

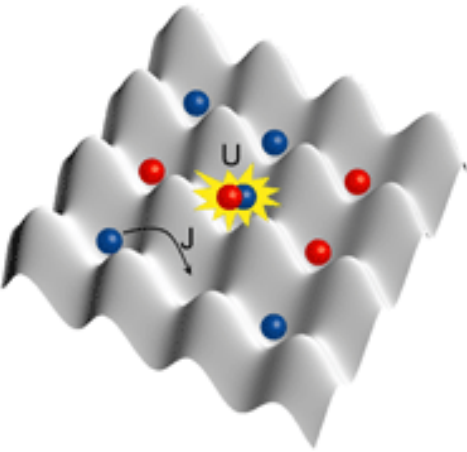
Quantum gas microscopy of atomic Fermi-Hubbard systems

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The Fermi-Hubbard model

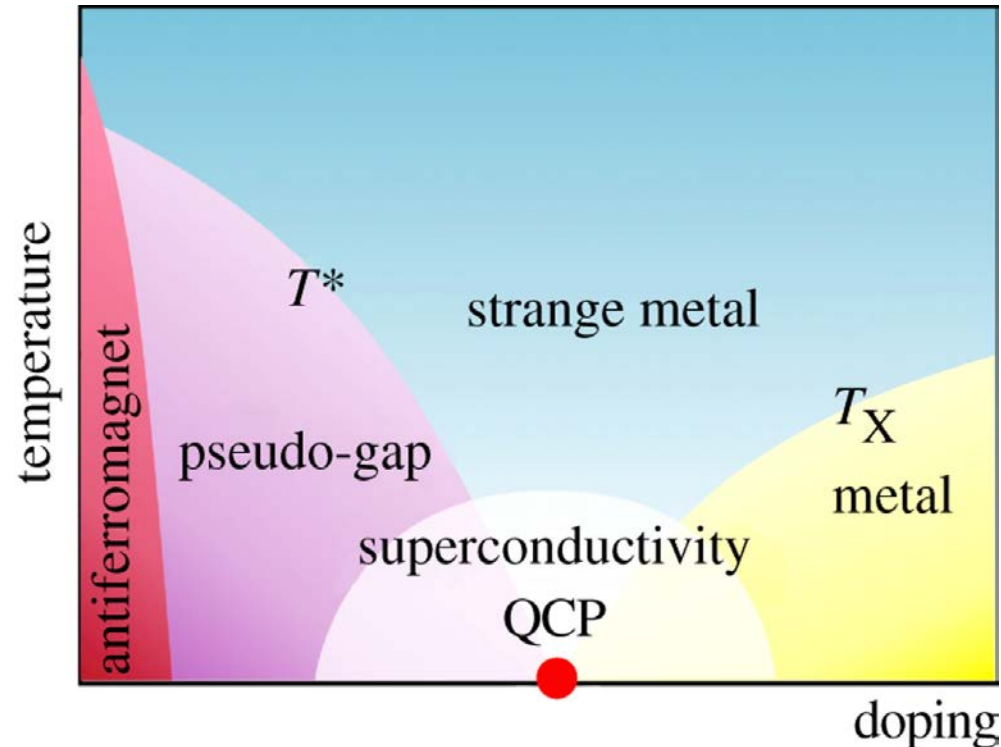


$$\mathcal{H} = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle, \sigma} \left(c_{i, \sigma}^\dagger c_{j, \sigma} + c_{j, \sigma}^\dagger c_{i, \sigma} \right) + U \sum_i n_{i, \uparrow} n_{i, \downarrow}$$

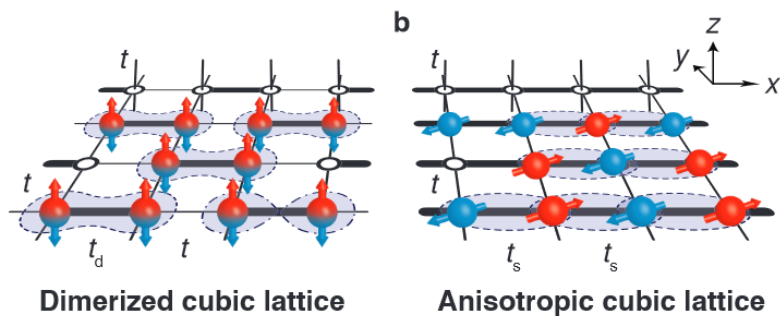
Realized naturally with cold atoms in optical lattices with fully tunable parameters.

Potentially rich phase diagram:

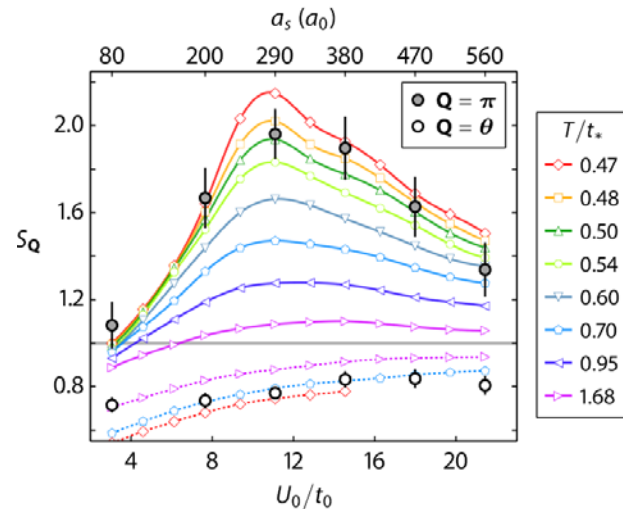
commensurate/incommensurate AFM, pseudogap, strange metal, d-wave superconductivity...



Antiferromagnetic correlations

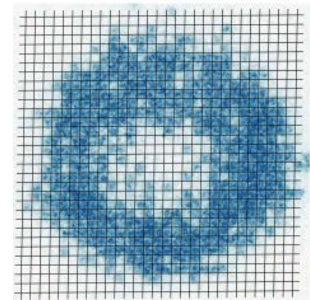


Esslinger
Science 340, 1307 (2013)

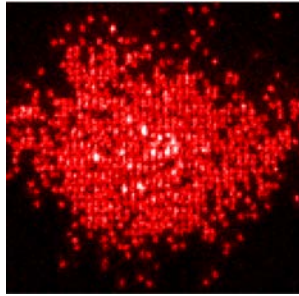


Hulet
Nature 519, 211 (2015)

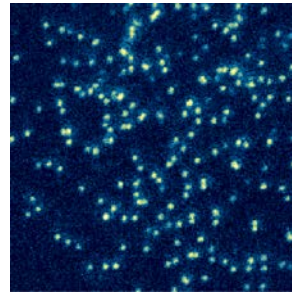
Fermion microscopes



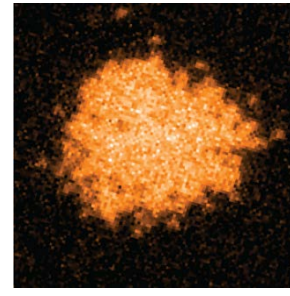
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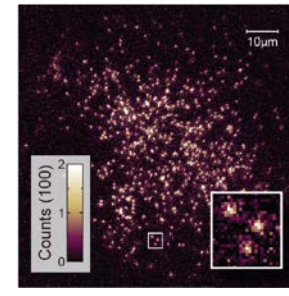
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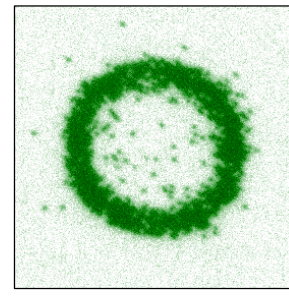
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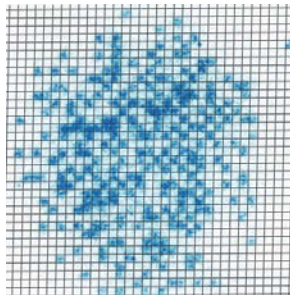
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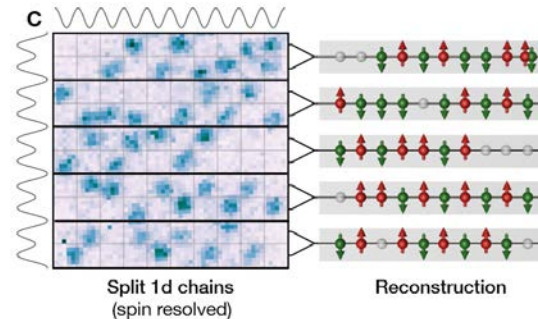
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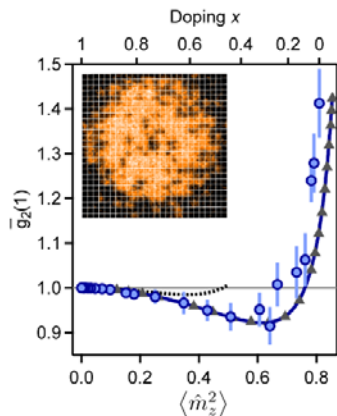
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Greiner (2D)
Science 353, 1253
(2016)



Bloch/Gross (1D)
1D
Science 353, 1257
(2016)

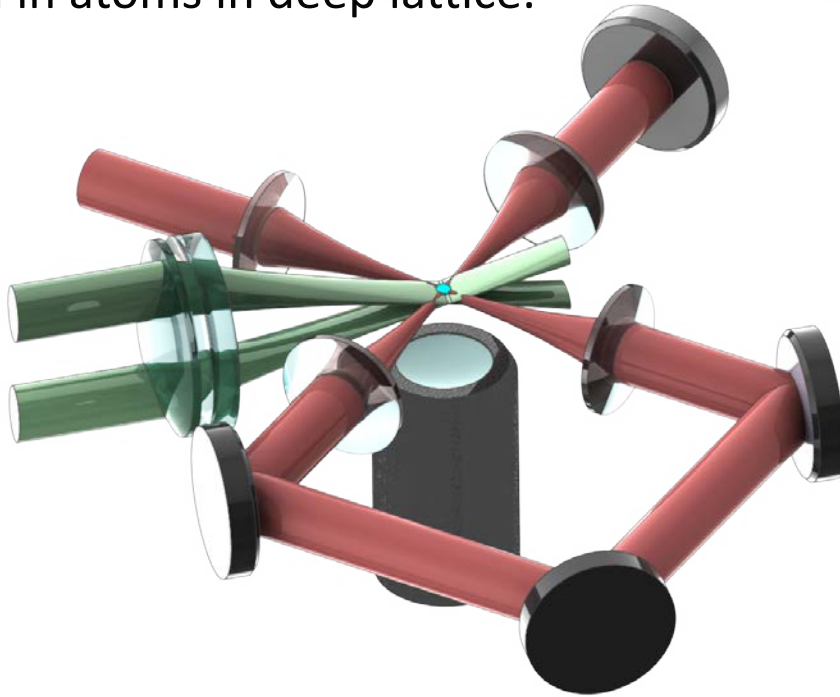


Zwierlein (2D)
Science 353, 1260 (2016)

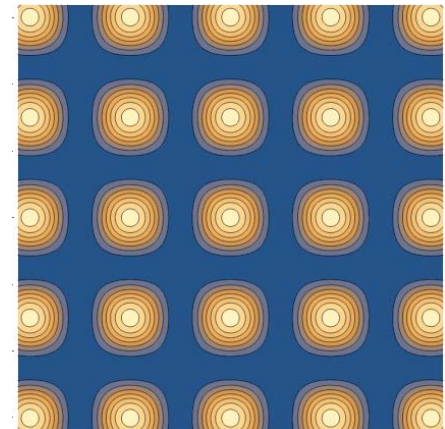
AFM correlations without
site-resolved microscopy:
Köhl (2D)
PRL 118, 170401 (2017)

Princeton Fermi gas microscope

- Prepare a single layer 2D Fermi gas of lithium-6.
- Adiabatically load into 2D square lattice.
- Pin in atoms in deep lattice.



Lattice spacing: 752 nm



Relatively “low” NA objective (NA = 0.5)

Lithium helps: light, good Feshbach resonances

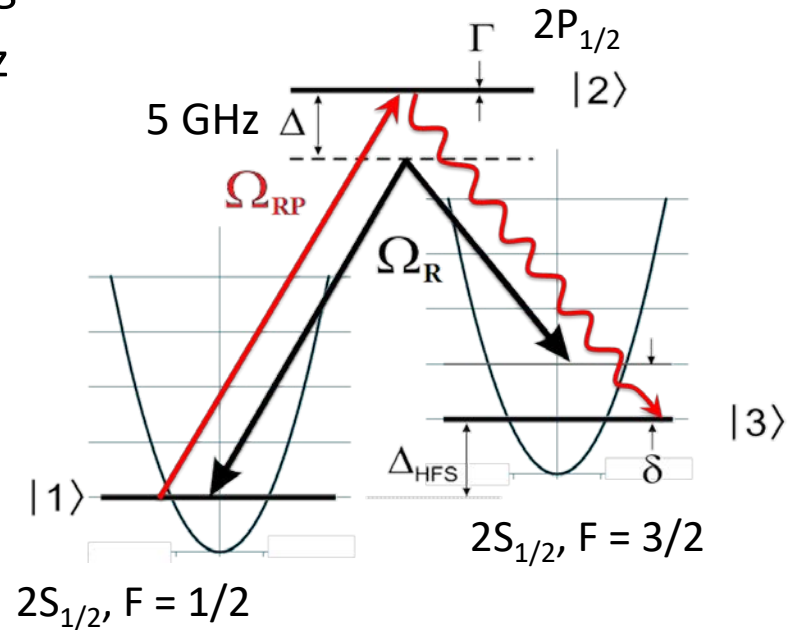
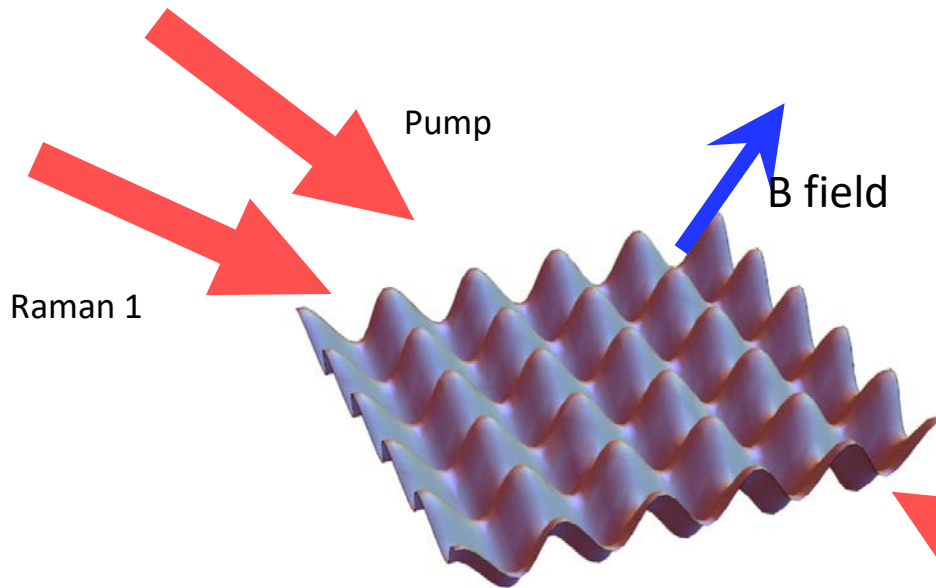
-> large lattice spacings okay.

Princeton Fermi gas microscope

- Raman cooling for fluorescence imaging

In-plane lattice frequency: 1.5 MHz

Axial confinement: 0.1 MHz



Scheme very similar to:

Parsons et *al.*, Science **353**, 1253 (2016)

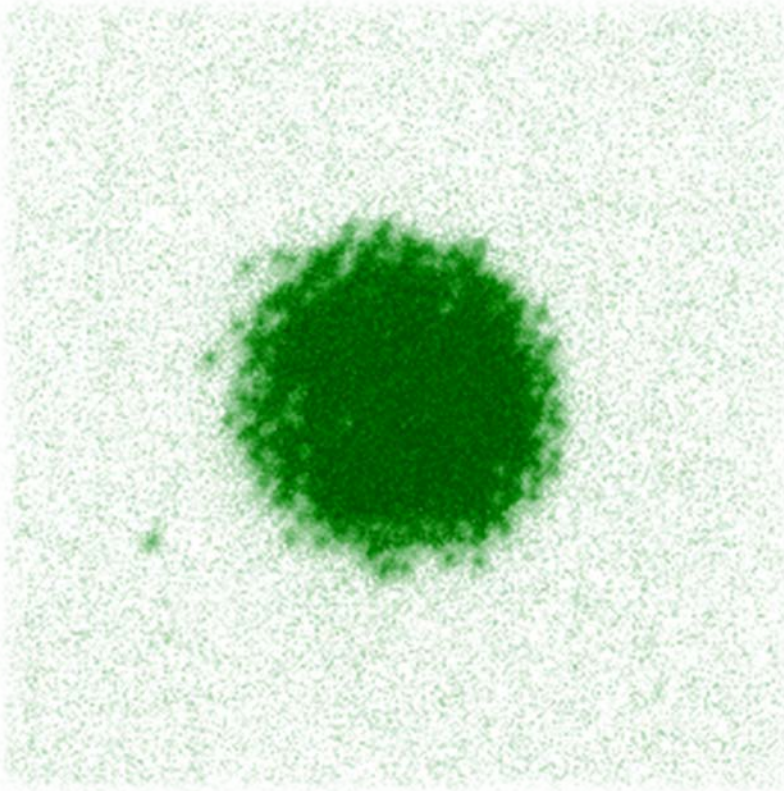
Boll et *al.*, Science **353**, 1257 (2016)

Detect 1000 photons/atom in 1.2s

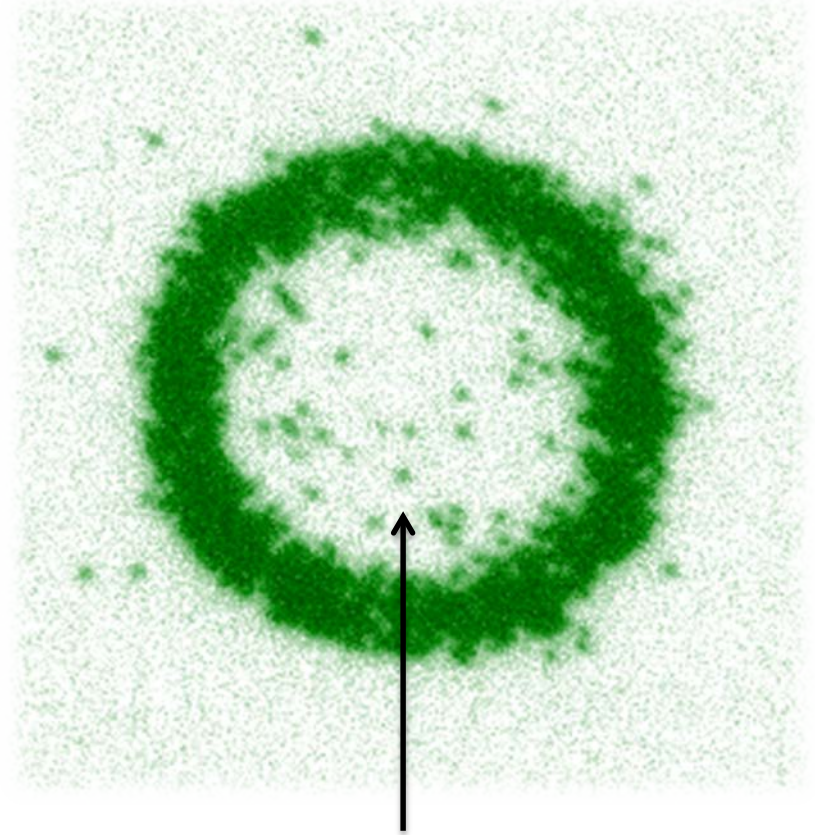
Hopping: 0.4%, loss: 1.6%

Raman 2

Repulsive Hubbard model: Mott insulators and band insulators



Mott insulator



Band insulator
(in presence of light assisted collisions)

Spin-imbalance in a 2D Fermi-Hubbard system

Brown et. al, Science 357, 1385 (2017)

Spin imbalance

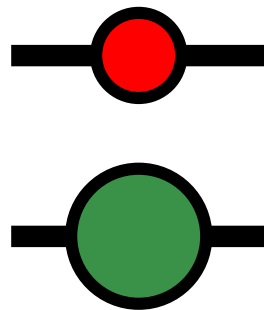
Condensed matter system:

Spin imbalance by applied magnetic field (Zeeman effect)

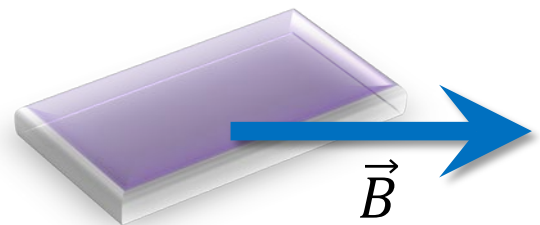
Cold atoms:

Spin-imbalance prepared before loading to lattice by evaporation in spin-dependent potential.

No spin-relaxation.



Spin-polarization



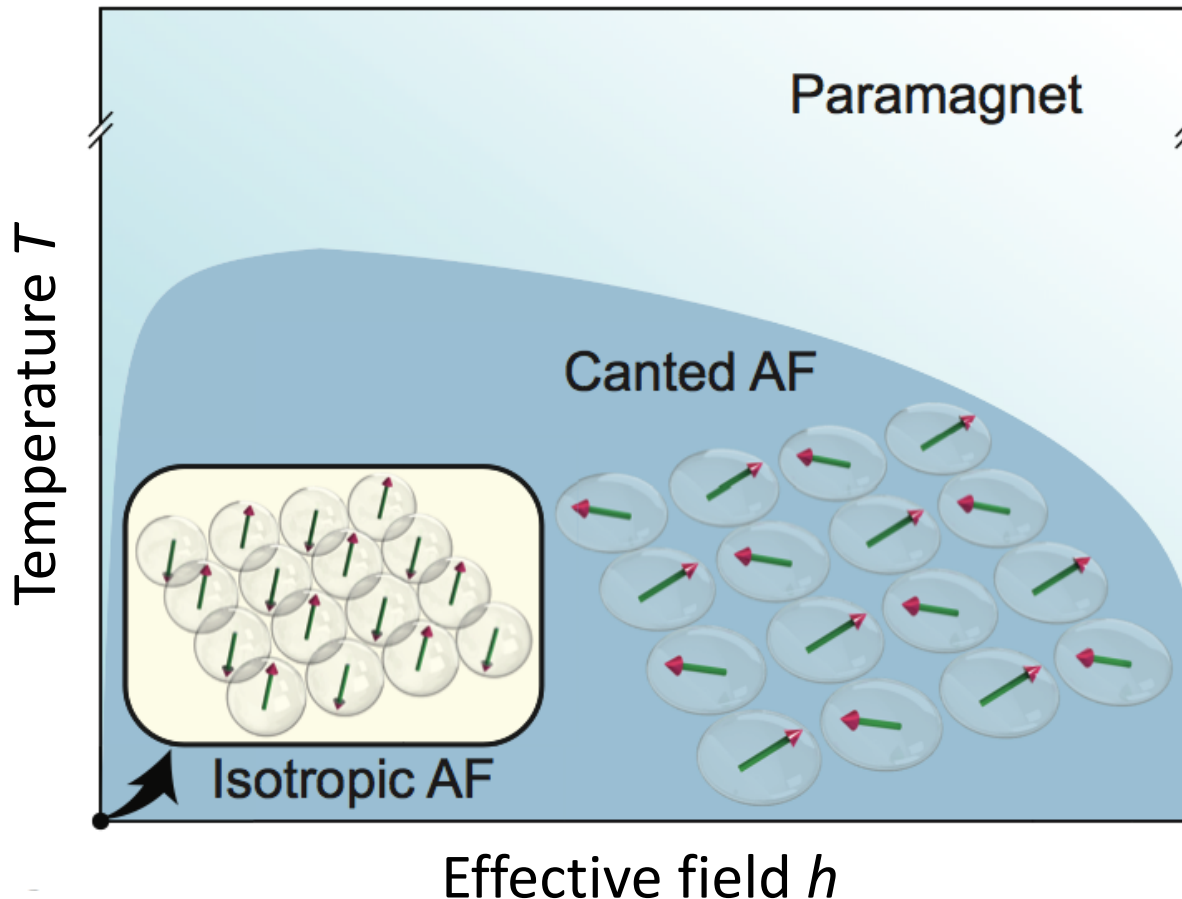
Zeeman field

Spin-imbalance at half-filling

Heisenberg model in an effective field

$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j - 2h \sum_i S_i^z$$

$$h = (\mu_{\uparrow} - \mu_{\downarrow})/2$$



$h = 0$:

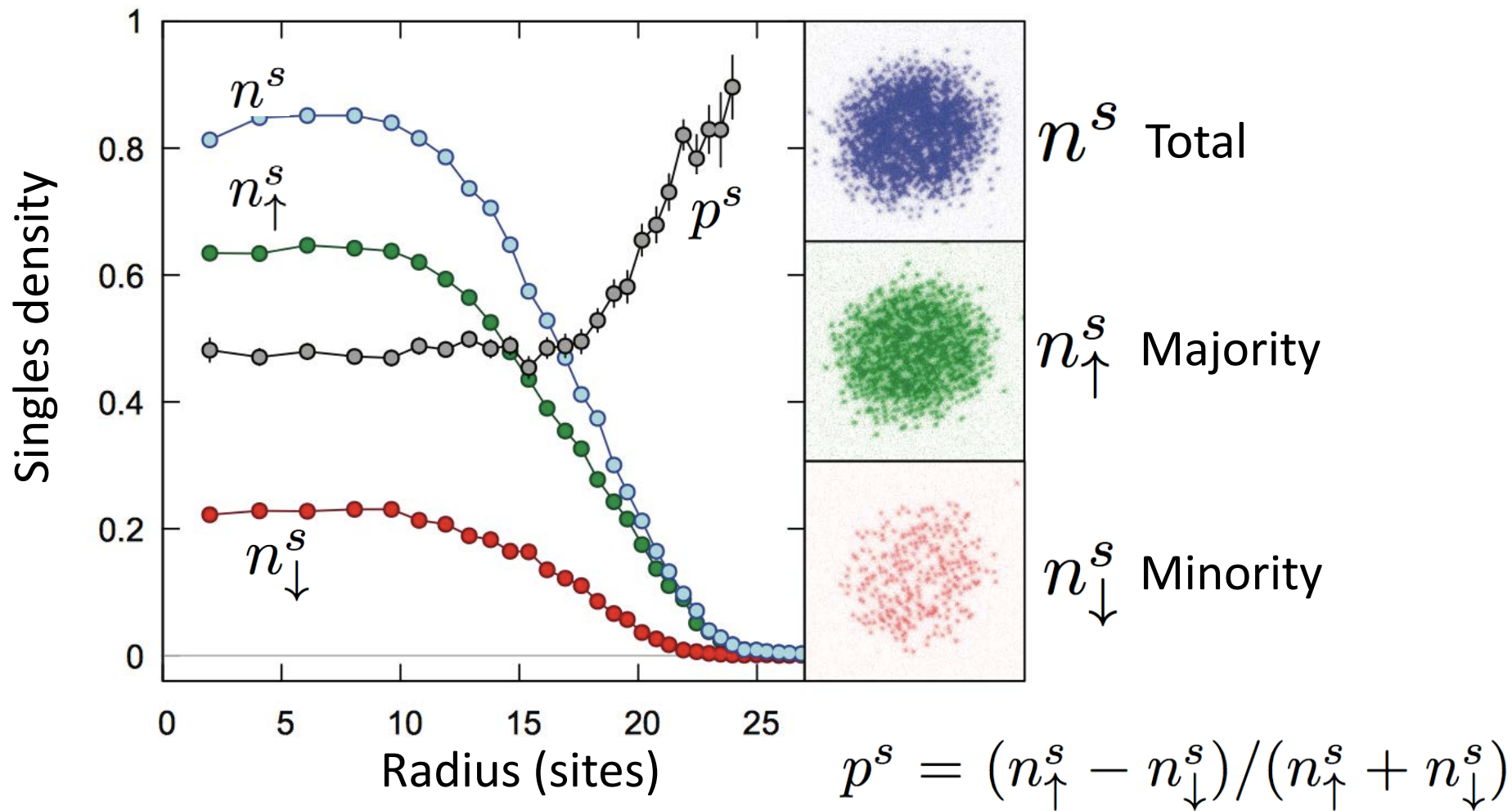
SU(2) symmetric AFM
Exponentially decaying
correlations, diverging
correlation length at $T = 0$

$|h| > 0$:

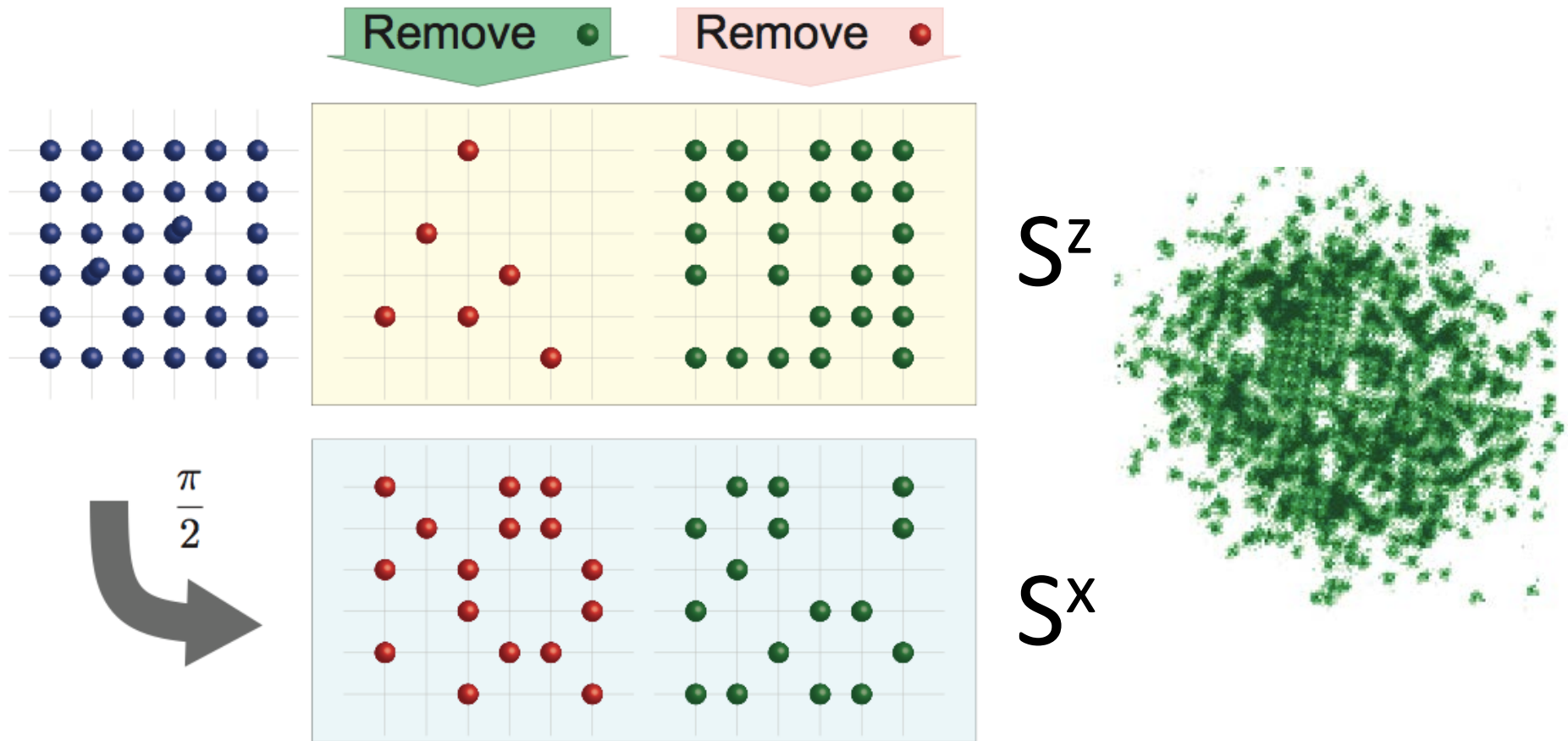
BKT-transition to canted AFM

AFM correlations
build up preferably
in XY plane.

