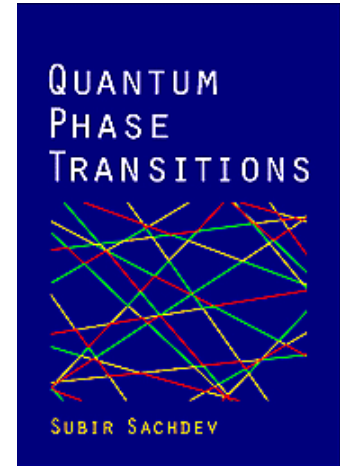


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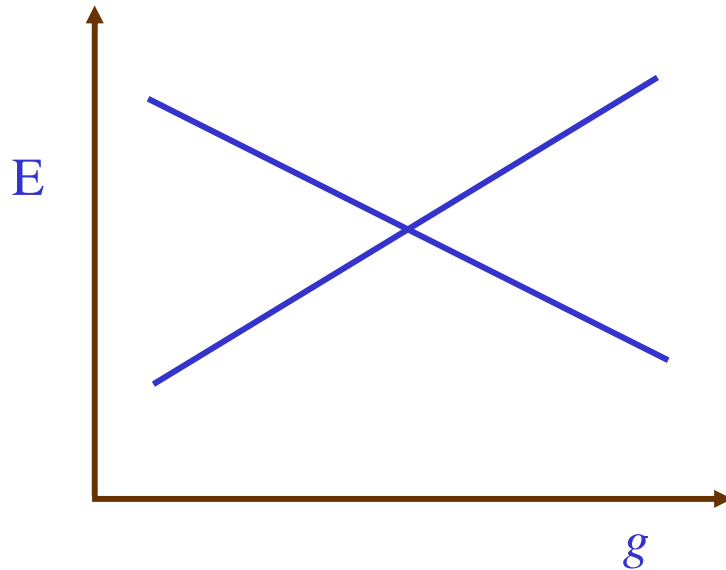


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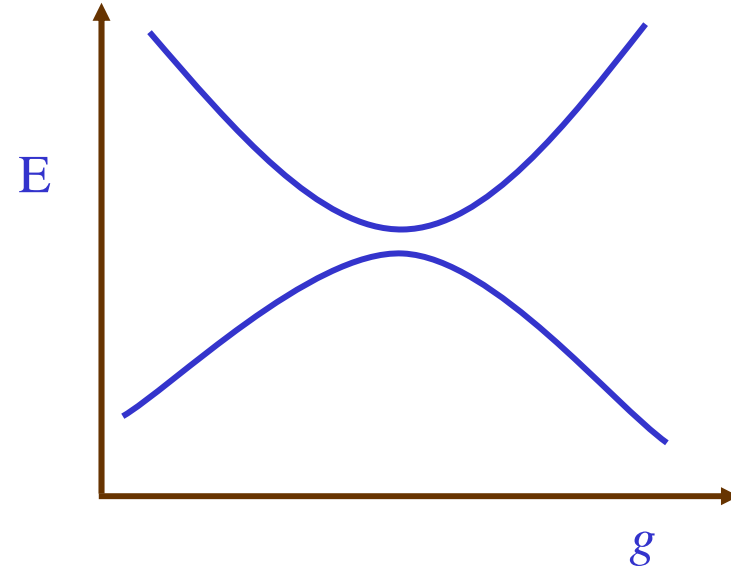


What is a quantum phase transition ?

Non-analyticity in ground state properties as a function of some control parameter g

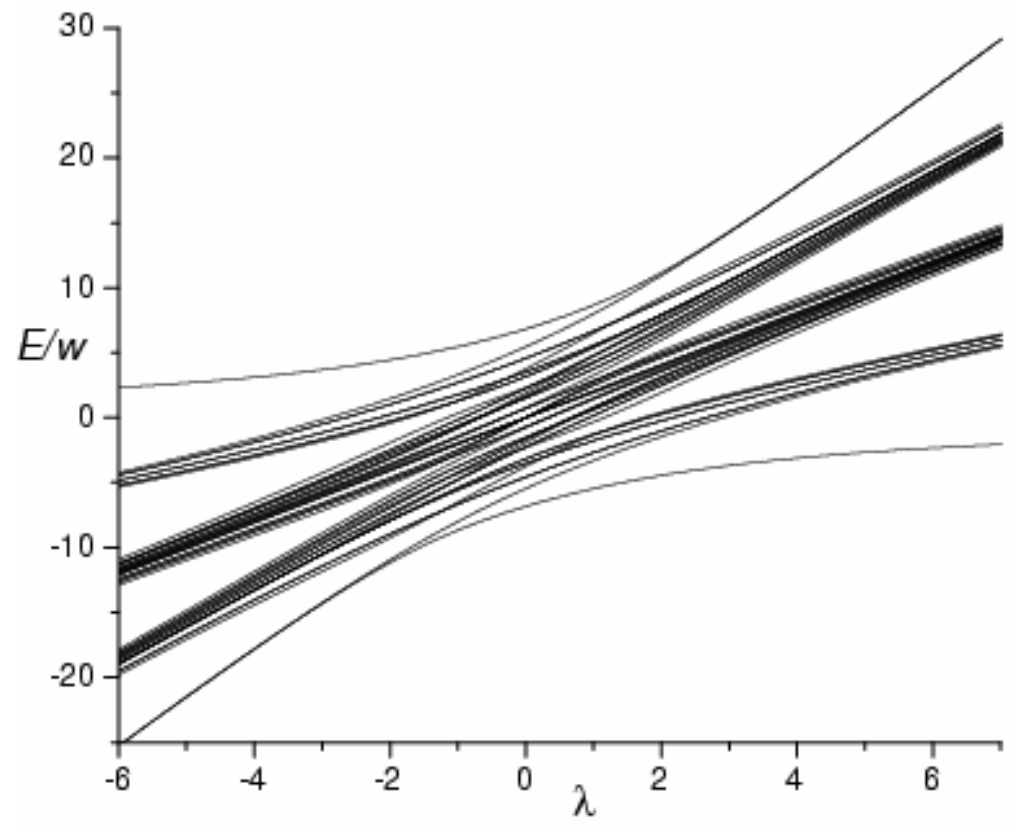


True level crossing:
Usually a *first-order* transition

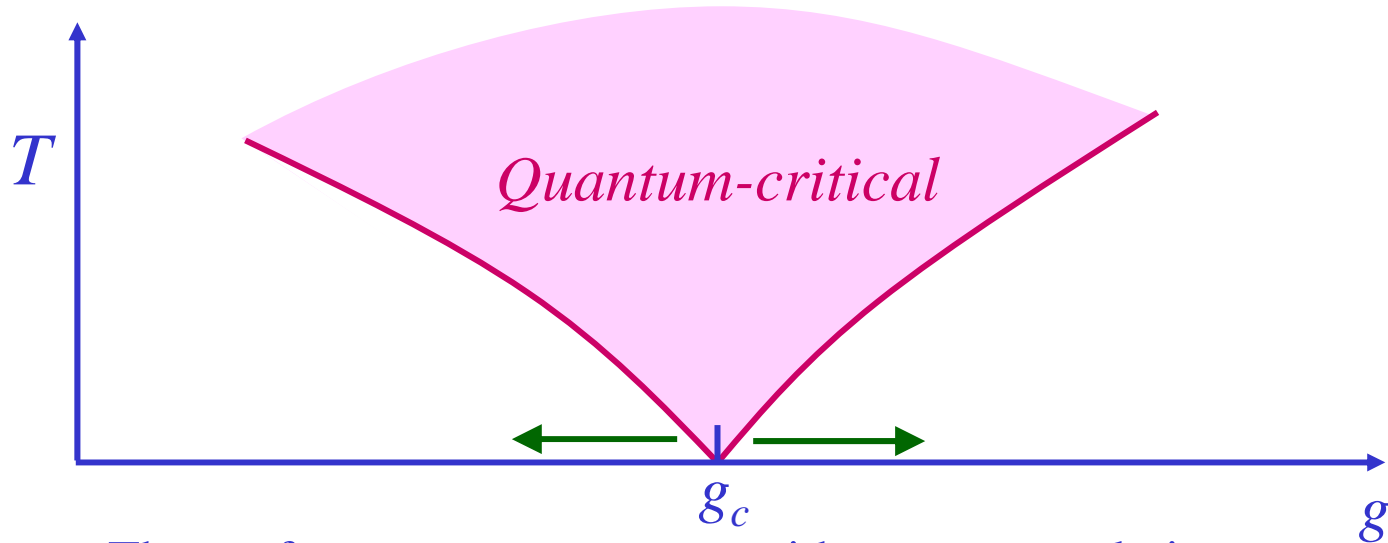


Avoided level crossing which becomes sharp in the infinite volume limit:

second-order transition



Why study quantum phase transitions ?



- Theory for a quantum system with strong correlations: describe phases on either side of g_c by expanding in deviation from the quantum critical point.
- Critical point is a novel state of matter without quasiparticle excitations
- Critical excitations control dynamics in the wide *quantum-critical* region at non-zero temperatures.

Important property of ground state at $g=g_c$:
temporal and spatial scale invariance;
characteristic energy scale at other values of g : $\Delta \sim |g - g_c|^{z\nu}$

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I. Quantum Ising Chain

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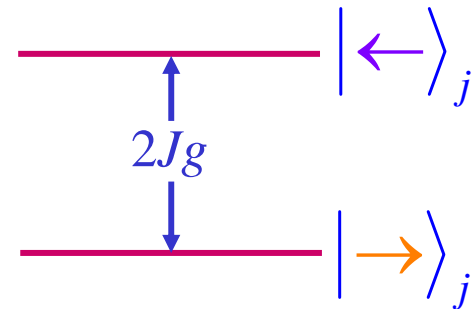
Degrees of freedom: $j = 1 \dots N$ qubits, N "large"

$$|\uparrow\rangle_j, |\downarrow\rangle_j$$

$$\text{or } |\rightarrow\rangle_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\rangle_j + |\downarrow\rangle_j), \quad |\leftarrow\rangle_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\rangle_j - |\downarrow\rangle_j)$$

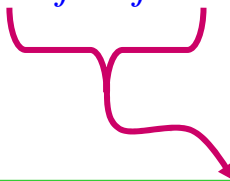
Hamiltonian of decoupled qubits:

$$H_0 = -Jg \sum_j \sigma_j^x$$



Coupling between qubits:

$$H_1 = -J \sum_j \sigma_j^z \sigma_{j+1}^z$$


$$\left(\left| \rightarrow \right\rangle_j \left\langle \leftarrow \right| + \left| \leftarrow \right\rangle_j \left\langle \rightarrow \right| \right) \left(\left| \rightarrow \right\rangle_{j+1} \left\langle \leftarrow \right| + \left| \leftarrow \right\rangle_{j+1} \left\langle \rightarrow \right| \right)$$

Prefers neighboring qubits

are *either* $\left| \uparrow \right\rangle_j \left| \uparrow \right\rangle_{j+1}$ *or* $\left| \downarrow \right\rangle_j \left| \downarrow \right\rangle_{j+1}$

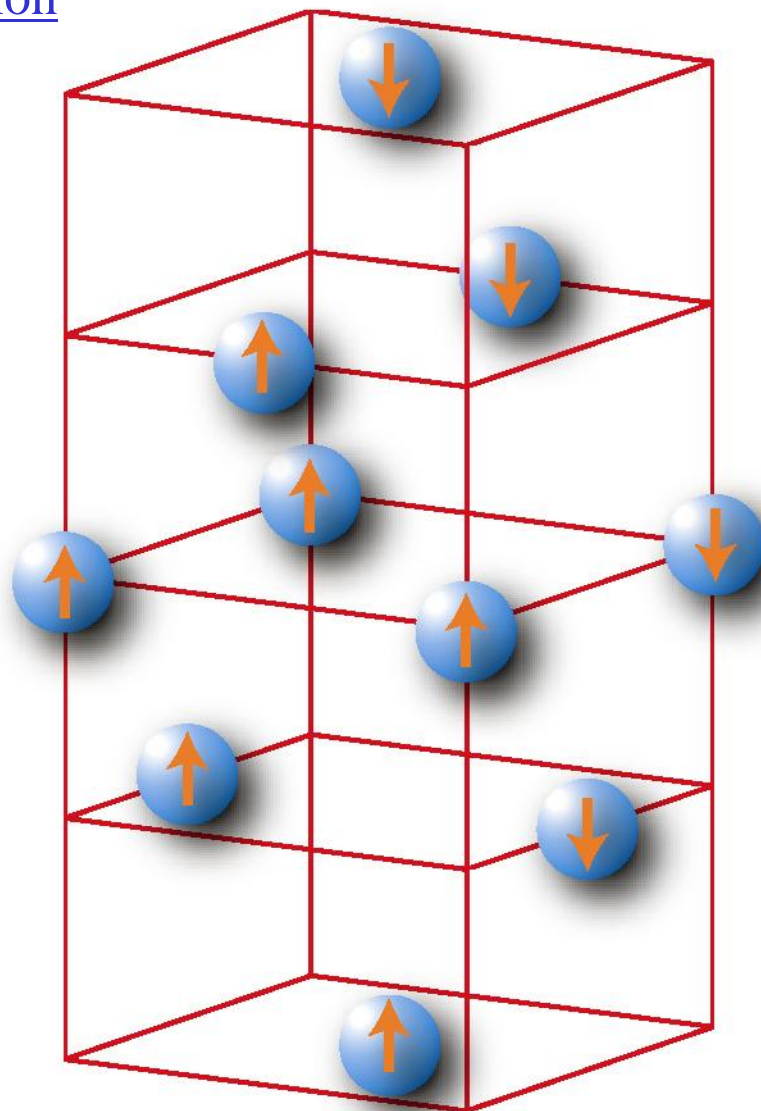
(not entangled)

Full Hamiltonian

$$H = H_0 + H_1 = -J \sum_j \left(g \sigma_j^x + \sigma_j^z \sigma_{j+1}^z \right)$$

leads to entangled states at g of order unity

Experimental realization



Weakly-coupled qubits ($g \gg 1$)

Ground state:

$$|G\rangle = |\cdots \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \cdots\rangle$$

$$-\frac{1}{2g} |\cdots \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \leftarrow \leftarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \cdots\rangle - \cdots$$

Lowest excited states:

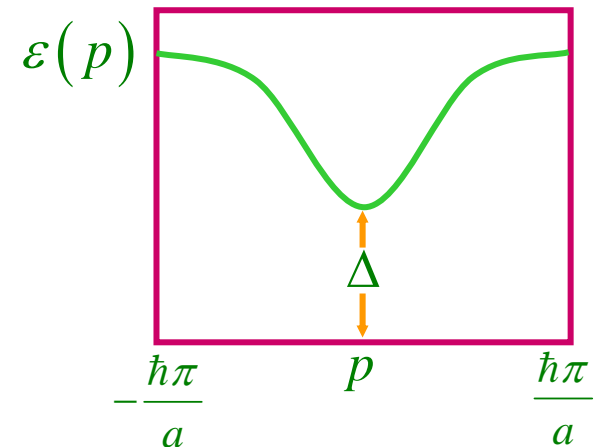
$$|\ell_j\rangle = |\cdots \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \leftarrow_j \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \cdots\rangle + \cdots$$

Coupling between qubits creates “flipped-spin” *quasiparticle* states at momentum p

$$|p\rangle = \sum_j e^{ipx_j/\hbar} |\ell_j\rangle$$

$$\text{Excitation energy } \varepsilon(p) = \Delta + 4J \sin^2\left(\frac{pa}{2\hbar}\right) + O(g^{-1})$$

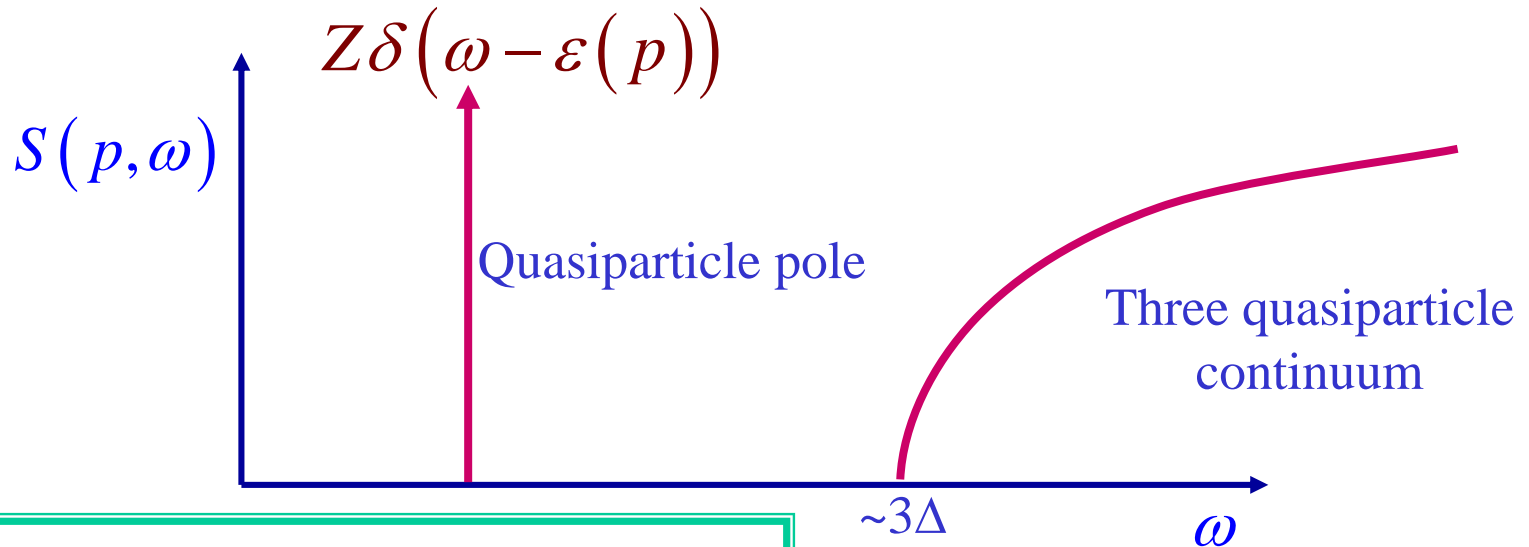
$$\text{Excitation gap } \Delta = 2gJ - 2J + O(g^{-1})$$



Entire spectrum can be constructed out of multi-quasiparticle states

Dynamic Structure Factor $S(p, \omega)$: Weakly-coupled qubits ($g \gg 1$)

Cross-section to flip a $|\rightarrow\rangle$ to a $|\leftarrow\rangle$ (or vice versa)
while transferring energy $\hbar\omega$ and momentum p



Structure holds to all orders in $1/g$

At $T > 0$, collisions between quasiparticles broaden pole to a Lorentzian of width $1/\tau_\phi$ where the **phase coherence time** τ_ϕ

is given by

$$\frac{1}{\tau_\phi} = \frac{2k_B T}{\pi \hbar} e^{-\Delta/k_B T}$$

Strongly-coupled qubits ($g \ll 1$)

Ground states:

$$|G \uparrow\rangle = |\dots \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \dots\rangle$$

$$-\frac{g}{2} |\dots \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \downarrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \dots\rangle - \dots$$

Ferromagnetic moment

$$N_0 = \langle G | \sigma^z | G \rangle \neq 0$$

Second state $|G \downarrow\rangle$ obtained by $\uparrow \Leftrightarrow \downarrow$

$|G \downarrow\rangle$ and $|G \uparrow\rangle$ mix only at order g^N

Lowest excited states: domain walls

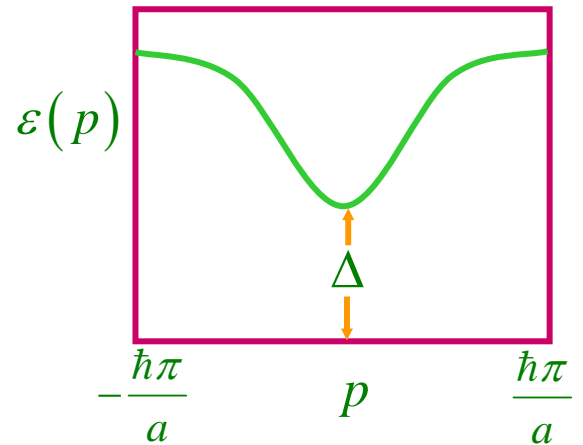
$$|d_j\rangle = |\dots \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow_j \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \dots\rangle + \dots$$

