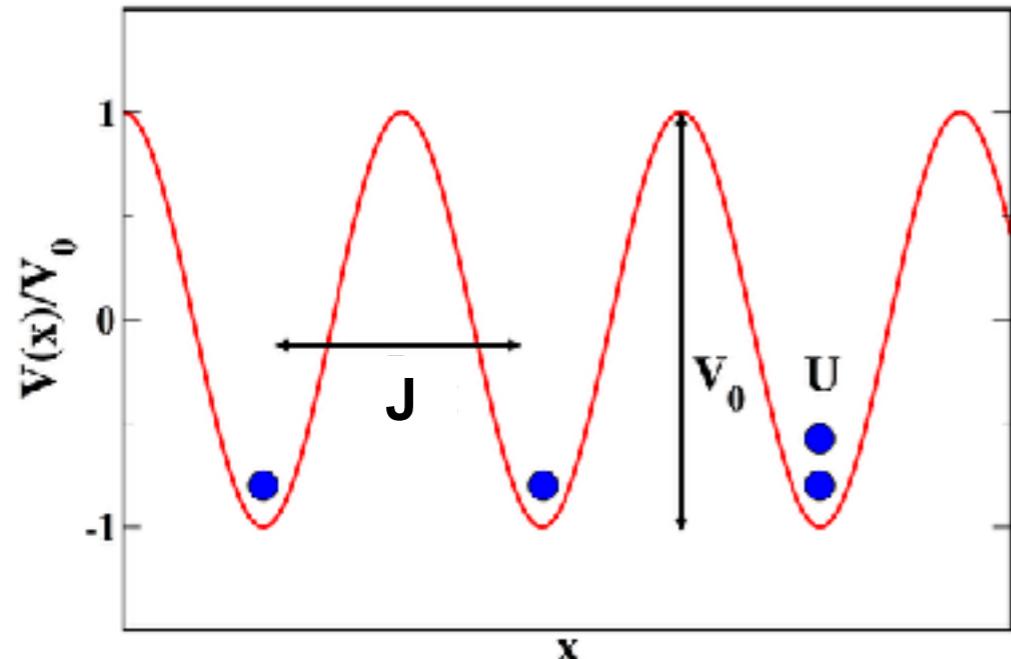
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Decay of Néel order in 2D



Brown et al. *Science* 348, 540 (2015)

Realization of Hubbard models with quantum gases



Bosonic atoms: ^{87}Rb , ^{39}K

$$U/J = f(V_0, a_s) \quad U(\vec{r}) = U\delta(\vec{r}) \quad U \propto a_s$$

Bose-Hubbard model

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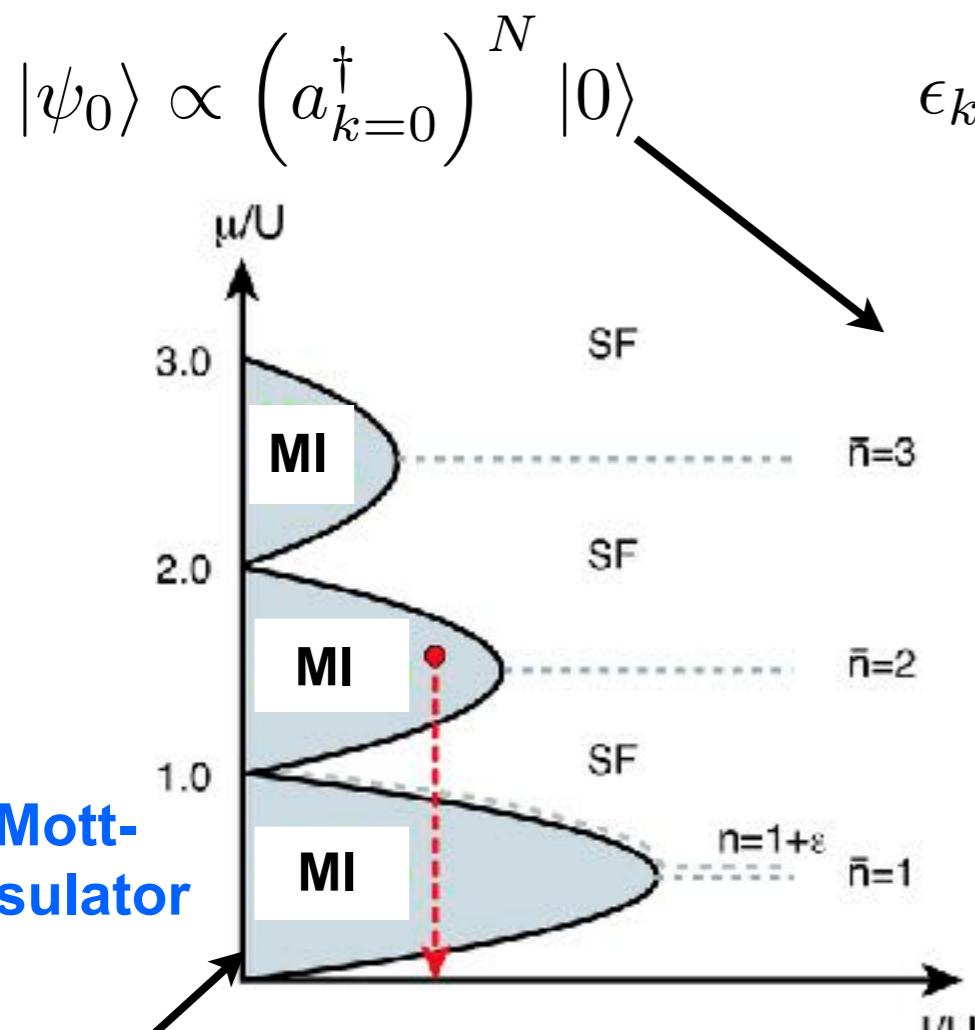
Tunability:

- Dimensionality
- Interactions U/J
- Time-dependence!

Bose-Hubbard model

$$H_0 = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} a_i^\dagger a_j + \frac{U}{2} \sum_i n_i(n_i - 1) - \mu N$$

Superfluid

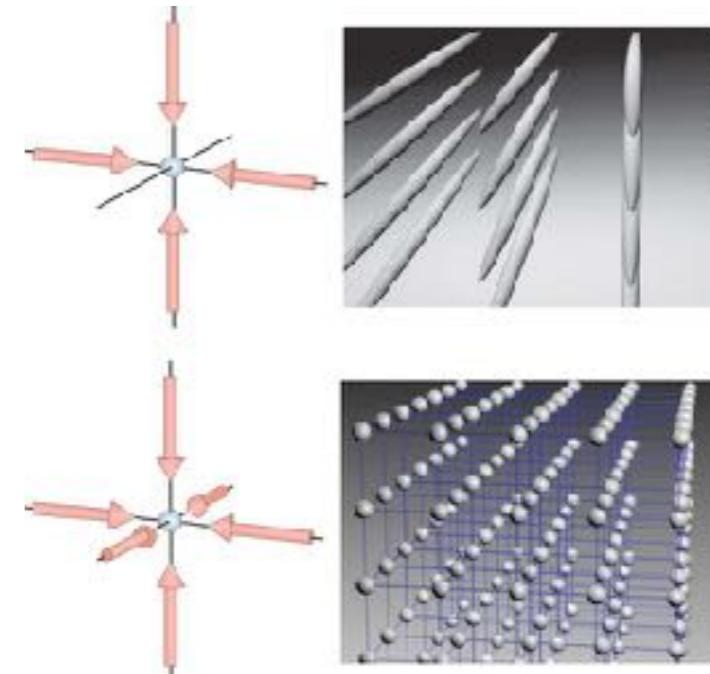


$$|\psi_0\rangle = \prod_i a_i^\dagger |0\rangle$$

Dispersion:

$$\epsilon_k = -2J \cos(k)$$

Optical lattices



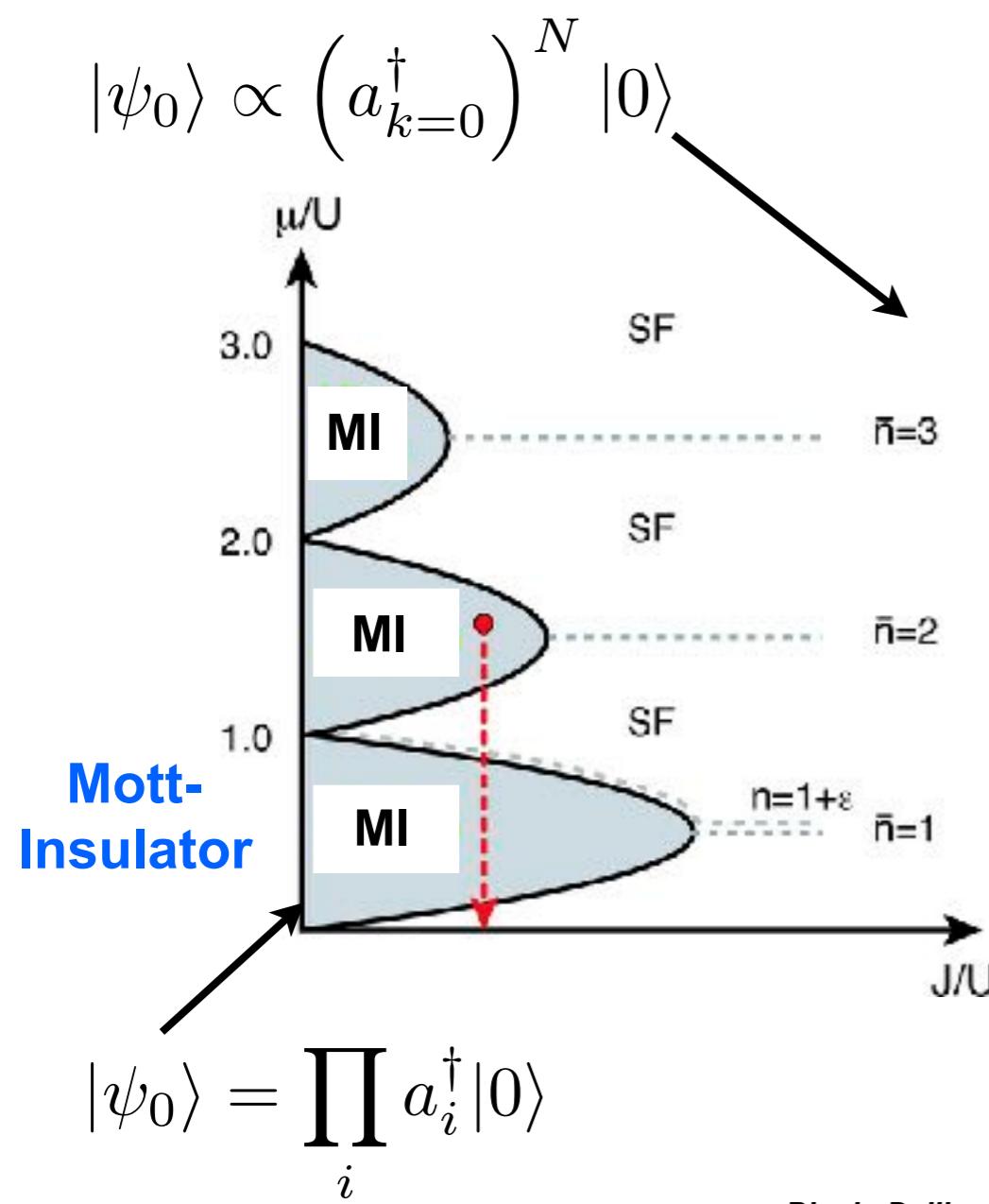
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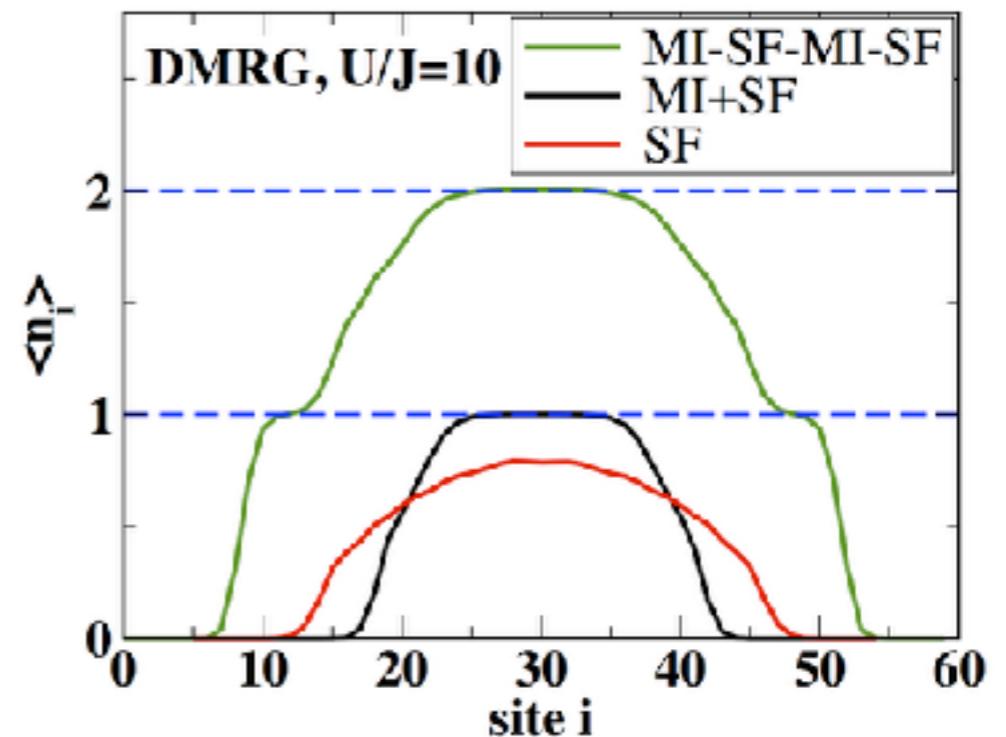
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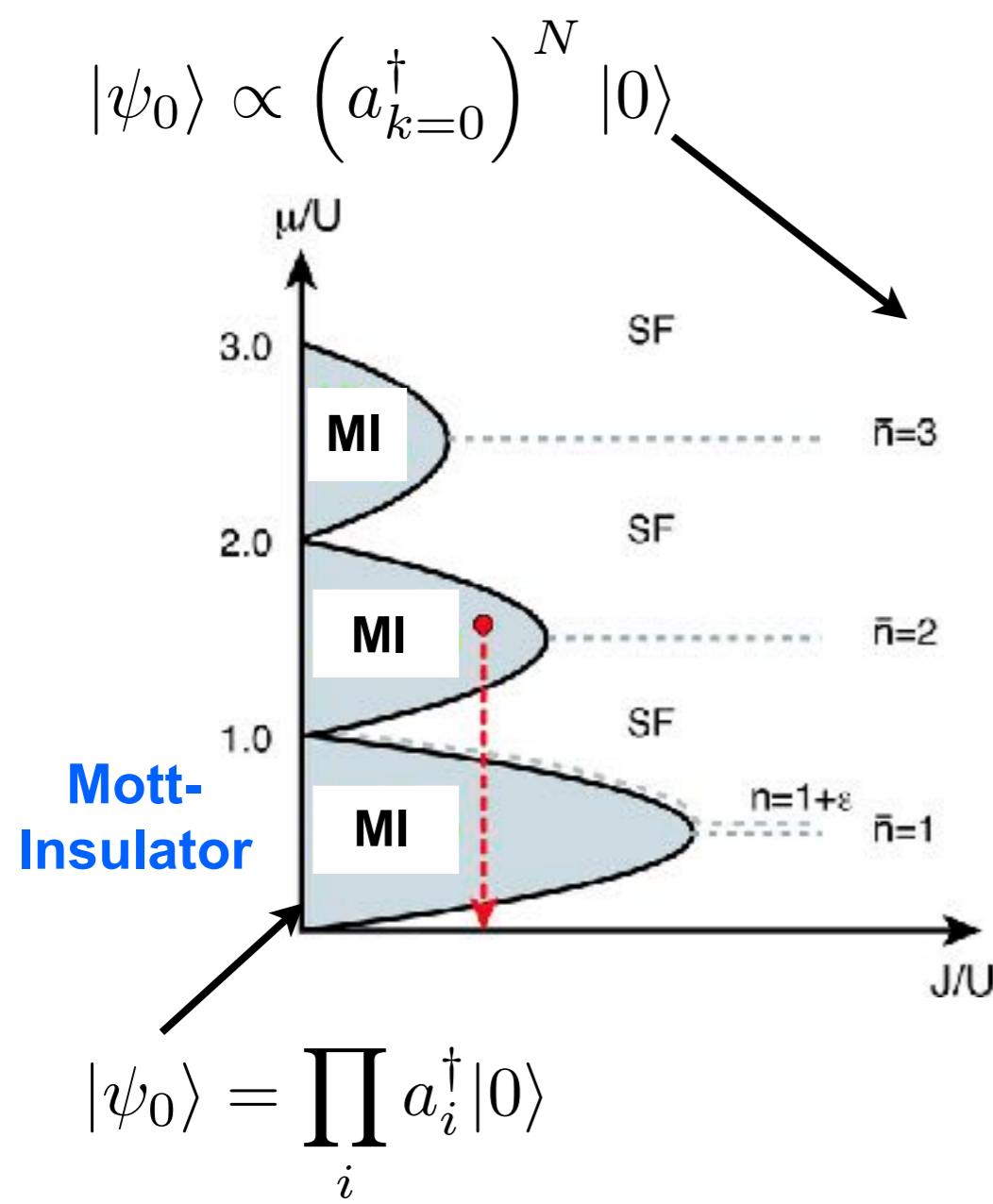
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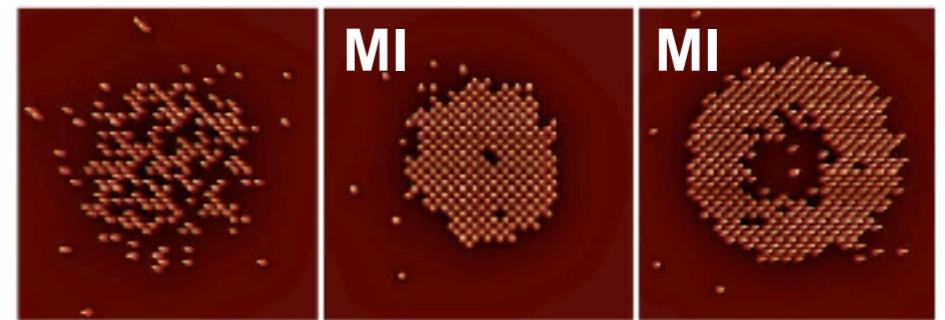
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Single-site resolution



Measures parity of n_i

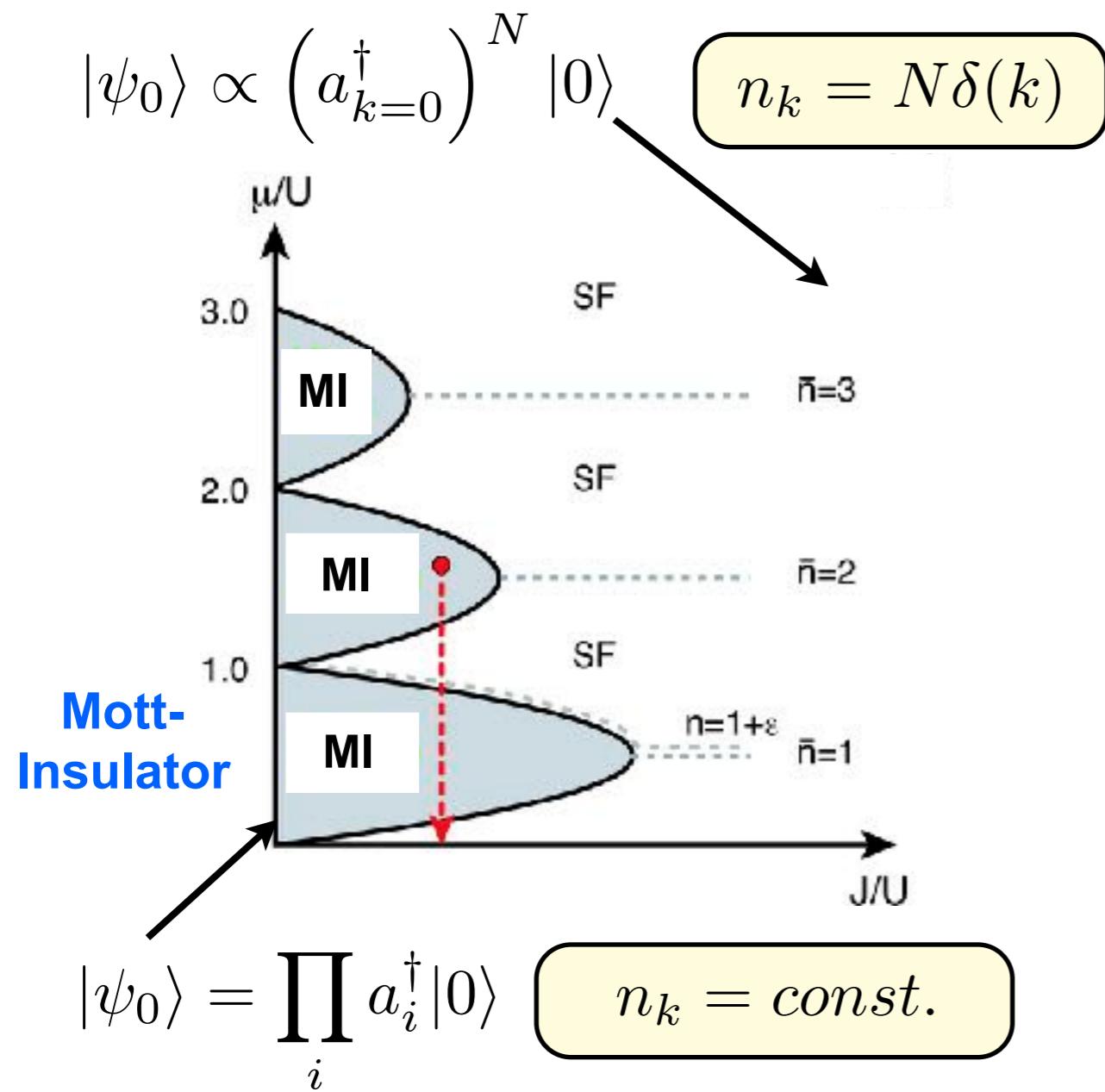
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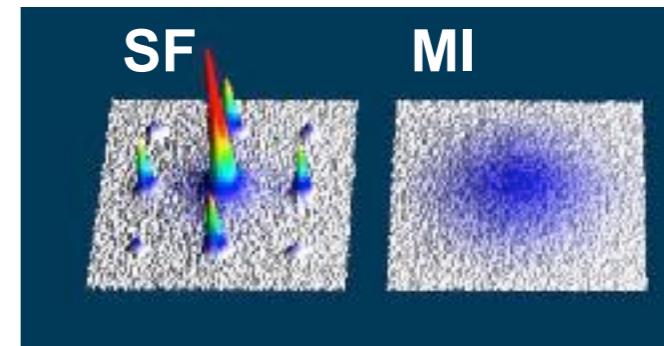
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Quasi-momentum distribution (MDF)

$$n_k = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{lm} e^{i(l-m)k} \langle a_l^\dagger a_m \rangle$$

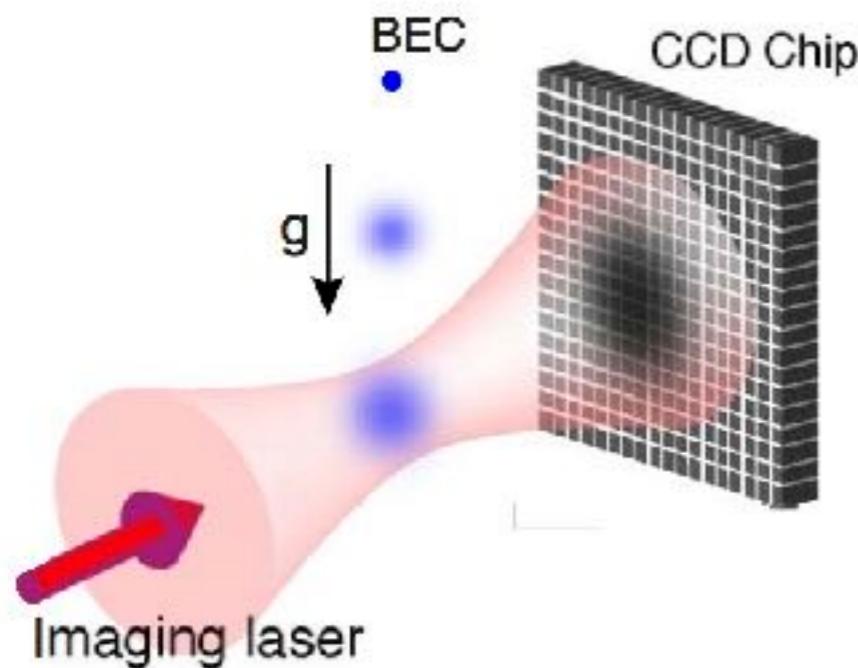
Time-of-flight \rightarrow MDF



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Measuring the quasi-MDF

Time-of-flight
Removal of all potentials



Bloch, Dalibard, Zwerger RMP 2008

$$n(v) = \text{const.} \quad n_k = \text{const.}$$

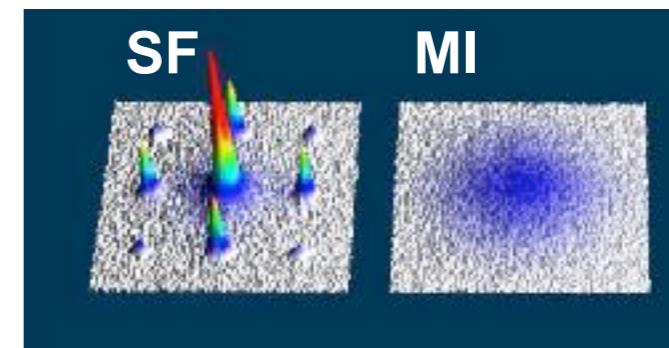
$$n(x, t = \infty) \propto n_k(t = 0)$$

Measurement of MDF n_k

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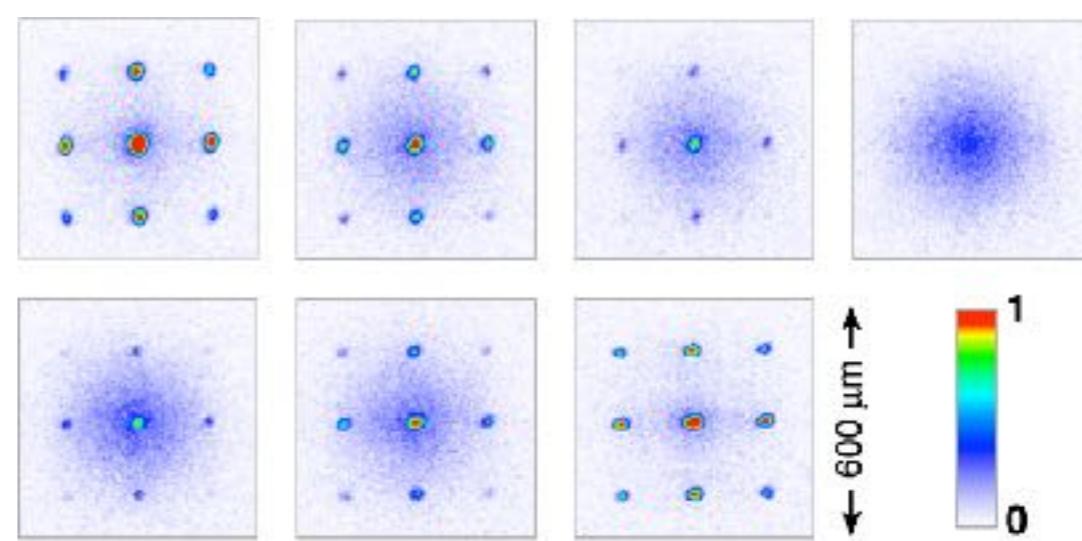
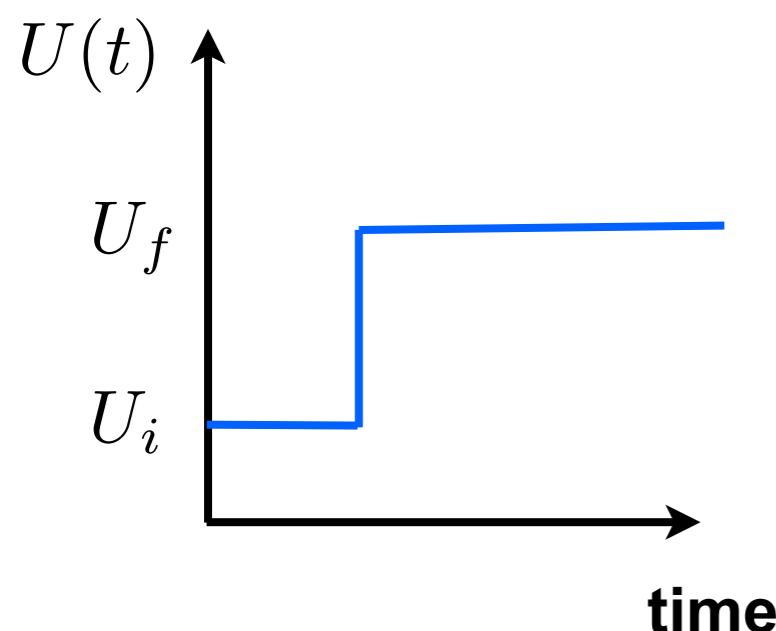
Non-equilibrium dynamics: Experiments

Initial state: Superfluid, weak U/J

Quantum quench into deep MI

$$|\psi_{\text{initial}}\rangle \propto \prod_i \exp(-\gamma a_i^\dagger) |0\rangle_i$$

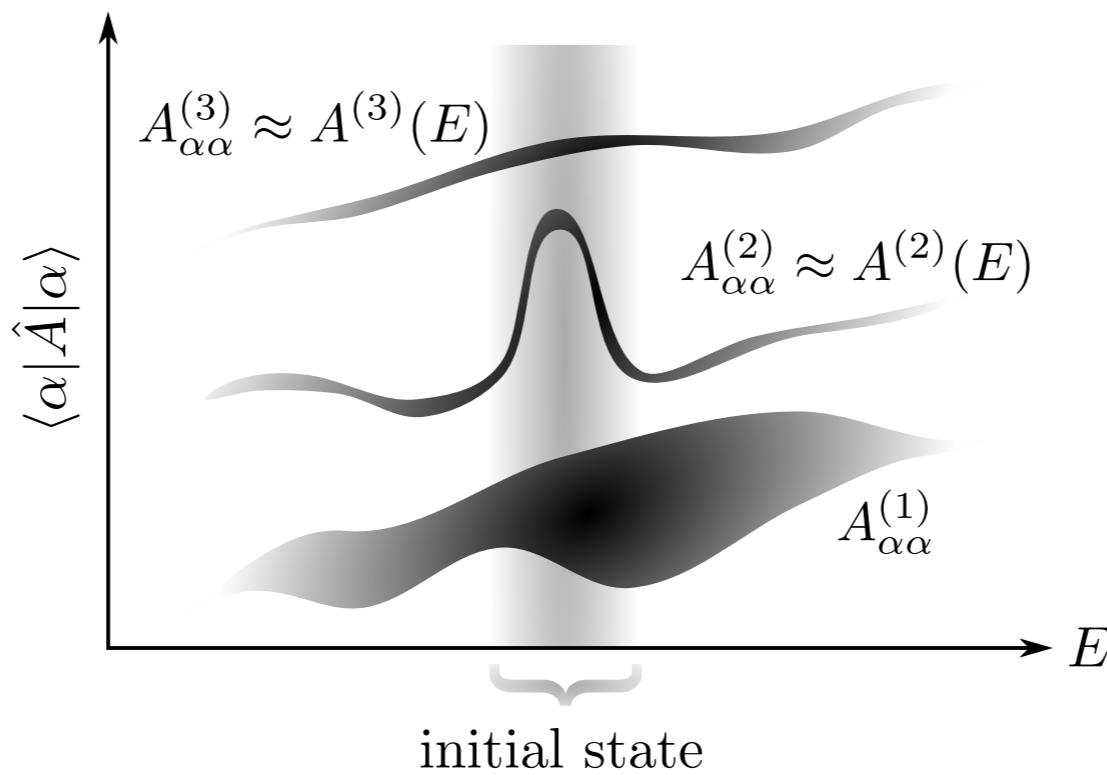
$$U_f/J \gg 1$$



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and subsequent work

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-itU_n(n-1)/2} |\psi_{\text{init}}\rangle$$