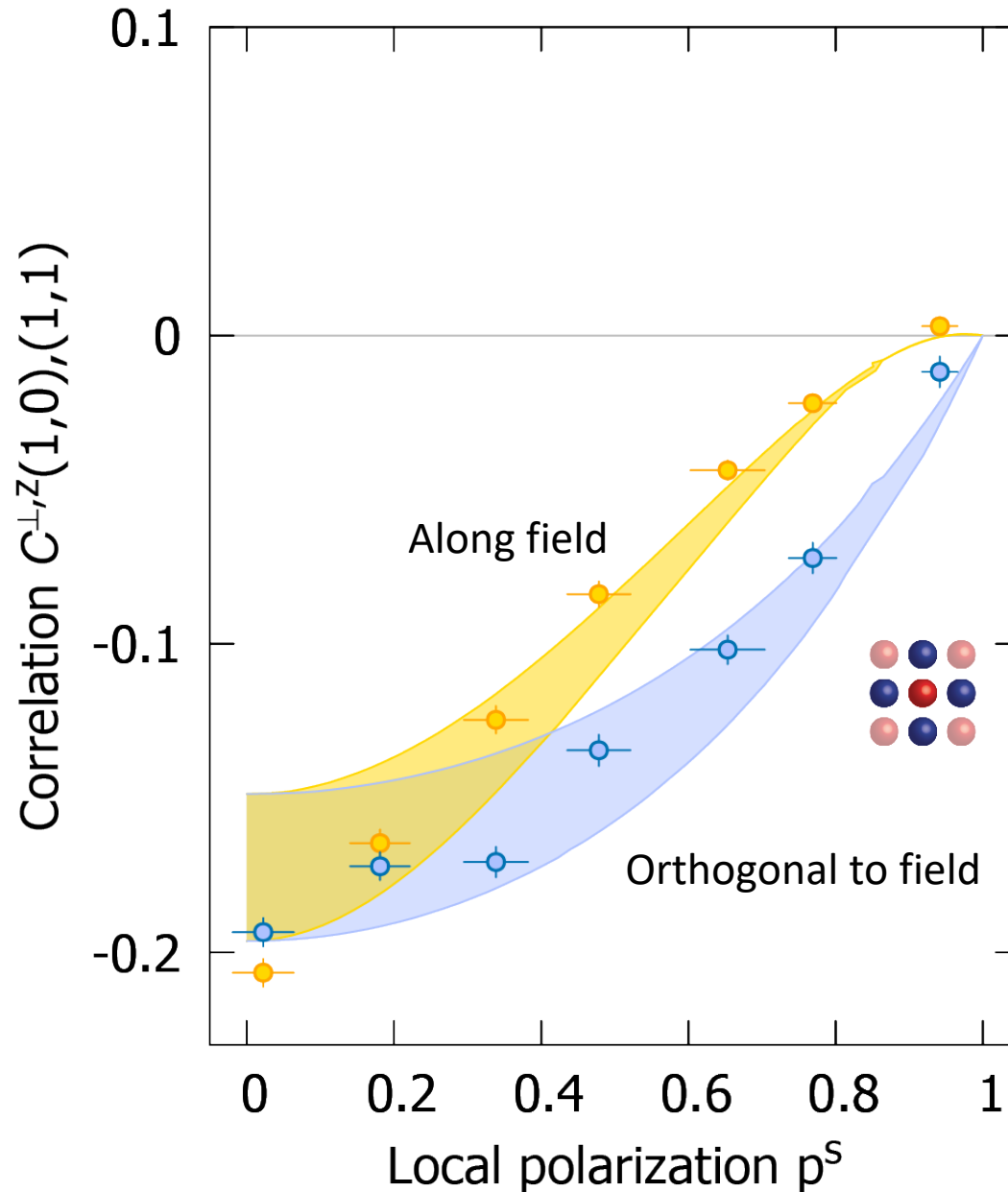
Spin-imbbalanced Mott insulators



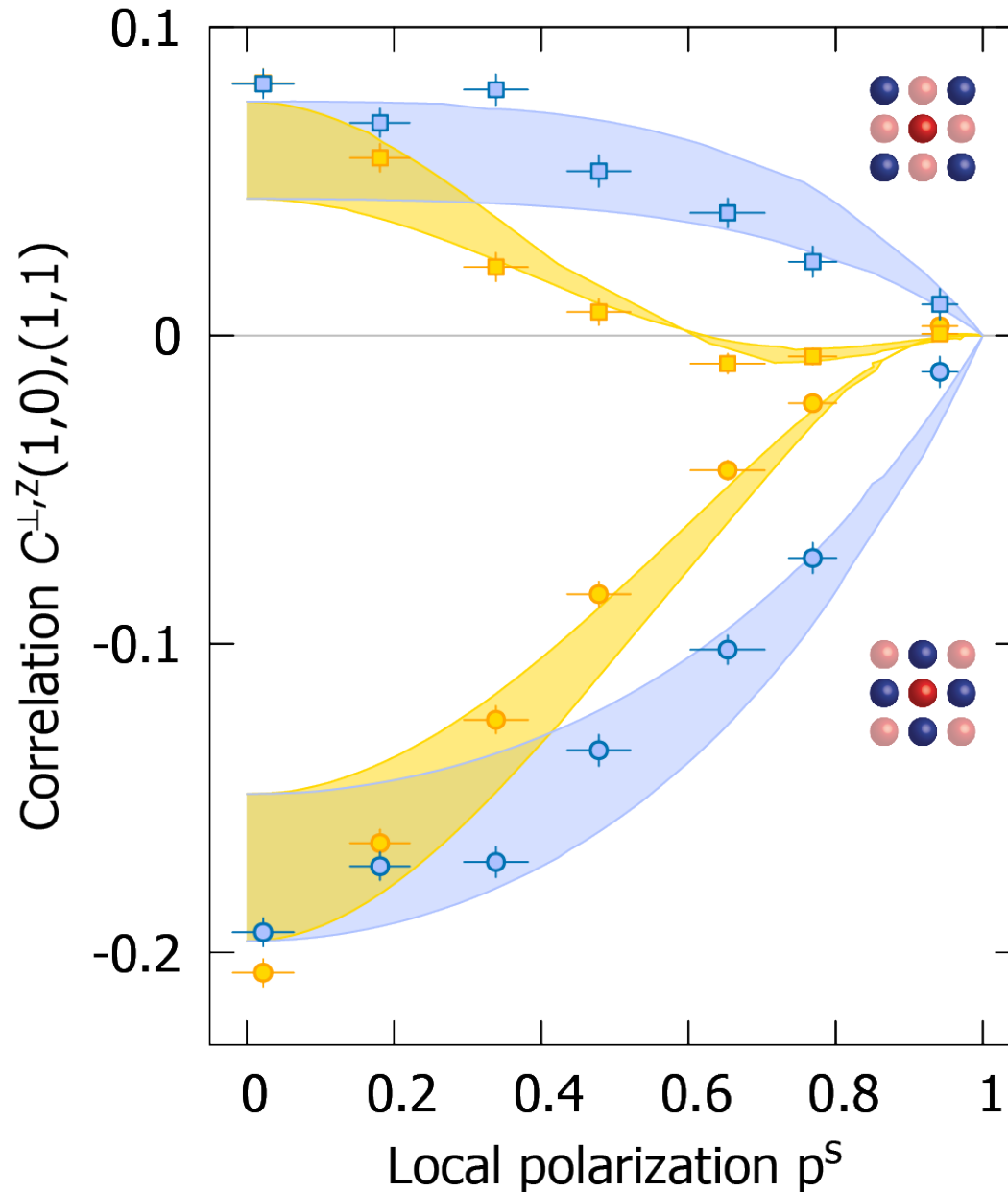
Probing spin-imbalanced lattice gases



Nearest-neighbor spin correlations



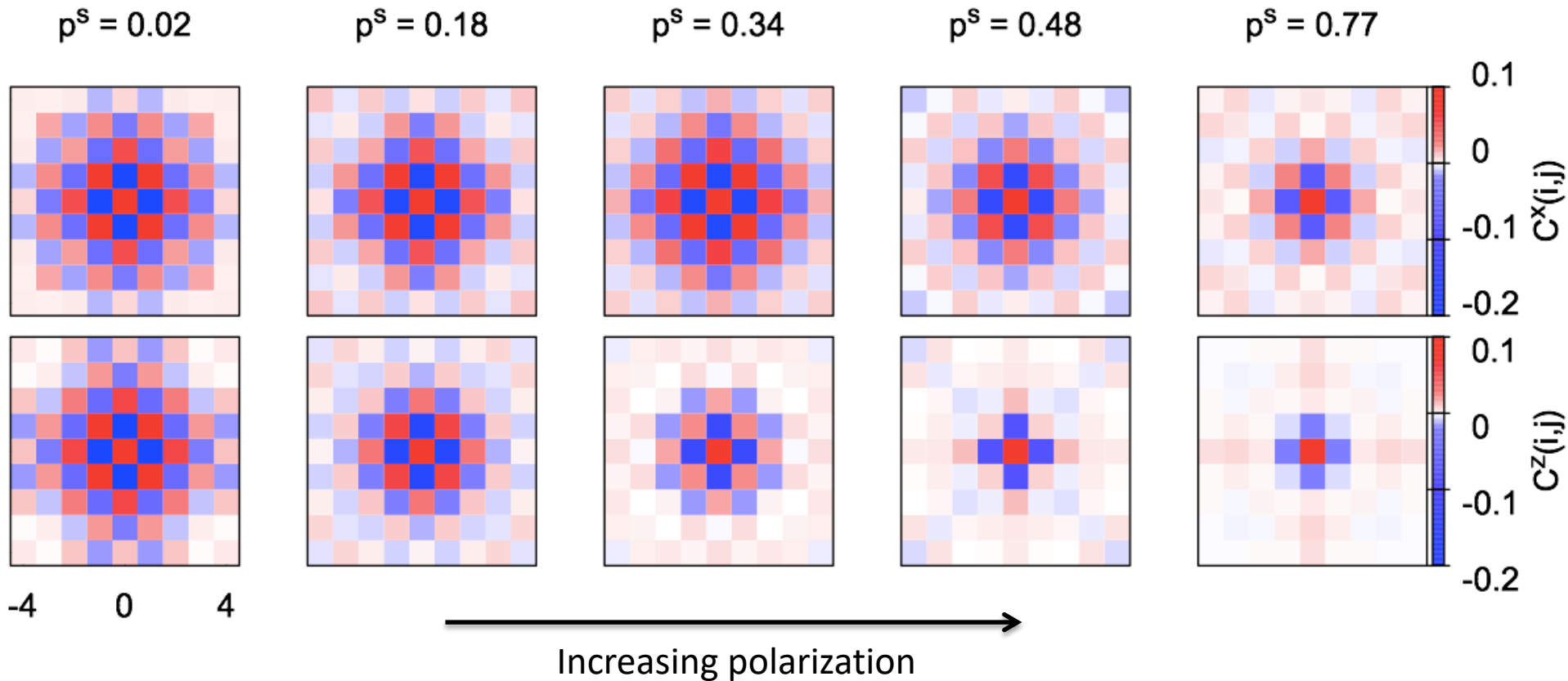
Next-nearest neighbor spin correlations



QMC & NLC comparison:

T/t increases from 0.4 to 0.57.

Correlations at larger distances



Unpolarized gas: isotropic spin correlations

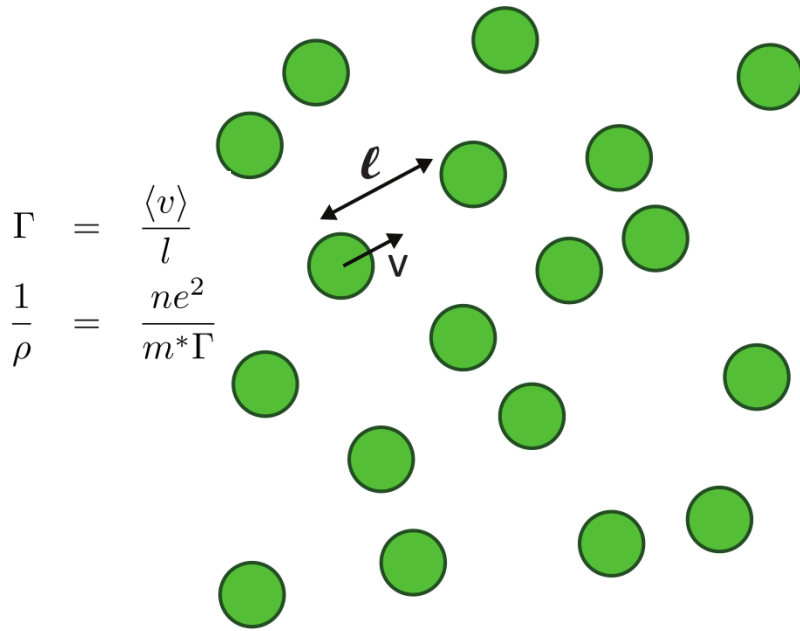
Polarized gas: AFM correlations preferred in the plane

Bad metallic transport in a cold atom Fermi-Hubbard system

Conventional
(weakly interacting)

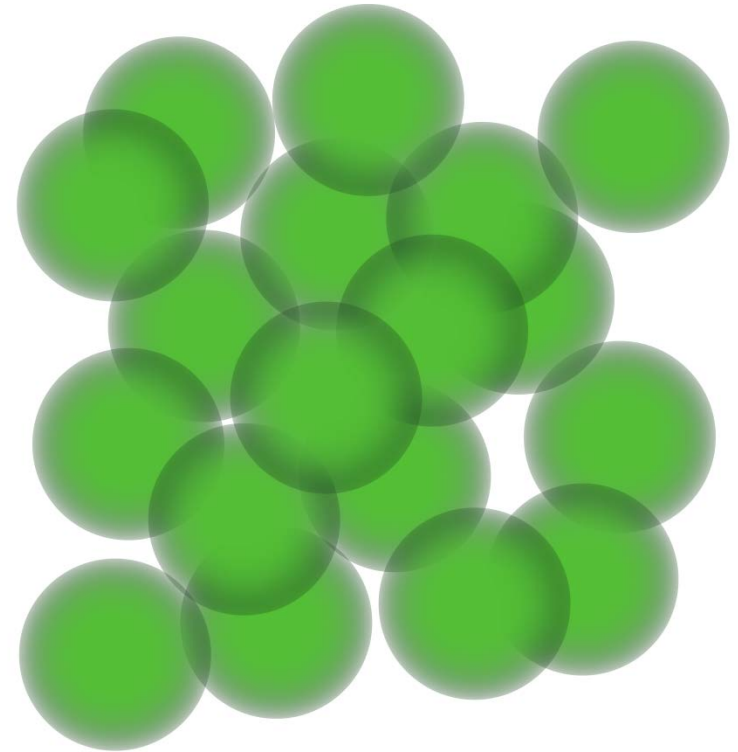
Transport

Unconventional
(strongly correlated)



$$\Gamma = \frac{\langle v \rangle}{l}$$
$$\frac{1}{\rho} = \frac{ne^2}{m^*\Gamma}$$

- Charge, spin, energy transported by quasiparticles.
- Mean free path must be larger than lattice spacing
Mott-Ioffe-Regel limit (MIR)
- Fermi liquid prediction $\rho \propto T^2$



- Strong enough interactions destroy quasiparticles.
- Momentum relaxation no longer gives resistivity.
- “Bad metals” violate MIR limit and commonly exhibit $\rho \propto T$

Previous Work

Mass transport experiments with Fermions

Mesoscopic systems:

Brantut *et al.* Science **337**, 1069 (2012) (ETH Zurich)

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Lebrat *et al.* PRX **8**, 011053 (2018) (ETH Zurich)

Valtolina *et al.* Science **350**, 1505 (2015) (Florence)

Bulk systems:

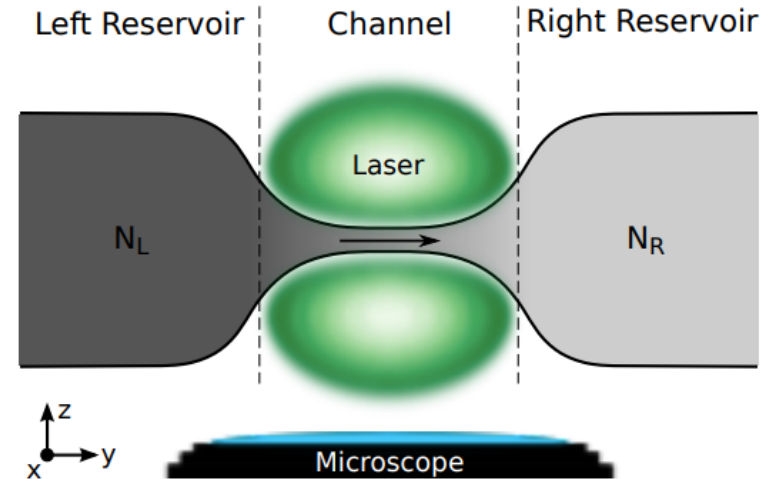
Ott *et al.* PRL **92**, 160601 (2004) (Florence)

Strohmaier *et al.* PRL **99**, 220601 (2007) (ETH Zurich)

Schnedier *et al.* Nat. Phys **8**, 213 (2012) (Munich)

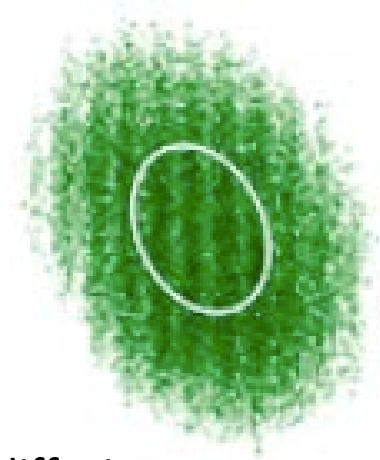
Xu *et al.* arXiv:1606.06669 (2016) (UIUC)

Anderson *et al.* arXiv:1712.09965 (2017) (Toronto)



Esslinger group

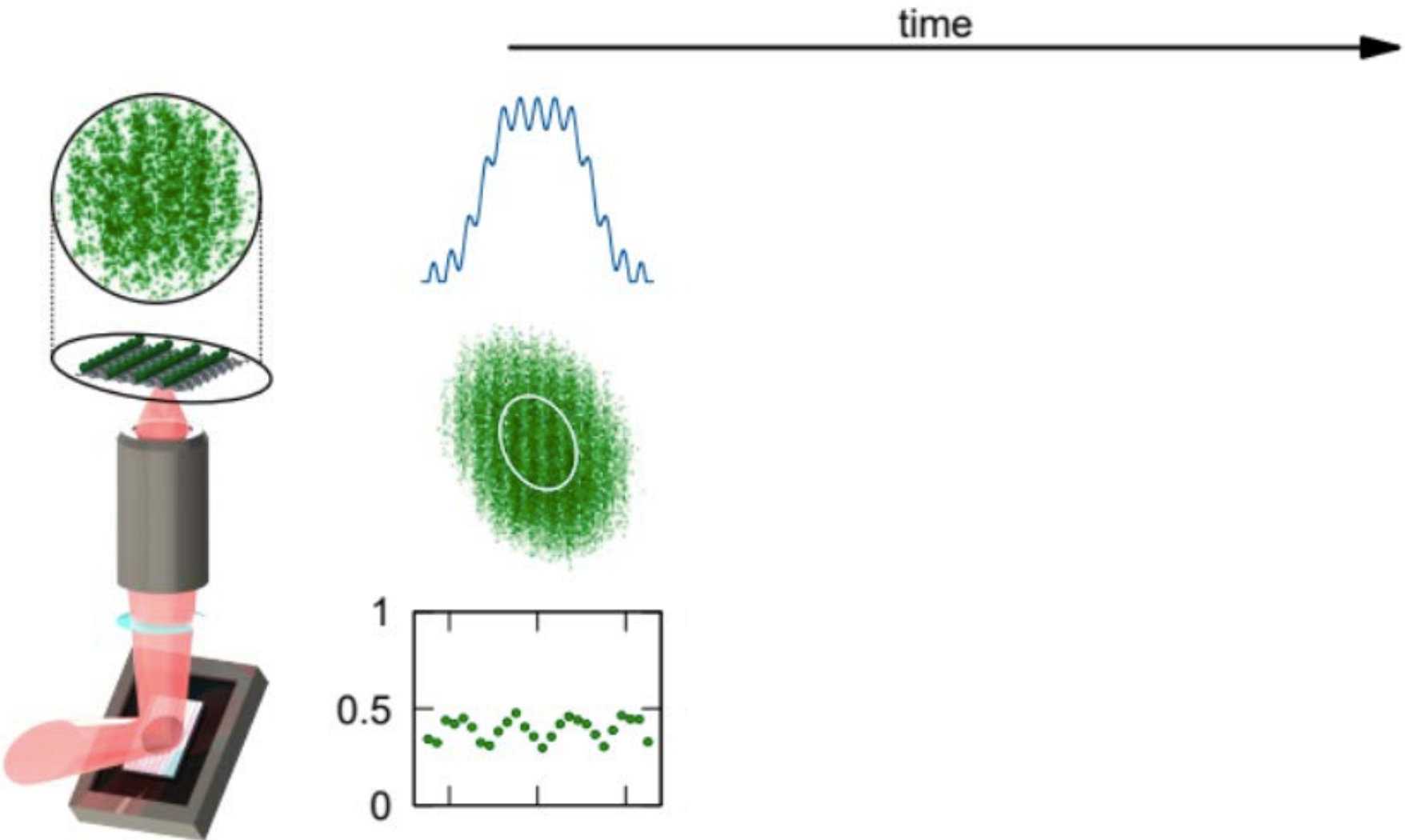
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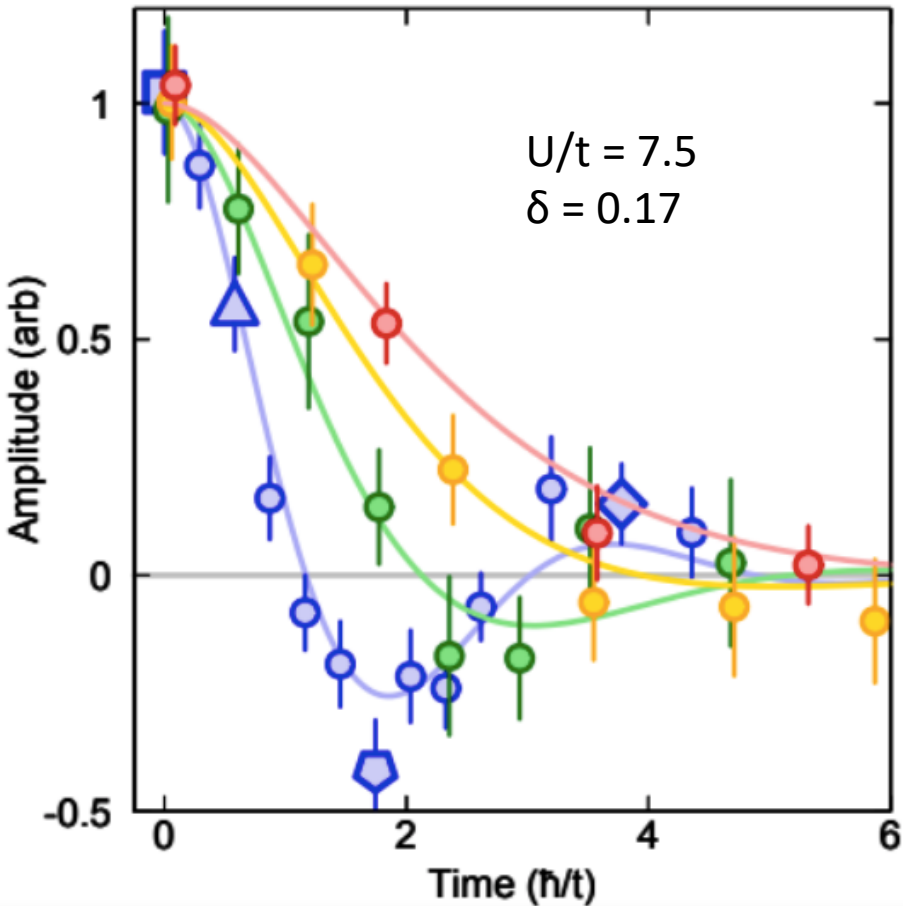
Extract diffusion constant D from decay of initial density modulation.

$$\text{Nernst-Einstein relation: } \sigma = \chi_c D$$

Measuring charge transport



Hydrodynamic model for charge transport



- Underdamped sound at short wavelengths.
- Exponential diffusive decay at long wavelengths.

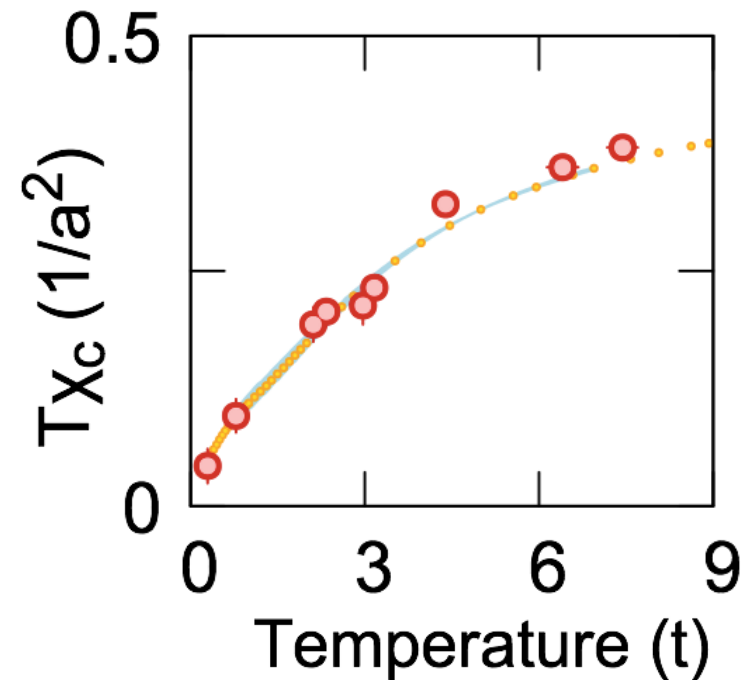
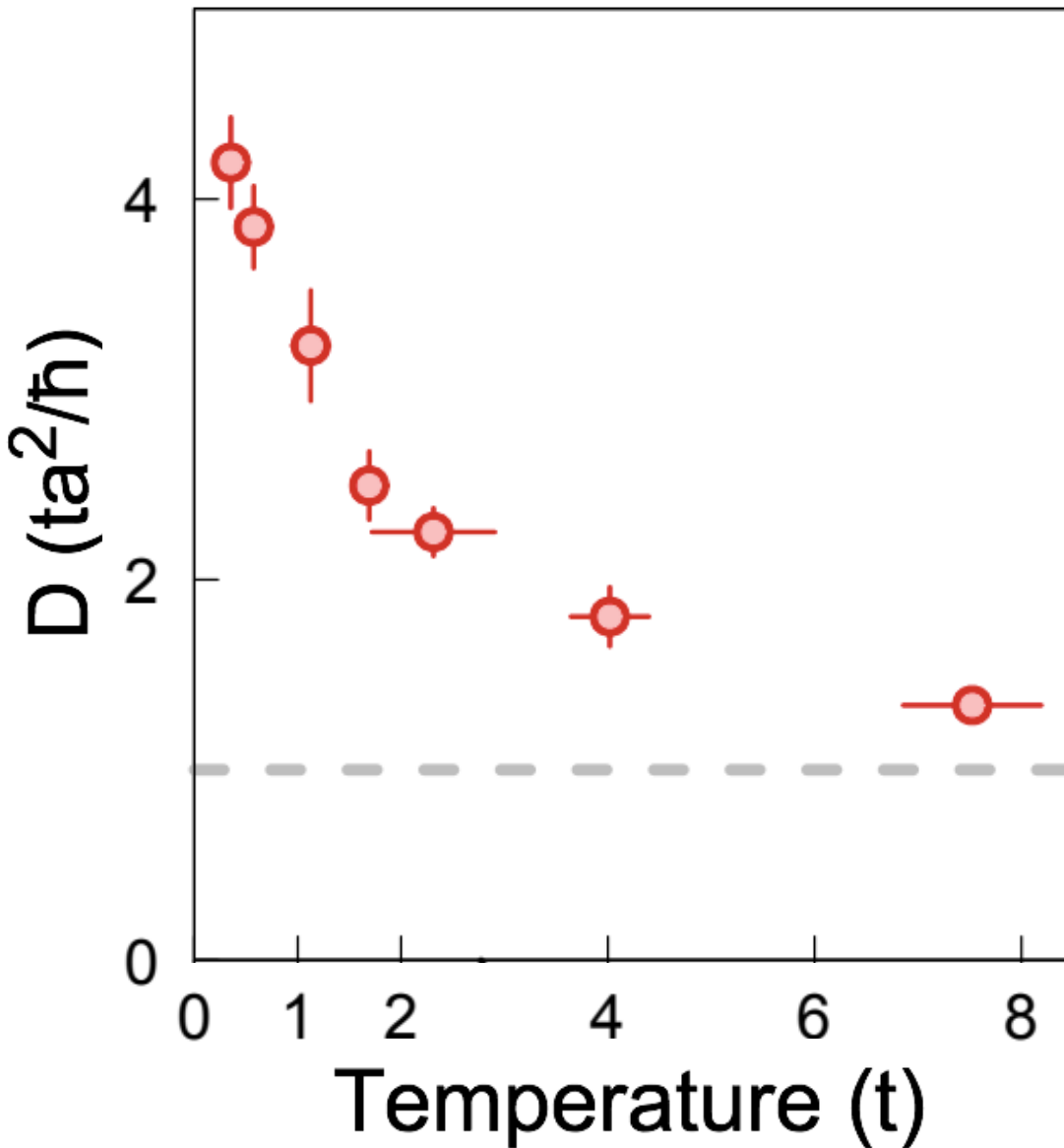
Charge conservation:

$$\partial_t n(\mathbf{r}, t) + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}, t) = 0$$

Current relaxation (e.g. due to umklapp):

$$\partial_t \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\Gamma (D \nabla n(\mathbf{r}, t) + \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}, t))$$

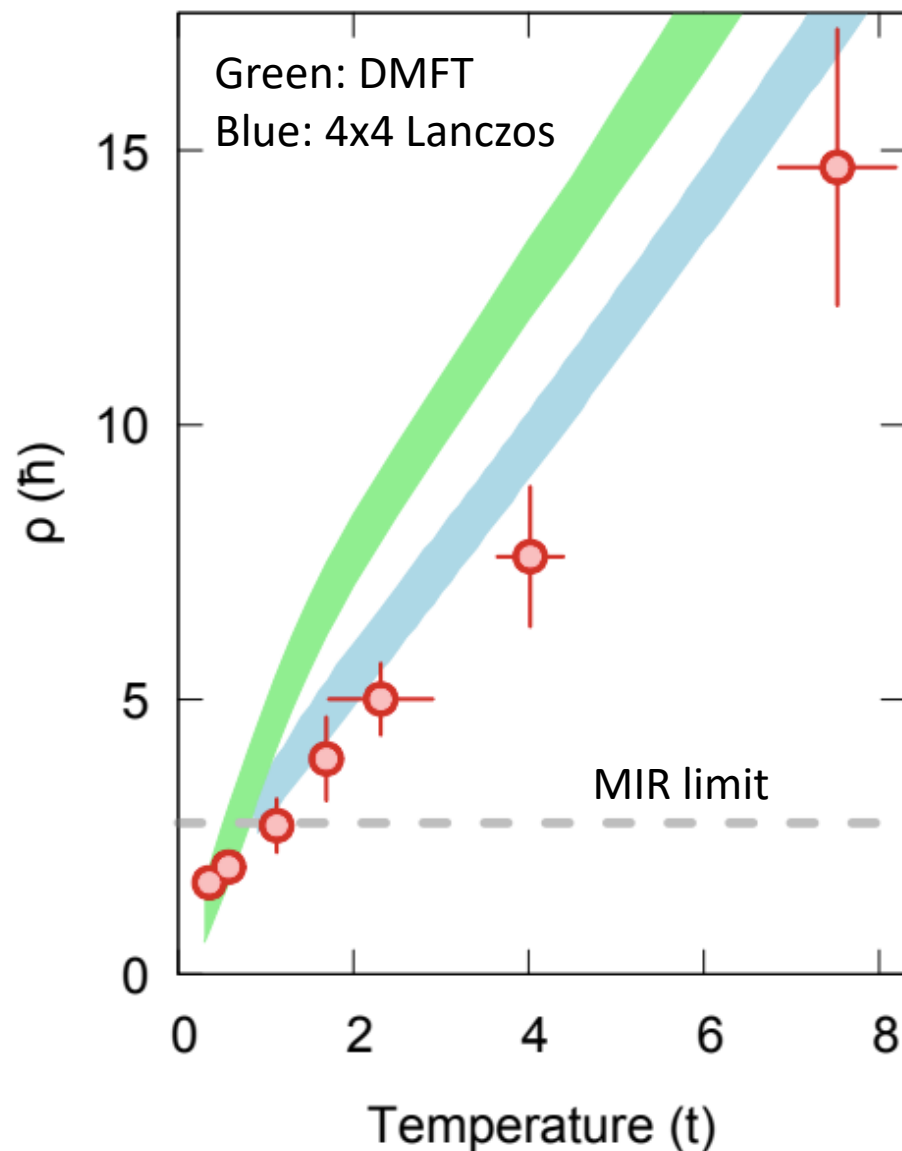
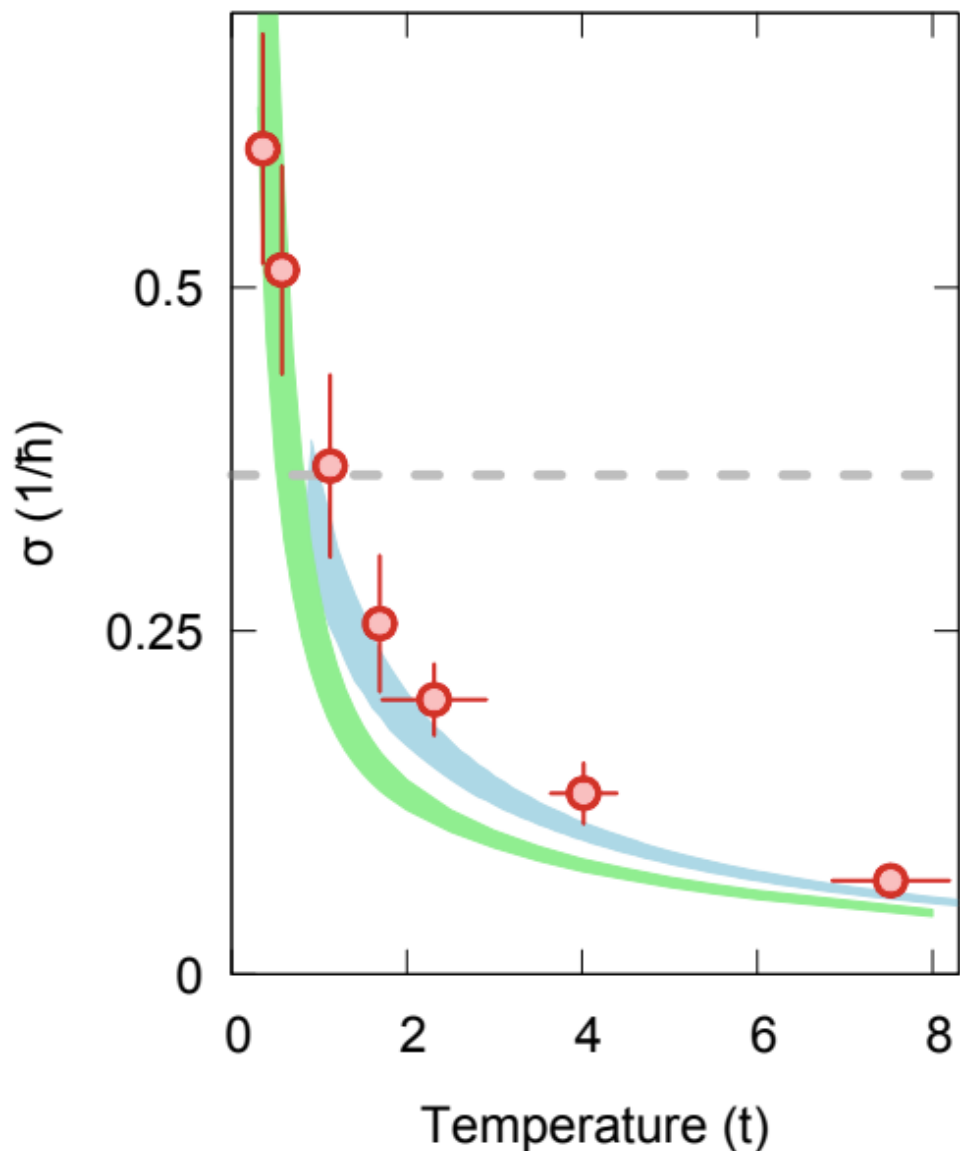
Temperature dependence



Both D and χ_c depend on temperature over accessible range of T .