Coupling between qubits creates new “domain-wall” *quasiparticle* states at momentum p

$$|p\rangle = \sum_j e^{ipx_j/\hbar} |d_j\rangle$$

Excitation energy $\varepsilon(p) = \Delta + 4Jg \sin^2\left(\frac{pa}{2\hbar}\right) + O(g^2)$

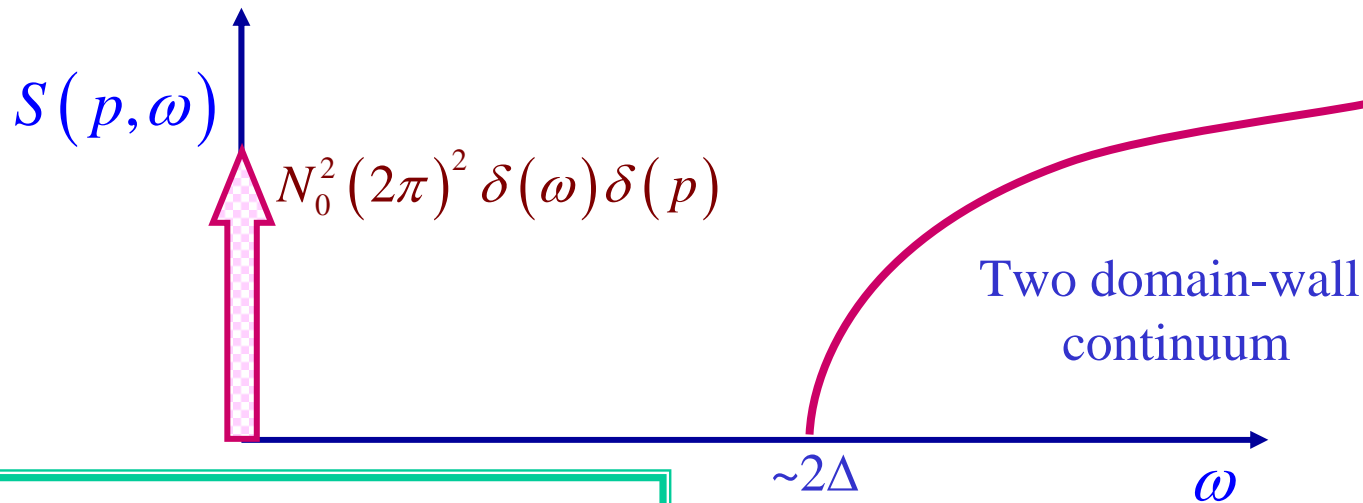
Excitation gap $\Delta = 2J - 2gJ + O(g^2)$



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Structure holds to all orders in g

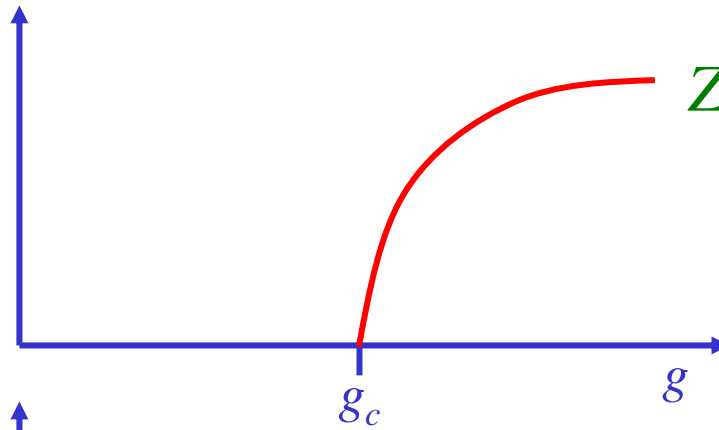
At $T > 0$, motion of domain walls leads to a finite *phase coherence time* τ_φ ,

and broadens coherent peak to a width $1/\tau_\varphi$ where

$$\frac{1}{\tau_\varphi} = \frac{2k_B T}{\pi \hbar} e^{-\Delta/k_B T}$$

Entangled states at g of order unity

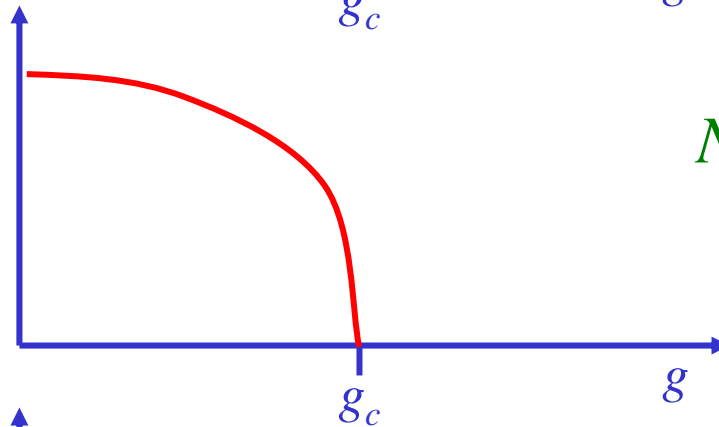
“Flipped-spin”
Quasiparticle
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$$Z \sim (g - g_c)^{1/4}$$

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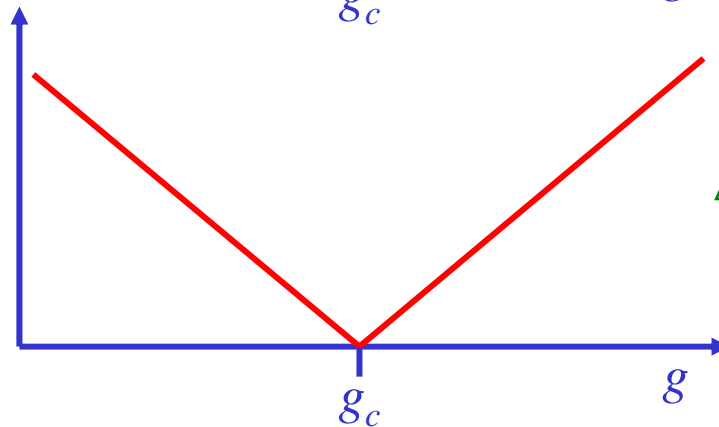
Ferromagnetic
moment N_0



$$N_0 \sim (g_c - g)^{1/8}$$

P. Pfeuty *Annals of Physics*, **57**, 79 (1970)

Excitation
energy gap Δ

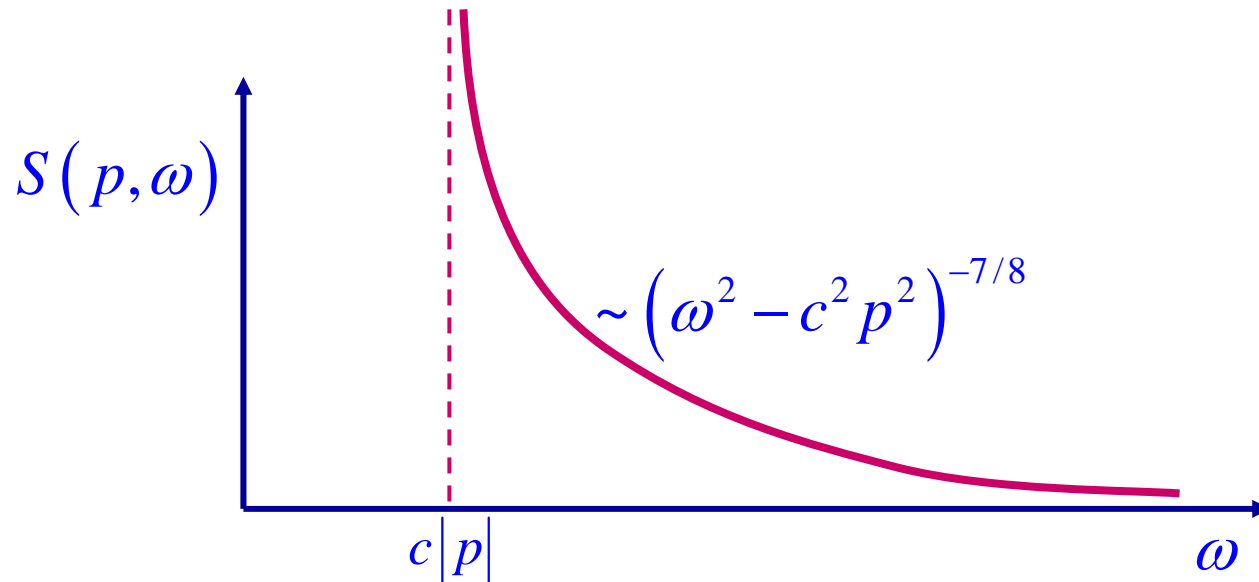


$$\Delta \sim |g - g_c|$$

Dynamic Structure Factor $S(p, \omega)$:

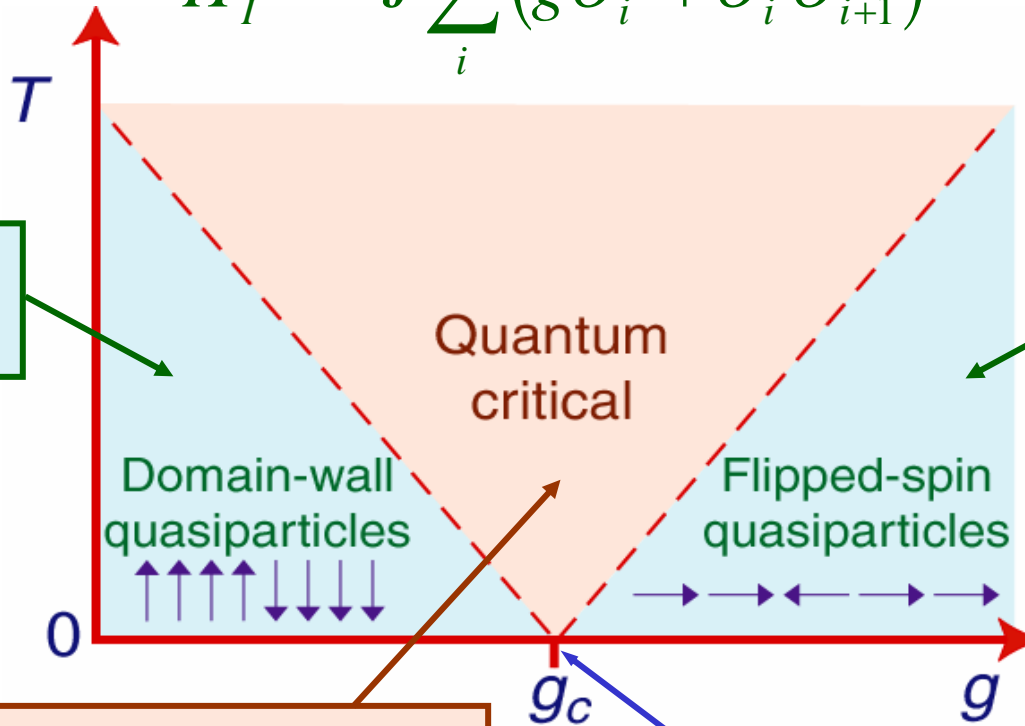
Critical coupling ($g = g_c$)

Cross-section to flip a $|\rightarrow\rangle$ to a $|\leftarrow\rangle$ (or vice versa)
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No quasiparticles --- dissipative critical continuum

$$H_I = -J \sum_i (g \sigma_i^x + \sigma_i^z \sigma_{i+1}^z)$$



Quasiclassical dynamics

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$$\chi(\omega) = \frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_k \int_0^\infty dt \langle [\sigma_j^z(t), \sigma_k^z(0)] \rangle e^{i\omega t}$$

$$= \frac{A}{T^{7/4} (1 - i\omega/\Gamma_R + \dots)}$$

$$\Gamma_R = \left(2 \tan \frac{\pi}{16} \right) \frac{k_B T}{\hbar}$$

$$\langle \sigma_j^z \sigma_k^z \rangle \sim \frac{1}{|j-k|^{1/4}}$$

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II. Landau-Ginzburg-Wilson theory

*Mean field theory and the evolution of the
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- Identify order parameter $\phi(x, \tau) \sim \sigma_j^z$
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- Write down most general Lagrangian consistent with symmetries

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\phi(x, \tau) \exp \left(- \int d^d x \int d\tau \mathcal{L}[\phi] \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}[\phi] = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\tau \phi)^2 + \frac{c^2}{2} (\nabla_x \phi)^2 + \frac{r}{2} \phi^2 + \frac{u}{4} \phi^4 + \dots$$

- Identify phases at $r \gg 0$ and $r \ll 0$ with the paramagnet and the ferromagnet respectively.

Quantum field theory formally resembles the classical statistical mechanics of an Ising model in $d + 1$ dimensions. Theory of second-order classical phase transitions implies that at the critical point the susceptibility depends on the $d + 1$ dimensional momentum k as

$$\chi(k) \sim \frac{1}{k^{2-\eta}}$$

After analytic continuation, and using the “Lorentz invariance” of the critical theory, the quantum critical point therefore has the following dynamic susceptibility at $T = 0$.

$$\chi(p, \omega) \sim \frac{1}{(c^2 p^2 - \omega^2)^{1-\eta/2}}$$

At $T > 0$, we have to consider a classical statistical mechanics problem in finite geometry with a ‘temporal’ direction of extent $L_\tau = \hbar/(k_B T)$. *Finite size scaling* now implies that the susceptibility at the critical point obeys

$$\chi(k) \sim L_\tau^{2-\eta} F(kL_\tau)$$

After analytic continuation, the quantum system has the dynamic response (note: can no longer use “Lorentz invariance”)

$$\chi''(0, \omega) \sim \frac{1}{T^{2-\eta}} \Phi\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T}\right)$$

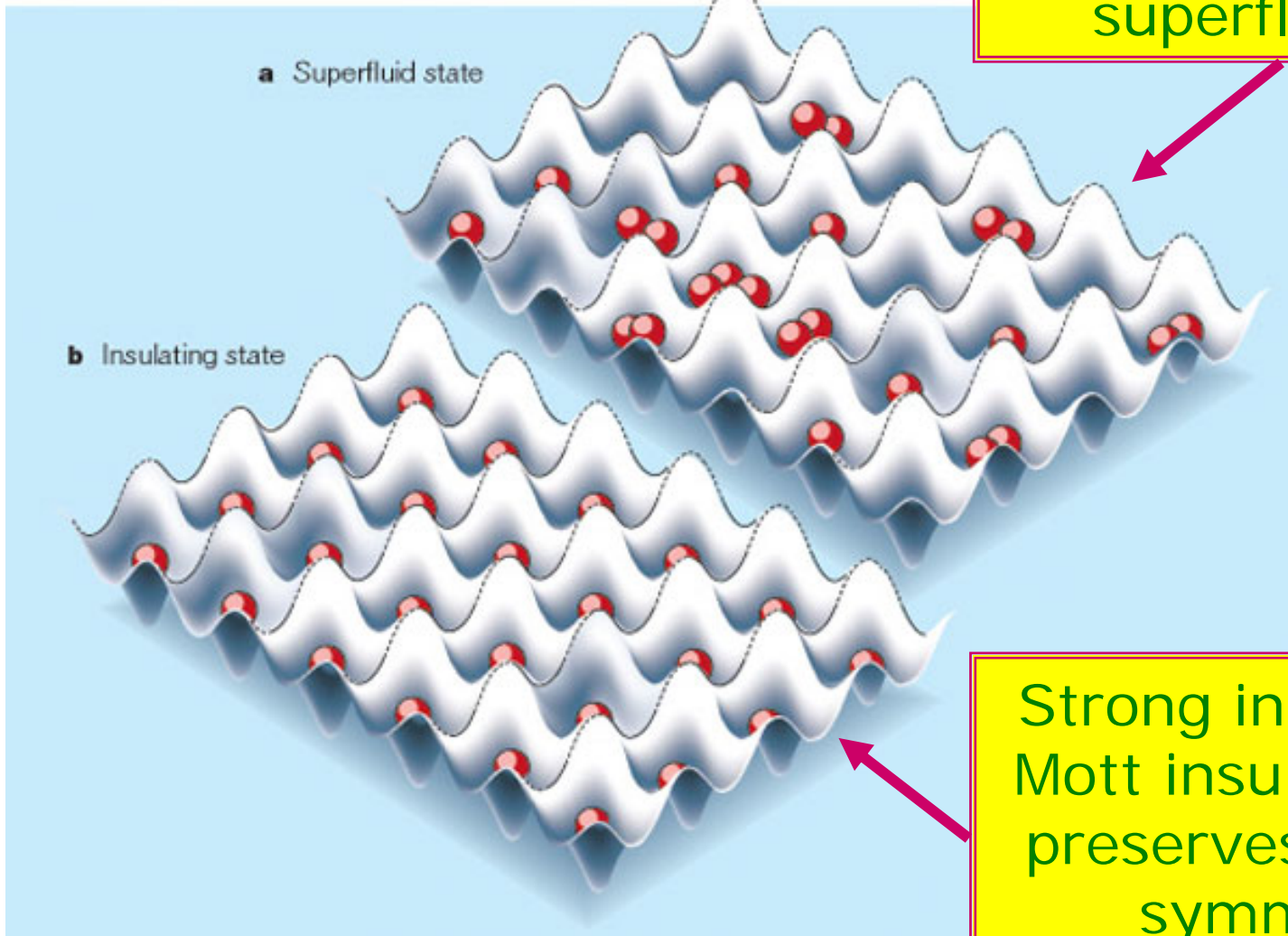
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III. Superfluid-insulator transition

Boson Hubbard model at integer filling

Bosons at density $f = 1$



Weak interactions:
superfluidity

Strong interactions:
Mott insulator which
preserves all lattice
symmetries

LGW theory: continuous quantum transitions between these states

M. Greiner, O. Mandel, T. Esslinger, T. W. Hänsch, and I. Bloch, *Nature* **415**, 39 (2002).

I. The Superfluid-Insulator transition

Boson Hubbard model

Degrees of freedom: Bosons, b_j^\dagger , hopping between the sites, j , of a lattice, with short-range repulsive interactions.

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} b_i^\dagger b_j - \mu \sum_j n_j + \frac{U}{2} \sum_j n_j (n_j - 1) + \dots$$

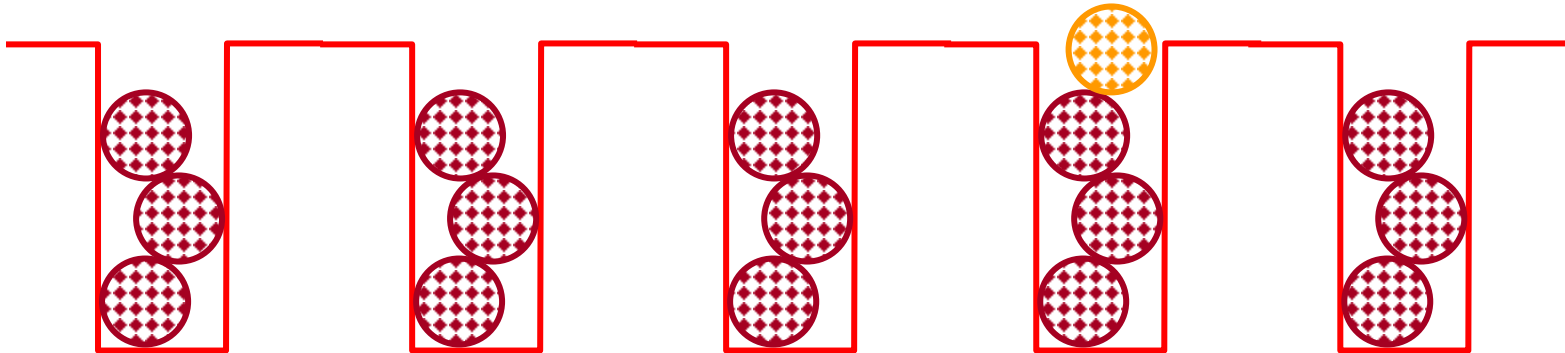
$$n_j \equiv b_j^\dagger b_j$$

M.P.A. Fisher, P.B. Weichmann,
G. Grinstein, and D.S. Fisher
Phys. Rev. B **40**, 546 (1989).

