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Topological transitions in mixed-geometry lattices, and dynamics of fermions in one dimension

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Spin-Population Imbalanced Fermi Gases

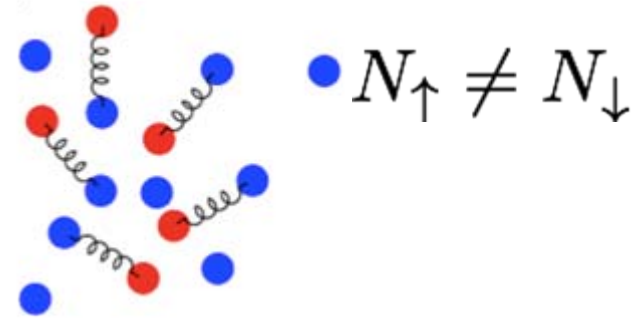
1. Magnetism versus Superconductivity

Chandrasekhar-Clogston limit

Chandrasekhar, APL 1962.

Clogston, PRL 1962.

critical magnetic field to break superconductivity



2. Exotic superconducting phase?

Fulde-Ferrell-Larkin-Ovchinnikov States

Oscillating order parameter

FF, PR 1964

LO, JETP 1965

$$\Delta \equiv \Delta_0 \exp(iqx) \quad (\text{FF})$$

$$\Delta \equiv \Delta_0 \cos(qx) \quad (\text{LO})$$

Polarized Superfluid States

fully paired

+ excess unpaired

Sarma, J Phys Chem Solids 1963

Liu & Wilczek, PRL 2003; Sheehy & Radzihovsky, PRL 2006,

Pao, Wu, Yip PRB 2006; Parish et al., PRL 2007,

Pilati & Giorgini PRL 2008, etc.

Spin-imbalanced fermions in 3D elongated traps



Experiments:

Shin et. al., PRL 97, 030401 (2006)
Partridge et. al., Science 311, 5760 (2006)
Partridge et. al., PRL 97, 190407 (2006)
Nascimbene et. al., PRL 103, 170402 (2009)

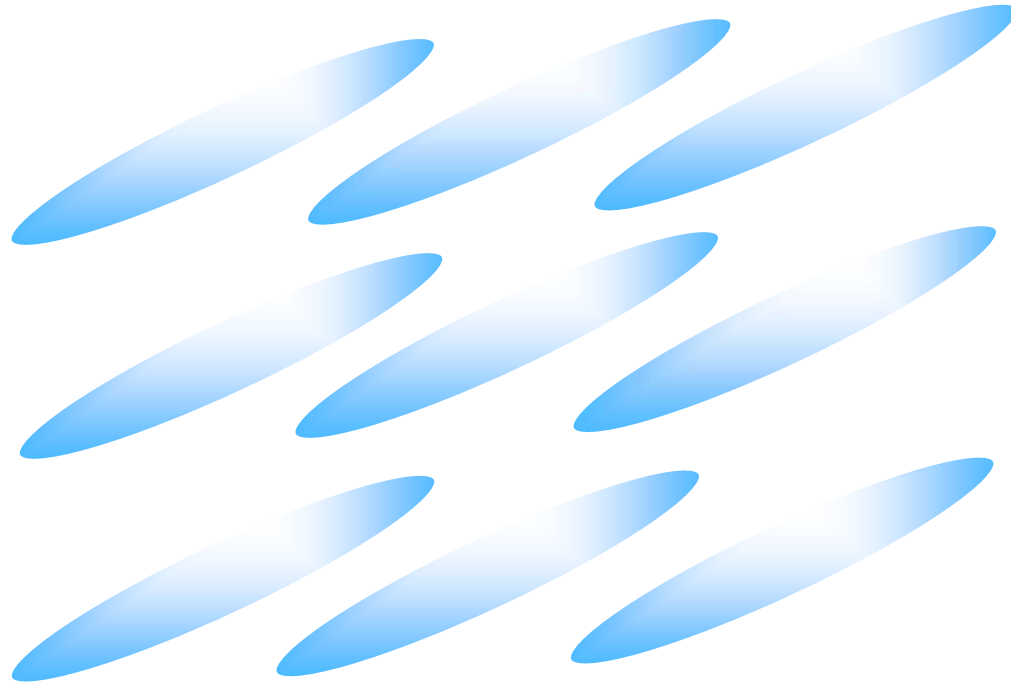
QMC:

Lobo et. al., PRL 97, 200403 (2006)

DMFT:

D.-H. Kim, J. J. Kinnunen, J.-P. Martikainen, PT, PRL
106, 095301 (2011)

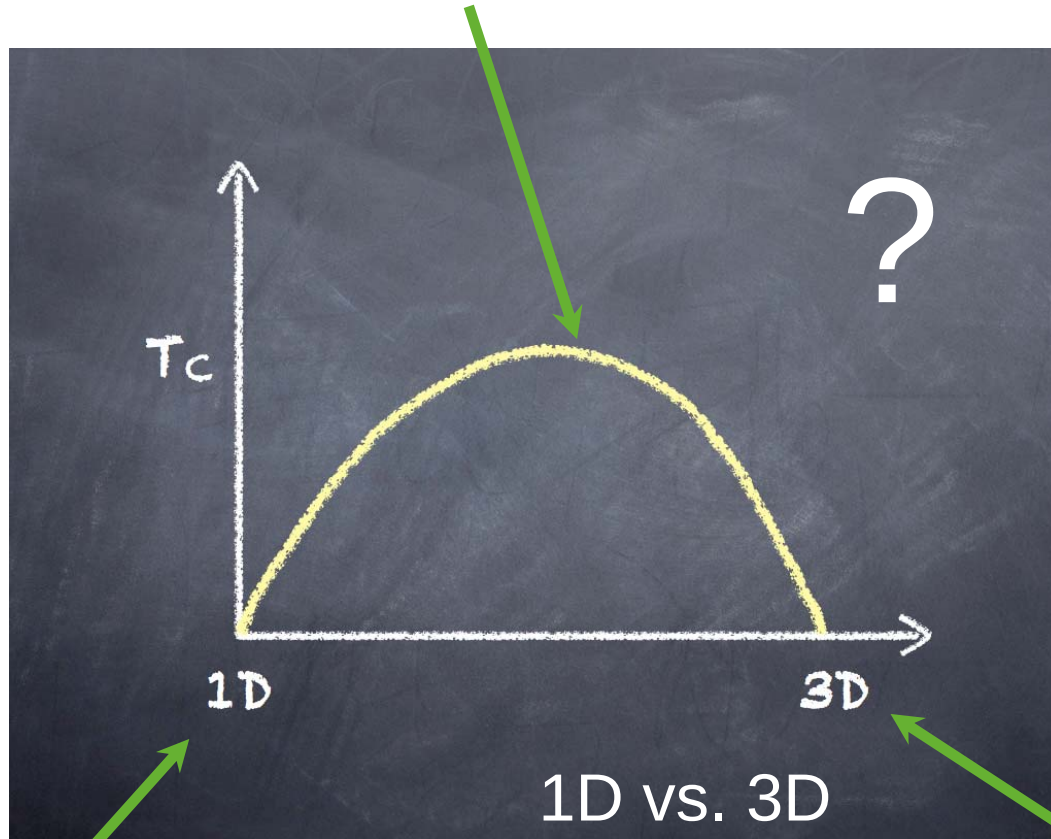
FFLO in quasi-1D lattices



D. H. Kim, PT, PRB 85, 180508(R) (2012)

Stronger FFLO signature in quasi-1D?

Somewhere between 3D and 1D: an ideal place for FFLO?



The long-range order may stabilize FFLO.

Mean-field theory ($T=0$)

Parish et al., PRL 99, 250403 (2007)

Experiment in 1D (density profiles)

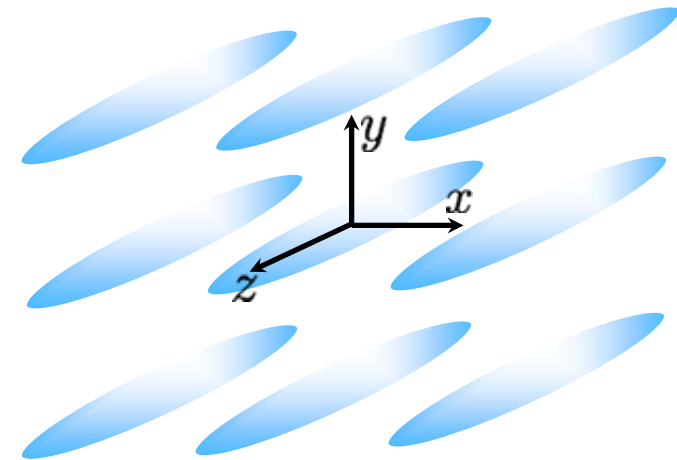
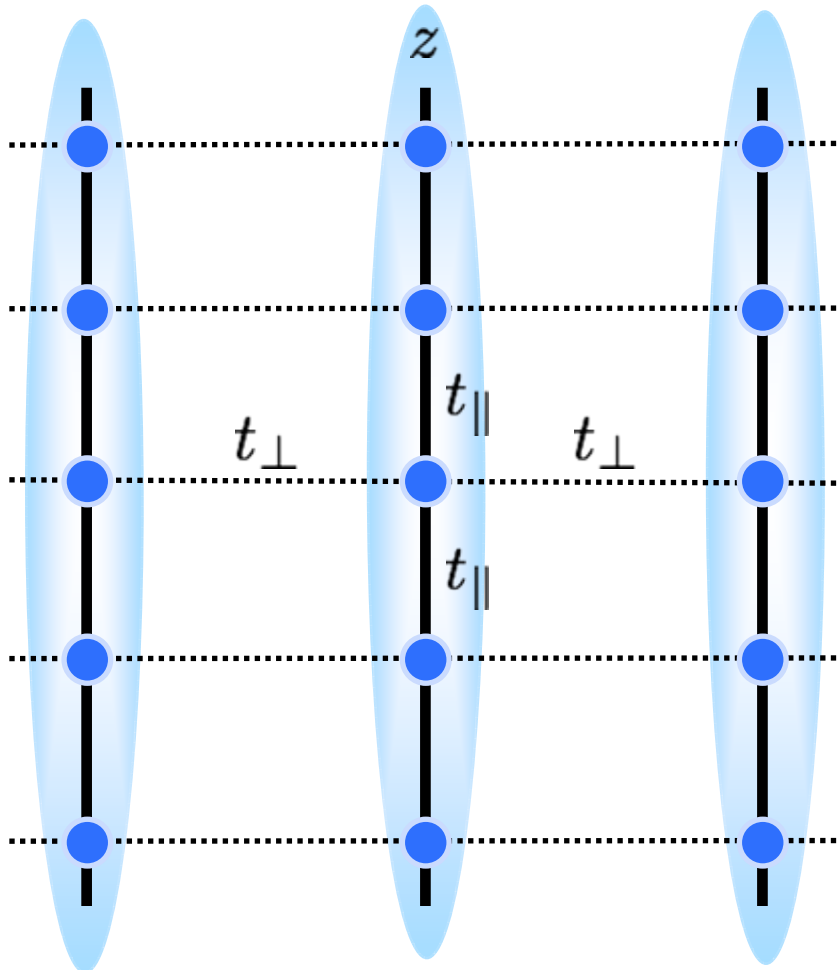
Liao et al., Nature 467, 567 (2010)

In 1D, an exact solution gives FFLO, but no long-range order is possible.

In 3D, the FFLO area may be very narrow.

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A bundle of chains : 3D to 1D



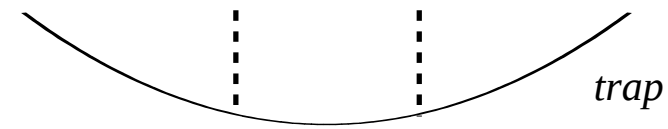
Anisotropic 3D optical lattice
for DMFT calculations

$$(1D) \quad 0 < t \equiv \frac{t_{\perp}}{t_{||}} \leq 1 \quad (3D)$$

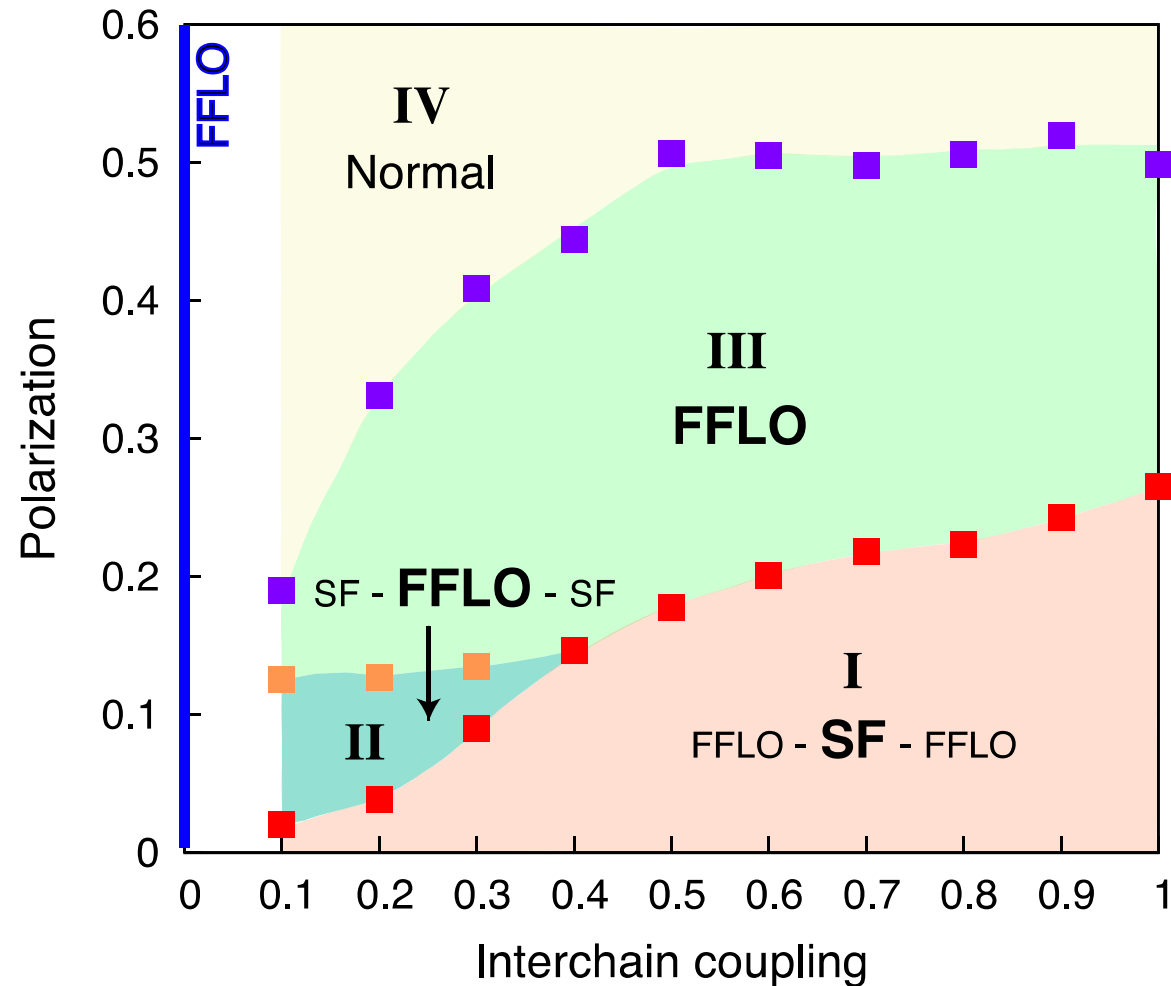
Homogeneous 2D lattice of trapped
1D chains

$$U \rightarrow U_* \quad (a \rightarrow \infty)$$

DMFT Phase Diagram at $T=0$



The phase is inhomogeneous in the trap.

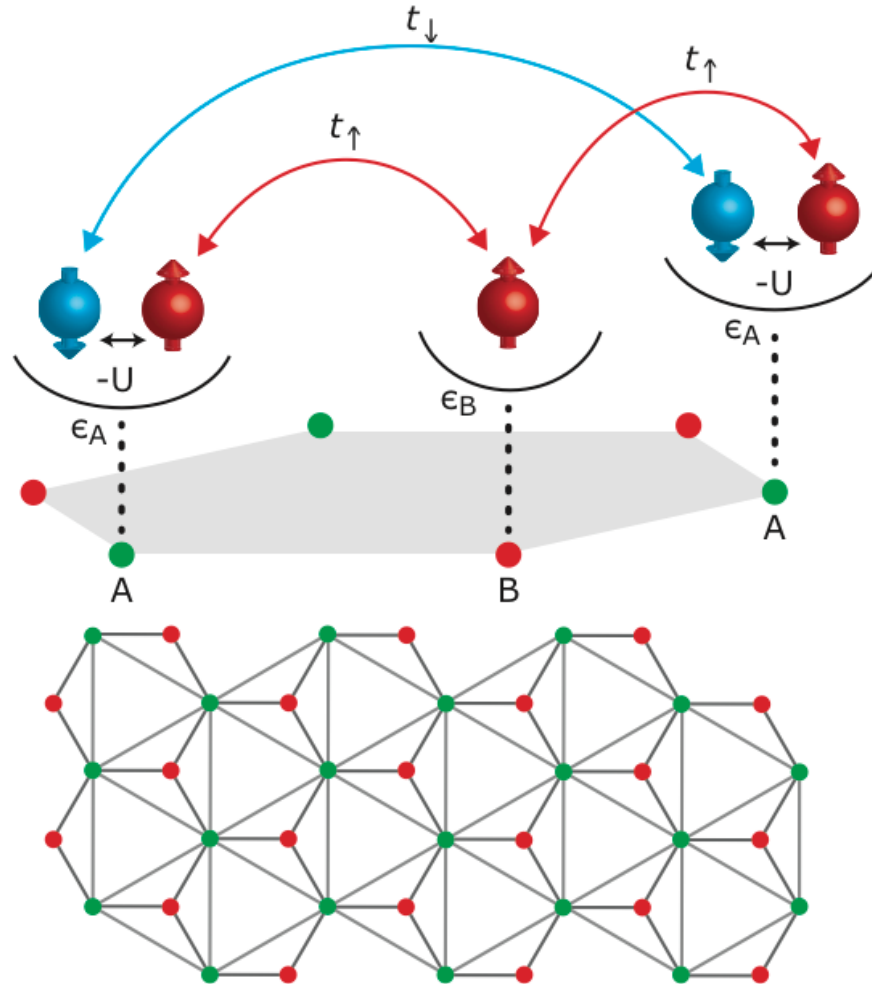


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Pairing in *mixed geometries*

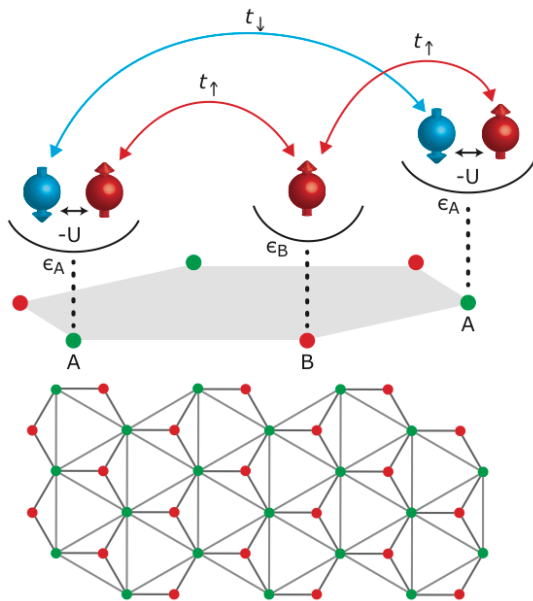
- Pairing with spin-imbalance (mass-imbalance)
 - Chandrasekhar-Clogston limit, FFLO, polarized superfluids, breach pair superfluids, etc.
- Pairing in mixed dimensions
 - A couple of theory papers (Tan, Iskin)
- Our question: pairing in ***mixed geometries***
 - D.-H. Kim, J.S.J. Lehtikoinen, PT, PRL 110, 055301 (2013)
- Motivation
 - ***Spin-dependent confinement***
 - Spin-dependent lattices experimentally possible (Hamburg group, NIST group)
 - Two fermionic atoms (Li, K) trapped, Feshbach resonances (Innsbruck group, others)
 - Novel superfluids? High T_c ? Polarized superfluid?