Thermalization in closed quantum many-body systems



Eigenstate thermalization hypothesis

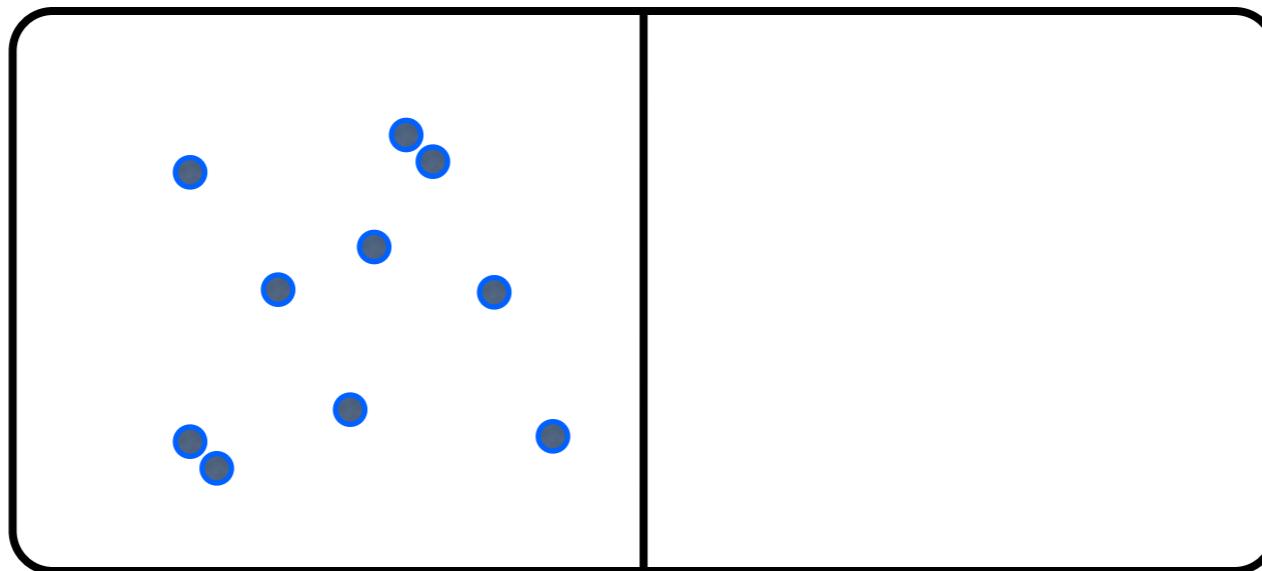
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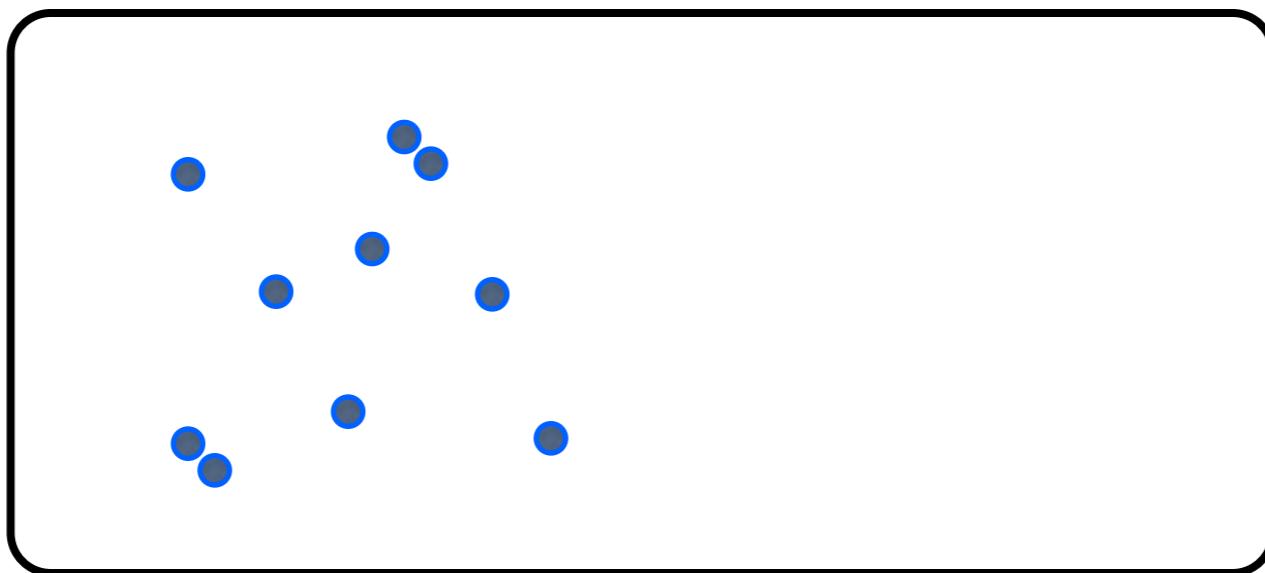
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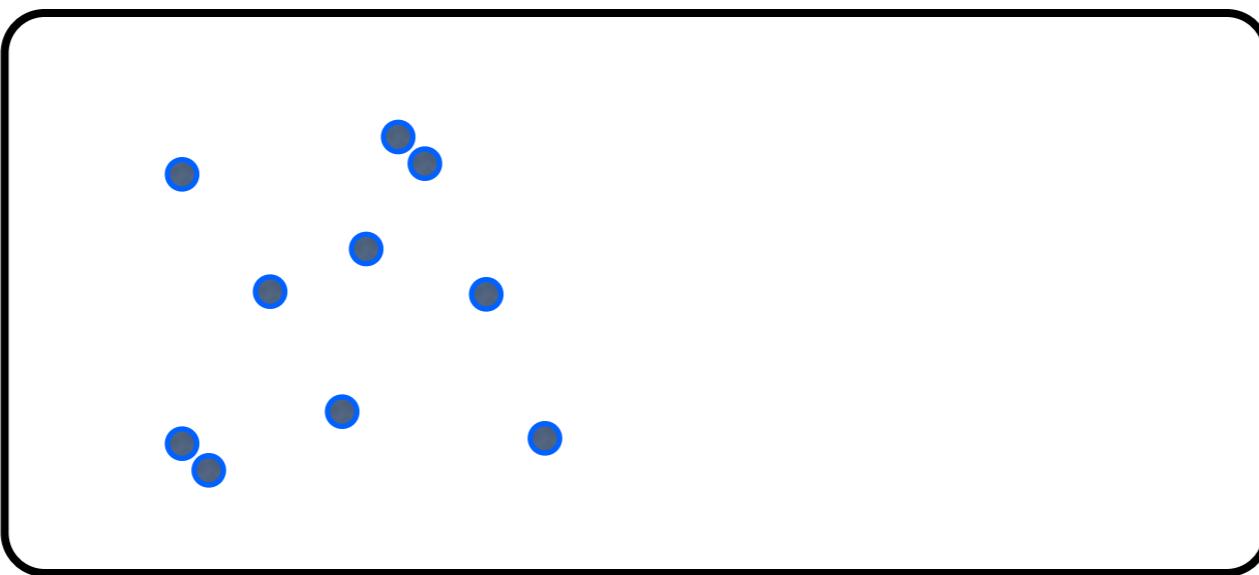


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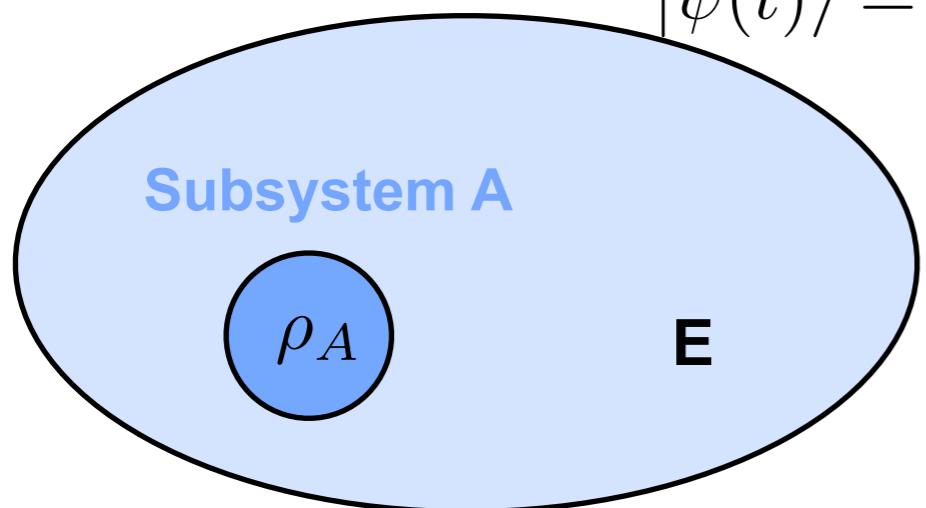
Quantum realm!
&
Experiments!



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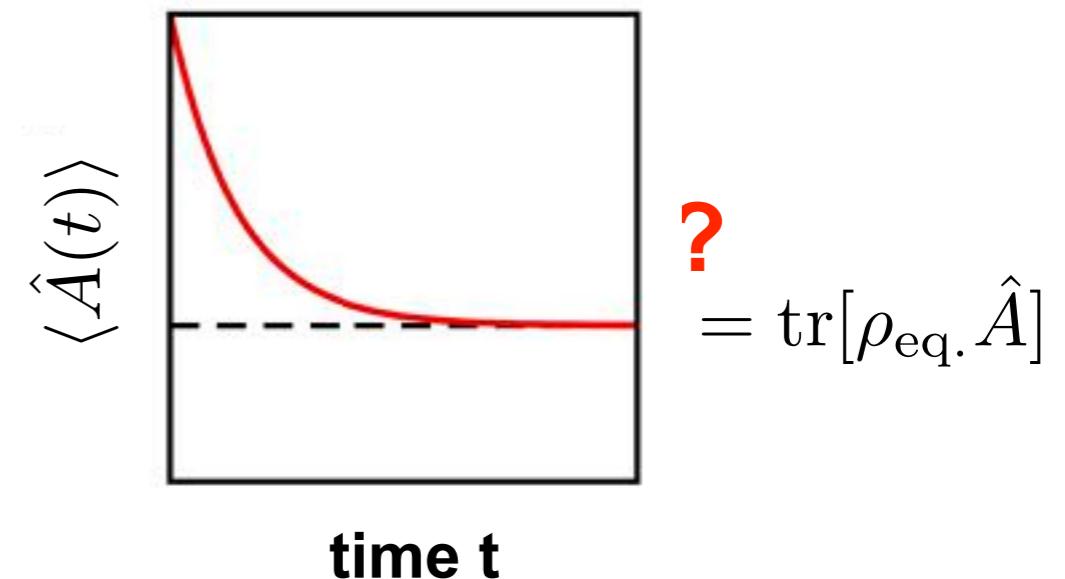
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Closed quantum systems



$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt}|\psi_0\rangle$$

Non-equilibrium dynamics

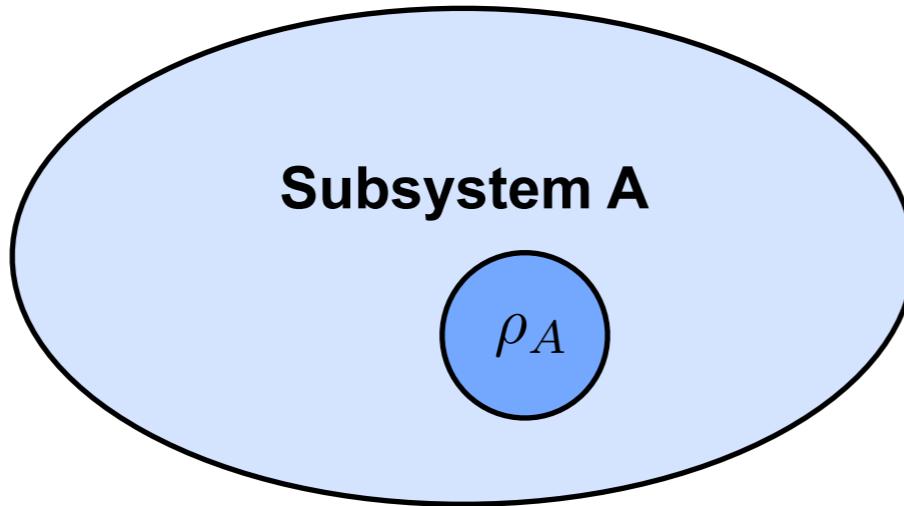


**Many-body system acts as its own bath:
Thermalization of subsystems**

$$\rho_A = \text{Tr}_E[|\psi(t)\rangle\langle\psi(t)|]$$

$$\overline{\rho_A}^t = \rho_{\text{eq.}}$$

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Subsystem A

ρ_A

$$|\psi_0\rangle = \sum_n c_n |n\rangle \quad H|n\rangle = E_n\rangle$$

Observable acting on subsystem:

$$\langle \hat{A}(t) \rangle = \sum_n |c_n|^2 \langle n | \hat{A} | n \rangle + \sum_{n,m} c_n^* c_m e^{i(E_n - E_m)t} \langle n | \hat{A} | m \rangle$$

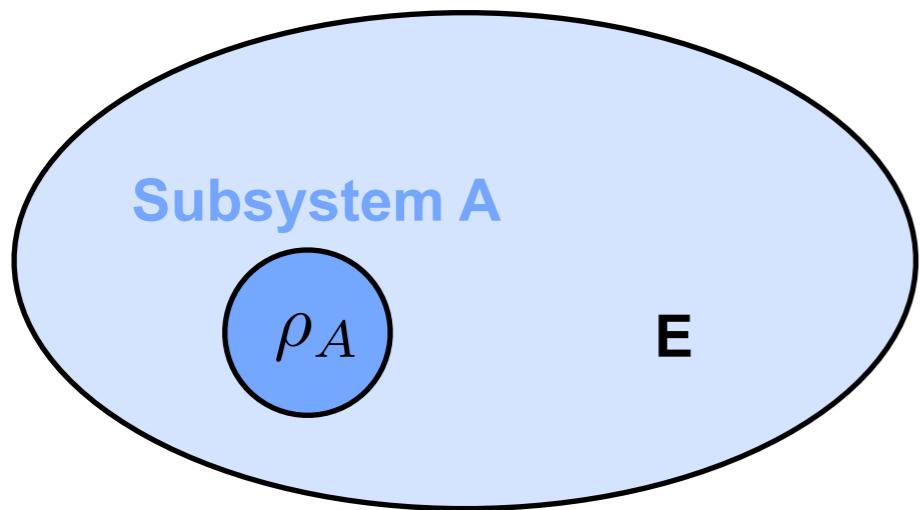
Initial state dependence!

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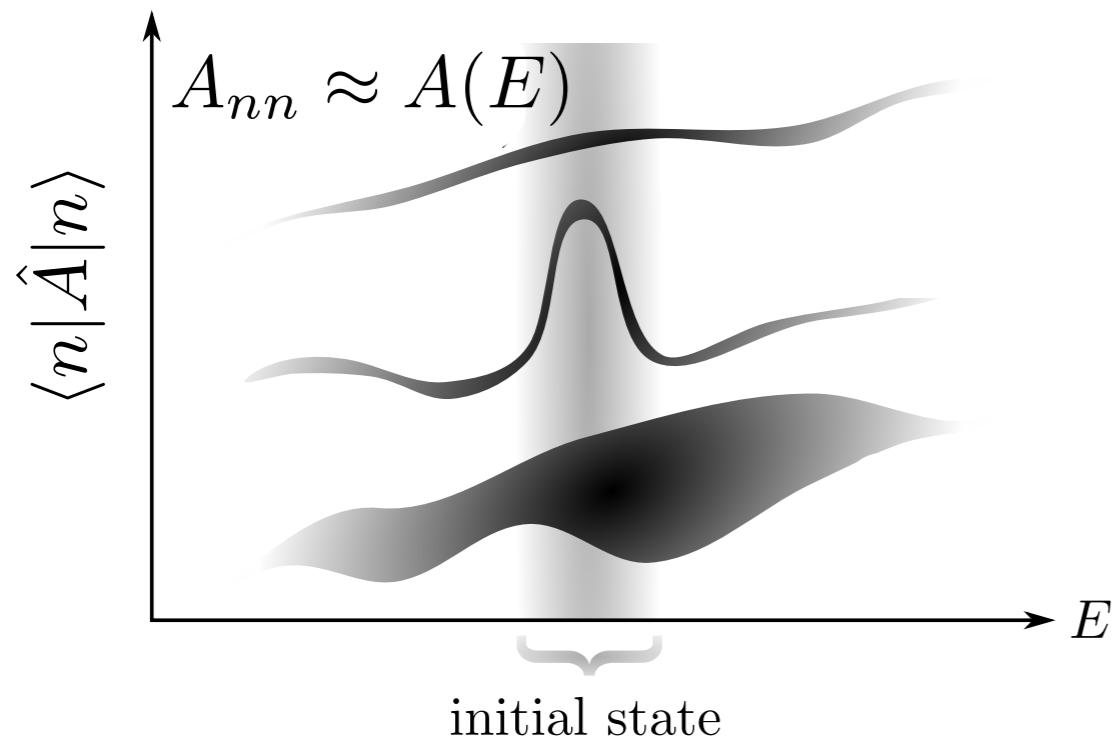
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Other concepts: Typicality, quantum chaotic systems, ...

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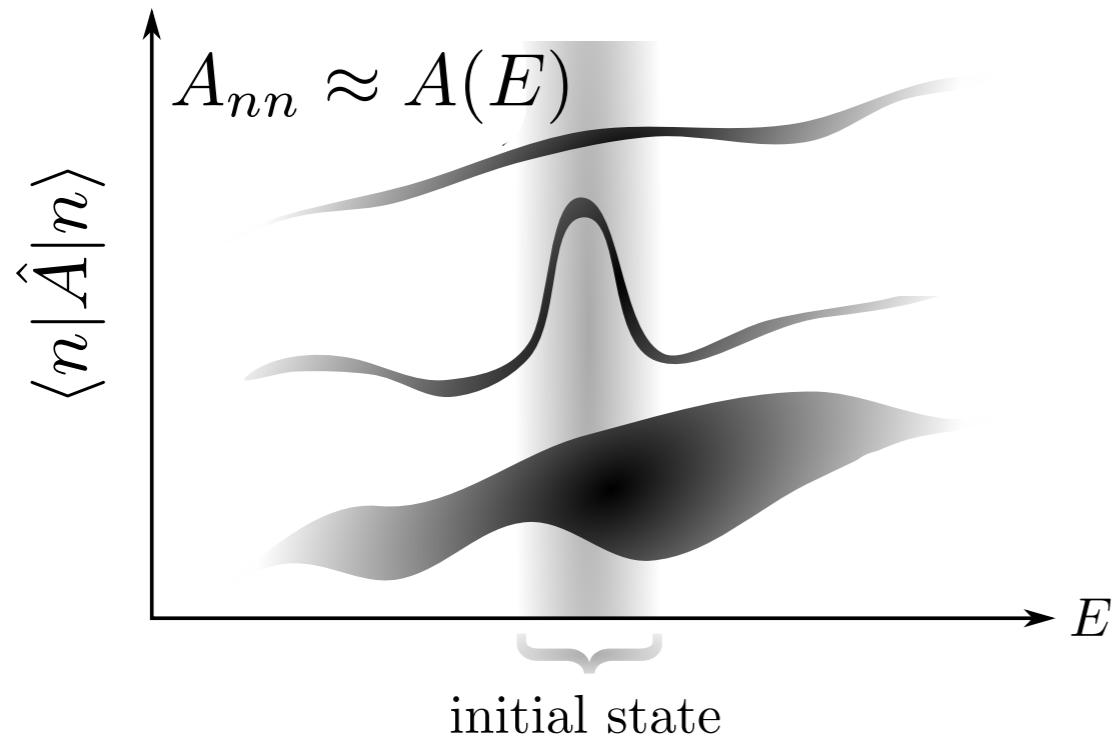
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$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle_{\text{steady-state}} = \sum_n |c_n|^2 \langle n | \hat{A} | n \rangle = f(E)$$

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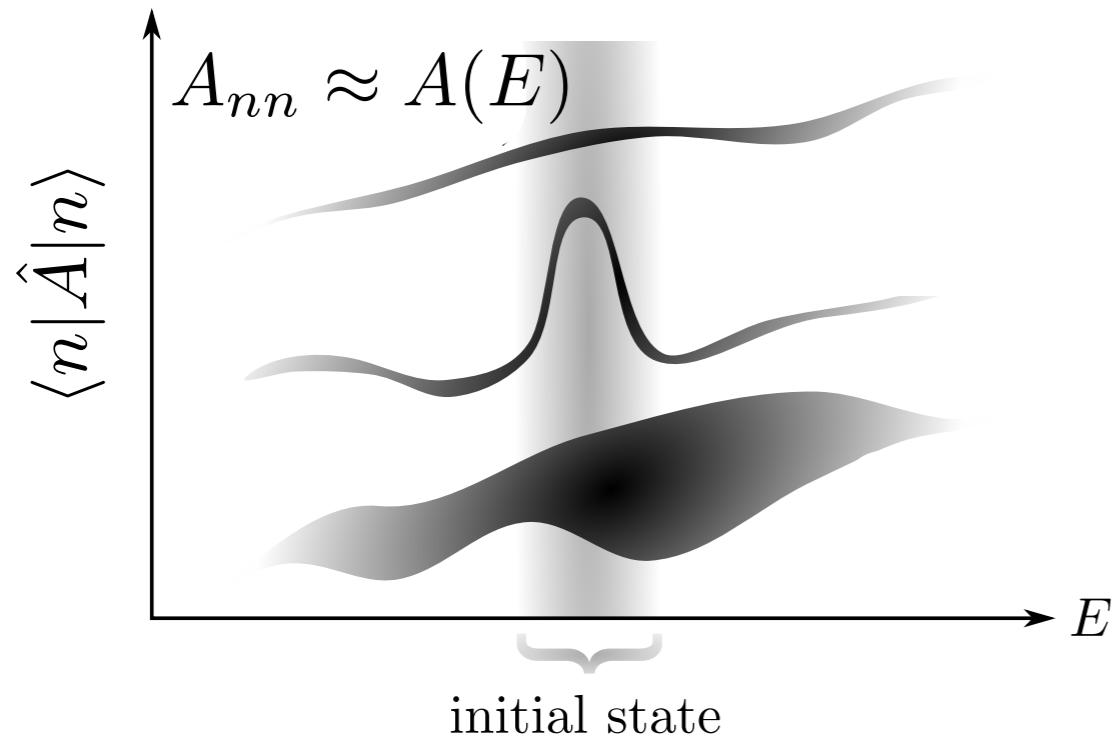
Micro-canonical ensemble

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle_{\text{steady-state}} = \langle \hat{A} \rangle_{\text{mc}} = \frac{1}{\Delta} \sum_n \langle n | \hat{A} | n \rangle; \quad E + \Delta < E_n < E + \Delta$$

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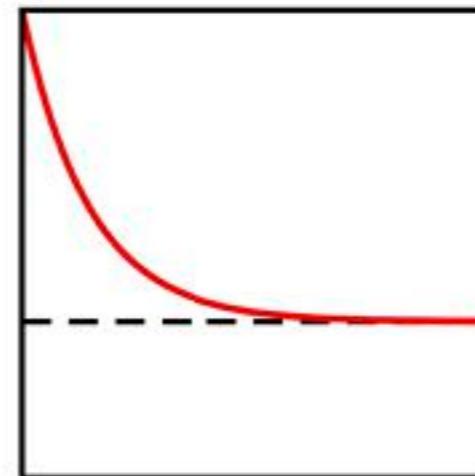
Implication: “single-state” micro-canonical ensemble

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle_{\text{mc}}(E) = \langle n | \hat{A} | n \rangle; \quad E_n \approx E$$

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Off-diagonal elements are exponentially small:
Ensures relaxation to steady-state value

Dephasing!



$$? = \text{tr}[\rho_{\text{eq.}} \hat{A}]$$

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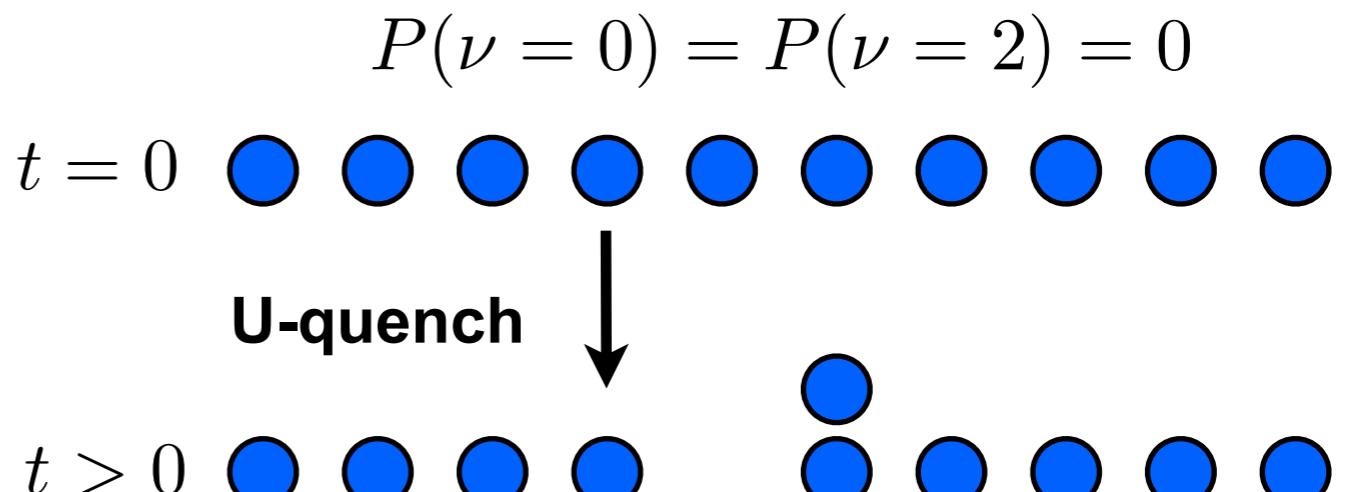
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Quench from:

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$$P(\nu = 0), P(\nu = 2) > 0$$

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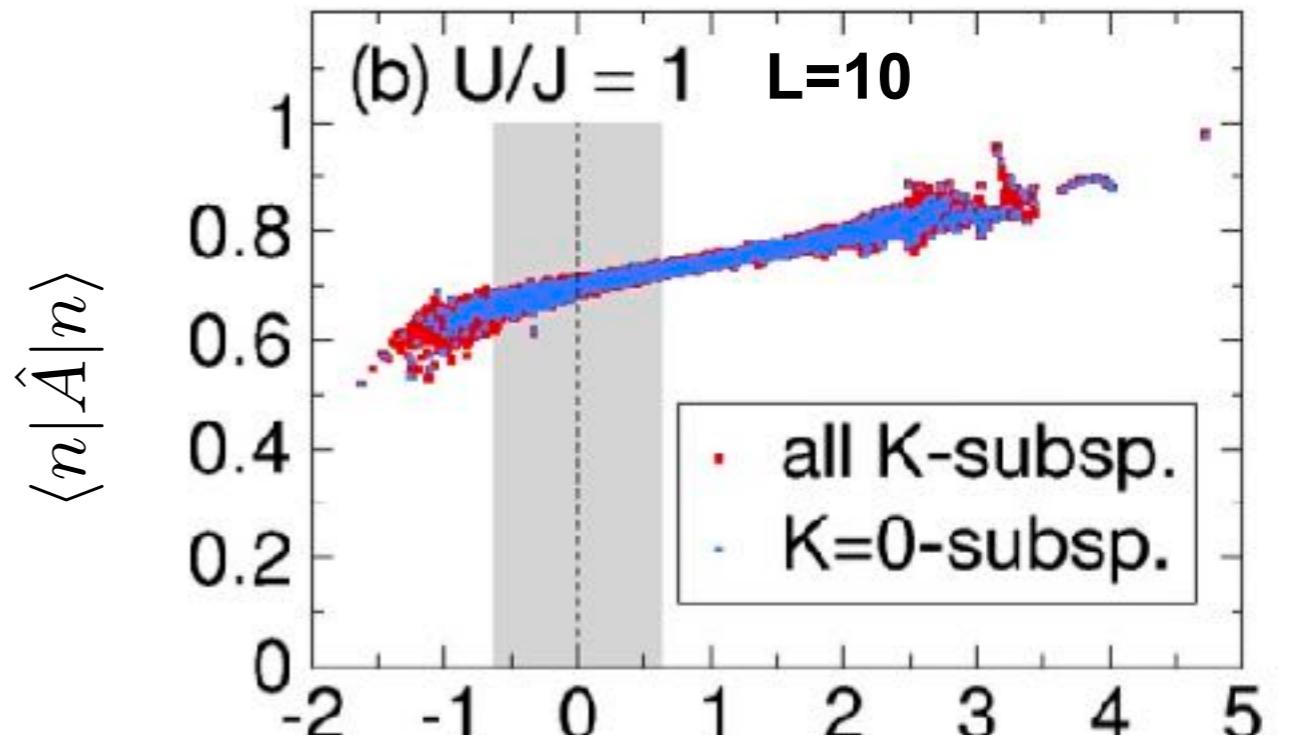
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$$E_n / J$$

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Sorg, Vidmar, Pollet, FHM Phys. Rev. A 90, 033606 (2014)

Many other numerical verifications of ETH: Rigol, Santos, ...