For small U/t , ground state is a superfluid BEC with
superfluid density \approx density of bosons

What is the ground state for large U/t ?

Typically, the ground state remains a superfluid, but with
superfluid density \ll density of bosons

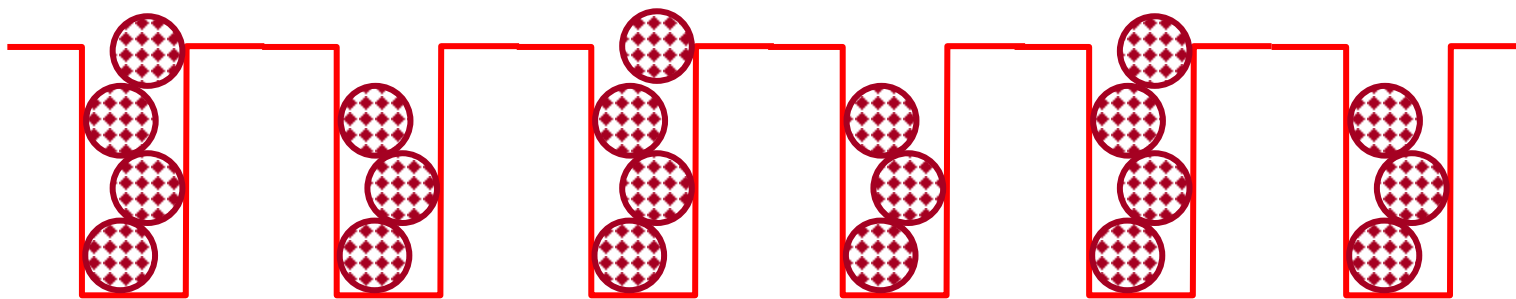
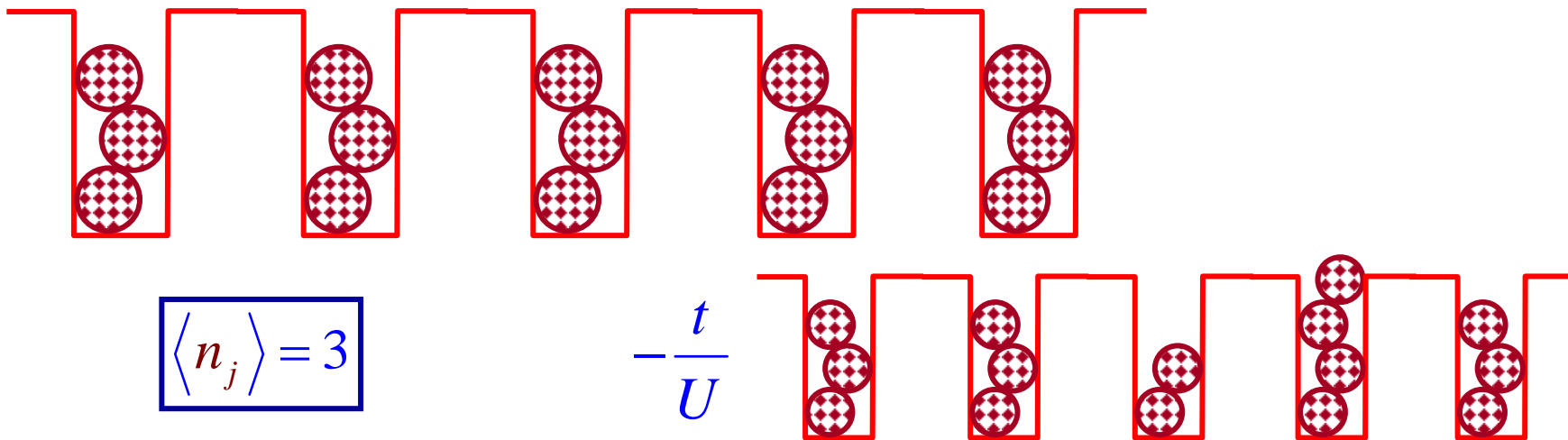


The superfluid density evolves smoothly from large values at small U/t , to small values at large U/t , and there is no quantum phase transition at any intermediate value of U/t .

(In systems with Galilean invariance and at zero temperature, superfluid density=density of bosons always, independent of the strength of the interactions)

What is the ground state for large U/t ?

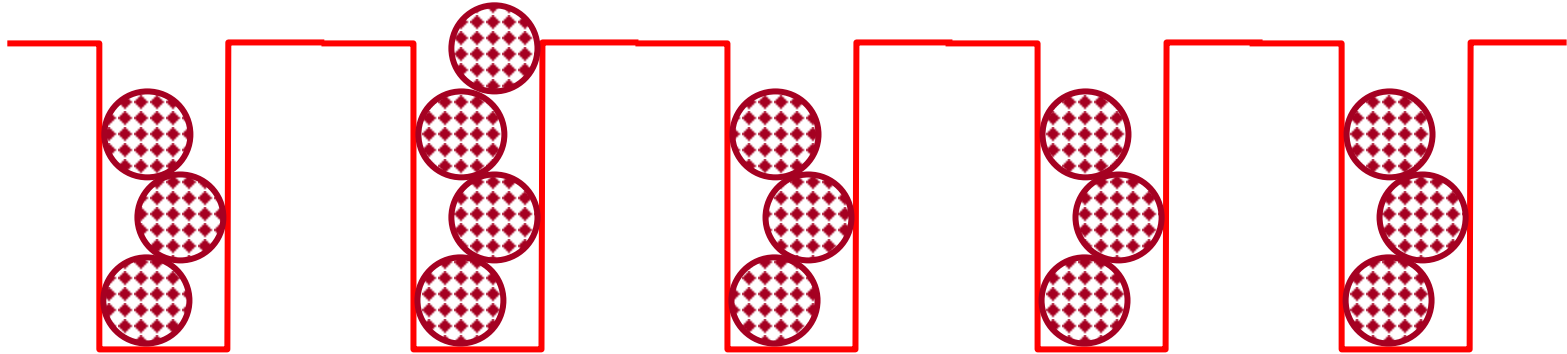
Incompressible, insulating ground states, with zero superfluid density, appear at special commensurate densities



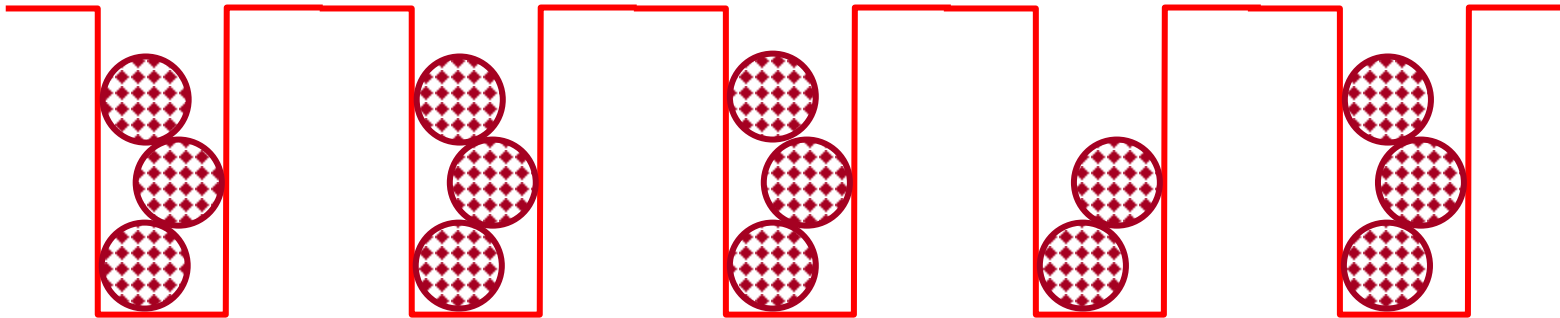
$$\langle n_j \rangle = 7/2$$

Ground state has “density wave” order, which spontaneously breaks lattice symmetries

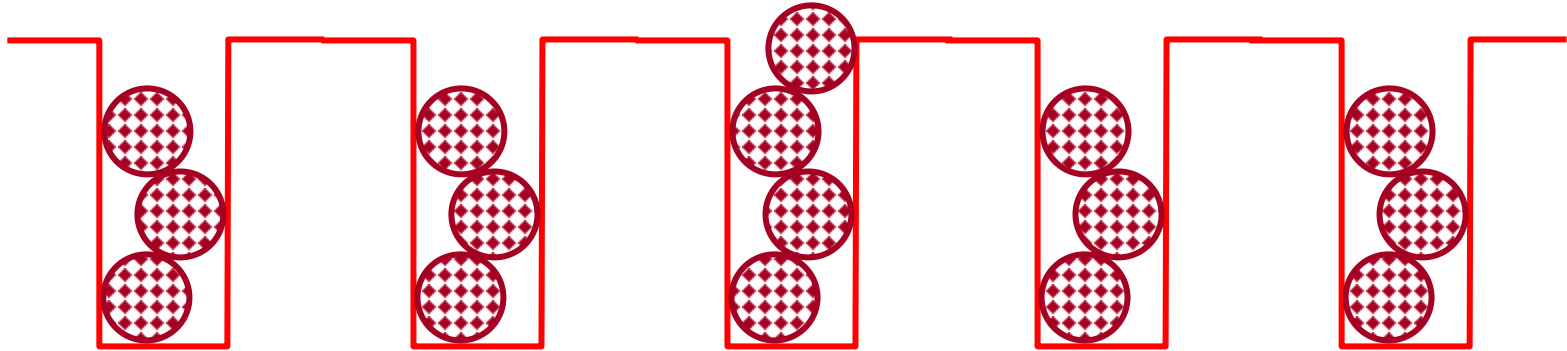
Excitations of the insulator: infinitely long-lived, finite energy
quasiparticles and quasiholes



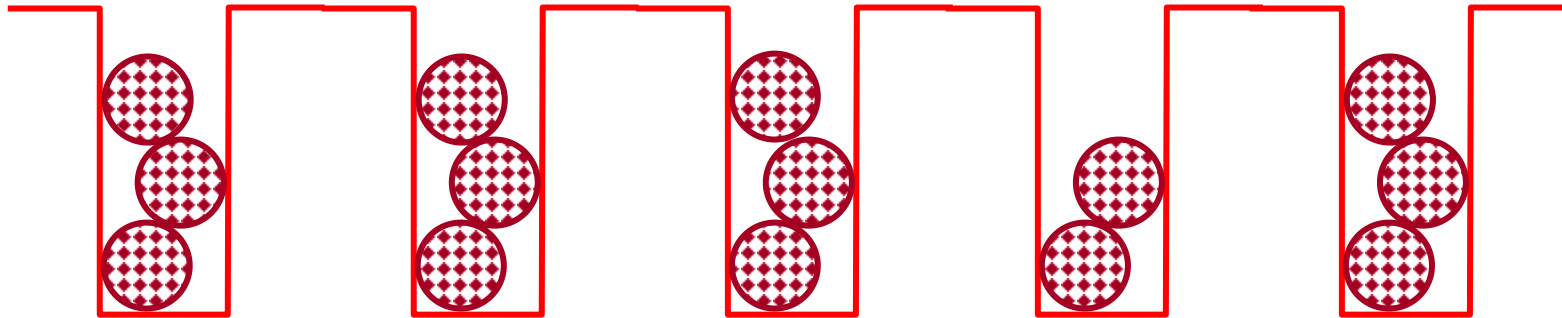
Energy of quasi-particles/holes: $\varepsilon_{p,h}(p) = \Delta_{p,h} + \frac{p^2}{2m_{p,h}^*}$



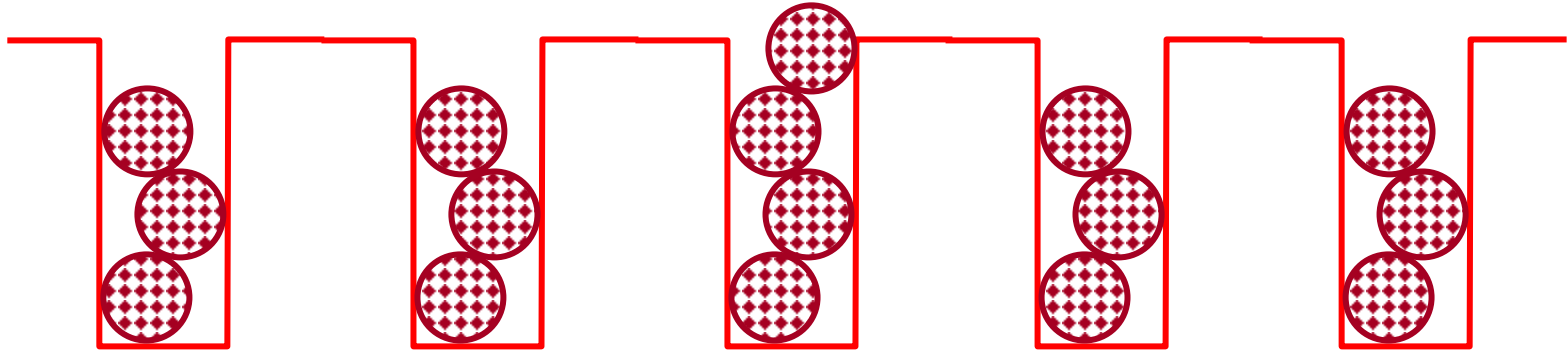
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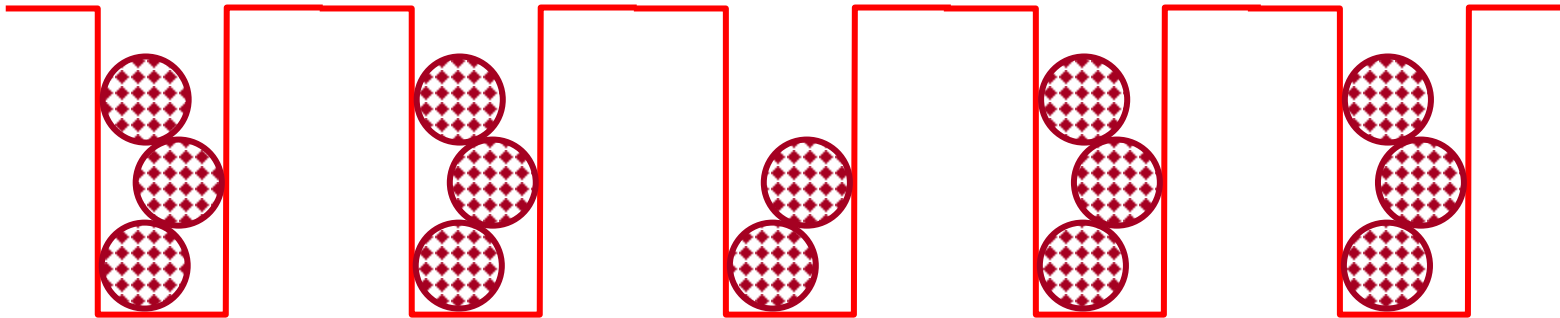
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LGW theory of the superfluid insulator transition

- Identify order parameter $\Psi(x, \tau) \sim b_j^\dagger$
- Symmetries:

$$\text{Gauge invariance:} \quad \Psi \rightarrow \Psi e^{i\theta}$$

$$\text{Time reversal} \quad \tau \rightarrow -\tau \quad ; \quad \Psi \rightarrow \Psi^*$$

$$\text{Spatial inversion} \quad x \rightarrow -x$$

- Write down most general Lagrangian consistent with symmetries

$$\mathcal{Z} = \int \mathcal{D}\Psi(x, \tau) \exp \left(- \int d^d x \int d\tau \mathcal{L}[\Psi] \right)$$
$$\mathcal{L}[\Psi] = K \Psi^* \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \tau} + |\partial_\tau \Psi|^2 + c^2 |\nabla_x \Psi|^2 + r |\Psi|^2 + \frac{u}{2} |\Psi|^4 + \dots$$

- Identify phases at $r \gg 0$ and $r \ll 0$ with the insulator and the superfluid respectively.
- For $K \neq 0$, the particle and hole excitations have different energies.

- Gauge-invariance of the underlying boson Hamiltonian shows that

$$K = -\frac{\partial r}{\partial \mu}$$

- In mean-field theory, the ground state energy, E , across the superfluid-insulator transition has the non-analytic term

$$E = E_0 - \frac{r^2}{2u}\theta(-r)$$

(Beyond mean-field theory, the non-analytic term is $E \sim r^{(d+z)\nu}$).

- Because the density of bosons $= -\partial E/\partial \mu$, this implies a change in the boson density across the transition *unless* $\partial r/\partial \mu = 0$
- A superfluid-insulator transition at fixed boson density must have.