χ_c is not in high temperature regime where it should go like $1/T$.

Bad metallic behavior



Conclusion: Equilibrium vs. dynamics

Exact numerical techniques well-developed for equilibrium systems: QMC, NLCE, etc.

State of the art Fermi-Hubbard experiments at $T/t = 0.25-0.30$ are just beyond reach of exact numerics.

Dynamics is much harder: Cold atom experiments can provide benchmarks for testing approximate techniques like DMFT.

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Theory:

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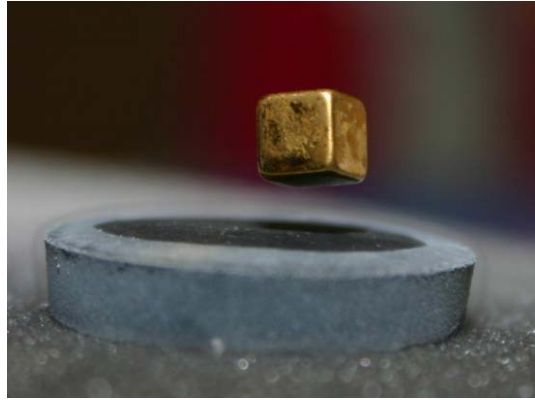
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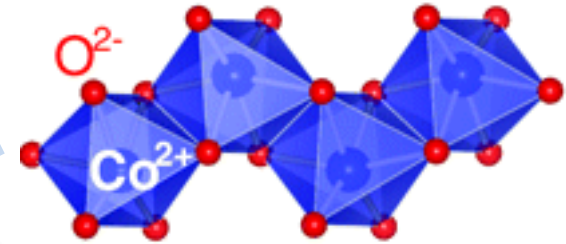
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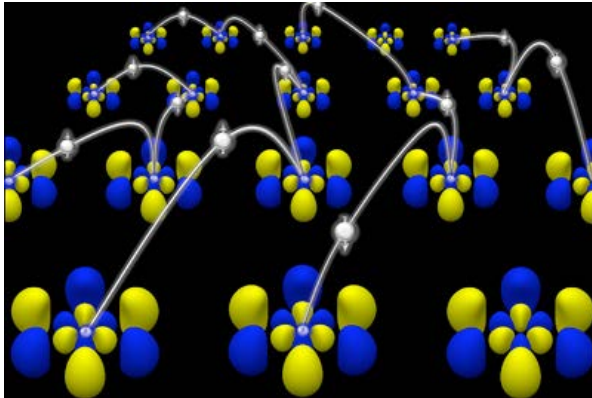


High T_c superconductors

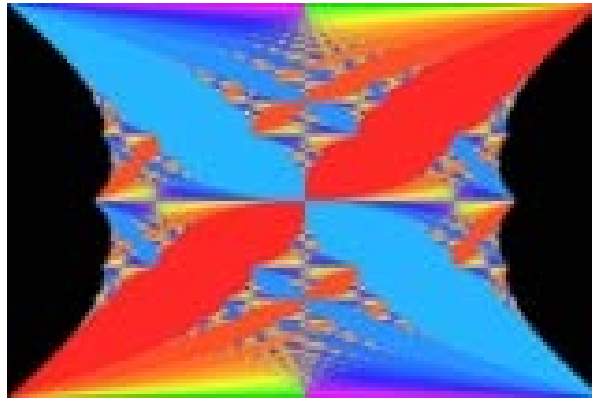
Strongly correlated materials



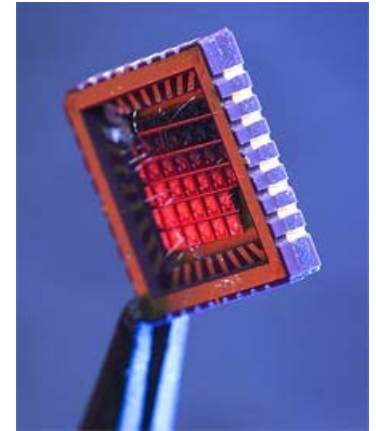
Quantum magnets



Heavy fermion metals

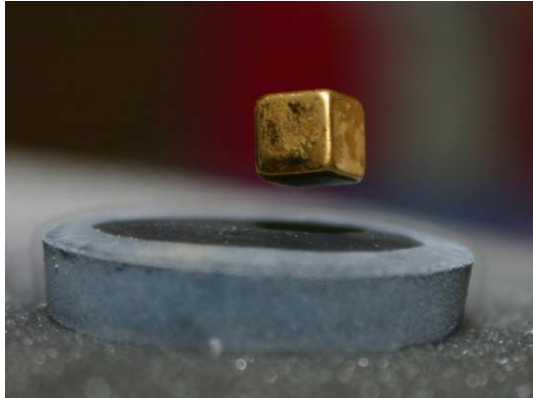


Topological phases

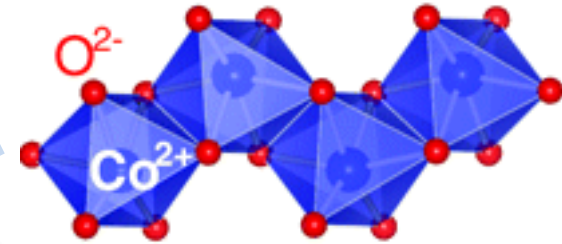


Spintronic materials

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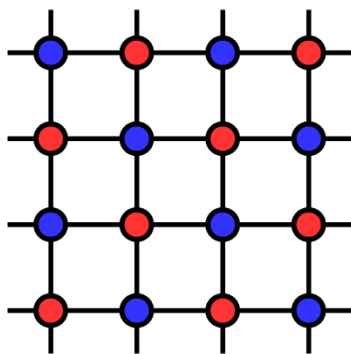


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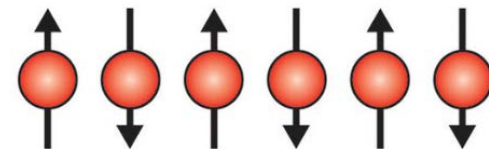
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Condensed matter models

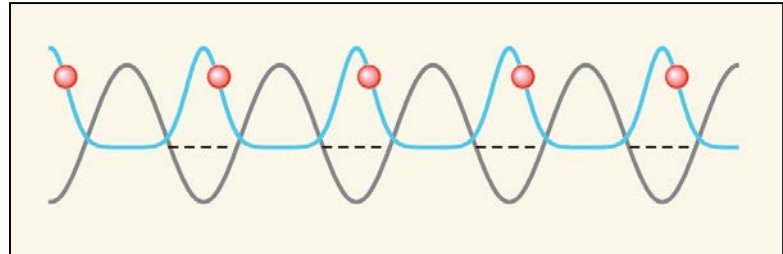
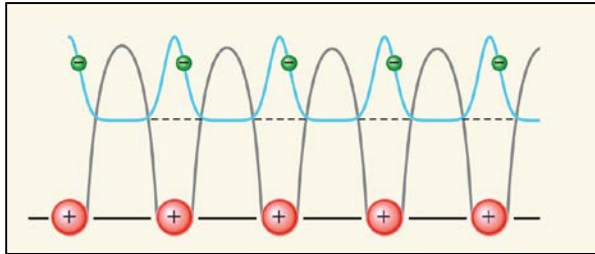
Hubbard model



Quantum spin models
(e.g. transverse Ising)



Interacting systems of ultracold atoms – enlarged model for condensed matter physics



Why ultracold atoms?

- Complete control of microscopic parameters
- Clean systems, no impurities
- Dynamics on observable timescales
- Understood from first principles
- Large interparticle spacing makes optical imaging/manipulation possible

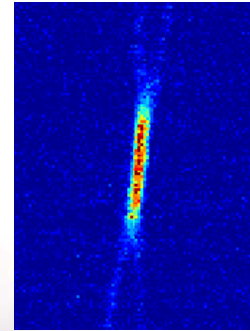
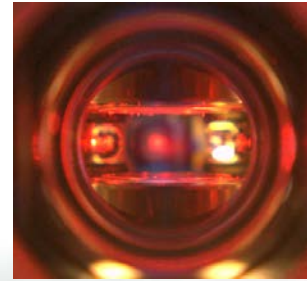
Theory comparison

$$\sigma_{\text{reg}}(\omega) = \frac{e^2(1 - e^{-\beta\omega})}{N\omega} \text{Re} \int_0^\infty dt e^{i\omega t} \langle j_\alpha(t) j_\alpha(0) \rangle$$

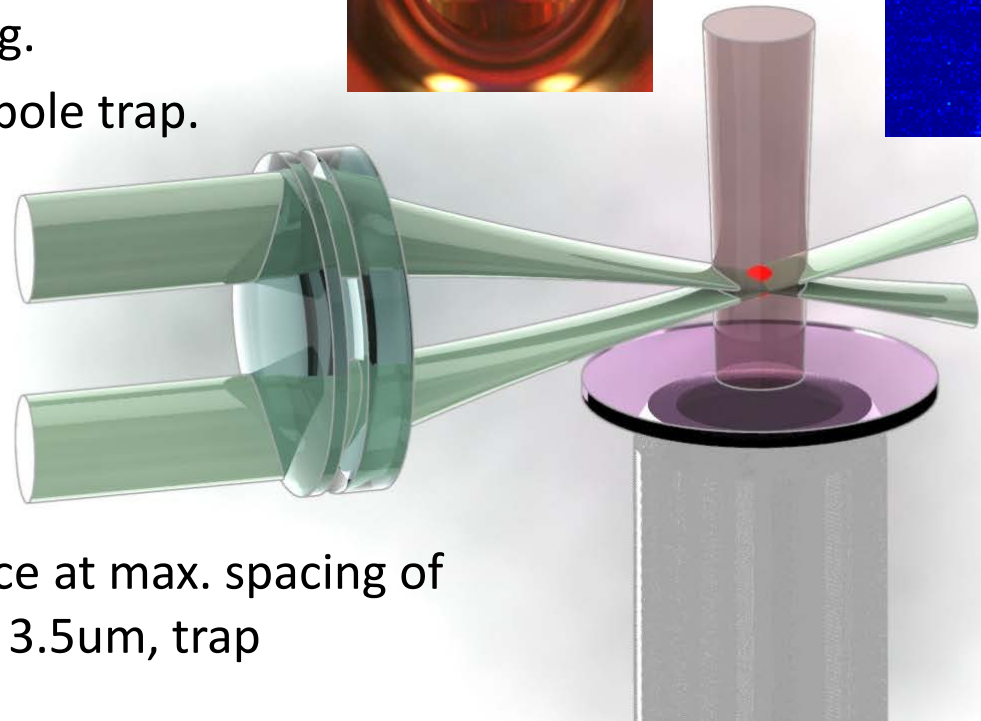
- Agrees well with finite-temperature Lanczos on 16 sites down to $T = t$ where finite size effects start to matter (1 month runtime!)
- Reasonable agreement with single-site DMFT, but some discrepancies.

Princeton Fermi gas microscope

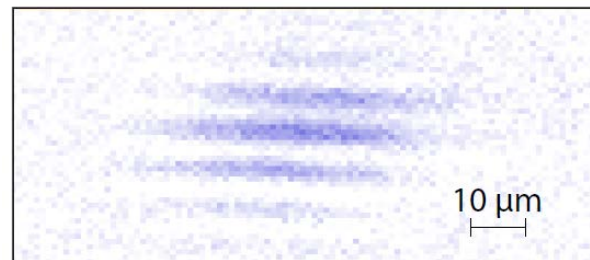
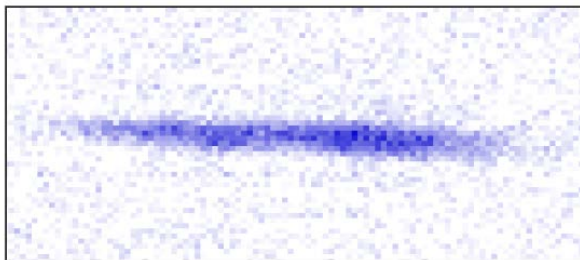
- ^6Li Oven + Zeeman slower
- Magneto-optical trapping.
- Evaporation in optical dipole trap.



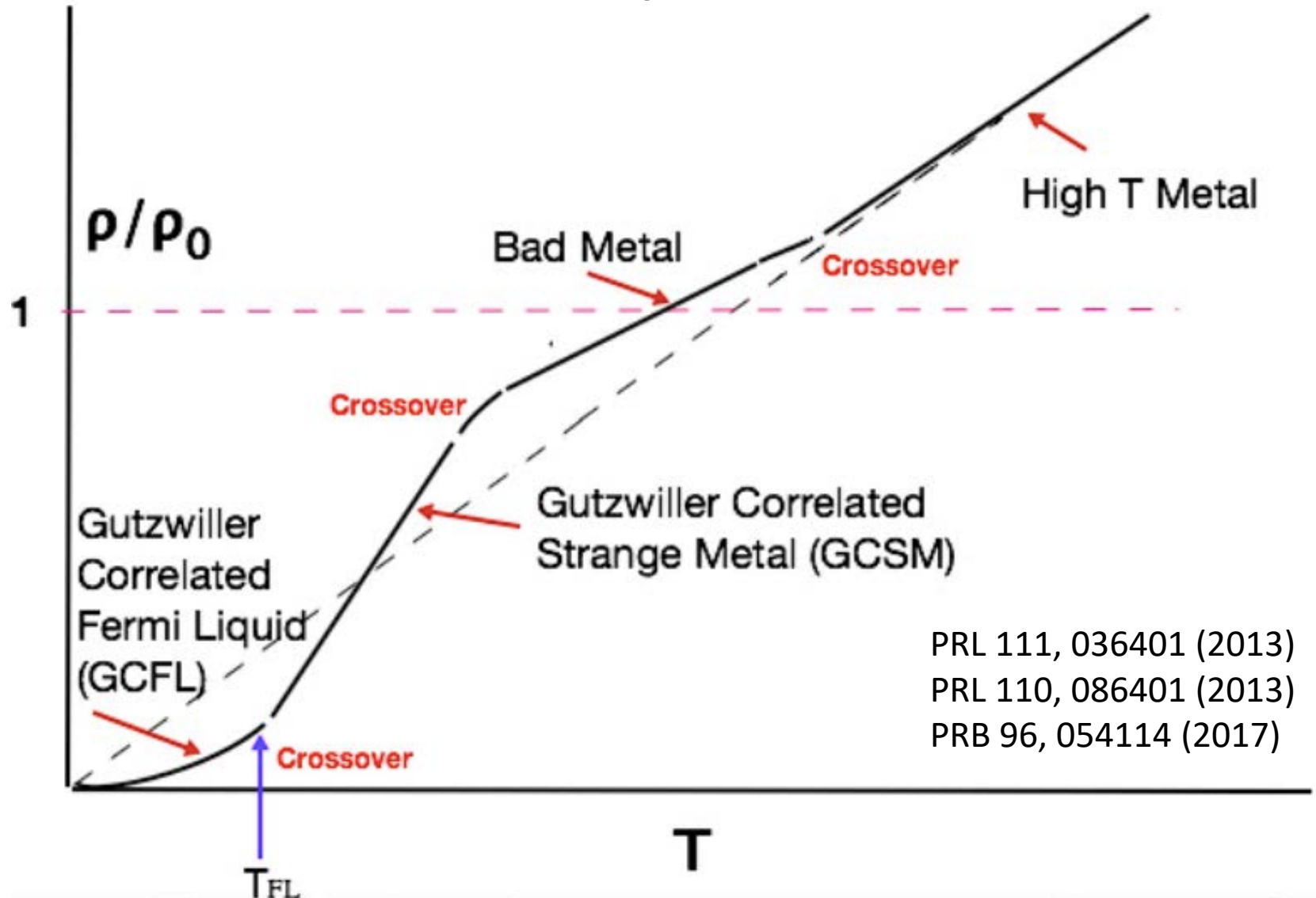
- Load into light sheet.



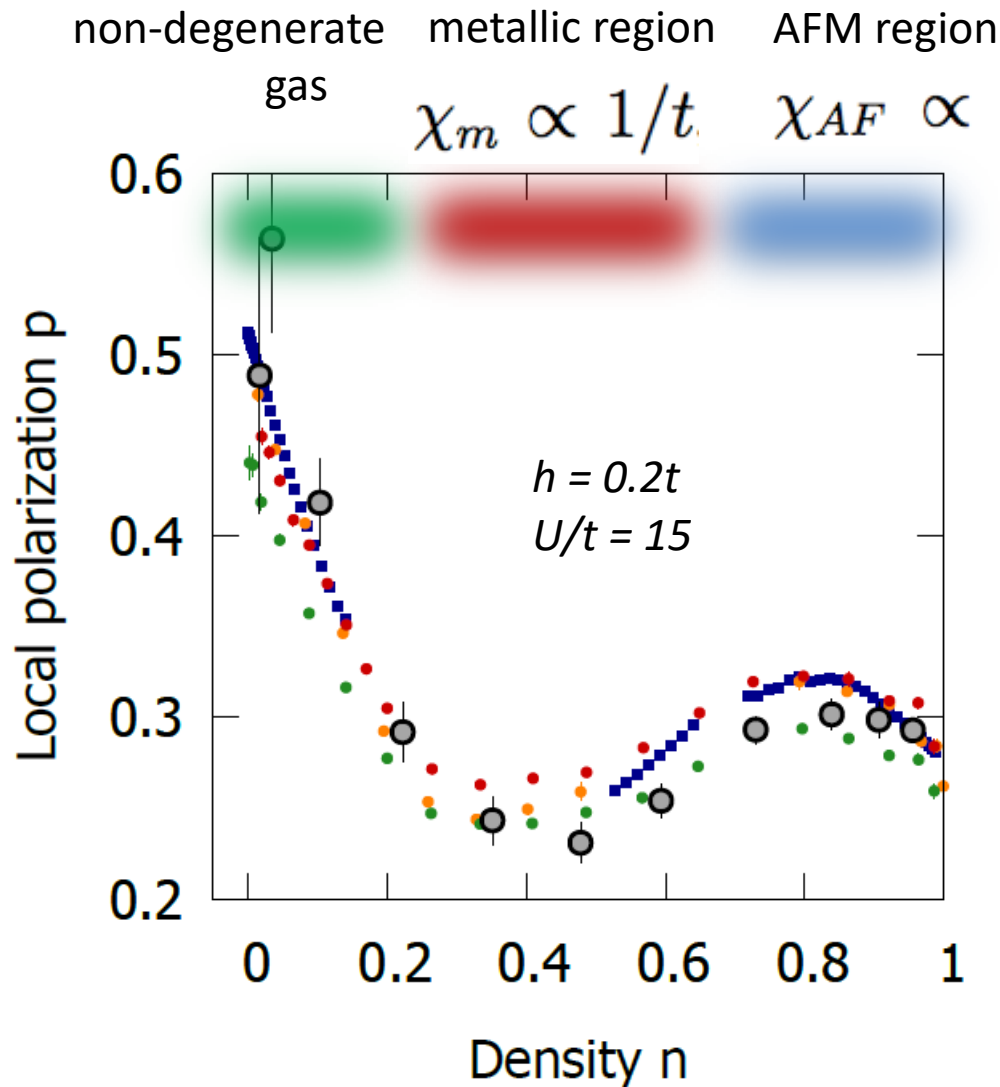
- Load into accordion lattice at max. spacing of $12\mu\text{m}$, then compress to $3.5\mu\text{m}$, trap frequency 20 kHz.



The DMFT picture from previous theory work



Polarization profiles



Hubbard model
reproduces peak in cuprate
susceptibility at about 20%
doping.

PRB **40**, 8872 (1989)

PRL **62**, 957 (1989)

PRB **40**, 2254 (1989)

Rydberg atoms

Hydrogen-like atoms
with electron in a
high n -state.

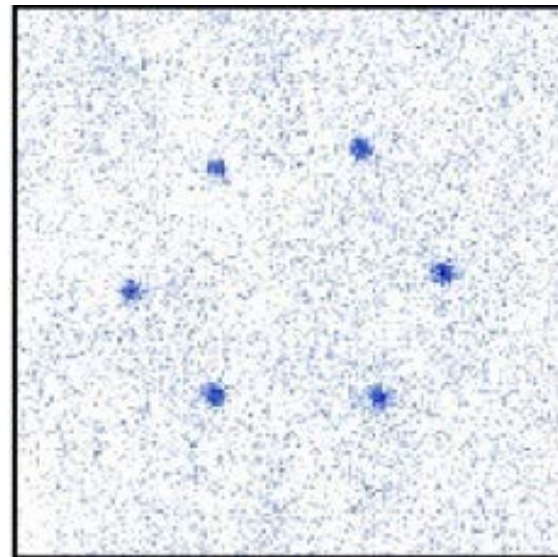
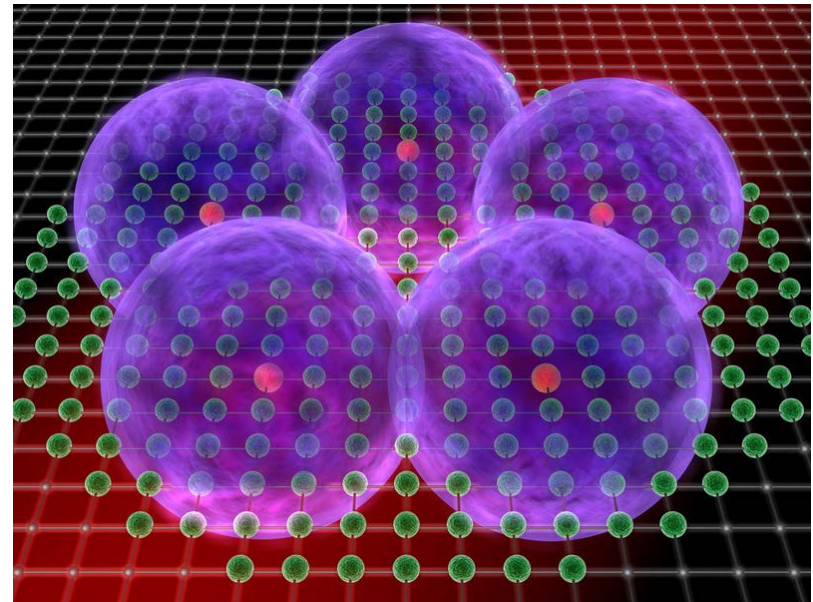
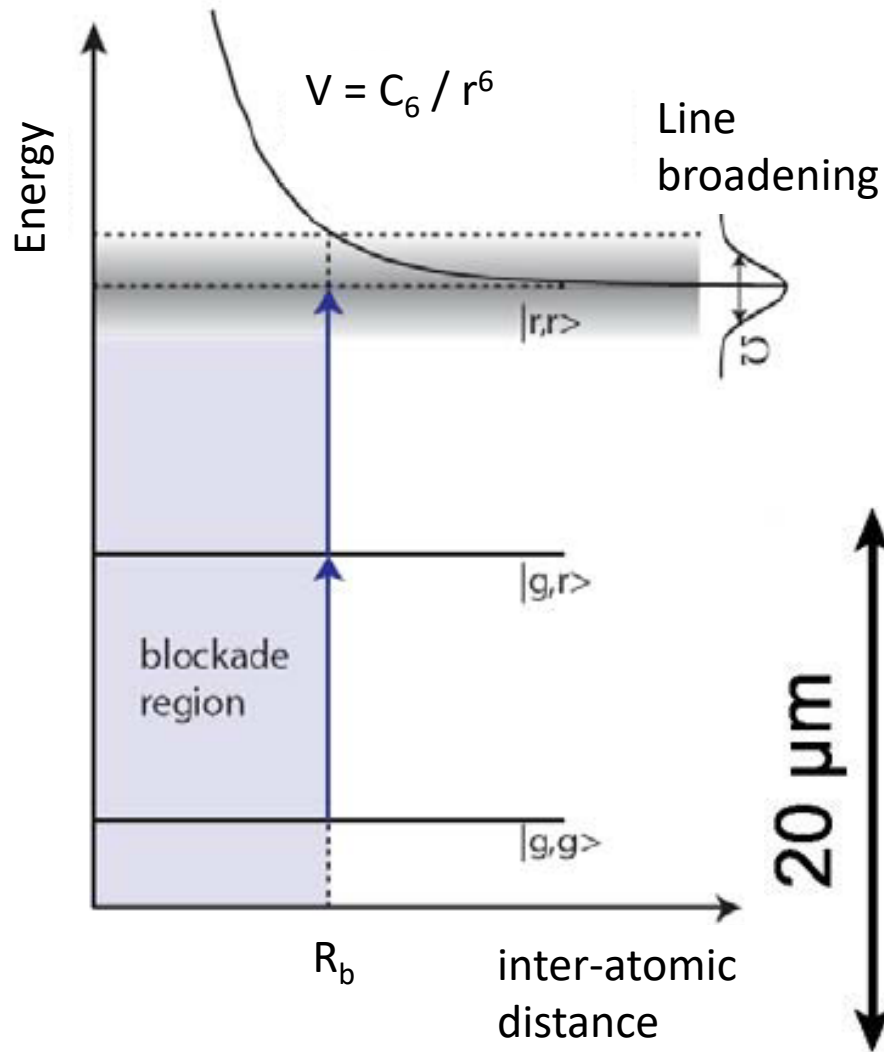
Very strong van der
Waals interactions
($1/r^6$)

Li-6 $23P_{3/2}$

• **Li-6 $2S_{1/2}$**

Property	Scaling	Li-6 $23P_{3/2}$
Lifetime	$(n^*)^2$	20 μ s
Radius	$(n^*)^2$	40 nm
Van der Waals (C_6)	$(n^*)^{11}$	2 MHz/ μ m ⁶
Blockade Radius	$(n^*)^2$	850 nm

Rydberg crystals

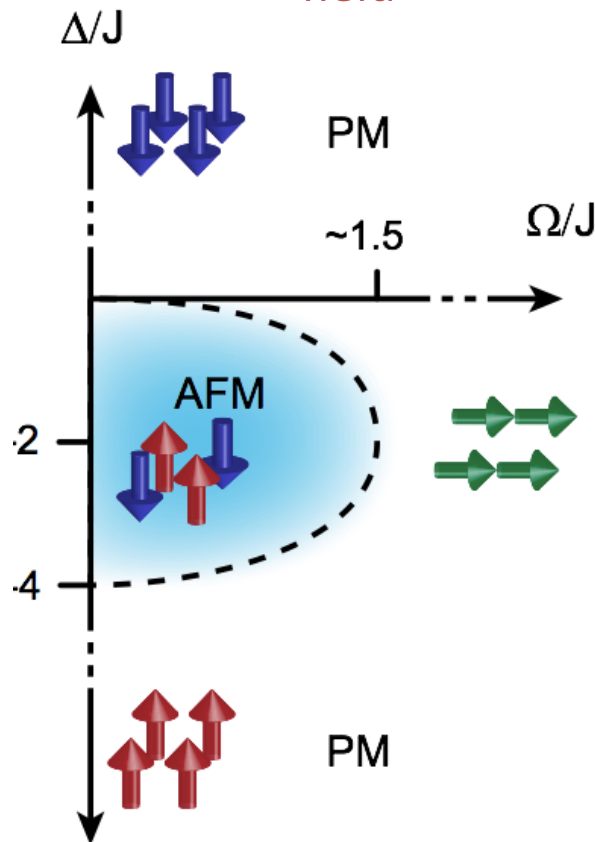


Bloch
Science 347,
1455 (2015)

$$R_b \gg a_l$$

Rydberg antiferromagnets

$$H = \underbrace{\Omega \sum_i \hat{S}_i^x}_{\text{Transverse field}} + \underbrace{\sum_i (\mathcal{I}_i - \Delta) \hat{S}_i^z}_{\text{Longitudinal field}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i \neq j} \frac{V_{ij}}{2} \hat{S}_i^z \hat{S}_j^z}_{\text{Ising interaction}}$$



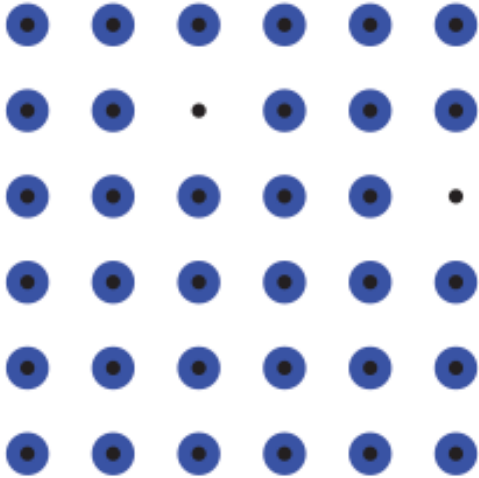
Phase diagram for $R_b \approx a_l$ has one AFM phase

Quench dynamics studied in 1D chains (Lukin) and rings of atoms (Browaeys)

In 1D, dynamics can be captured with Matrix Product States.