Our choice of geometry: honeycomb lattice for the up-component,
triangular for the down-component



Mean-field theory for this system

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} = & -t_{\uparrow} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle \in \mathcal{L}_{\uparrow}} (\hat{a}_{i\uparrow}^{\dagger} \hat{b}_{j\uparrow} + h.c.) + \epsilon_{\uparrow}^a \sum_i \hat{n}_{i\uparrow}^a + \epsilon_{\uparrow}^b \sum_i \hat{n}_{i\uparrow}^b \\ & - t_{\downarrow} \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle \in \mathcal{L}_{\downarrow}} (\hat{a}_{i\downarrow}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{j\downarrow} + h.c.) + \epsilon_{\downarrow}^a \sum_i \hat{n}_{i\downarrow}^a \\ & \sum_{i,j} (\hat{n}_{i\uparrow}^a + \hat{n}_{j\uparrow}^b) - \mu_{\downarrow} \sum_i \hat{n}_{i\downarrow}^a - U \sum_i \hat{n}_{i\uparrow}^a \hat{n}_{i\downarrow}^a \end{aligned}$$



$$t_{\uparrow} = t_{\downarrow} = 1 \quad U = 5$$

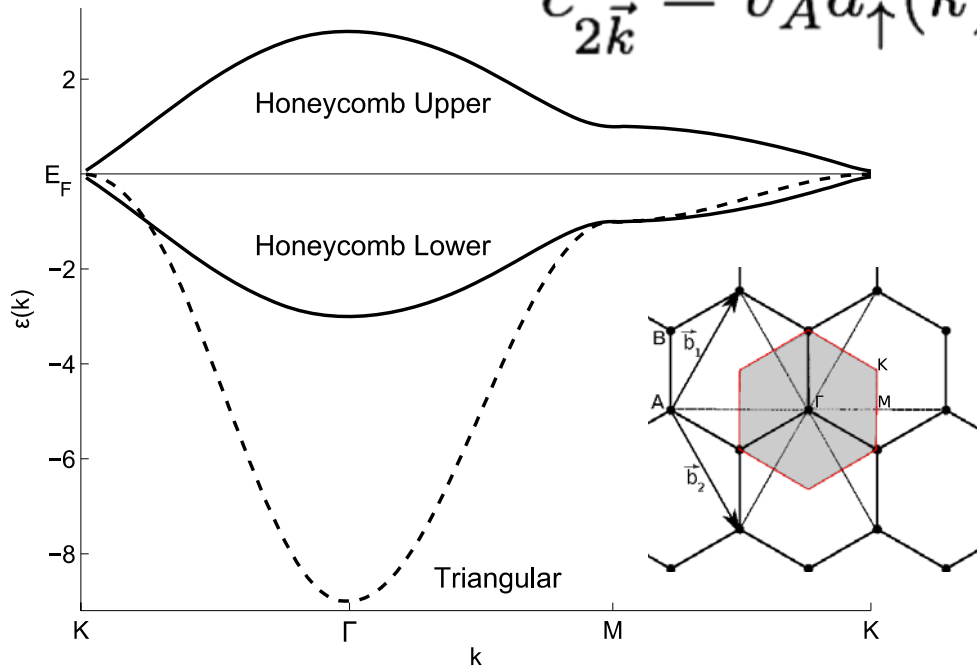
$$\epsilon_{\uparrow}^a = \frac{\tilde{\epsilon}}{2} \quad \epsilon_{\uparrow}^b = -\frac{\tilde{\epsilon}}{2} \quad \epsilon_{\downarrow}^a = -3$$

The non-interacting system: two branches for the honeycomb

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \sum_{\vec{k}} \xi_1(\vec{k}) \hat{c}_{1\vec{k}}^\dagger \hat{c}_{1\vec{k}} + \xi_2(\vec{k}) \hat{c}_{2\vec{k}}^\dagger \hat{c}_{2\vec{k}} + \xi_3(\vec{k}) \hat{c}_{3\vec{k}}^\dagger \hat{c}_{3\vec{k}}$$

$$\hat{c}_{1\vec{k}}^\dagger = u_A \tilde{a}_\uparrow^\dagger(\vec{k}) + u_B \tilde{b}_\uparrow^\dagger(\vec{k})$$

$$\hat{c}_{2\vec{k}}^\dagger = v_A \tilde{a}_\uparrow^\dagger(\vec{k}) + v_B \tilde{b}_\uparrow^\dagger(\vec{k})$$



Fermi-surface match:

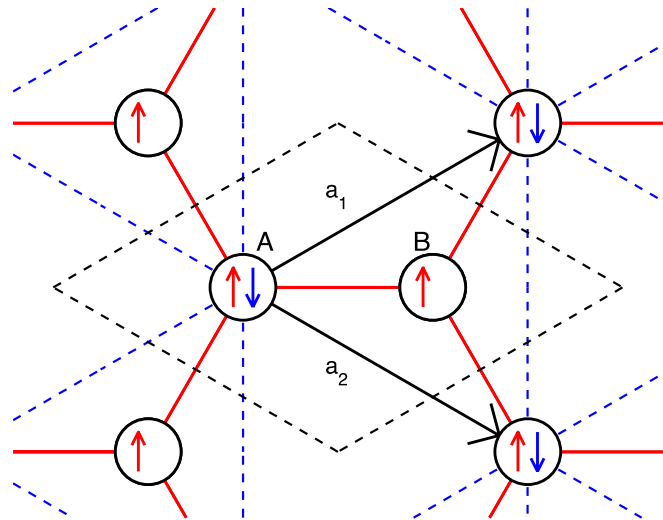
$$\mu_\downarrow = -\mu_\uparrow^2$$

Interaction at site A

$$\mathcal{H}_U = -U \sum_i \hat{n}_{i\uparrow}^a \hat{n}_{i\downarrow}^a$$

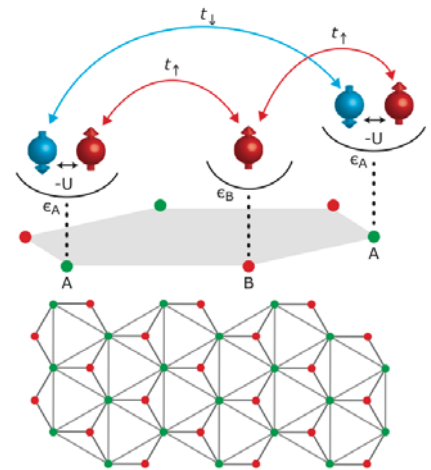
Corresponds to pairing between spin-down and the two honeycomb braches

$$\mathcal{H}_U = \sum_{\vec{k}} [g_1(\vec{k}) \hat{c}_{1\vec{k}}^\dagger \hat{c}_{3,-\vec{k}}^\dagger + g_2(\vec{k}) \hat{c}_{2\vec{k}}^\dagger \hat{c}_{3,-\vec{k}}^\dagger + h.c.] + \frac{|\Delta|^2}{U}$$



Pairing ansatz at site A

$$\Delta = U \langle \hat{a}_{i\downarrow} \hat{a}_{i\uparrow} \rangle$$



Leads to a momentum-dependent coupling in the momentum space

$$g_{1,2}(\vec{k}) = -\frac{\Delta}{\sqrt{2}} \left[1 \pm \frac{\tilde{\epsilon}}{\sqrt{\tilde{\epsilon}^2 + |h_{\uparrow}(\vec{k})|^2}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$h_{\uparrow}(\vec{k}) = -t_{\uparrow} \left[e^{\frac{ik_x}{\sqrt{3}}} + 2e^{\frac{-ik_x}{2\sqrt{3}}} \cos \frac{k_y}{2} \right]$$

Diagonalize by a Bogoliubov transformation
(third order eigenvalue equation)

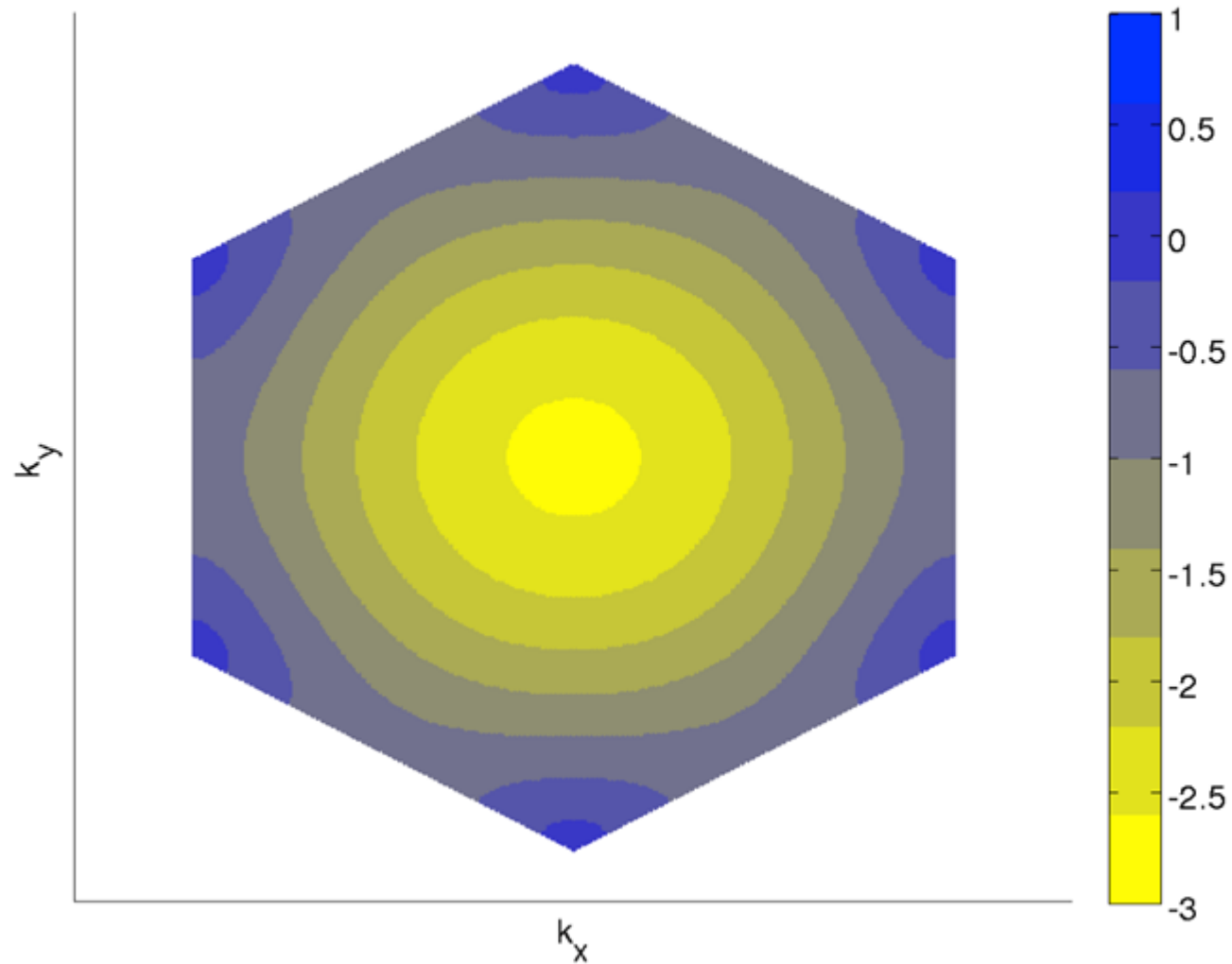
$$\mathcal{H} = \sum_{\vec{k}} E_1(\vec{k}) \tilde{\gamma}_{1\vec{k}}^\dagger \tilde{\gamma}_{1\vec{k}} + E_2(\vec{k}) \tilde{\gamma}_{2\vec{k}}^\dagger \tilde{\gamma}_{2\vec{k}} + E_3(\vec{k}) \tilde{\gamma}_{3\vec{k}}^\dagger \tilde{\gamma}_{3\vec{k}} \\ + \sum_{\vec{k}} \xi_{\downarrow}(-\vec{k}) + \frac{|\Delta^2|}{U}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\gamma}_{1\vec{k}} \\ \tilde{\gamma}_{2\vec{k}} \\ \tilde{\gamma}_{3\vec{k}} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{U}_{\vec{k}}^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} \hat{c}_{1\vec{k}} \\ \hat{c}_{2\vec{k}} \\ \hat{c}_{3,-\vec{k}}^\dagger \end{pmatrix}$$

Find the phases by minimizing the grand potential,
and from the gap equation

$$\Omega = -\frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{\vec{k}} \left[\ln \left(1 + e^{-\beta E_1(\vec{k})} \right) + \ln \left(1 + e^{-\beta E_2(\vec{k})} \right) + \ln \left(1 + e^{-\beta E_3(\vec{k})} \right) \right] \\ + \sum_{\vec{k}} \xi_{\downarrow}(-\vec{k}) + \frac{|\Delta|^2}{U}$$

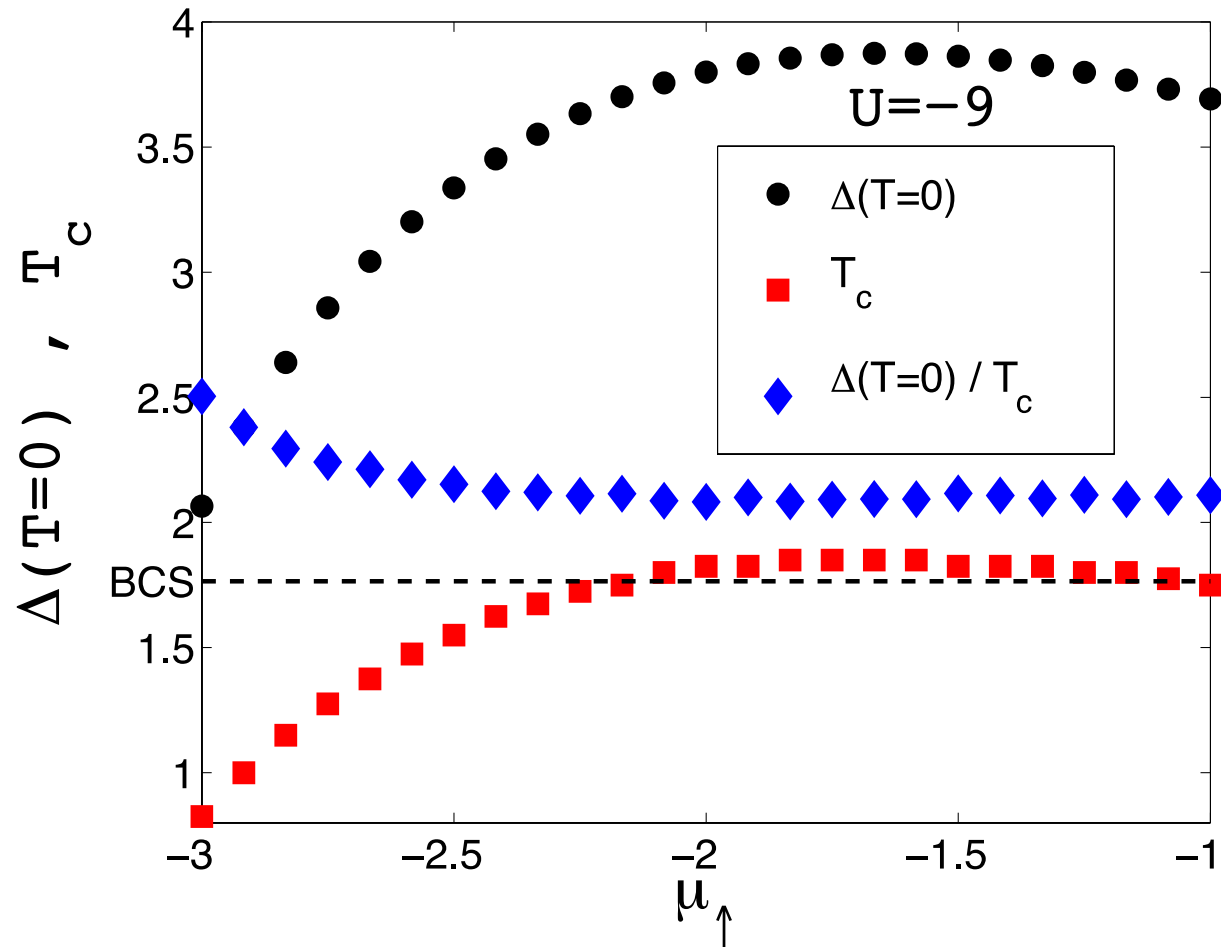
The Fermi surface



Results

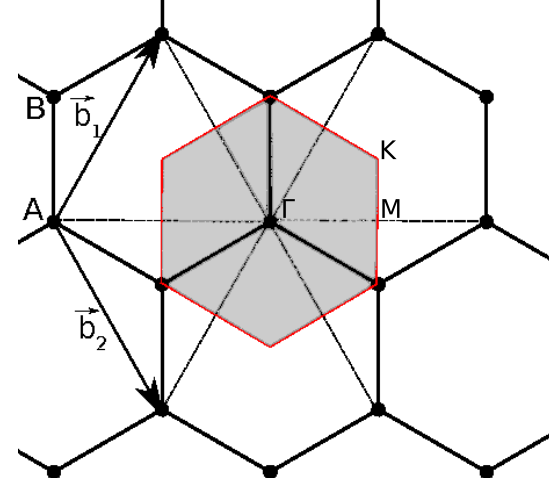
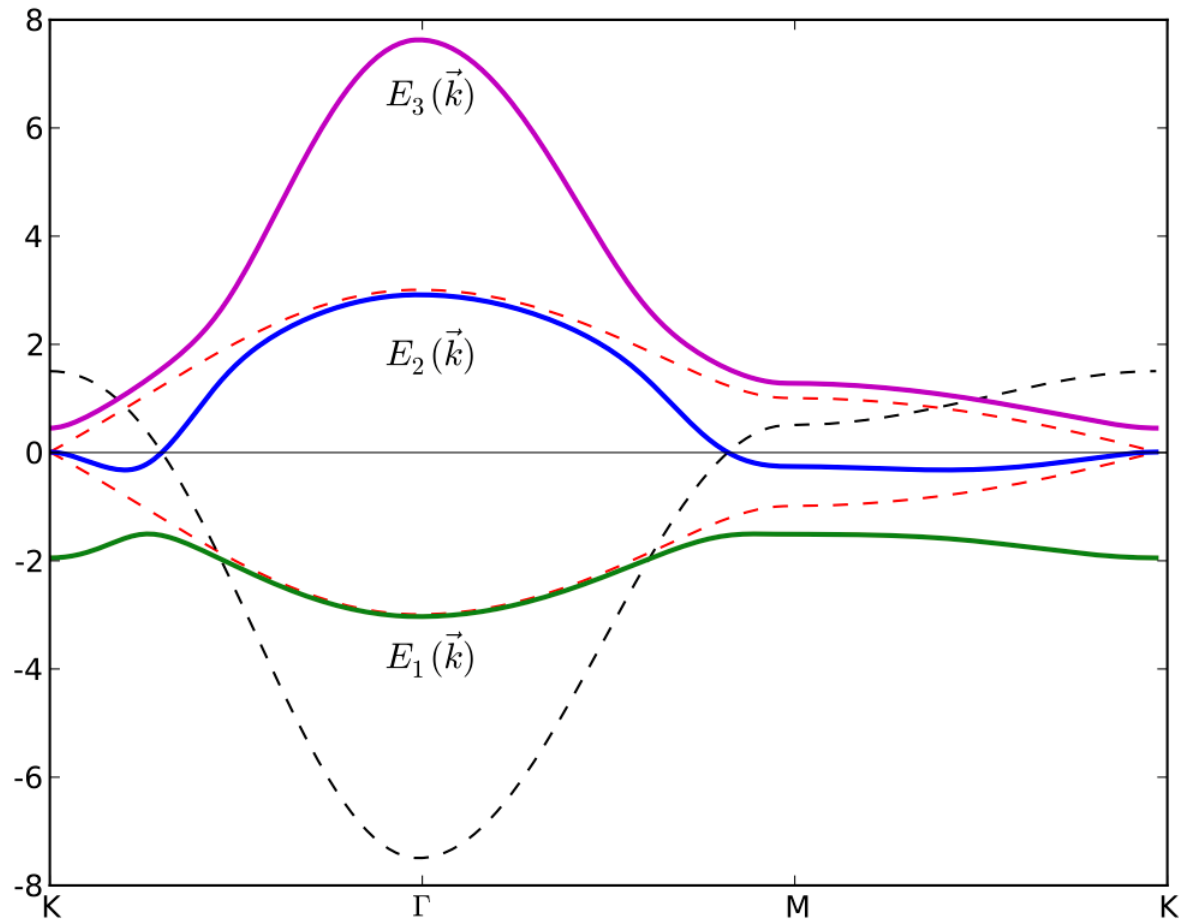