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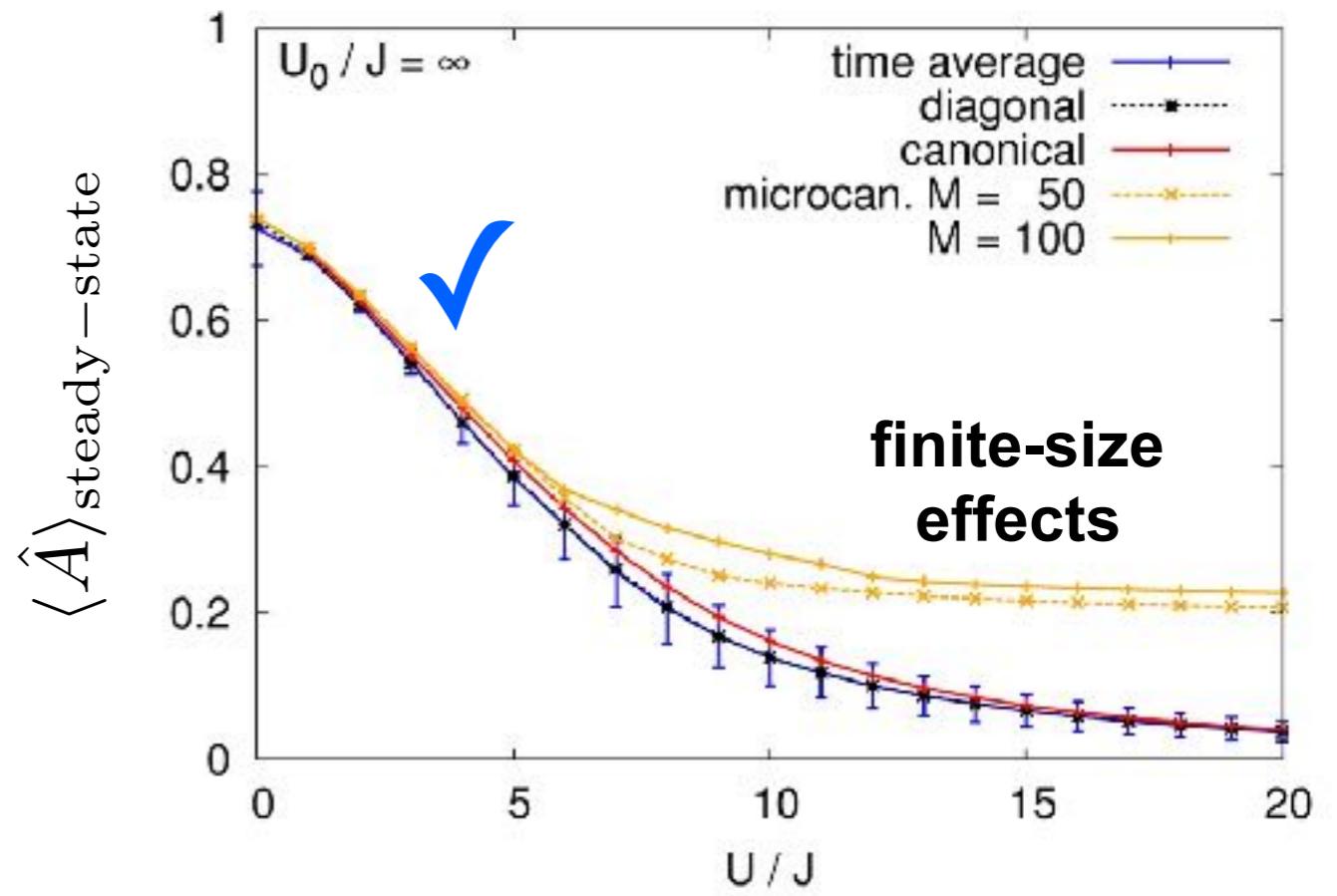
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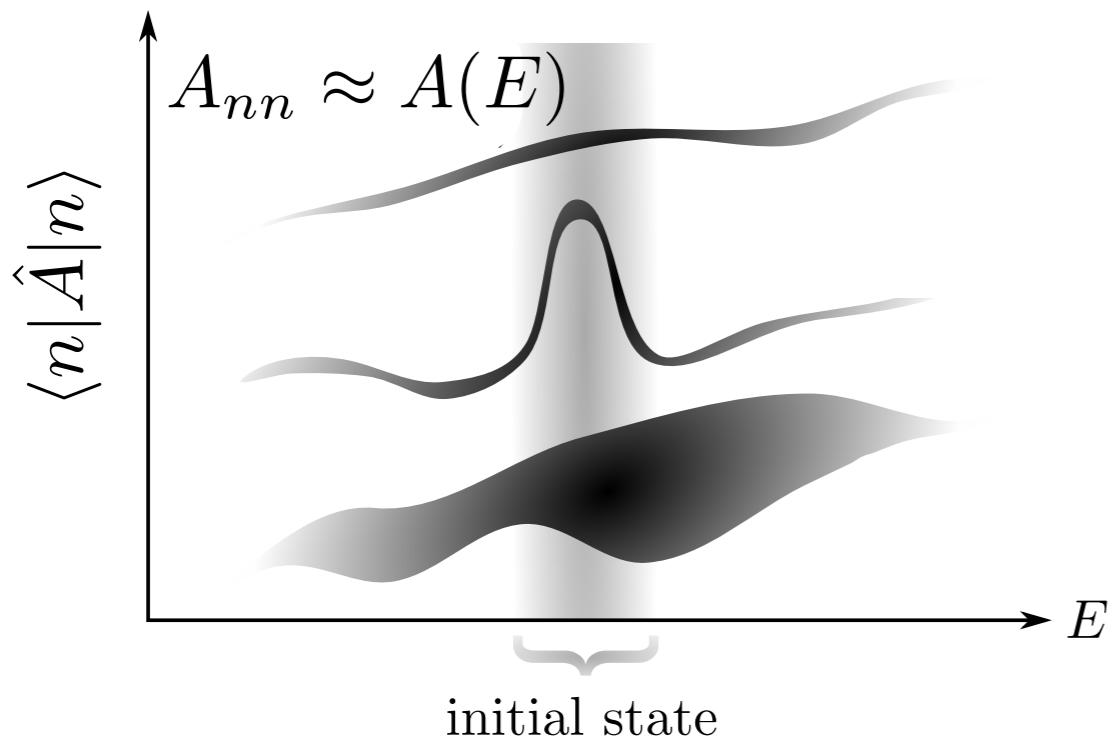


Steady state is thermal!

Eigenstate thermalization hypothesis (ETH)

Summary

- (1) Eigenstate expectation values of local observables function of energy
- (2) Off-diagonal elements are exponentially small:
Ensures relaxation!
- (3) Initial states are narrow in energy



Energy spread of initial state

$$\sigma_{\text{diag}}^2 = \langle \psi_0 | H^2 | \psi_0 \rangle - \langle \psi_0 | H | \psi_0 \rangle^2$$

Physically relevant states:

$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{diag}}}{LJ} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{L}}$$

Random matrix theory

Assume: Hamiltonian is a random matrix

Eigenvectors are
essentially random
(but orthogonal)
In any basis

$$\overline{(\psi_i^m)^*(\psi_j^n)} = \frac{1}{D} \delta_{mn} \delta_{ij}$$

Matrix elements
of local observables

$$A_{mn} = \bar{A} \delta_{nm} + \sqrt{\frac{\bar{A}}{D}} R_{nm}$$

Random number

Hilbert space dimension

This fulfills ETH (at infinite T)!

Generalization of Random Matrix Theory

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Alternative formulation of ETH:

M. Srednicki, J. Phys. A 32, 1163 (1999)

$$A_{nm} = A(\bar{E})\delta_{nm} + e^{-S(\bar{E})/2} f_A(\bar{E}, \omega) R_{n,m}$$

Smooth functions

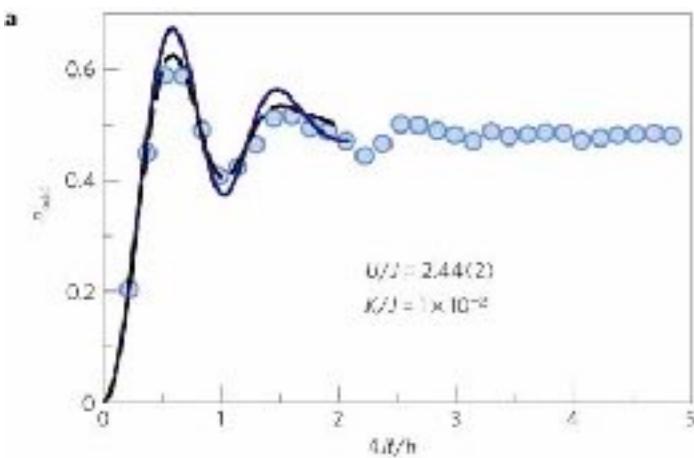
$$\bar{E} = (E_n + E_m)/2; \quad \omega = E_n - E_m \quad S(\bar{E}) : \text{entropy}$$

In what sense can many-body Hamiltonians be interpreted as random matrix?

'cause they are not, either in their eigenbasis or computational basis

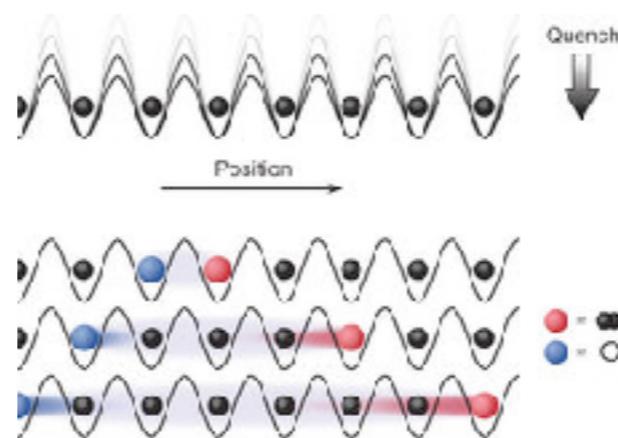
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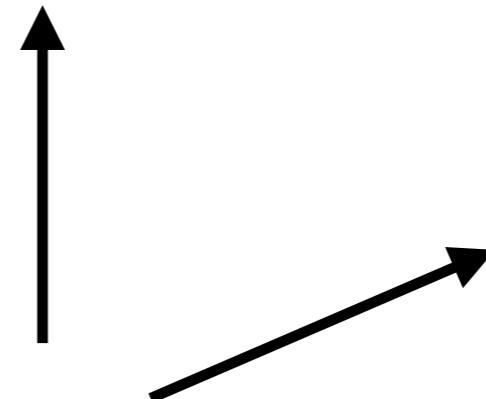
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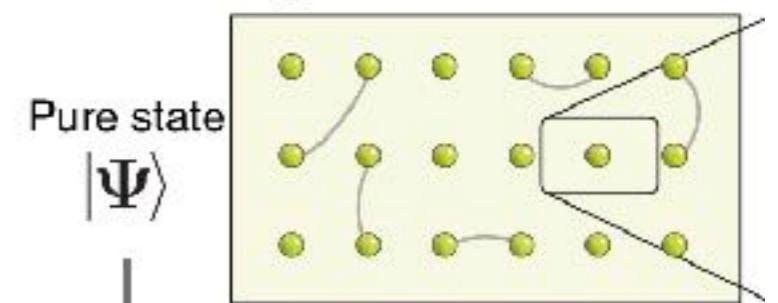
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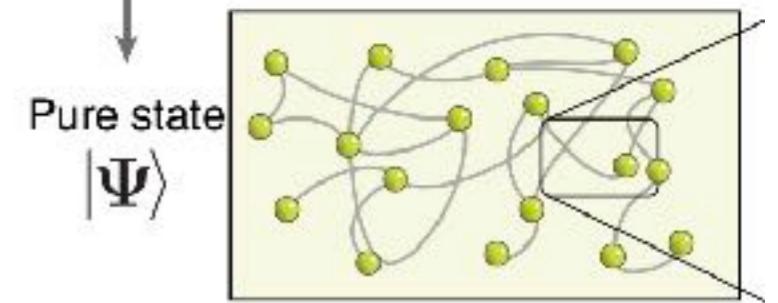
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Probing thermalisation

Quantum quench



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Global Unitary dynamics



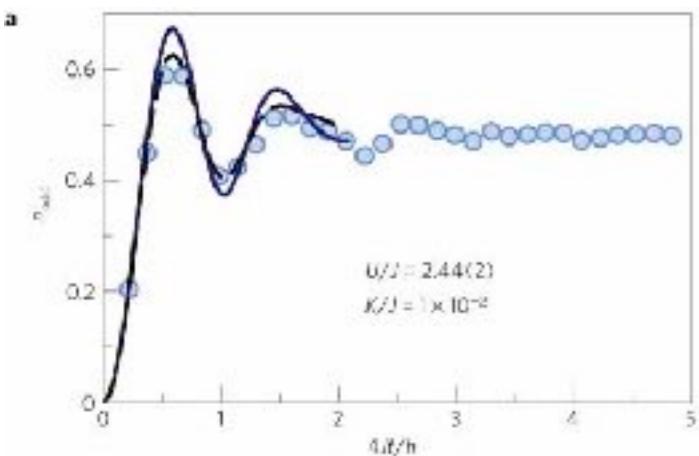
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1D Bose-Hubbard model

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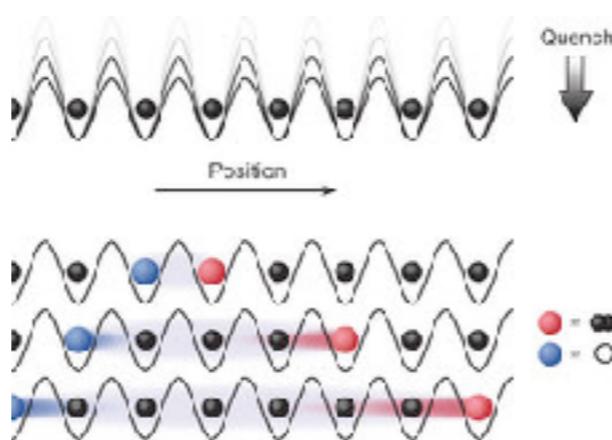
Thermalization: Experiments

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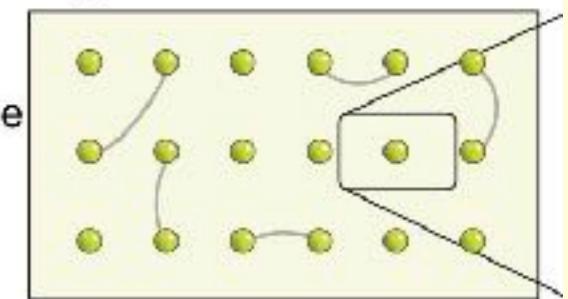
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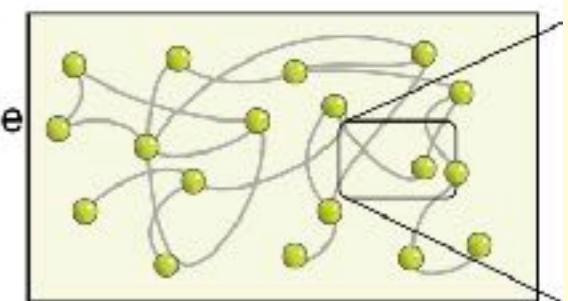
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Global
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Thermalization in experiments

Quantum gas microscope:
Projective (parity) measurement

Measures:

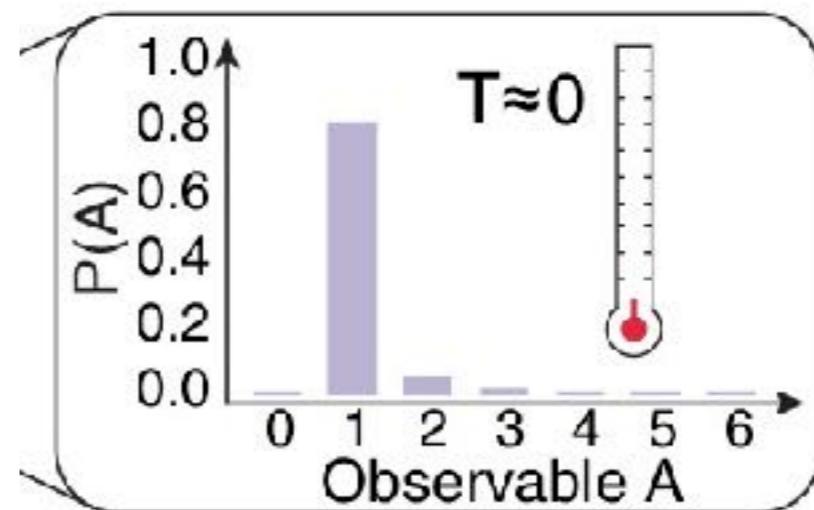
Projection on local particle numbers

$$\langle \hat{n}_i \rangle \rightarrow \nu = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

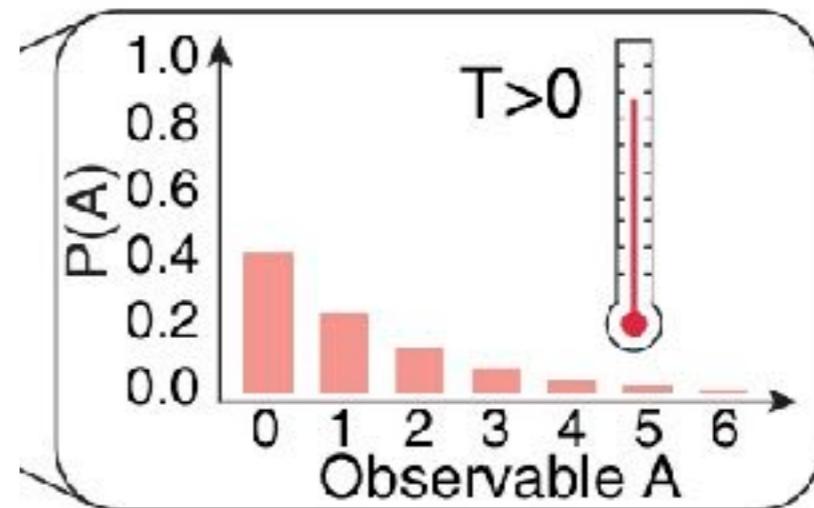
$P(\nu)$ Probability to measure
nu particles/site

Entanglement entropy via
Interference between two copies
→ More maybe in Hui Zhai's lecture

Initial state



Thermalization

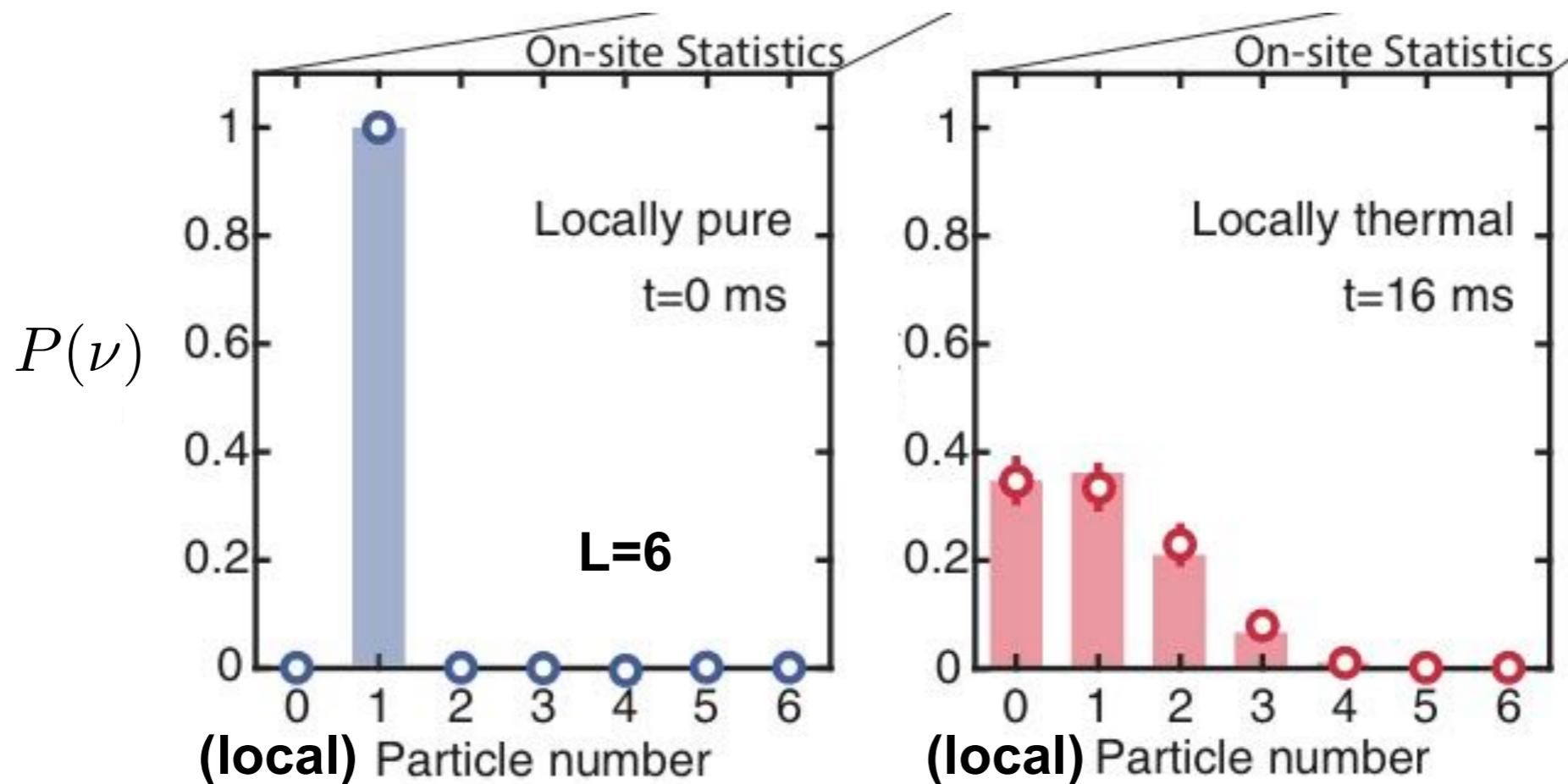


Thermalization in experiments

1D Bose-Hubbard model

$$|\psi_{\text{initial}}\rangle = \prod_i a_i^\dagger |0\rangle$$

Experimental data quench to: $U/J \approx 1.56$



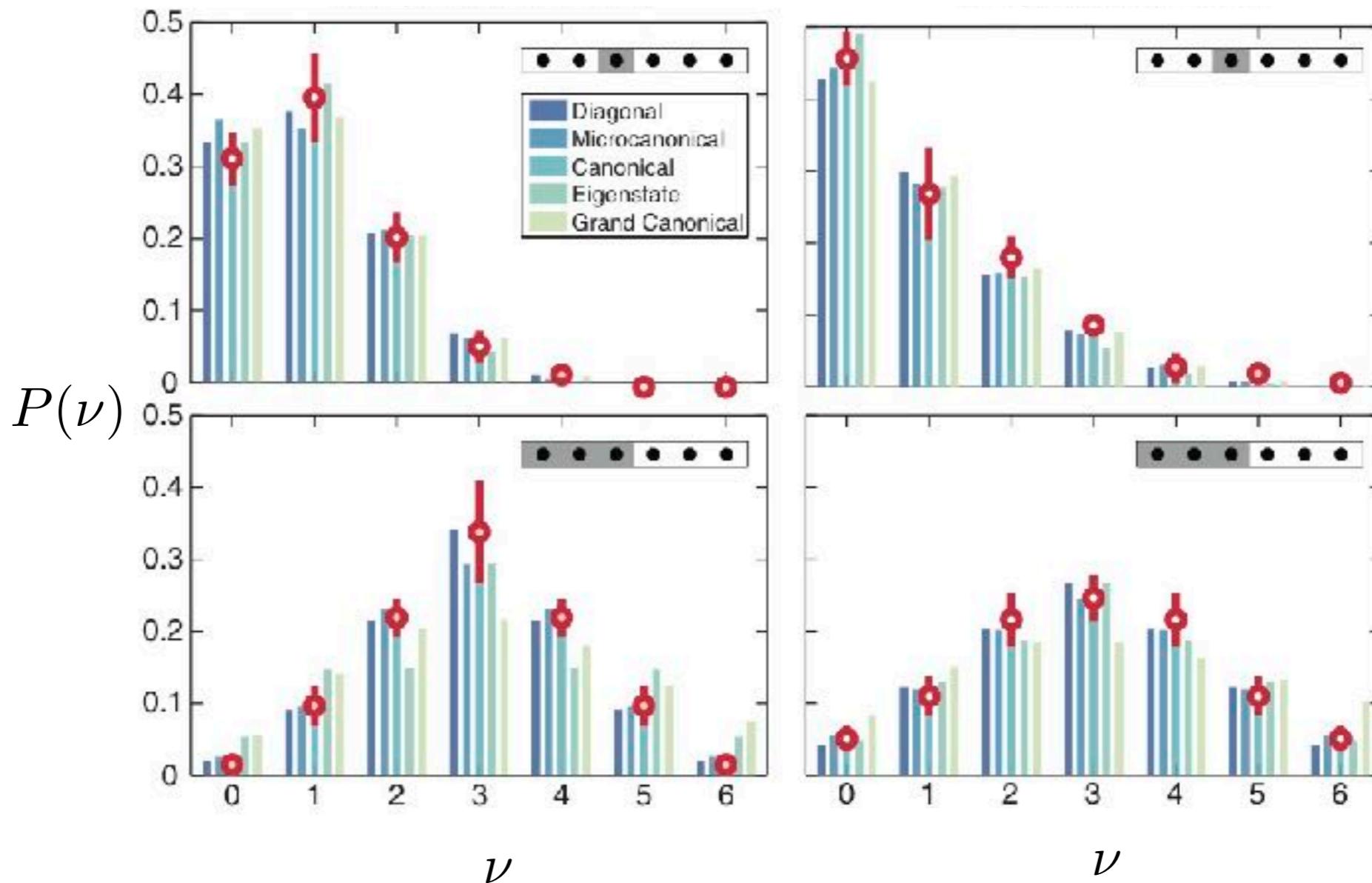
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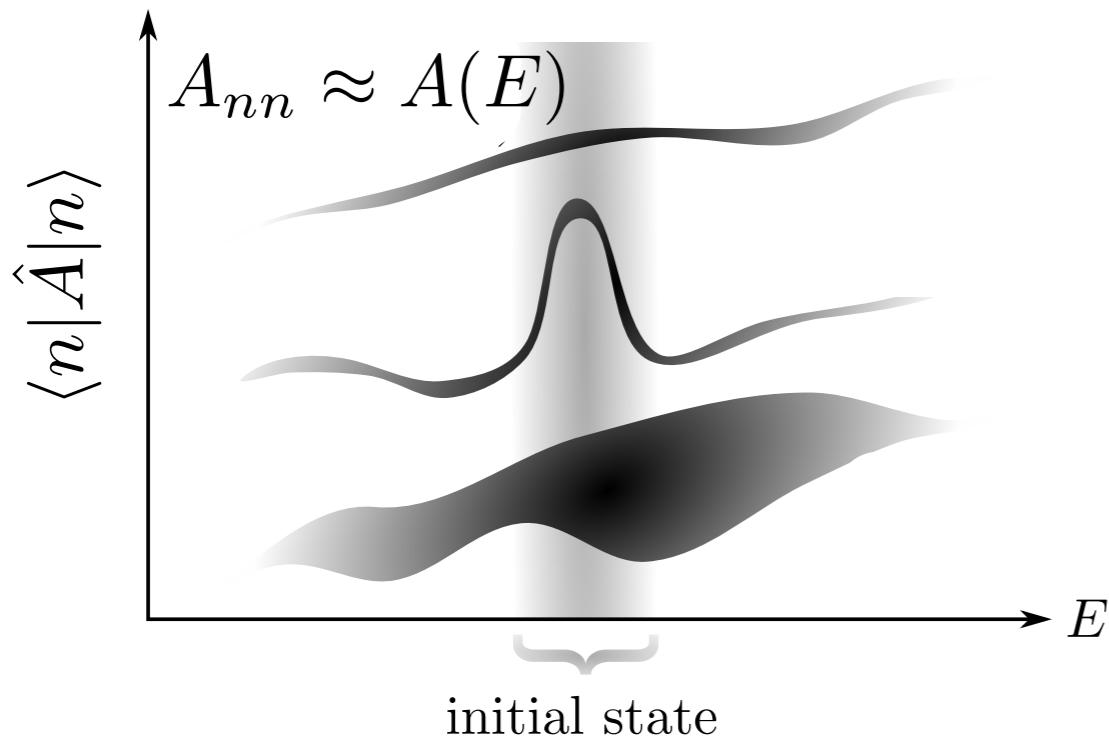
$$U/J \approx 1.56$$

$$U/J \approx 0.4$$



Kaufman et al. Science 353, 794 (2016) (Greiner Lab, Harvard)

Eigenstate thermalization hypothesis (ETH)



Take home message I:

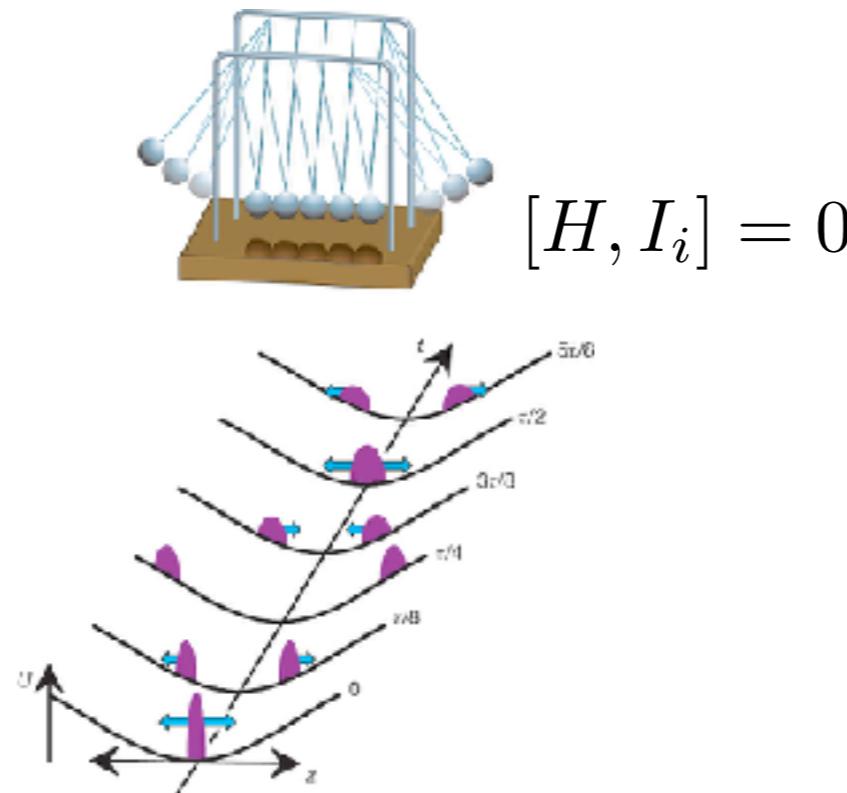
Generic many-body systems thermalize

In the ETH sense

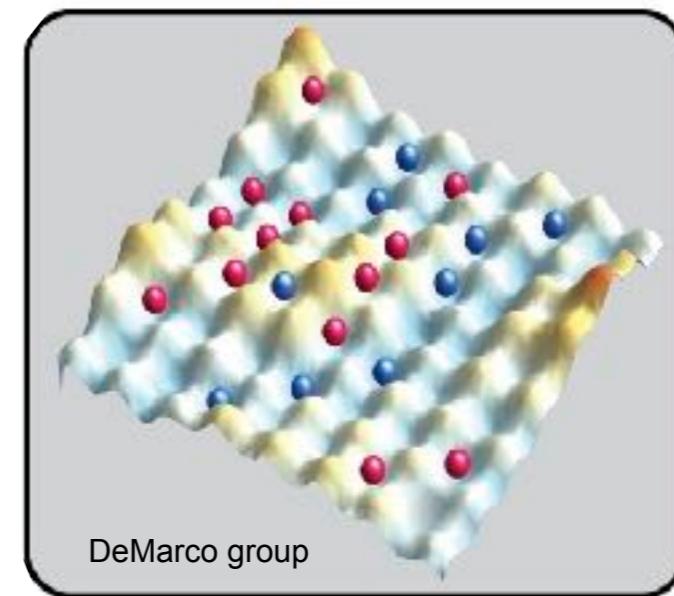
*Rigol, Dunjko, Olshanii Nature 452, 854 (2008);
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Thermalization: Exceptions

Integrable 1D systems
(Natan Andrei's lecture)



Many-body localization
(Wednesday)



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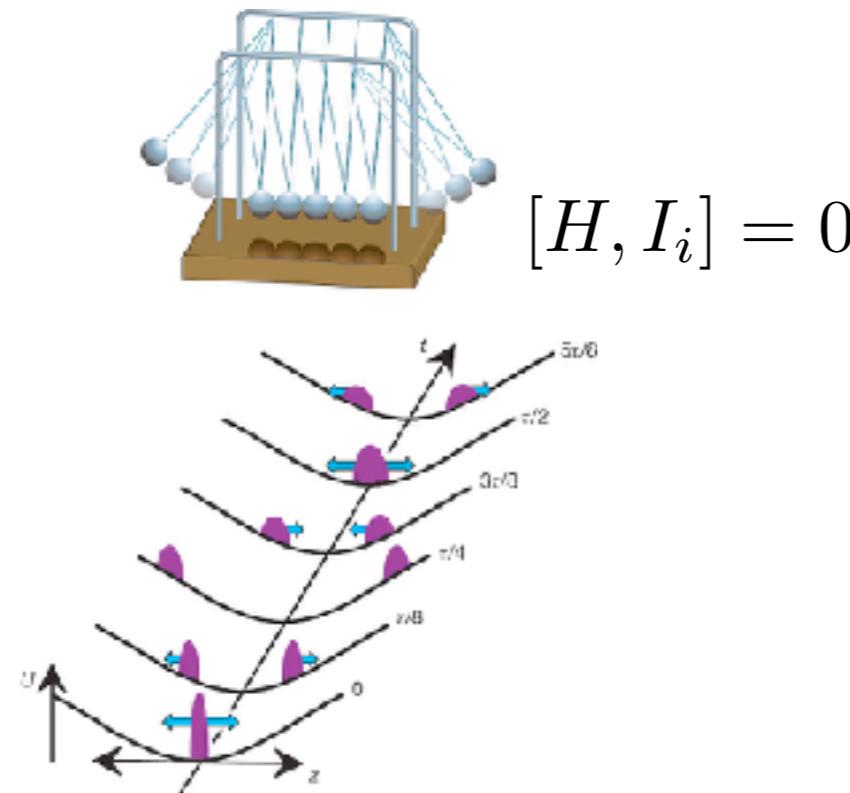
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Integrable systems (can)
avoid thermalization