Experimental protocol

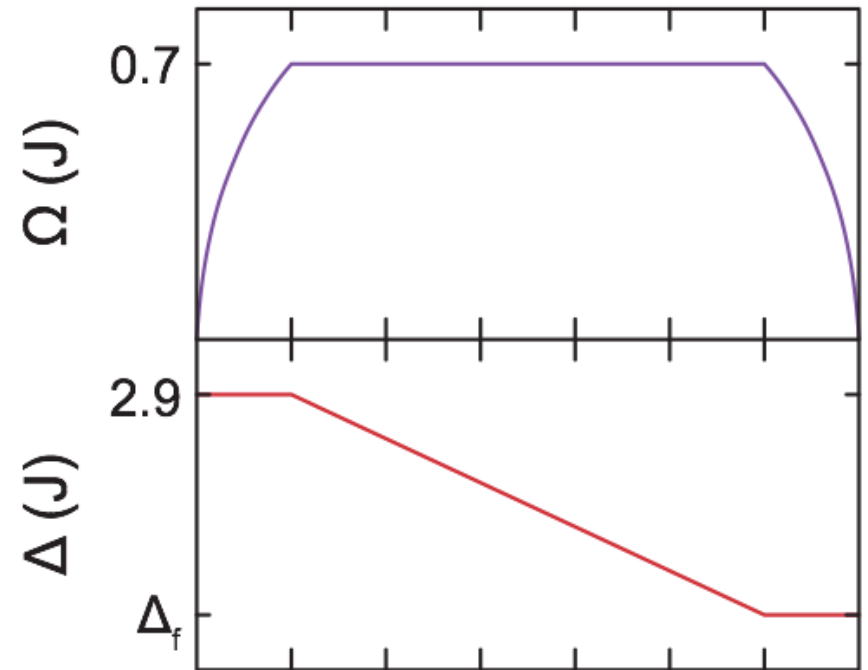
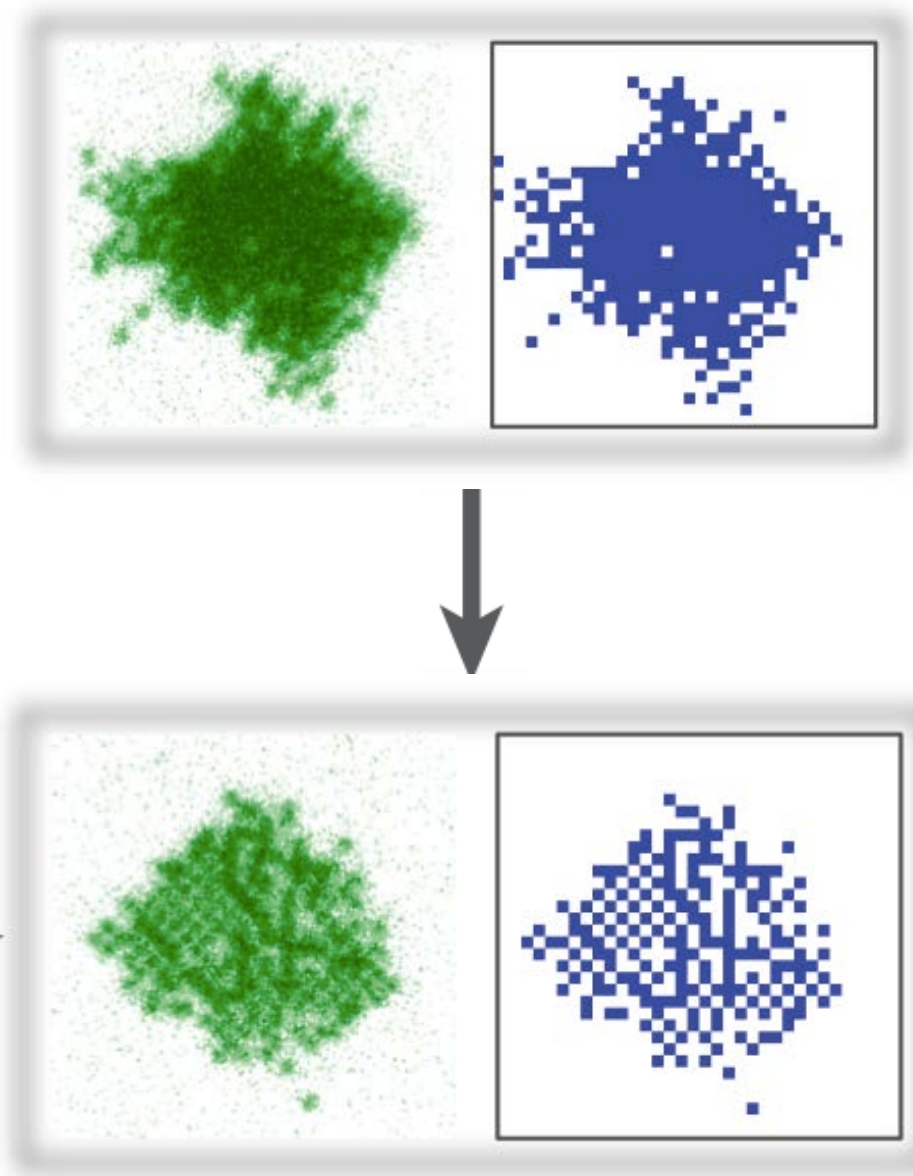
Initial preparation



Spin-polarized band
insulator of Li-6 in optical
lattice with $a_l = 750$ nm

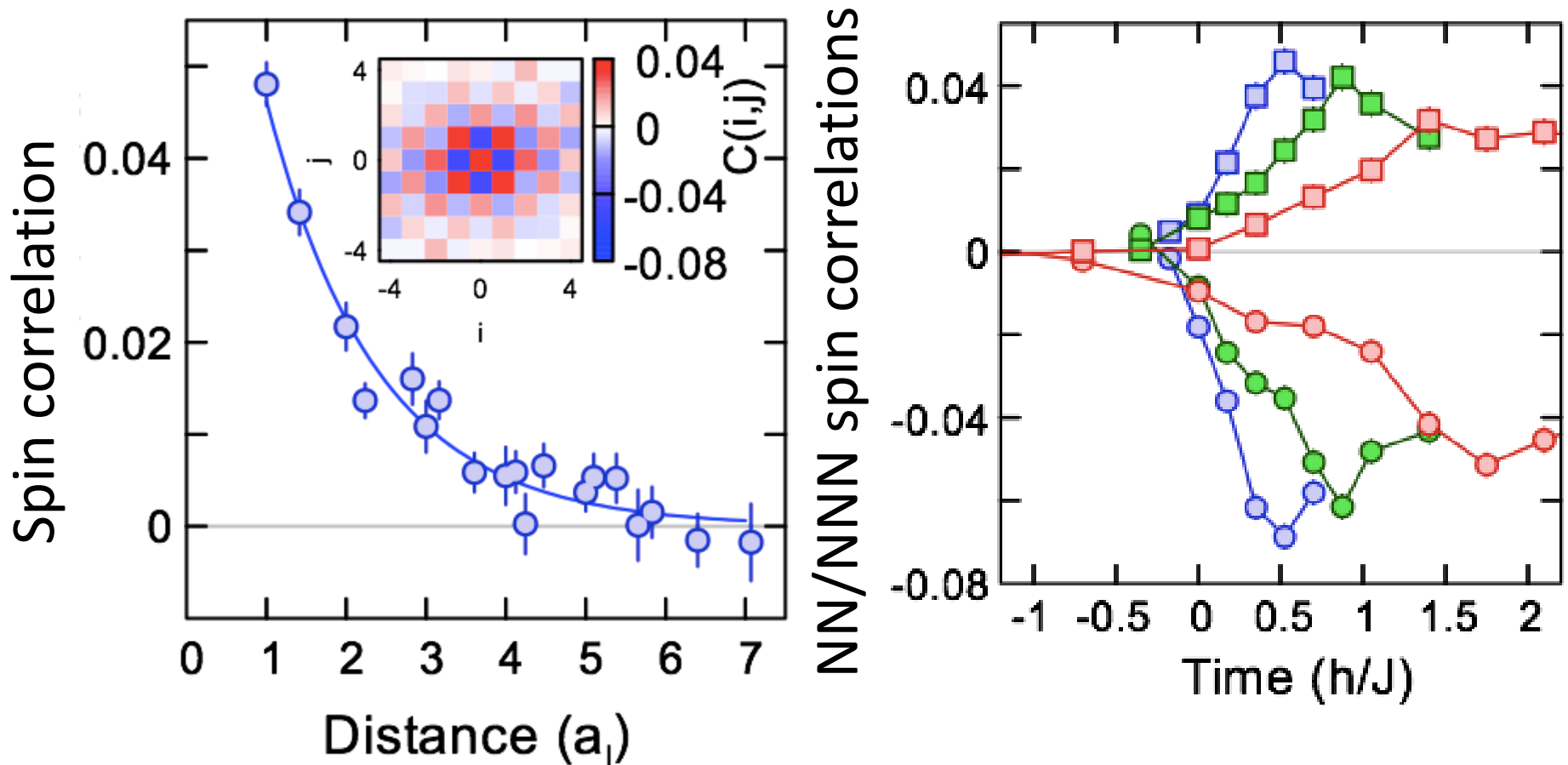
96% filling

Preparation of Rydberg antiferromagnets



Ramp longitudinal field to quench across quantum phase transition from paramagnet to AFM.

Quench dynamics across phase transition



Obtain real-time evolution of spin correlations as quantum phase transition is crossed at different rates.

Conclusion: Equilibrium vs. dynamics

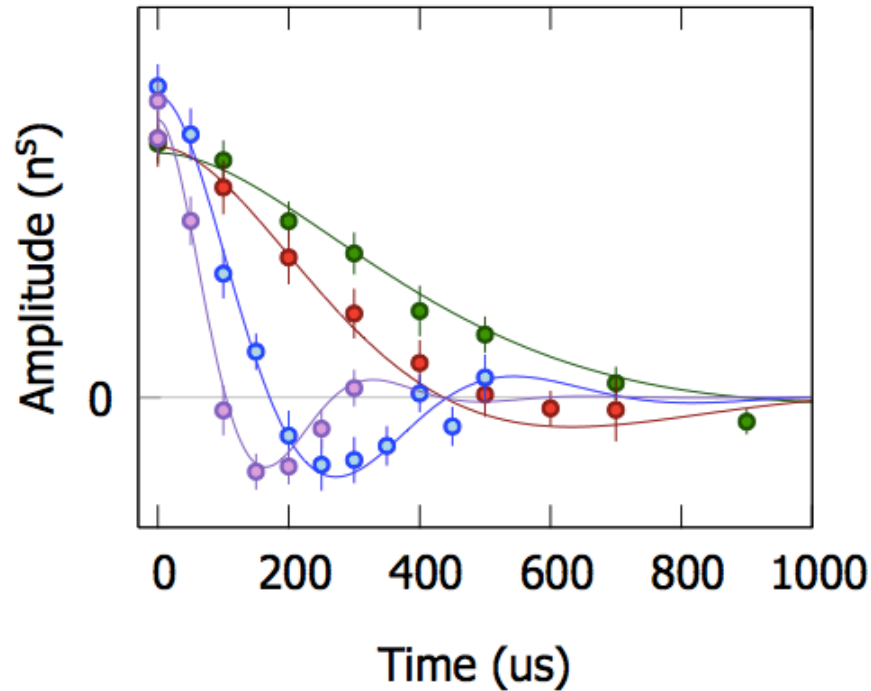
Exact numerical techniques well-developed for equilibrium systems: QMC, NLCE, DMRG, etc.

State of the art Fermi-Hubbard experiments at $T/t = 0.25-0.30$ are just beyond reach of exact numerics.

Dynamics is much harder, especially for more than one dimension.

- Generalization of MPS to higher dimensions (PEPS) is still in infancy.
- Cold atom experiments can provide benchmarks for testing algorithms.

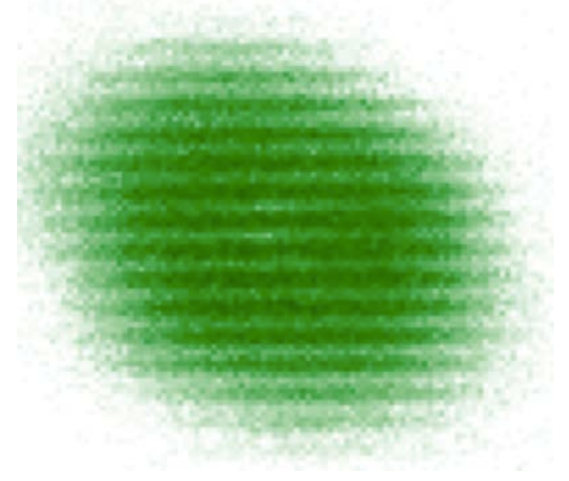
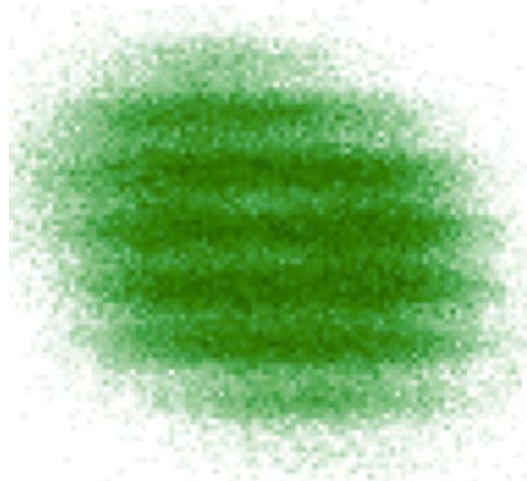
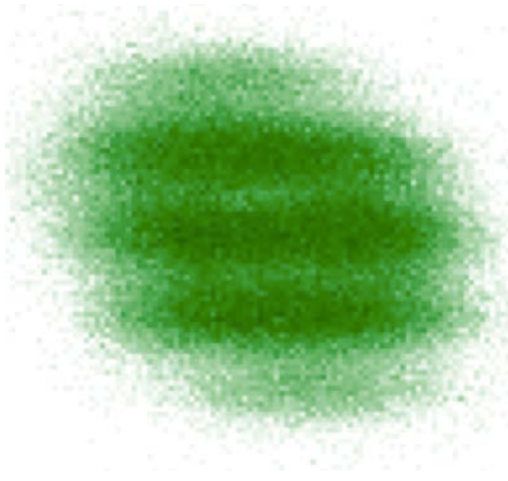
Outlook: Hubbard dynamics



Strange metal phase is within reach of current Fermi-Hubbard experiments.

Defined by “strange” transport behavior (dynamics)

Ongoing: charge hydrodynamics (sound, diffusion in doped Hubbard model.



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Sign change of spin z-correlations at high polarizations

At high polarizations, think of:

Fully polarized state as vacuum, minority spins as dilute gas of magnons.

$$\beta_{\mathbf{i}}^{\dagger} = S_{\mathbf{i}}^{+} \quad \beta_{\mathbf{i}} = S_{\mathbf{i}}^{-} \quad S_{\mathbf{i}}^z = \beta_{\mathbf{i}}^{\dagger} \beta_{\mathbf{i}} - 1/2$$

Heisenberg Hamiltonian as hard-core bosons:

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{J}{2} \sum_{\langle \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j} \rangle} \left(\beta_{\mathbf{i}}^{\dagger} \beta_{\mathbf{j}} + \beta_{\mathbf{j}}^{\dagger} \beta_{\mathbf{i}} \right) + \sum_{\mathbf{i}} (h - 4J) \beta_{\mathbf{i}}^{\dagger} \beta_{\mathbf{i}} + J \sum_{\langle \mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j} \rangle} \beta_{\mathbf{i}}^{\dagger} \beta_{\mathbf{j}}^{\dagger} \beta_{\mathbf{i}} \beta_{\mathbf{j}}$$

Positive tunneling

Chemical potential

NN repulsion

- Positive tunneling $\rightarrow$ BEC at $\mathbf{q} = (\pi, \pi)$. Maps to long-range antiferromagnetic correlations in plane
- Density correlations of liquid of repulsive bosons maps to z-correlations. These are negative at less than interparticle spacing.

Mapping between the attractive and repulsive Hubbard models

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle \sigma} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i (n_{i\uparrow} - \frac{1}{2})(n_{i\downarrow} - \frac{1}{2}) + H_{\text{ext}}$$

$$H_{\text{ext}} = \sum_i (\epsilon_i - \mu)(n_{i\uparrow} + n_{i\downarrow} - 1) - \sum_i h_i (n_{i\uparrow} - n_{i\downarrow})$$

Use the particle hole transformation:

$$c_{i\downarrow} = c_{i_x i_y \downarrow} \longleftrightarrow (-1)^{i_x + i_y} c_{i\downarrow}^\dagger$$

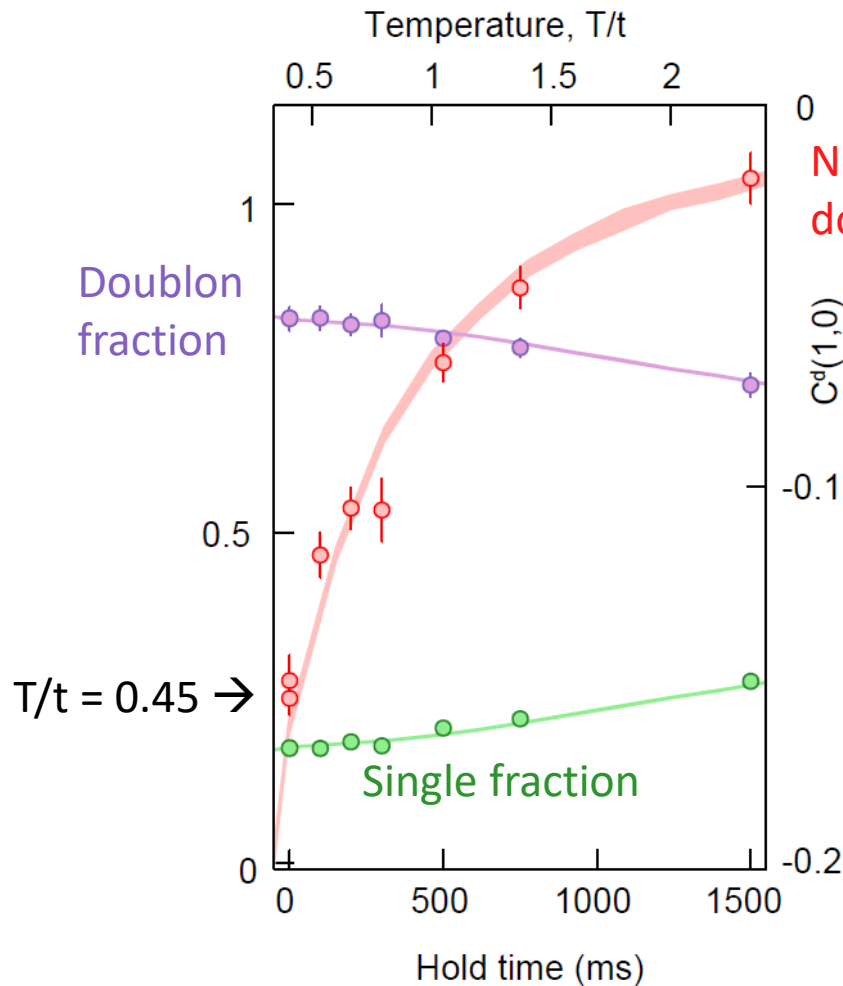
$$c_{i\uparrow} \longleftrightarrow c_{i\uparrow}.$$

Phase diagrams of attractive and repulsive Hubbard models are the same!

Hamiltonian takes the same form but:

1. Interaction flips sign.
2. Chemical potential and effective field swap roles.

Low temperature thermometry in attractive Hubbard systems

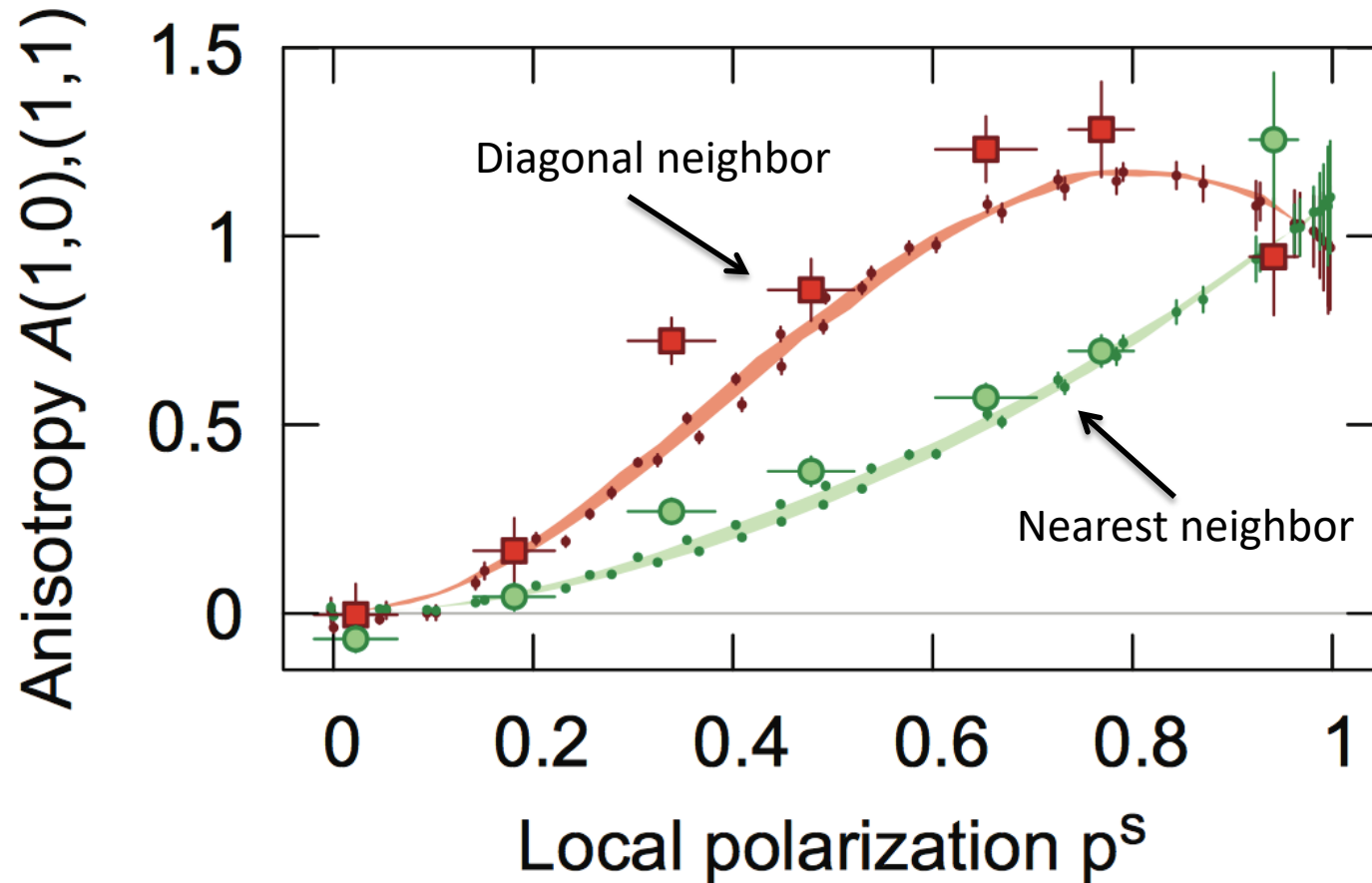


Nearest neighbor
doublon density correlator

Density thermometry good for $T/t > 1$

Doublon density thermometry
good for $T/t < 1$

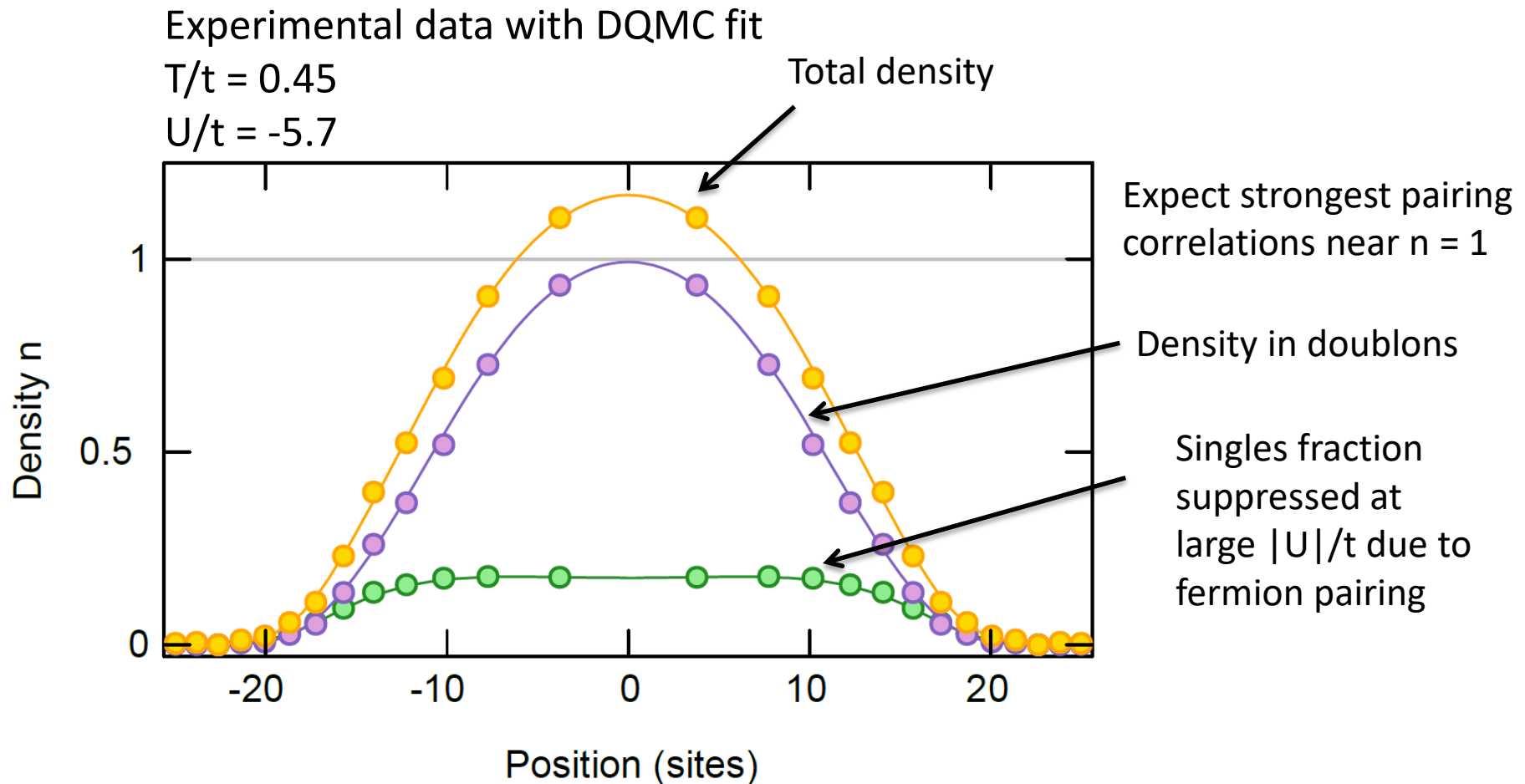
Spin correlator anisotropy



Anisotropy increases for larger distances:

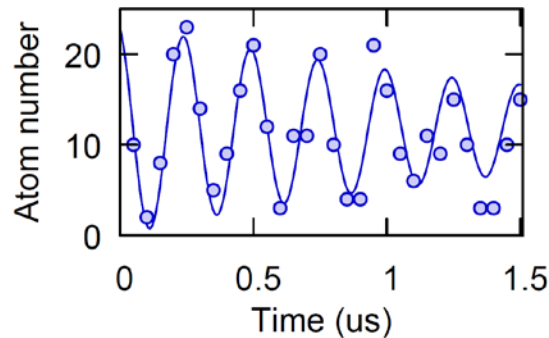
At zero T , in-plane correlations become long-range, orthogonal correlations do not.

