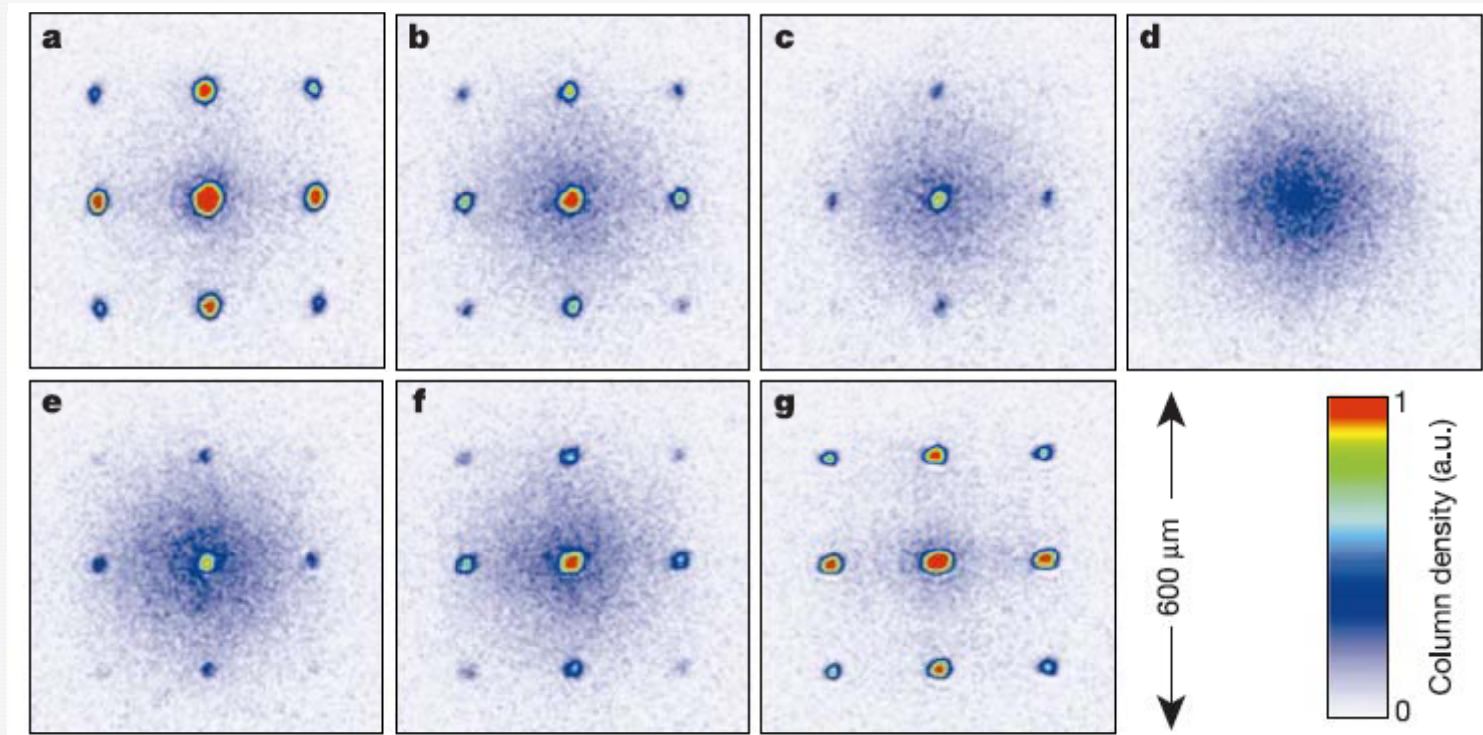


# The Collapse and Revival



$$V_A=8E_R, V_B=22E_R$$

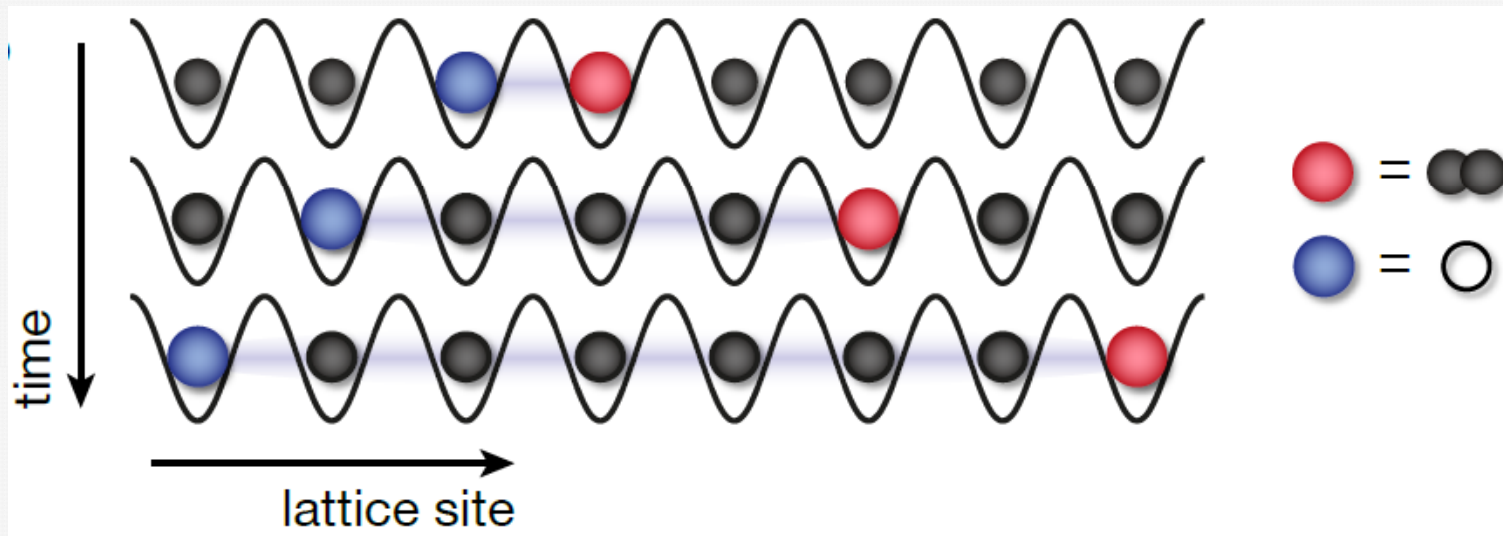
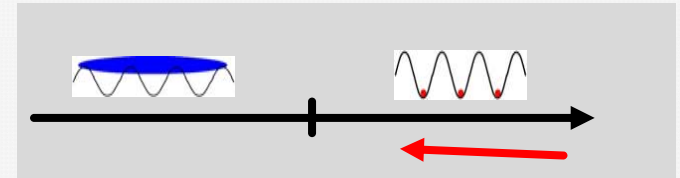
a) 0 ms; b) 100 ms; c) 150 ms; d) 250 ms;  
e) 350 ms; f) 400 ms; and g) 550 ms

M. Greiner et al, Nature 2002

# Short time dynamics: Fermionic quasi-particles

**large interaction limit:**

symmetric coherent superposition (no change of density!)