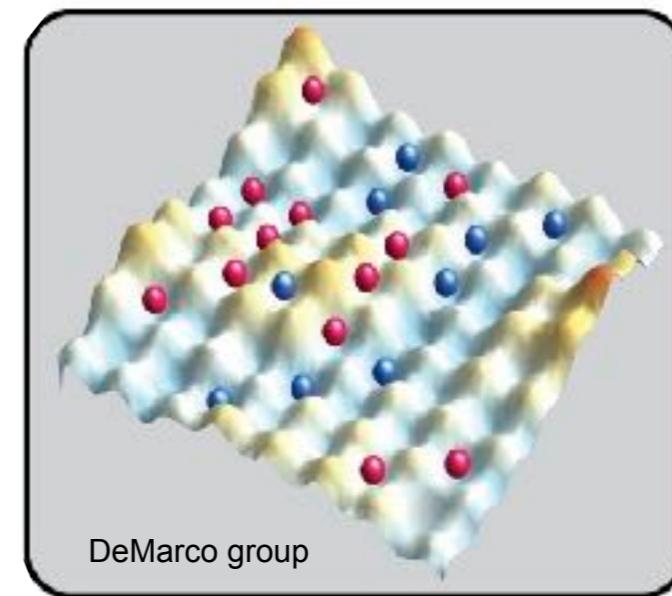
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Integrable systems
are also unusual conductors

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Transport in strongly correlated 1D systems

Ballistic transport in integrable 1D systems

$$\text{Re } \sigma(\omega) = D(T)\delta(\omega) + \sigma_{\text{reg}}(\omega)$$

Conserved currents:

$$[H, J] = 0 \rightarrow \text{Re } \sigma(\omega) = D(T)\delta(\omega)$$

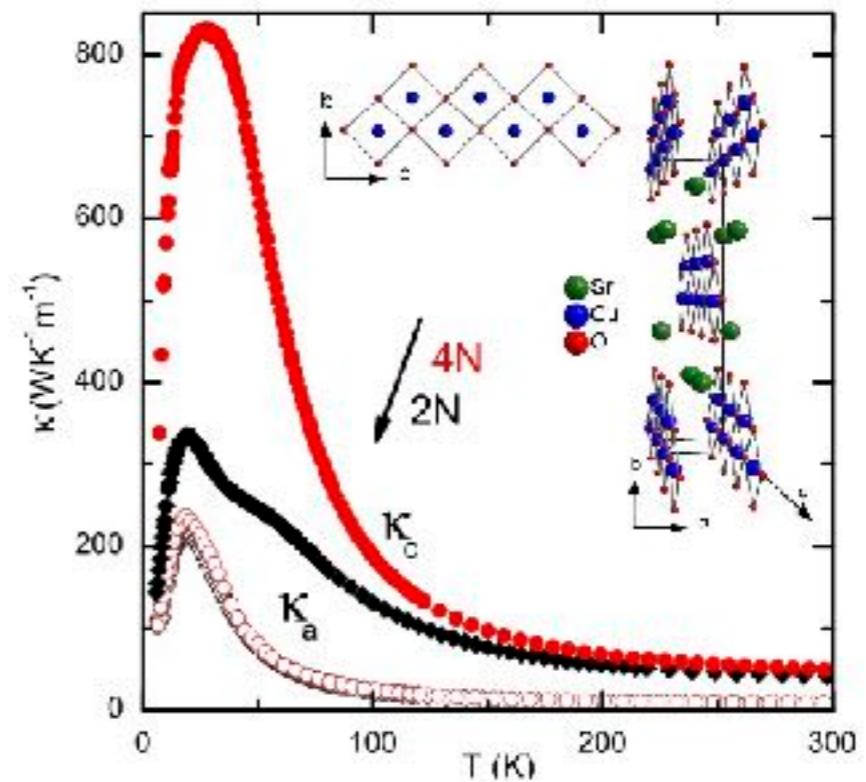
(local) Conservation laws/Mazur inequality:

$$[H, J] \neq 0 \quad \text{but} \quad [H, I_\alpha] = 0$$

$$D(T) \geq \text{const} \frac{|\langle JI_\alpha \rangle|^2}{\langle I_\alpha^2 \rangle} > 0$$

Zotos, Naef, Prelovsek PRB 55, 11027 (1997)
FHM, Honecker, Brenig EPJST (2007)
Prosen PRL 106, 217206 (2011)

Giant thermal conductivity in quantum magnets



Hlubek et al., Phys. Rev. B 81, 020405(R) (2010)

1D Heisenberg model

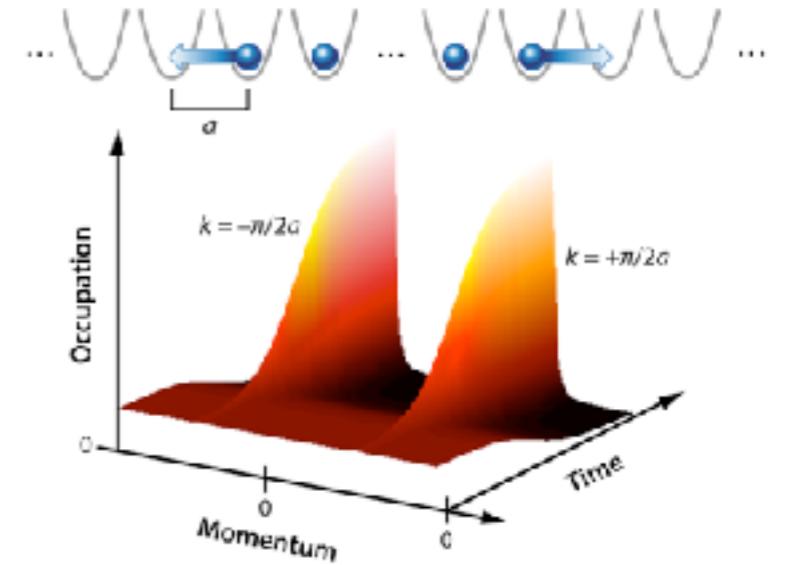
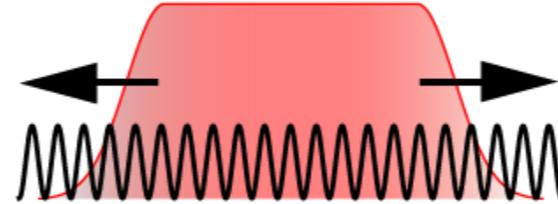
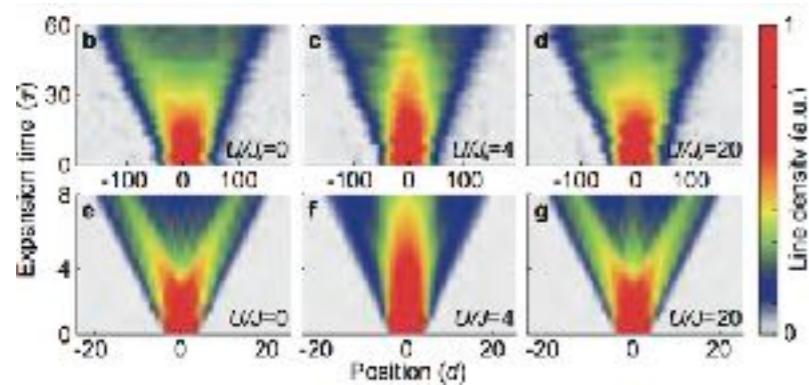
$$H = J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j$$

$$[H, J_E] = 0$$

Ballistic thermal conductor!

Nonequilibrium transport: Overview

Fun physics with integrable 1d hardcore bosons



1D Hardcore bosons: Ballistic transport

Ronzheimer et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 110, 205301 (2013)

Asymptotic/dilute limit of integrable models

$$n_k^{\text{physical}}(t \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow n_\rho$$

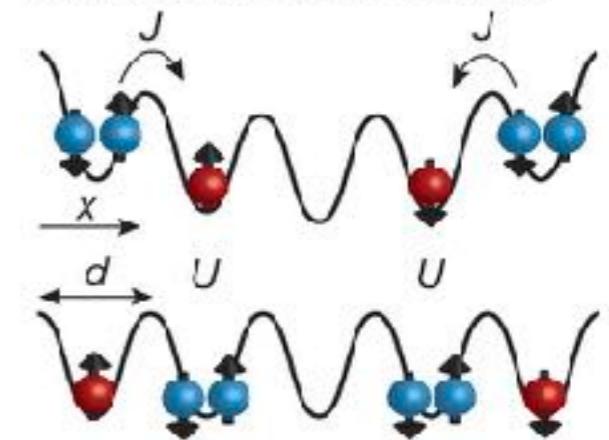
Dynamical quasi-condensation

Vidmar et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 115, 175301 (2015)
Clark Physics 8, 99 (2015)

Bonus material:

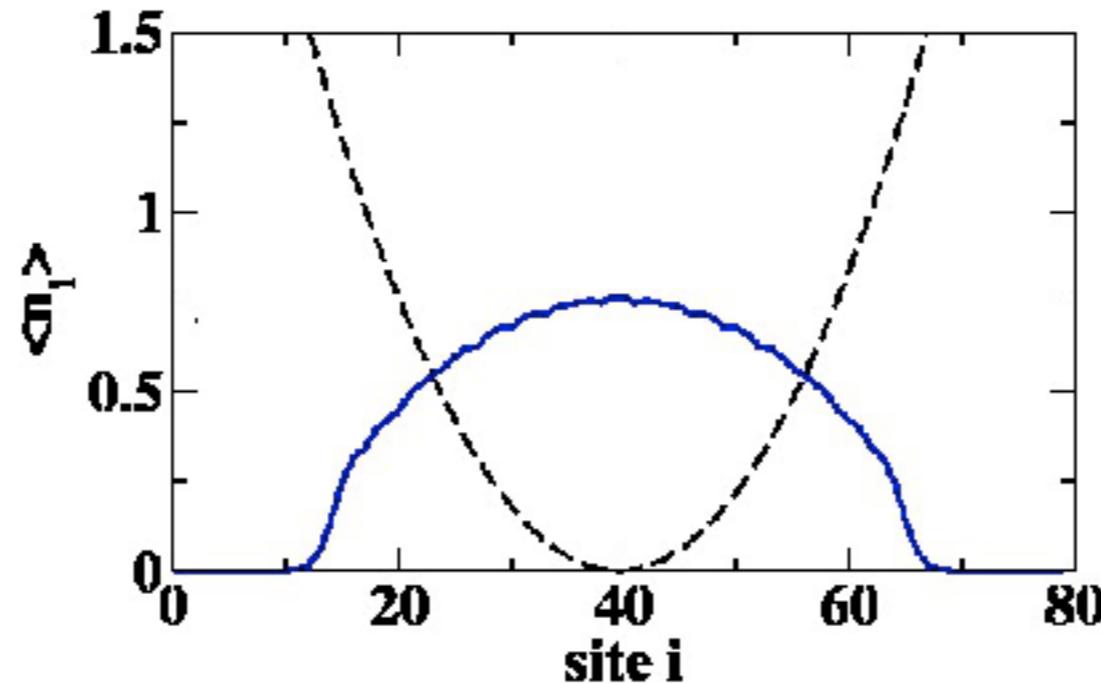
Quantum distillation

(a) Initial state with doublons



Nonequilibrium transport in optical lattices

$$H_0 = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} a_i^\dagger a_j + \frac{U}{2} \sum_i n_i(n_i - 1) + V_{\text{trap}} \sum_i n_i \vec{r}_i^2$$



"Sudden expansion"

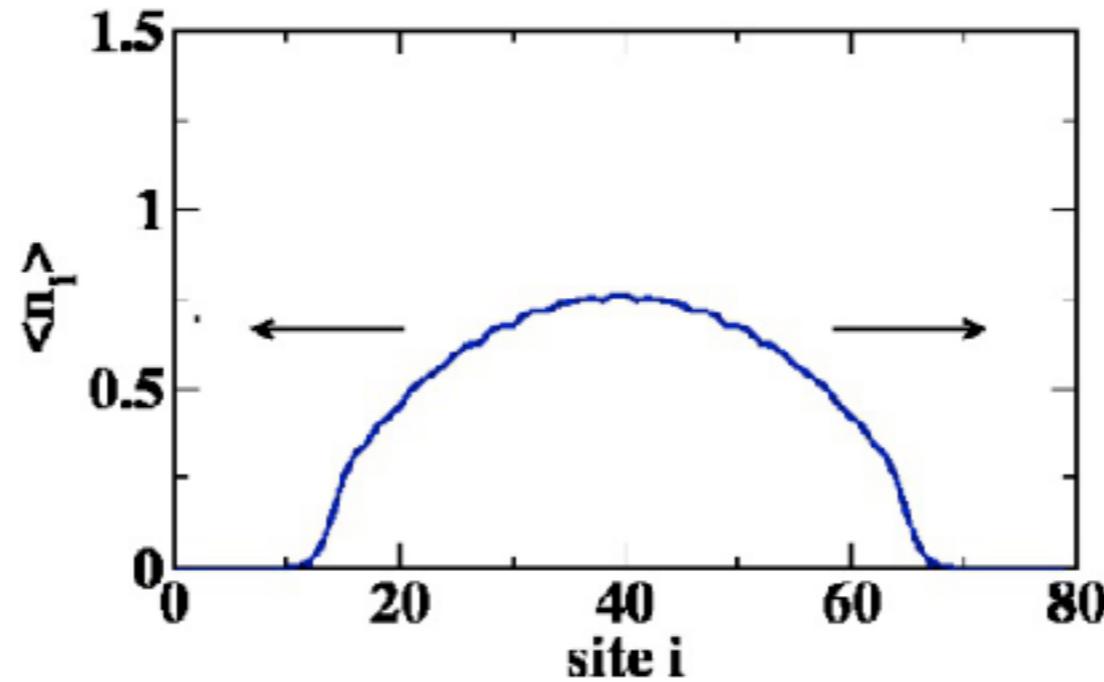
Other experimental approaches:
digital mirror devices (Esslinger/ ETH and Greiner/Harvard)

Nonequilibrium transport in optical lattices

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Quantum quench of the trapping potential

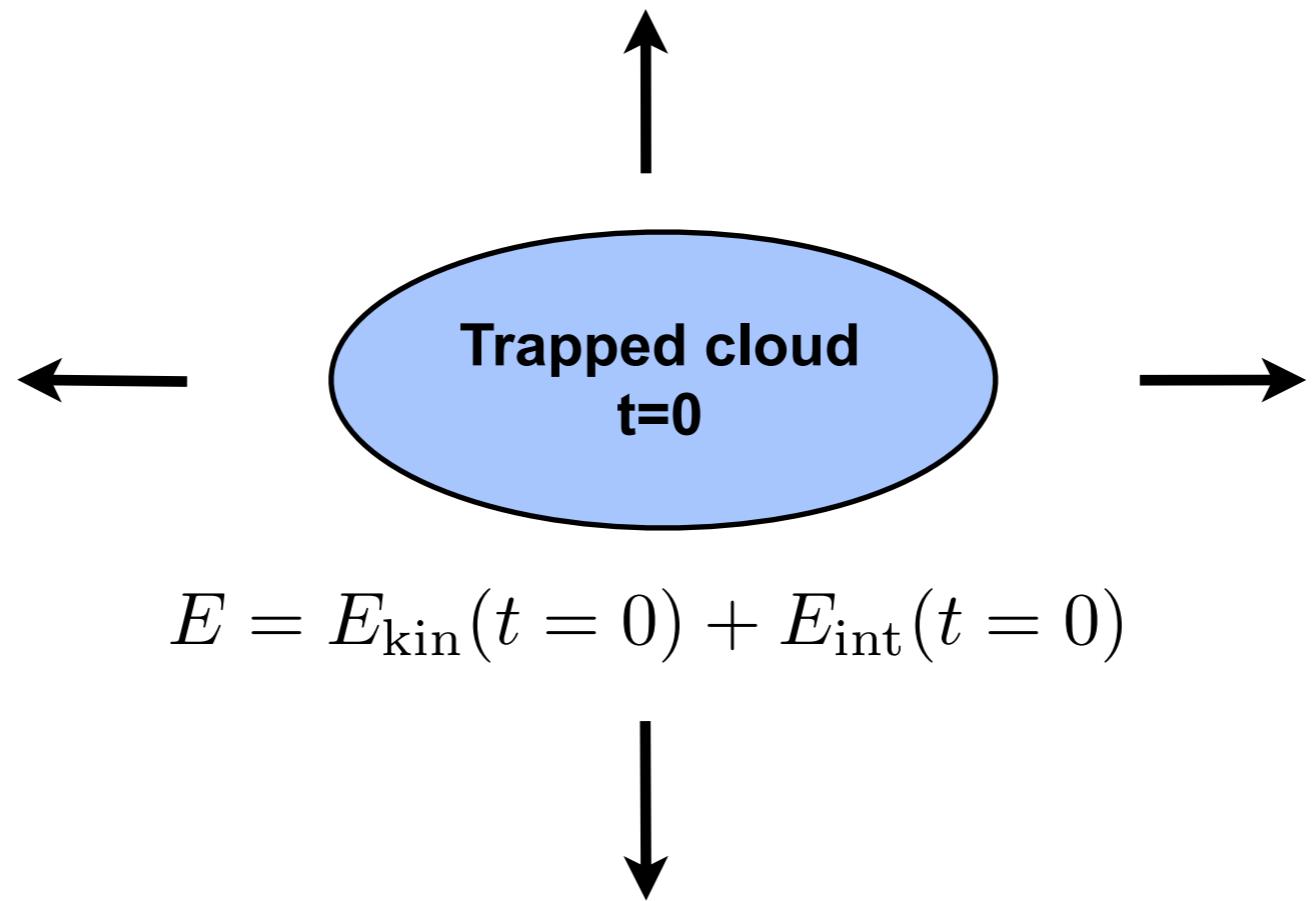
$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt} |\psi(t=0)\rangle$$



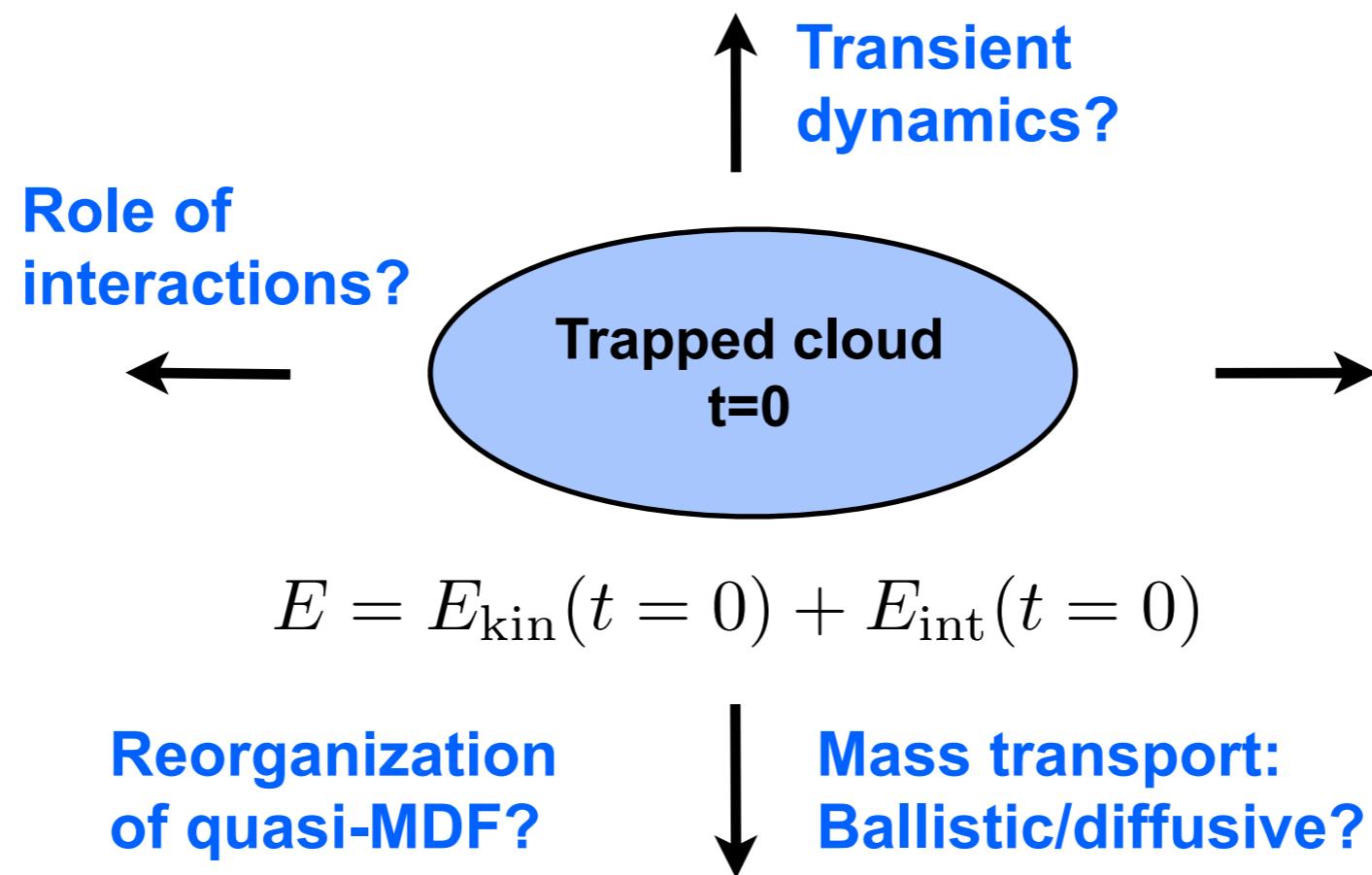
Induces finite mass currents in homogeneous lattice

Sudden expansion

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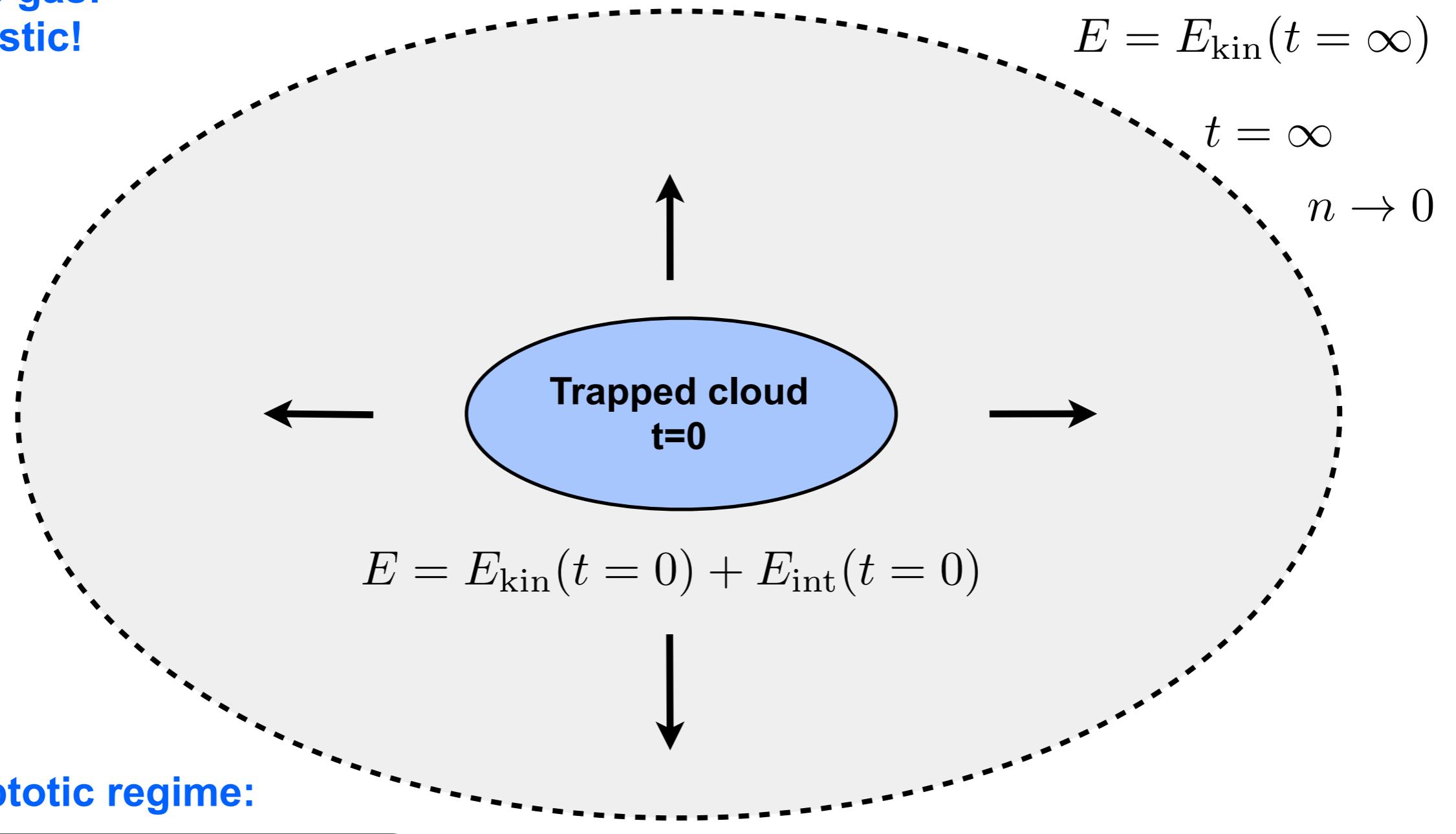
Sudden expansion



Sudden expansion

Dilute gas!

Ballistic!



Asymptotic regime:

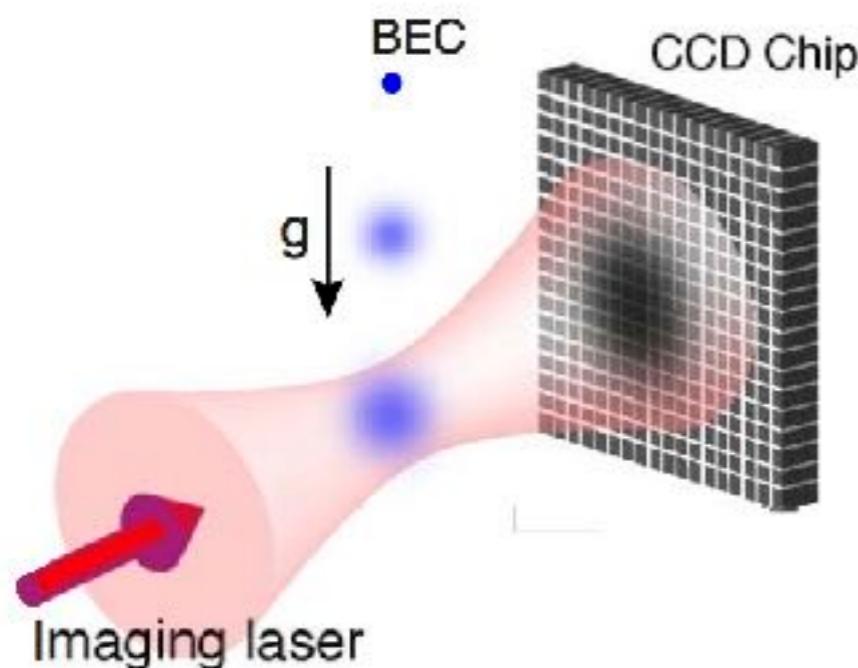
$$H \rightarrow \sum_k \epsilon_k n_k(t = \infty)$$

$$n_k(t = \infty) = f(E/N, \dots)$$

Role of conservation laws/ integrability?