Density profile of attractive lattice gas

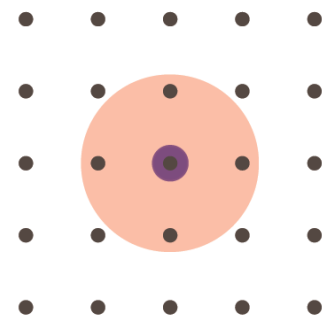


Rydberg excitation of ${}^6\text{Li}$

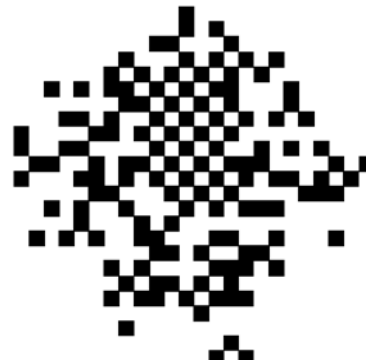
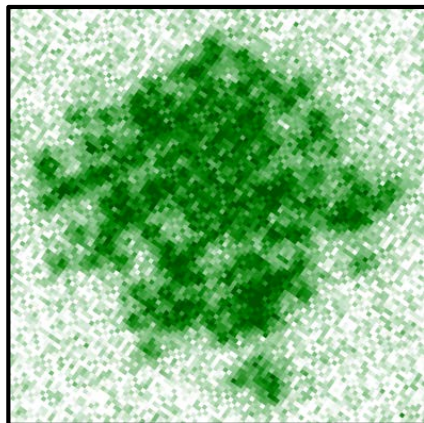
- Direct excitation at 230nm to 23P
- Towards Rydberg dressing of Fermions
- Rabi frequency: up to 6 MHz



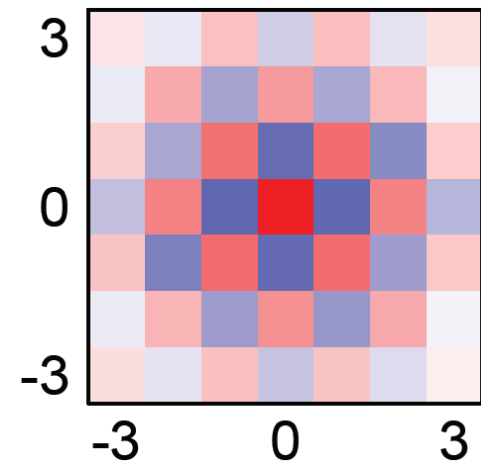
${}^6\text{Li}$ 23P Rydberg state



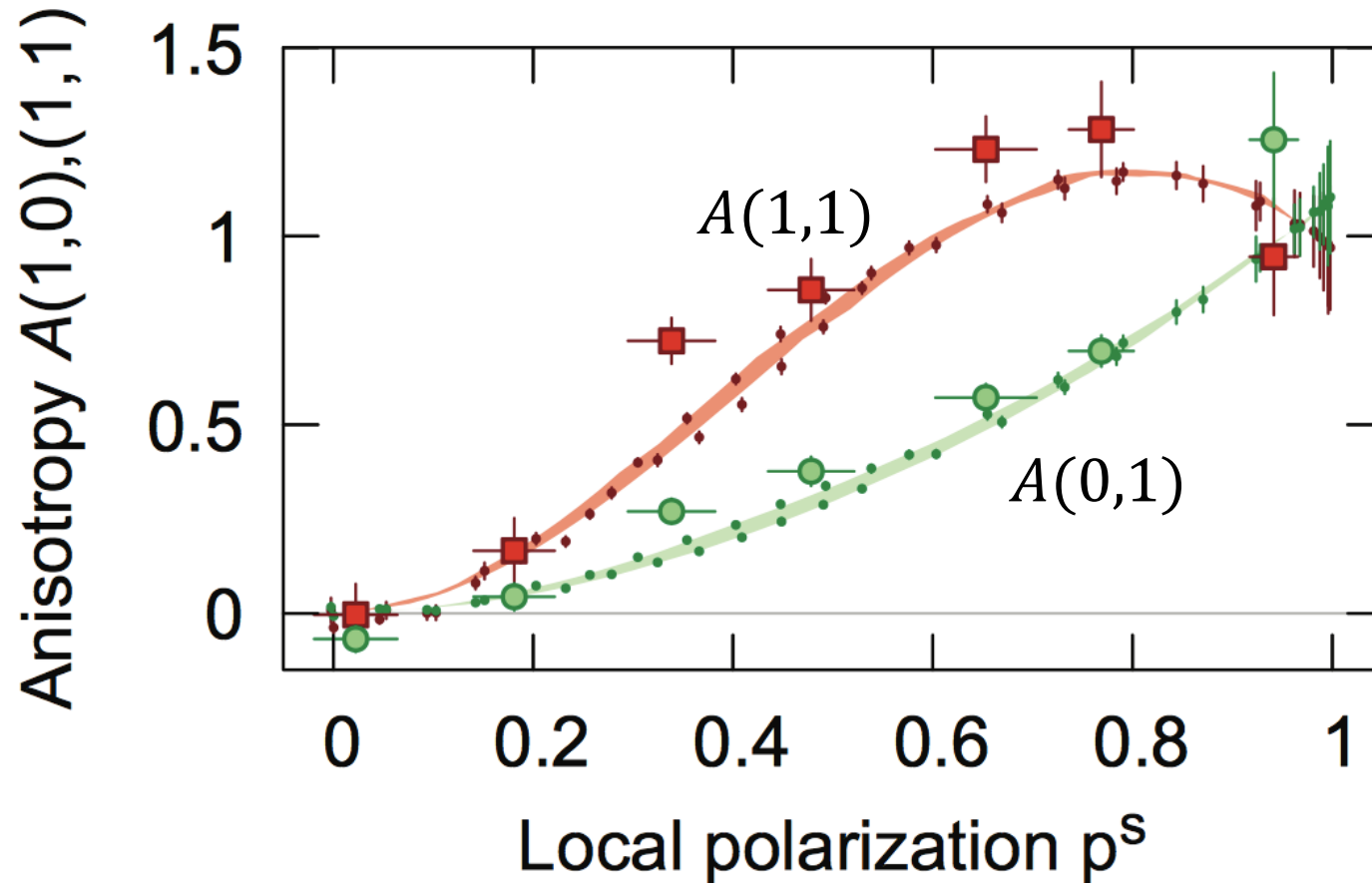
752 nm



Pair correlation:



Spin correlator anisotropy



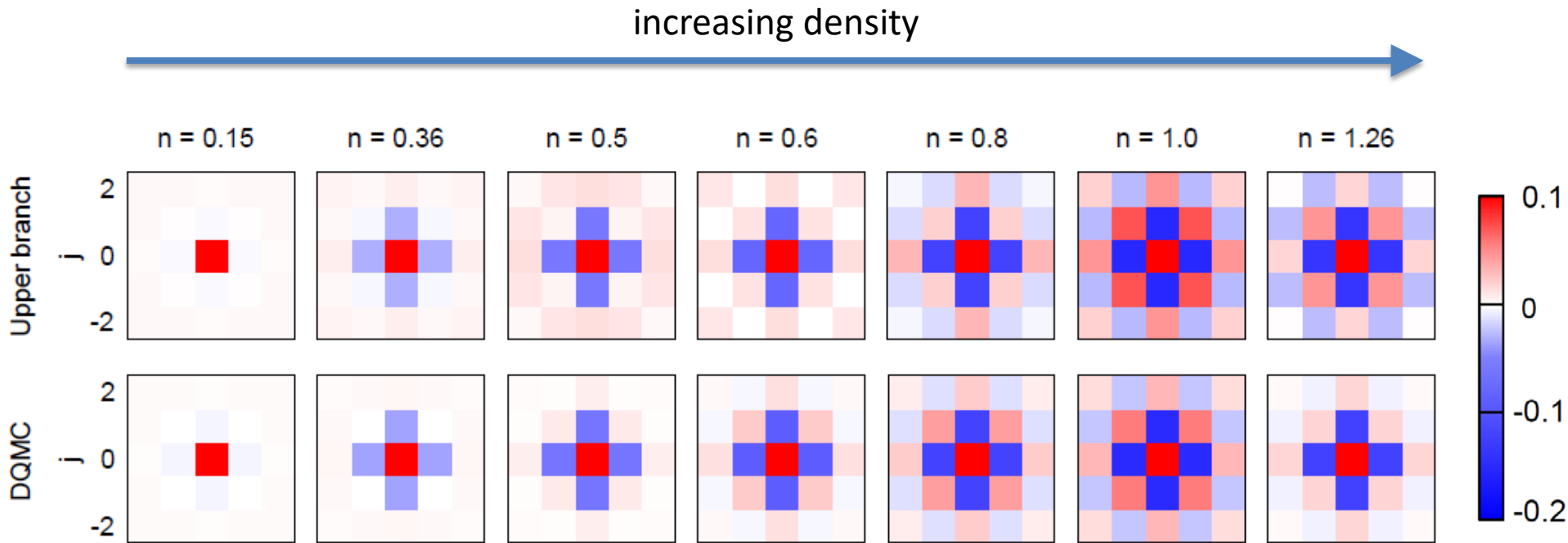
Anisotropy increases for larger distances:

At $T = 0$, in-plane correlations become long-range,
orthogonal correlations not.

$$A(\mathbf{d}) = 1 - C^z(\mathbf{d})/C^\perp(\mathbf{d})$$

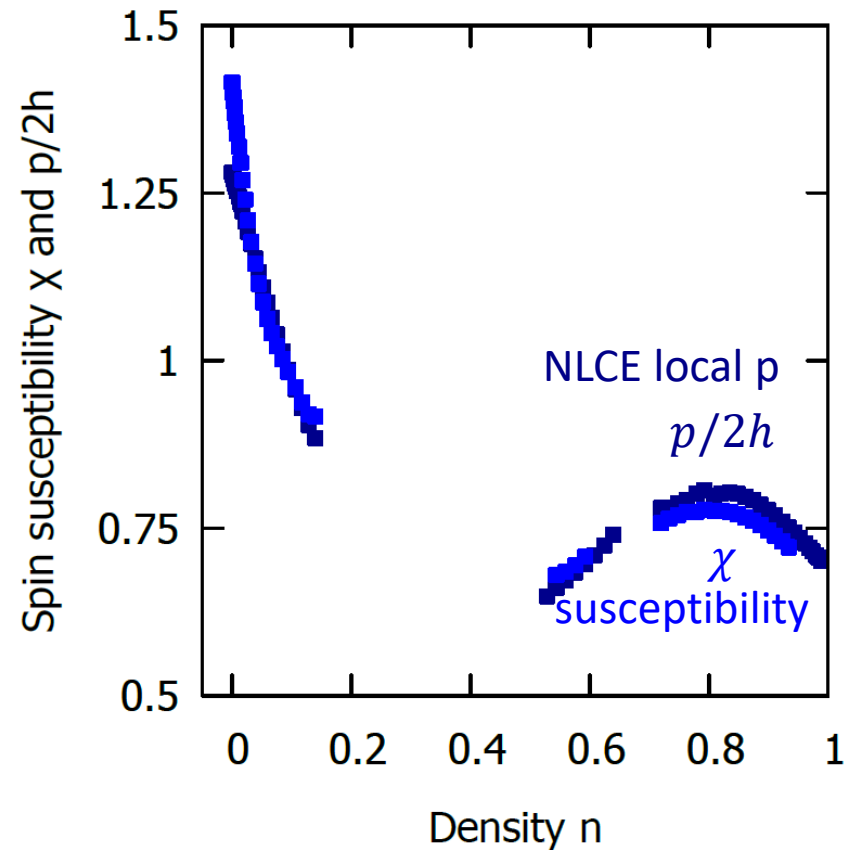
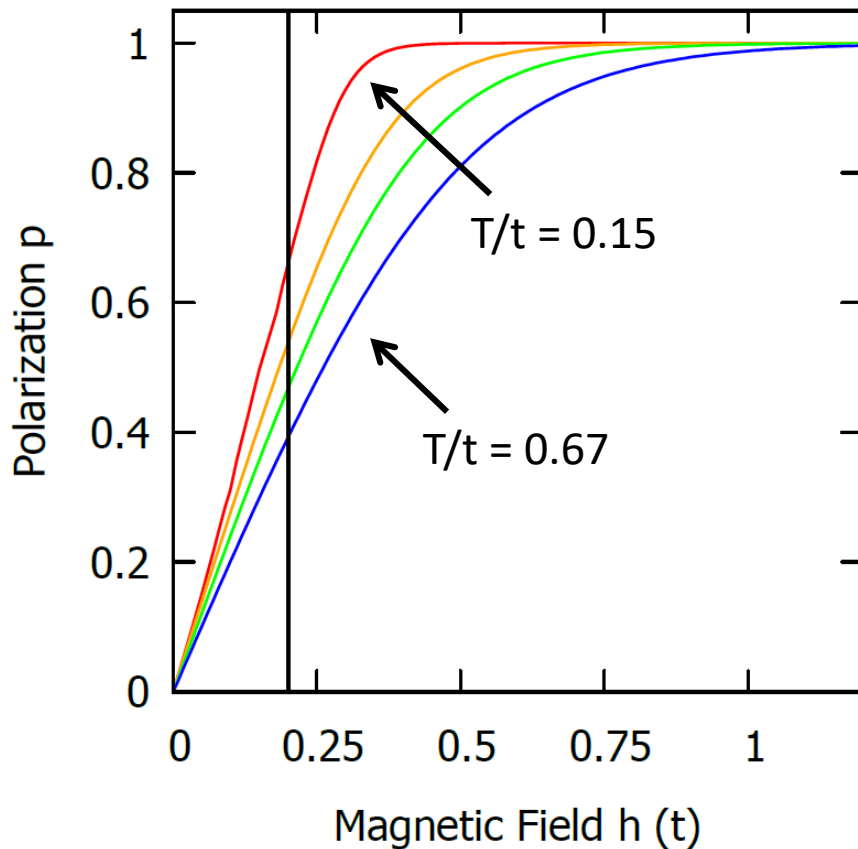
Charge density wave correlations

Measure: doublon-doublon correlator at $U/t = -5.7$



- Superfluidity competes with charge density wave order away from half-filling and eventually wins.

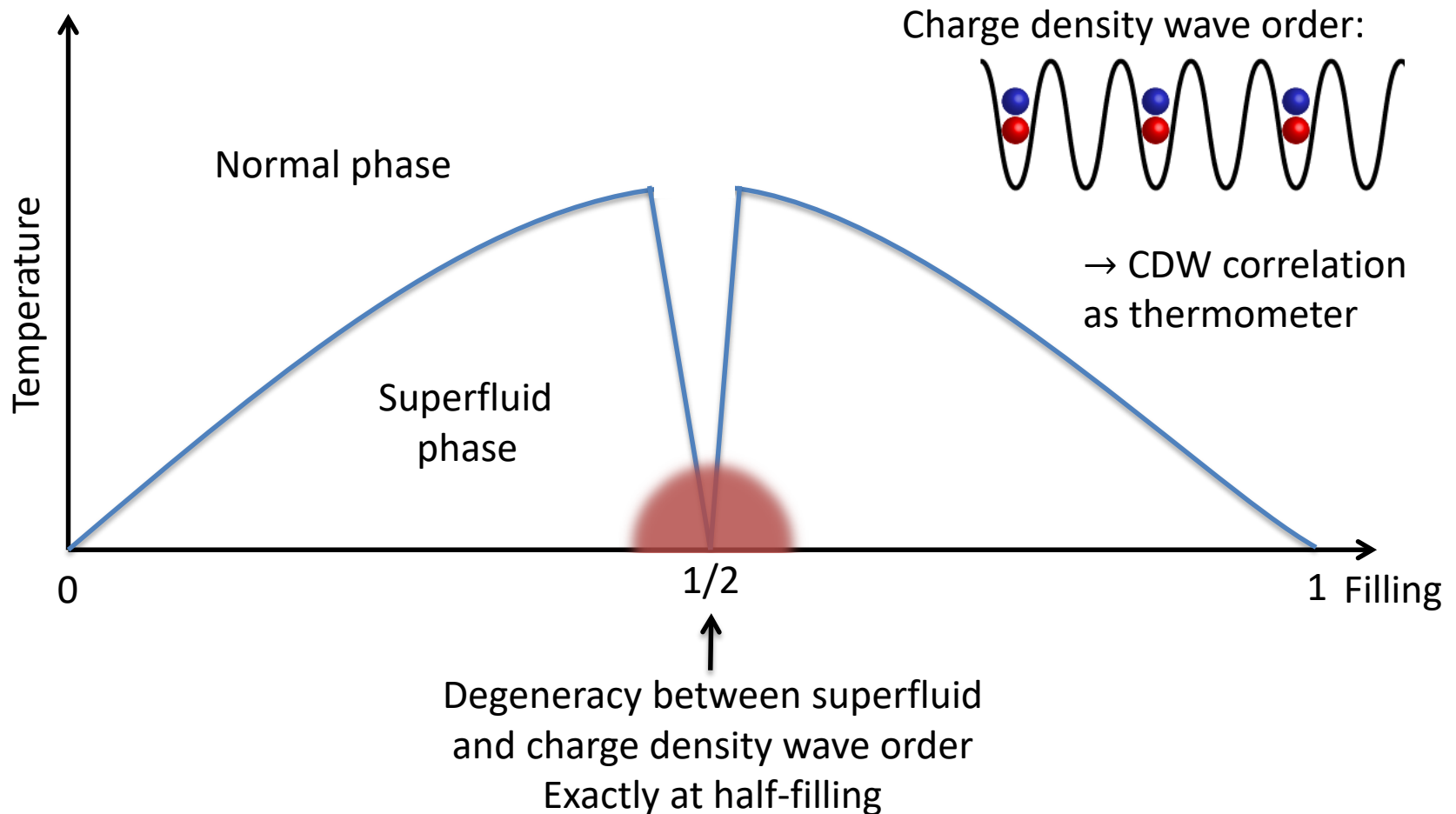
Local Polarization $\leftrightarrow$ Spin-Susceptibility



- Linear regime to
- Susceptibility from fluctuation-dissipation theorem (light blue)
- „

Correlation thermometry

- Superfluid phase correlations are not accessible with quantum gas microscopy (need interferometry).

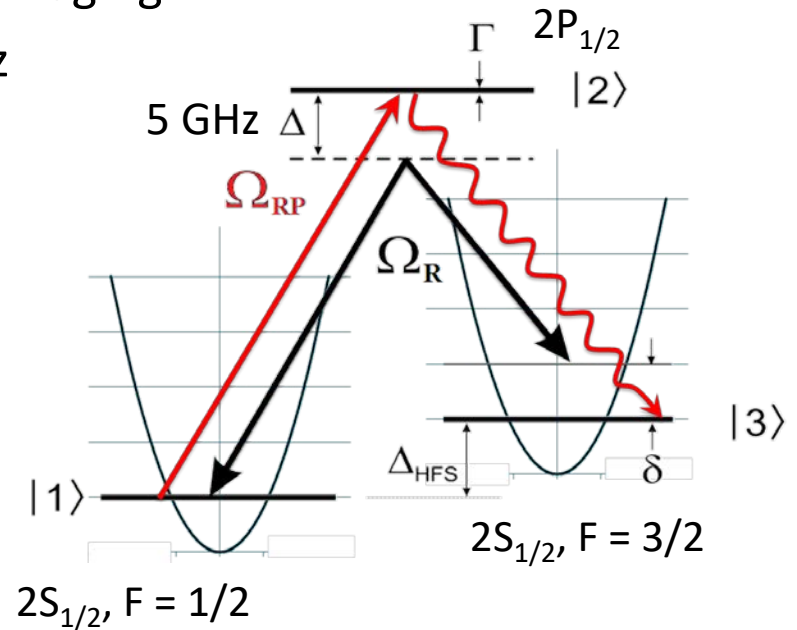
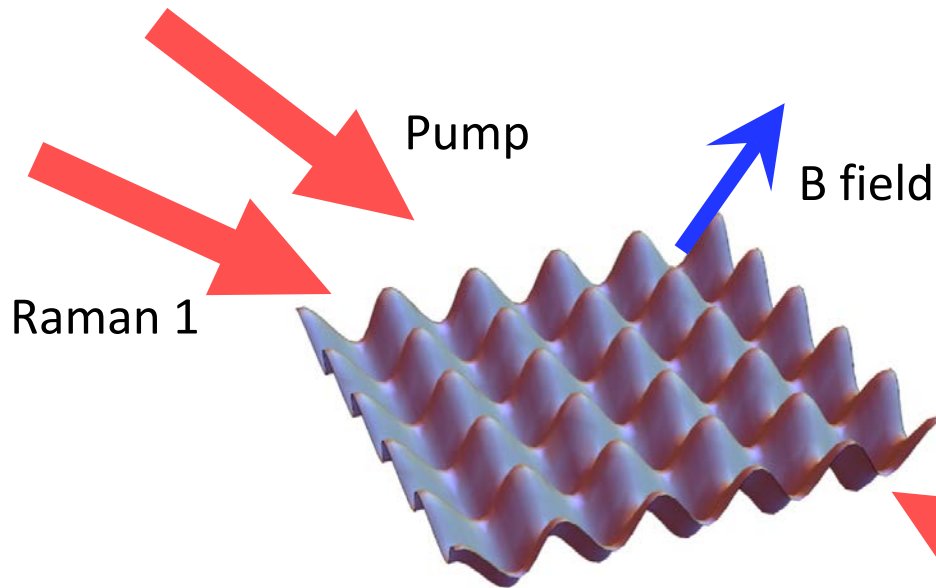


Raman sideband cooling

- Raman cooling via D1 for fluorescence imaging

In-plane lattice frequency: 1.5 MHz

Axial confinement: 0.1 MHz



Scheme very similar to:

Parsons et al., Science **353**, 1253 (2016)

Boll et al., Science **353**, 1257 (2016)

Detect 1000 photons/atom in 1.2s

Hopping: 0.4%, loss: 1.6%

Raman 2

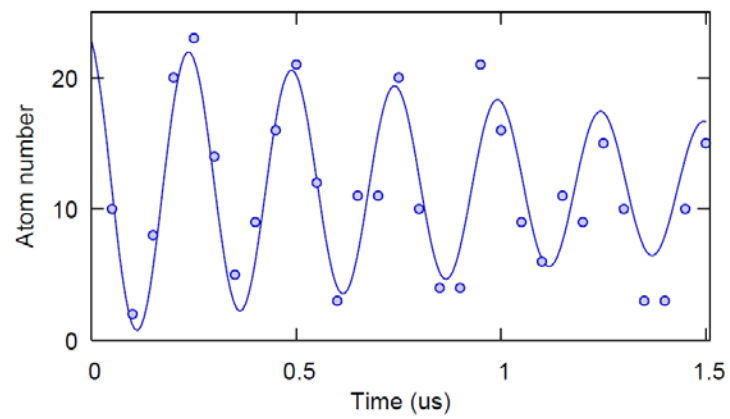
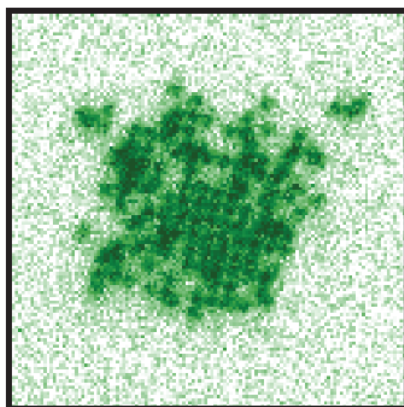
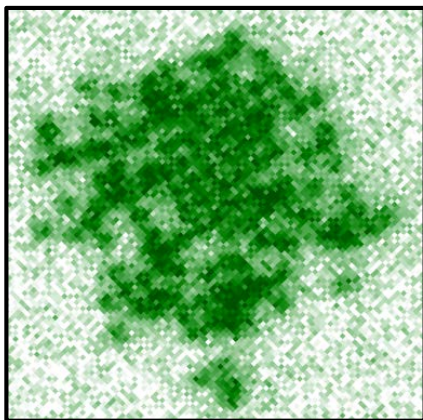
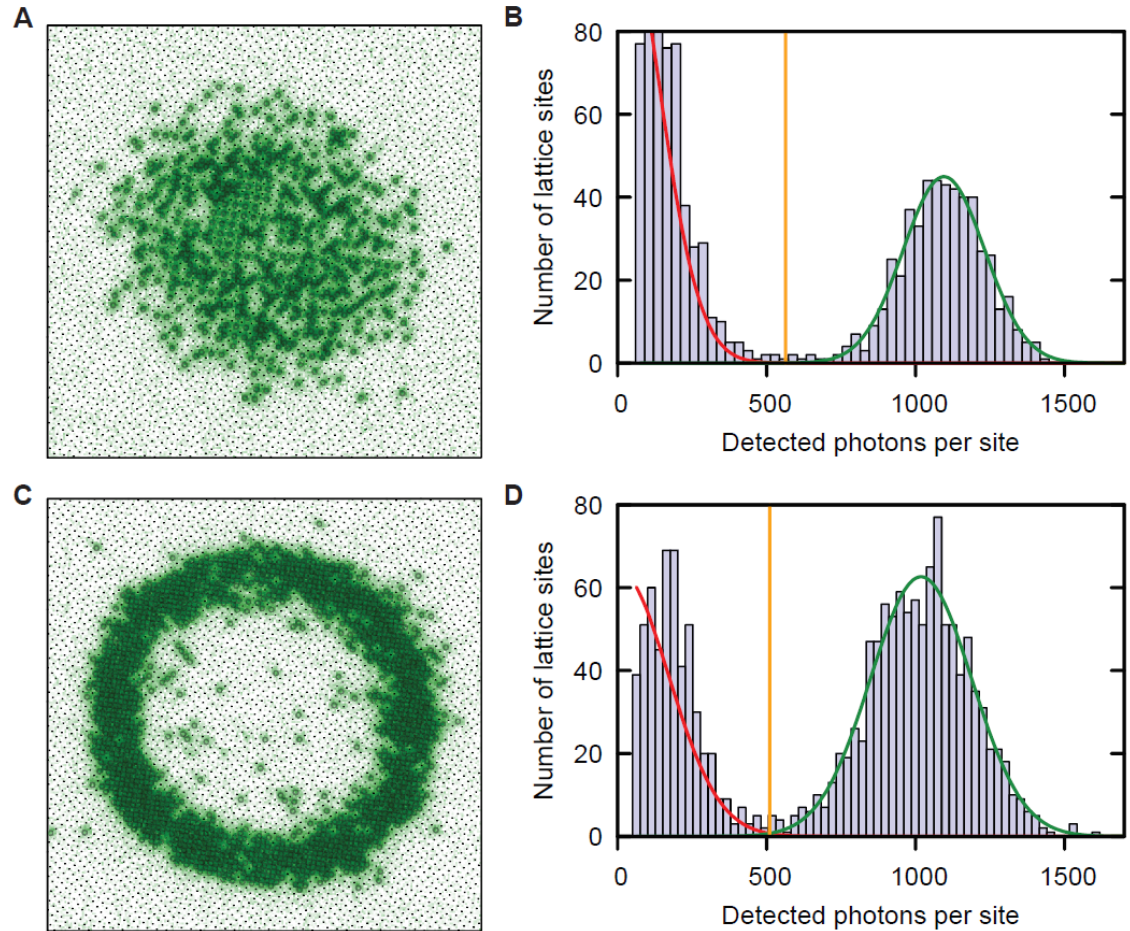


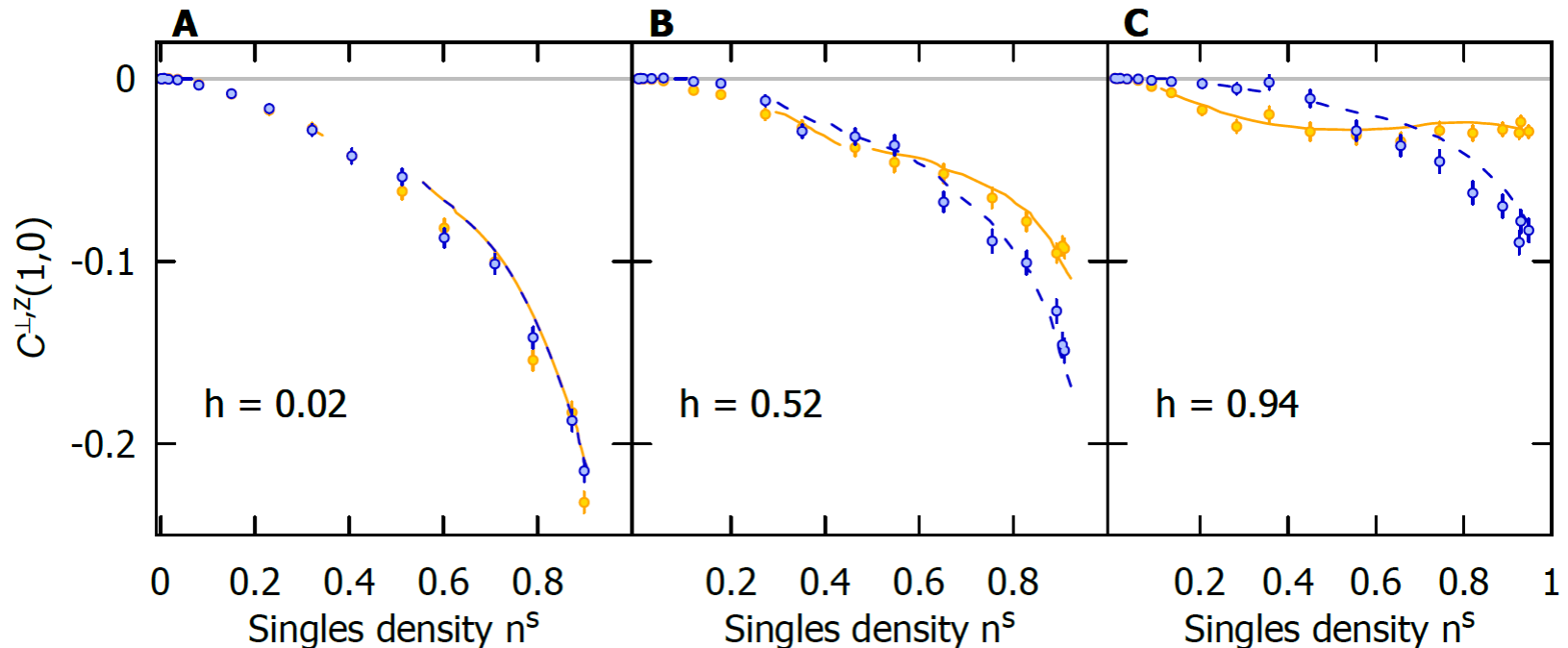
Image Reconstruction

- Hopping and loss from ~ 40 consecutive shots
- Hopping = $0.4(2)\%$
- Loss = $1.6(3)\%$



Reconstruction method: Nature **467**, 68 (2010)

Spin Correlators Vs. Doping



- Transitions to polarized gas at edge.
- Polarized gas: ,
- Polarized fermi gas, density correlations negative

A dictionary between the models



REPULSIVE HUBBARD MODEL

ATTRACTIVE HUBBARD MODEL

Paramagnetic Mott Insulator ($T > T_{\text{Néel}}$)

Disordered CDW ($T > T_c^{\text{CDW}}$)



Anti-ferromagnetic Mott Insulator ($T < T_{\text{Néel}}$)

Ordered CDW ($T < T_c^{\text{CDW}}$)

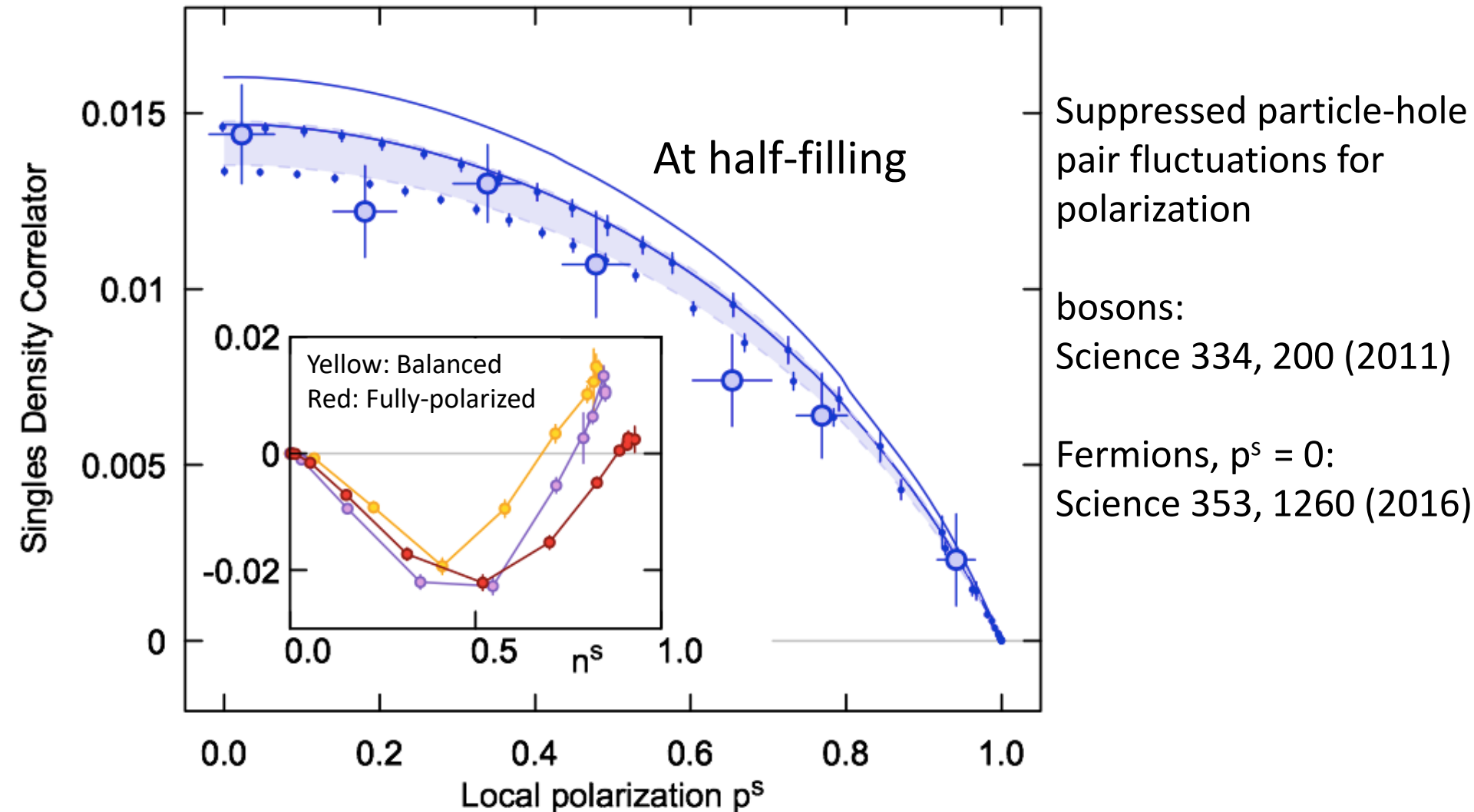


Doped Anti-ferromagnetic Mott Insulator
(d-wave superfluid)

Spin polarized CDW (d-wave anti-ferromagnet)