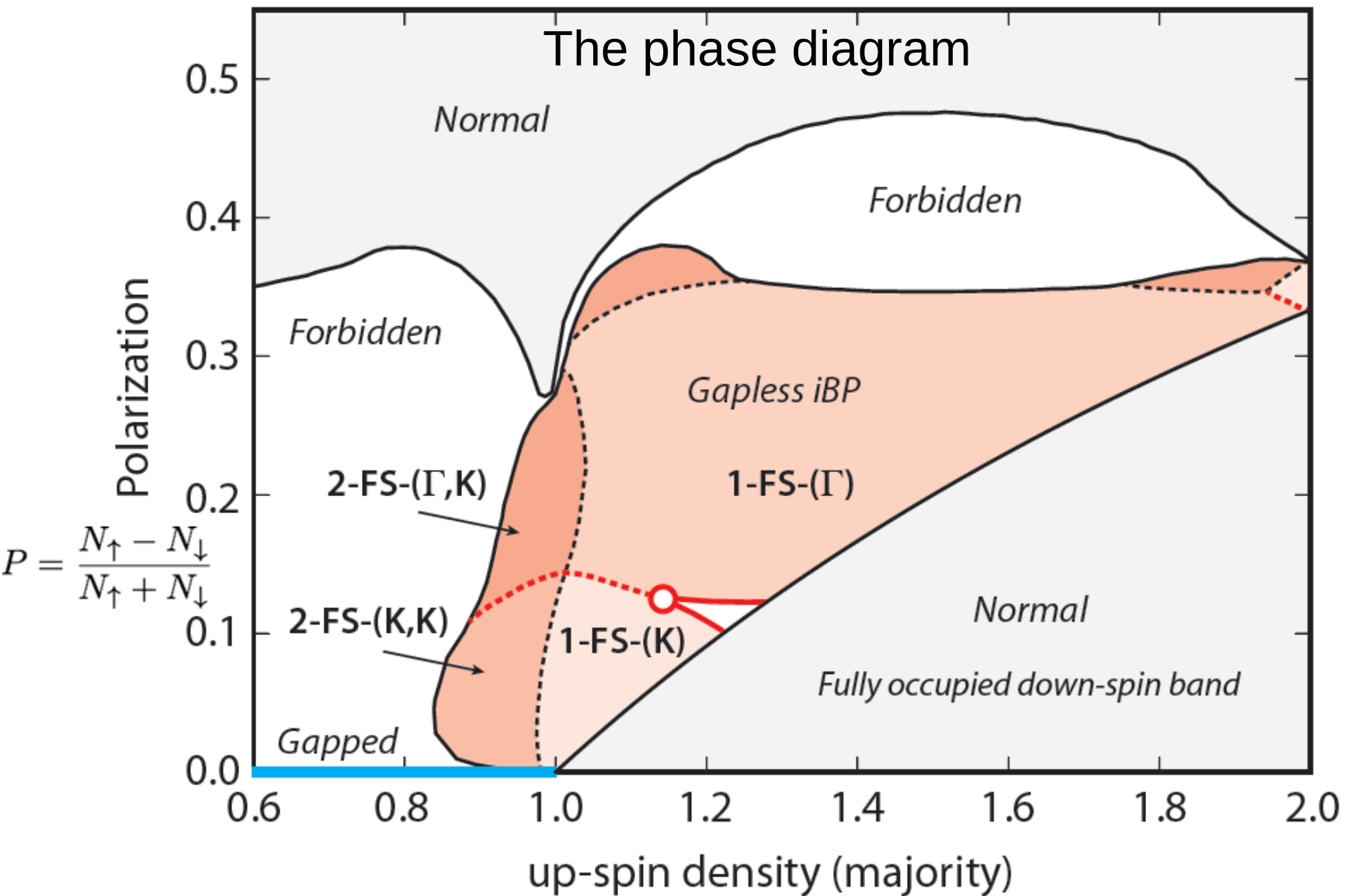
Non-BCS behaviour in Δ/T_c



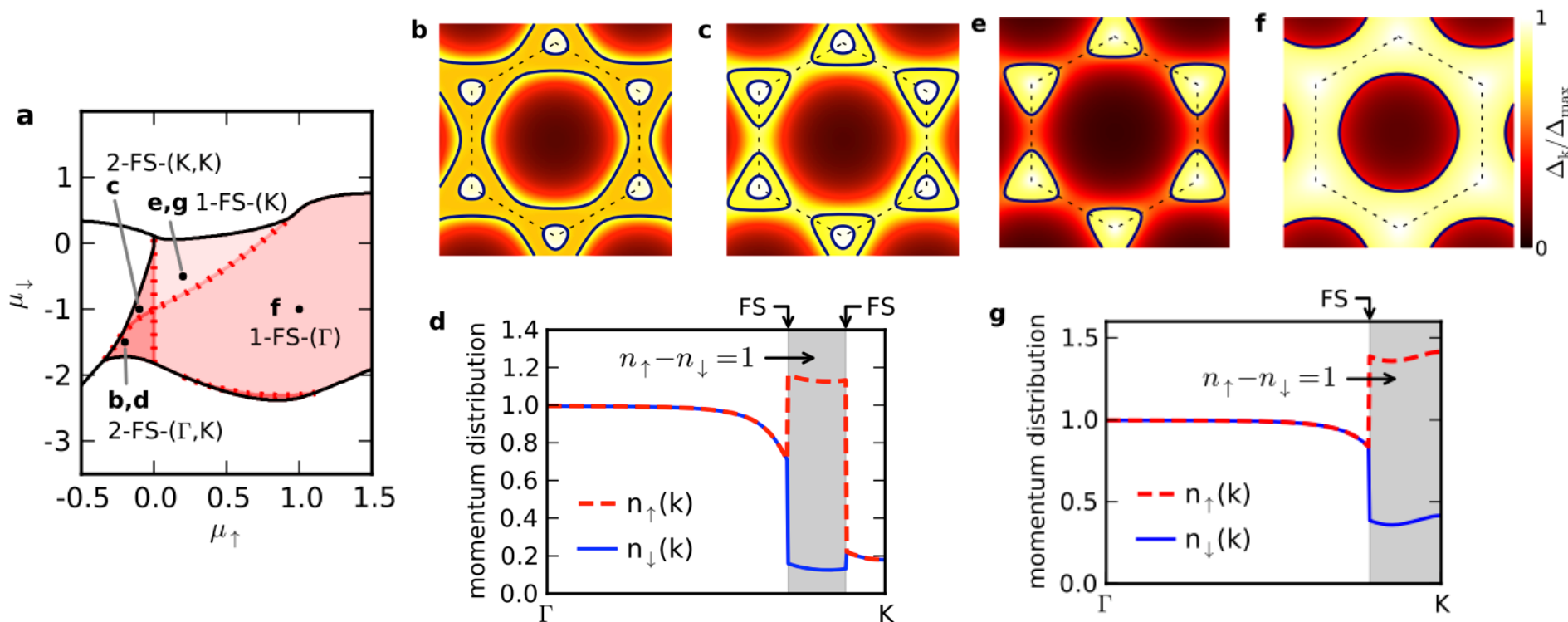
Three quasiparticle branches

$$\mu_{\uparrow} = -0.1, \mu_{\downarrow} = -1.505, U = 5, \Delta = 0.93$$



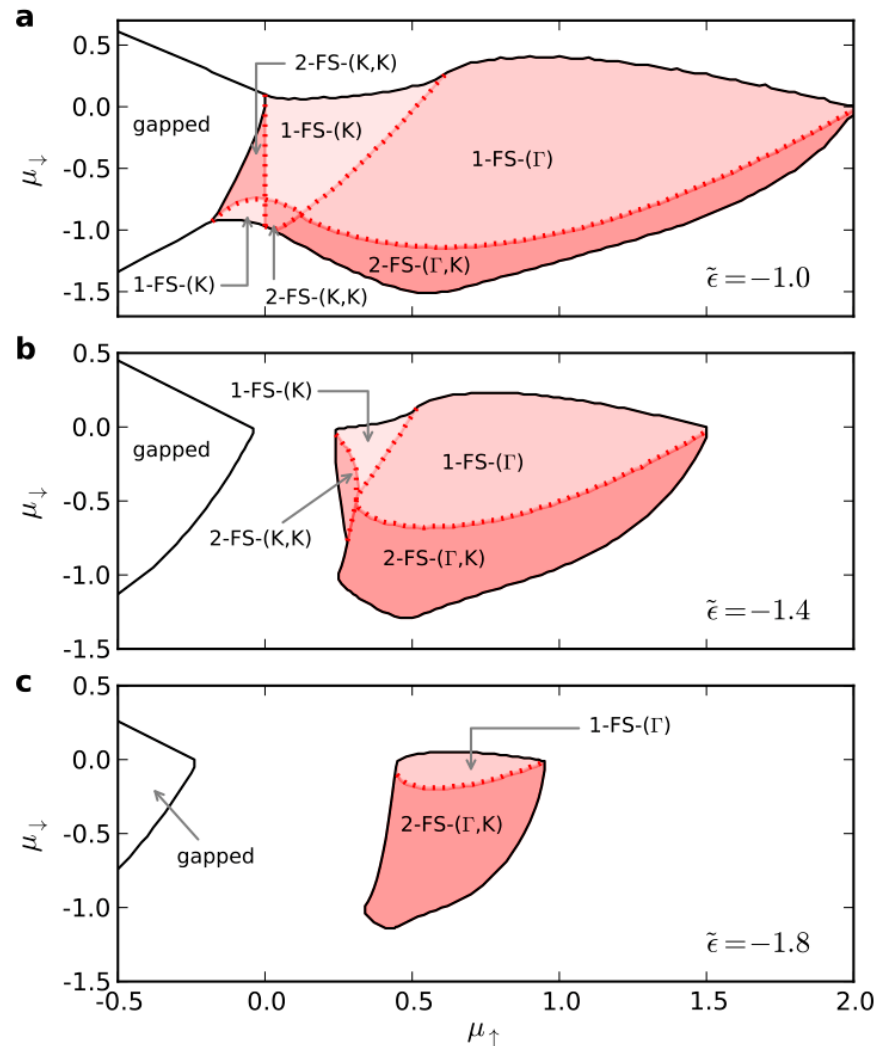
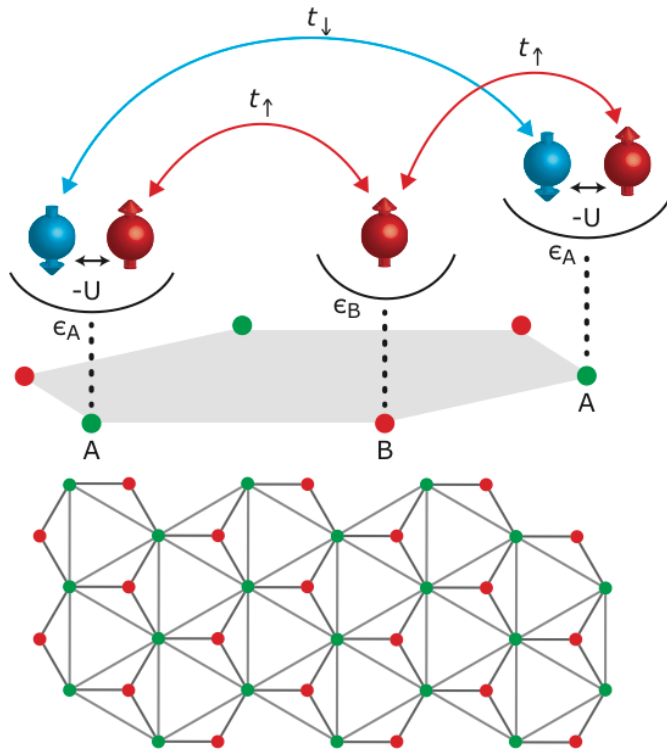


A new stable polarized superfluid phase: *incomplete breach pair (iBP) state*

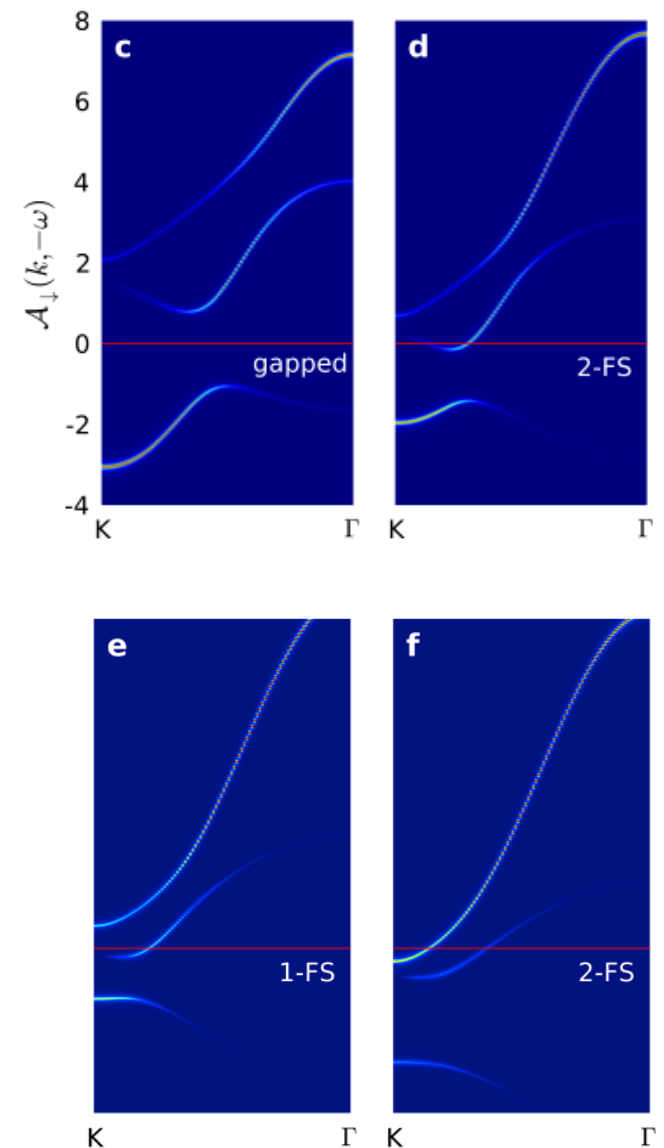
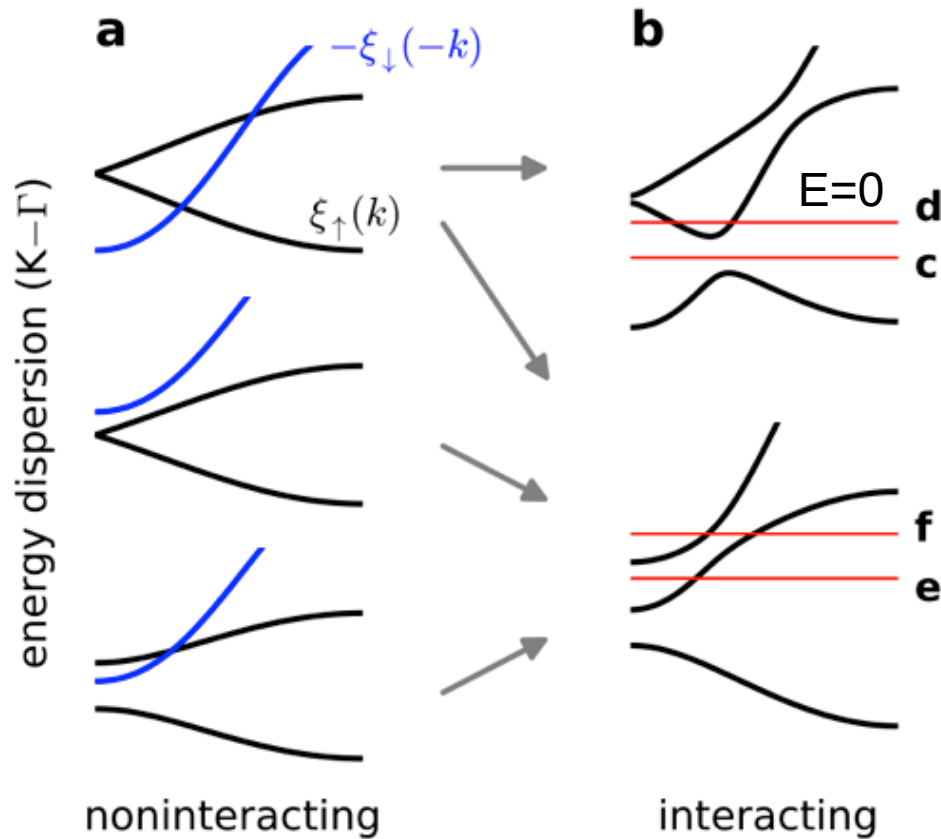


Quantum phase transitions between topologically distinct states

Changing the energy offset between the A and B sites



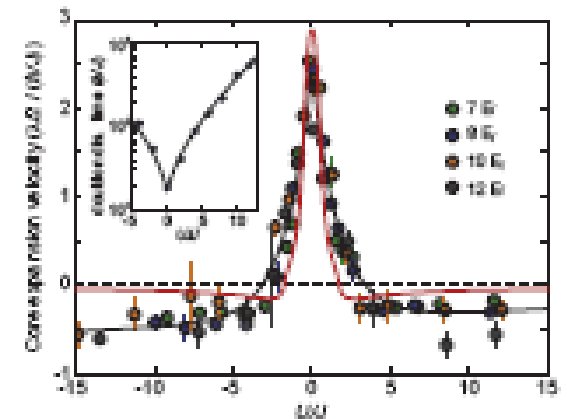
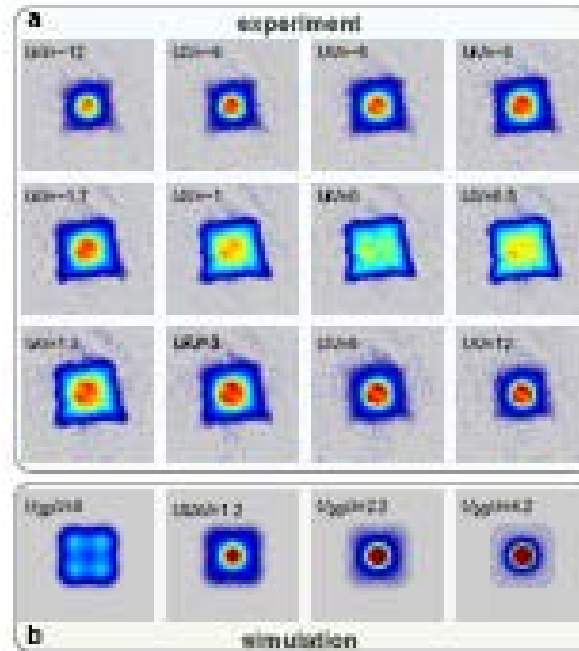
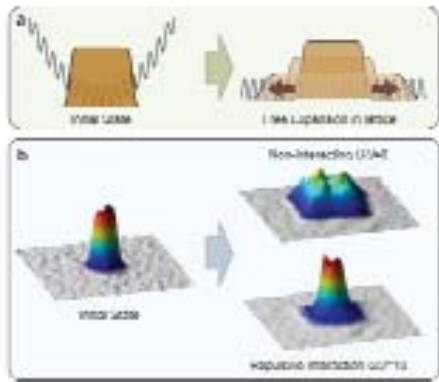
Multiband pairing



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Motivation

- Dynamics of a many-body Fermion system
- U. Schneider, L. Hackermüller, J.P. Ronzheimer, S. Will, S. Braun, T. Best, I. Bloch, E. Demler, S. Mandt, D. Rasch, A. Rosch, *Breakdown of diffusion: From collisional hydrodynamics to a continuous quantum walk in a homogeneous Hubbard model*, Nat. Phys. 2012



Core expansion speed
as a function of interaction

The system

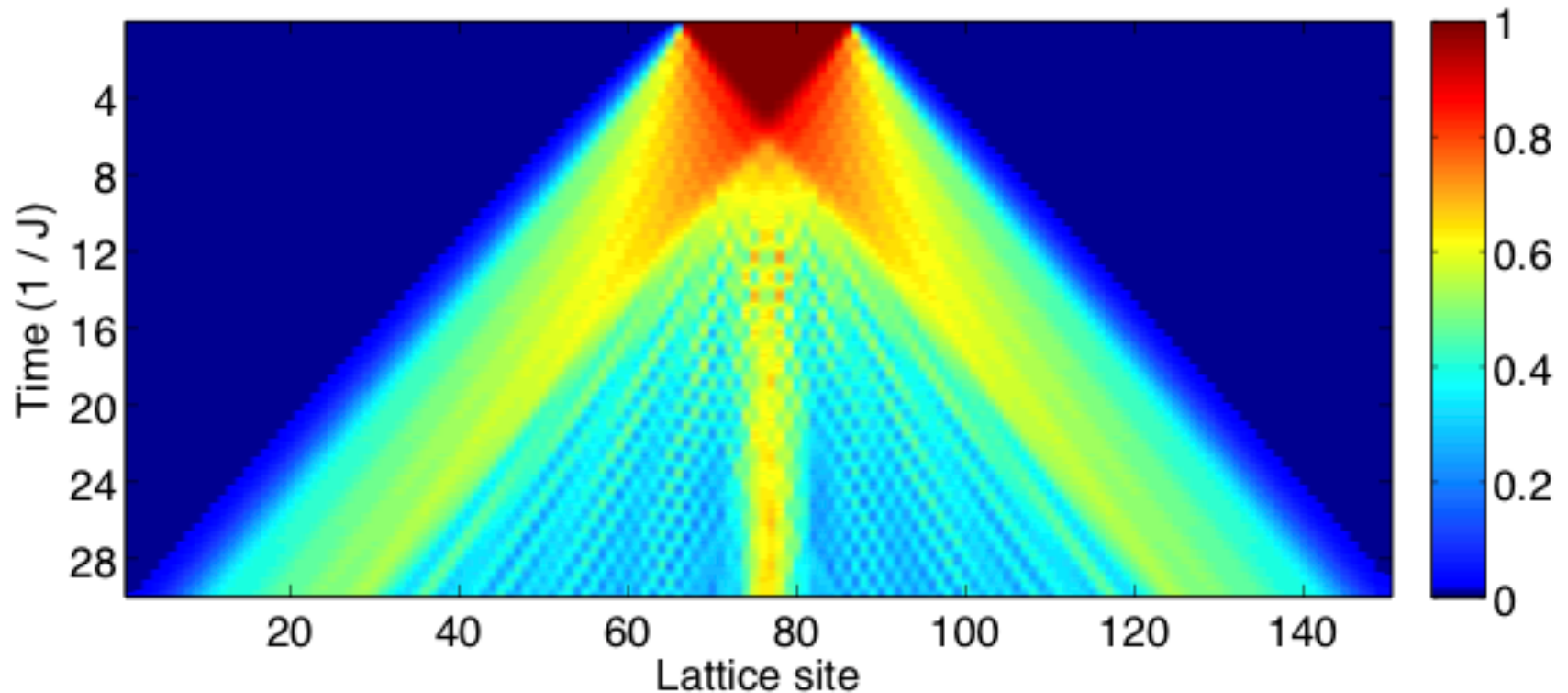


$$H = U \sum_i \hat{n}_{i,\uparrow} \hat{n}_{i,\downarrow} - J \sum_{i,\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{i+1\sigma} + h.c.$$