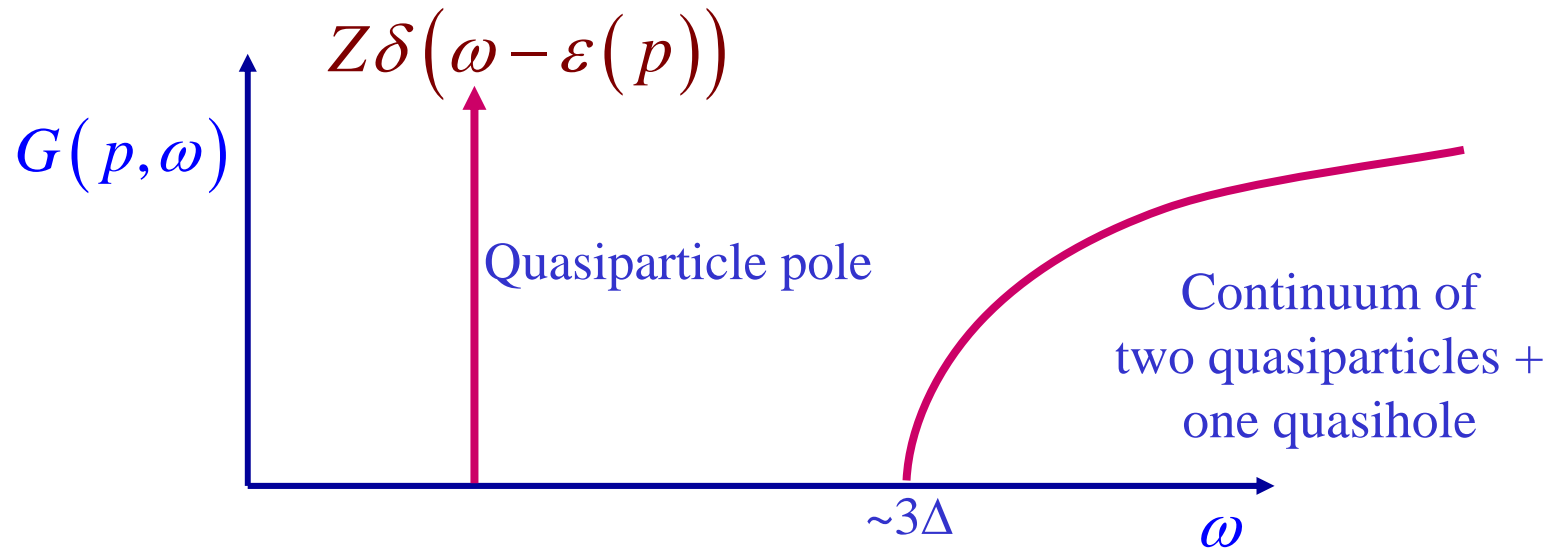
$$K = 0$$

Boson Green's function $G(p, \omega)$:

Insulating ground state

Cross-section to add a boson

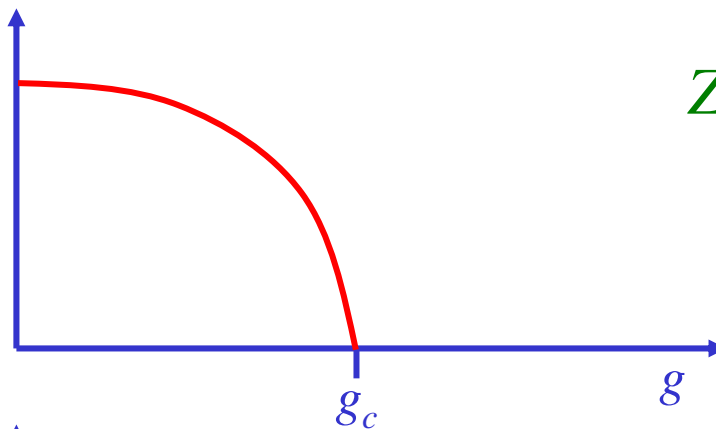
while transferring energy $\hbar\omega$ and momentum p



Similar result for quasi-hole excitations obtained by removing a boson

Entangled states at $g \equiv t/U$ of order unity

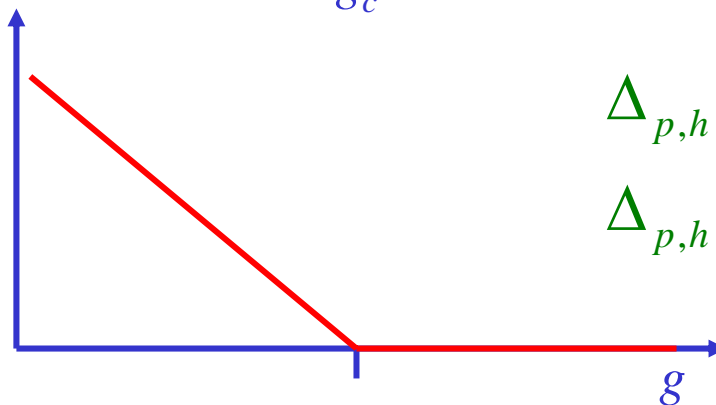
Quasiparticle weight Z



$$Z \sim (g_c - g)^{\eta\nu}$$

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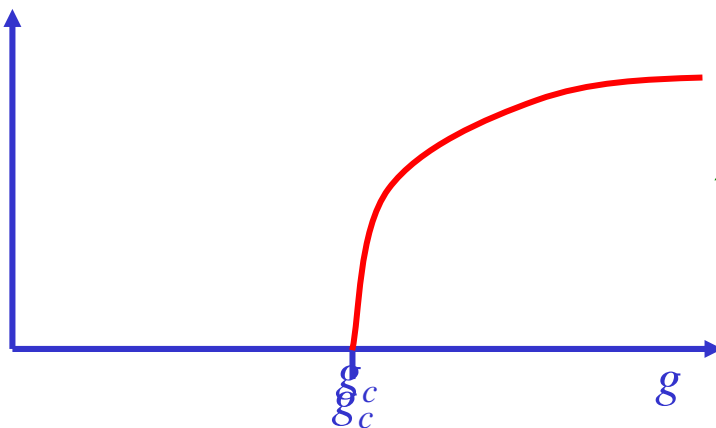
Excitation energy gap Δ



$$\Delta_{p,h} \sim (g_c - g)^\nu \text{ for } g < g_c$$

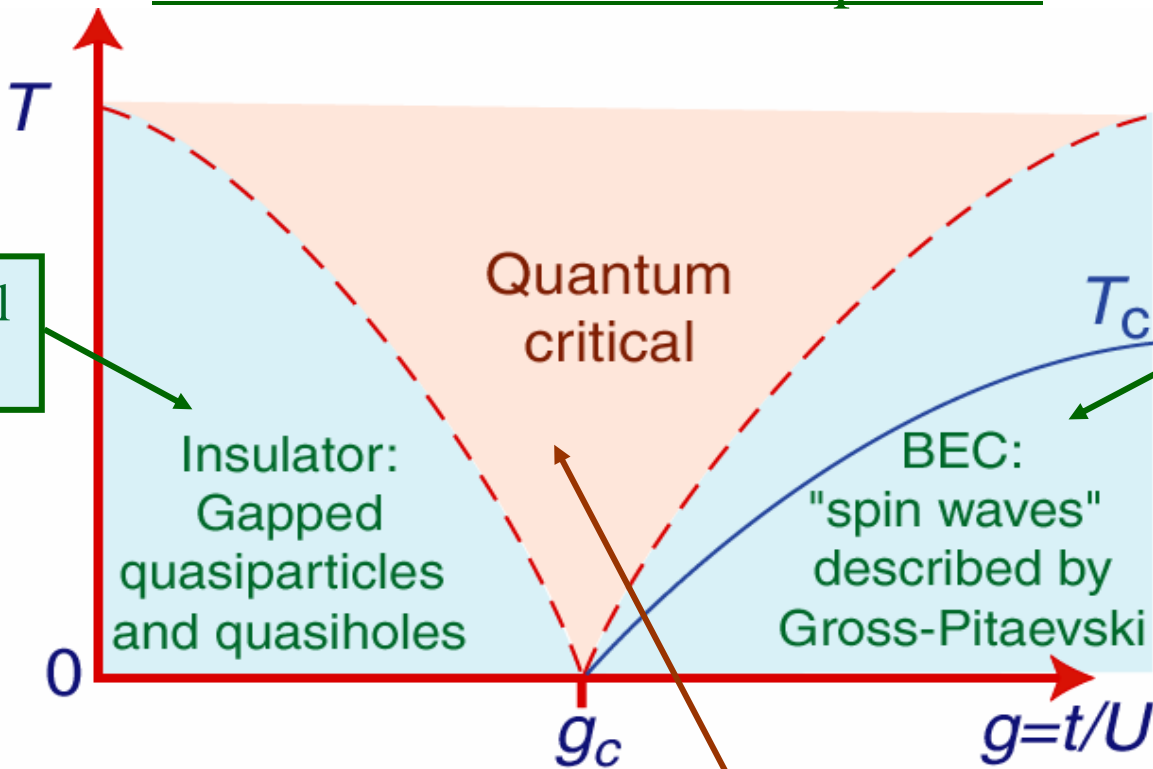
$$\Delta_{p,h} = 0 \text{ for } g > g_c$$

Superfluid density ρ_s



$$\rho_s \sim (g - g_c)^{(d+z-2)\nu}$$

Crossovers at nonzero temperature



Quasiclassical dynamics

Quasiclassical dynamics

Relaxational dynamics ("Bose molasses") with phase coherence/relaxation time τ_ϕ given by

$$\frac{1}{\tau_\phi} = (\text{Universal number}) \frac{k_B T}{\hbar} \quad (1\mu\text{K} = 20.9\text{kHz})$$

S. Sachdev and J. Ye, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **69**, 2411 (1992).
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Conductivity (in d=2) = $\frac{Q^2}{h} \Sigma \left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T} \right)$ $\Sigma \rightarrow$ universal function

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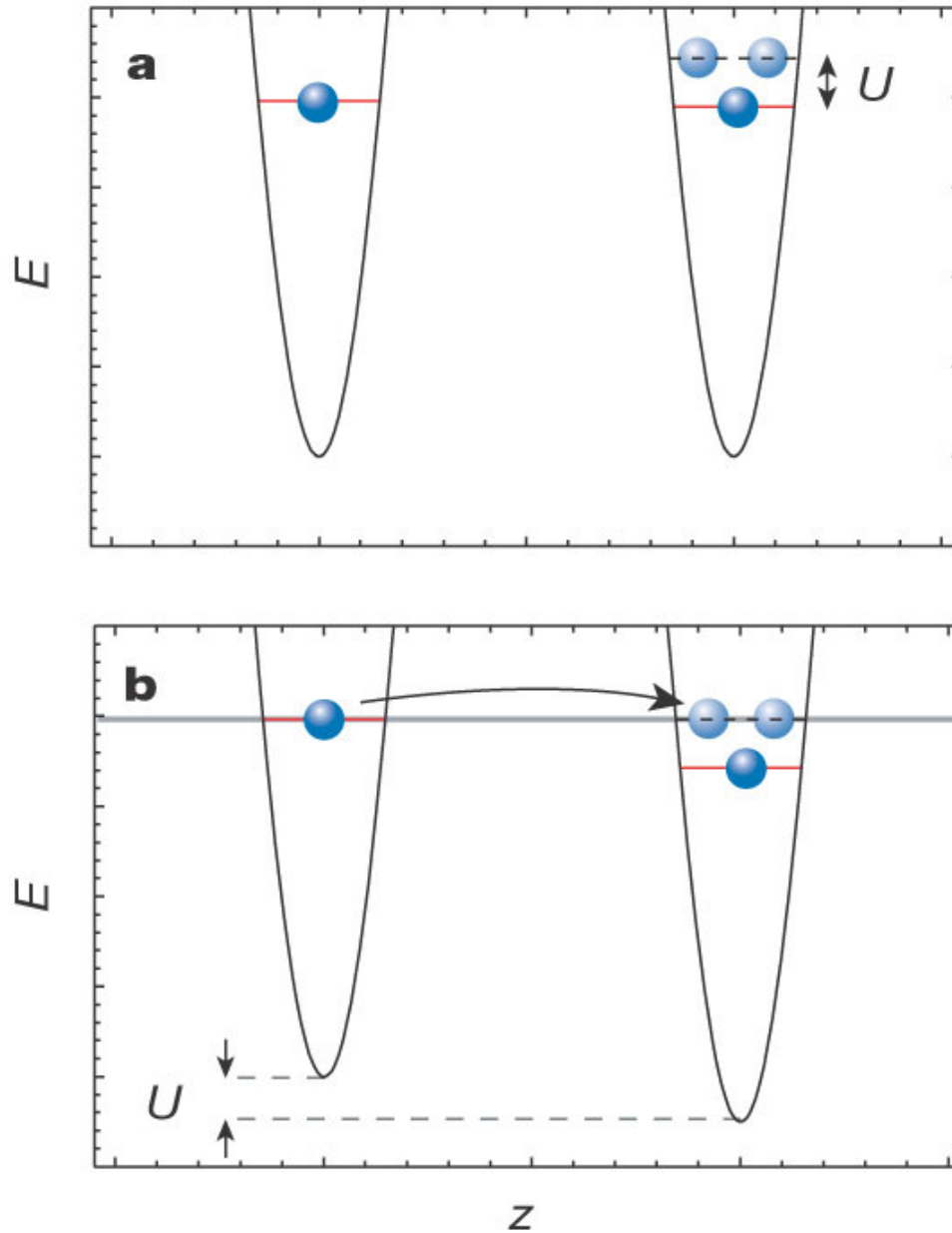
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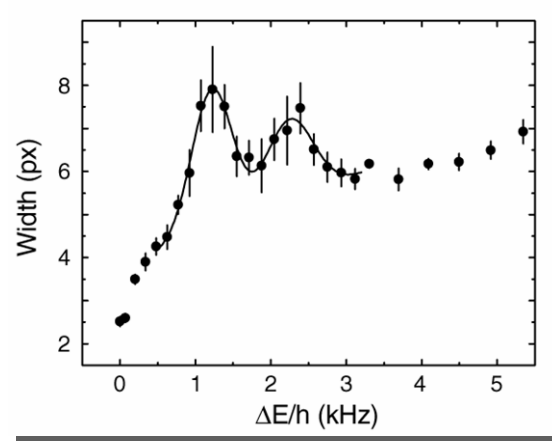
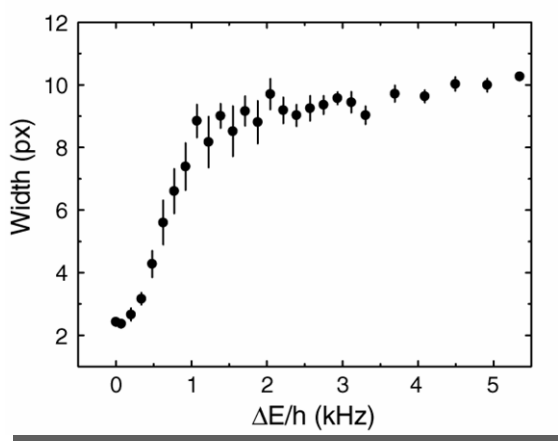
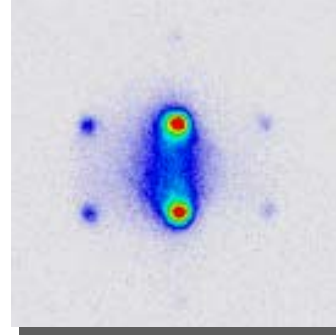
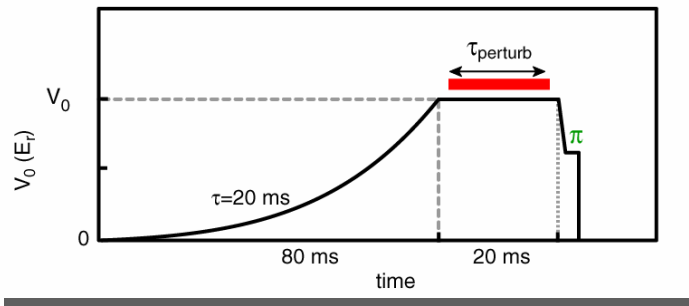
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Density wave order at an Ising transition

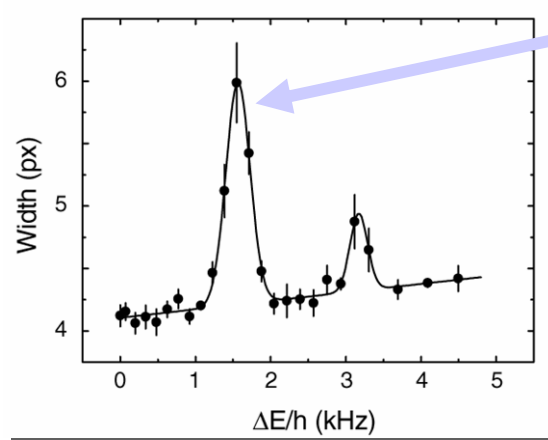
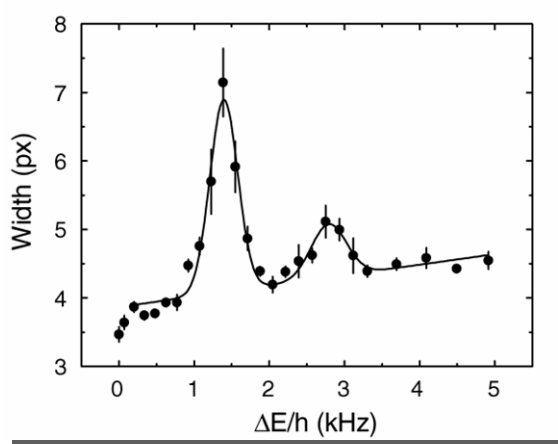
Applying an “electric” field to the Mott insulator





$V_0 = 10 E_{recoil}$ $\tau_{perturb} = 2$ ms

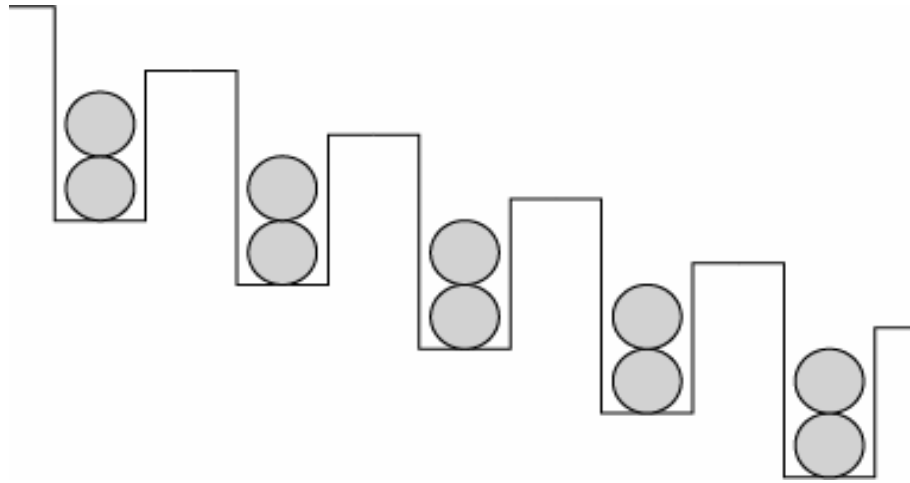
$V_0 = 13 E_{recoil}$ $\tau_{perturb} = 4$ ms



What is the quantum state here ?

$V_0 = 16 E_{recoil}$ $\tau_{perturb} = 9$ ms

$V_0 = 20 E_{recoil}$ $\tau_{perturb} = 20$ ms



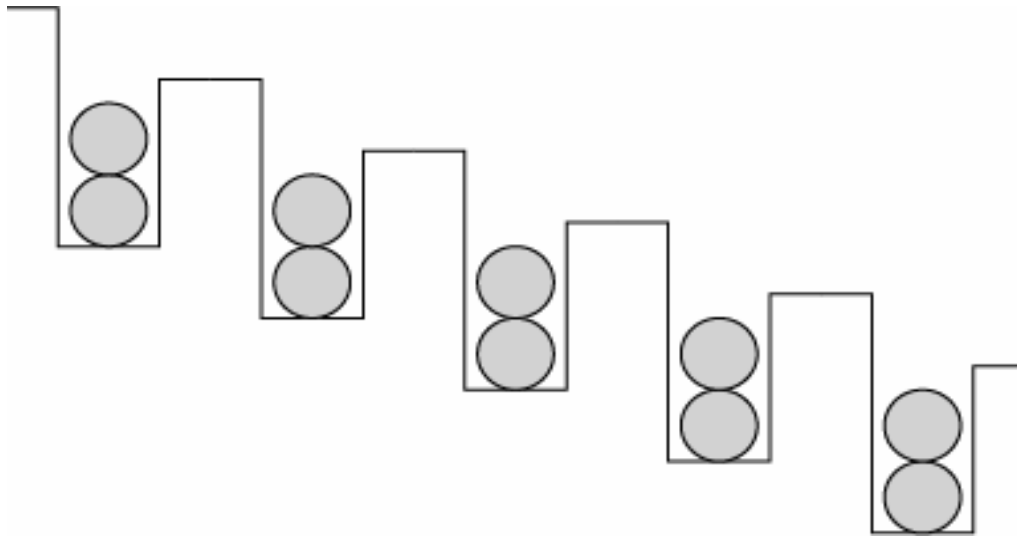
$$H = -t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (b_i^\dagger b_j + b_j^\dagger b_i) + \frac{U}{2} \sum_i n_i (n_i - 1) - \sum_i \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{r}_i n_i$$

$$n_i = b_i^\dagger b_i$$

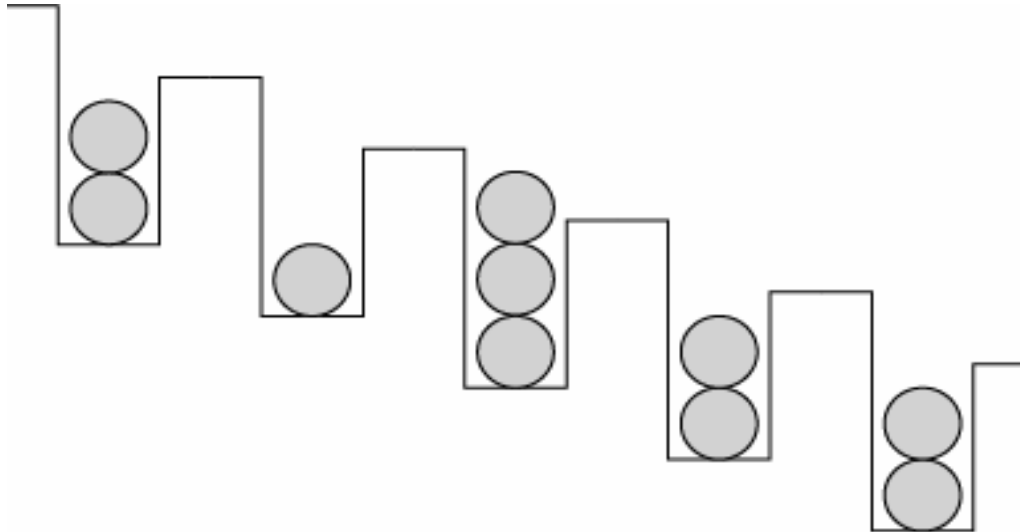
$$|U - E|, t \ll E, U$$

Describe spectrum in subspace of states resonantly coupled to the Mott insulator

Important neutral excitations (in one dimension)