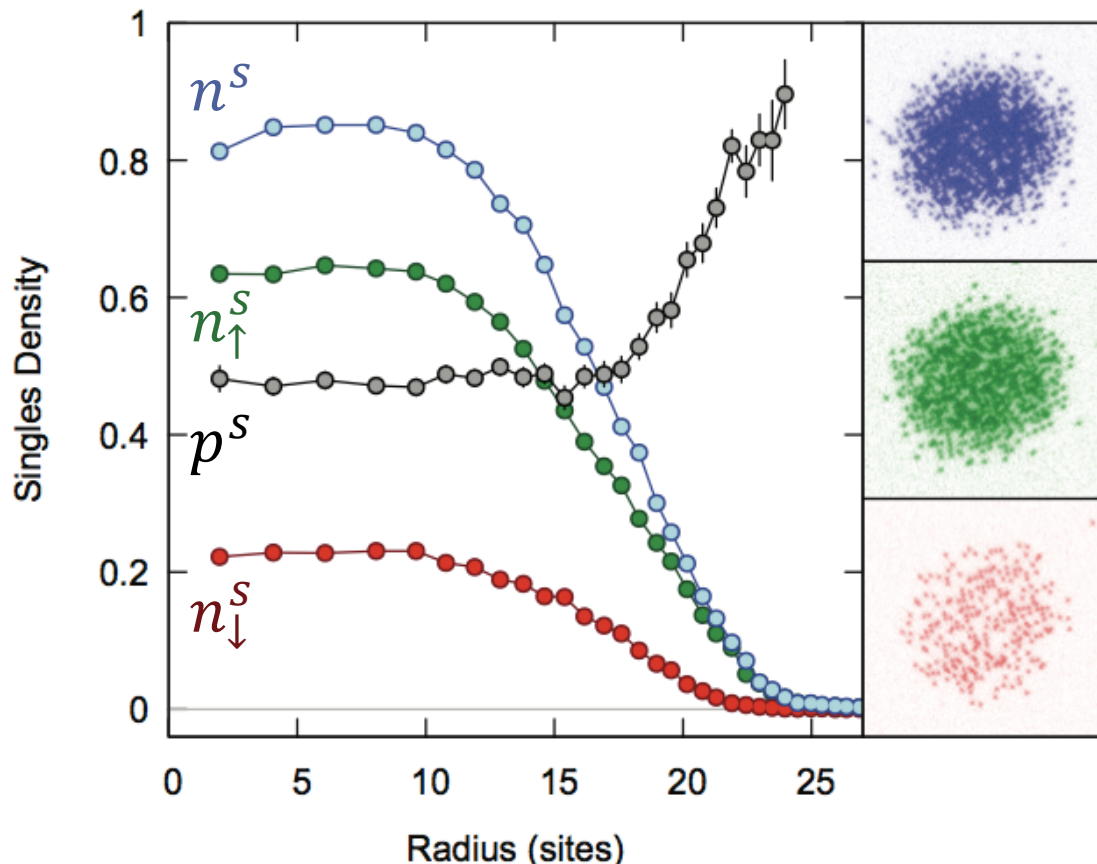


Singles density correlations → doublon-hole pairs



Spin susceptibility in the repulsive Hubbard model

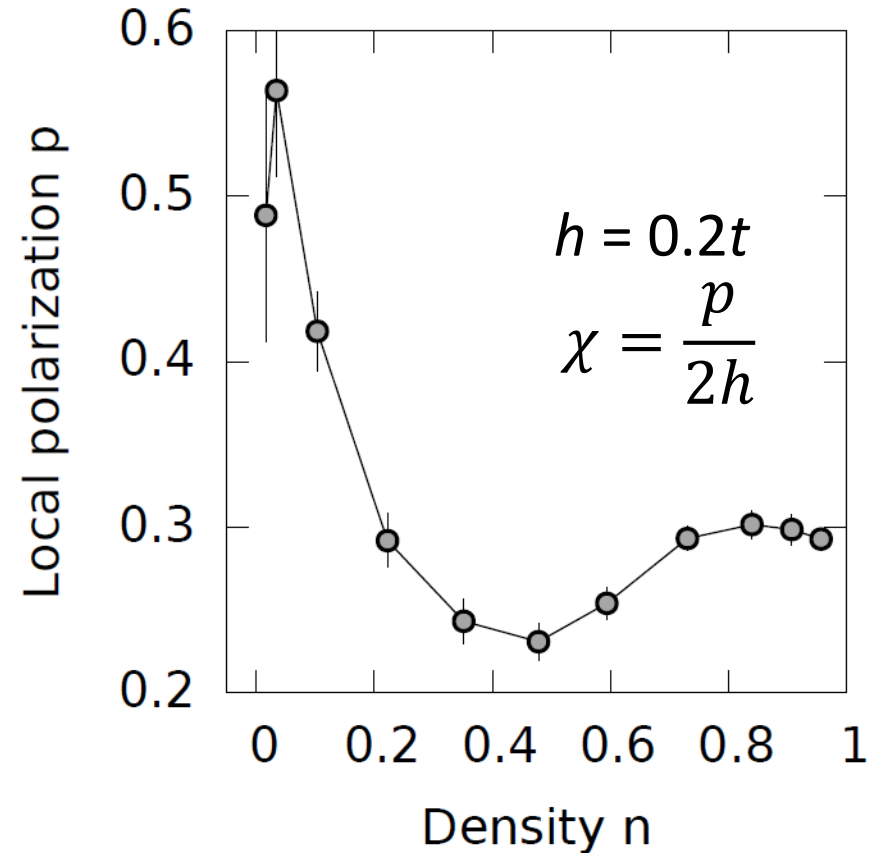
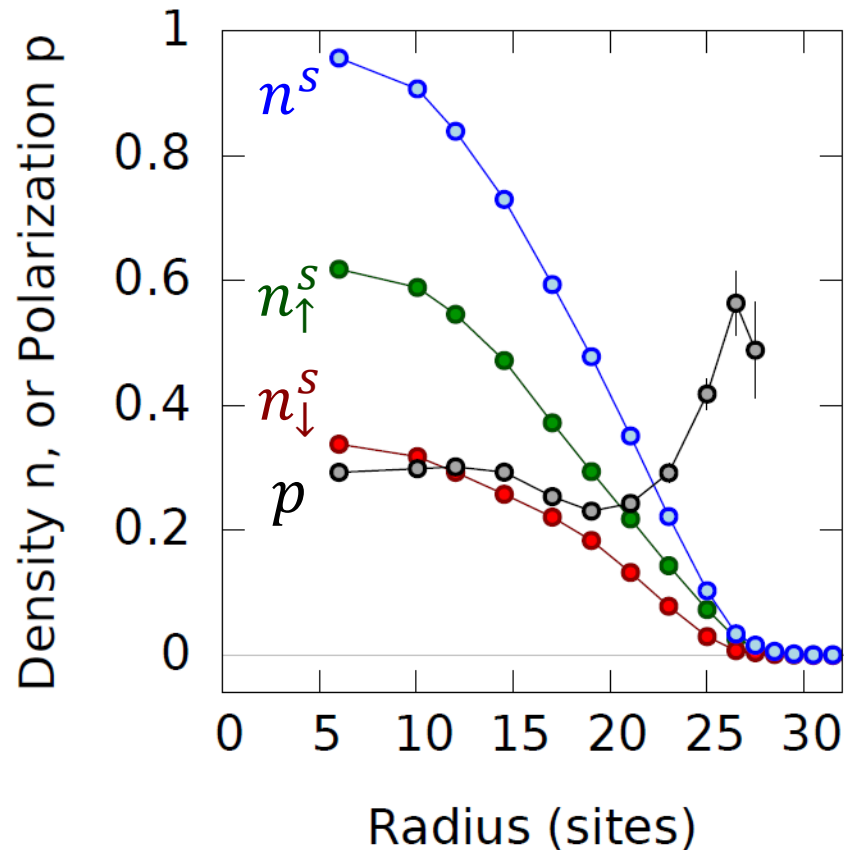
- Polarization profile in trap for small imbalance gives susceptibility vs. doping (linear regime). Entire trap is at constant h .



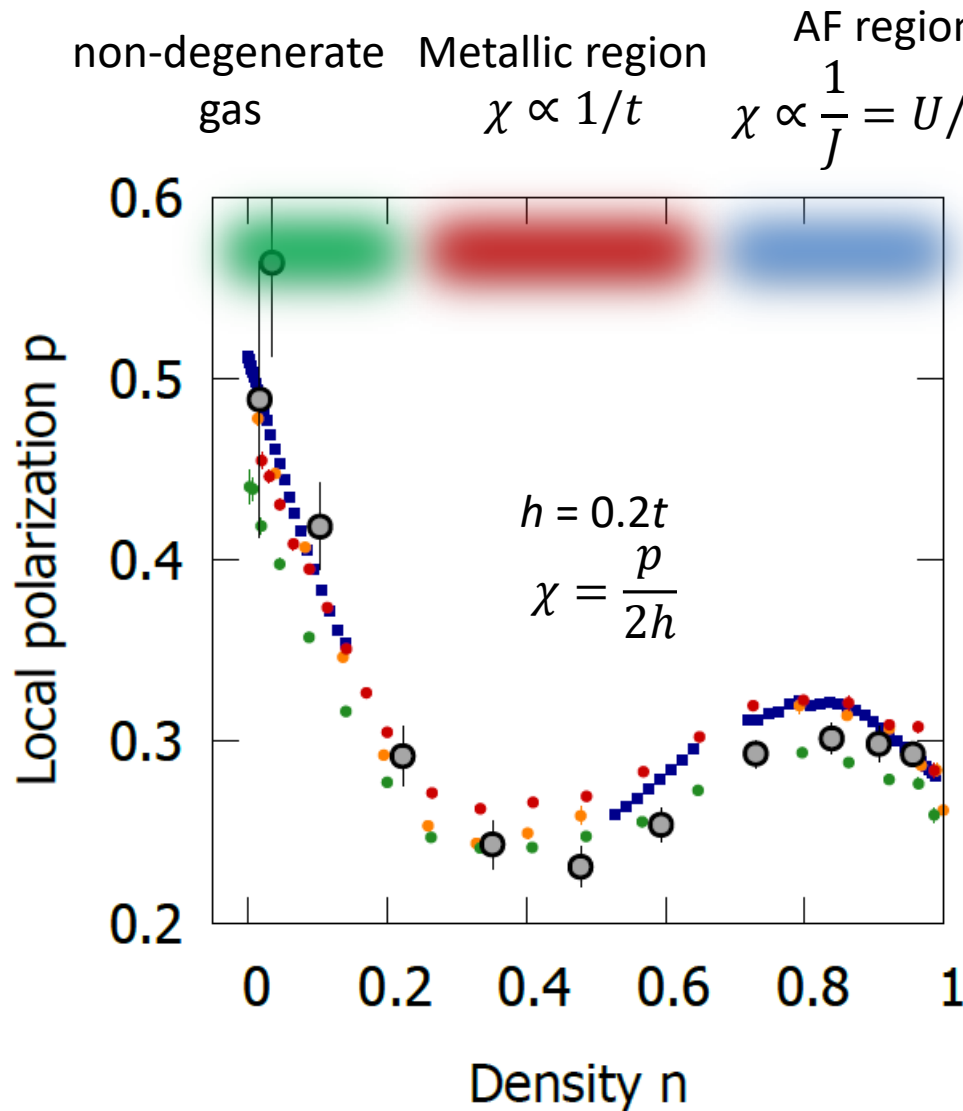
$U/t = 8$:

Susceptibility almost flat
in doped AFM.

More interesting behavior at larger interaction ($U/t = 15$)



Spin-Susceptibility



$$\chi = \left. \frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial \langle S^z \rangle}{\partial h} \right|_{\mu} = \frac{p}{2h} \text{ (linear regime)}$$

Hubbard model
(exp. & theory)
reproduces peak in
susceptibility at
about 20% doping.

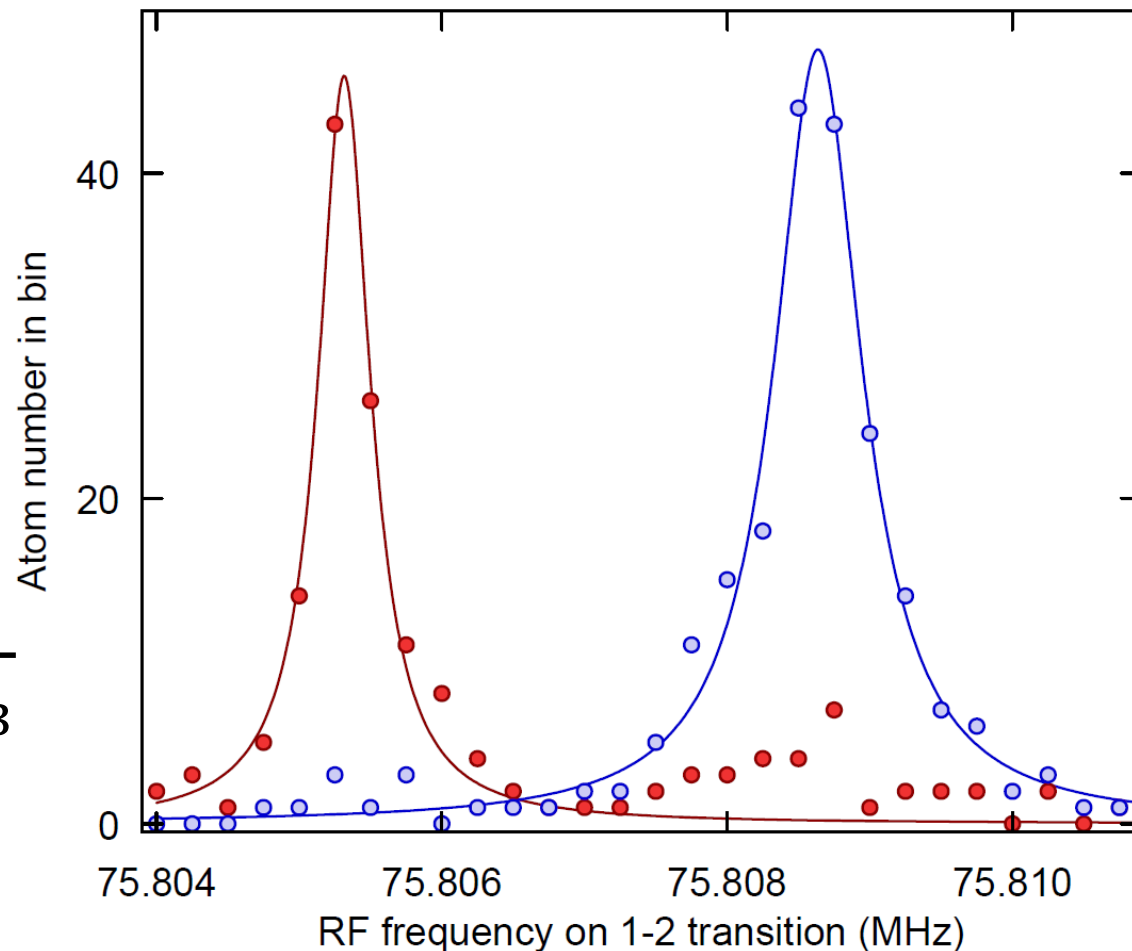
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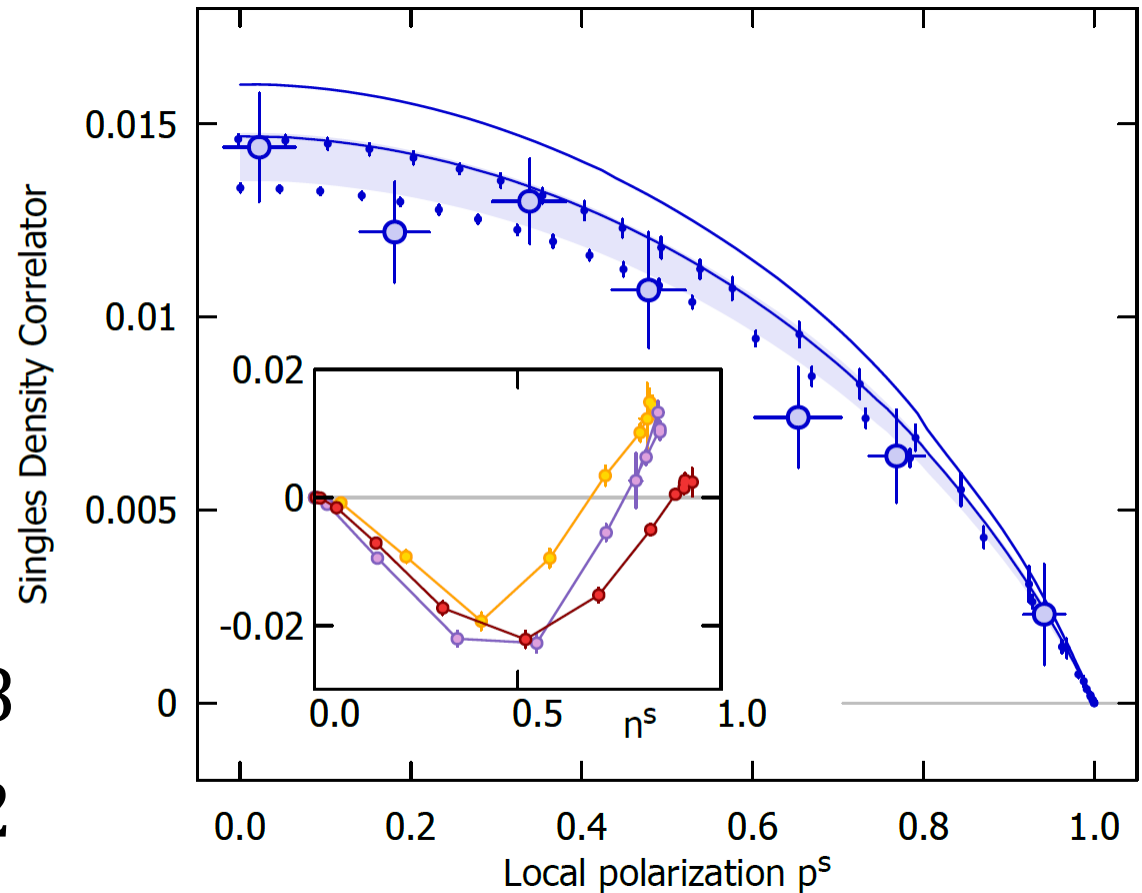
Interaction Measurement

- Lattice depth = $10.5E_r$ at $448a_o$
- Red, BI region
- Blue, MI region
- $U_{13} = \delta U \frac{a_{13}}{a_{13} - a_{23}}$

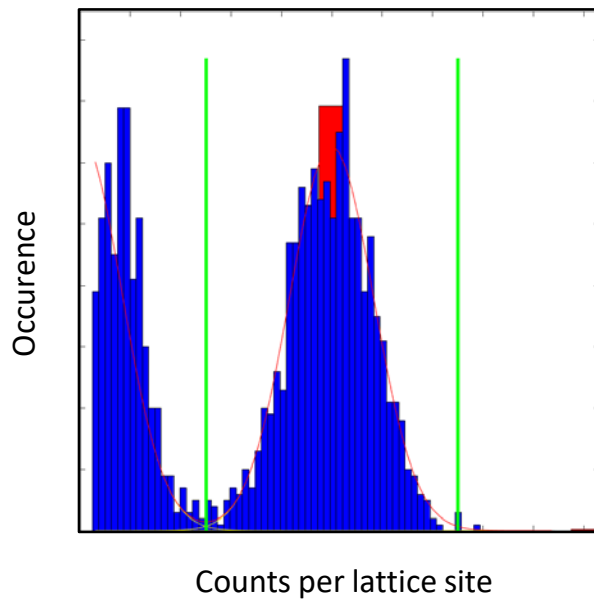
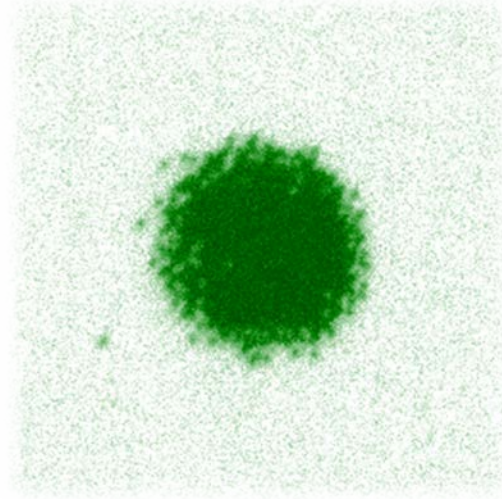
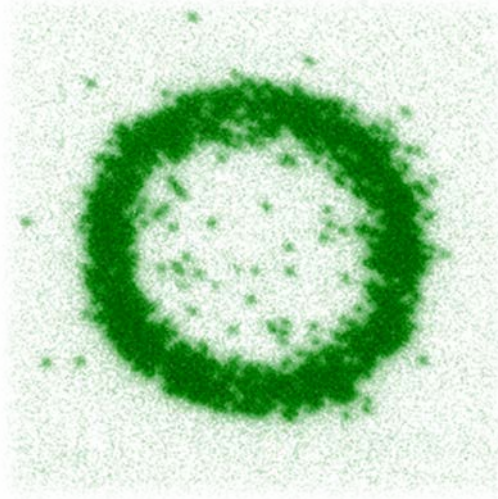


Singles Density Correlators

- Temperatures agree with spin correlators
- Inset: versus doping.
- Red: $p^s = 0.94$
- Purple: $p^s = 0.48$
- Yellow: $p^s = 0.02$



Site resolved imaging & reconstruction

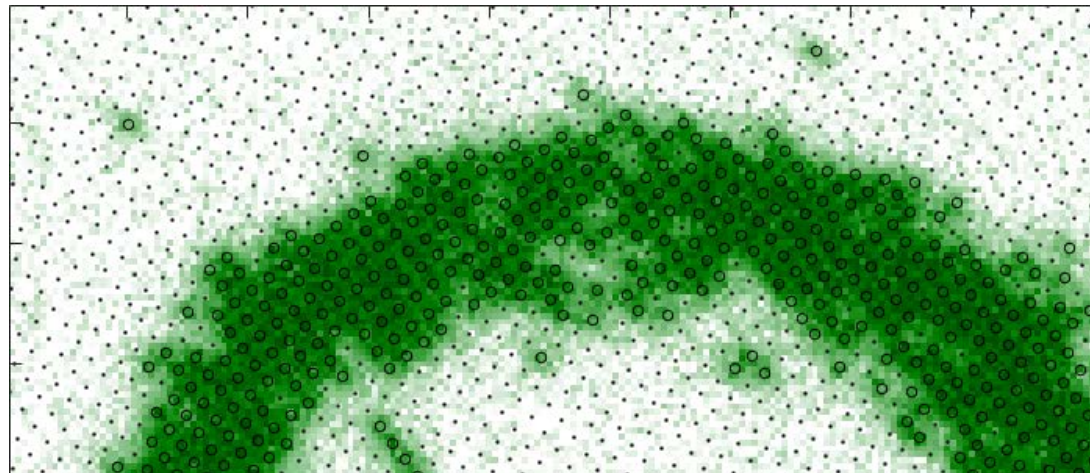


~ 1000 atoms visible

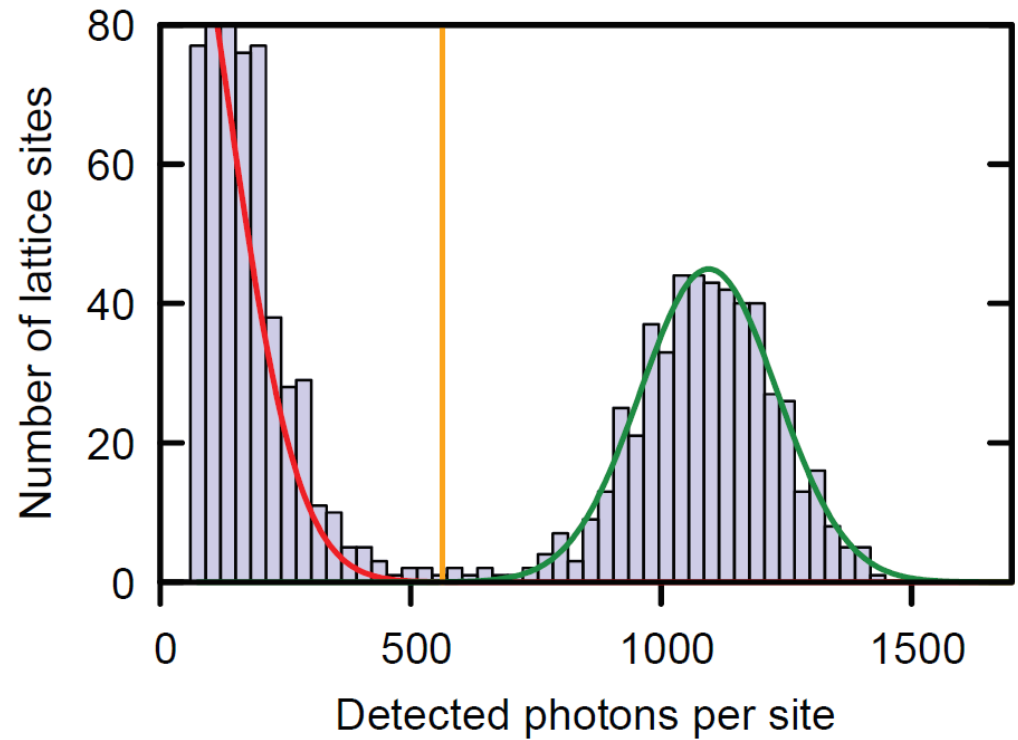
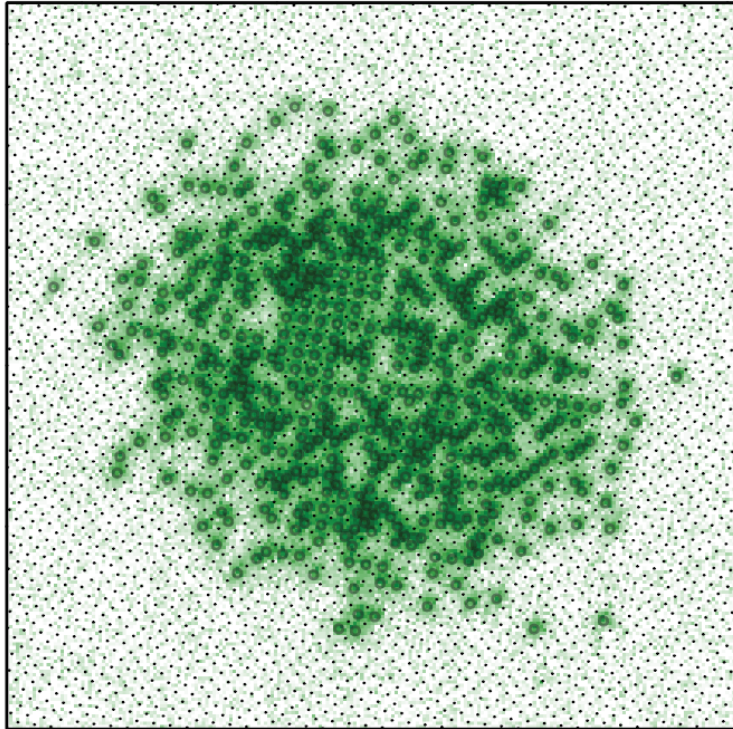
NA = 0.5

Hopping ~ 0.5 % per picture

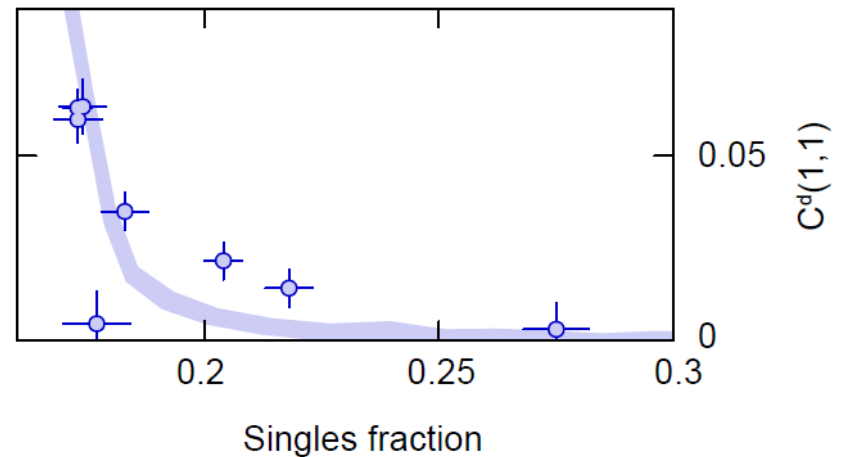
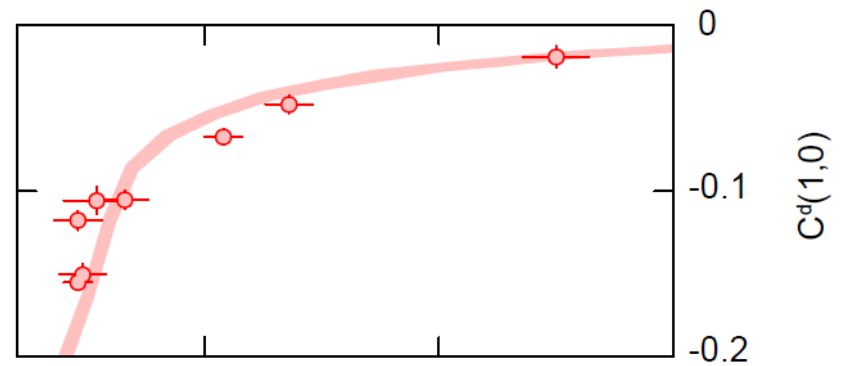
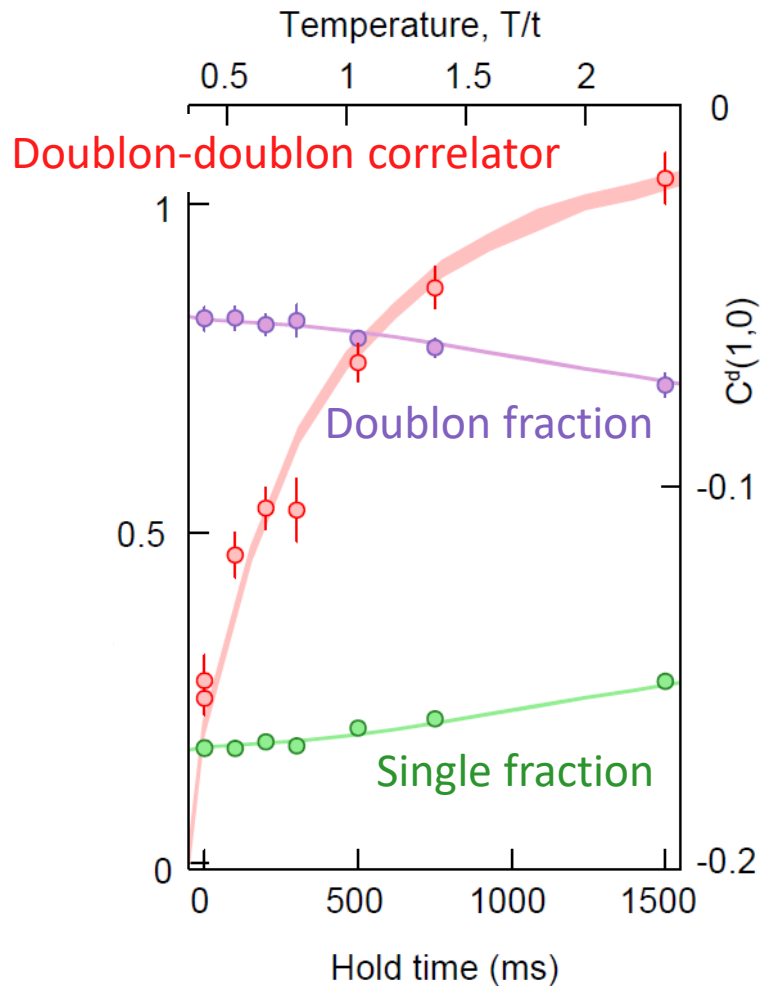
Loss ~ 1.5 % per picture