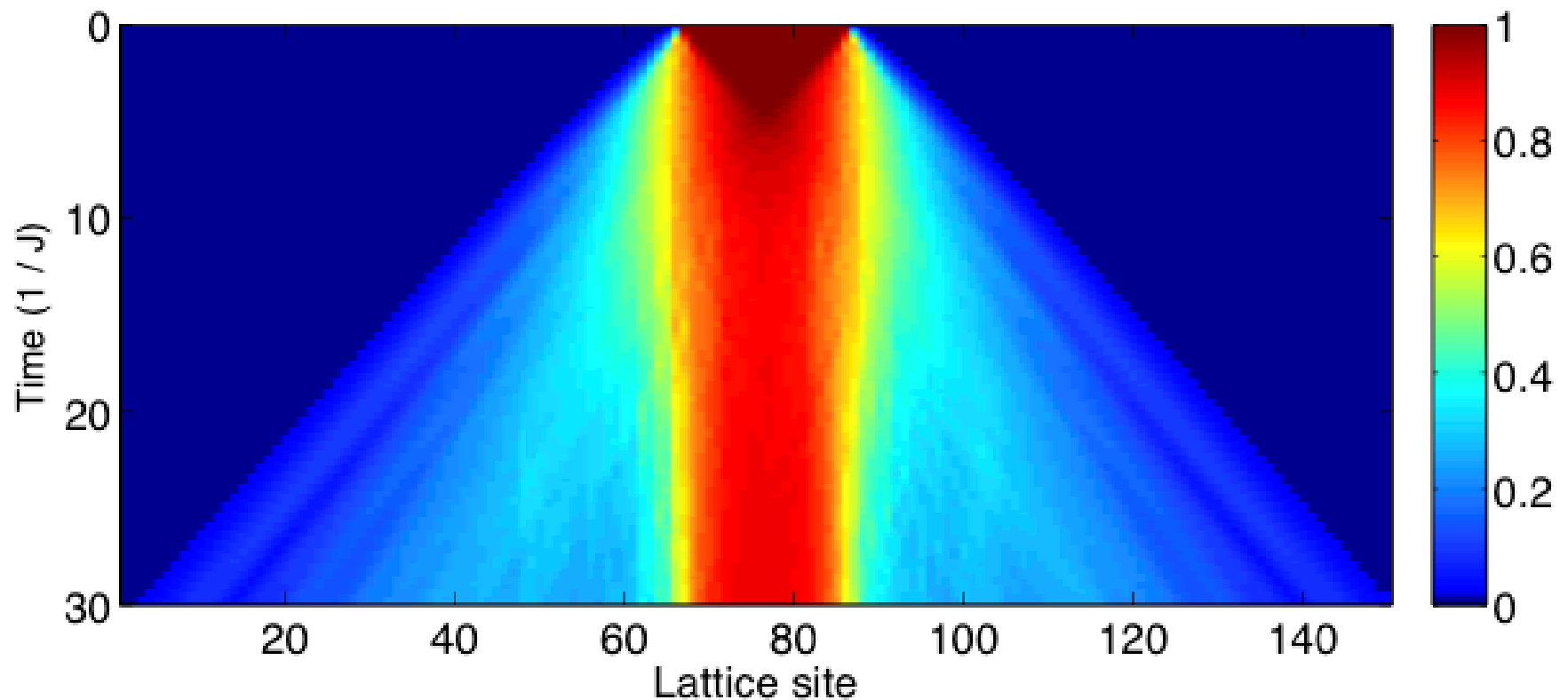
J. Kajala, F. Massel, PT, PRL 106, 206401 (2011)

Results (t-DMRG)

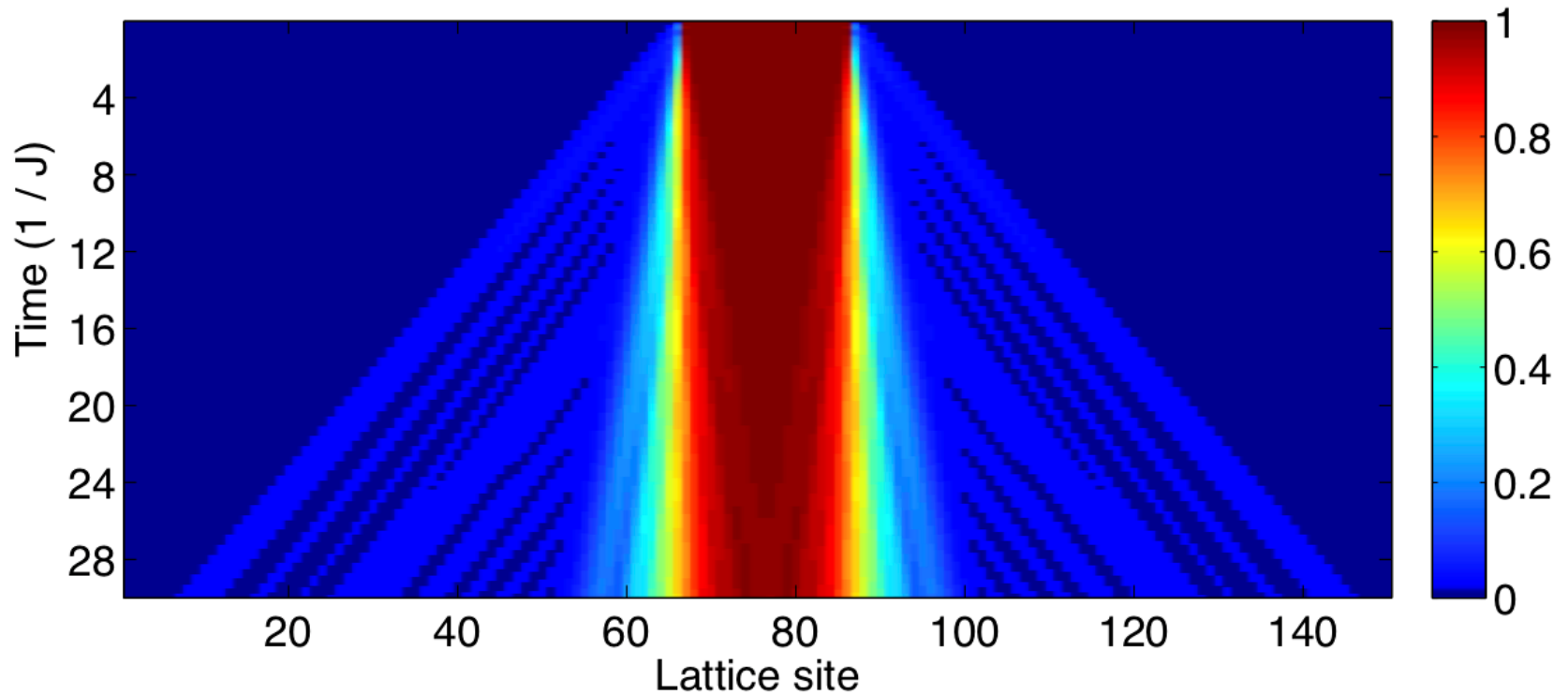
$$\sqrt{n_{\uparrow}} \text{ for } \frac{|U|}{J} = 0.0$$



$$\sqrt{n_{\uparrow}} \text{ for } \frac{|U|}{J} = 1.0$$



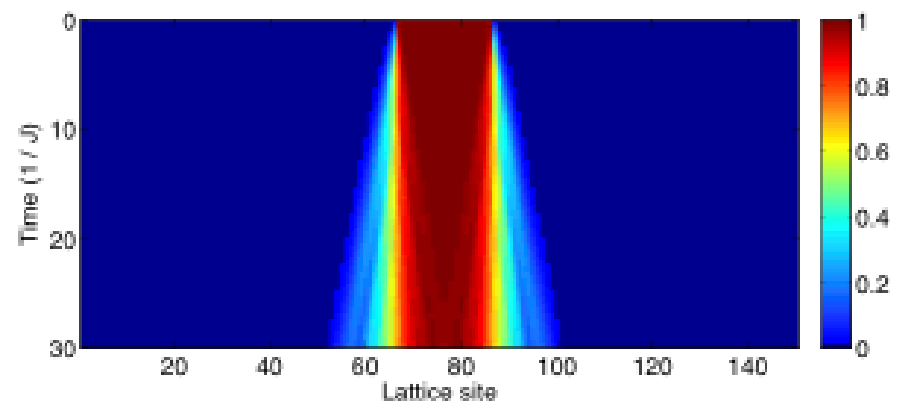
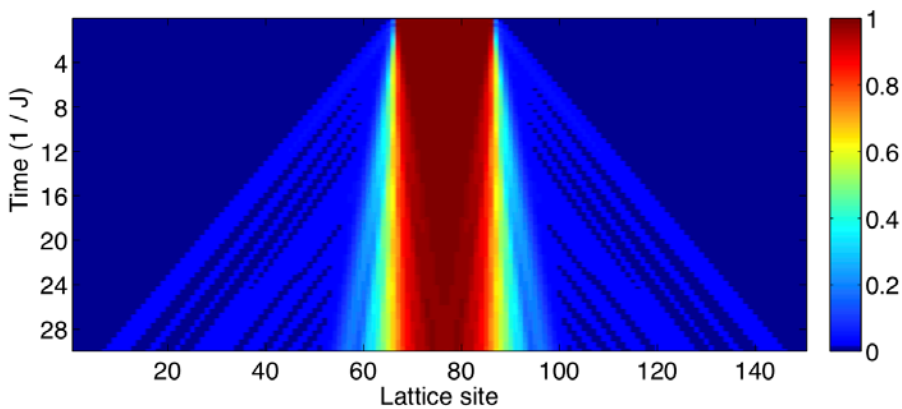
$$\sqrt{n_{\uparrow}} \text{ for } \frac{|U|}{J} = 10.0$$



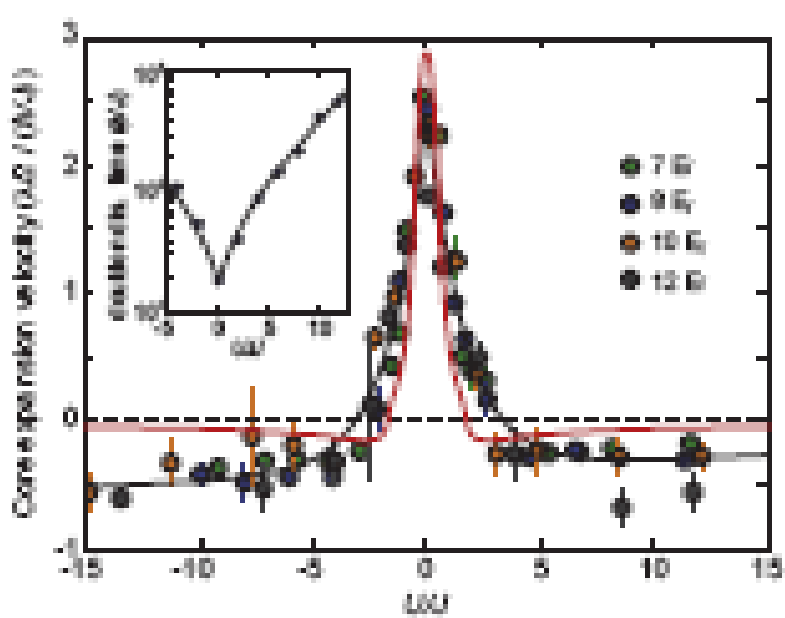
- With TEBD one can also calculate the doublon density

$$n_{i\uparrow\downarrow}(t) = \langle \Phi(t) | c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\uparrow} c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow} | \Phi(t) \rangle$$

- Here we call doublons excitations of the form $c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger | \emptyset \rangle$

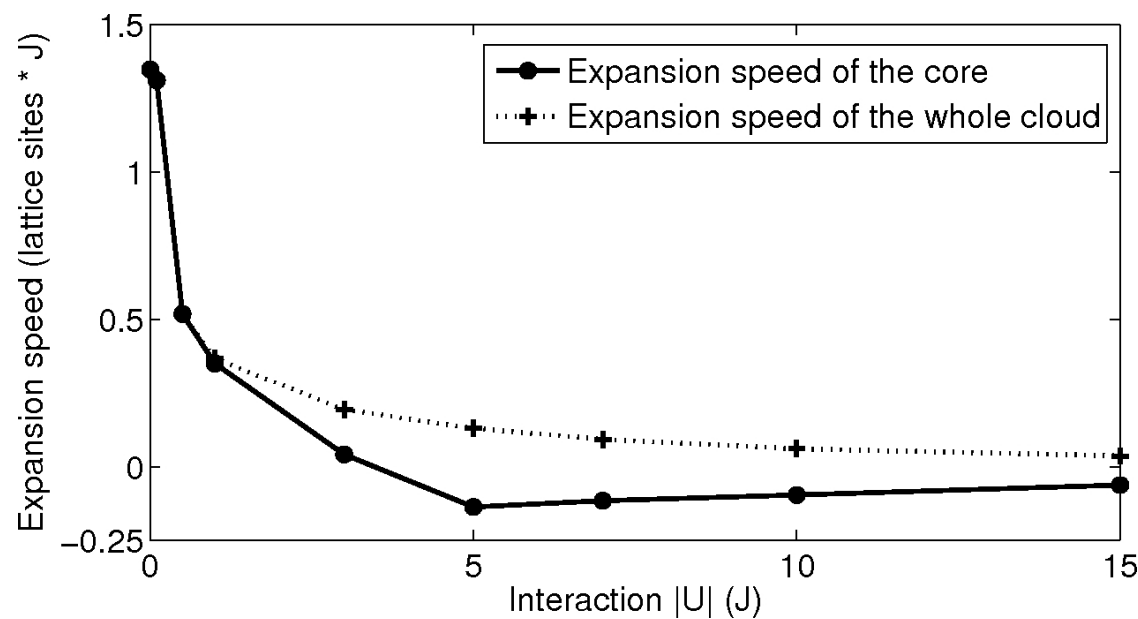


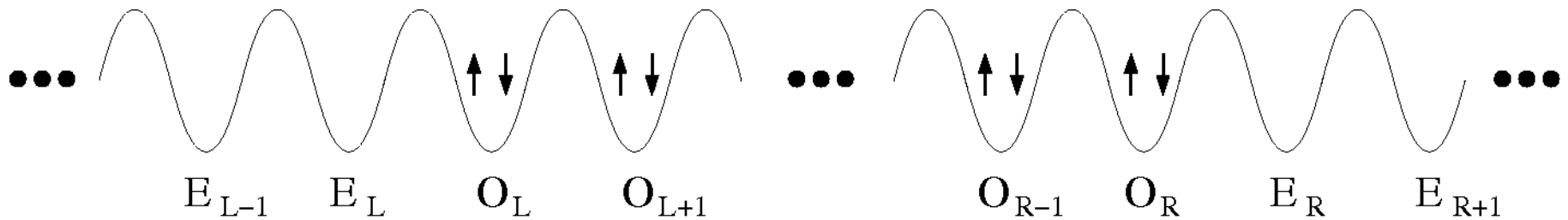
Left: $\sqrt{n_{\uparrow}}$, Right: $\sqrt{n_{\uparrow\downarrow}}$, $\frac{|U|}{J} = 10.0$



Experiment by Schneider et al.,
2D

Our simulation, 1D

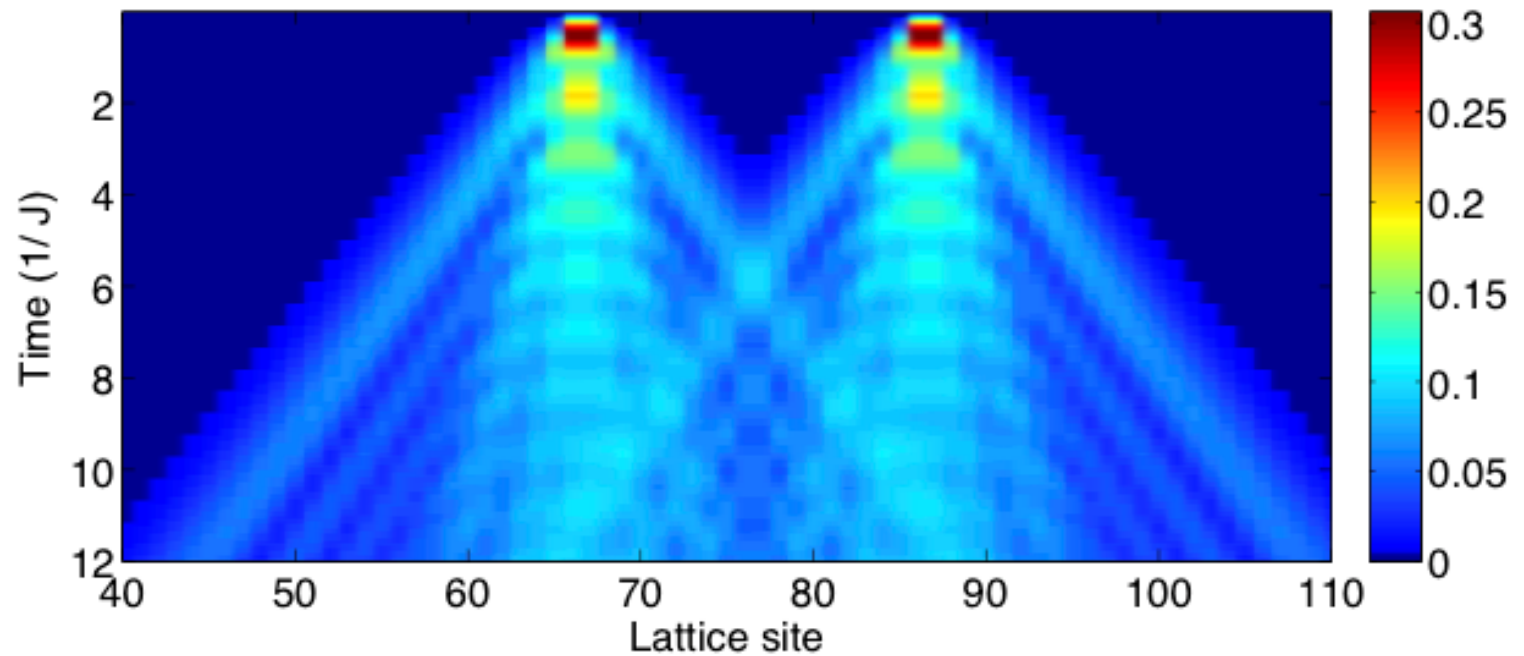




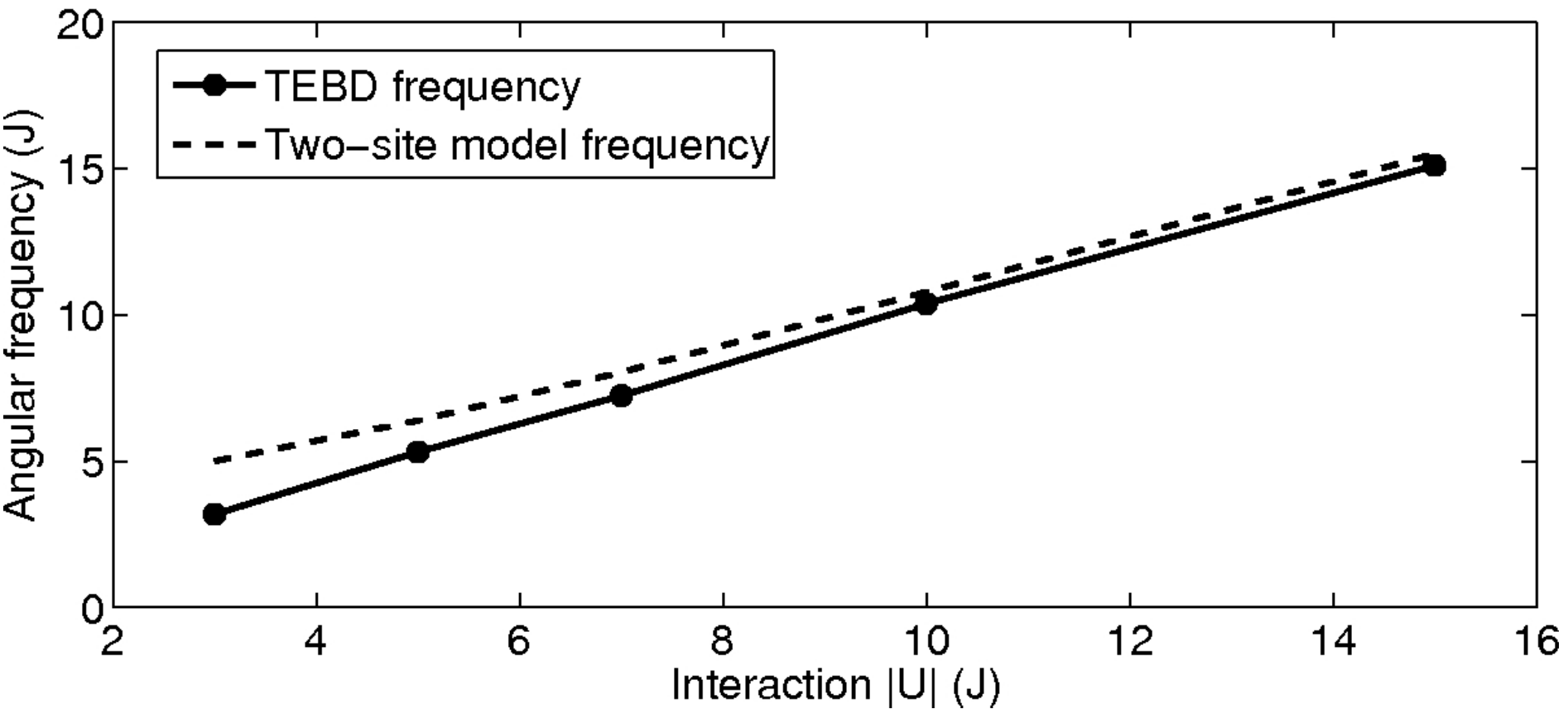
- Our explanation for the numerical findings: describe the two last sites by the Hubbard dimer