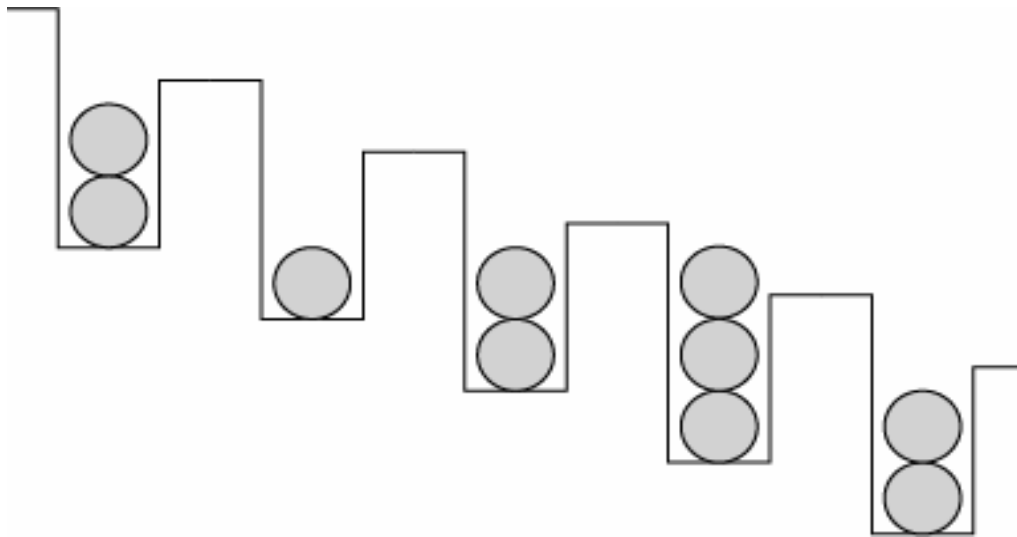


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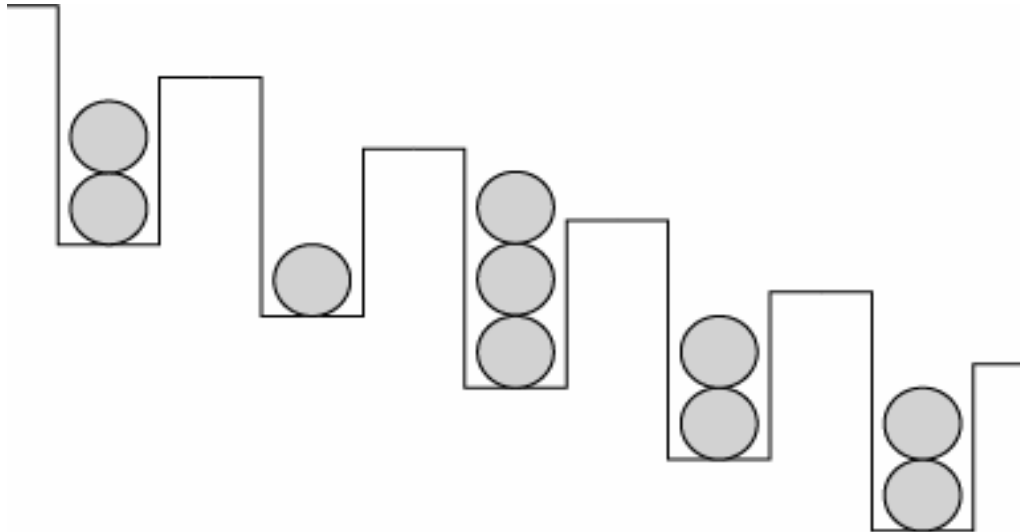
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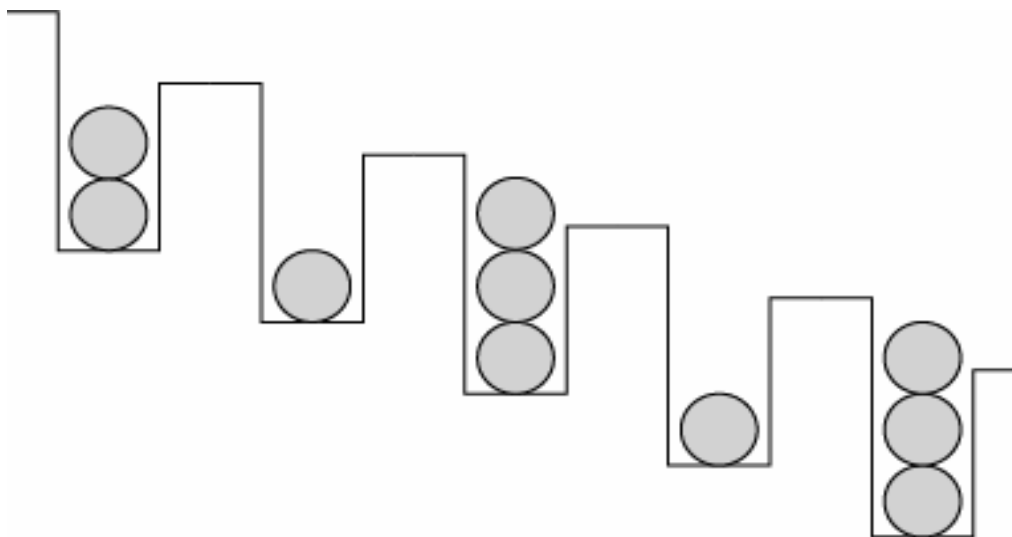
Creating dipoles on nearest neighbor links creates a state with relative energy $U-2E$; such states are *not* part of the resonant manifold

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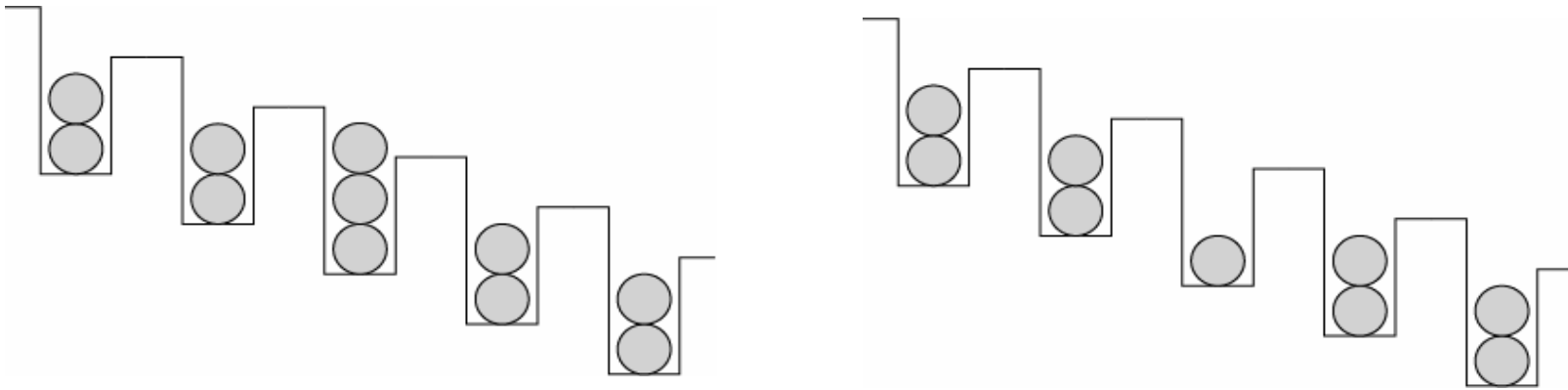
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Nearest-neighbor dipoles

Dipoles can appear resonantly on non-nearest-neighbor links.
Within resonant manifold, dipoles have infinite on-link
and nearest-link repulsion

Charged excitations (in one dimension)



Effective Hamiltonian for a quasiparticle in one dimension (similar for a quasihole):

$$H_{\text{eff}} = -\sum_j \left[3t \left(b_j^\dagger b_{j+1} + b_{j+1}^\dagger b_j \right) + E j b_j^\dagger b_j \right]$$

Exact eigenvalues $\varepsilon_m = Em$; $m = -\infty \dots \infty$

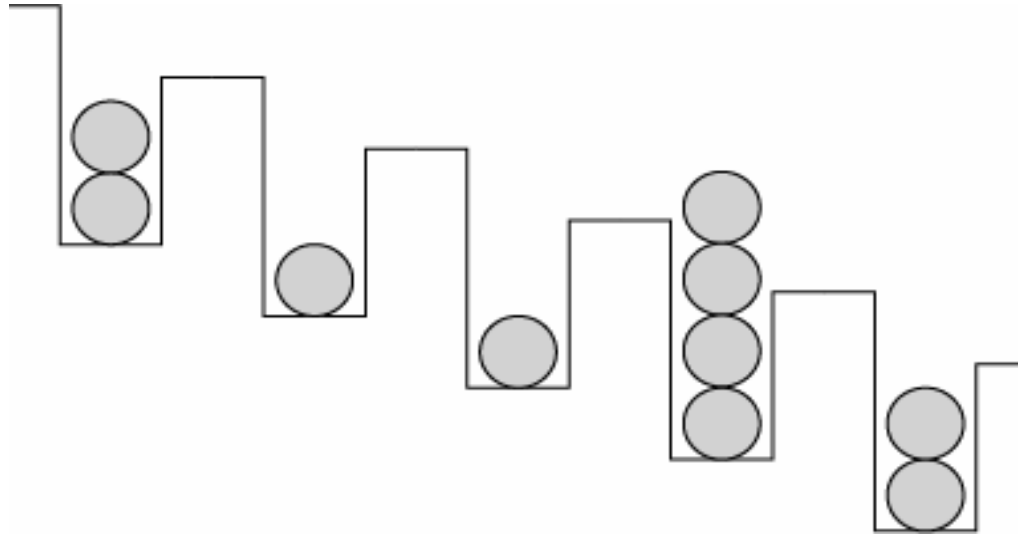
Exact eigenvectors $\psi_m(j) = J_{j-m}(6t/E)$

All charged excitations are strongly localized in the plane perpendicular electric field.

Wavefunction is periodic in time, with period h/E (Bloch oscillations)

Quasiparticles and quasiholes are not accelerated out to infinity

A non-dipole state



State has energy $3(U-E)$ but is connected to resonant state by a matrix element smaller than t^2/U

State is not part of resonant manifold

Hamiltonian for resonant dipole states (in one dimension)

$d_\ell^\dagger \Rightarrow$ Creates dipole on link ℓ

$$H_d = -\sqrt{6}t \sum_\ell (d_\ell^\dagger + d_\ell) + (U - E) \sum_\ell d_\ell^\dagger d_\ell$$

$$\text{Constraints: } d_\ell^\dagger d_\ell \leq 1 \quad ; \quad d_{\ell+1}^\dagger d_{\ell+1} d_\ell^\dagger d_\ell = 0$$

Determine phase diagram of H_d as a function of $(U-E)/t$

Note: there is no explicit dipole hopping term.

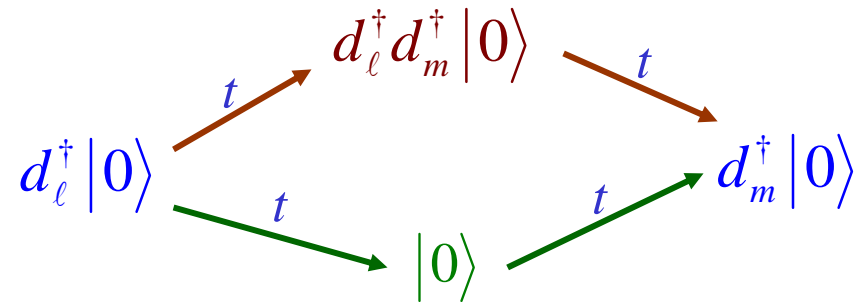
However, dipole hopping is generated by the interplay of terms in H_d and the constraints.

Weak electric fields: $(U-E) \gg t$

Ground state is dipole vacuum (Mott insulator) $|0\rangle$

First excited levels: single dipole states $d_\ell^\dagger |0\rangle$

Effective hopping between dipole states



If both processes are permitted, they exactly cancel each other.

The top process is blocked when ℓ, m are nearest neighbors

\Rightarrow A nearest-neighbor dipole hopping term $\sim \frac{t^2}{U-E}$ is generated

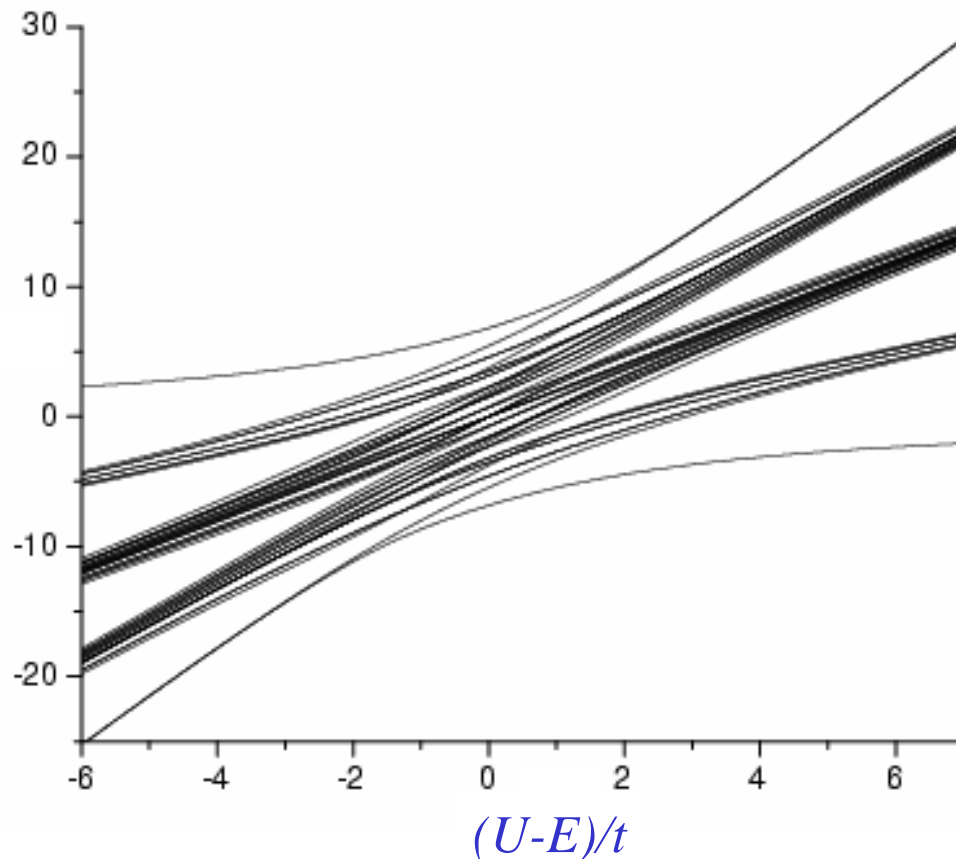
Strong electric fields: $(E-U) \gg t$

Ground state has maximal dipole number.

Two-fold degeneracy associated with Ising density wave order:

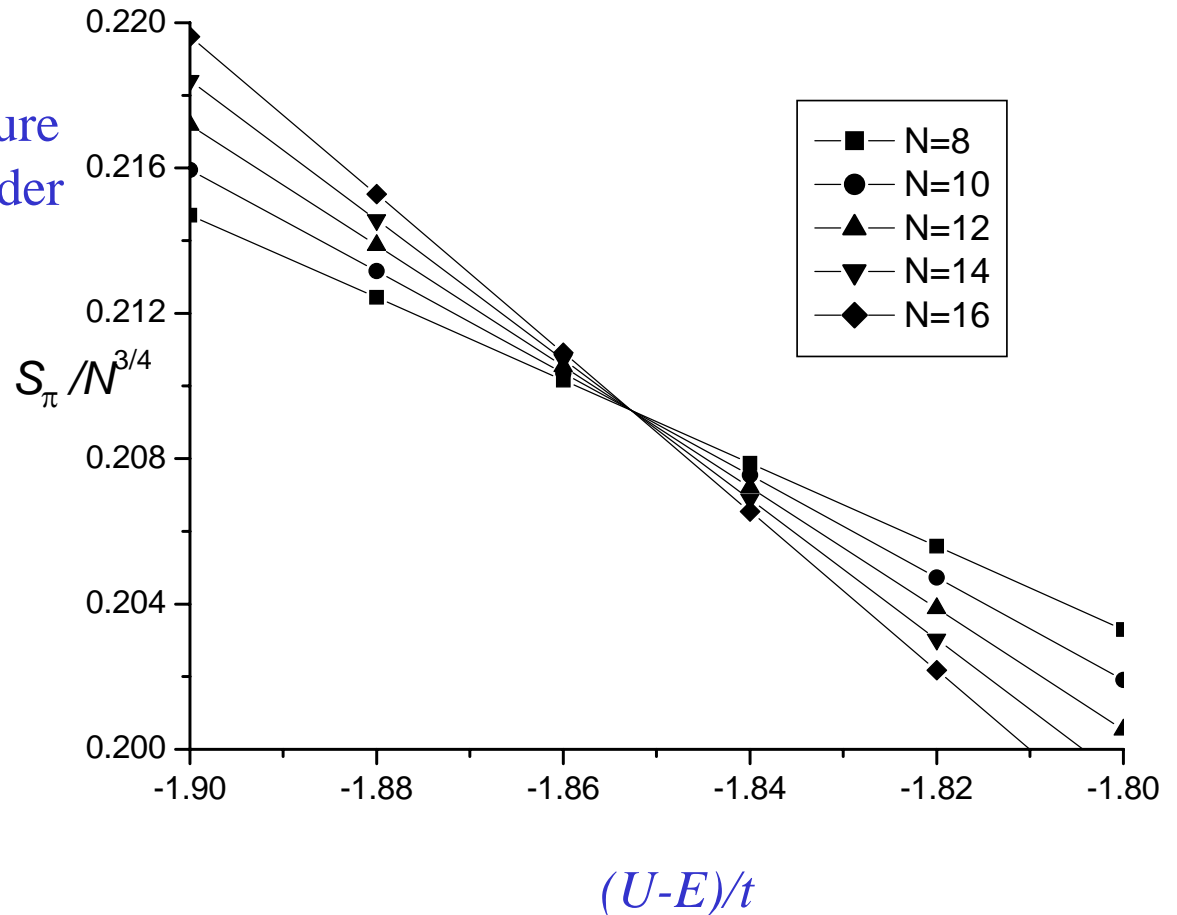
$$\cdots d_1^\dagger d_3^\dagger d_5^\dagger d_7^\dagger d_9^\dagger d_{11}^\dagger \cdots |0\rangle \quad \text{or} \quad \cdots d_2^\dagger d_4^\dagger d_6^\dagger d_8^\dagger d_{10}^\dagger d_{12}^\dagger \cdots |0\rangle$$