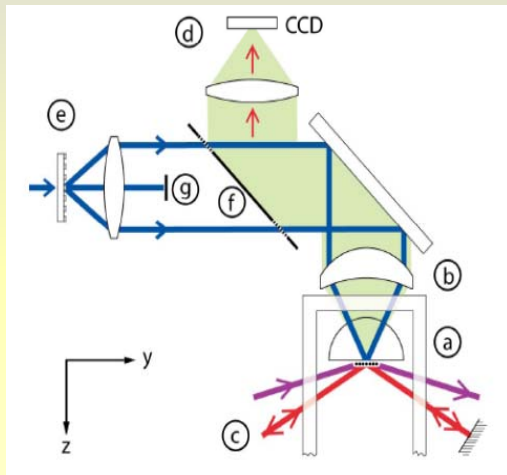
first order perturbation in  $J/U$  (more complicated expression for quasiparticles):

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = |\bar{n}\rangle + i\frac{2\sqrt{2}J}{U} \sum_k \sin(k) c_{k,+}^\dagger c_{-k,-}^\dagger |\bar{n}\rangle - i\frac{2\sqrt{2}J}{U} \sum_k \sin(k) e^{i6J \cos(k)t/\hbar} c_{k,+}^\dagger c_{-k,-}^\dagger |\bar{n}\rangle.$$