- We are interested in the paired state $\leftrightarrow$ singlet time evolution.
- The singlet state $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow, \downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow, \uparrow\rangle)$
- $$n_{Singlet}(t) = \frac{8}{16 + \frac{U^2}{J^2}} \left(1 - \cos \left(\sqrt{U^2 + 16J^2} t \right) \right)$$
- Compare to numerics

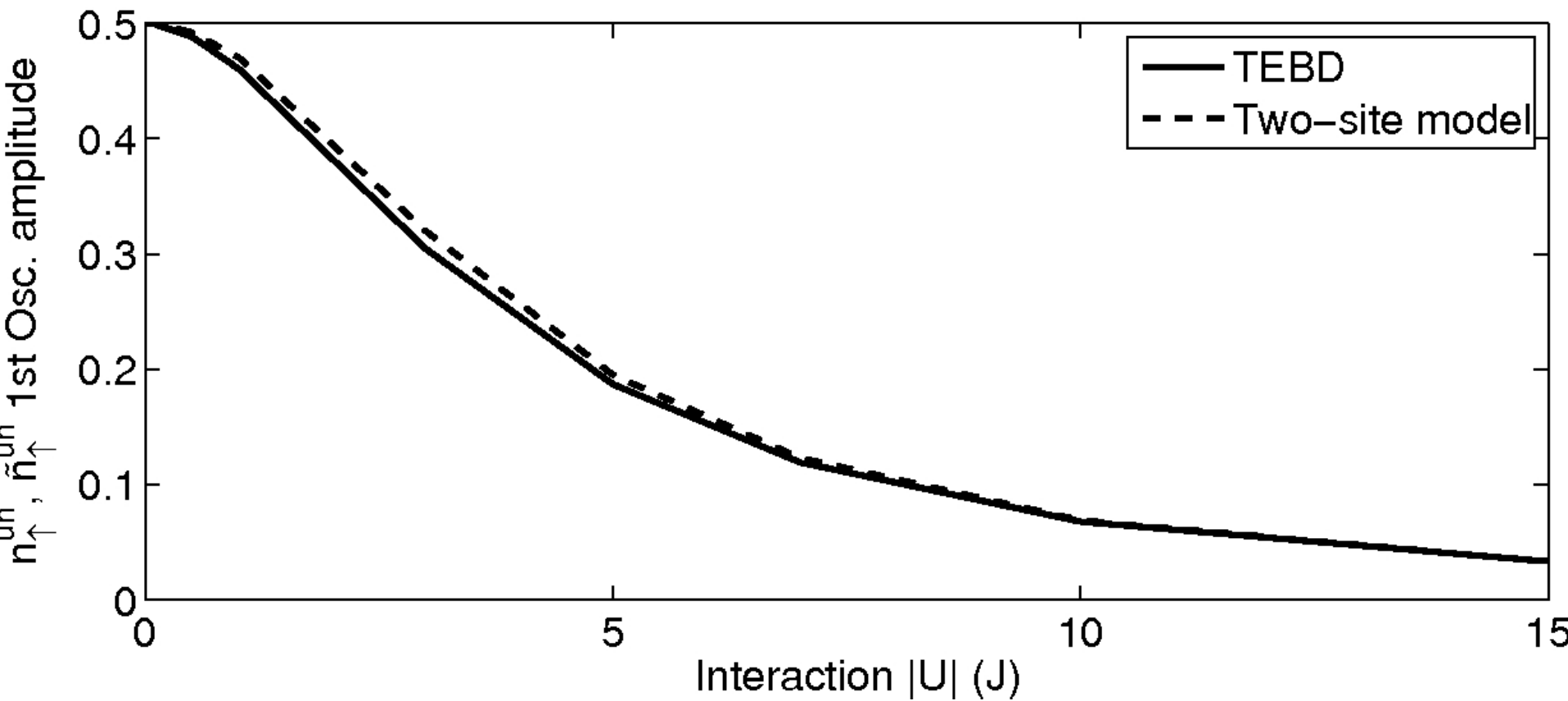
$$\sqrt{n_{\text{Singlet}}(t)} \text{ for } \frac{|U|}{J} = 5.0$$



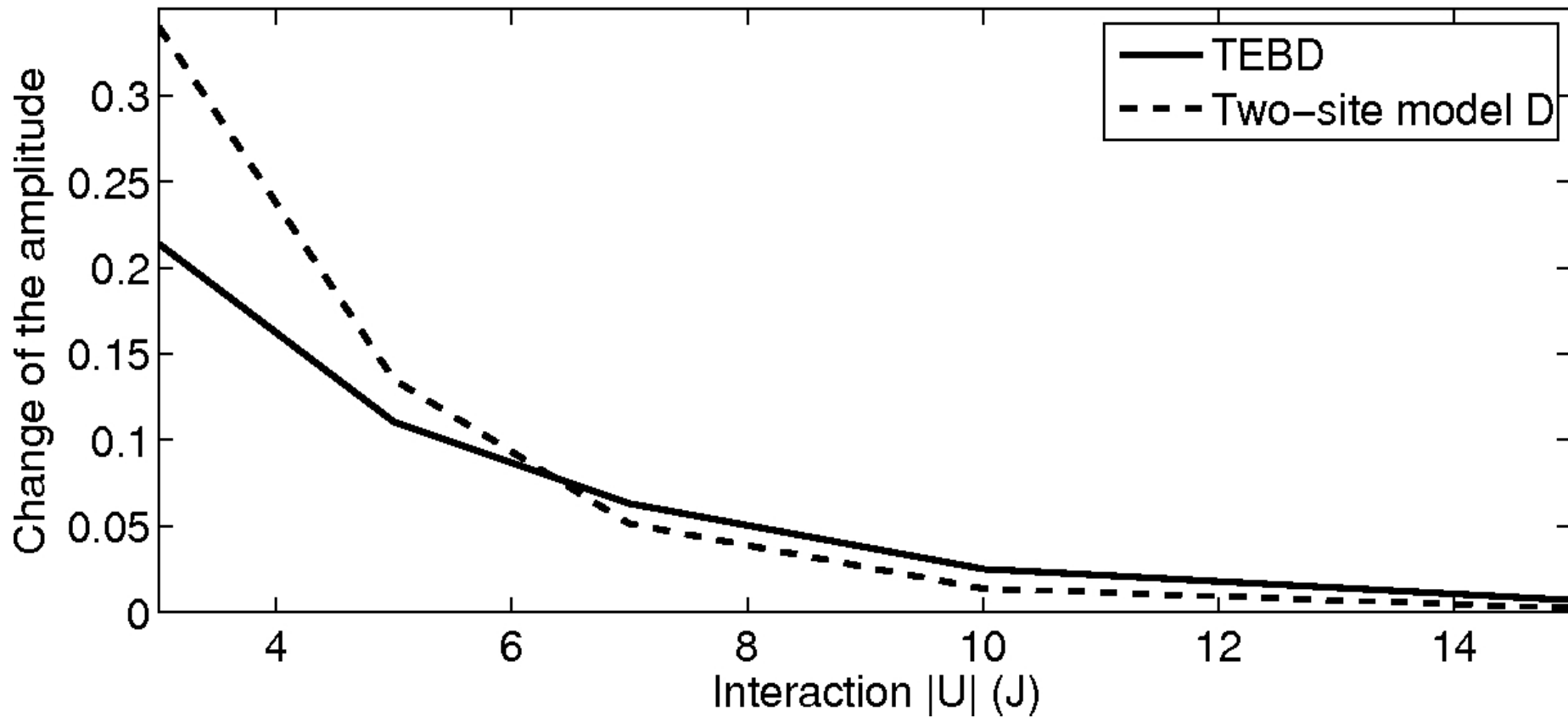
The frequency comparison.



The amplitude comparison.

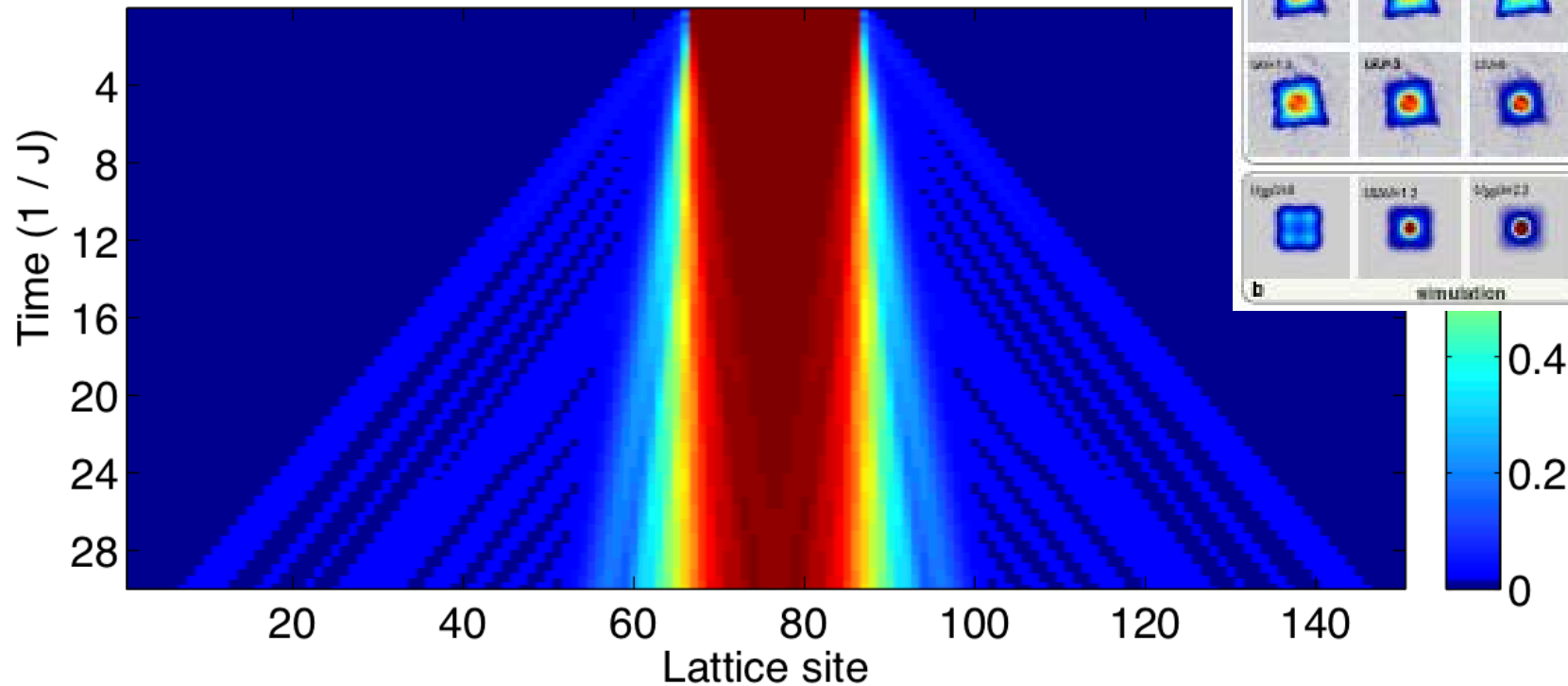


The amplitude decay comparison.



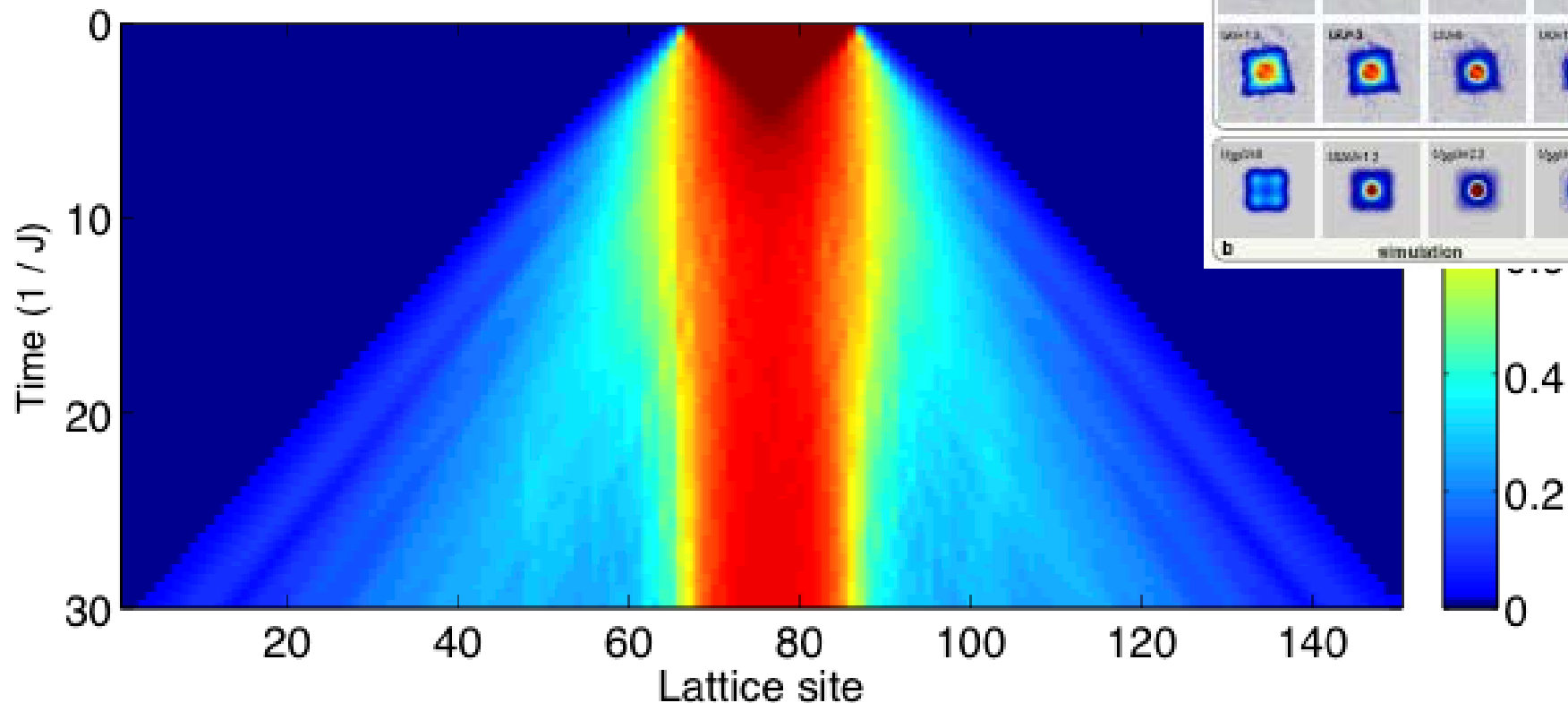
- In the light of the Dimer analysis, let us take another look at the TEBD results.

$$\sqrt{n_{\uparrow}} \text{ for } \frac{|U|}{J} = 10.0$$

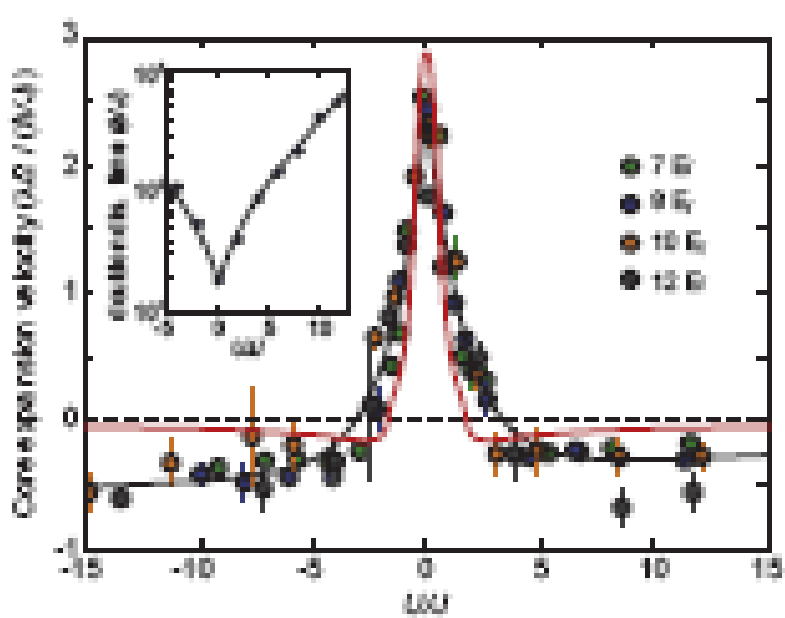


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$$\sqrt{n_{\uparrow}(1)} \text{ for } \frac{|U|}{J} = 1.0$$