Imaging quality



Thermometry in attractive Hubbard system



Mapping between the models

Repulsive $U > 0$



Antiferromagnetic z-correlations
Antiferromagnetic xy-correlations

Spin-imbalanced repulsive model
Doped repulsive model

Anisotropic antiferromagnetic
correlations

d-wave superfluid



Attractive $U < 0$

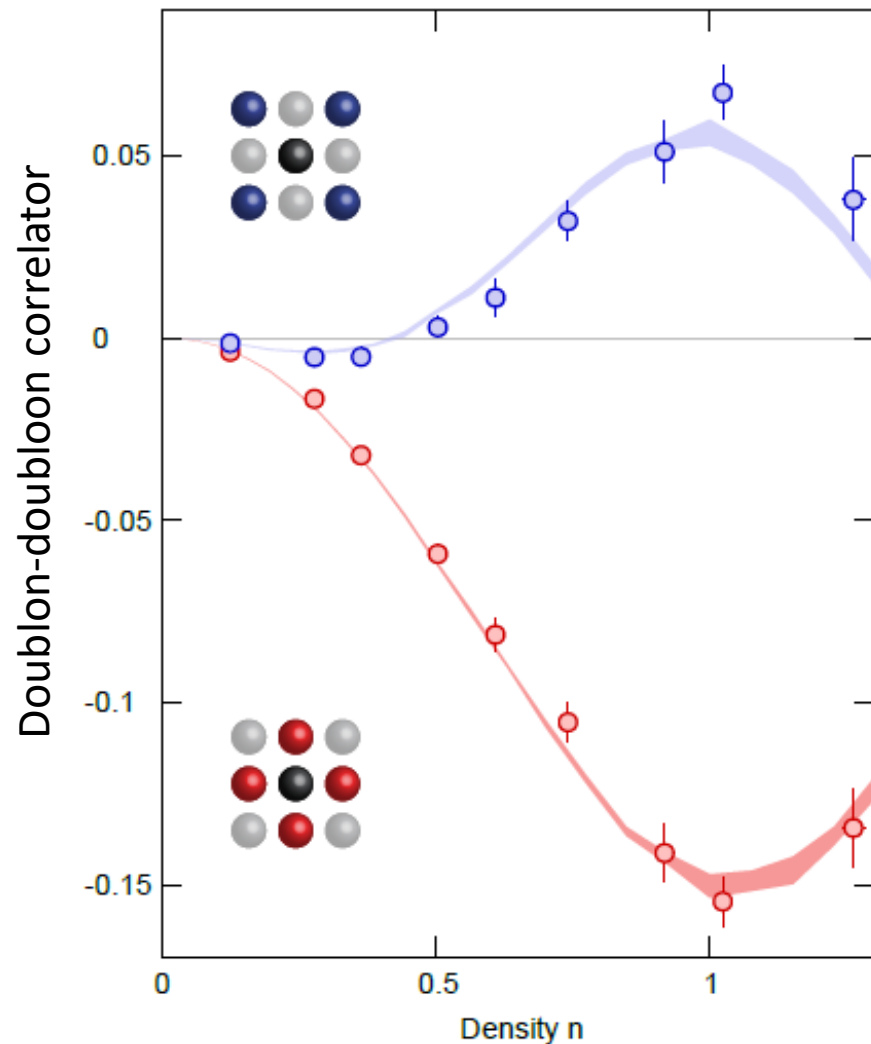
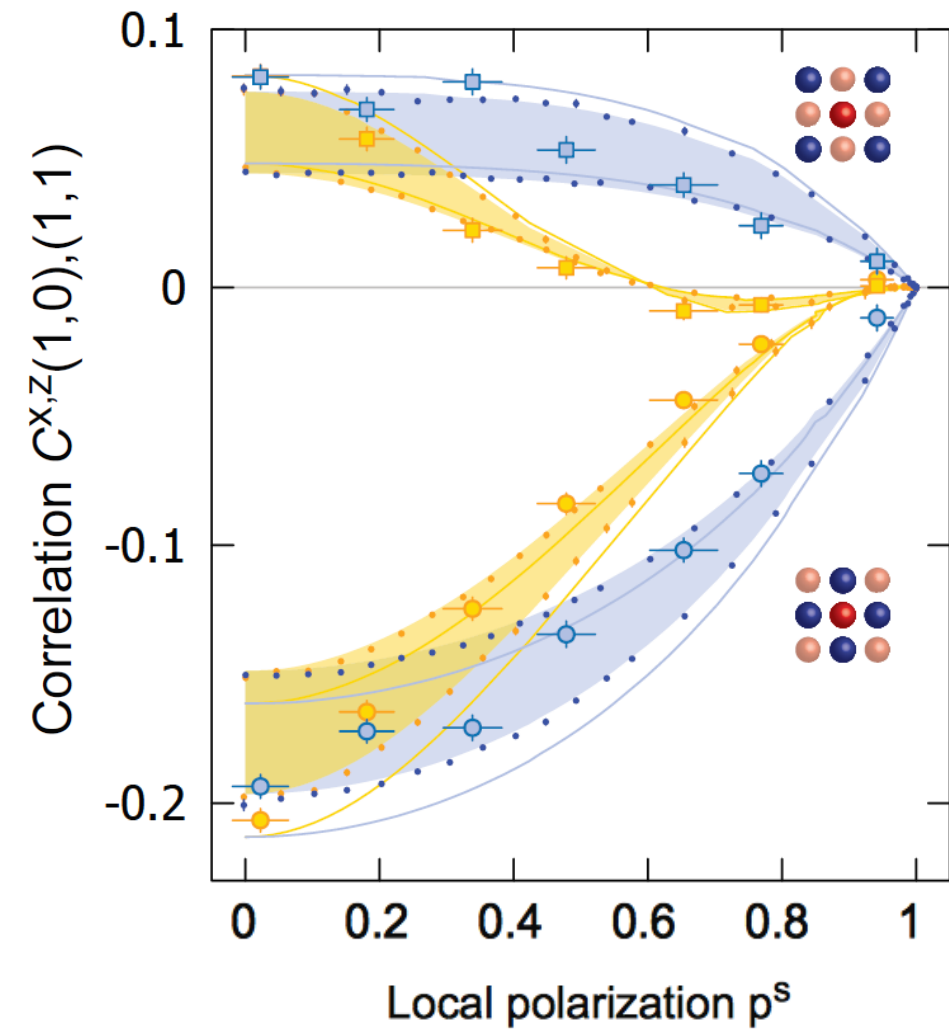
Charge density wave correlations
s-wave superfluid gap correlations

Doped attractive model
Spin imbalanced attractive model

Superfluid correlations stronger than
charge density wave correlations

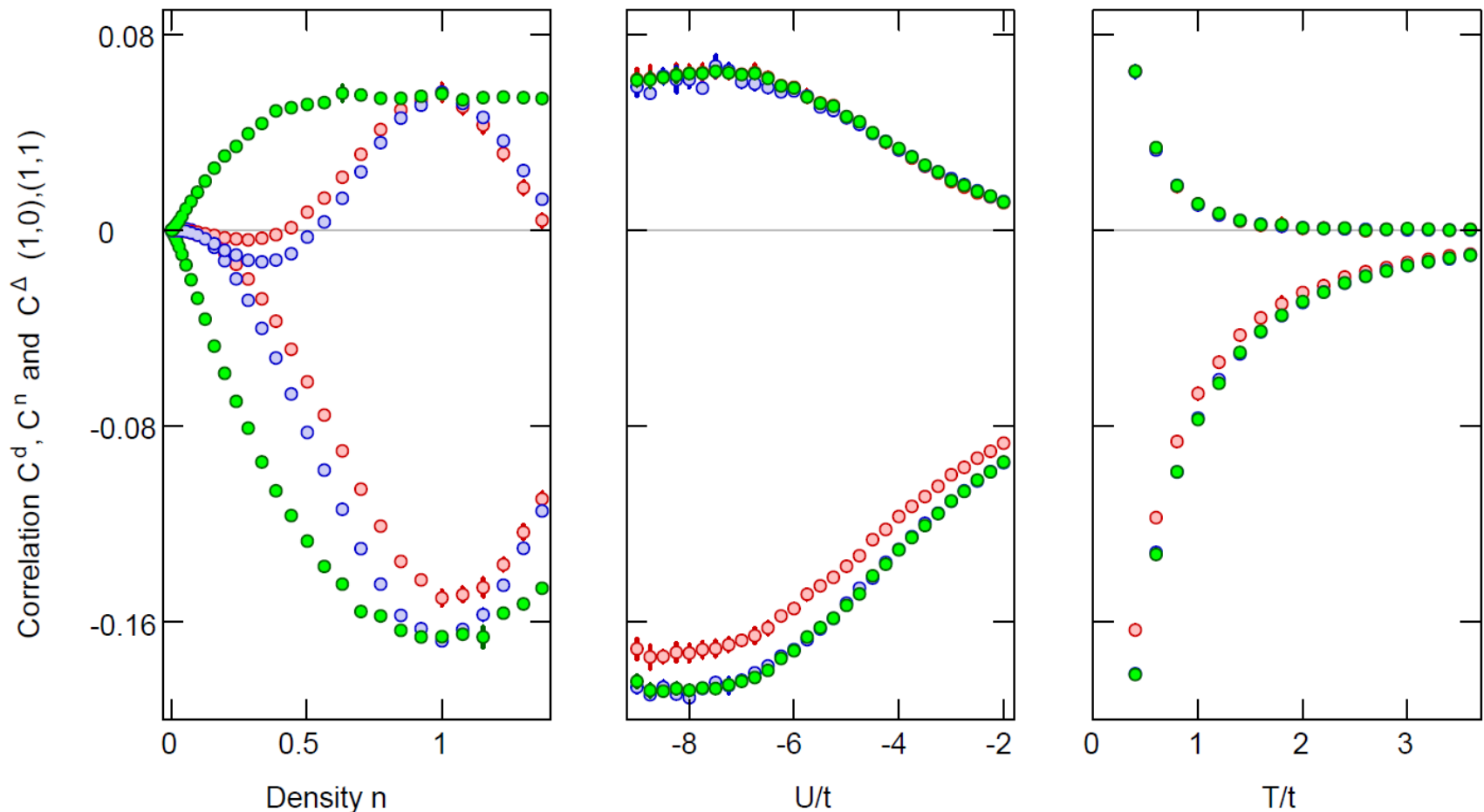
d-wave antiferromagnet

Correlator symmetry



Superfluid correlations

- Doublon-doublon correlations are lower bound for superfluid correlations



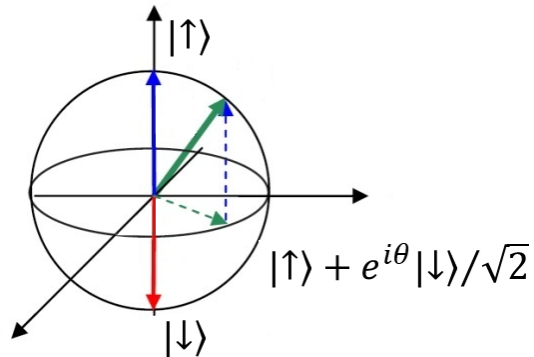
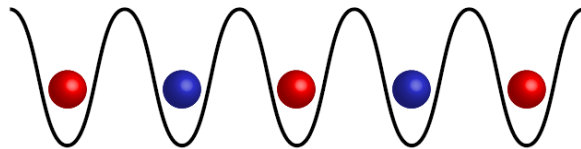
Mapping

- Repulsive Hubbard

$$c_{\mathbf{r},\uparrow}$$

$$c_{\mathbf{r},\downarrow}$$

- Anti-ferromagnet



- Operators $S_{\mathbf{r}}^{\pm}, S_{\mathbf{r}}^z$

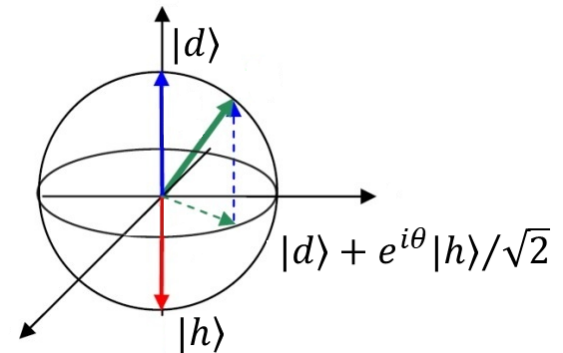
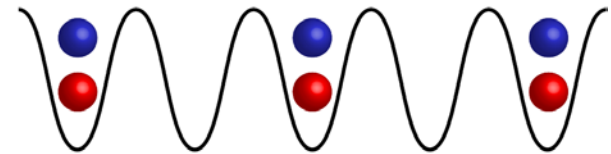
- Spin Imbalance (h)

- Attractive Hubbard

$$c_{\mathbf{r},\uparrow}$$

$$(-1)^{r_x+r_y} c_{\mathbf{r},\downarrow}^{\dagger}$$

CDW

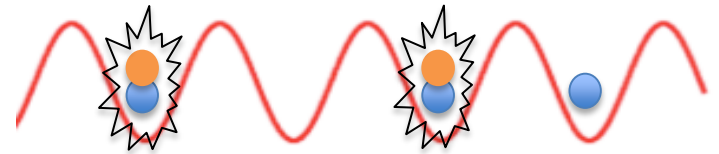


$$\eta_{\mathbf{r}}^{\pm}, \eta_{\mathbf{r}}^z$$

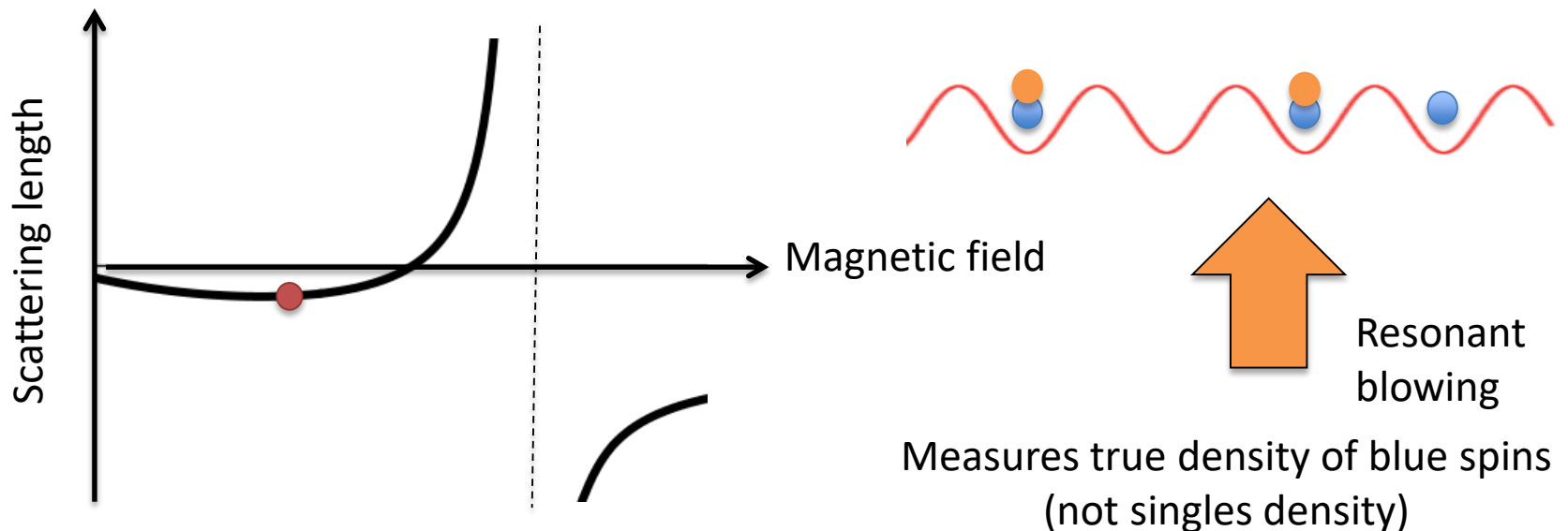
- Doping (μ)

Getting around parity imaging

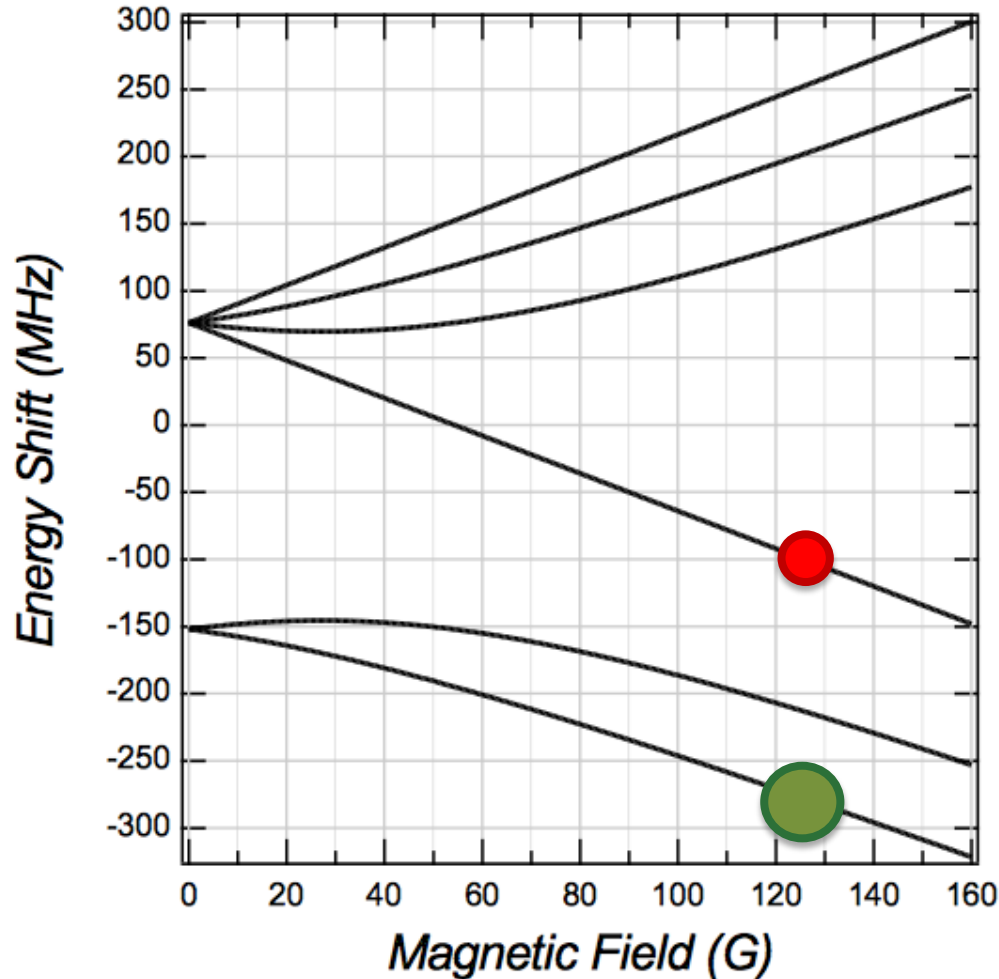
- Typical quantum gas microscope: light-assisted collisions -> parity imaging.
- But want to distinguish vacancies, singles, doubles.



- Light-assisted collisions are density dependent.



Preparing spin-imbalanced lattice gases

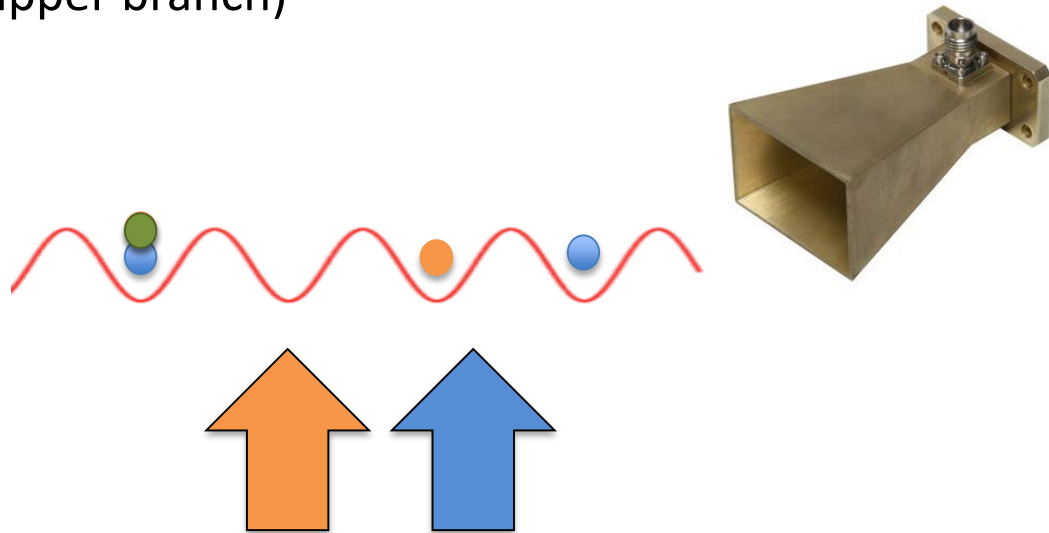


- 1-3 mixture of lithium
- Evaporate in gradient
- Load into lattice at $U/t = 8$ (594 G, $448a_0$)

$$t = h \times 450(25) \text{ Hz}$$

Getting around parity imaging

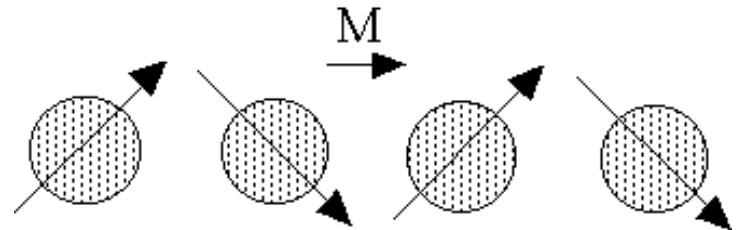
- Even better: combine with radiofrequency spectroscopy of pinned atoms to measure double density.
- Works also on lower branch of Feshbach resonance (do RF transfer to upper branch)



Challenges

- Can we prepare **spin-imbalanced** gases in a single-band Hubbard regime at low temperatures?

Answer: yes, can reach $T/t = 0.4$ without “fancy” techniques in repulsive gases.

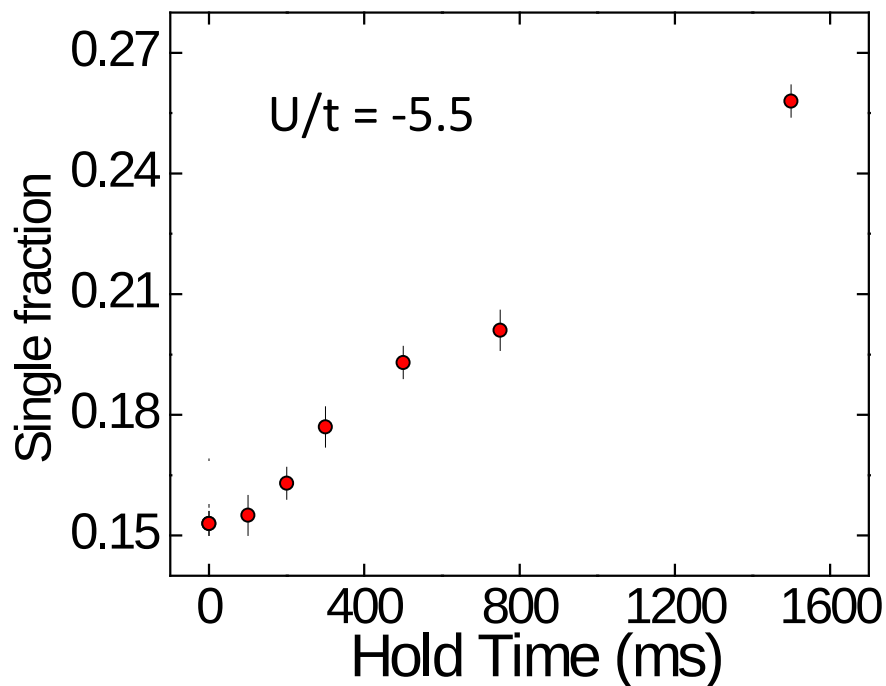


- How we do correlation thermometry on **attractive** Hubbard systems?

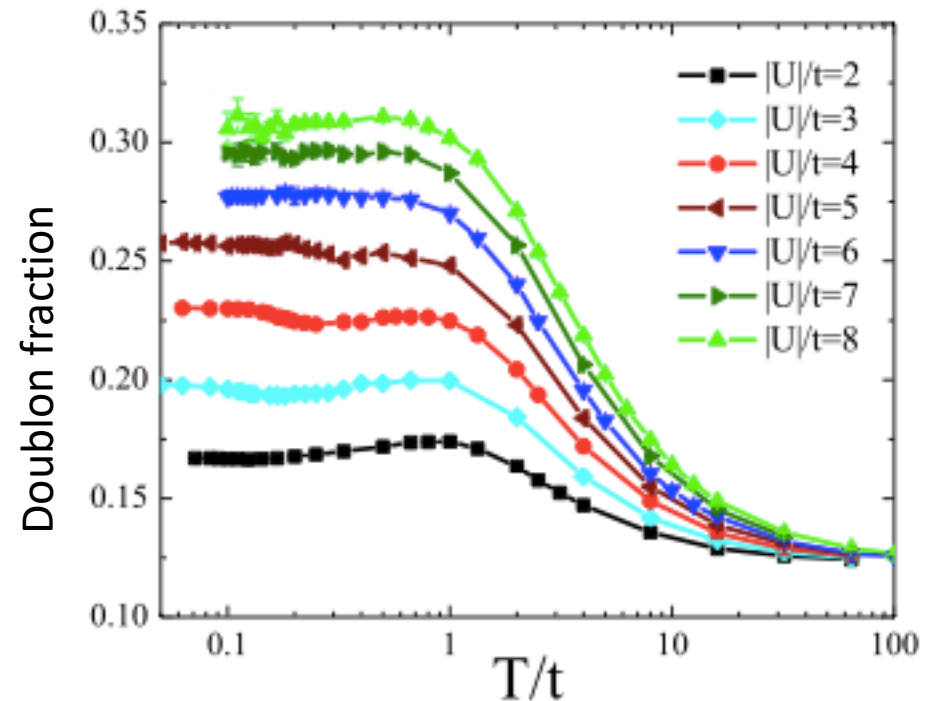
Answer: yes, we have found a good thermometer in $T/t = 0.2$ to 1 range.

Singles fraction as a thermometer at high temperatures

PRL 104, 066406 (2010)



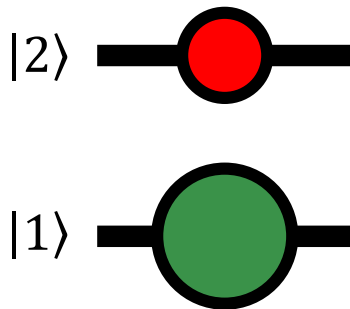
Singles fraction increases as gas heats up during hold time.



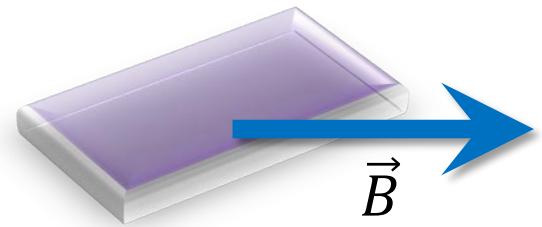
As a thermometer, singles fraction stops working at around $T/t = 1$

Spin imbalance

- Half filling = one atom per site (Mott insulator)
- Spin is conserved, imbalance prepared before loading to lattice
- Condensed matter system:
Spin imbalance by applied magnetic field



Spin-polarization



Zeeman field

More interesting behavior at larger interaction ($U/t = 15$)

- Half filling $\rightarrow$ antiferromagnet

$$\chi_{AF} \propto 1/J = U/4t^2$$

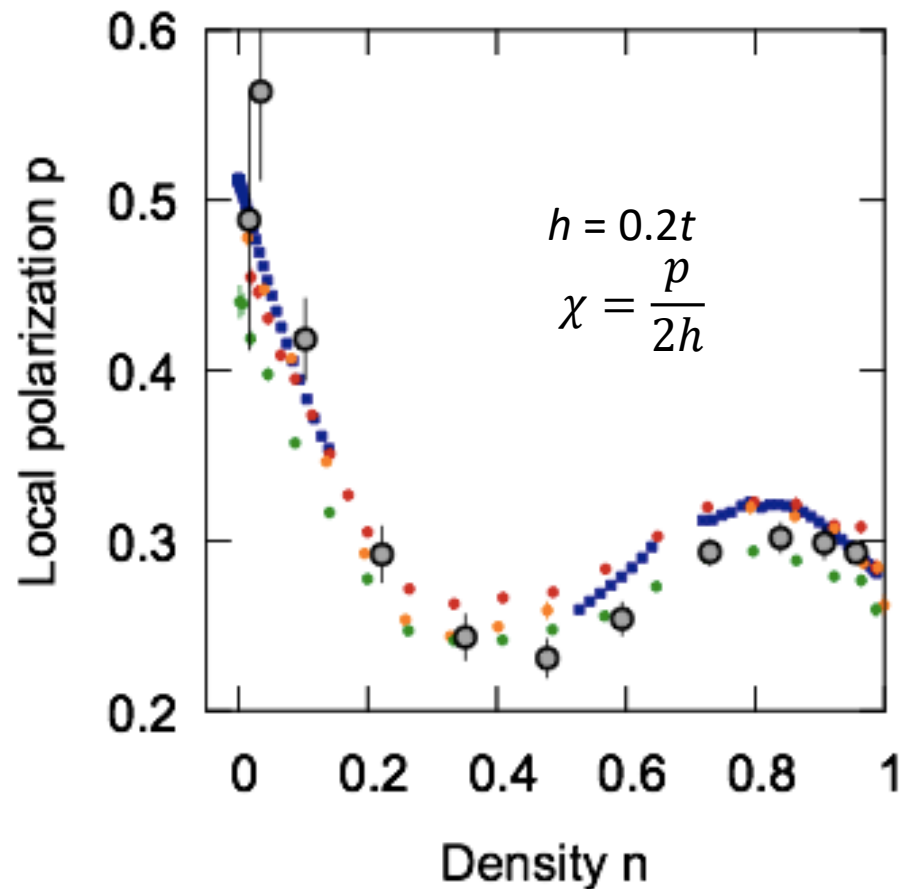
- Small doping: non-degenerate gas of holes in AFM increase susceptibility.

- Intermediate doping: metal

$$\chi_m \propto 1/t$$

Smaller susceptibility than AFM at large U/t .

- Large doping: non-degenerate gas of particles.

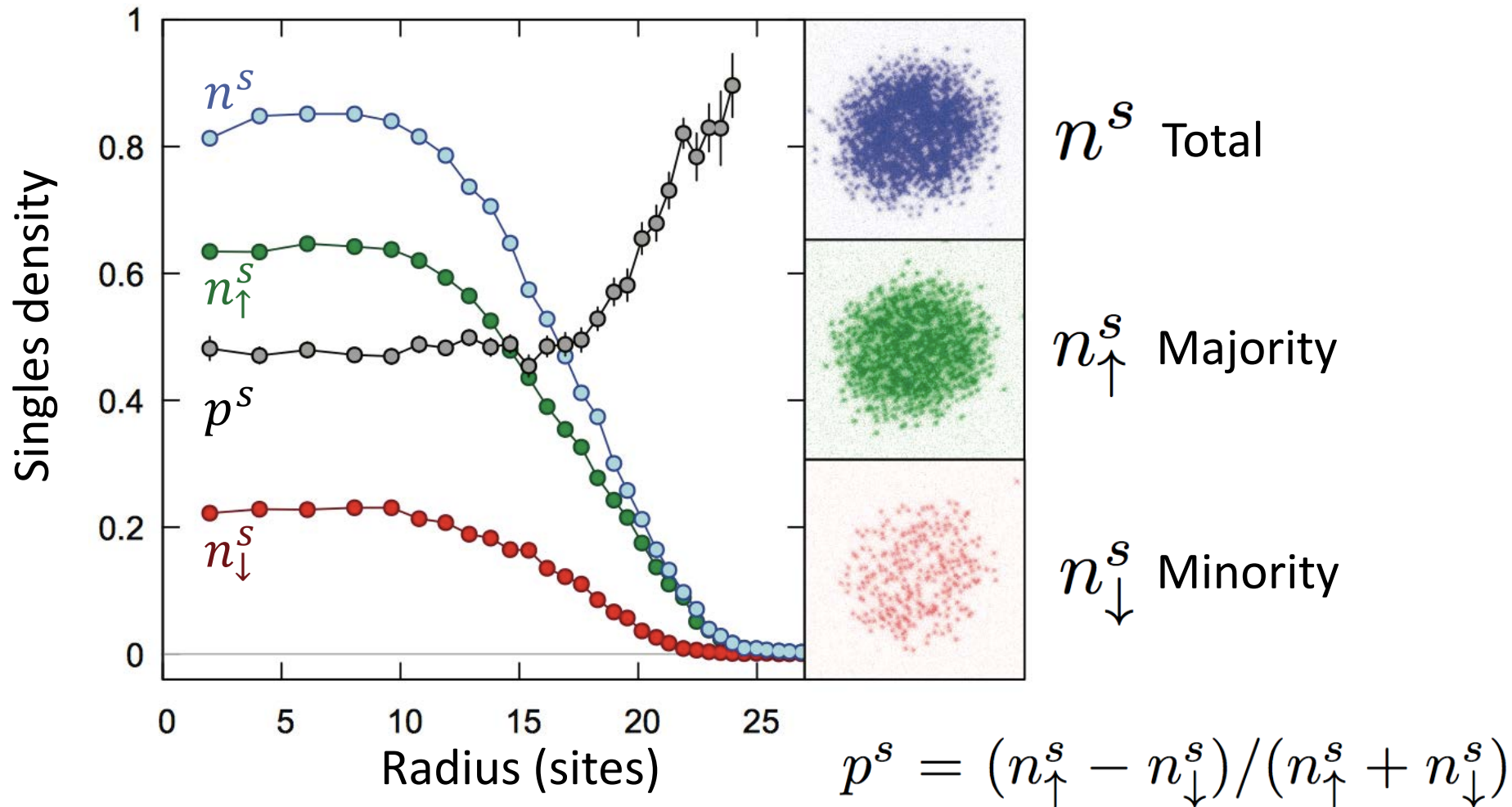


Hubbard model (exp. & theory) reproduces peak in cuprate susceptibility at about 20% doping.