Time-of-flight versus sudden expansion

Time-of-flight (Tof)
Removal of all potentials



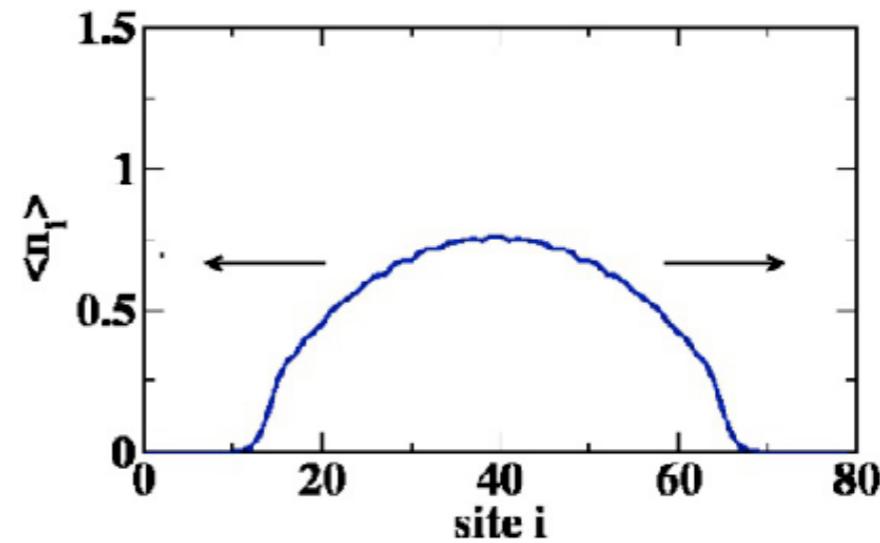
Bloch, Dalibard, Zwerger RMP 2008

$$n(v) = \text{const.} \quad n_k = \text{const.}$$

$$n(x, t = \infty) \propto n_k(t = 0)$$

Measurement of momentum distribution n_k

Sudden expansion
Removal of trapping potential



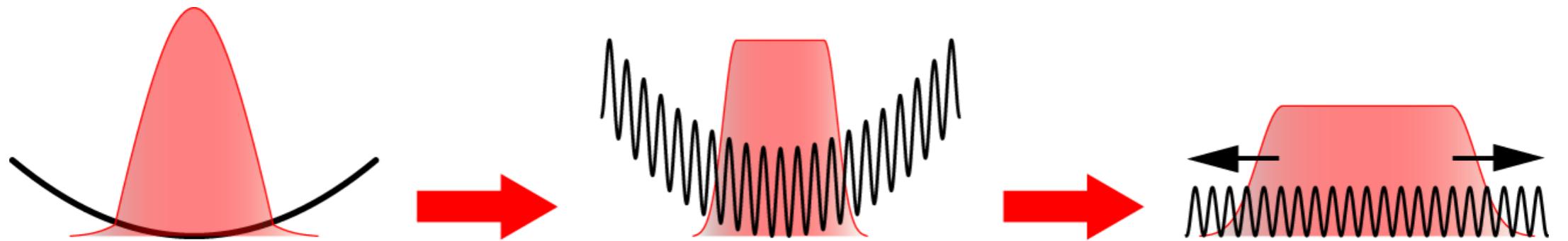
**In general: Interactions matter
(and give rise to interesting stuff)**

$$n_k = n_k(t)$$

$$n(x, t = \infty) \not\propto n_k(t = 0)$$

$$n_k = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{lm} e^{i(l-m)k} \langle a_l^\dagger a_m \rangle$$

Sudden expansion: Experimental state preparation



Load ^{39}K atoms
into trap

Ramp up deep
optical lattice:
One boson/site

Remove trap $V \rightarrow 0$,
Go to desired U/J

Initial state:
g.s. of $U/J = \infty$

$$|\psi_{\text{initial}}\rangle = \prod_i a_i^\dagger |0\rangle \rightarrow n_k = \text{const.}$$

Initial quasi-momentum
distribution function

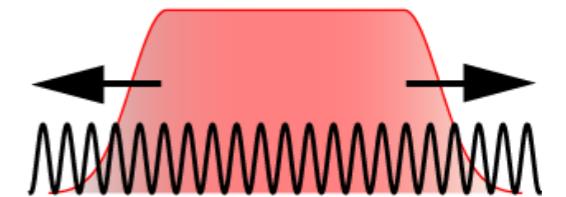
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Removal of trap & interaction quench

Expansion of bosons in 1D

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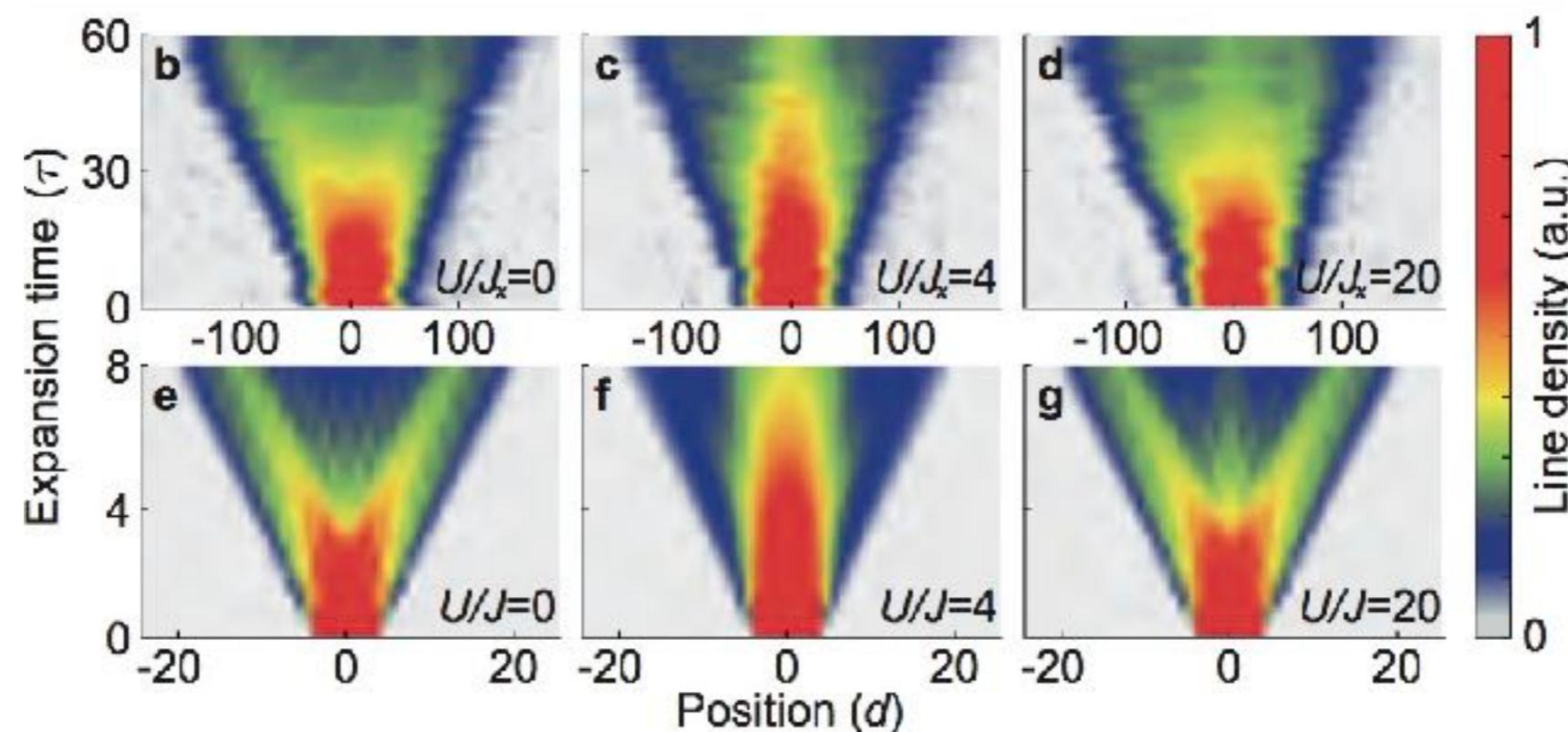


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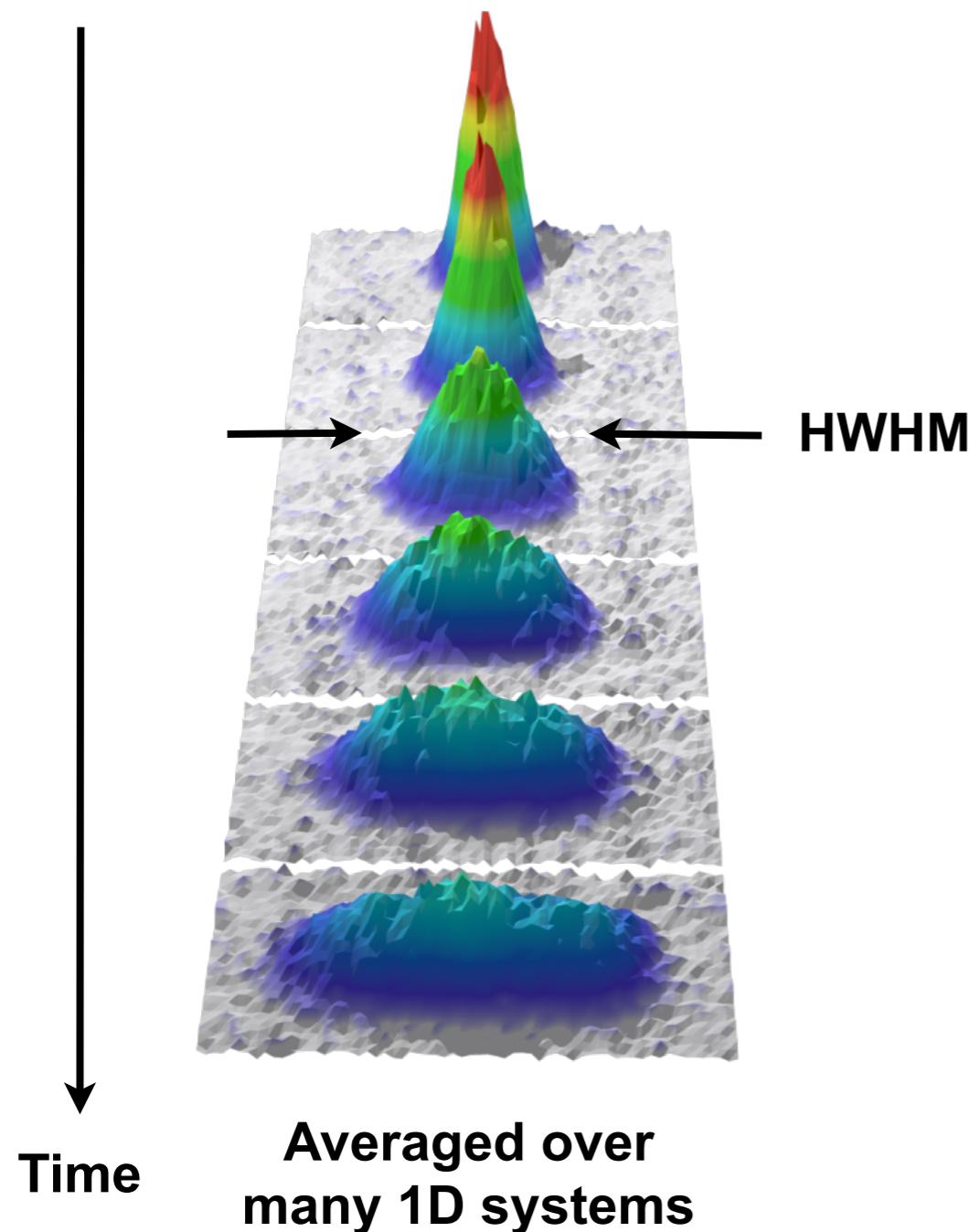
Experimental
data



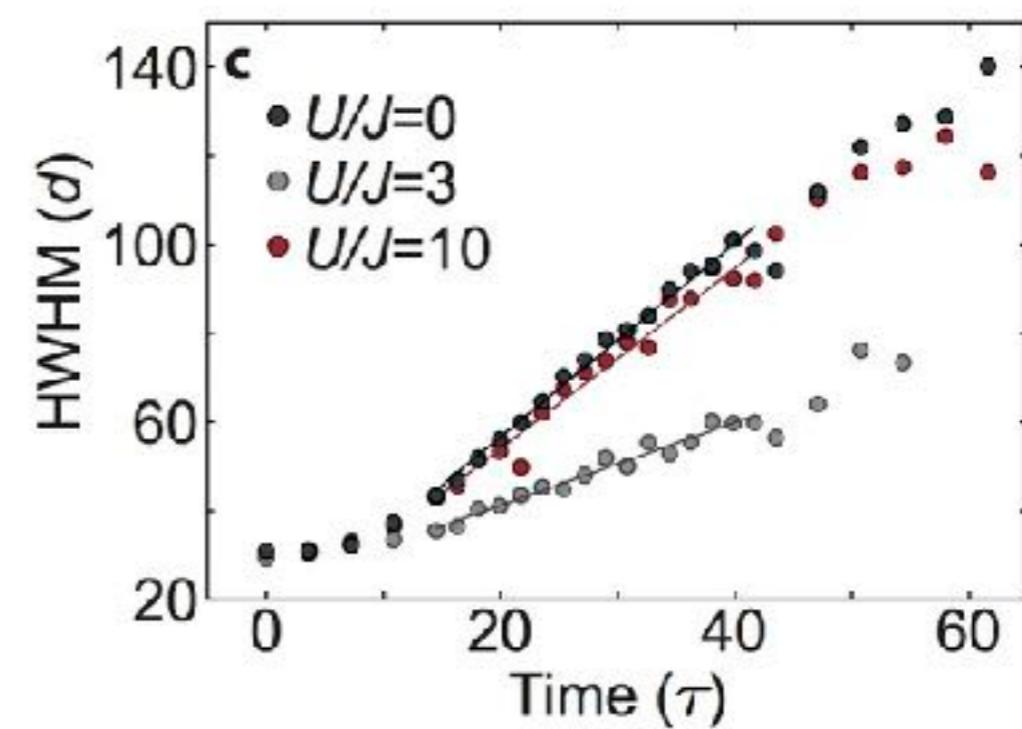
DMRG

Profiles for *non-interacting* and *strongly interacting* bosons are identical!

Expansion of bosons in 1D & 2D

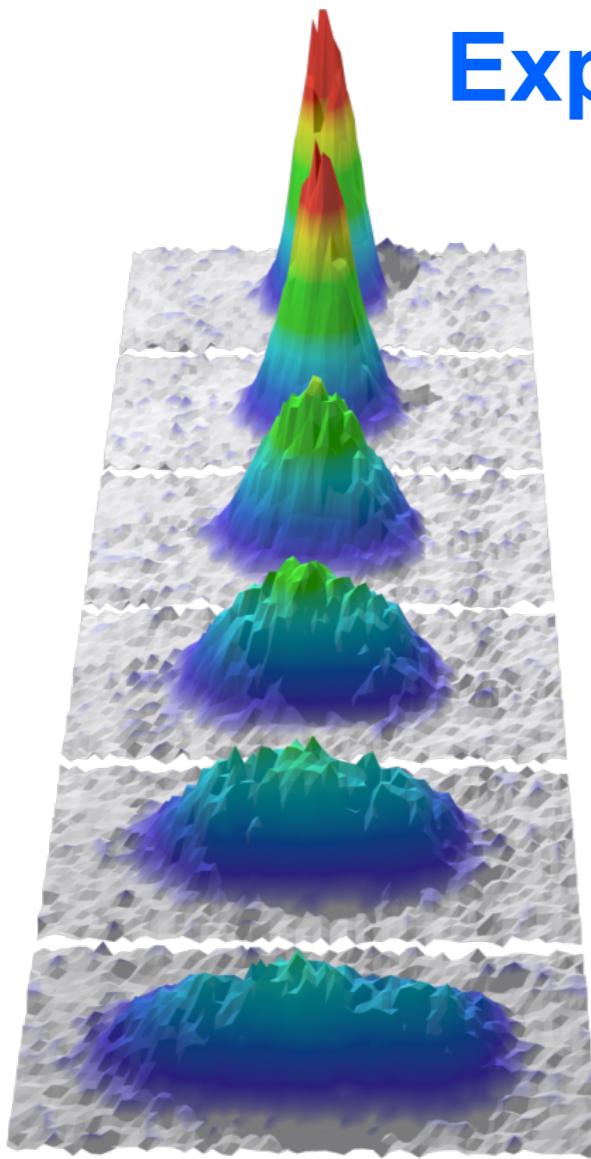


Time-evolution of
half-width-at-half maximum $\text{HWHM} = f(t)$

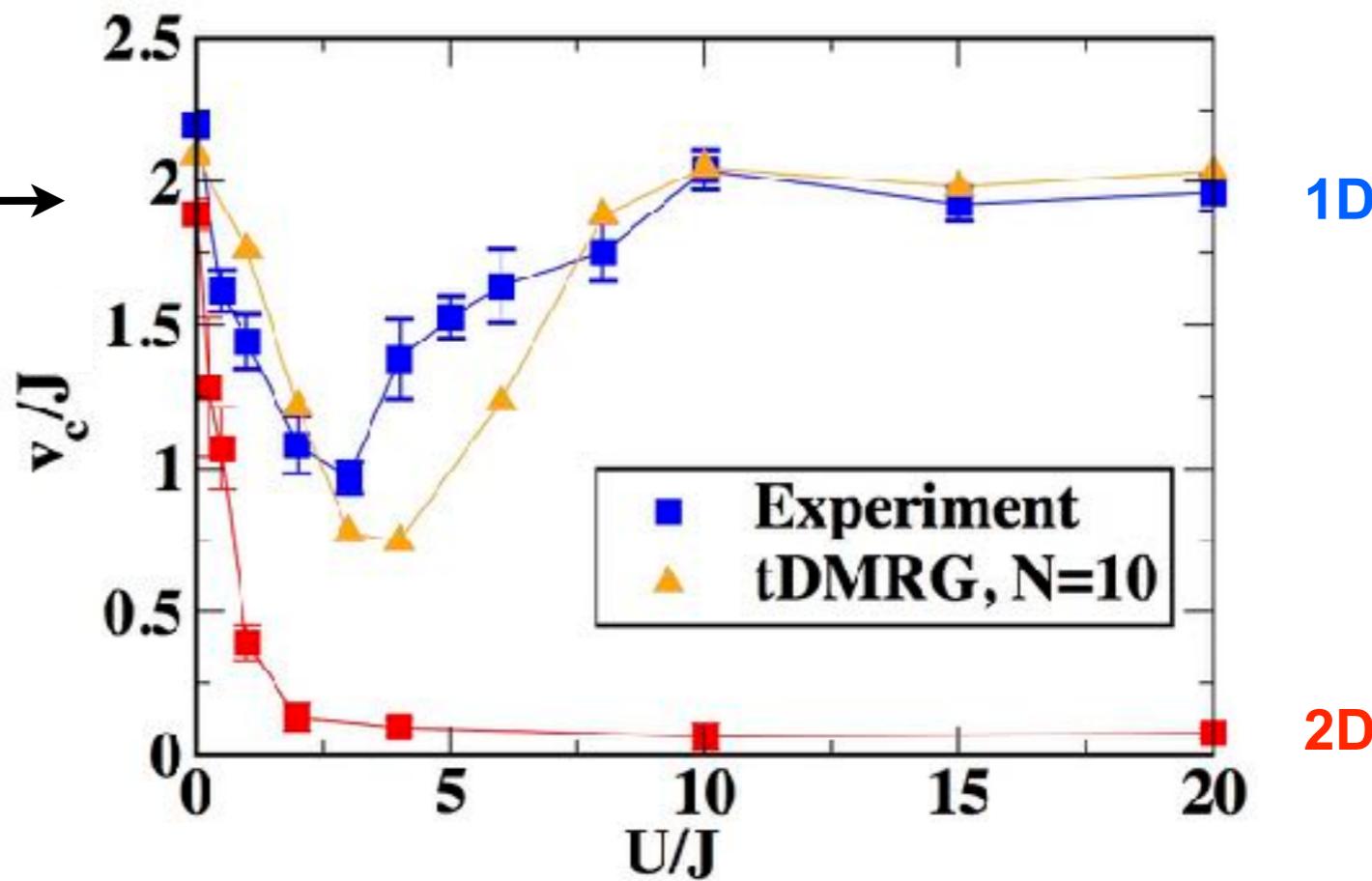


Core expansion velocity v_c

Expansion velocity: 1D versus 2D



half-width-half-maximum



Dispersion: $\epsilon_k = -2J \cos(k)$

Fast & ballistic expansion for non-interacting
and strongly interacting bosons in 1D

Expansion velocity

Radius of expanding cloud

$$R^2(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \langle n_i(t) \rangle (i - i_0)^2$$

Non-interacting particles:

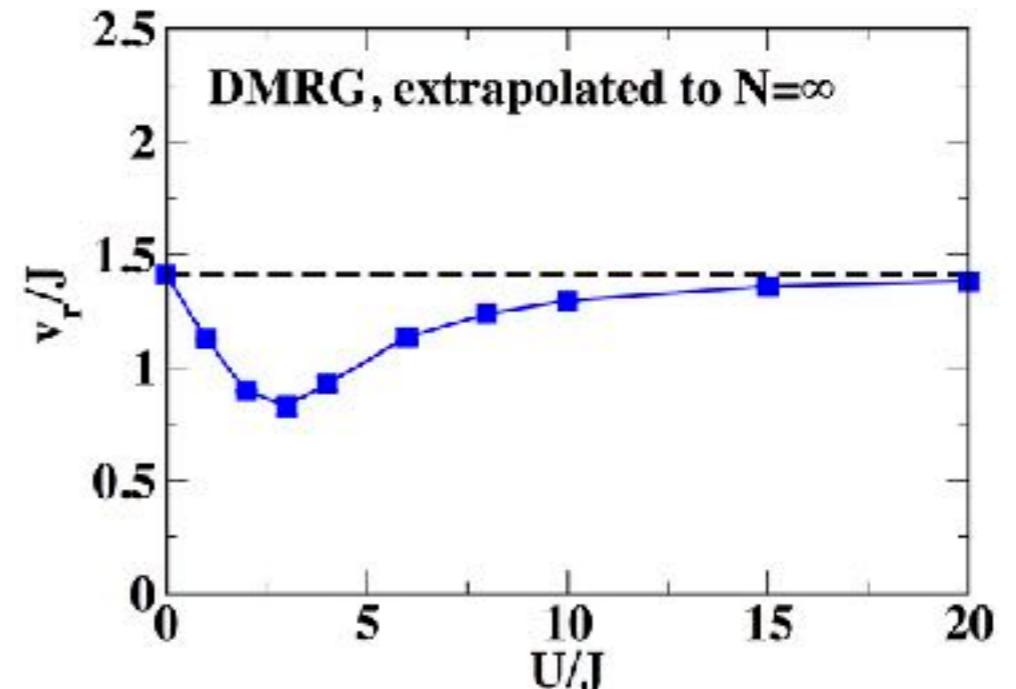
$$H = \sum_k \epsilon_k a_k^\dagger a_k = \sum_k \epsilon_k n_k$$

Ballistic & fast expansion:

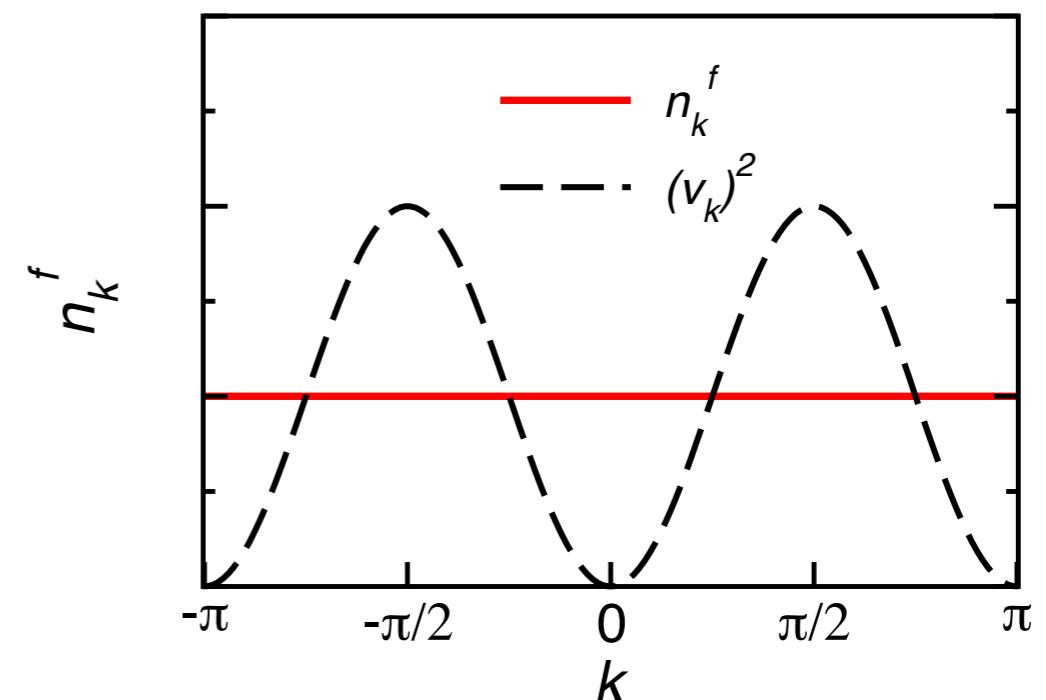
$$R(t) = v_r t = \sqrt{2} J t$$

$$v_r^2 = v_{\text{av}}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_k v_k^2 n_k$$

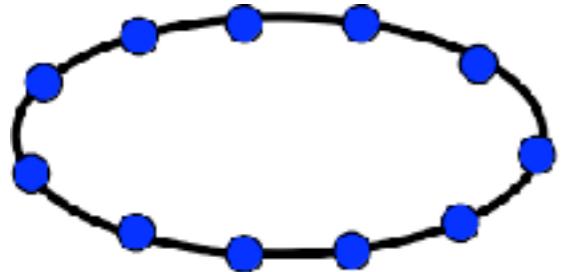
$$v_k = 2J \sin(k)$$



Quasi-Momentum distribution function



Hard-core bosons in 1D: Integrable!



$$H = -J \sum_i (a_{i+1}^\dagger a_i + h.c.) + \frac{U}{2} \sum_i n_i(n_i - 1) \quad (a_i^\dagger)^2 = 0$$

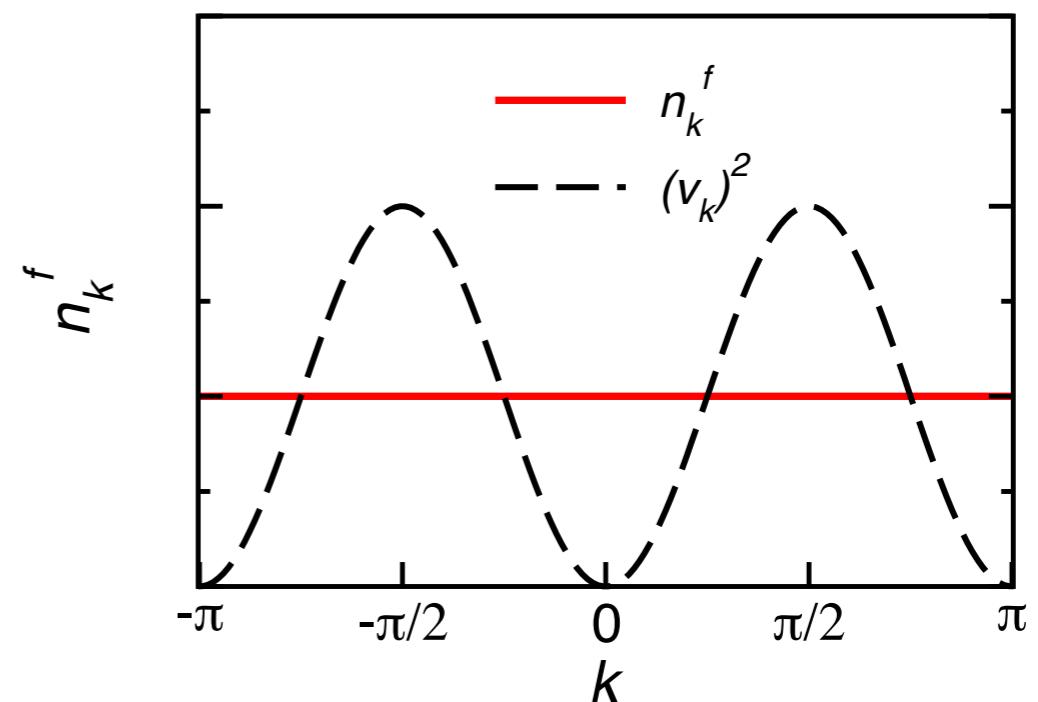
$U/J=\infty$: Hard-core bosons map to spinless non-interacting fermions!

$$\rightarrow H = -J \sum_i (f_{i+1}^\dagger f_i + h.c.) = \sum_k \epsilon_k n_k^f \leftarrow \text{Conserved charges}$$

$$R^2(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \langle n_i(t) \rangle (i - i_0)^2 \qquad \epsilon_k = -2J \cos(k)$$

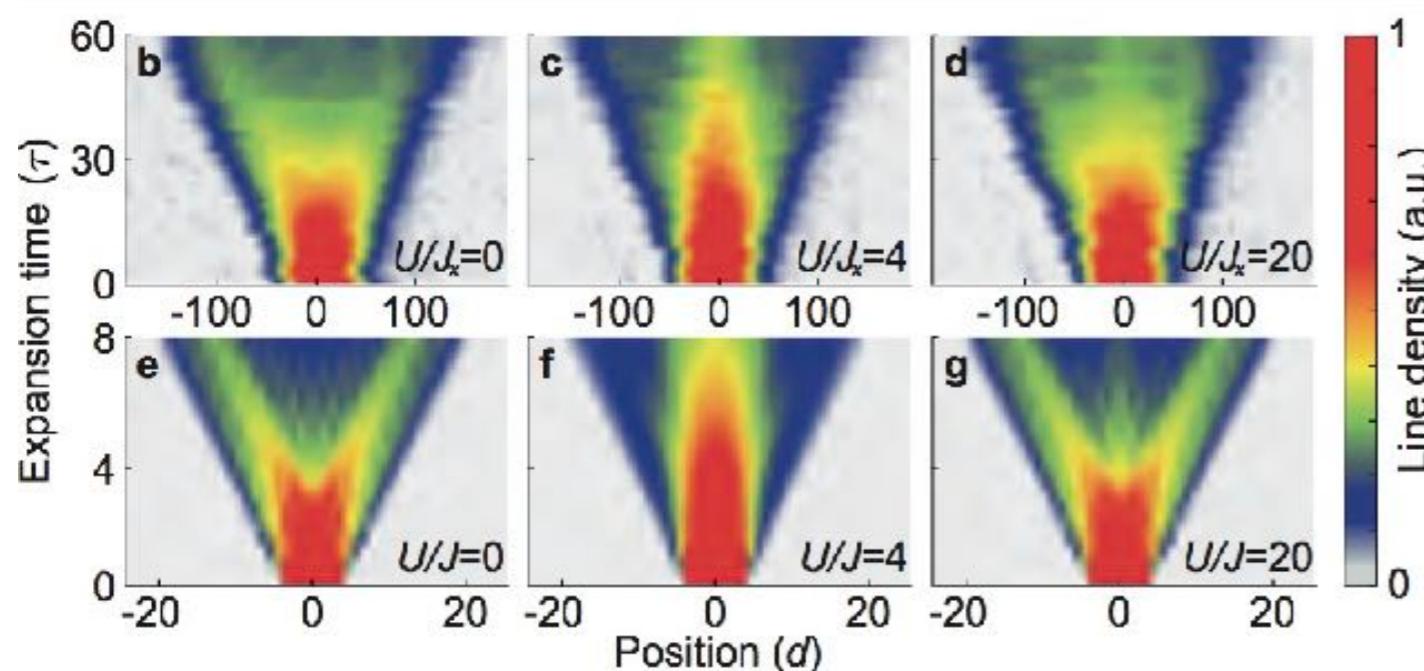
$$n_i^{HC B} = n_i^f \rightarrow R = \sqrt{2} J t$$

Ballistic mass transport
despite strong interactions:
Indistinguishable from
free particles

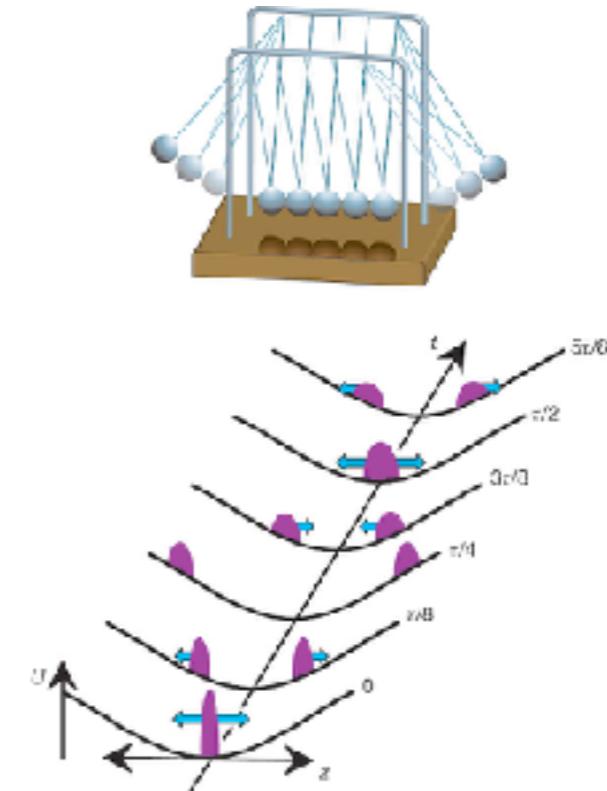


Take home message II:

Integrable systems: many conservation laws $[H, I_i] = 0$



Ballistic nonequilibrium mass transport
in a strongly interacting
1D system due to integrability



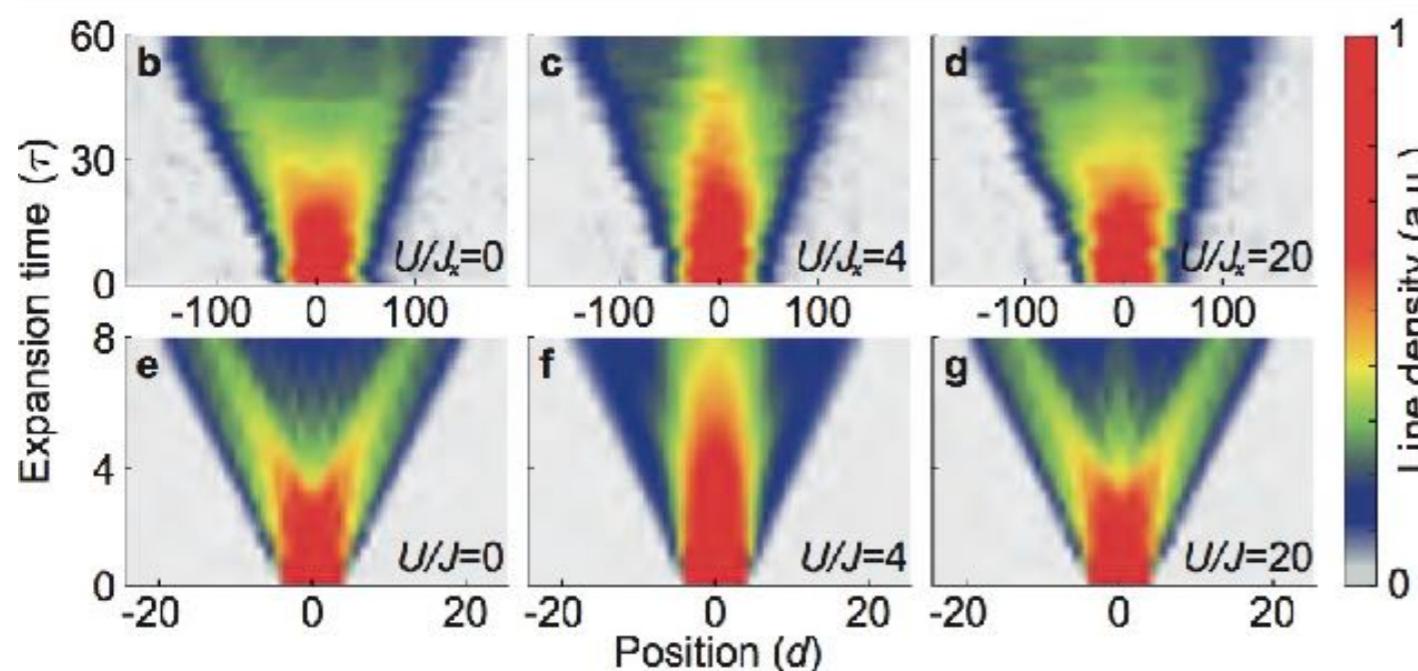
Analogy to non-ergodicity
in integrable systems
in quantum quenches