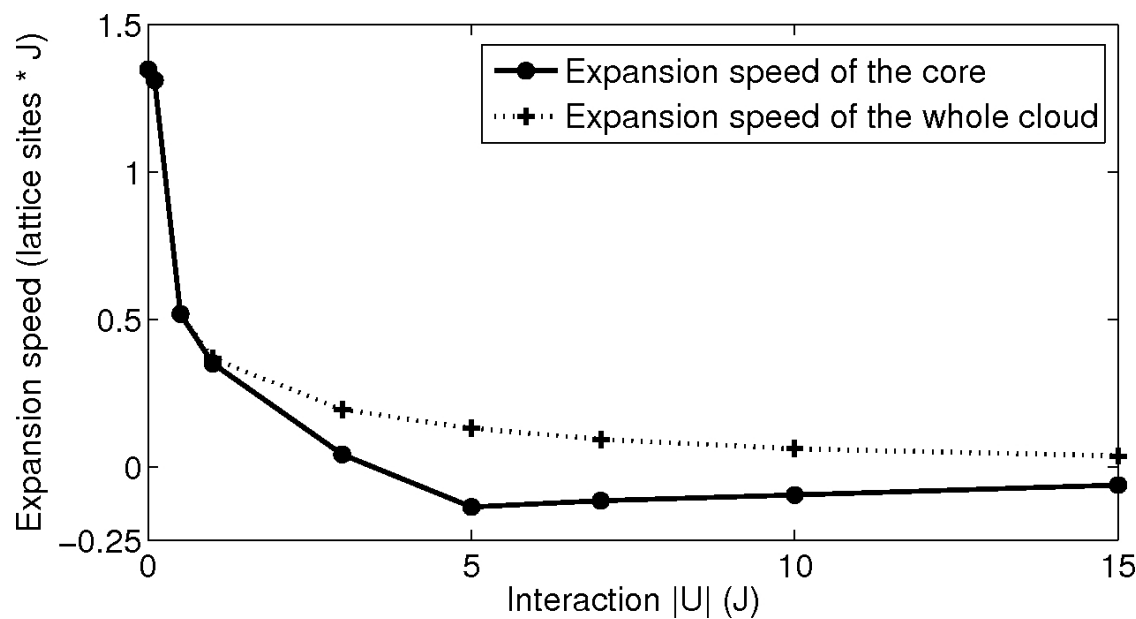


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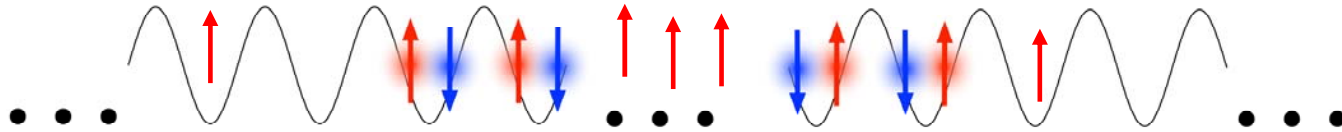
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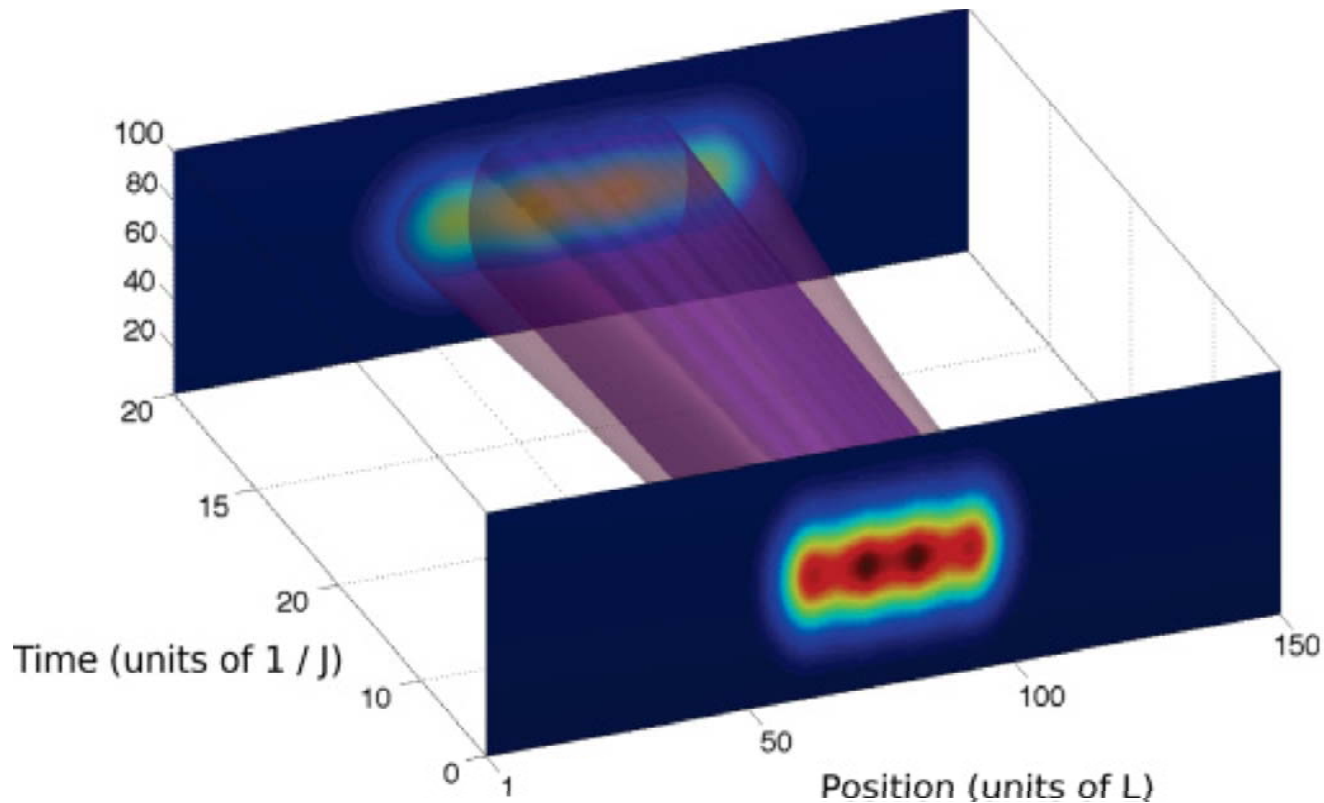


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Expansion of an FFLO state in a 1D lattice

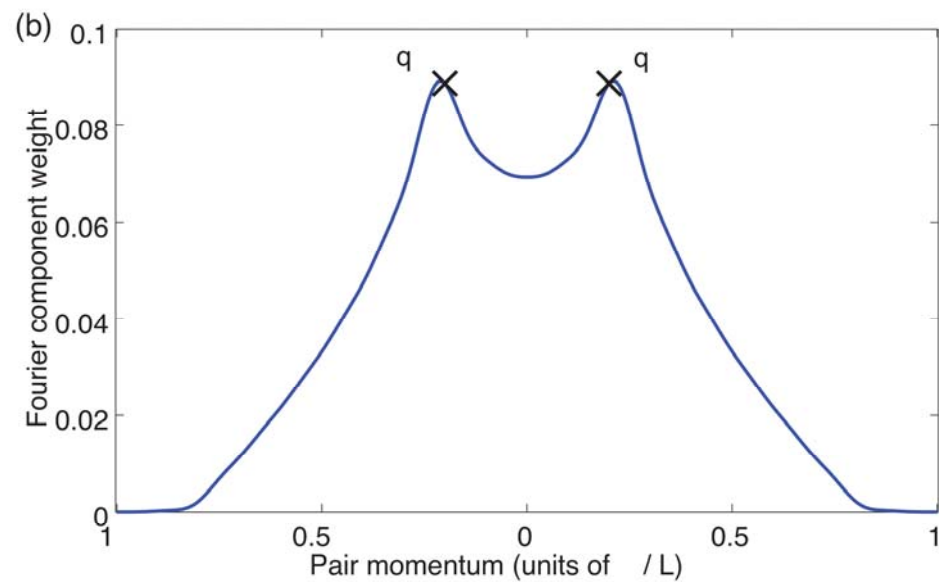
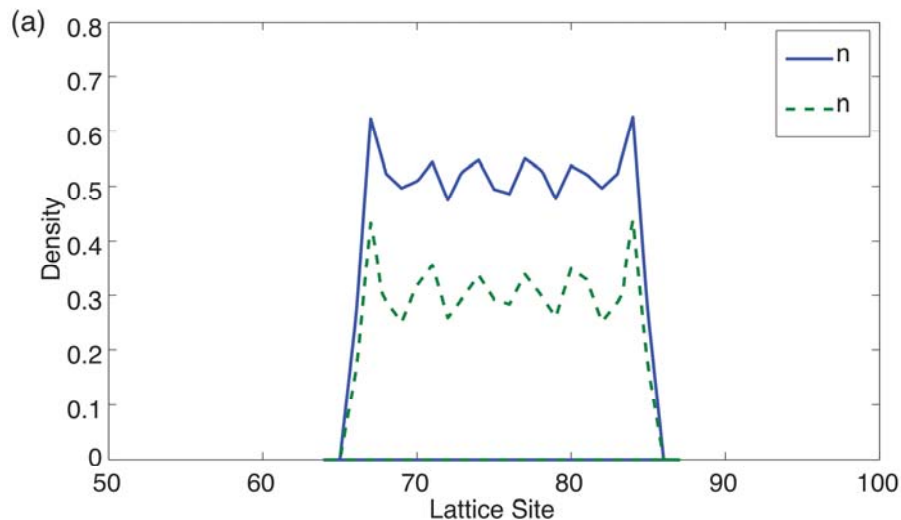


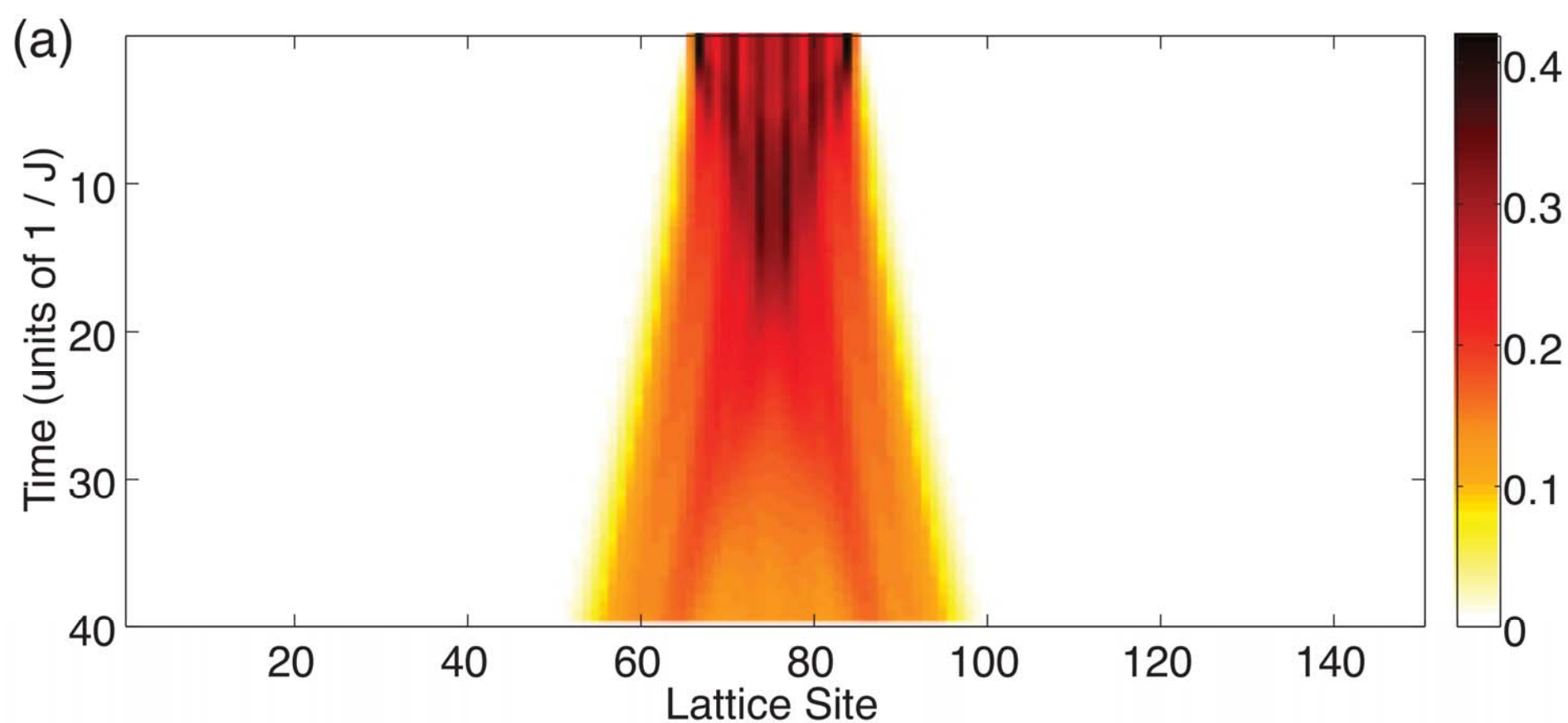
Inspired by the (continuum) 1D experiment: Liao et al., Nature 467, 567 (2010)



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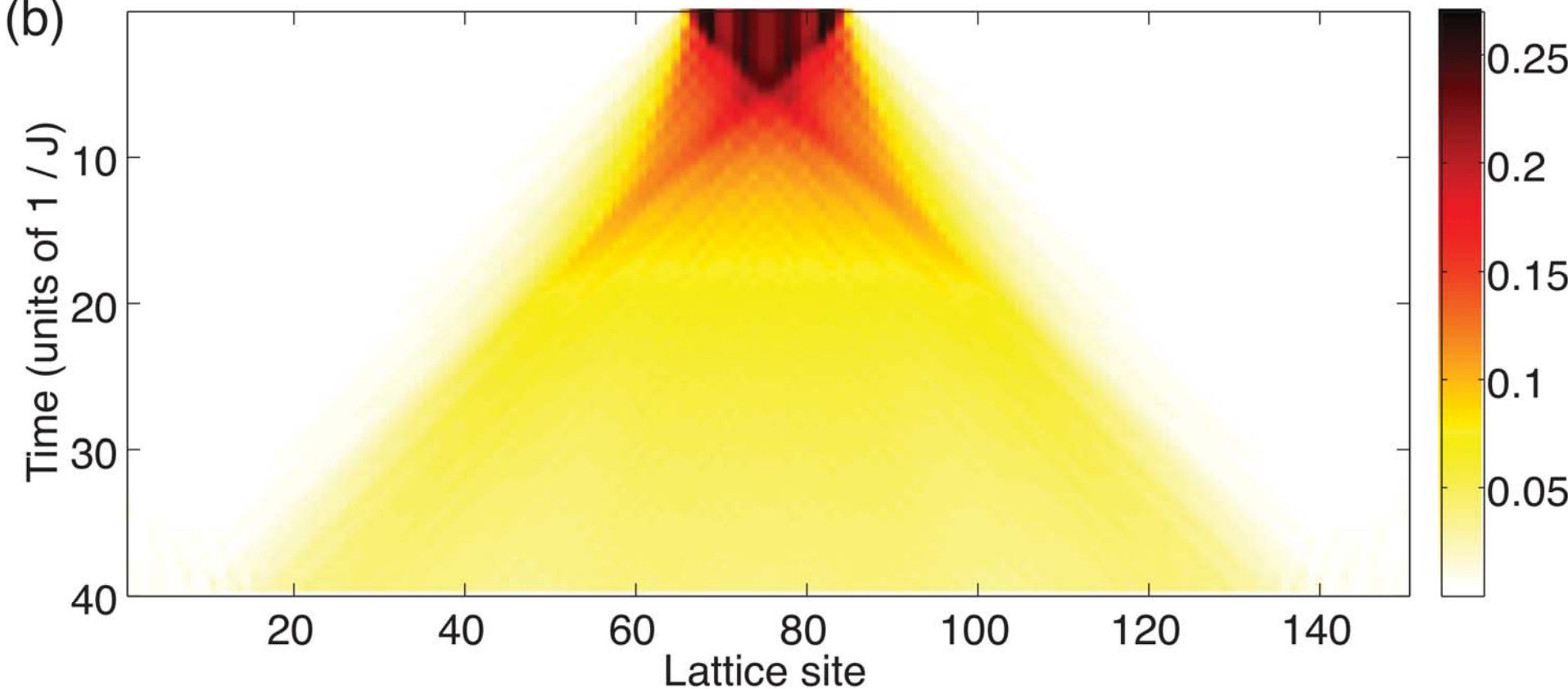
FFLO in 1D lattice





The doublon density as a function of time $n_{\uparrow\downarrow}(t)$. Interaction $\frac{|U|}{J} = 10.0$.

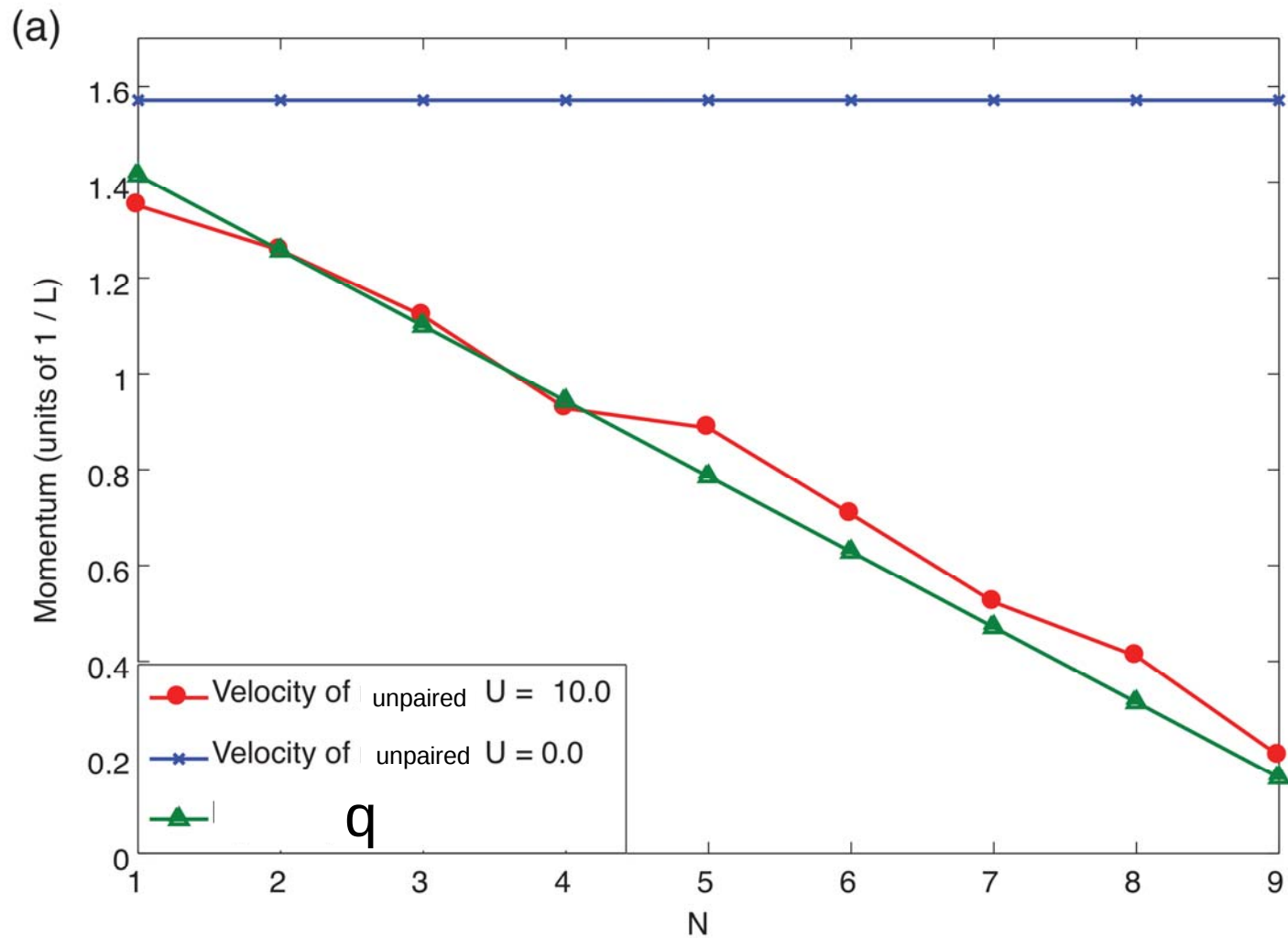
(b)



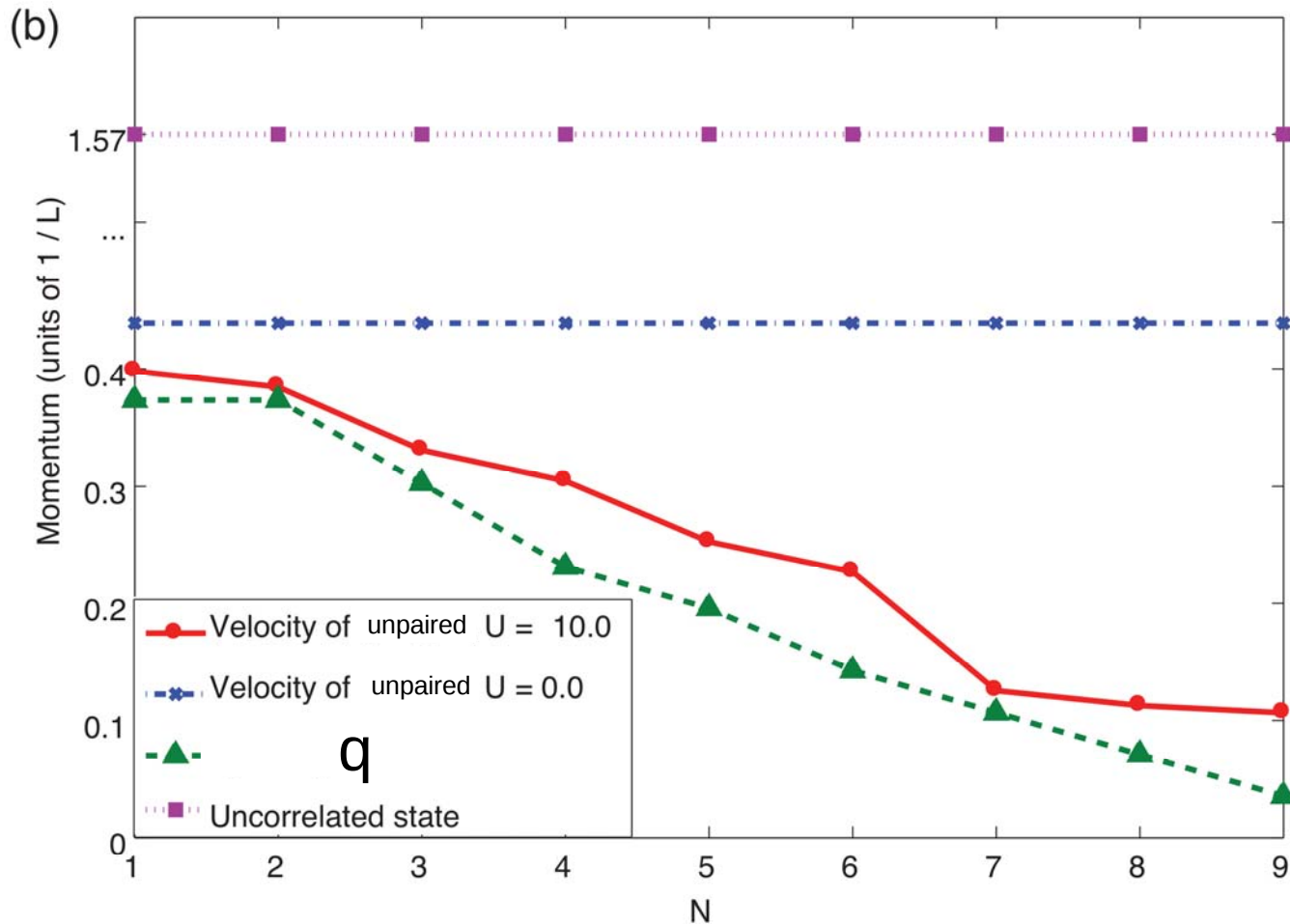
The unpaired particle density as a function of time
 $n_{\uparrow}(t) - n_{\downarrow}(t)$. Interaction $\frac{|U|}{J} = 10.0$.