Eigenvalues



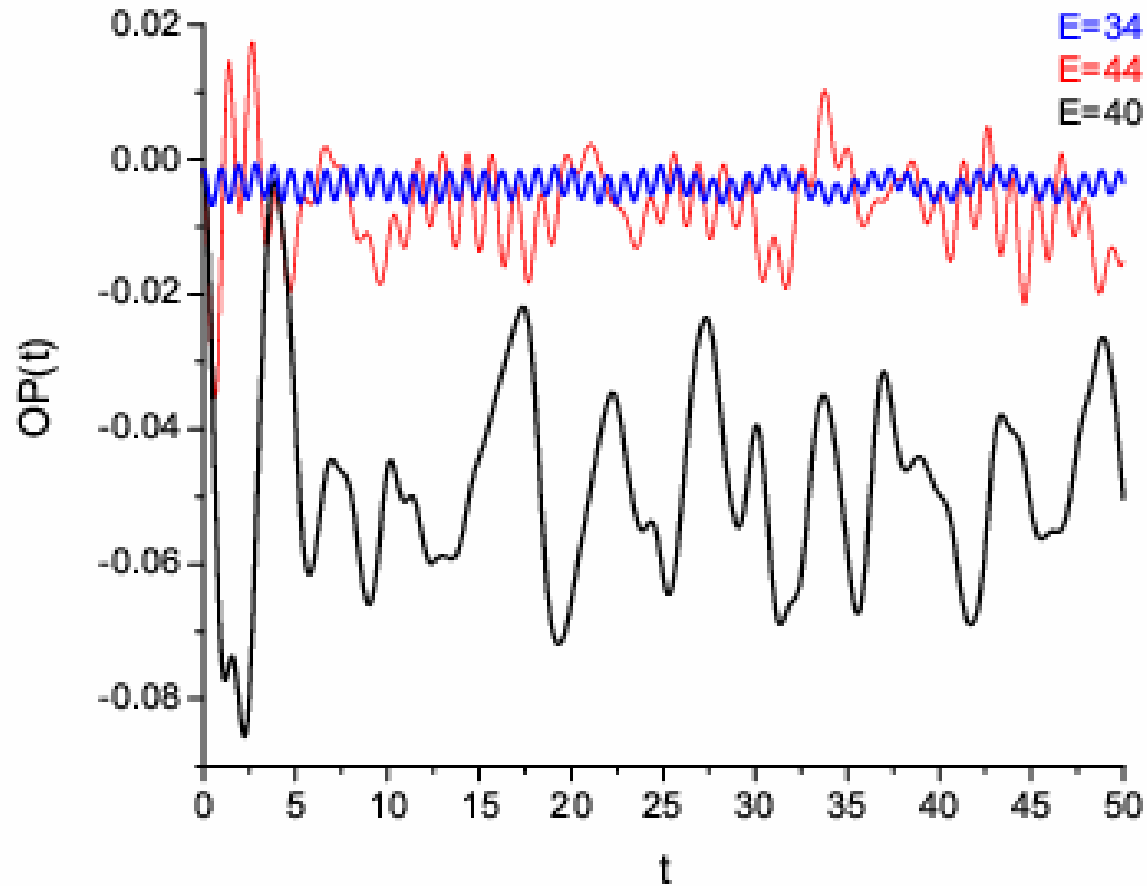
Ising quantum critical point at $E-U=1.08 t$

Equal-time structure factor for Ising order parameter



Non-equilibrium dynamics in one dimension

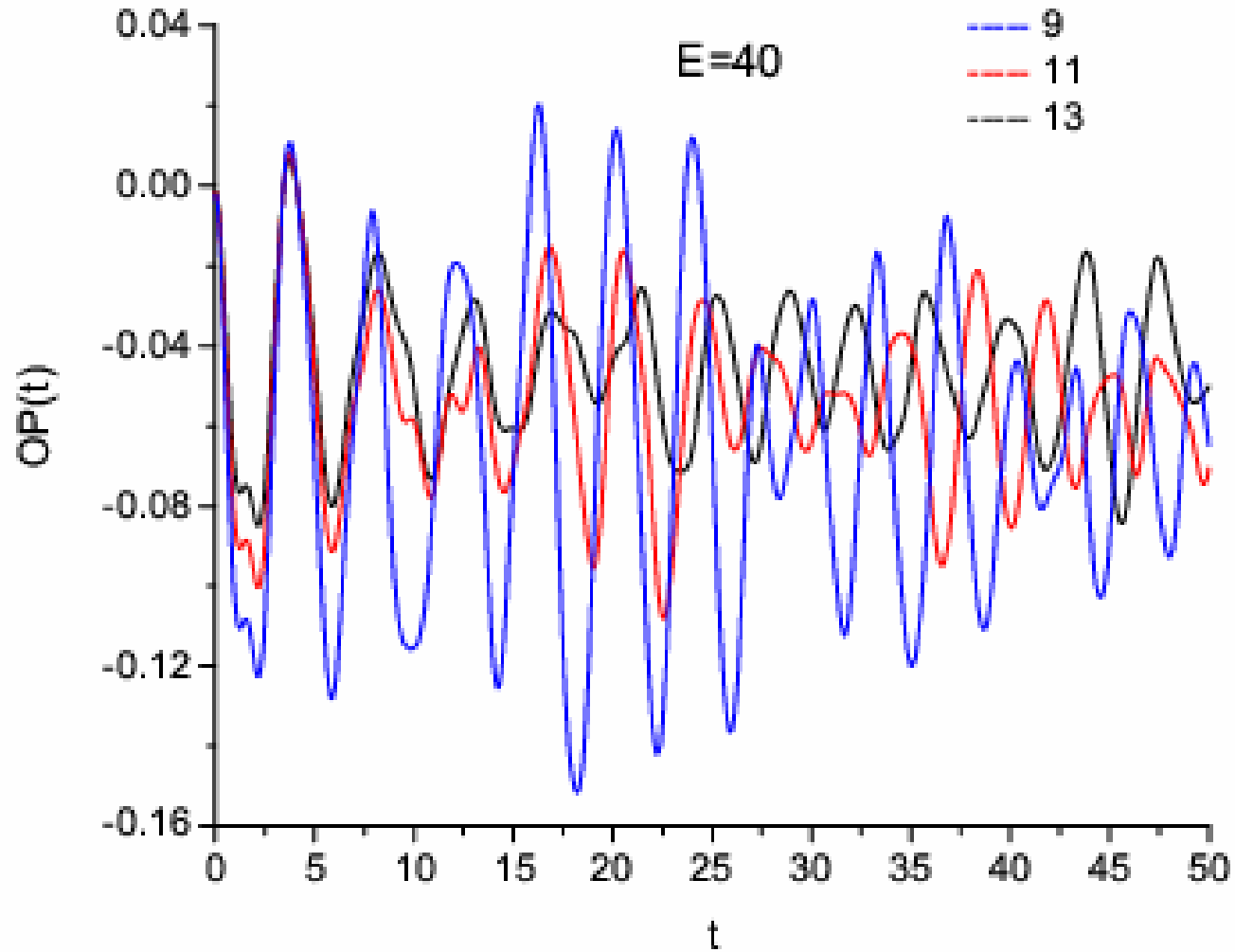
Start with the ground state at $E=32$ on a chain with open boundaries. Suddenly change the value of E and follow the evolution of the wavefunction



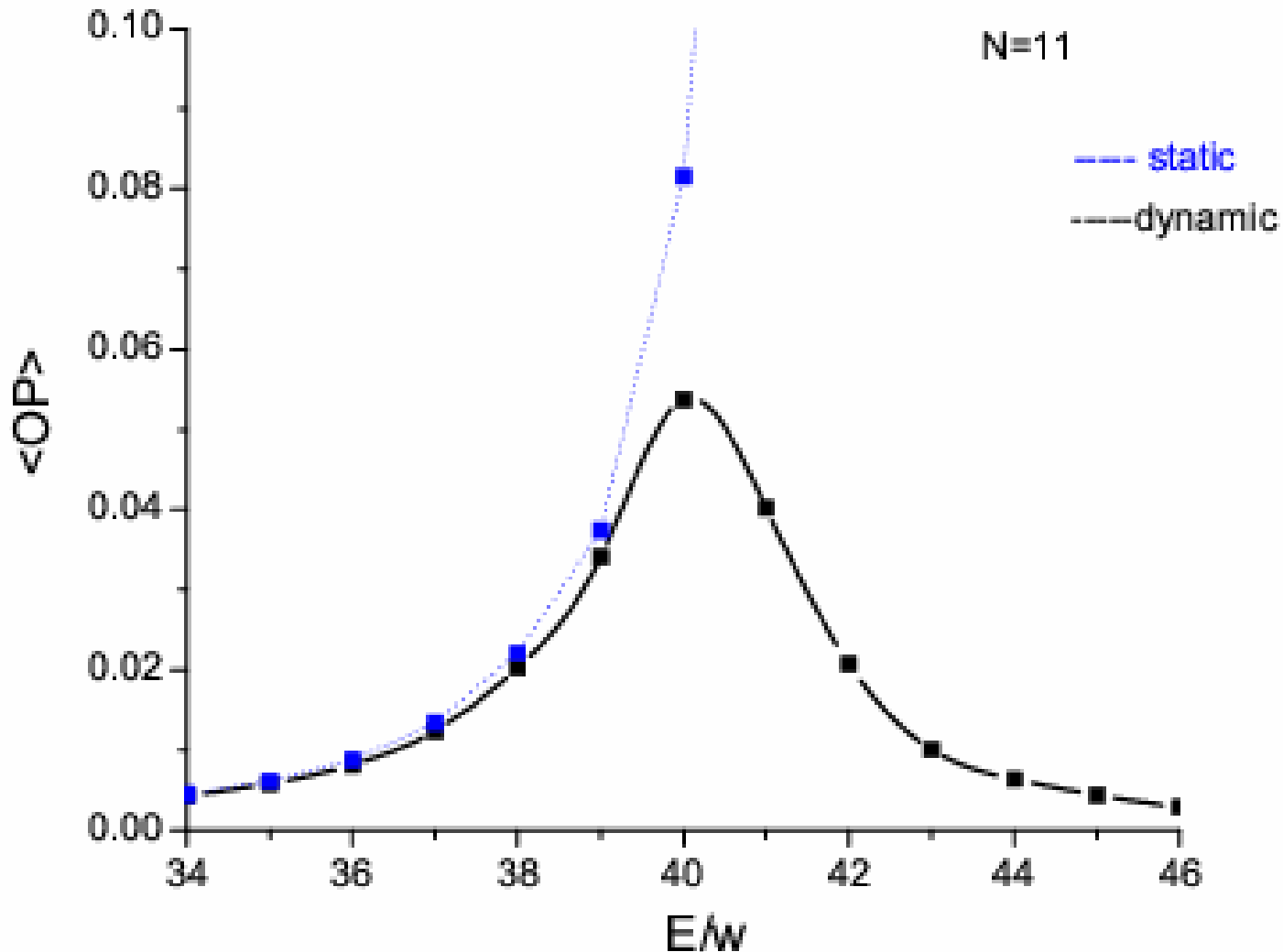
Critical point at $E=41.85$

Non-equilibrium dynamics in one dimension

Dependence on chain length



Non-equilibrium dynamics in one dimension



Non-equilibrium response is maximal near the Ising critical point

K. Sengupta, S. Powell, and S. Sachdev, *Physical Review A* **69**, 053616 (2004)

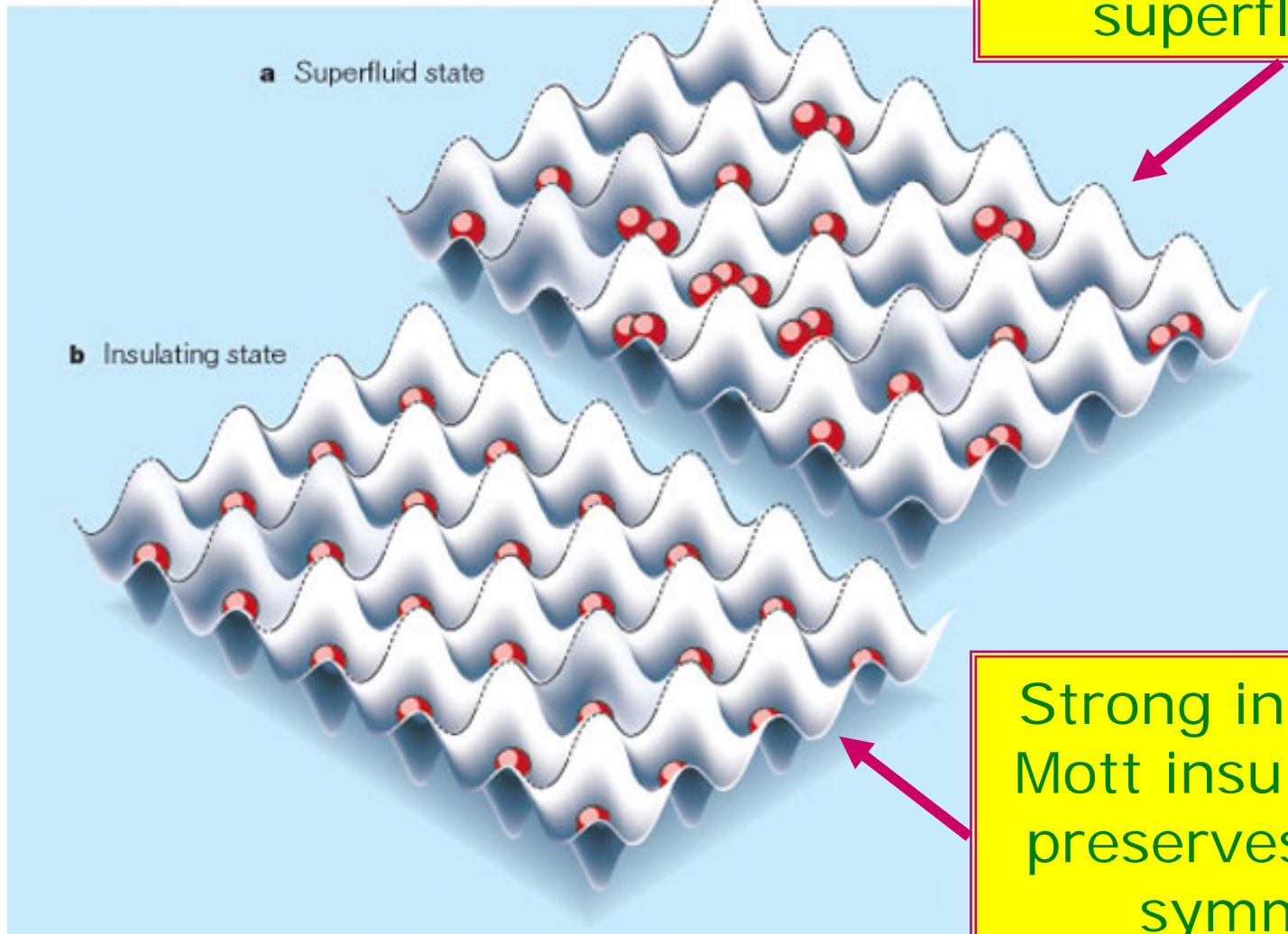
Outline

- I. Quantum Ising Chain
- II. Landau-Ginzburg-Wilson theory
Mean field theory and the evolution of the excitation spectrum.
- III. Superfluid-insulator transition
Boson Hubbard model at integer filling.
- IV. Tilting the Mott insulator
Density wave order at an Ising transition.
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*Beyond the Landau-Ginzburg-Wilson
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Bosons at density $f = 1$



Weak interactions:
superfluidity

Strong interactions:
Mott insulator which
preserves all lattice
symmetries

LGW theory: continuous quantum transitions between these states

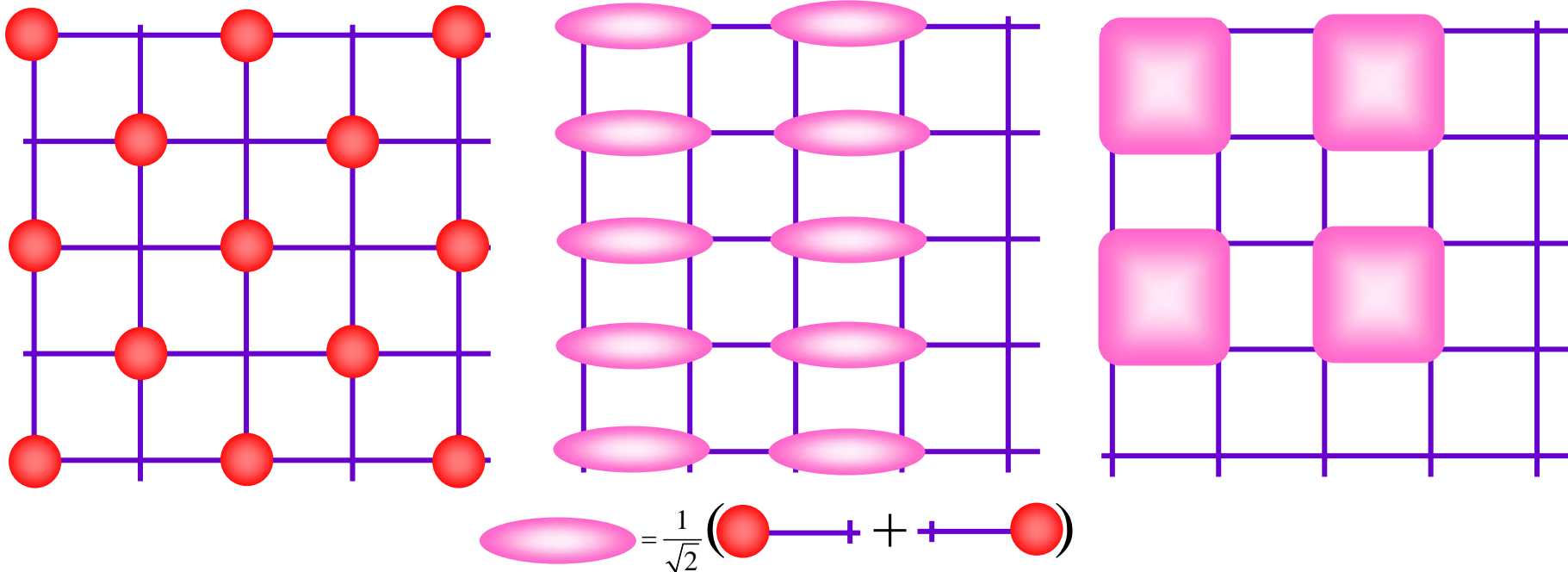
M. Greiner, O. Mandel, T. Esslinger, T. W. Hänsch, and I. Bloch, *Nature* **415**, 39 (2002).