Ronzheimer, Schreiber, Braun, Hodgman, Langer, McCulloch,
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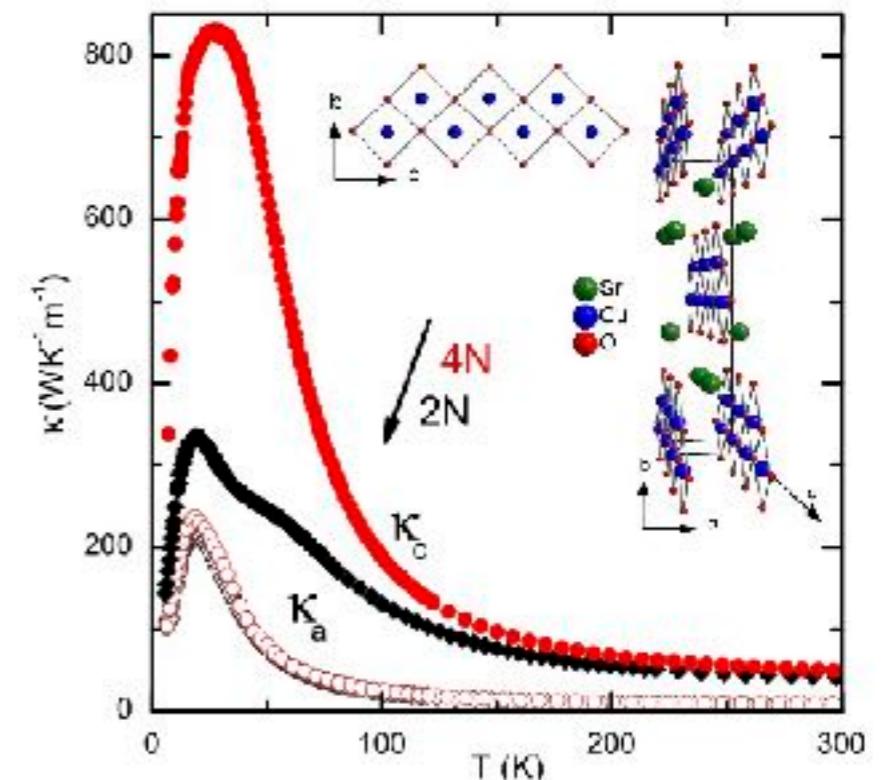
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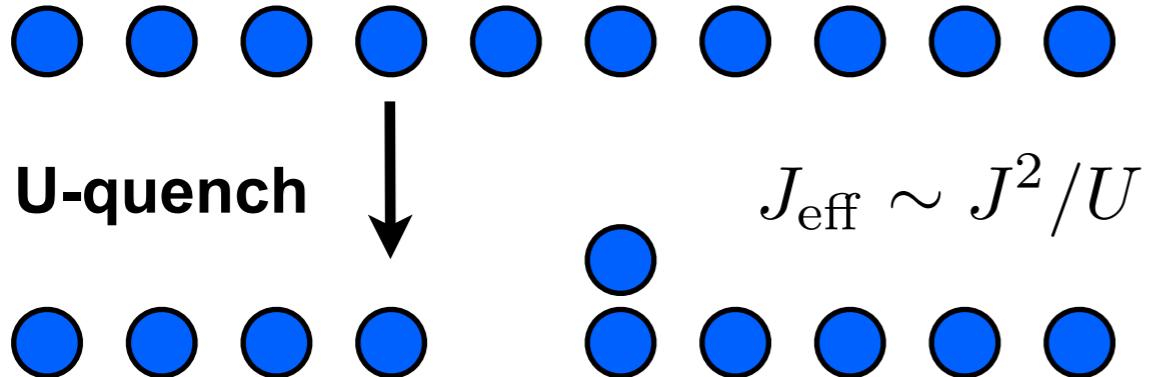
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**Nonequilibrium version
of ballistic transport
in integrable spin chains!**

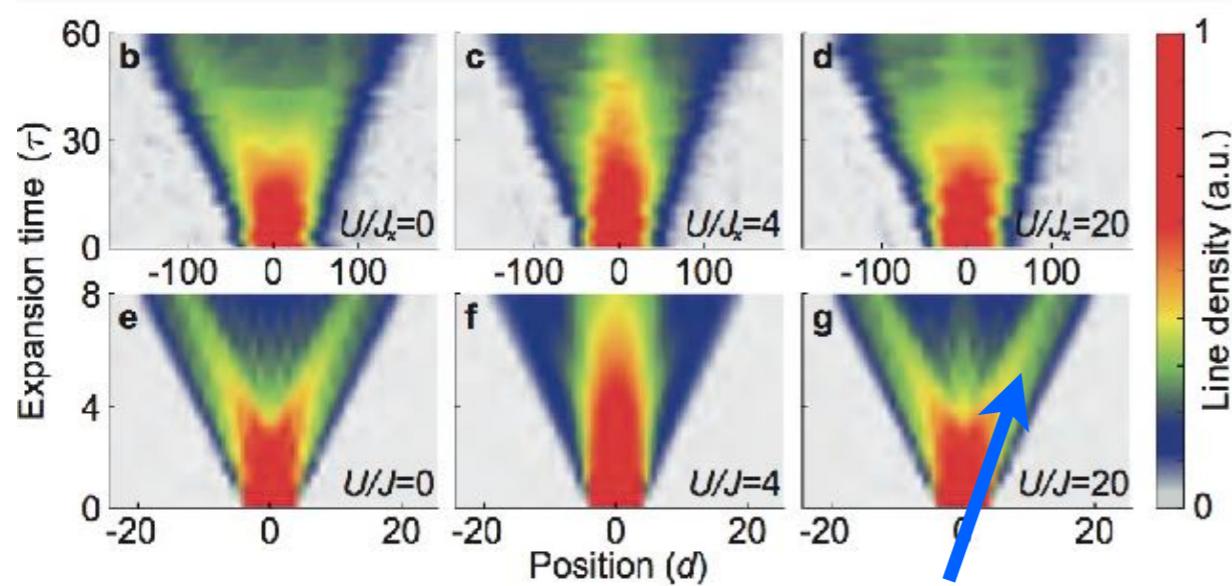
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FHM et al. EPJST 2007

Various ways of breaking integrability

$$|\psi_{\text{initial}}\rangle = \prod_i a_i^\dagger |0\rangle$$



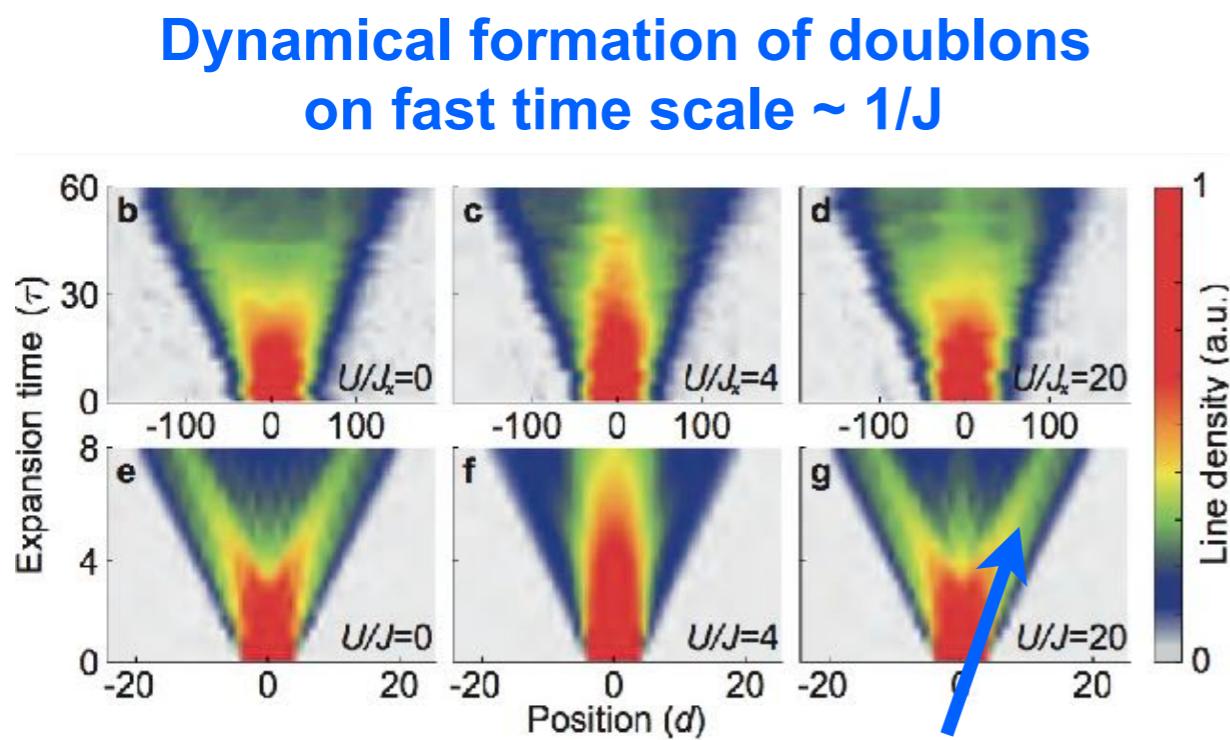
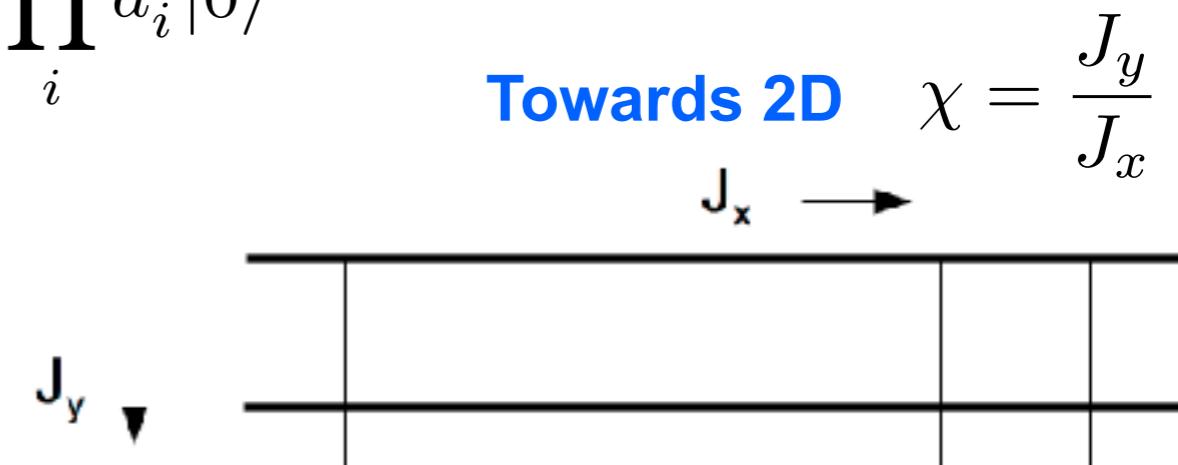
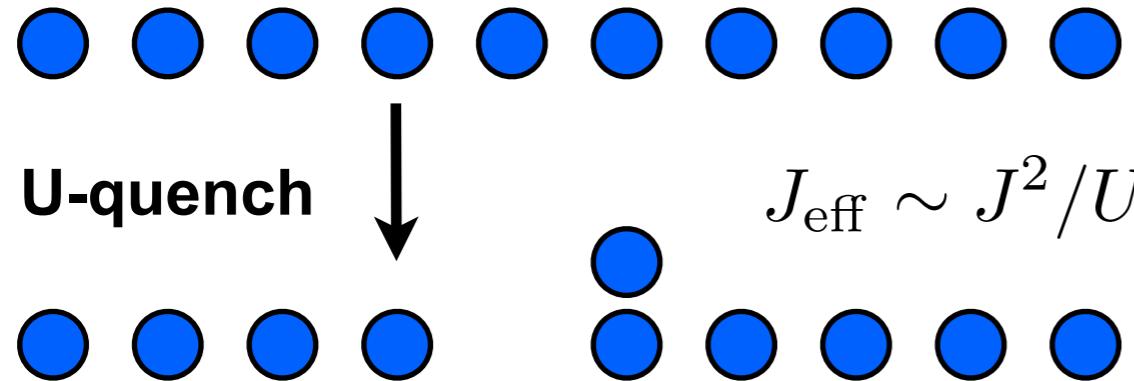
Dynamical formation of doublons
on fast time scale $\sim 1/J$



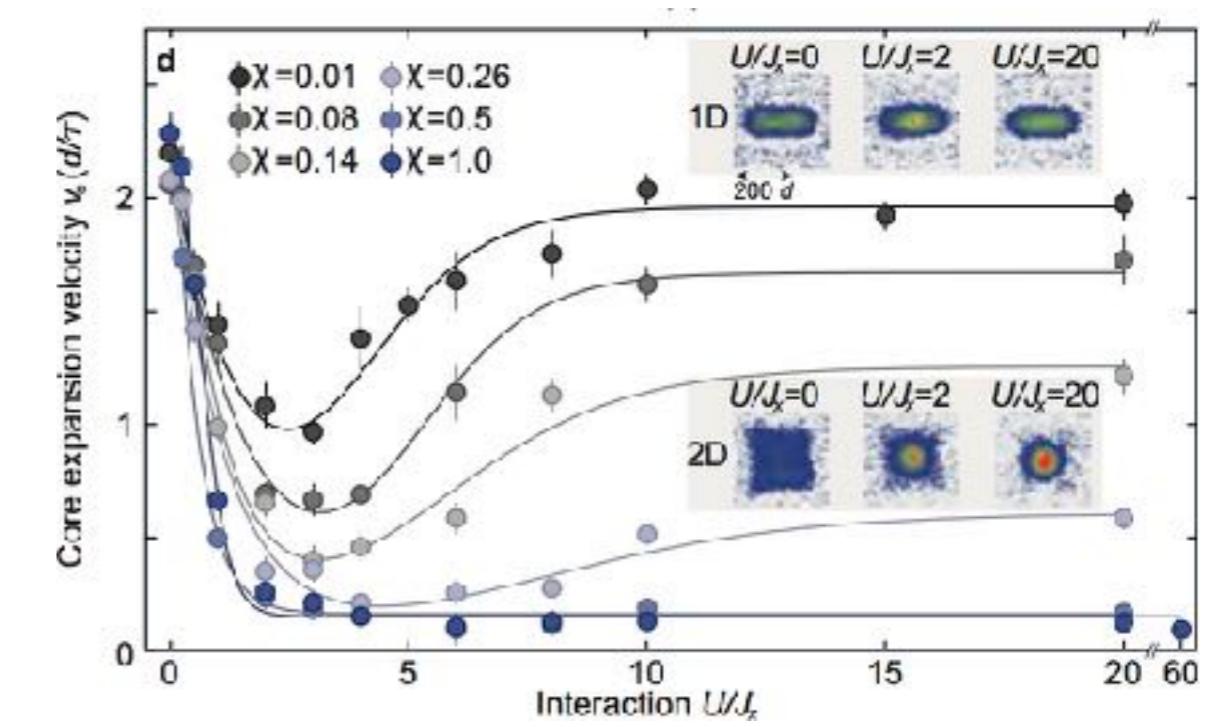
Doublons cluster in the center!
(Quantum distillation)

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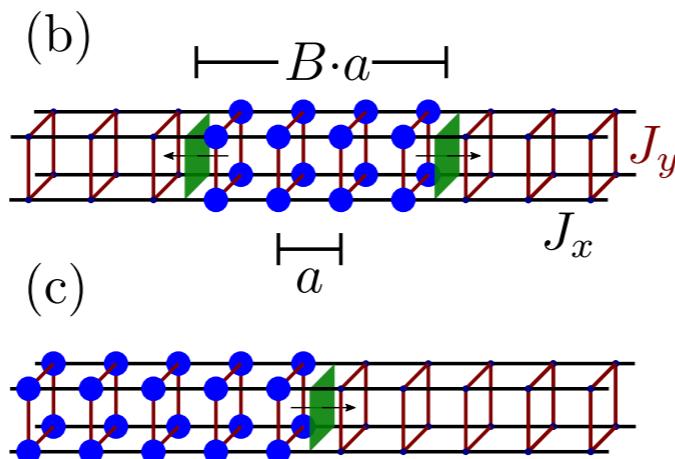
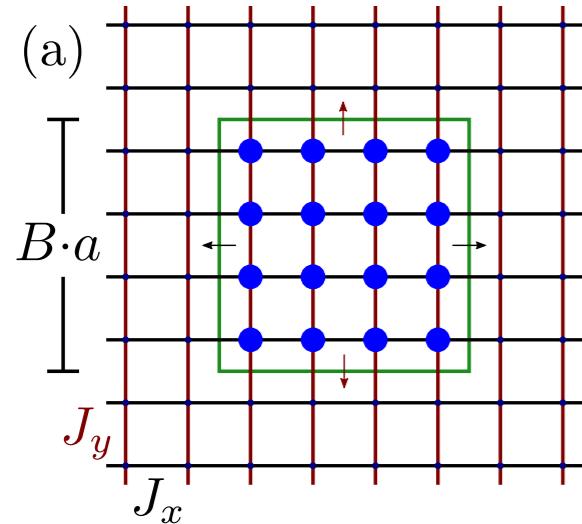


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Finite J_y suppresses expansion rapidly!

Outlook: Sudden expansion in 2D



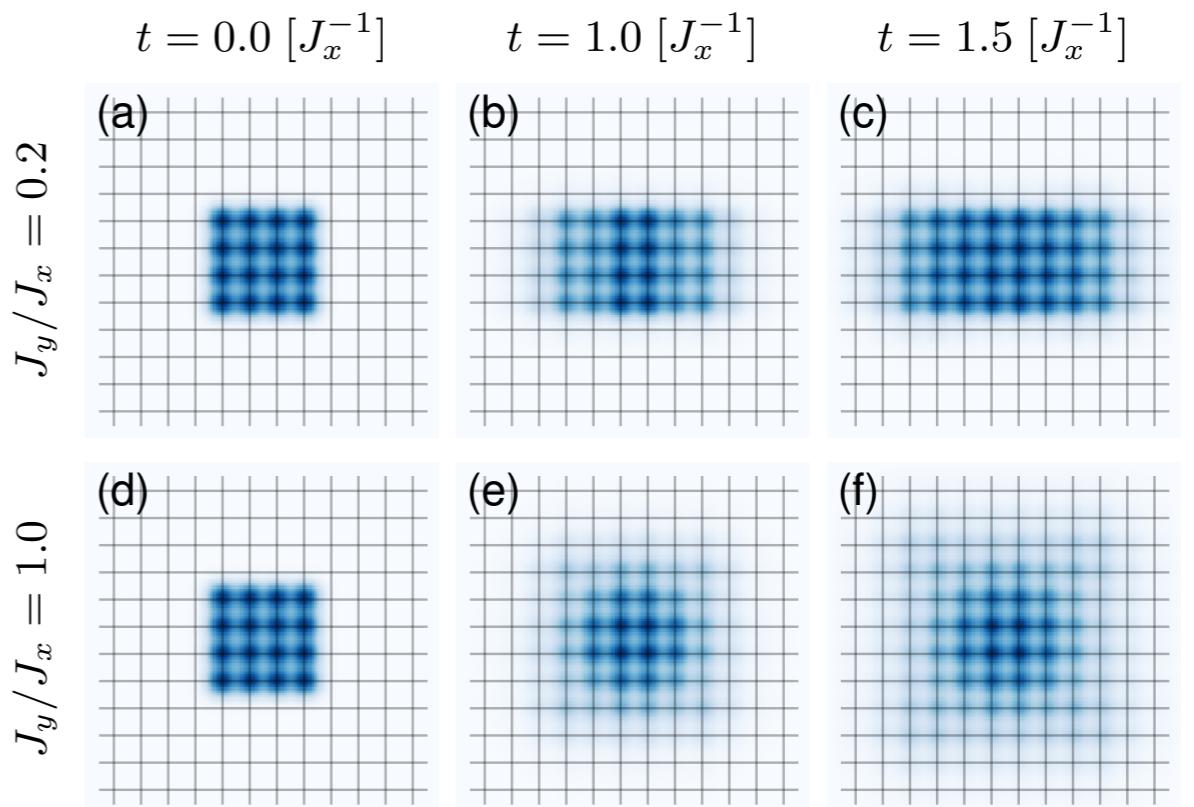
Hard-core bosons $U/J=\infty$:

Spherical symmetry emerges!



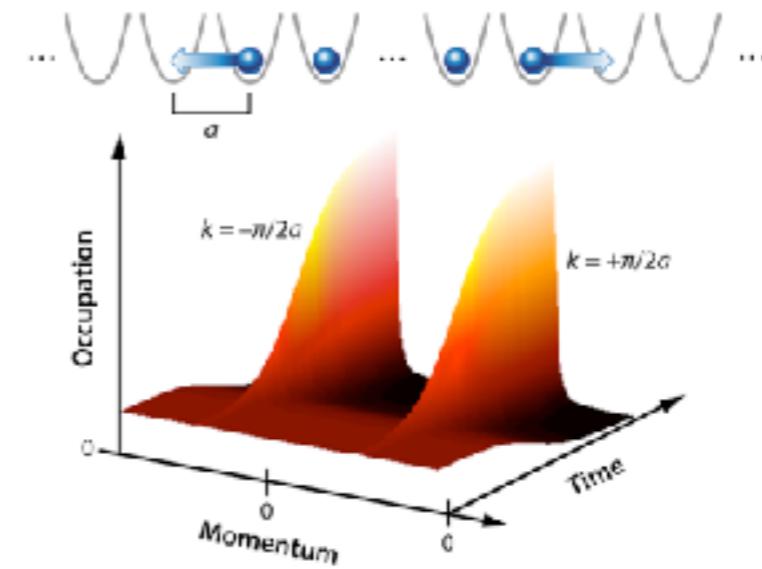
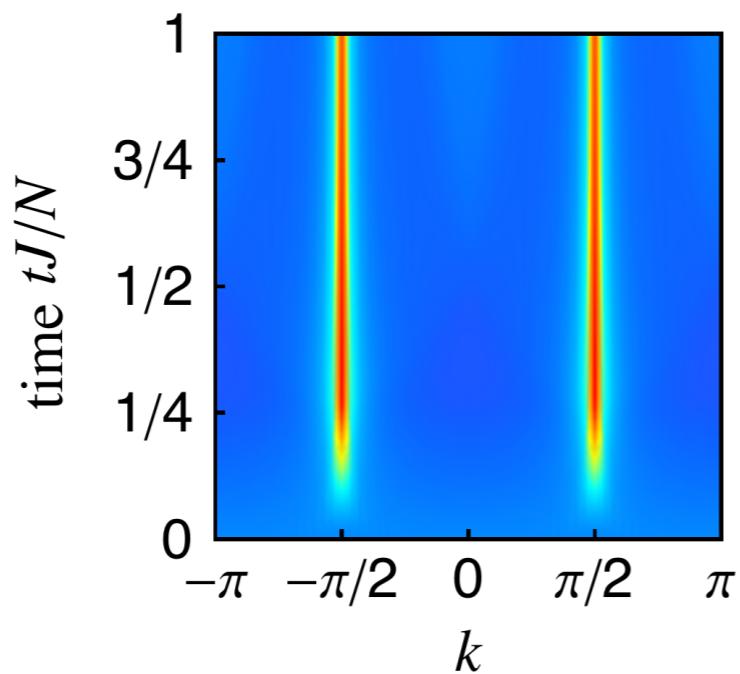
J. Hauschild, F. Pollmann
TU Munich

2D lattices
Multi-leg ladders/cylinders
Sudden expansion/ Domain-wall melting



Hauschild, Pollmann, FHM PRA 92, 053629 (2015)
Vidmar et al. PRB 88, 235117 (2013)

Back to 1d Hard-core bosons: Momentum space information



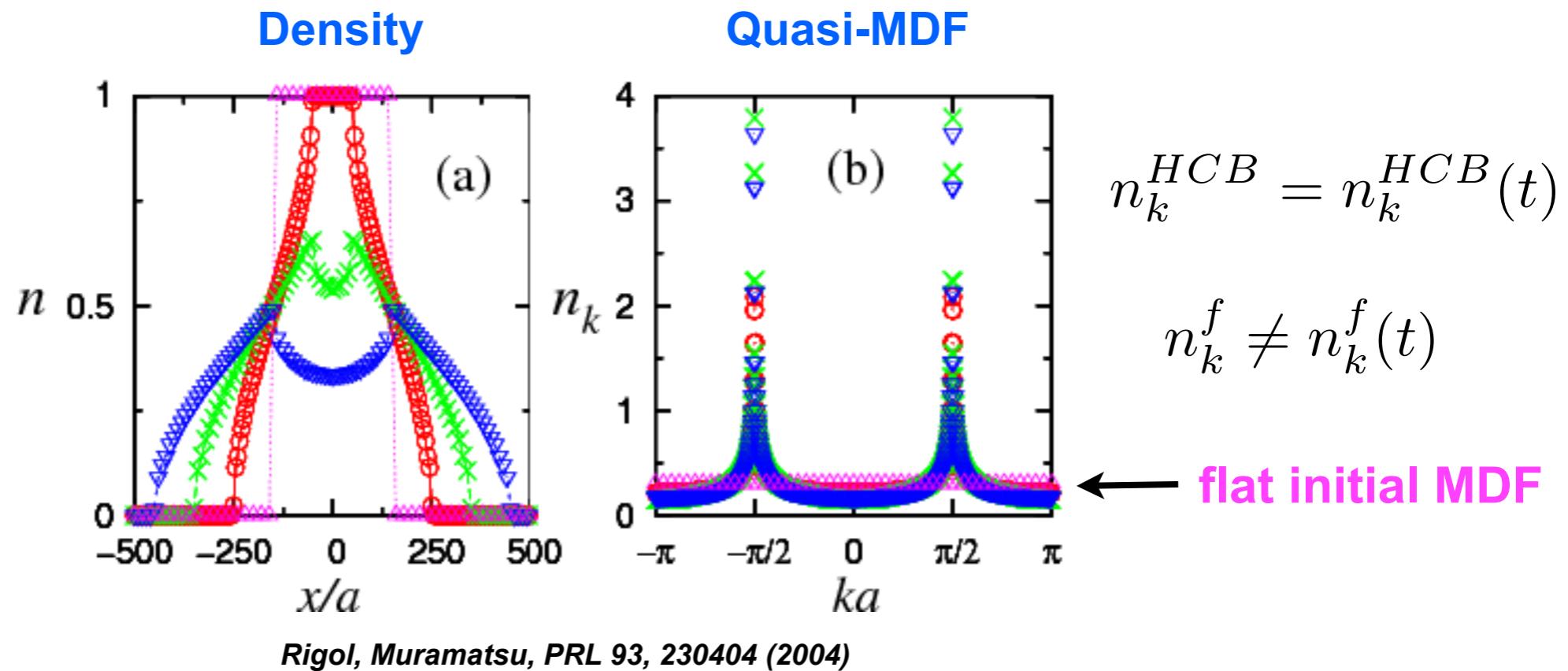
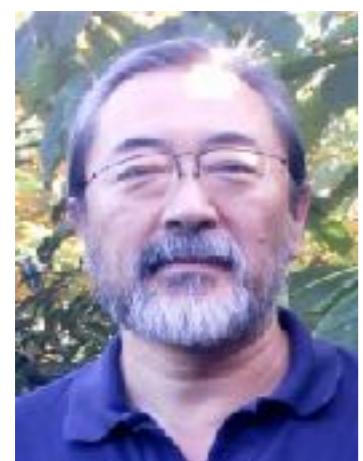
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Dynamical emergence of coherence

Dynamical quasi-condensation in 1D at finite momenta

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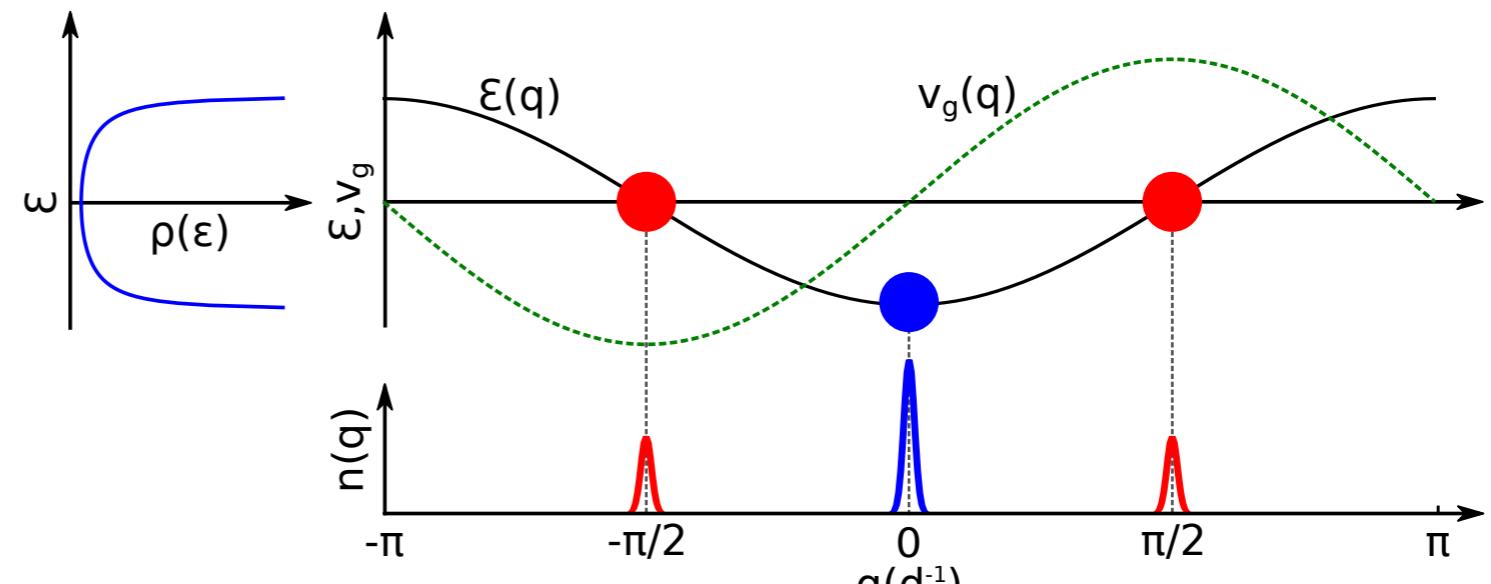
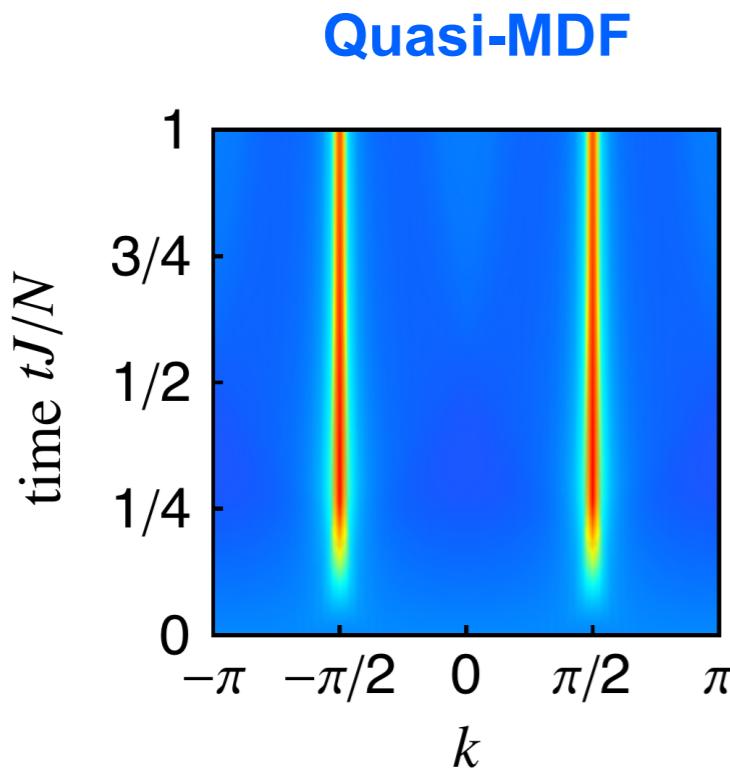


$$H = -J \sum_i (a_{i+1}^\dagger a_i + h.c.) = \sum_k \epsilon_k n_k^f$$

Hard-core bosons are strongly interacting:
Bosonic MDF undergoes transient dynamics,
particles quasi-condense at finite momenta

See also Micheli et al. PRA 93, 140408 (2004)

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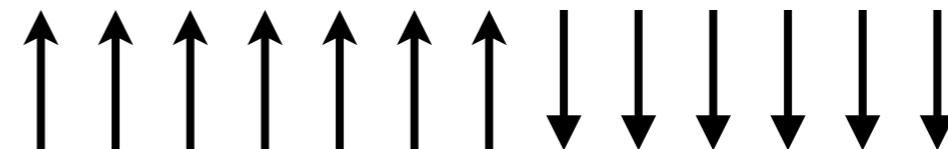
→ Position of quasi-condensate:
Average energy $E/N=0$

→ Quasi-condensation in co-moving frame!
→ Similar behavior for interacting fermions!