Consistent with Bethe
ansatz in the large U limit

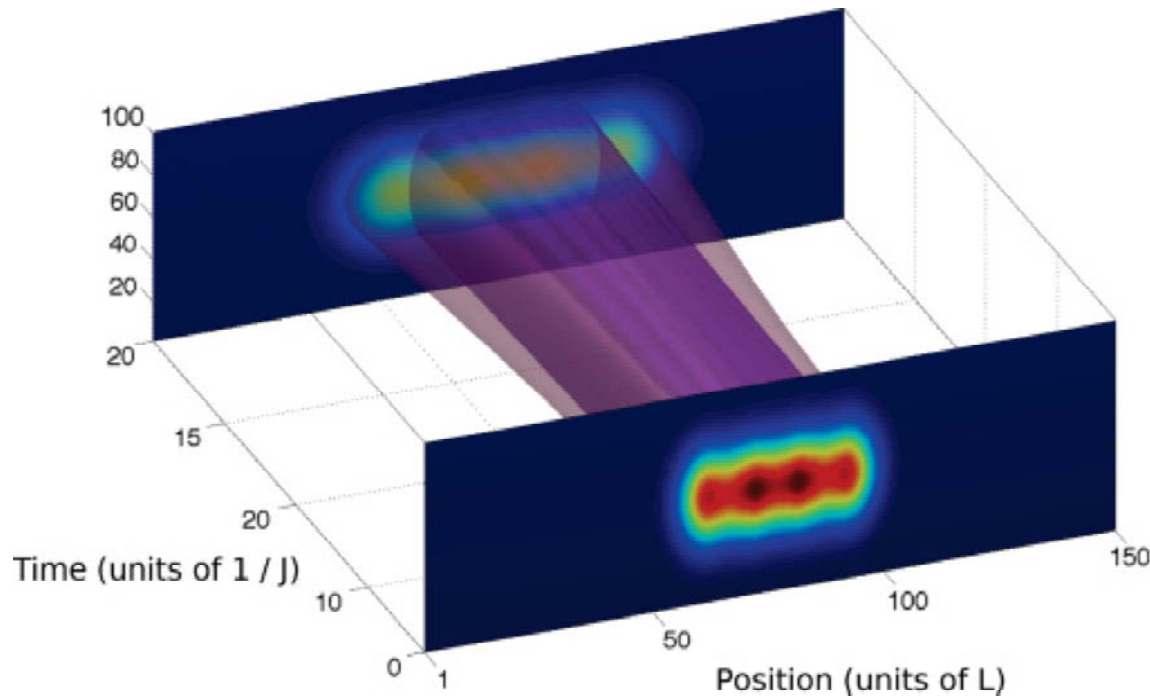
- $v_{un}^{max} = 2J \sin(k_{un}^{max})$
- $v_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{max} = 2J \sin(k_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{max})$
- We find that $k_{\uparrow\downarrow}^{max} = k_{F\downarrow}$
- and $k_{un}^{max} = q$.
- Therefore, by measuring the maximum expansion velocity of the unpaired particles, one can detect the *FFLO* momentum. The wavefront corresponding to the maximum velocity is the cloud edge.
- $q = \arcsin(\frac{v_{max}}{2J})$.



In trap, + comparison with an uncorrelated (non-FFLO) state



Summary: measuring the expansion velocity of the edge (majority particles) gives the FFLO q-vector!

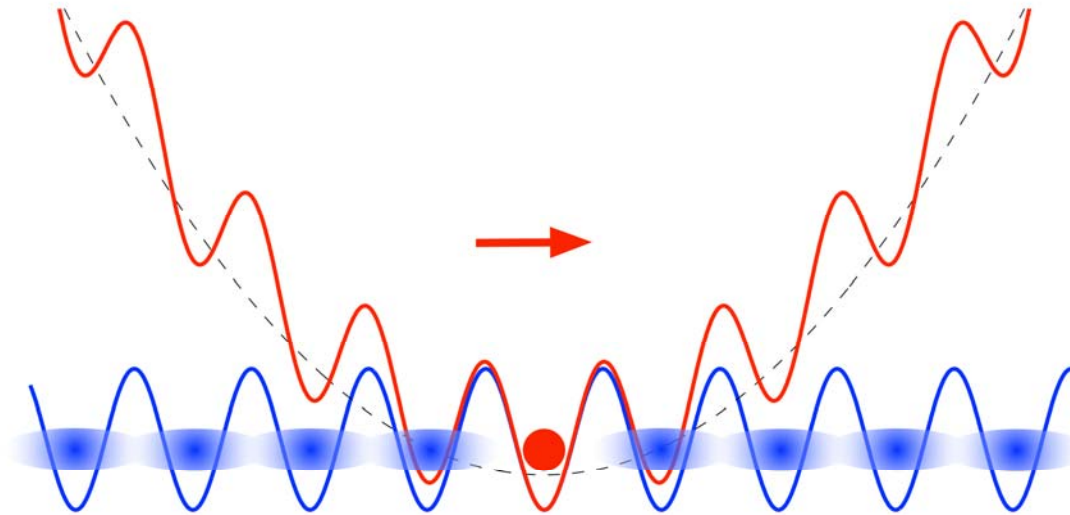


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during the expansion; however, as we point out the initial FFLO q is imprinted
to the fastest majority particles that travel at the edge of the cloud.

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Dynamics of an impurity in a one-dimensional lattice



Polarons
In 2D/3D
Grimm,
Zwierlein,
Köhl,
Salomon,
Zwenger,
Chevy,
Lobo,
Bruun
etc.

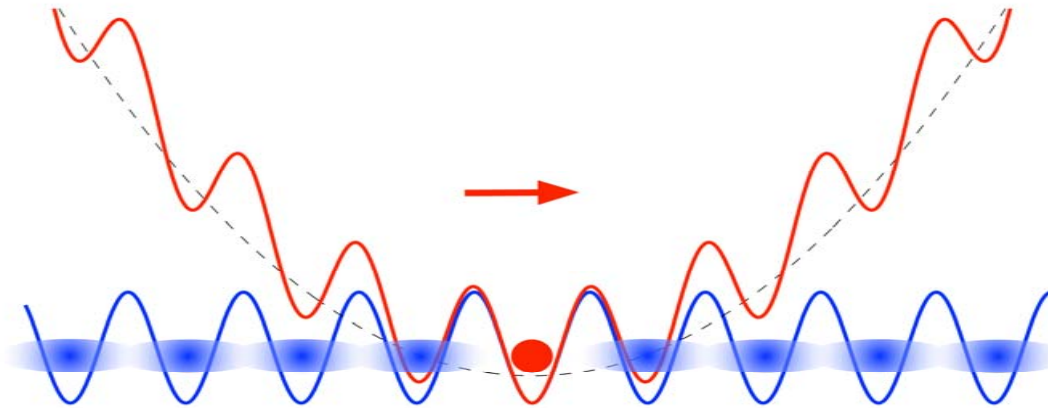
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c.f. 1D impurity dynamics experiments for bosons:
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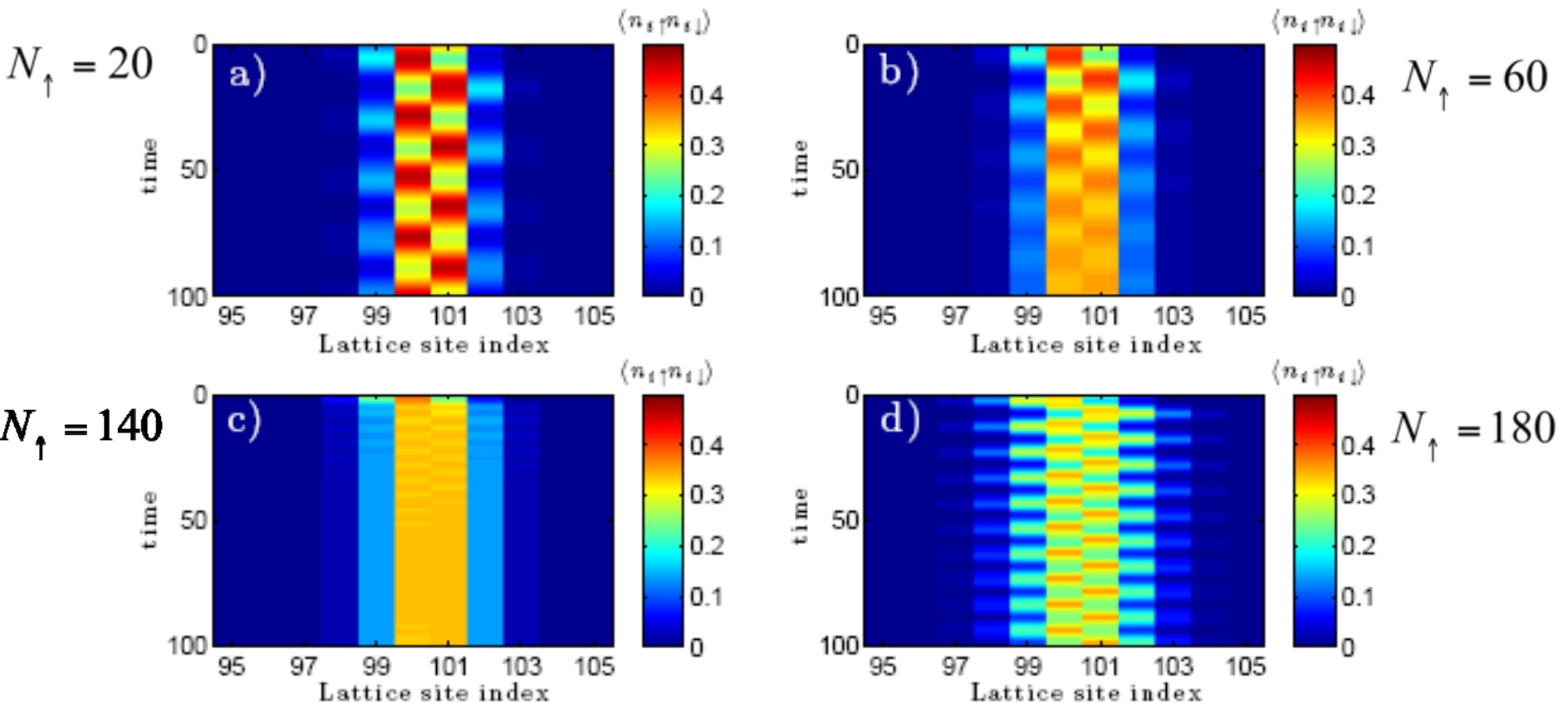
Kick to the down particle: $k = 0.1 \pi$



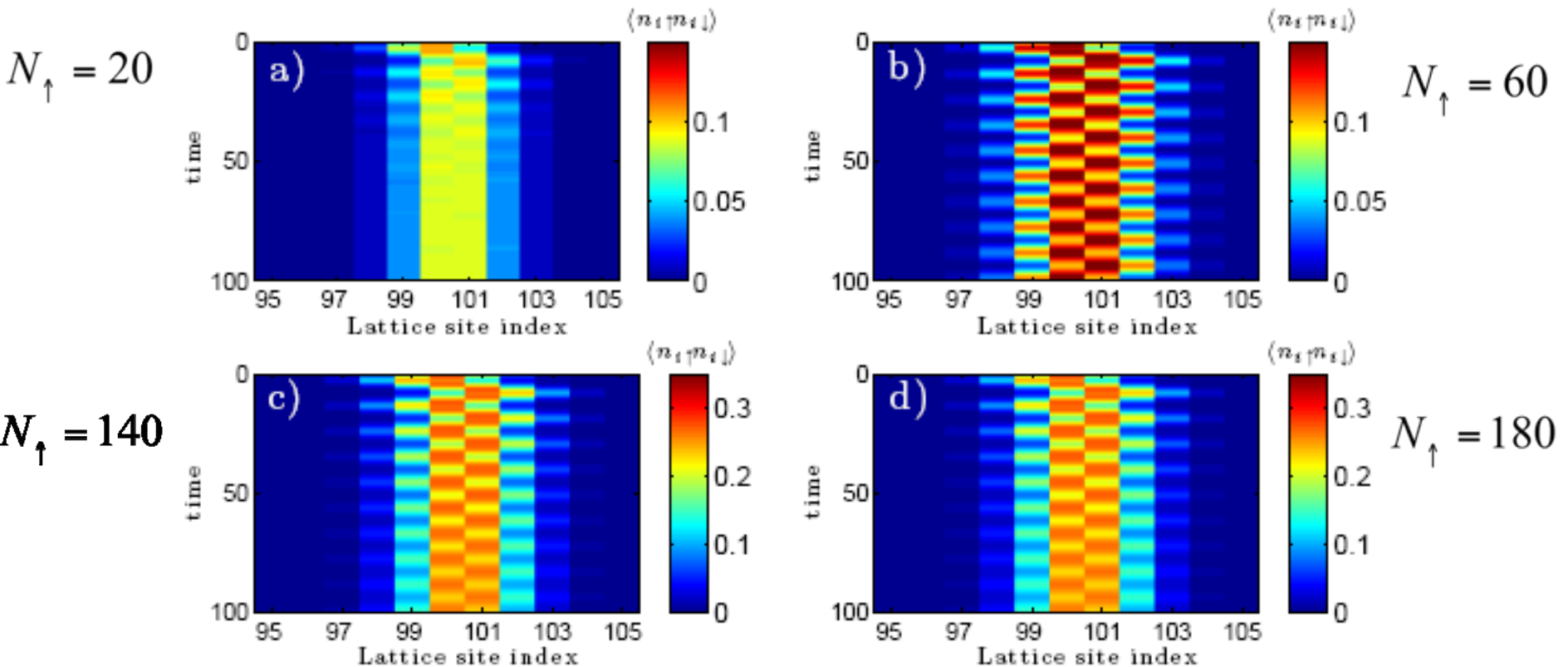
$$H = -J \sum_{i\sigma} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{i+1\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} + V \sum_i n_{i\downarrow} \left(i - \frac{L-1}{2} \right)$$

Bath of up-fermions, one down-particle,
lattice for both, trap only for the impurity.
Kick of k to the impurity:
oscillations observed (t-DMRG)

Doublon dynamics: strong interactions $\langle n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} \rangle(t)$



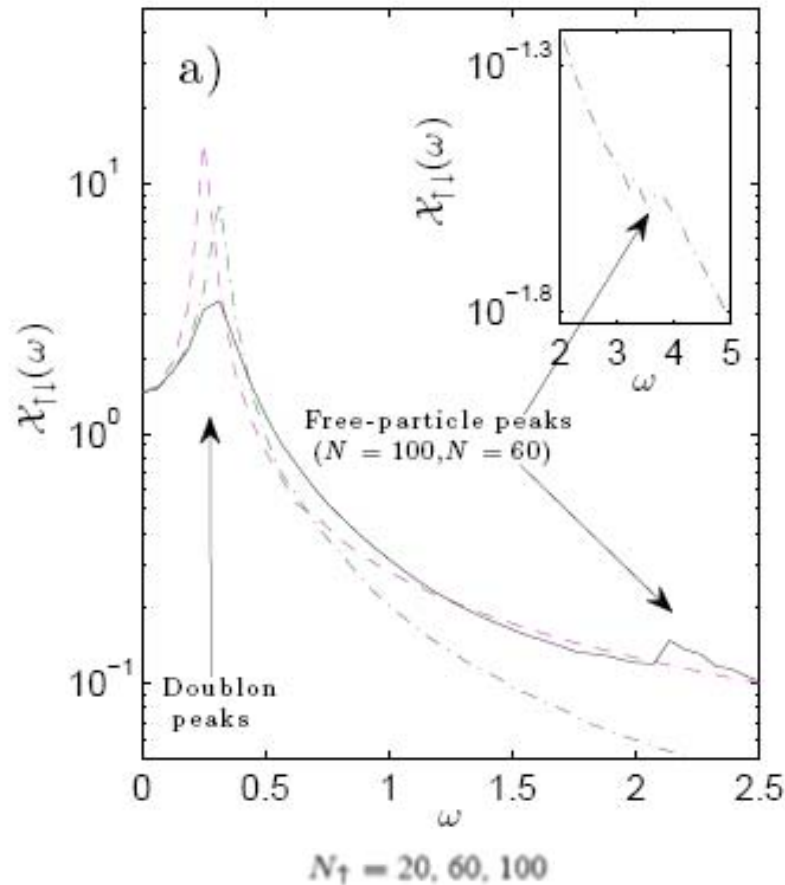
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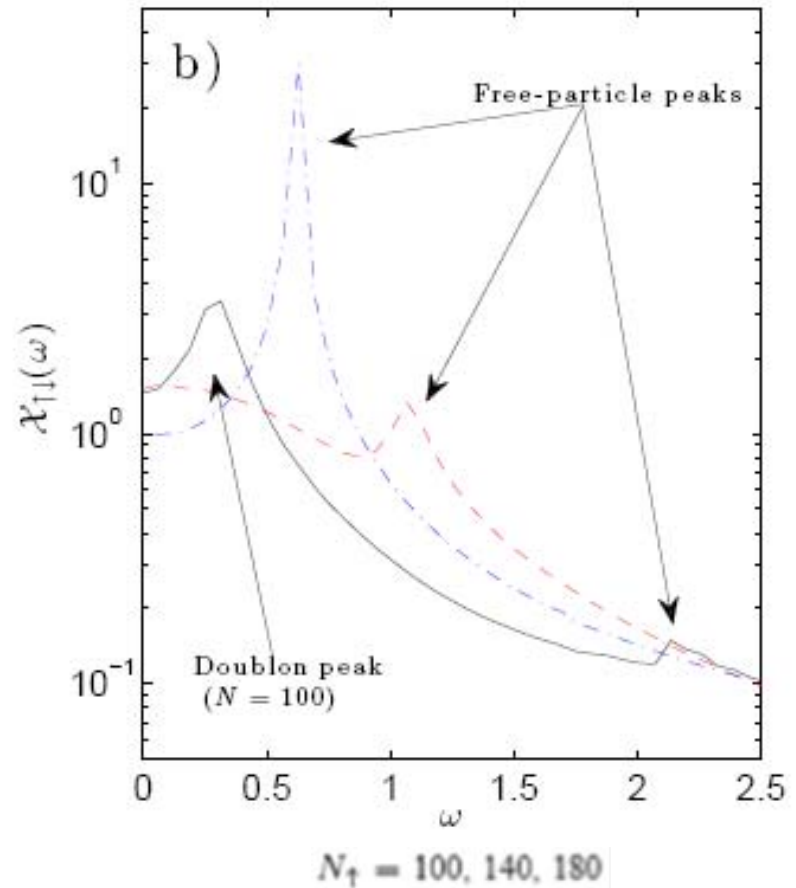
Fourier transform (doublon center of mass motion)