Bosons at density $f = 1/2$

Weak interactions: superfluidity

$$\langle \Psi_{sc} \rangle \neq 0$$

Strong interactions: Candidate insulating states

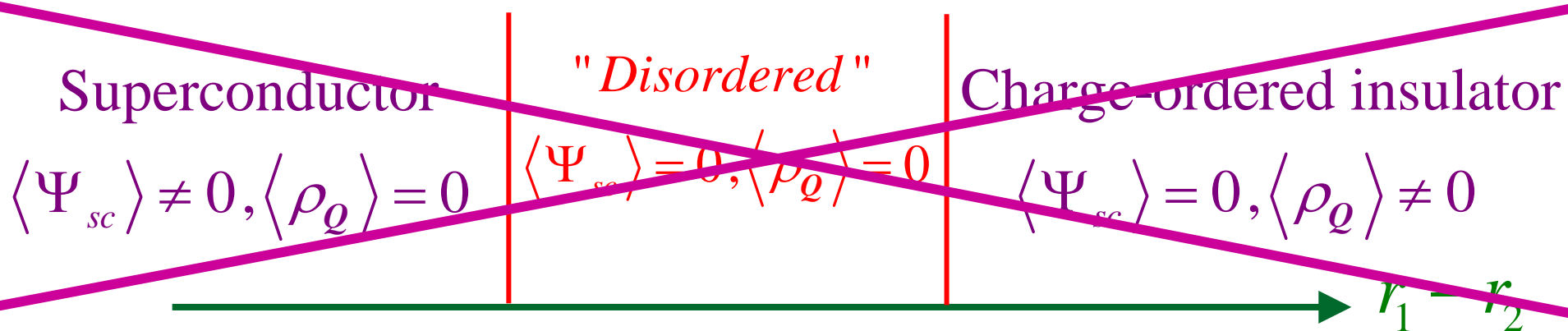
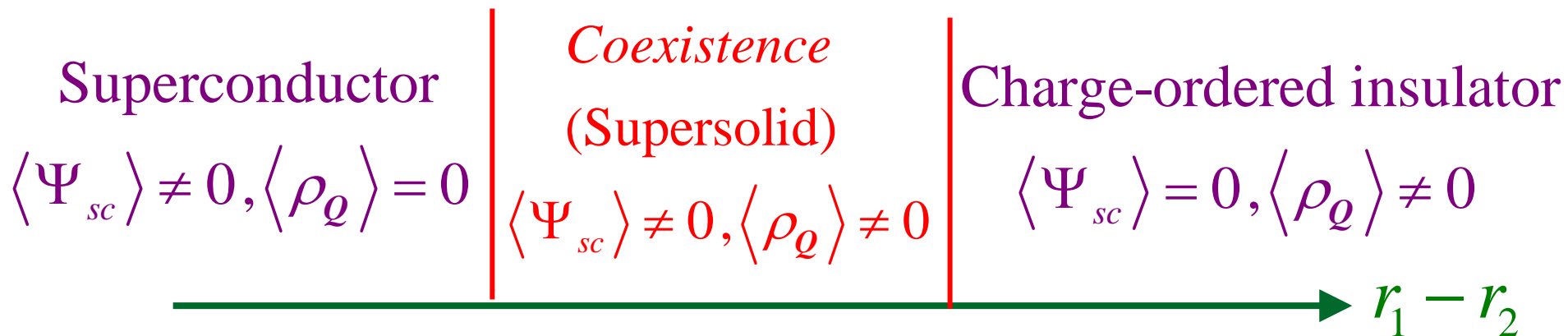
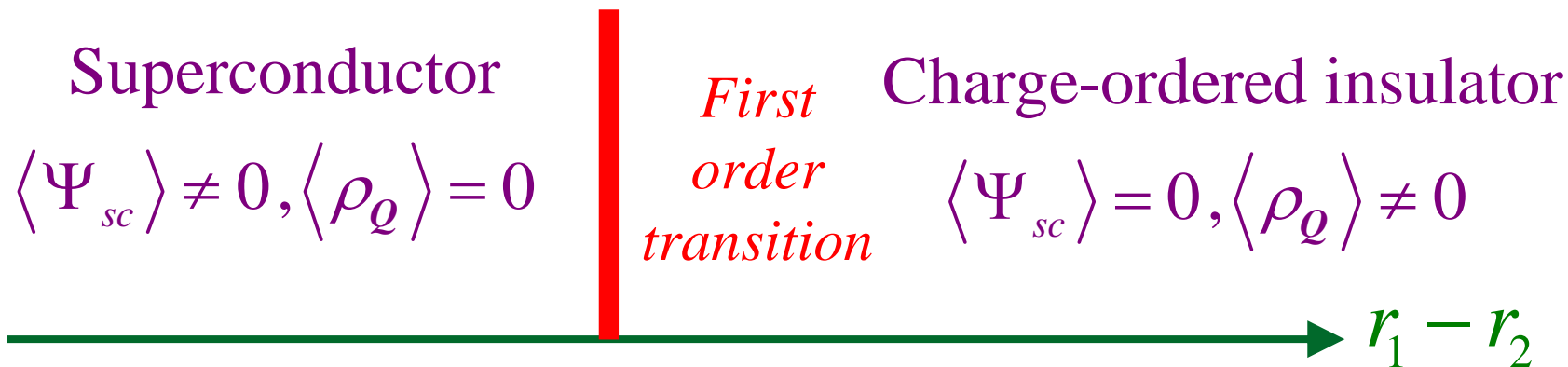


All insulating phases have density-wave order $\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{q}} \rho_{\mathbf{q}} e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{r}}$ with $\langle \rho_{\mathbf{q}} \rangle \neq 0$

C. Lannert, M.P.A. Fisher, and T. Senthil, *Phys. Rev. B* **63**, 134510 (2001)

S. Sachdev and K. Park, *Annals of Physics*, **298**, 58 (2002)

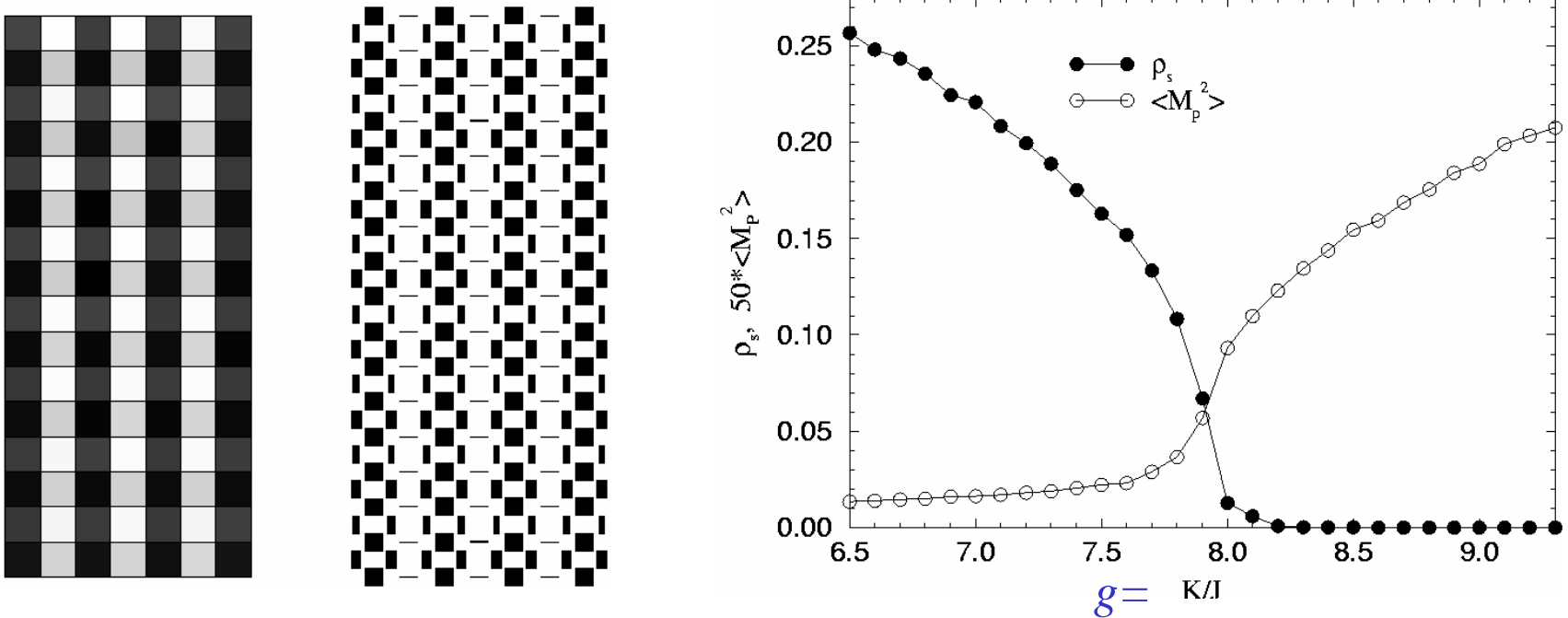
Predictions of LGW theory



Superfluid insulator transition of hard core bosons at $f=1/2$

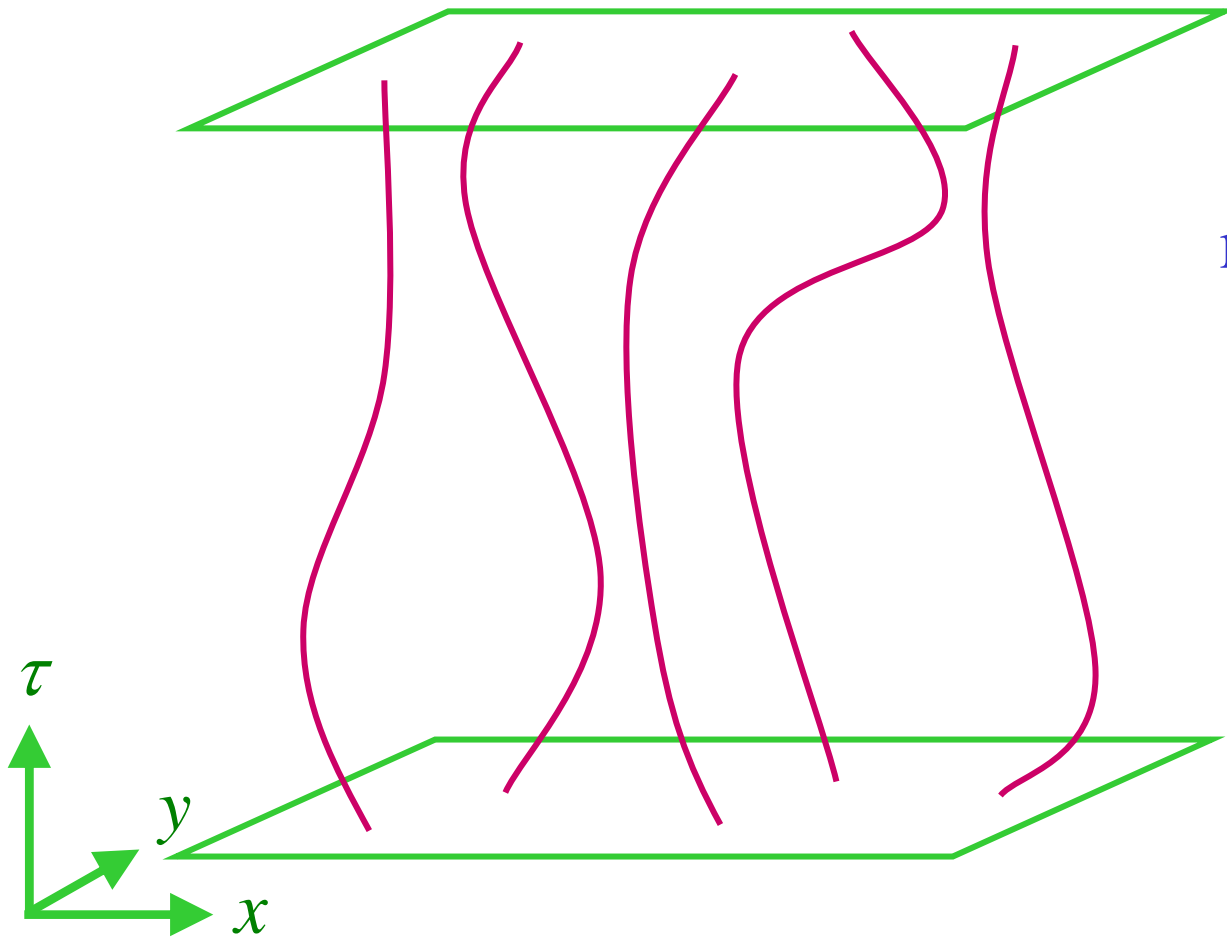
A. W. Sandvik, S. Daul, R. R. P. Singh, and D. J. Scalapino, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **89**, 247201 (2002)

Large scale (> 8000 sites) numerical study of the destruction of superfluid order at half filling with full square lattice symmetry



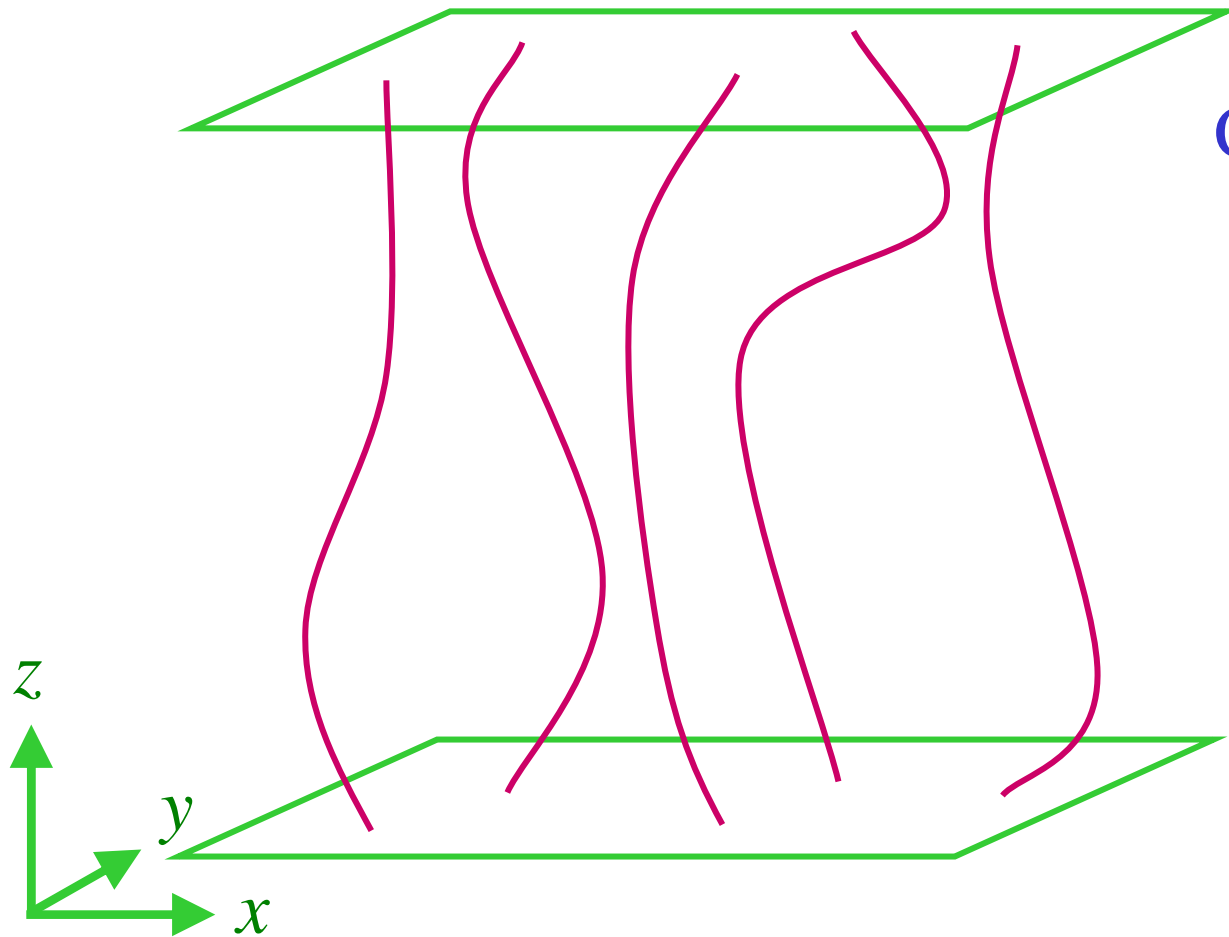
$$H = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (S_i^+ S_j^- + S_i^- S_j^+) - K \sum_{\langle ijkl \rangle \subset \square} (S_i^+ S_j^- S_k^+ S_l^- + S_i^- S_j^+ S_k^- S_l^+)$$

Boson-vortex duality



Quantum
mechanics of two-
dimensional
bosons: world
lines of bosons in
spacetime

Boson-vortex duality



Classical statistical mechanics of a “dual” three-dimensional superconductor: vortices in a “magnetic” field

Strength of “magnetic” field = density of bosons
= f flux quanta per plaquette

Boson-vortex duality

Statistical mechanics of dual superconductor is invariant under the square lattice space group:

T_x, T_y : Translations by a lattice spacing in the x, y directions

R : Rotation by 90 degrees.

Magnetic space group:

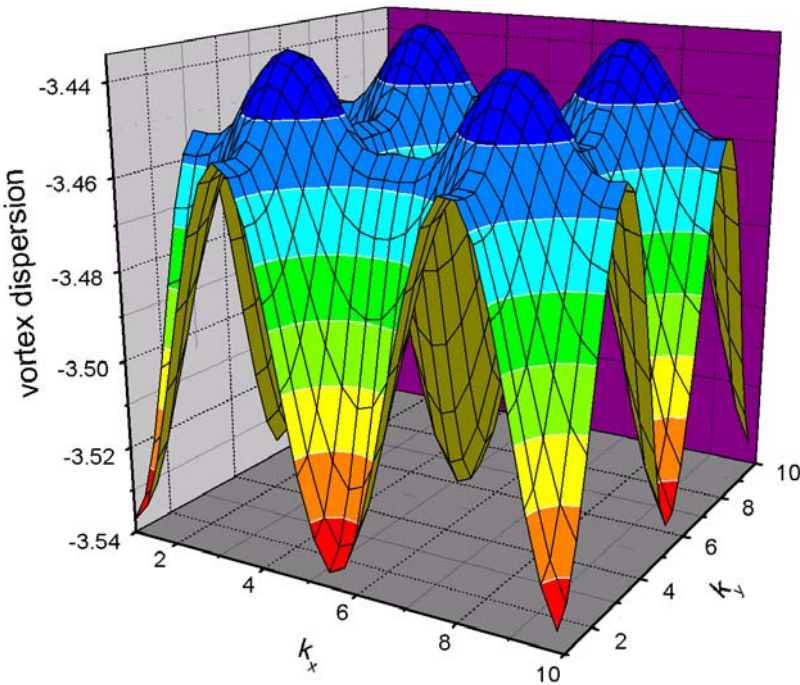
$$T_x T_y = e^{2\pi i f} T_y T_x \ ;$$

$$R^{-1} T_y R = T_x \ ; \ R^{-1} T_x R = T_y^{-1} \ ; \ R^4 = 1$$

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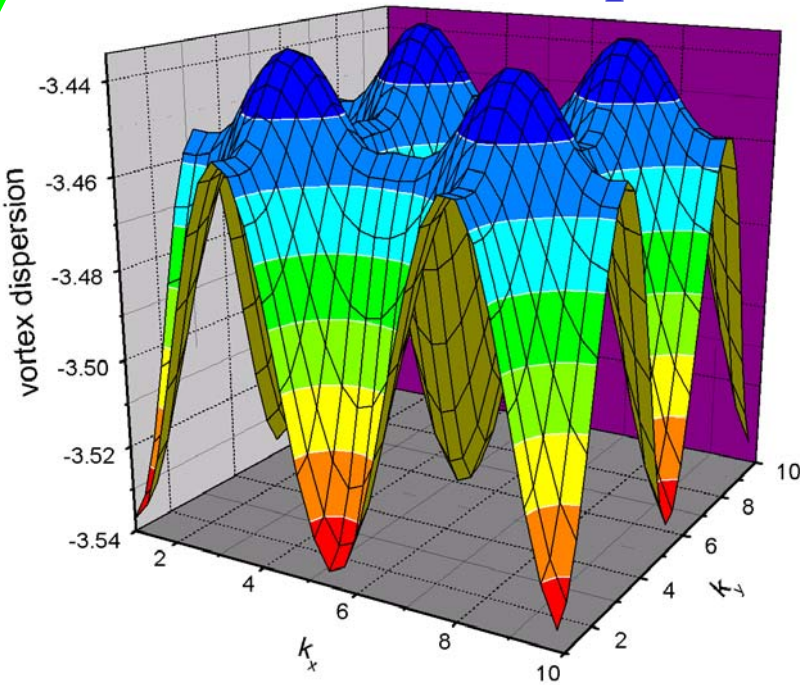
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The q vortices form a *projective* representation of the space group

$$T_x : \varphi_\ell \rightarrow \varphi_{\ell+1} \quad ; \quad T_y : \varphi_\ell \rightarrow e^{2\pi i \ell f} \varphi_\ell$$

$$R : \varphi_\ell \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{m=1}^q \varphi_m e^{2\pi i \ell m f}$$

Boson-vortex duality

The φ_ℓ fields characterize *both* superconducting and charge order

Superconductor/insulator : $\langle \varphi_\ell \rangle = 0 / \langle \varphi_\ell \rangle \neq 0$

Charge order:

Status of space group symmetry determined by

density operators $\rho_{\mathbf{Q}}$ at wavevectors $\mathbf{Q}_{mn} = \frac{2\pi p}{q}(m, n)$

$$\rho_{\mathbf{Q}_{mn}} = e^{i\pi mnf} \sum_{\ell=1}^q \varphi_\ell^* \varphi_{\ell+n} e^{2\pi i \ell m f}$$

$$T_x : \rho_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \rho_{\mathbf{Q}} e^{i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \hat{x}} \quad ; \quad T_y : \rho_{\mathbf{Q}} \rightarrow \rho_{\mathbf{Q}} e^{i\mathbf{Q} \cdot \hat{y}}$$

$$R : \rho(\mathbf{Q}) \rightarrow \rho(R\mathbf{Q})$$

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Competition between superconducting and charge orders:

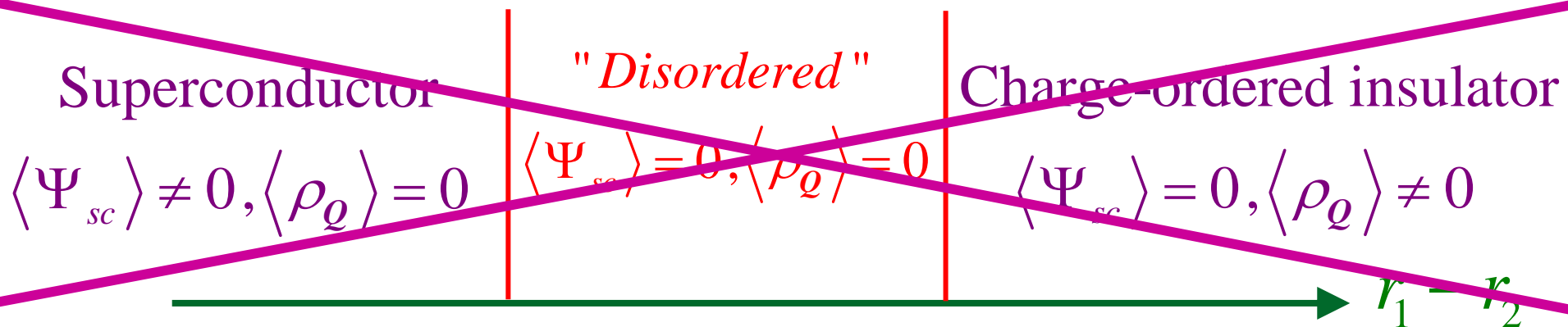
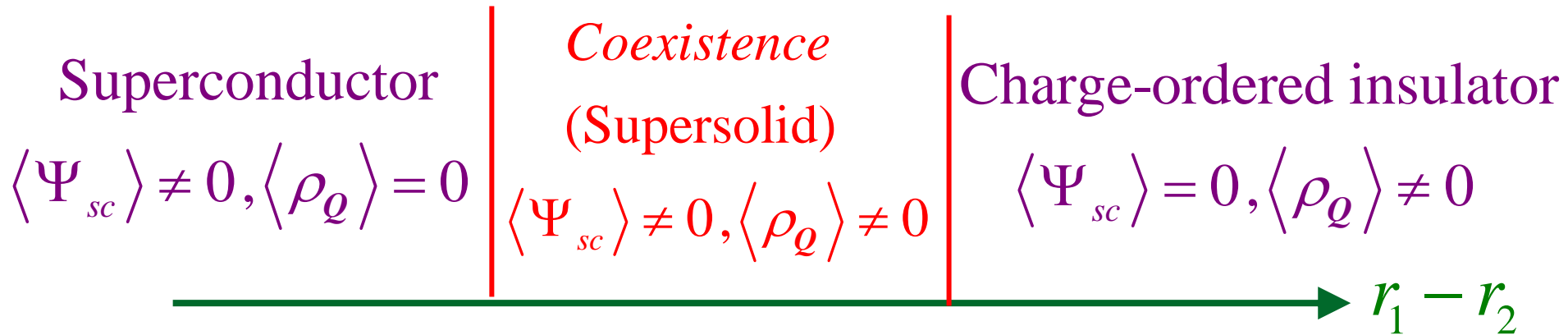
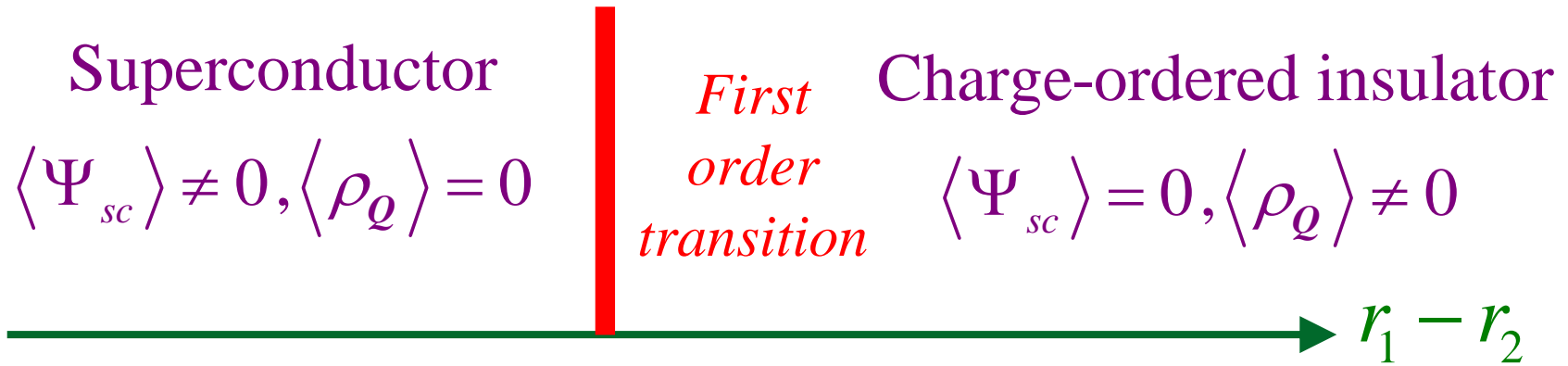
"*Extended* LGW" theory of the φ_ℓ fields with the action invariant under the projective transformations:

$$T_x : \varphi_\ell \rightarrow \varphi_{\ell+1} \quad ; \quad T_y : \varphi_\ell \rightarrow e^{2\pi i l f} \varphi_\ell$$

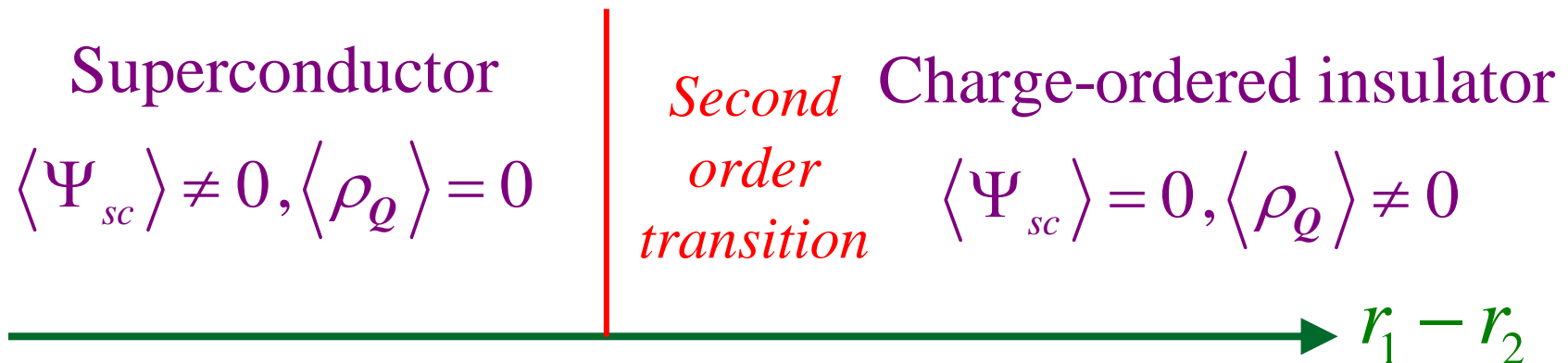
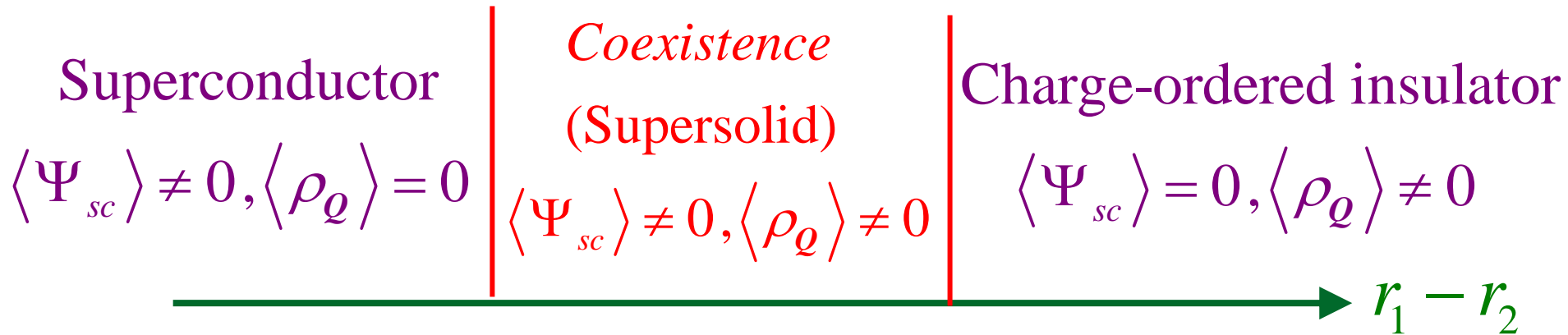
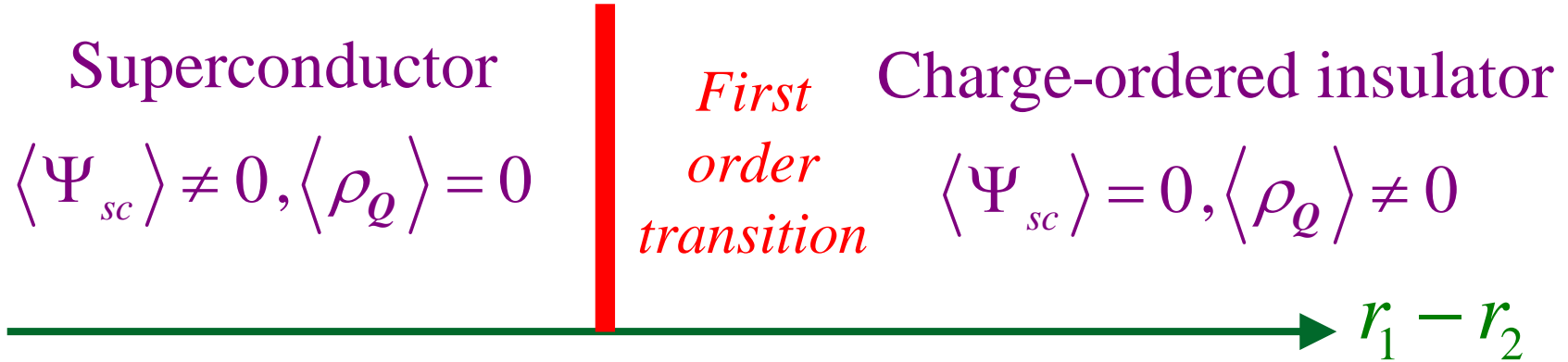
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Immediate benefit: There is no intermediate
“disordered” phase with neither order
(or without “topological” order).

Analysis of "extended LGW" theory of projective representation

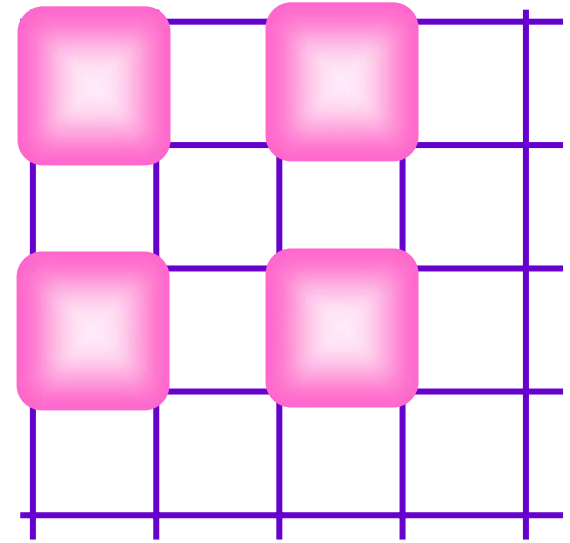
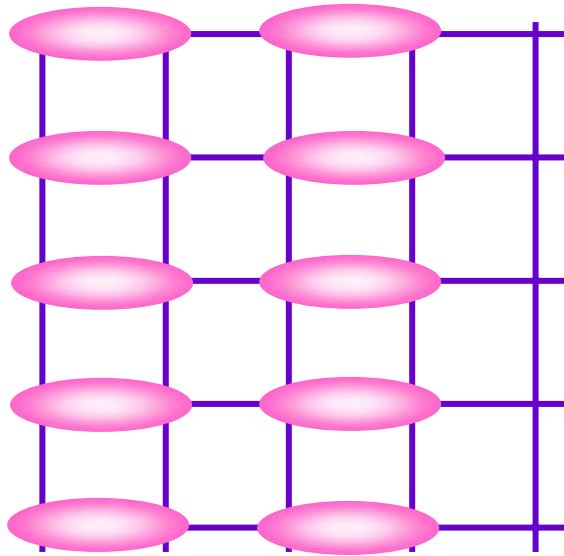
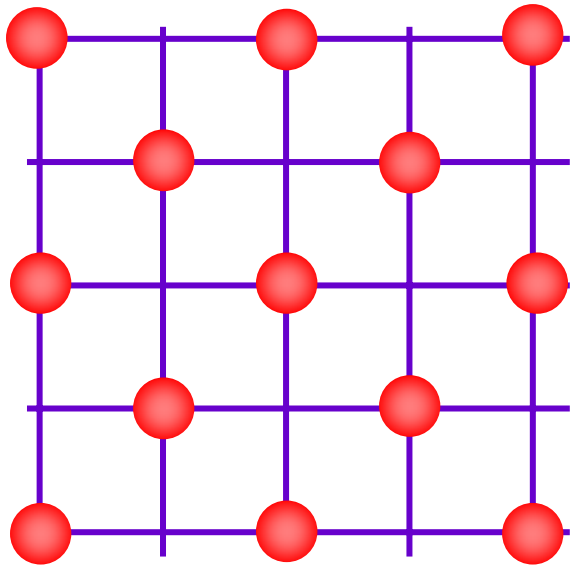


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Spatial structure of insulators for $q=2$ ($f=1/2$)

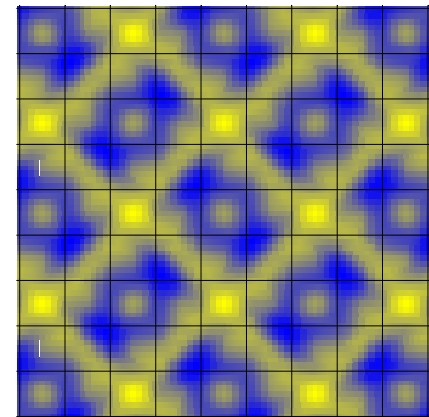
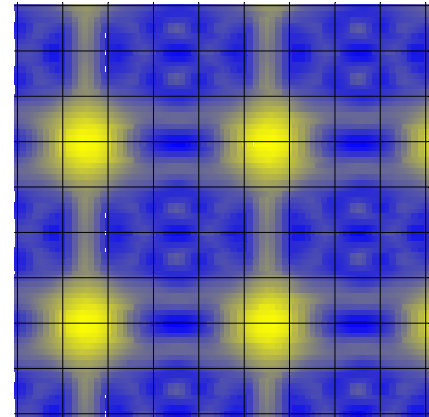
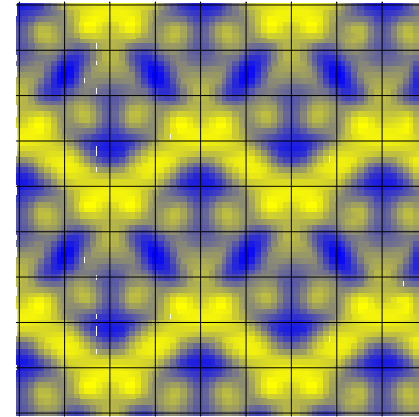
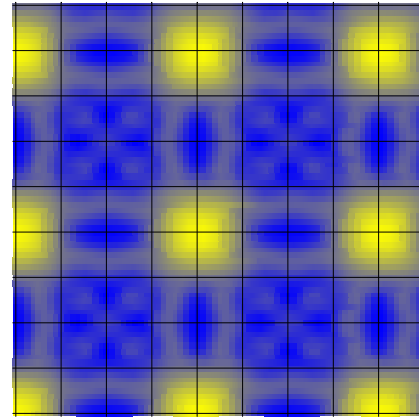
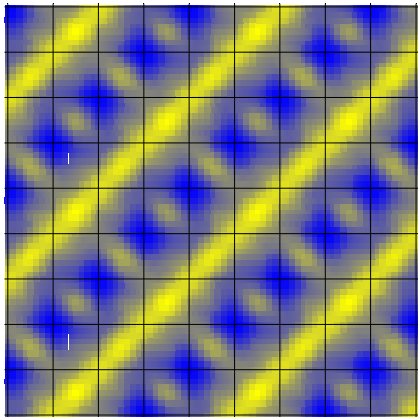
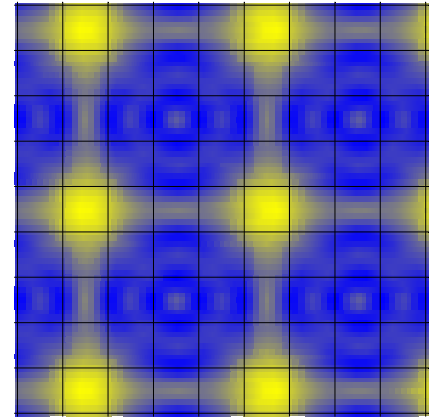
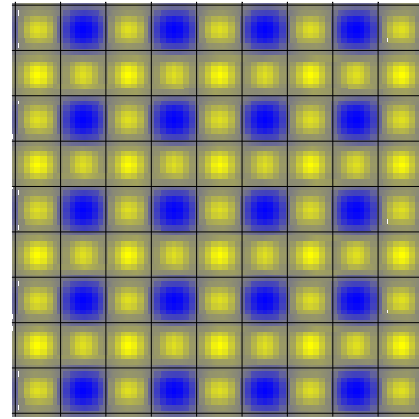
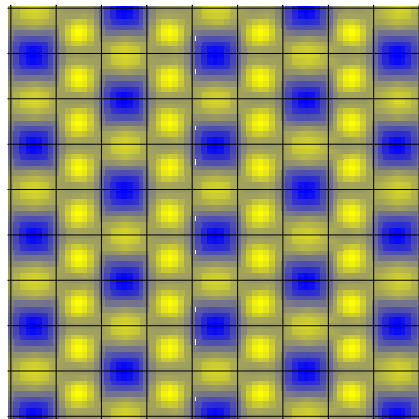
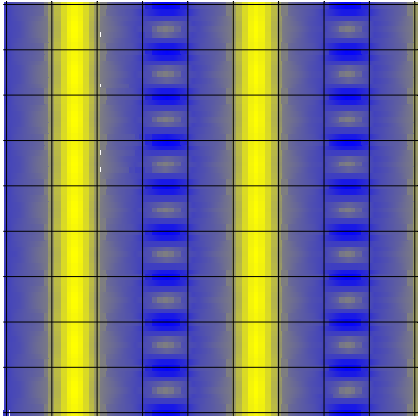


$$\text{pink oval} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\text{red circle} + + + \text{red circle})$$

$a \times b$ unit cells; $\frac{q}{a}$, $\frac{q}{b}$, $\frac{ab}{q}$, all integers

Analysis of “extended LGW” theory of projective representation

Spatial structure of insulators for $q=4$ ($f=1/4$ or $3/4$)



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