→ Power-law correlations in
expanding cloud with
ground-state exponents

→ Mapping to spin-1/2 XX chains
Lancaster, Mitra PRE 81, 061134 (2010)

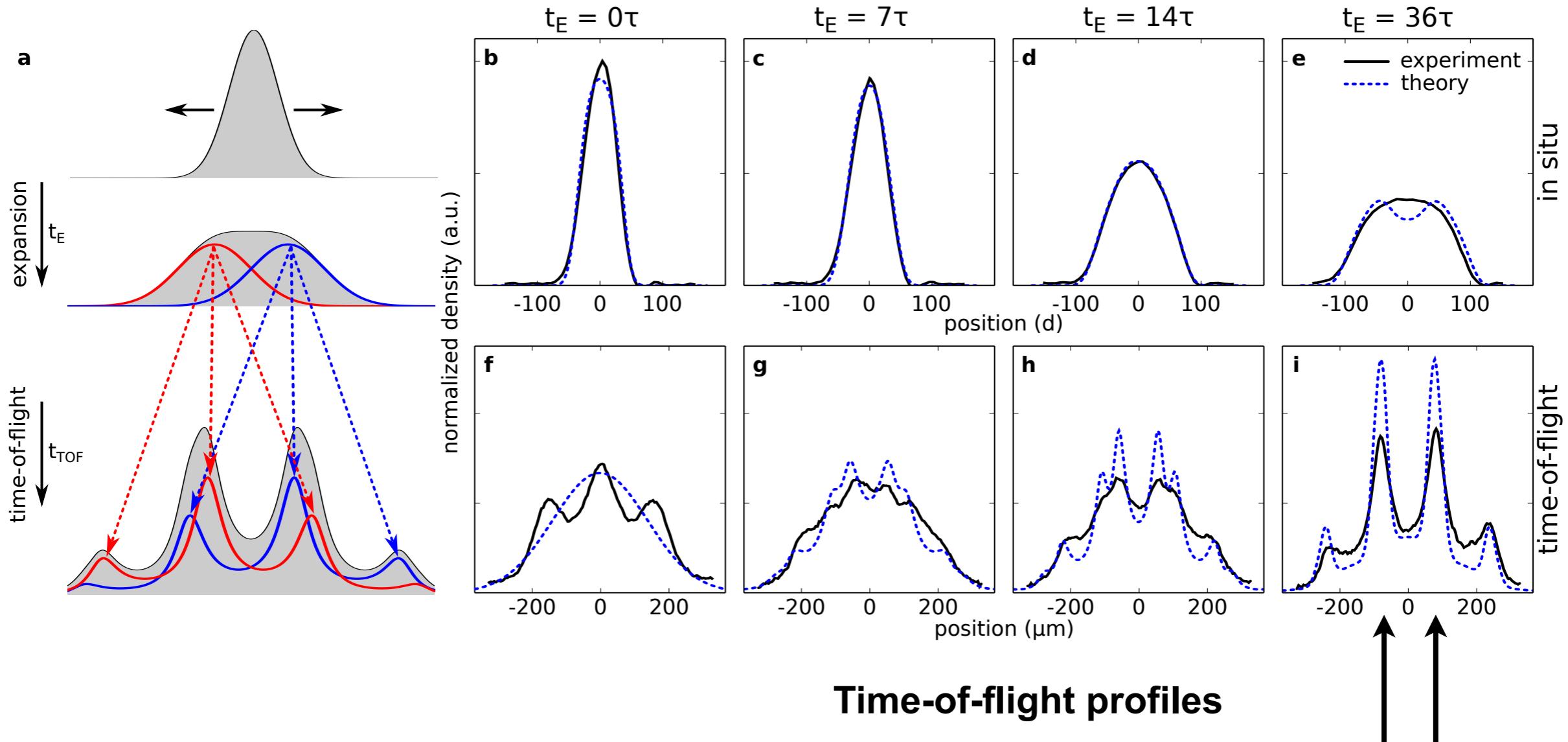
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Domain-wall melting

Yes! This is also seen in experimental data

Density profiles during 1D expansion



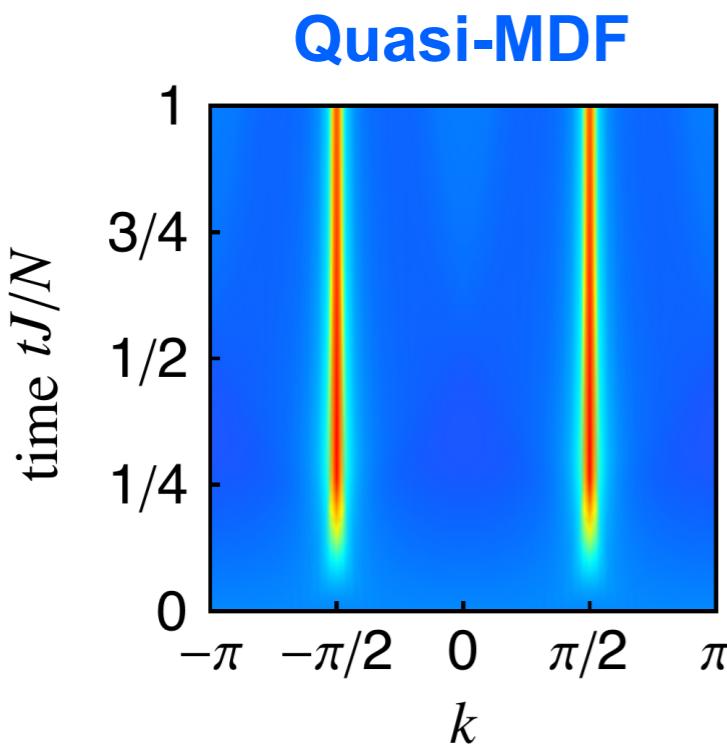
Time-of-flight profiles



Our numerical simulations (hard-core bosons):
3D cloud, harmonic trap, finite initial entropy (holes!),
short-field time-of-flight profiles

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Take home message III:



Transient dynamics:
Quasi-condensation in non-equilibrium!
Observed in experiments!

Vidmar et al. PRL 115, 175301 (2015)
Rigol, Muramatsu, PRL 93, 230404 (2004)

Open questions:

What about 2D?

Time-dep. Gutzwiller: Yes

Jreissaty, et al. PRA 84, 043610 (2011)

DMRG: Inconclusive

Hauschild, Pollmann, FHM PRA 92, 053629 (2015)

Underlying principle?
Correlations atop current-carrying states?

Equilibrium

Antal et al. PRE 57, 5184 (1998)

$$H = H_0 - \lambda j$$

**Ground-state
reference systems**
FHM et al. PRA 78, 013620 (2008)

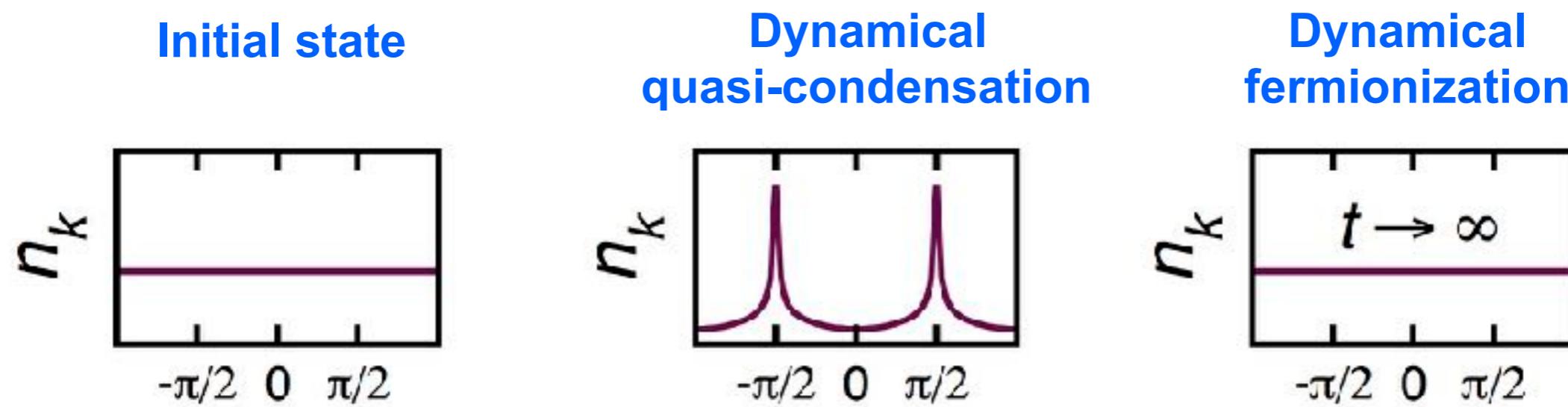
$$H_t^{\text{ref}} |\psi(t)\rangle = E_t |\psi(t)\rangle$$

Emergent eigenstate solution
Vidmar, Iyer, Rigol Phys. Rev. X 7, 021012 (2017)

$$H_t^{\text{local}} |\psi(t)\rangle = 0$$

Asymptotic regime: Hard-core bosons

1D Bose-Hubbard model at: $U/J = \infty$ $H = -2J \sum_k \cos(k) n_k^f$



Momentum distribution of *physical* particles becomes identical to the one of *underlying free fermions*

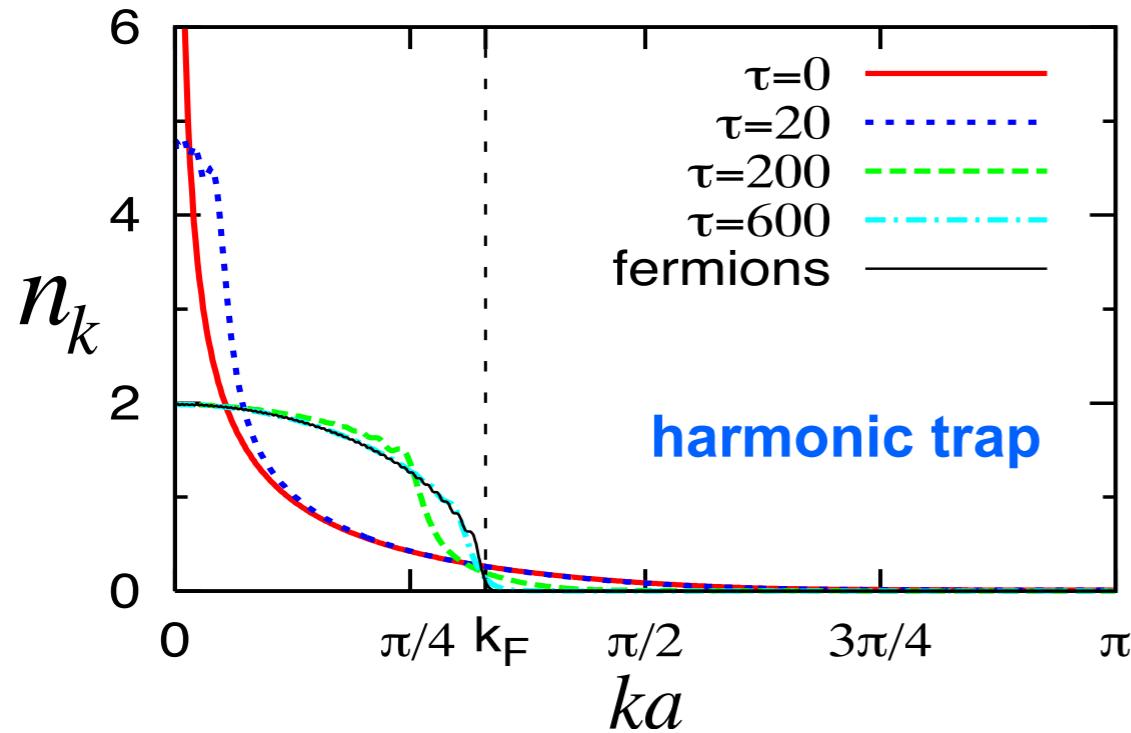
What about bosons at finite U/J?
Interacting Fermions?

Sufficiently dilute gas: $\langle H \rangle \rightarrow \sum_k \epsilon_k n_k(t = \infty)$

$$n_k^{HCB}(t \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow n_k^f$$

Rigol, Muramatsu, PRL 93, 230403 (2005)
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Asymptotic dynamics: Dynamical fermionization



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Asymptotic MDF of hard-core bosons
given by integrals of motion!

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Analytical solution: Tonks-Girardeau gas
Minguzzi, Gangardt PRL 94, 240404 (2005)
Jukic, Pezer, Gasenzer, Buljan PRA 78 053602 (2008)

Experimental realization: Ongoing at PSU (D. Weiss'group)

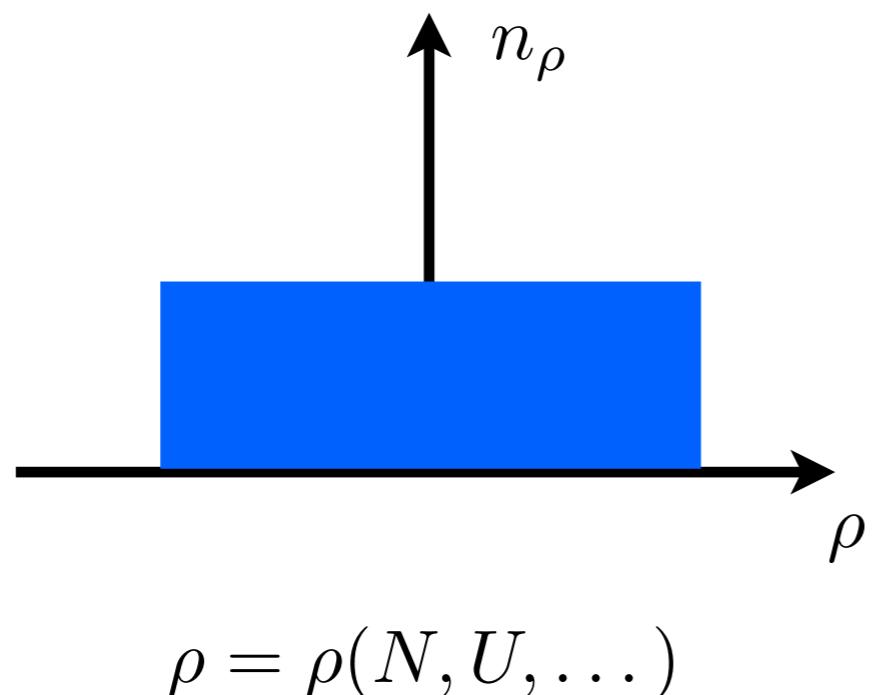
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Predicting the asymptotic MDF from “first principles”

Generalization of dynamical fermionization of HCBs for other *integrable* 1D models

Distribution of *rapidities*:

Quantum numbers in Bethe ansatz
Defined by initial state
Time invariant



$$E = \int d\rho n_\rho \epsilon_\rho$$

Sutherland's interpretation:
Rapidities = Asymptotic momenta

$$n_k^{\text{physical}}(t \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow n_\rho$$

Sutherland PRL 80, 3678 (1988)
Sutherland: “Beautiful models”

Predicting the asymptotic MDF from “first principles”

Here: Fermi-Hubbard model, $U < 0$

$$U < 0; \quad N_{\uparrow} > N_{\downarrow}$$

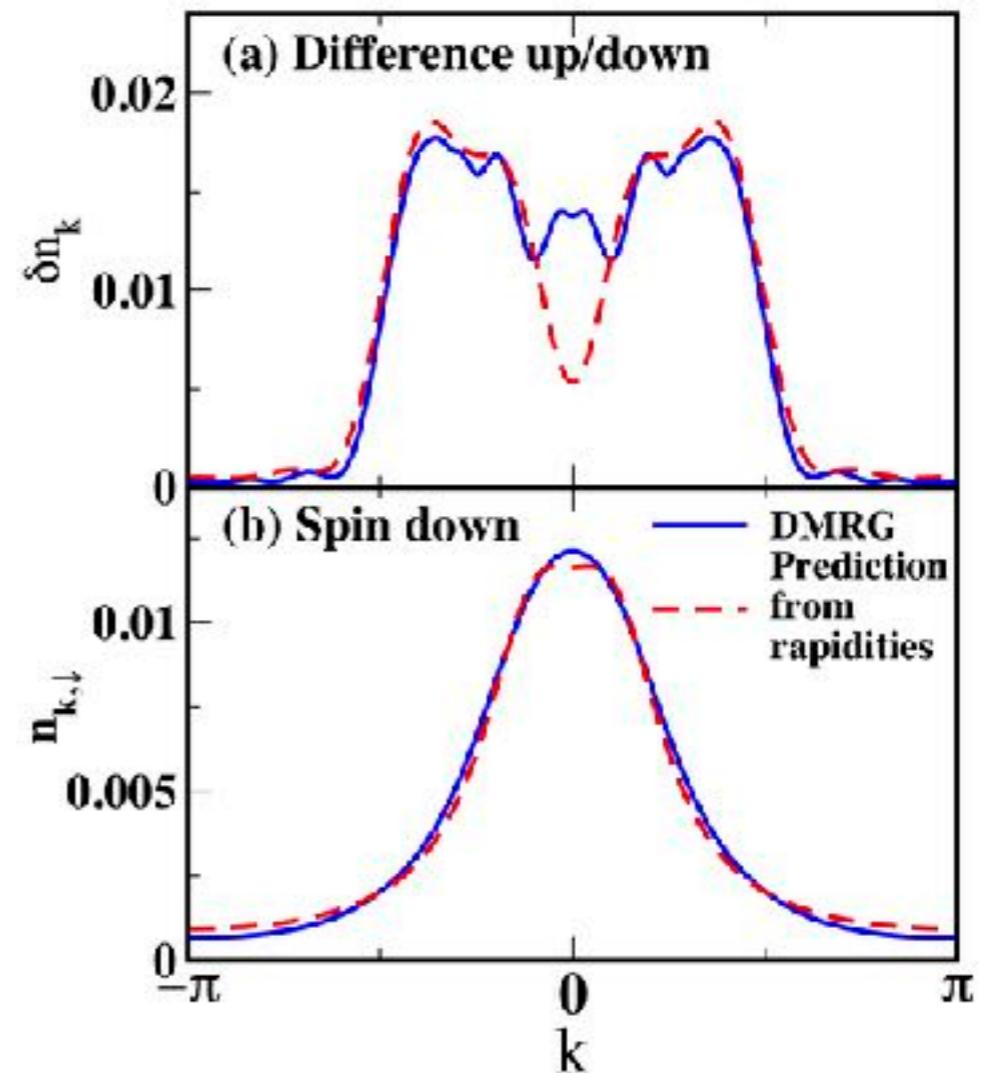
N_{\downarrow} pairs

$N_{\uparrow} - N_{\downarrow}$ unpaired fermions

$$\delta n_k = n_{k,\uparrow} - n_{k,\downarrow} \rightarrow n_{\rho_{\text{unpaired}}}$$

$$n_{k,\downarrow}(t \rightarrow \infty) \rightarrow n_{\rho_{\text{pair}}}$$

Asymptotic form of MDF
 $U = -8J$



Long-time limit of MDFs: Determined by
distribution of Bethe-ansatz rapidities of initial state

Predicting expansion velocities

Repulsive interactions: Slow approach of MDF to asymptotic regime

Expansion velocities converge fast !

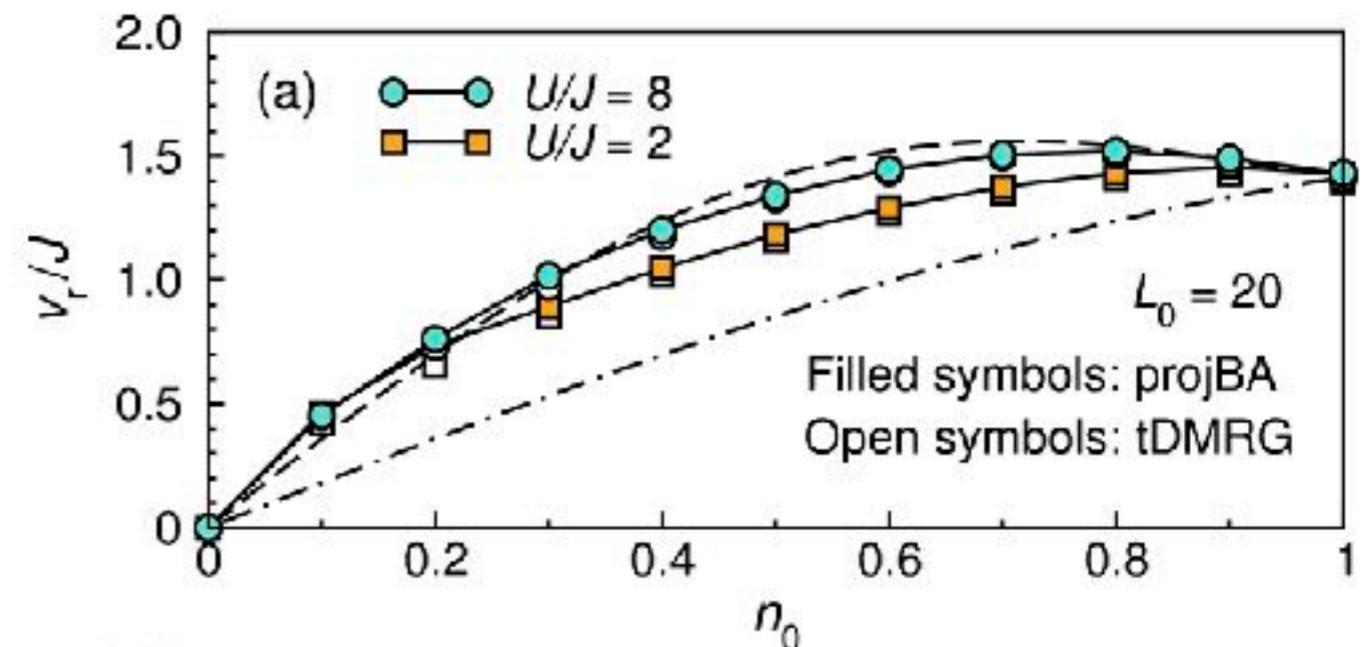
Consequence

$$R = v_r t$$

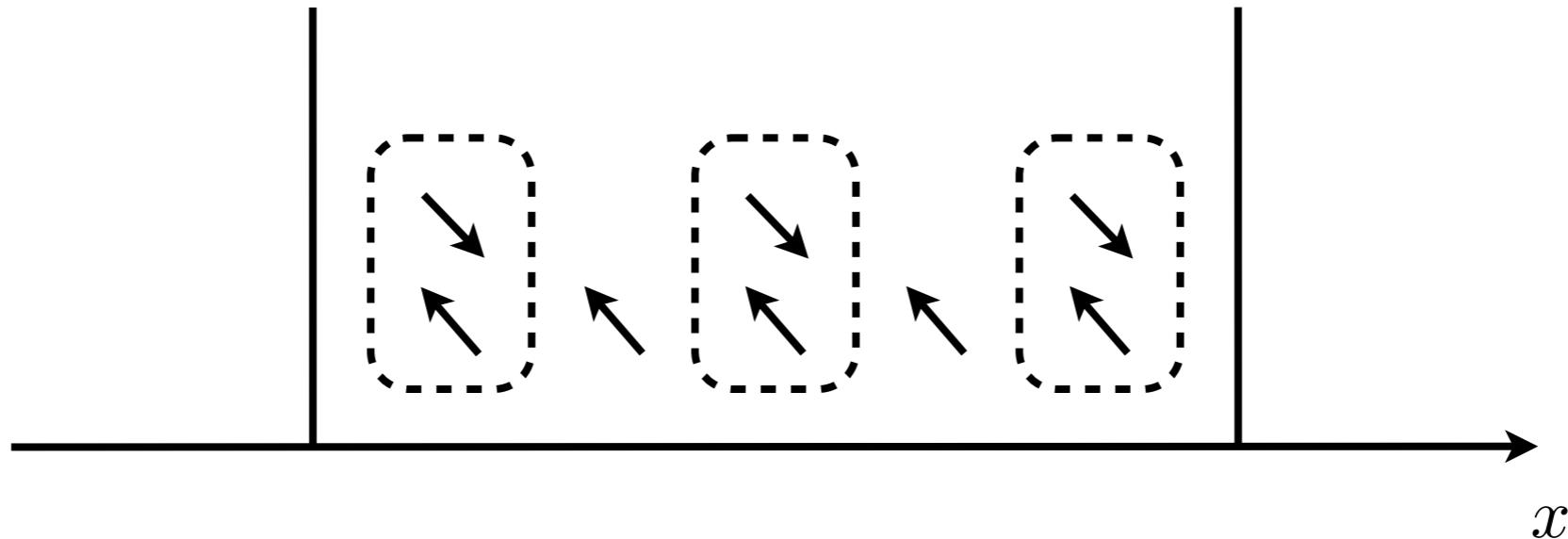
$$v_r^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\rho} v_{\rho}^2 n_{\rho}$$

Defined by initial condition
Obtained from Bethe ansatz

DMRG vs Bethe ansatz - fermions
Expansion from ground states



Dynamics of doublons at higher densities: Quantum distillation

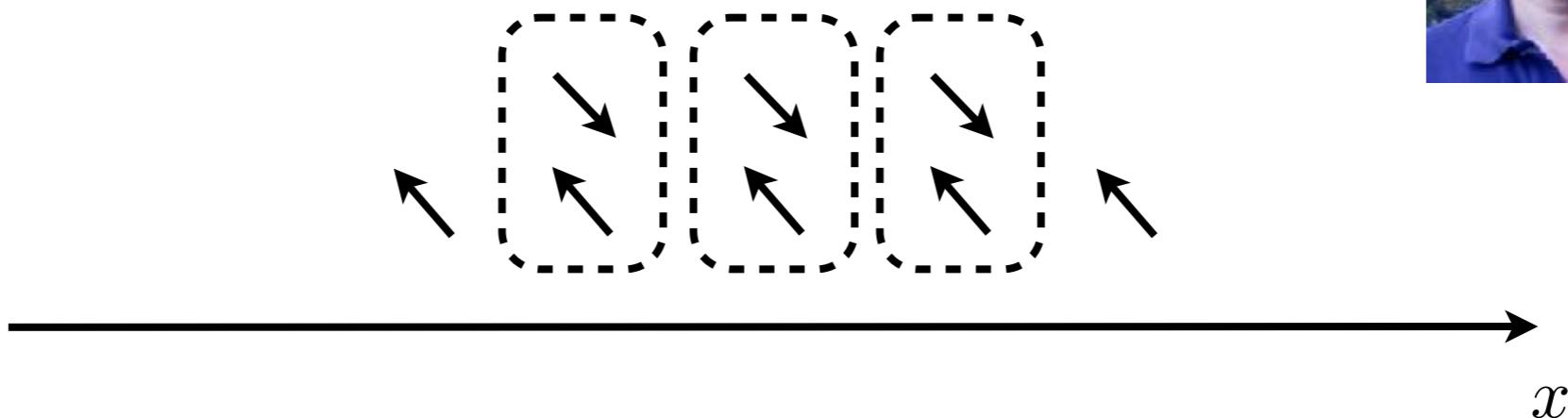


$$E = \text{const}$$

$$J_{\text{pair}} \sim \frac{J^2}{U} \ll J$$

Expansion blocked by slow pairs/doublons?

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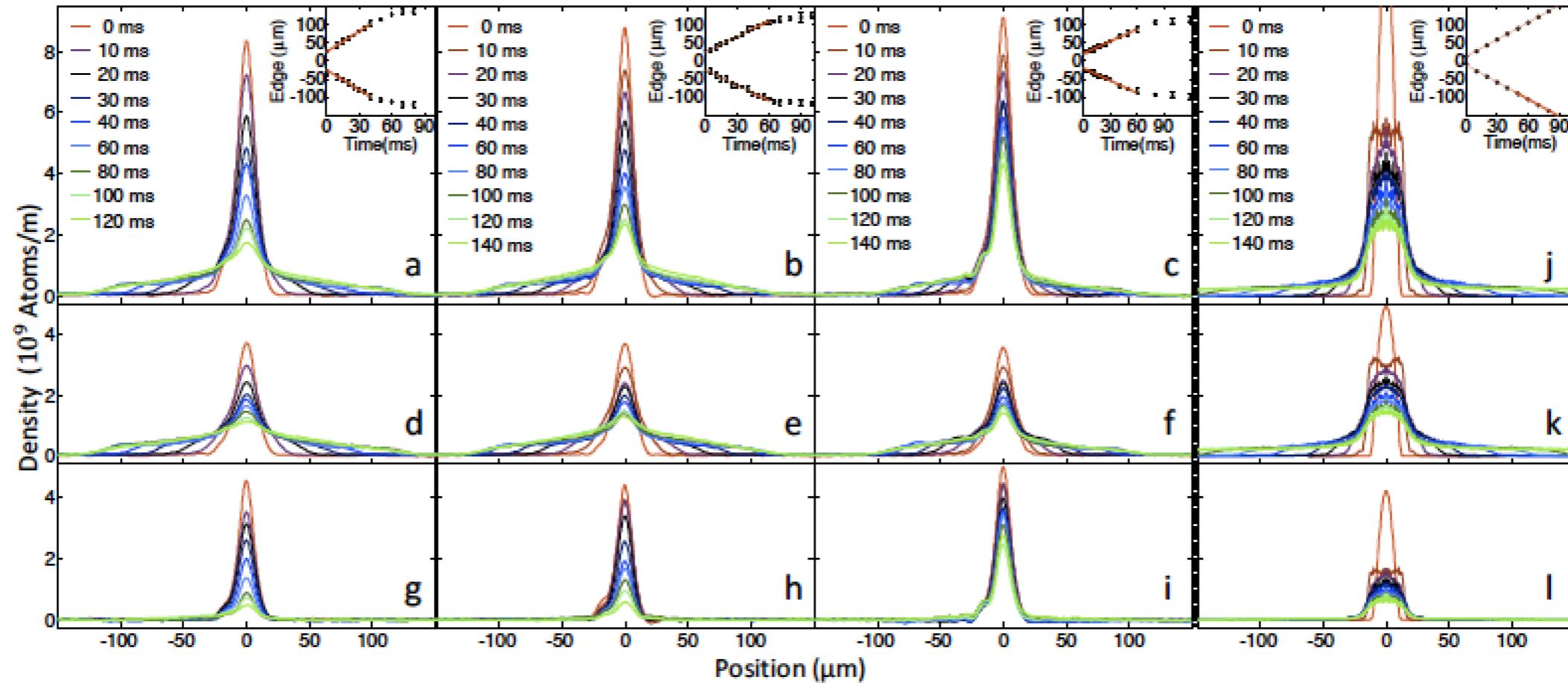
**Doublons/ Pairs move towards center,
“single” atoms evaporate:“Quantum distillation”**

Purification of an imperfect fermionic band insulator!