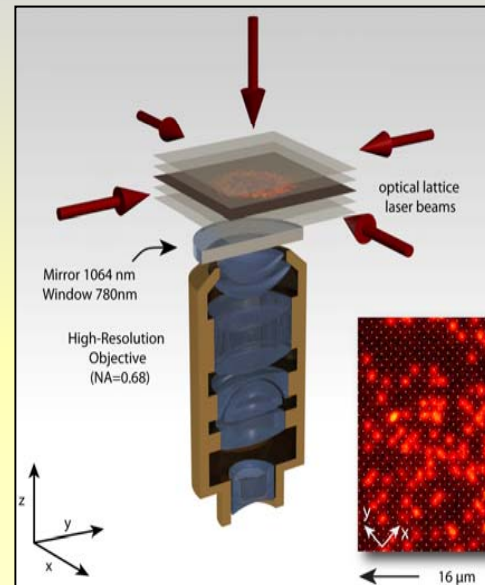
*M. Cheneau et al, Nature (2012)*  
*P. Barmettler et al, PRA (2012)*

# Real space imaging

## Local fluorescence imaging



Bakr et al. 2009

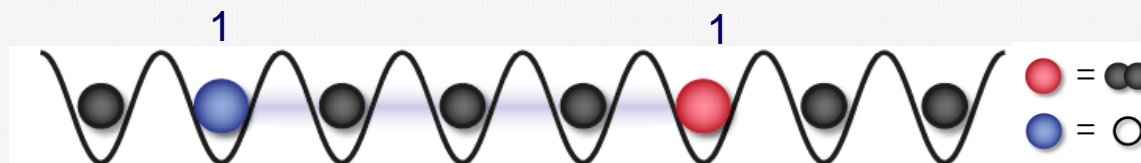


Sherson et al. Nature 2010