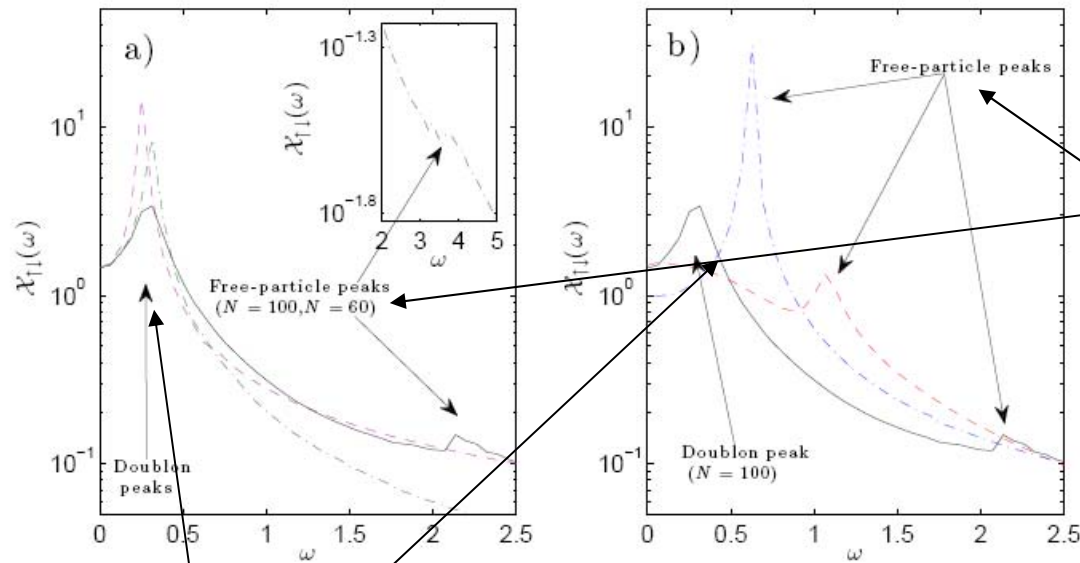
strong interactions $U/J=10$

Below half-filling



Above half-filling

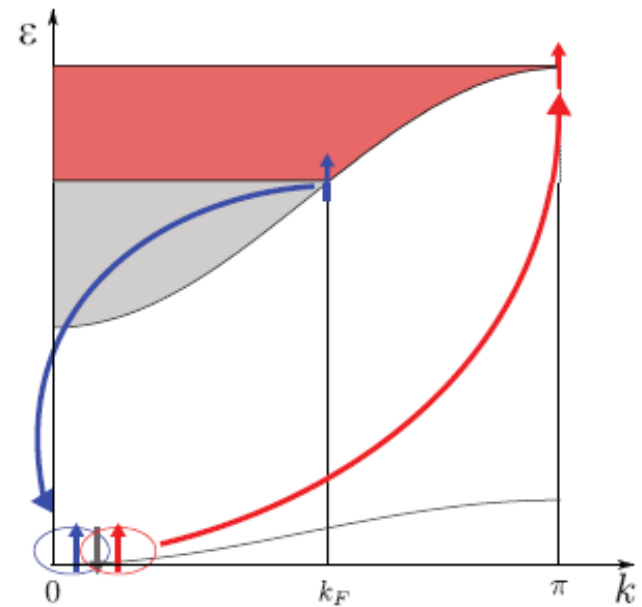




Dynamics of free
impurity + impurity
mediated bath scattering

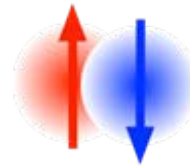
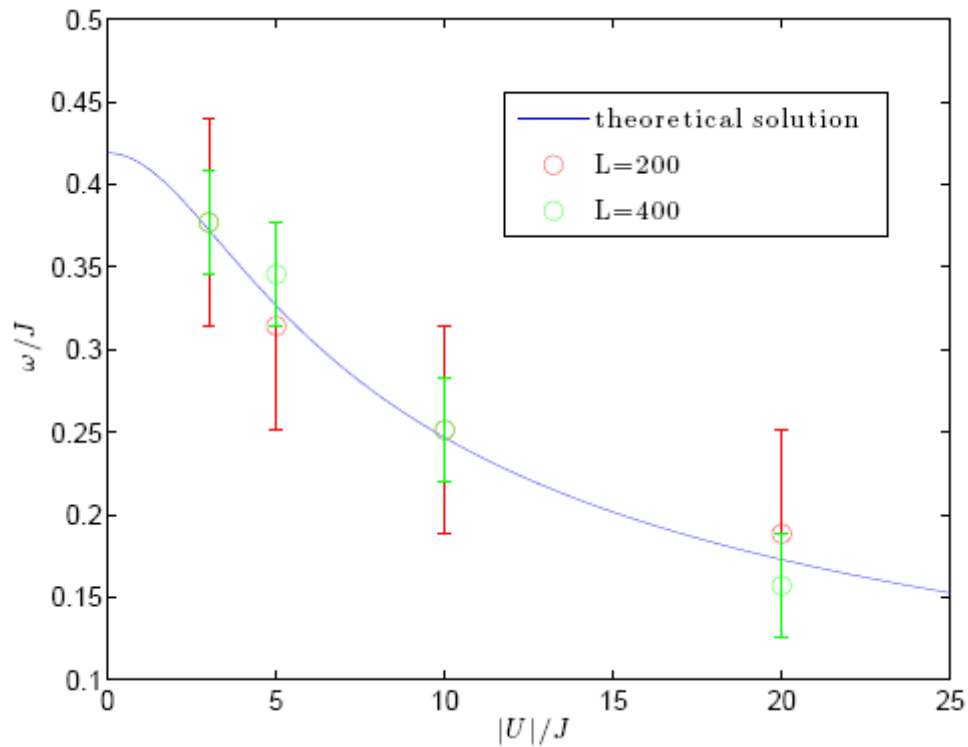
Bound on-site pair dynamics
(derived from Bethe ansatz)

$$m_{\text{doublet}} = \left[\left(\frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial \kappa^2} \right) \right]_{\kappa \rightarrow 0}^{-1} = \frac{1}{J} \sqrt{1 + \frac{U^2}{16J^2}} \xrightarrow{|U|/J \gg 1} \frac{|U|}{4J^2}$$



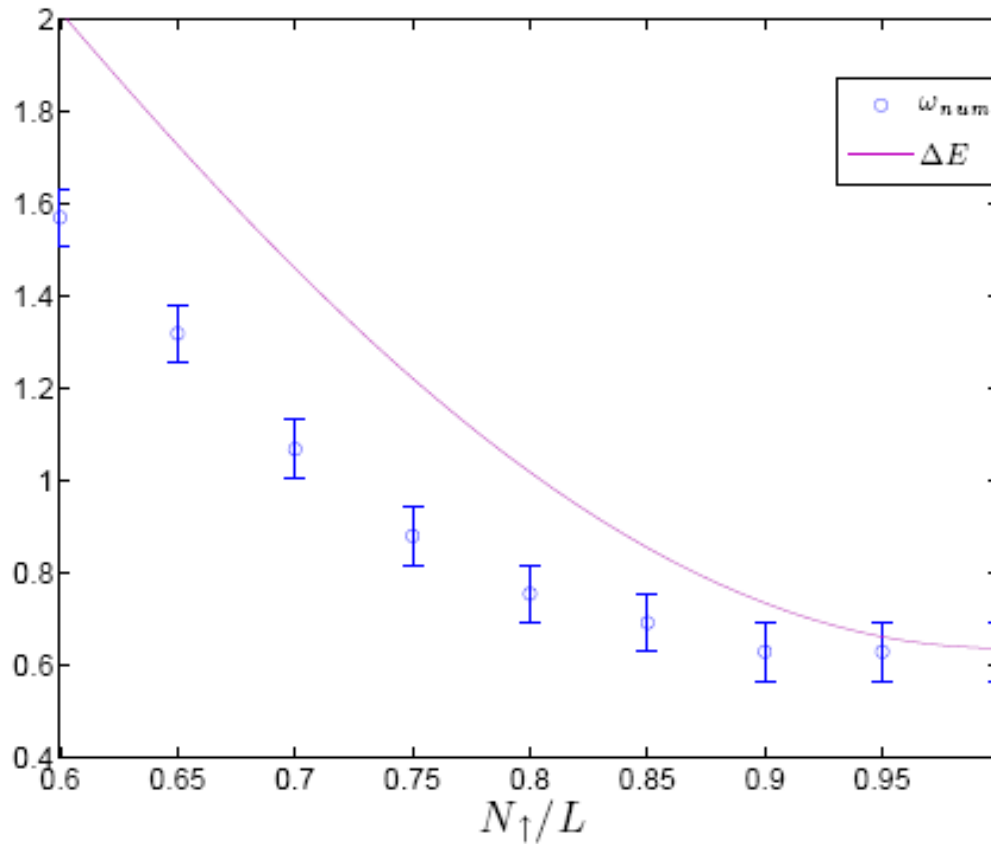
$$\Delta E = \omega_{hi} + 2J [(1 - \cos k_p) - (1 - \cos k_{F\uparrow})]$$

Independent of U!

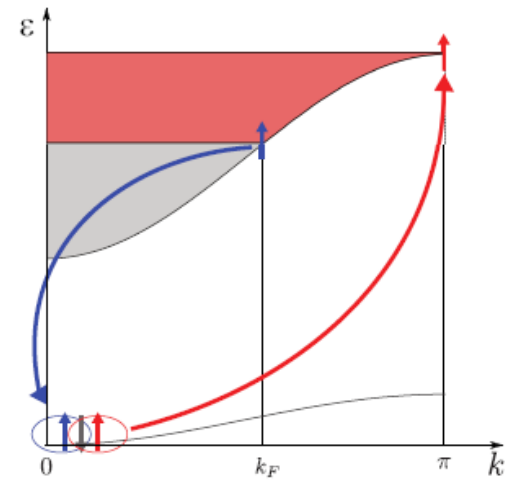


Bound on-site pair dynamics
(derived from Bethe ansatz)

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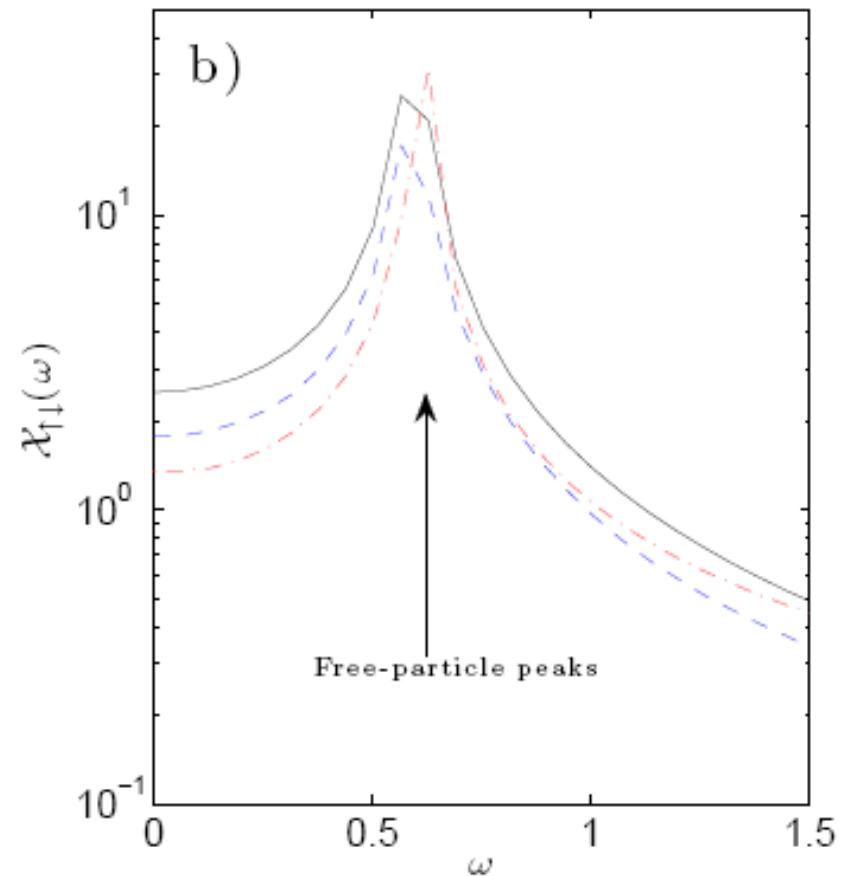
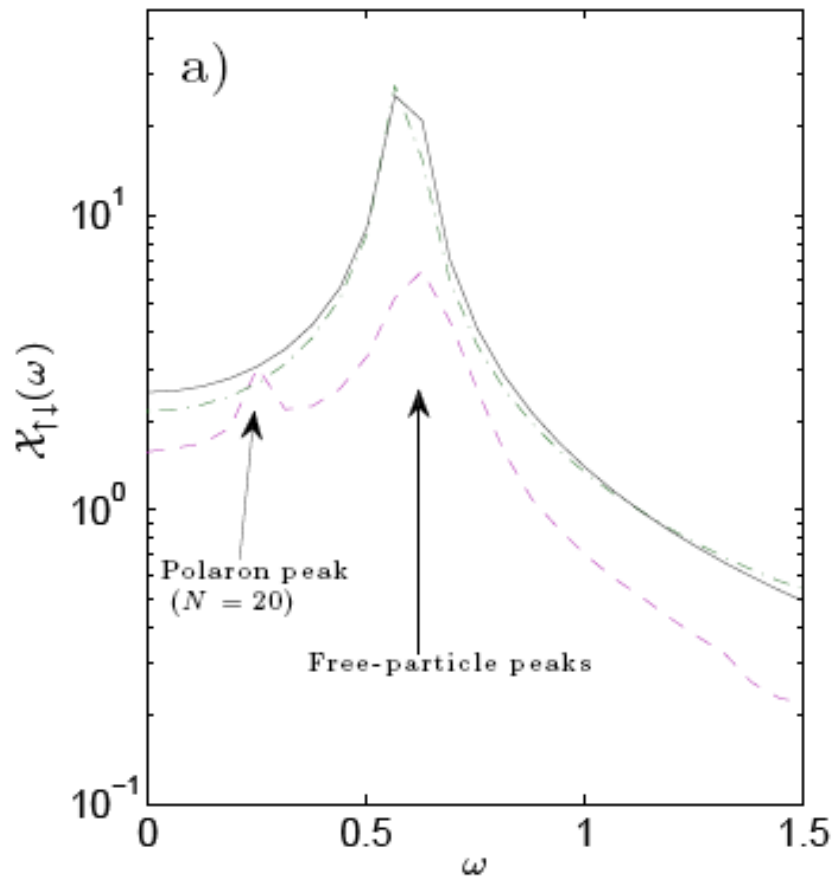


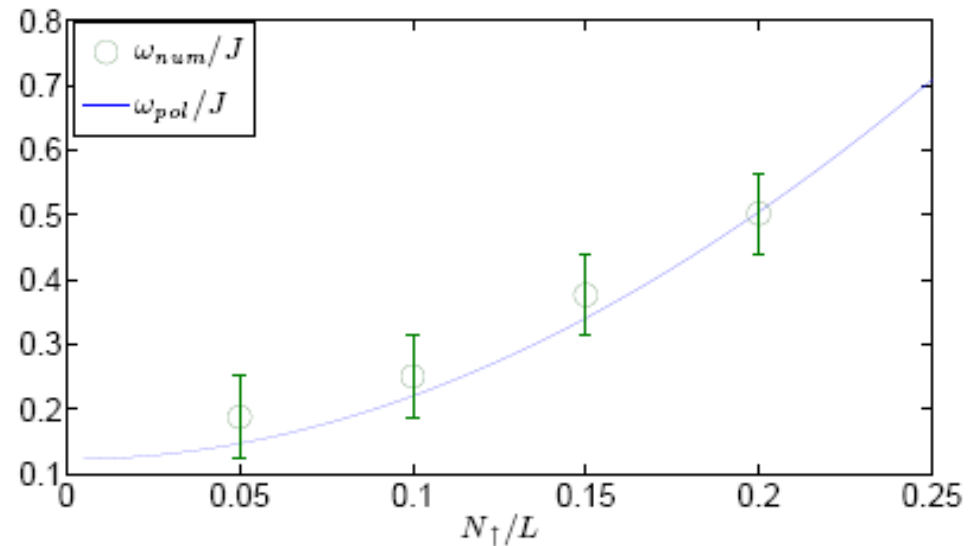
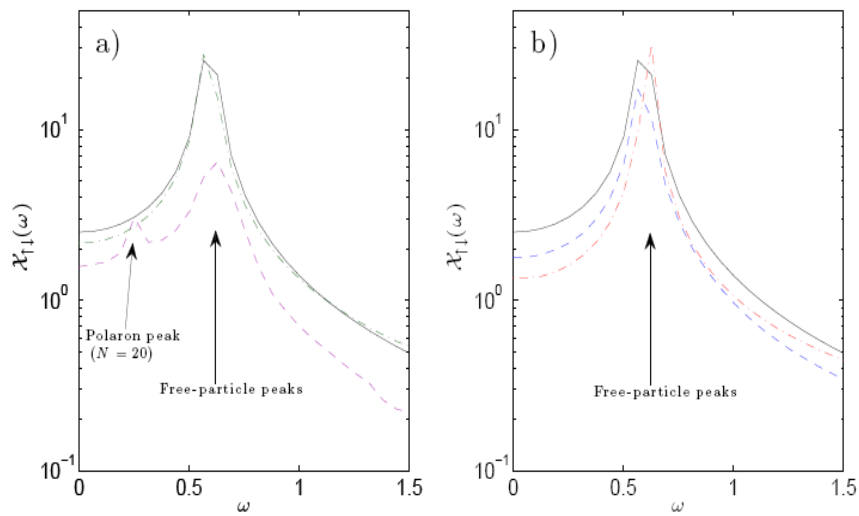
Offset: non-uniform $k_{F\uparrow}(x)$
due to Friedel oscillations



$$\Delta E = \omega_{hi} + 2J [(1 - \cos k_p) - (1 - \cos k_{F\uparrow})]$$

Fourier transform (doublon center of mass motion), weak interactions $U/J=1$





Polaron peak:

$$\omega_{pol} = E_{\uparrow} + E_{\downarrow} - E_{\uparrow\downarrow} = -2J [1 + \cos(k_F \uparrow)] + \sqrt{U^2 + 16J^2}$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sqrt{Z} c_{0\downarrow}^{\dagger} |FS\rangle_{\uparrow} |0\rangle_{\downarrow} + \sum_{k > k_F^{\uparrow}, q < k_F^{\uparrow}} \phi_{k,q} c_{k\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{q\uparrow} c_{q-k\downarrow}^{\dagger} |FS\rangle_{\uparrow} |0\rangle_{\downarrow}$$

Summary

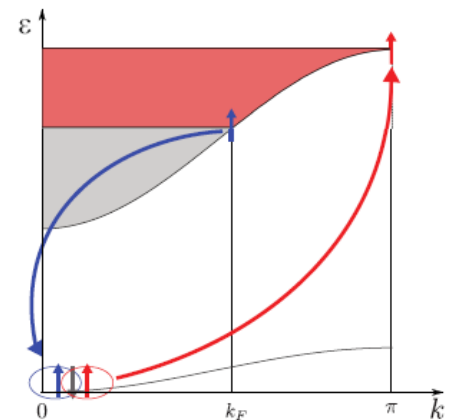
Same phenomena seen also for strongly repulsive bosonic bath, in the weak interaction case

$ U $ range	Bath population	Dynamics regime
Strong interaction	Large $N_{\uparrow}$	Free particle
Strong interaction	Intermediate $N_{\uparrow}$	Bound pair + polaron internal dynamics
Strong interaction	Small $N_{\uparrow}$	Bound pair
Weak interaction	Large $N_{\uparrow}$	Free particle
Weak interaction	Intermediate & small $N_{\uparrow}$	Free particle + polaron

Pair –free particle scattering;
Pair breaking

$$\omega_{pol} = E_{\uparrow} + E_{\downarrow} - E_{\uparrow\downarrow} = -2J [1 + \cos(k_F \uparrow)] + \sqrt{U^2 + 16J^2}$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sqrt{Z} c_{0\downarrow}^+ |FS\rangle_{\uparrow} |0\rangle_{\downarrow} + \phi_{k_{F\uparrow},0} c_{k_{F\uparrow}\uparrow}^+ c_{0\uparrow} c_{0\downarrow}^+ |FS\rangle_{\uparrow} |0\rangle_{\downarrow}$$



Virtual pair breaking;
Polaron internal dynamics

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sqrt{Z} |FS-1\rangle_{\uparrow} |Pair\rangle_{\uparrow\downarrow} + \phi_{\pi,k_{F\uparrow}} c_{\pi\uparrow}^+ c_{k_{F\uparrow}\uparrow} |FS-1\rangle_{\uparrow} |Pair\rangle_{\uparrow\downarrow}$$

Conclusions

- The FFLO state in 1D-3D crossover (DMFT) (briefly)
 - Intermediate dimension and polarization stabilizes FFLO
- Pairing in ***mixed geometries*** (mean field)
 - New iBP state, topological transitions, stability of exotic superfluidity connected with multiband pairing
- Expansion of a band insulator in a lattice (t-DMRG)
 - Two-site Hubbard physics describes the dynamics well
- Expansion of an FFLO state (t-DMRG)
 - FFLO directly visible in the free particle expansion
- Dynamics of a polaron in 1D (t-DMRG)
 - Bound pair and new types of polaron dynamics



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