FHM, Manmana, Rigol, Muramatsu, Feiguin, Dagotto PRA 80, 041603(R) (2009)

Bosons: Muth, Petroysan, Fleischhauer PRA 85, 013615 (2012)

Quantum distillation: Observed for bosons!



Bosons cluster in the center!

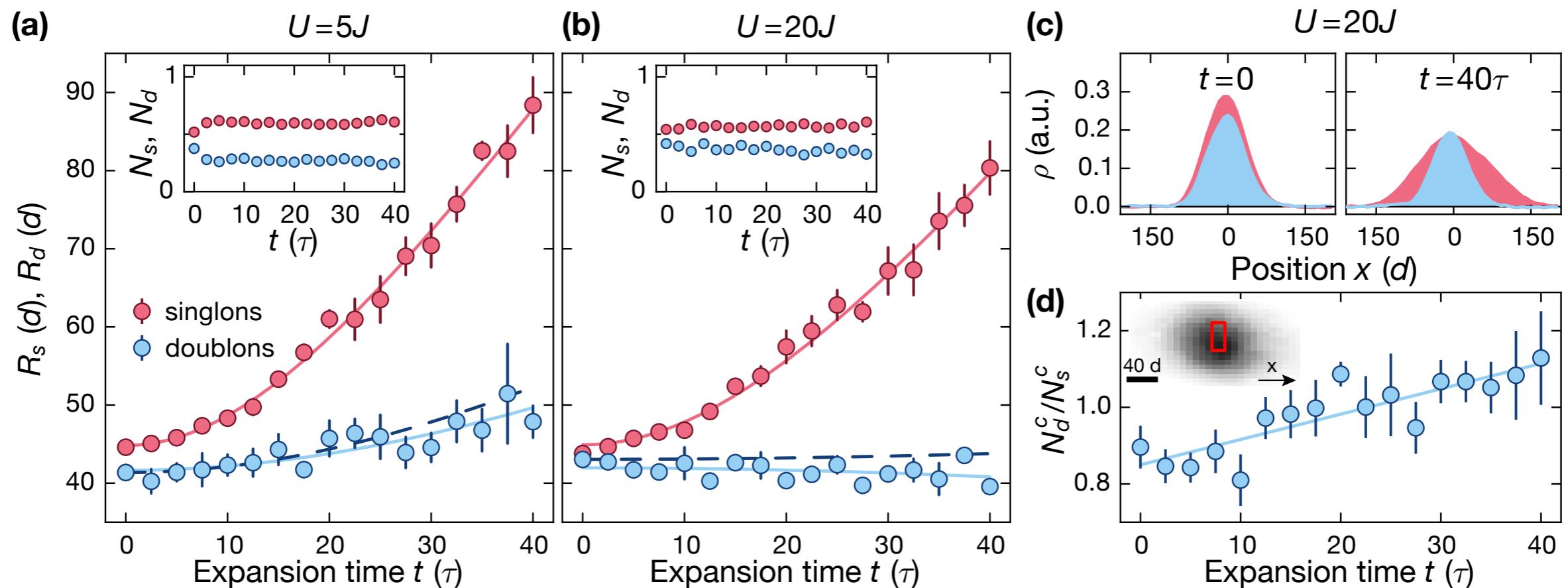
Experiment from PSU (D. Weiss' group)
Xia et al. *Nature Physics* 11, 316 (2015)

Open: Does this work in 2d? Experiments for fermions?

New LMU experiment: Quantum distillation with fermions

1d Fermi-Hubbard

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$



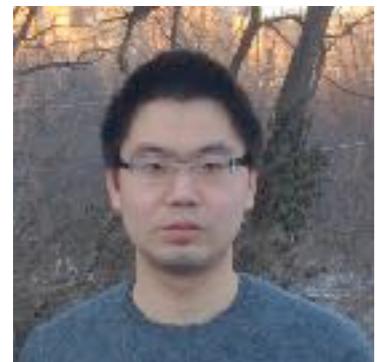
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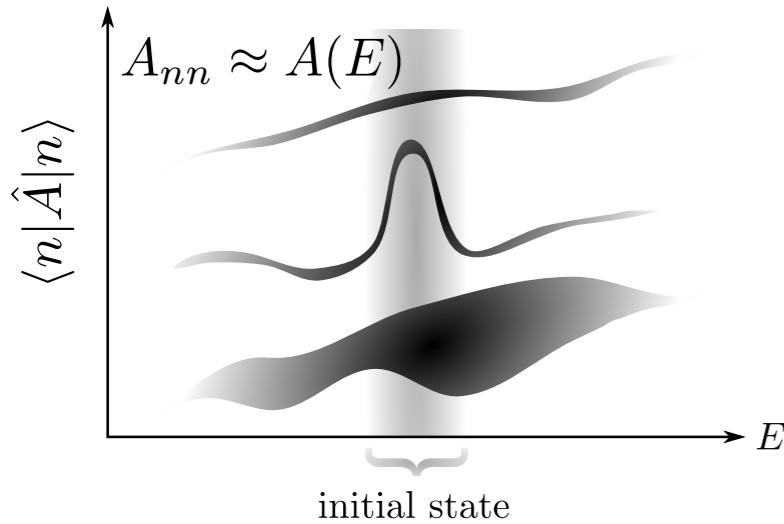
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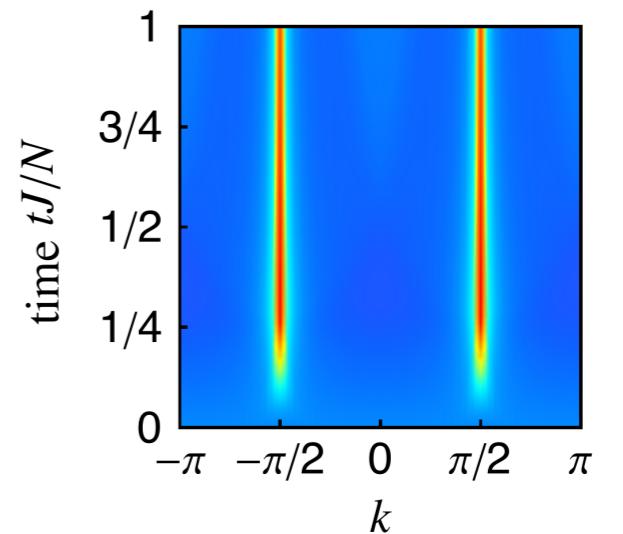
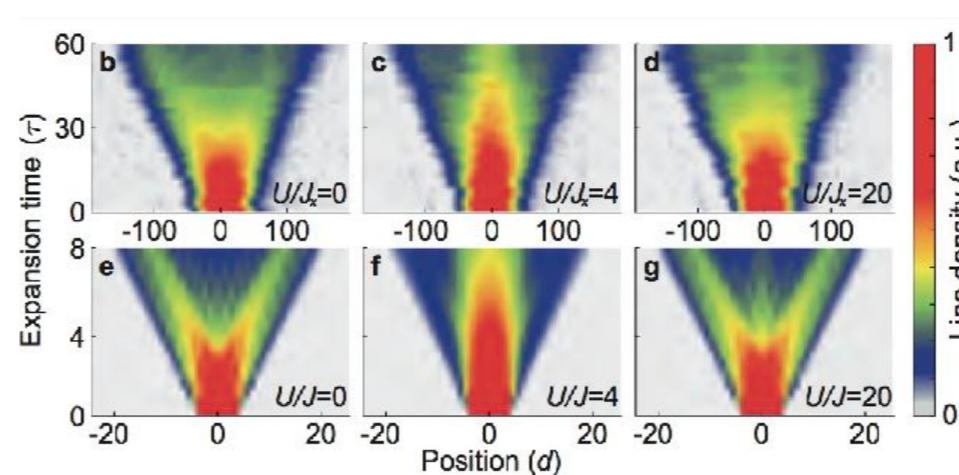
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Exciting physics in non-equilibrium!

I. Generic many-body systems thermalise in the ETH sense!



III. Quasi-condensation of 1D bosons in non-equilibrium!



II. Ballistic nonequilibrium Transport of 1d hardcore bosons

IV. Asymptotic properties
Hidden structure of many-body wave functions of integrable models

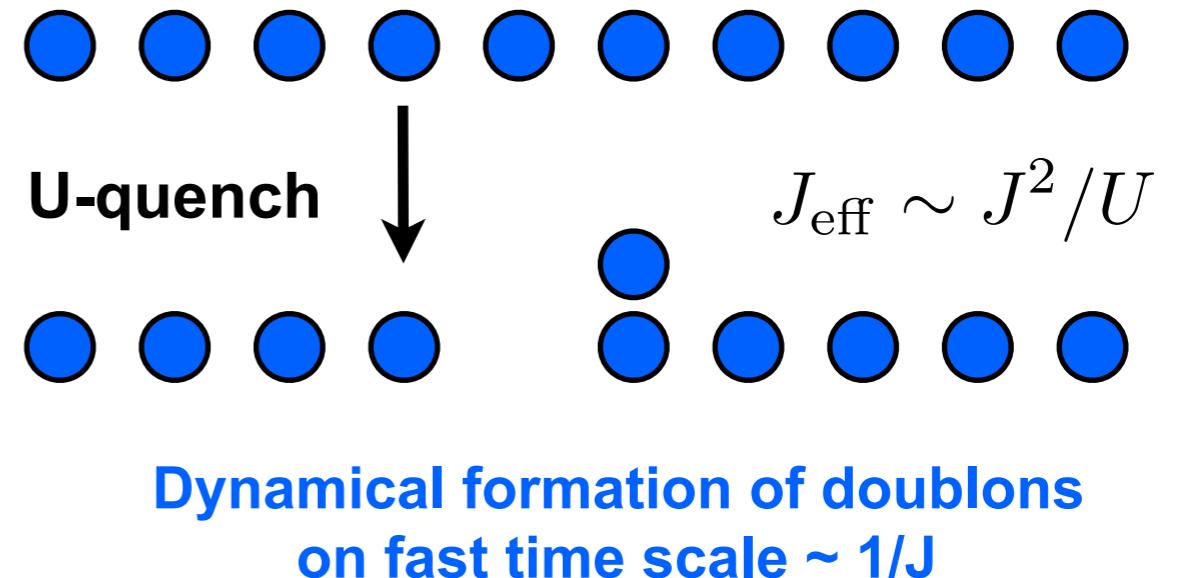
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Breaking integrability: Beyond 1D hard-core bosons

$$|\psi_{\text{initial}}\rangle = \prod_i a_i^\dagger |0\rangle$$

Dynamics at $U/J < \infty$

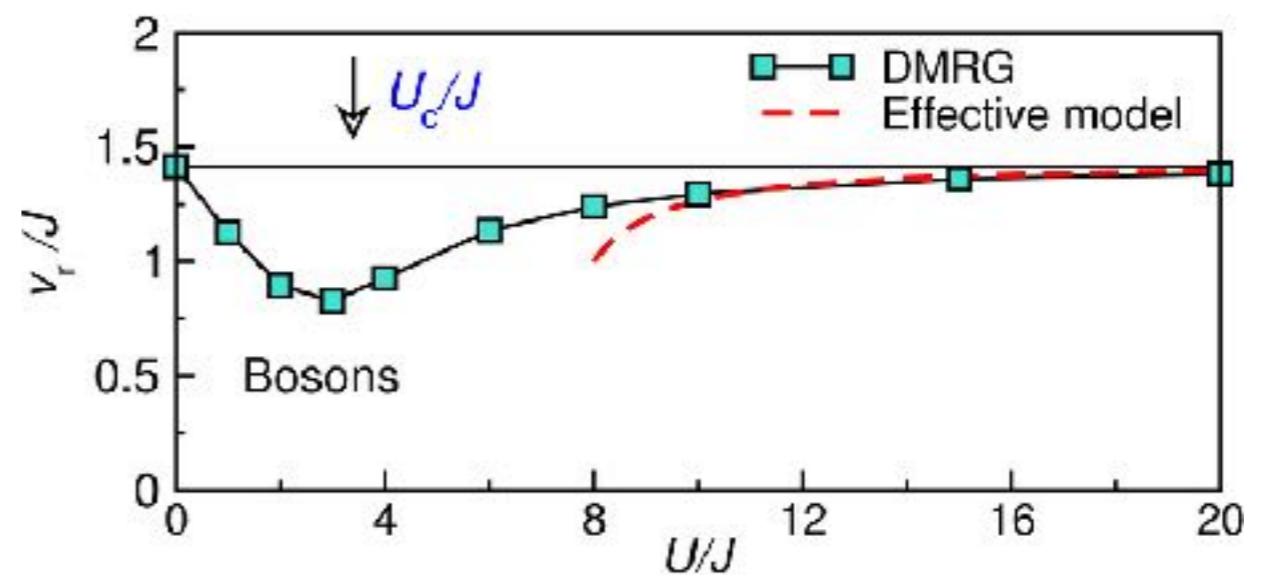
Initial state not eigenstate in trap:
Local dynamics due to
interaction quench



Expansion velocity

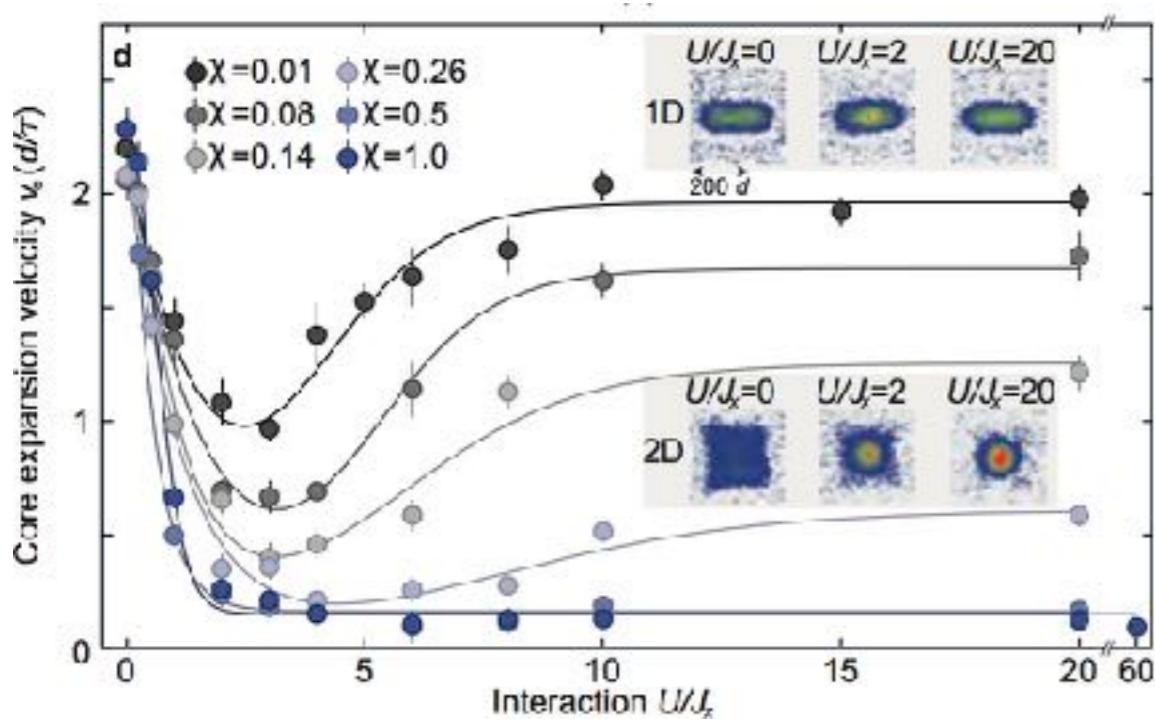
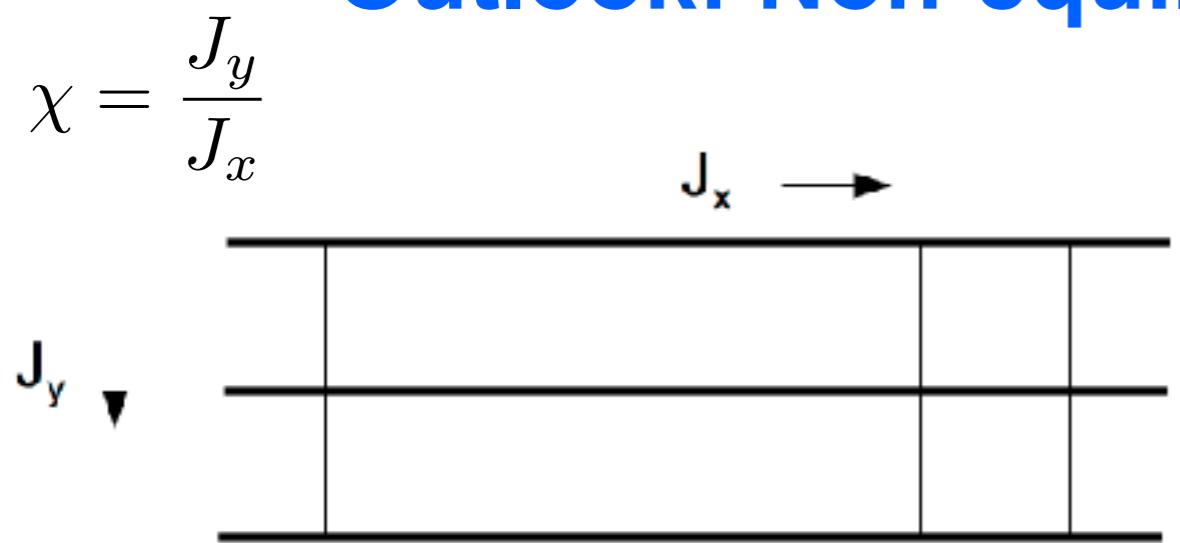
Large U/J :
“Ballistic” expansion of “single” atoms
but no expansion of doublons

$$v_r = v_r^{HCB} \sqrt{\frac{N - 2N_{\text{doublons}}}{N}}$$



Sorg, Vidmar, Pollet, FHM, PRA 90, 033606 (2014)
Boschi et al. PRA 90, 043606 (2014)
Kajala et al. PRL 106, 206401 (2011)

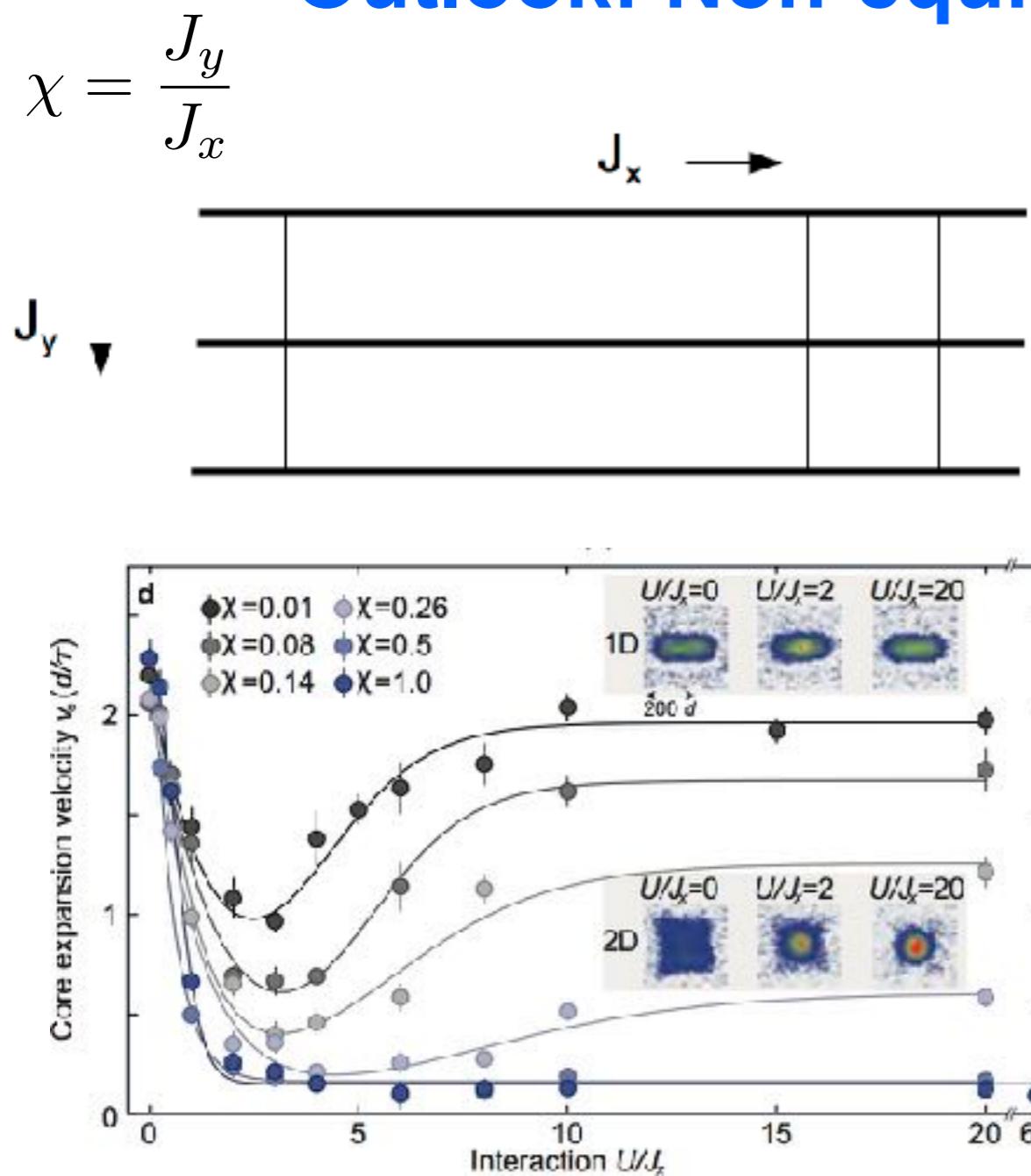
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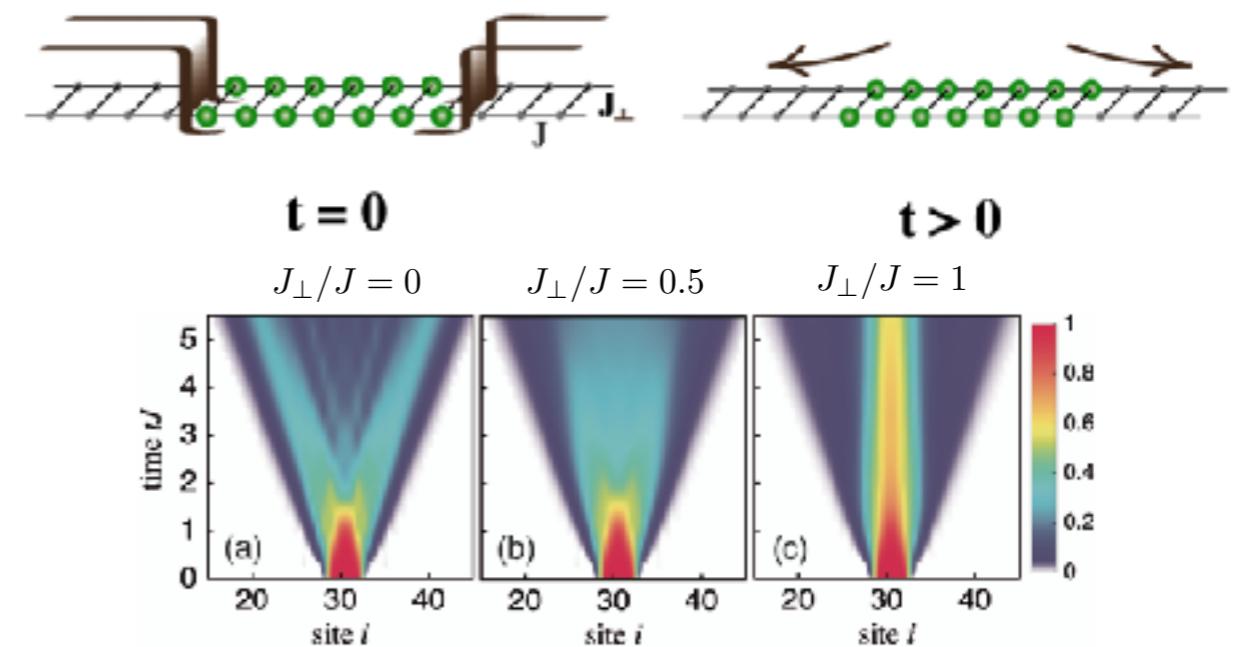
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DMRG: Coupled chains, ladders

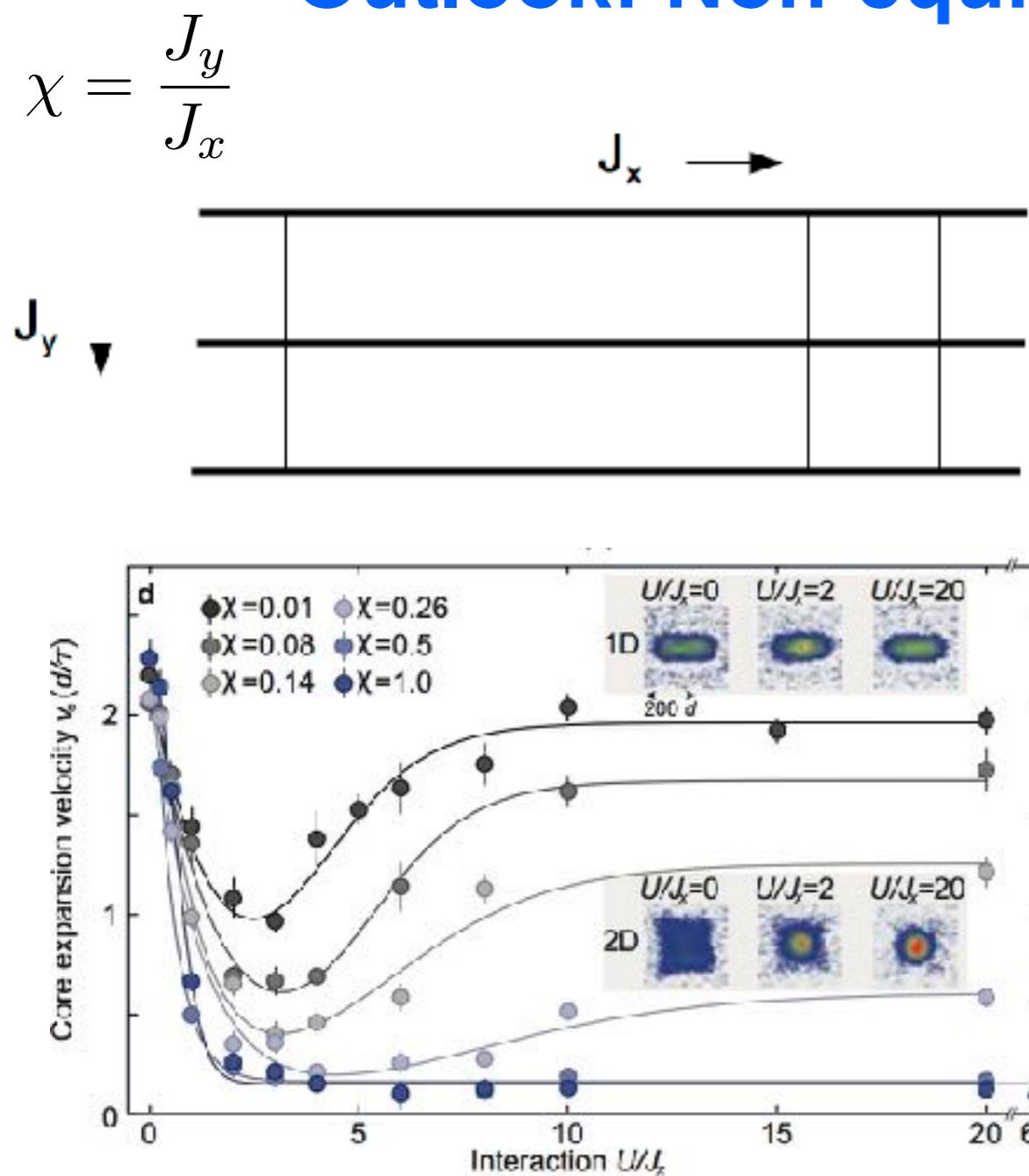


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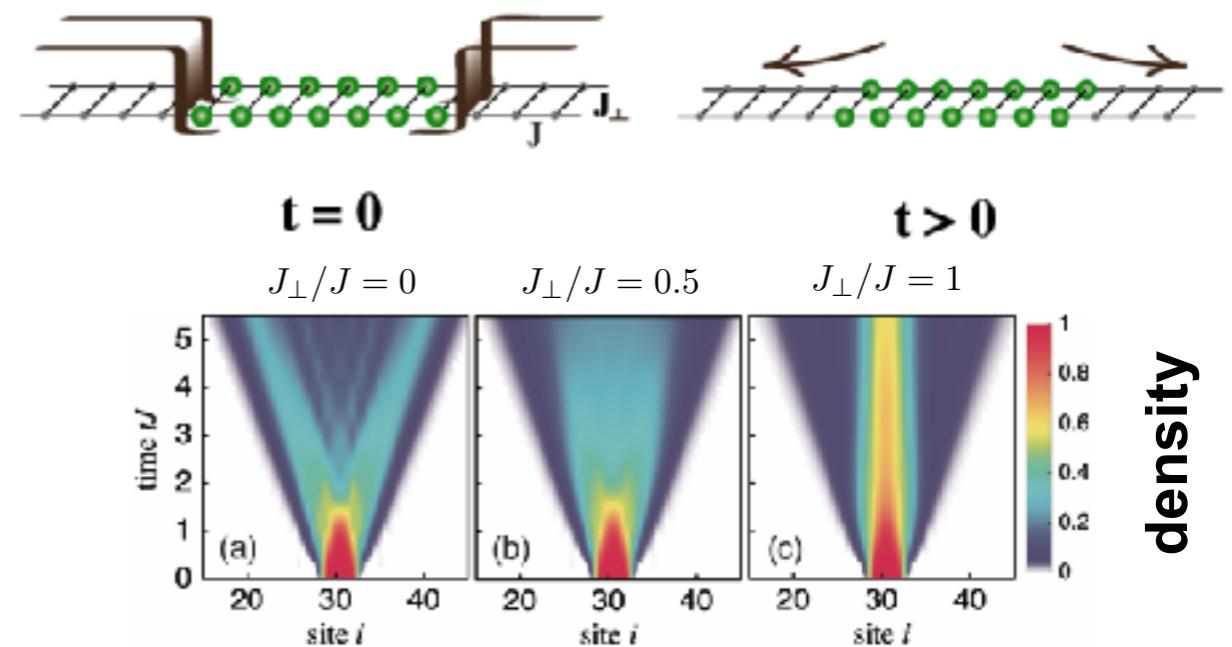
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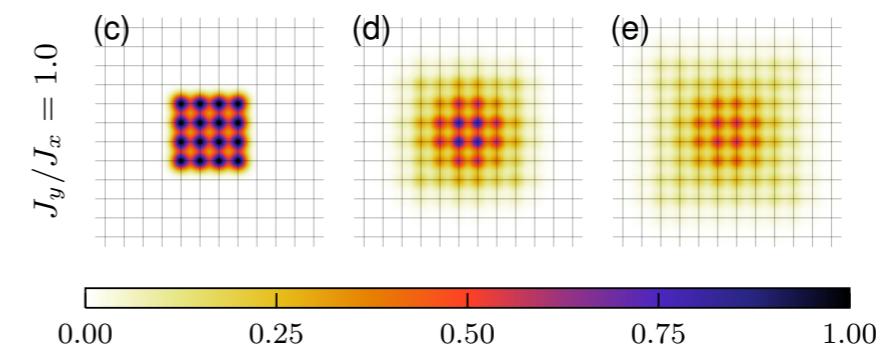
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Hauschild, Pollmann, FHM PRA 92, 053629 (2015)
Method: Zaletel et al. PRB 91, 165112 (2015)