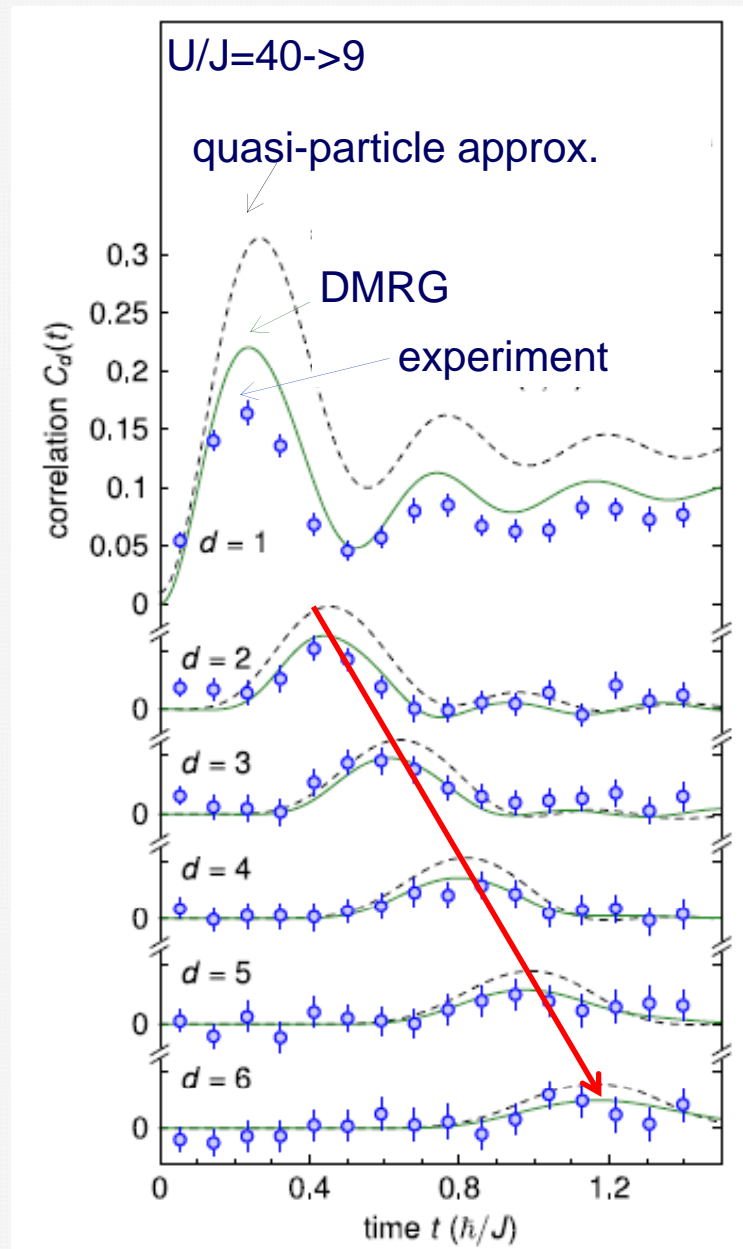
parity distribution in real space

parity correlations

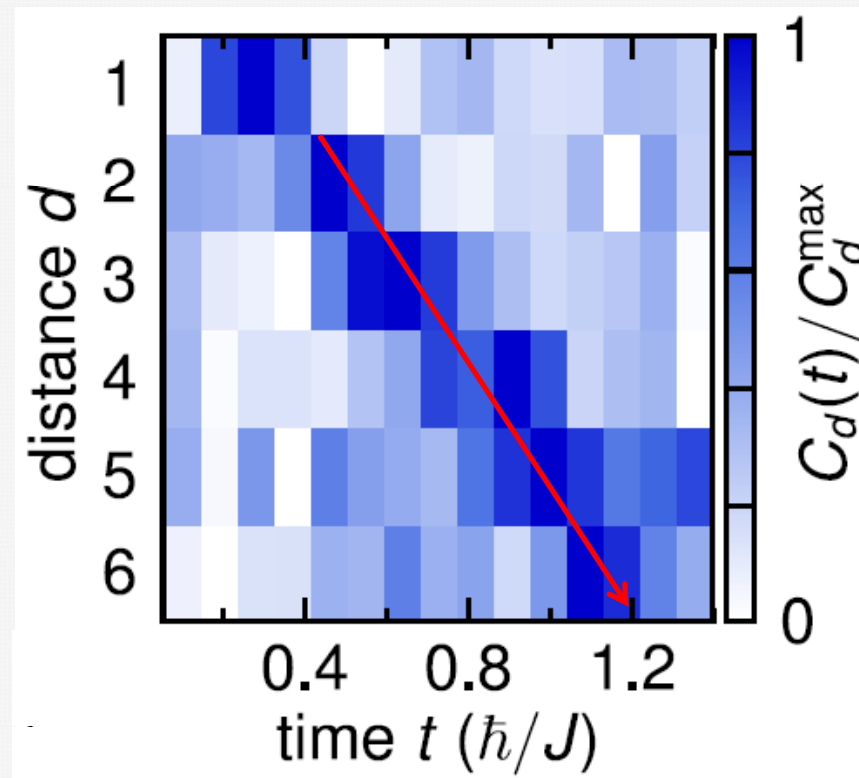
$$C_d(t) \propto \langle n_j^{even} n_{j+d}^{even} \rangle - \langle n_j^{even} \rangle \langle n_{j+d}^{even} \rangle$$