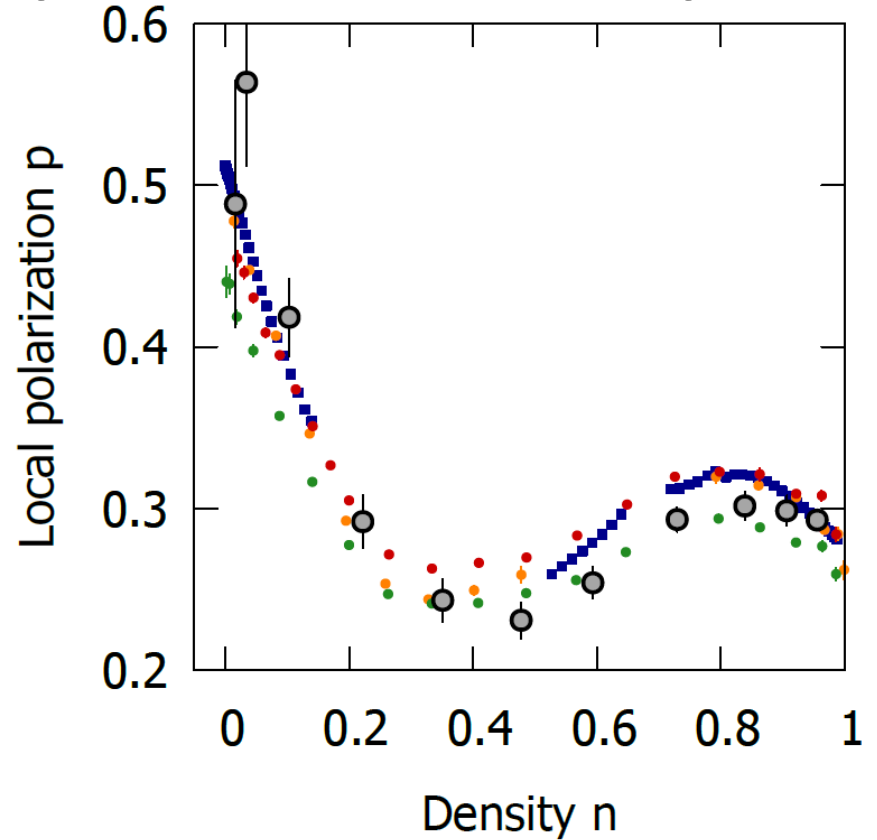
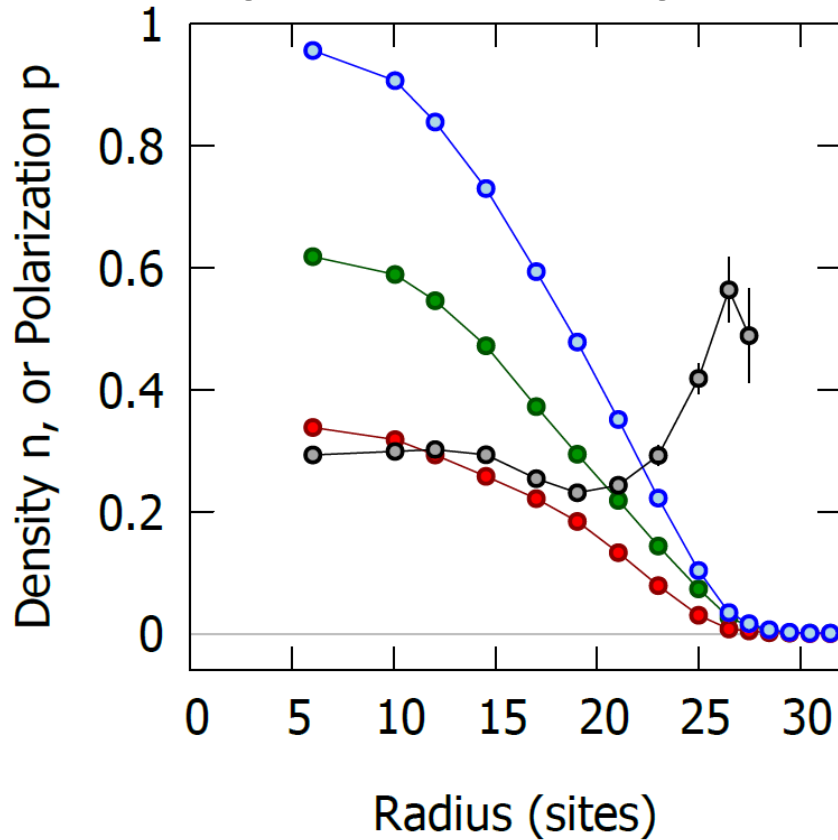
Spin-imbalanced Mott insulators

Mott physics is not affected by imbalance

Polarization is constant in Mott insulator region



Spin-Susceptibility versus Density



- (*linear regime*)
- AF region,
- Metallic region,

Cuprates:
 PRB **40**, 8872 (1989)
 PRL **62**, 957 (1989)
 PRB **40**, 2254 (1989)

A dictionary between the models

Phys. Rev. A **79**, 033620 (2009)

Repulsive U

Mott insulator

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Preformed pairs

Charge density wave correlations
s-wave superfluid gap correlations

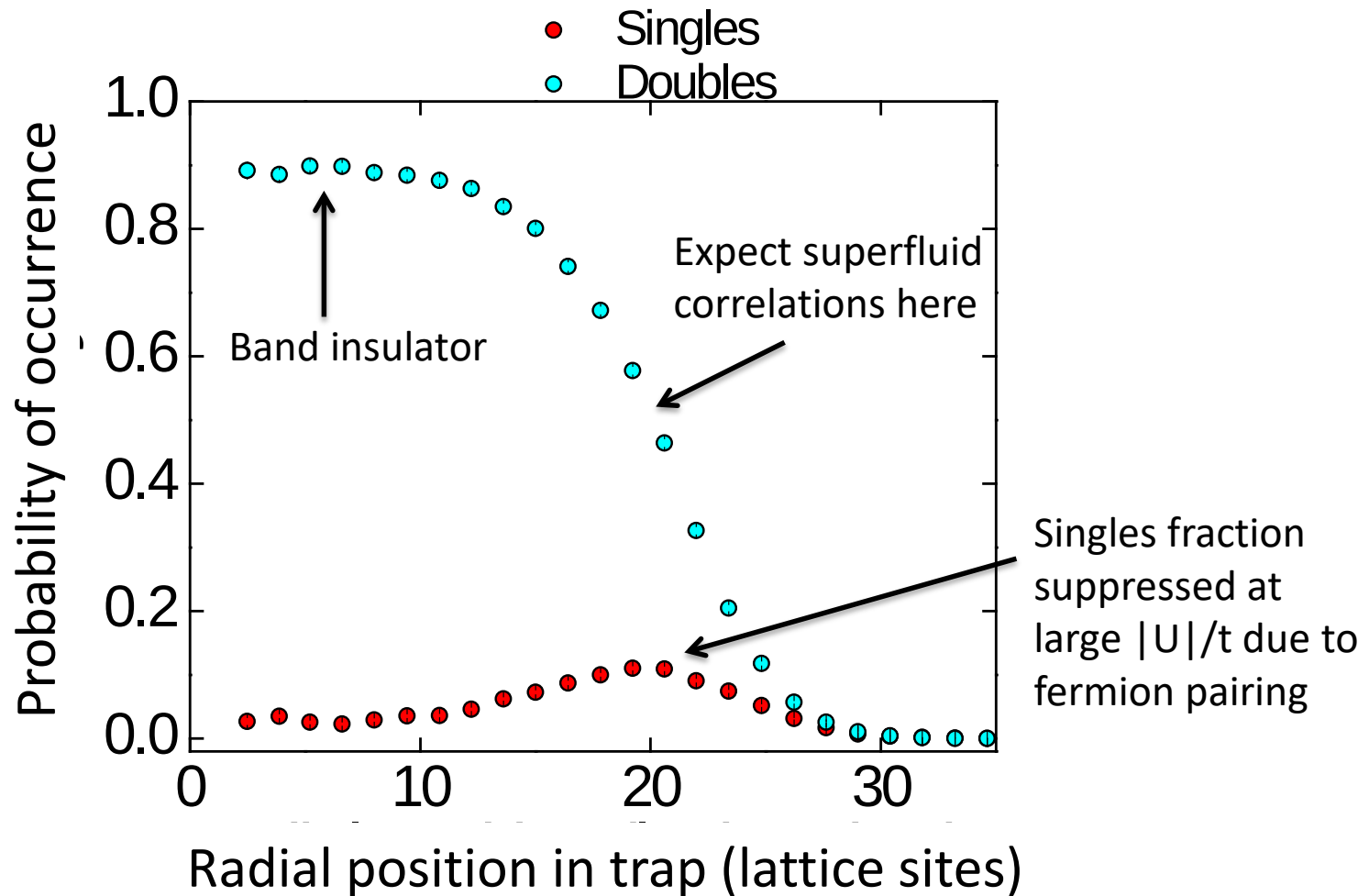
Doped attractive model
Spin imbalanced attractive model

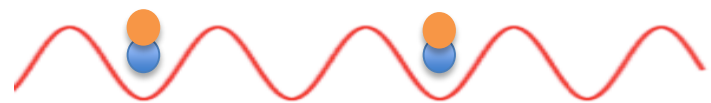
Superfluid correlations stronger than
charge density wave correlations

d-wave antiferromagnet

Aside: by measuring charge density wave correlations, we know we must have s-wave superfluid correlations in our single-band Hubbard model!

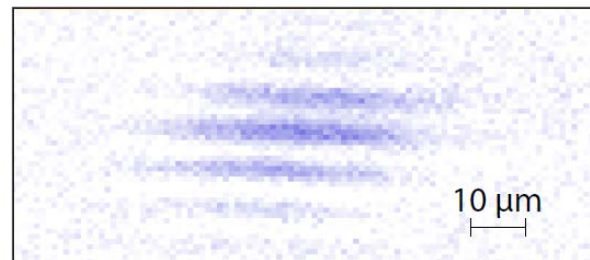
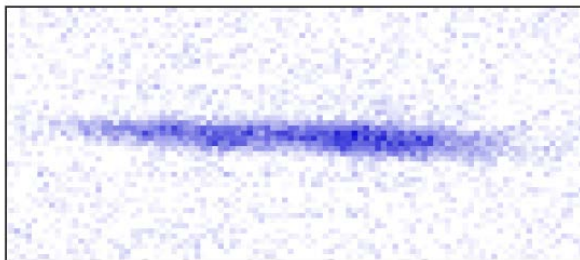
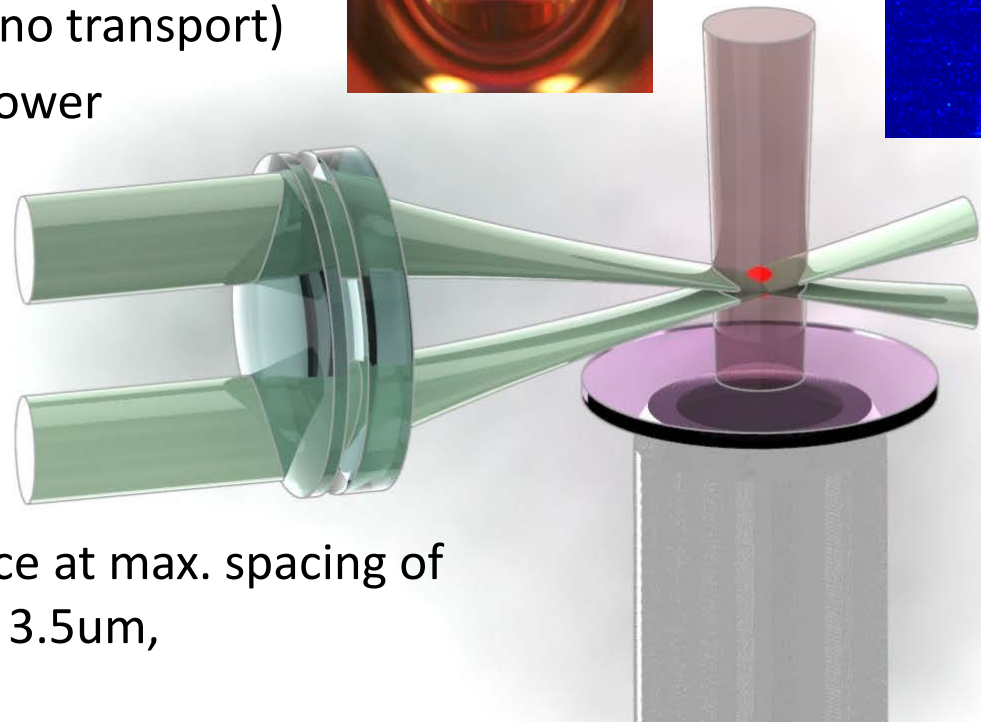
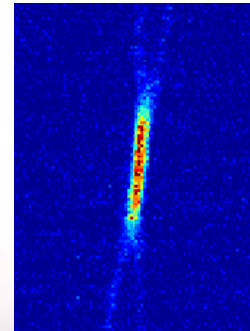
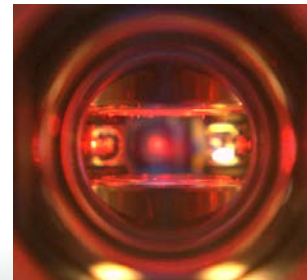
Density profile of attractive lattice gas





A simplified Fermi gas microscope

- Single chamber
- ^6Li Oven + Zeeman slower
- MOT through objective (no transport)
- Load straight into high power ODT for evaporation.
- Load into light sheet.
- Load into accordion lattice at max. spacing of $12\mu\text{m}$, then compress to $3.5\mu\text{m}$, trap frequency 20 kHz.



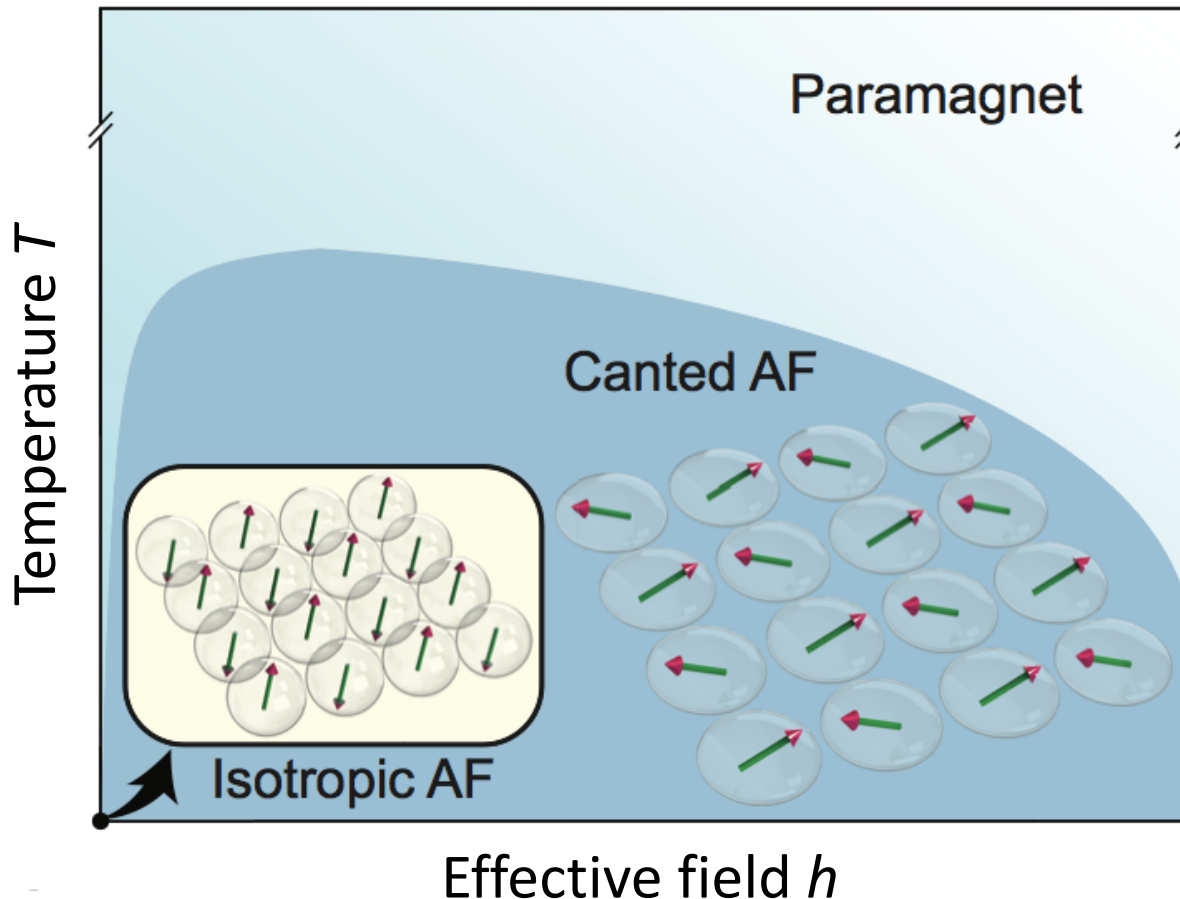
Spin-imbalance at half-filling

Heisenberg model in an effective field

$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j - 2h \sum_i S_i^z$$

$$h = (\mu_{\uparrow} - \mu_{\downarrow})/2$$

$$S_i^z = \frac{1}{2}(n_{i,\uparrow} - n_{i,\downarrow})$$



$h = 0$:

SU(2) symmetric AFM
Exponentially decaying
correlations, diverging
correlation length at $T = 0$

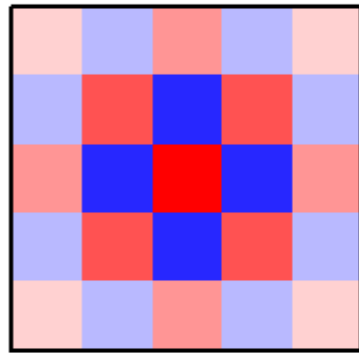
$|h| > 0$:

BKT-transition to canted AFM

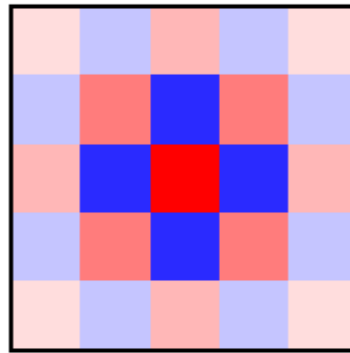
AFM correlations
build up preferably
in XY plane.

Observation of charge density wave correlations

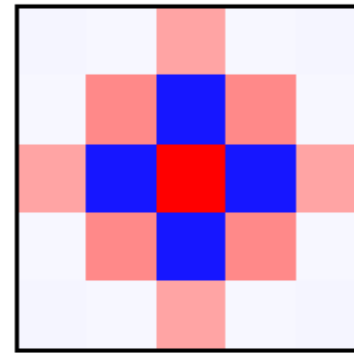
Doublon doublon correlator at $U/t = -5.7$, half-filling



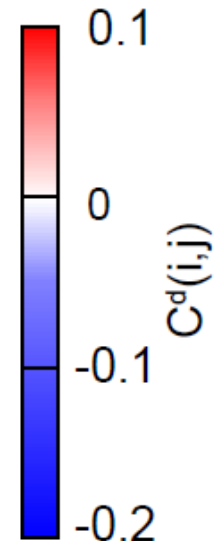
Upper branch



DQMC

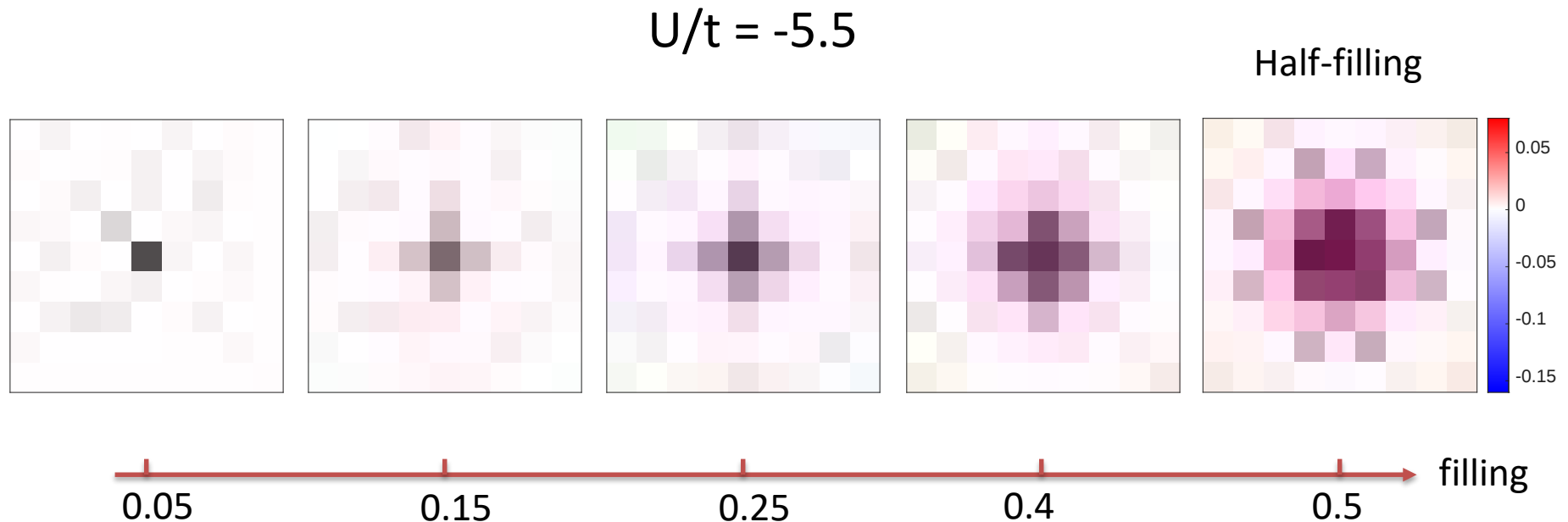


Lower branch



- Yields $T/t = 0.45$
- thermometry in regime where singles fraction loses sensitivity.

Charge density wave correlations get weaker away from half-filling



- Superfluidity competes with charge density wave order away from half-filling and eventually wins.

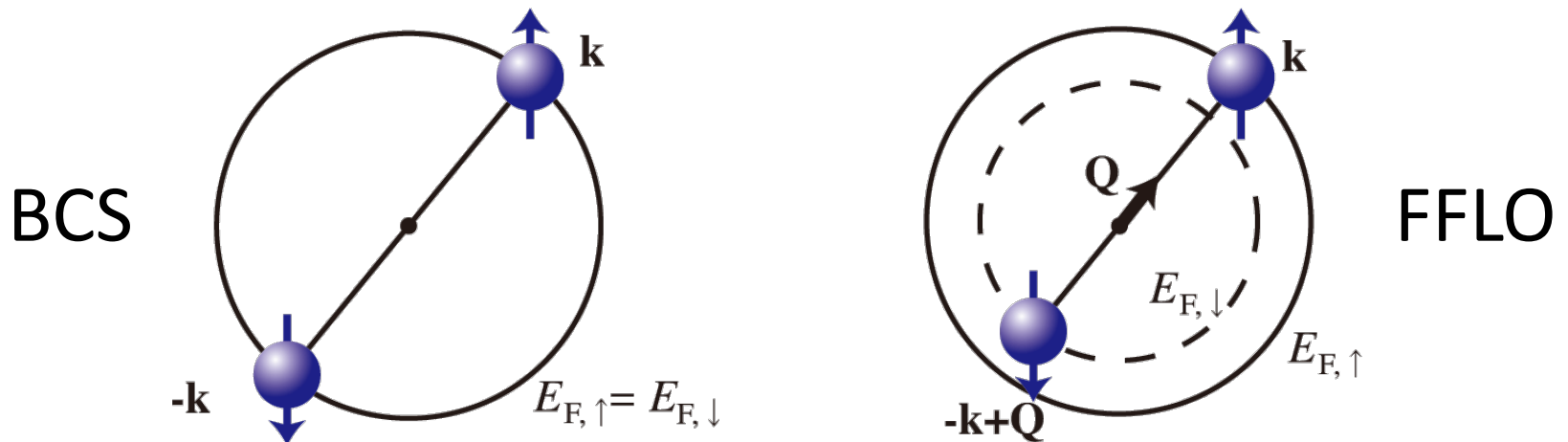
Motivation: the FFLO phase

- FFLO phase: superfluid with spatially inhomogeneous gap. Needs spin-imbalance + attractive interactions.

Continuum system (no lattice):

- Balanced superfluid: condensate of $Q=0$ pairs (JILA, MIT)
- Spin-imbalance in 3D: phase separation, Clogston limit (MIT, Rice)

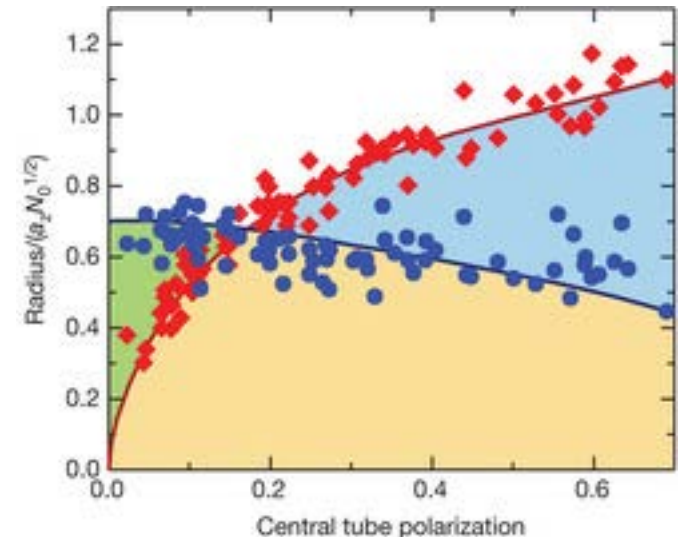
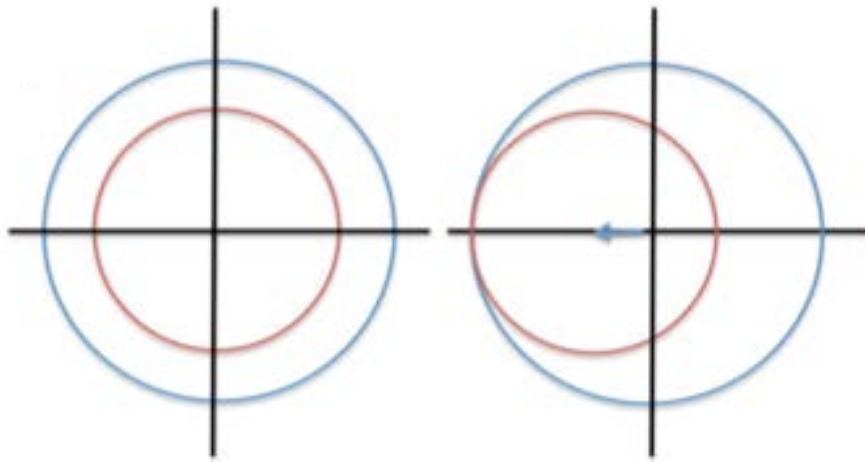
Missing: Fulde-Ferrell-Larkin-Ovchinnikov (1964): $Q \neq 0$



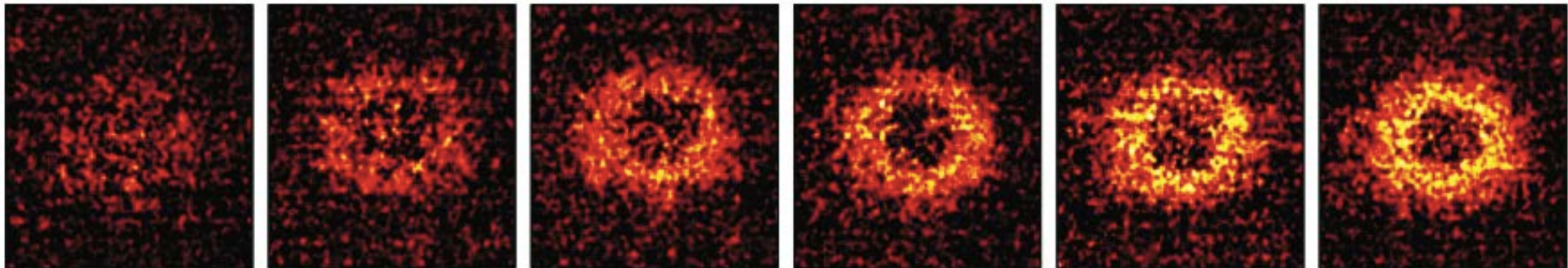
Enhancing the FFLO phase: lower dimensionality

Lower dimensionality (1D or 2D) is better.

1D (Rice): consistent with FFLO

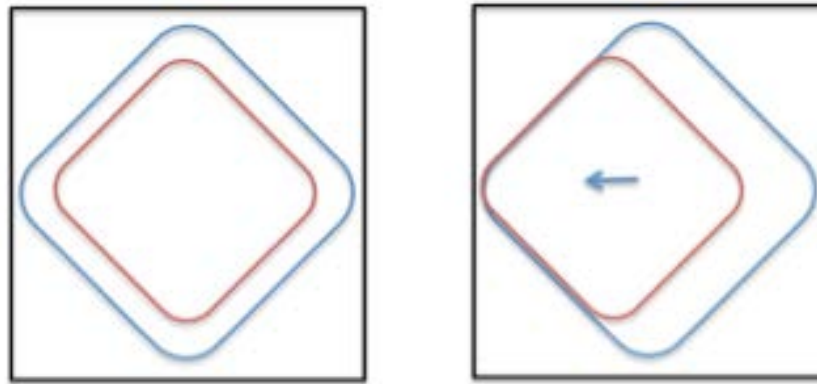


2D (J. Thomas group, Princeton): phase separation, observed like in 3D at MIT/Rice



Enhancing the FFLO phase: Fermi surface nesting

Adding a lattice provides better Fermi surface nesting.



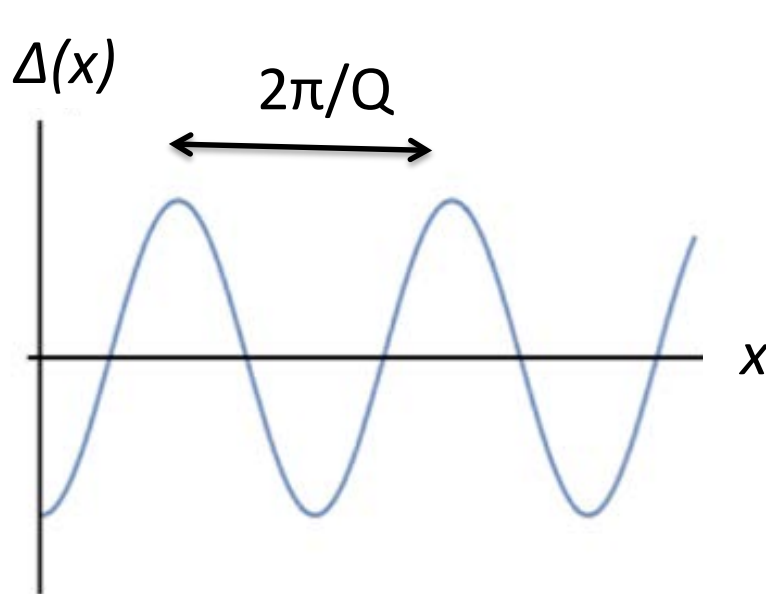
Hubbard model, $U/t=-4$, FFLO @ $T/t \approx 0.1$ (Troyer group)

Direct detection options:

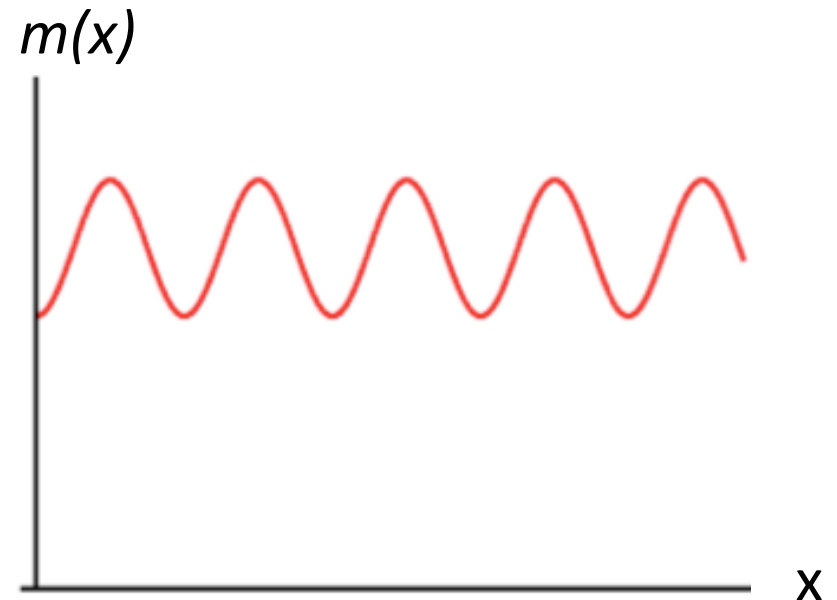
Momentum space: condensation at Q (weak signatures, blurred by trap averaging in time of flight).

Real space detection?

Direct signatures of the FFLO phase



Periodic modulation of gap



Periodically varying polarization

Proposal: detection of FFLO correlations in a Hubbard lattice with quantum gas microscopy.