# Coherent propagation in Mott-insulator

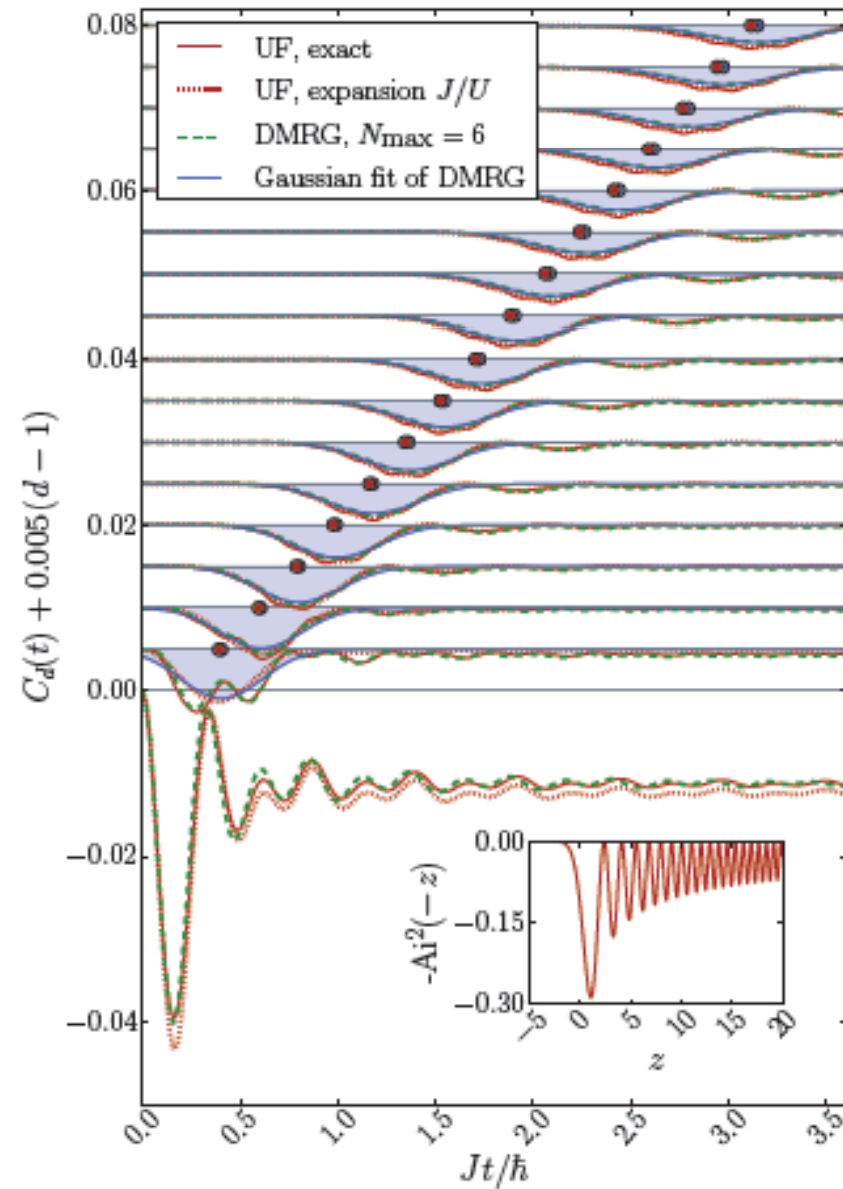


density remains constant!



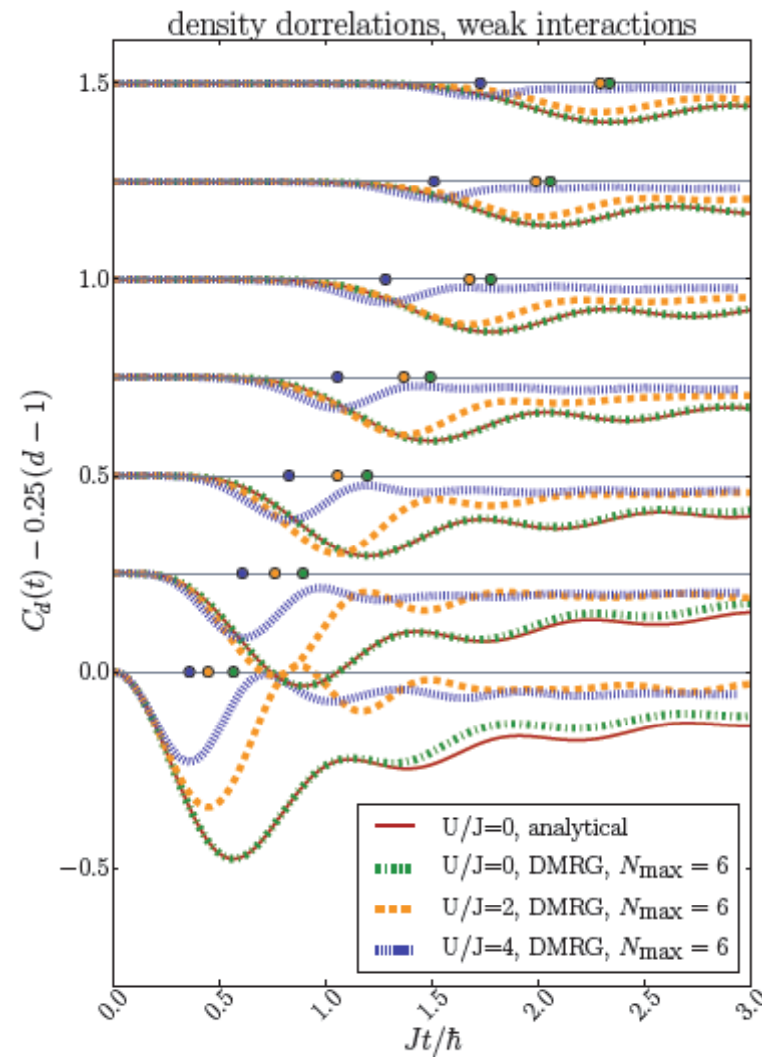
M. Cheneau et al, Nature (2012)

# High interaction strength



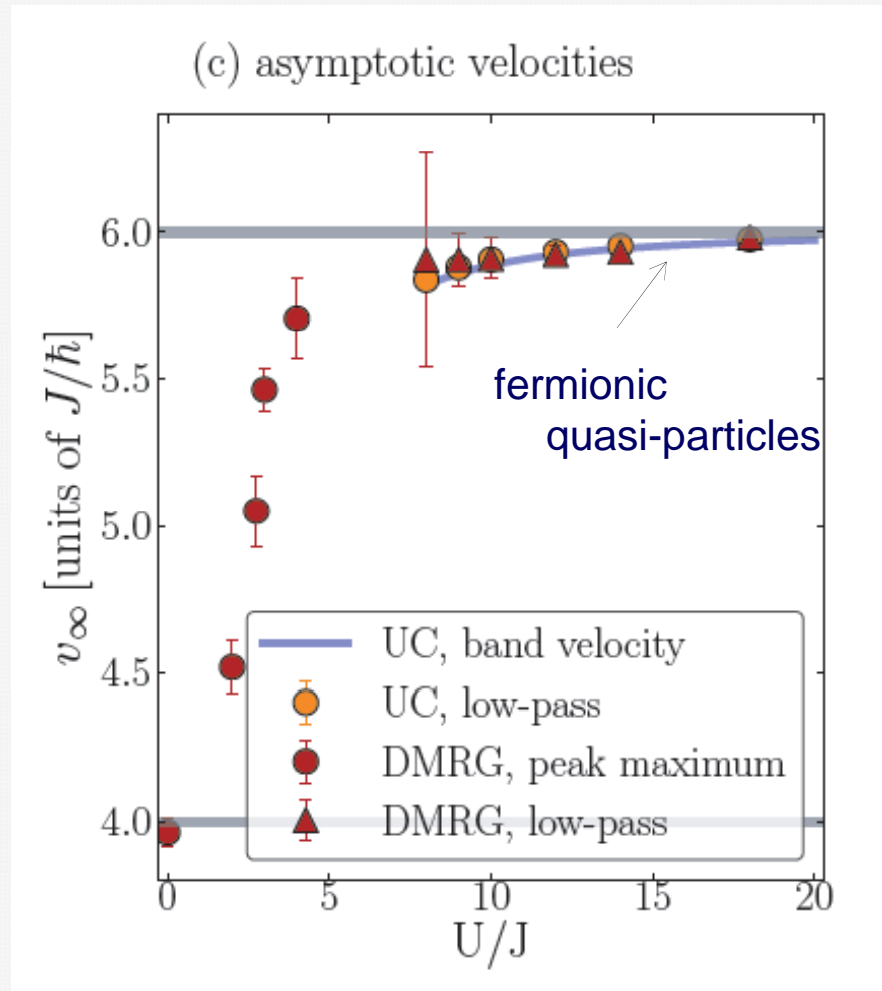
P. Barmettler et al, PRA, (2012)

# Low interaction strength



P. Barmettler et al, PRA, (2012)

# Velocity of correlation spreading



## **velocity:**

generic maximal velocity in bounded model  
coherent evolution in Mott-insulator  
similar evolution in fermionic model

## **open questions:**

- nature of quasi-particles close to transition?

## ***Pre-/Thermalization inside light cone***

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many others in different models