Quantum gas microscopy (Lecture I): Nuts & bolts of microscopy, correlations in half-filled systems

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Quantum simulations with ultracold atoms





Why use ultracold atoms for quantum simulations?

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

Outline of talks

- Lecture 1: Nuts & bolts of quantum gas microscopy, microscopy of Bose-Hubbard systems, Fermi-Hubbard at half-filling.
- Lecture 2: Exploring doped Fermi-Hubbard systems with conventional probes: transport, ARPES, etc.
- Lecture 3: Microscopy of doped Fermi-Hubbard systems, new directions.

Probing ultracold gases: absorption imaging



Analyzing shadow of cloud on beam, can extract:

- Total number of atoms in cloud.
- Temperature from the rate of expansion of the cloud.



New possibilities with single-atom/single-site microscopy

- Imaging local density/spin fluctuations and correlations
- Local manipulation of atoms (e.g. dynamics after a spin flip, quantum gates)
- Patterning potential landscapes for Hamiltonian engineering.



Bloch group (Munich)

1. High-resolution optics

Length-scales:

Lattice spacing & thermal de Broglie wavelength: ~ 0.5 μ m Size of atom: ~ 1 Angstrom Wavefunction size on a lattice site: ~ 100 nm Imaging resolution: given by Rayleigh criterion.



1. High-resolution optics: typical NA 0.5 to 0.9, ``solid immersion" used to reach highest numerical apertures.



 High-resolution optics: special care to reach diffraction limit (correction for vacuum window thickness, careful alignment of optics)



2. Preparation of a single layer quantum gas.



2. Radiofrequency selection of a single layer.



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2. Compress 3D cloud into 2D.



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3. Achieving sufficient signal to noise.

- Noise sources: camera dark counts, readout noise, photon shot noise.
- The bad: PSF ~ lattice spacing
- The good: atoms are on a known grid
- Bottomline: need around 1000 photons collected per atom High NA helps with collection efficiency (typically around 5-10%)



3. Achieving sufficient signal to noise.

Use a deep lattice (0.3 – 1 mK, few thousand recoil energies)

Helps less than you might think ... stochastic heating is a problem.

Options for deep lattice:

- High power
- (tens of W in 100 um)
- Near resonant lattices.



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3. Achieving sufficient signal to noise.

Start with quantum gas at nK temperatures.
Pin in deep lattice.
Shine near resonant light in cooling
configuration -> gas heats up.
Need equilibrium temperature < ~1/10 of</p>
lattice depth to avoid hopping / loss.

Some options:

- 1. Polarization gradient cooling.
- 2. Raman-sideband cooling.





Atoms hopping in a lattice

Greiner group, W. Bakr, Nature 462, 74 (2009)



Typical exposure: 1 s, around 1000 photons collected per atom Typical probability of hopping/loss during exposure: ~ 1%.

Quantum gas microscopy: what can it detect?



"Standard" quantum gas microscopy:

- Pairwise ejection of atoms within first few photons -> atom number modulo 2 (can't detect Fermi-Hubbard doublons).
- Spin jumbled up due to optical pumping processes.

Less standard: Bilayers + Stern-Gerlach circumvent these issues.

21 µm

 $\begin{bmatrix} y \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ x \end{bmatrix}$

Koepsell .. Gross, PRL 125, 010403 (2020)

Single spin addressing





C. Weitenberg ... S. Kuhr, Nature 471, 319 (2011)



Bose-Hubbard Hamiltonian



$$H = -J\sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \hat{a}_i^{\dagger} \hat{a}_j + \frac{1}{2}U\sum_i \hat{n}_i(\hat{n}_i - 1)$$

Tunneling term:

- J: tunneling matrix element
- $\hat{a}_{i}^{\dagger}\hat{a}_{j}^{}$ tunneling from site j to site i



Interaction term:

 $U: {\it on-site}\ interaction\ matrix\ element$

 $\hat{n}_i(\hat{n}_i - 1)$ atoms collide with n-1 atoms on same site



Ratio between tunneling J and interaction U can be widely varied by changing depth of 3D lattice potential!

M.P.A. Fisher et al, PRB 40, 546 (1989), D. Jaksch et al., PRL 81, 3108 (1998)

Superfluid – Mott insulator phase transition





Greiner et al., Nature 415 (2002)

Atom number squeezing across the transition



W. Bakr et al., Science 329, 547-550 (2010)

Shell structure in a harmonic trap



Shell structure with MI of 3 - 2 - 1 atoms/site



Expected population on lattice sites

Odd/Even detection (N mod 2)

Detection as

1 - 0 - 1 atoms/site

Shells detected in density (Bloch, Ketterle, Chin)

Single site imaging of shell structure

W. Bakr *et al.,* Science 329, 547 (2010)

Sherson *et al.,* Nature 467, 68 (2010)





A sampling of experiments with bosonic microscopes (MPQ)



Light-cone spread of correlations Nature 481, 484 (2012)



Imaging of Rydberg crystals Nature 491, 87 (2012)

A sampling of experiments with bosonic microscopes (Harvard)



Quantum Ising AFs in tilted Bose-Hubbard model, Nature 472, 307 (2011)





Microscopy of Harper-Hofstadter model in few-body limit Nature 546, 519 (2017)

Measuring entanglement entropy Nature 528, 77 (2015)

The Fermi-Hubbard model

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



- With repulsive interactions, a possible minimal model for cuprate high-T_c superconductivity (P. Anderson)
- Realized naturally with cold atoms in optical lattices with fully tunable parameters (U/t, T/t, doping)

Realizing the Fermi-Hubbard model with cold atoms

Lithium-6: 3p + 3n + 3e = 9 (odd).

L = 0 in ground state (S-state), $S = \frac{1}{2}$, I = 1.



Deriving the Fermi-Hubbard model: tunneling term

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} \int \mathrm{d}m{r} \, \hat{\Psi}_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(m{r}) \left[rac{-\hbar^2 m{
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$$\hat{\Psi}_{\sigma}(oldsymbol{r}) = \sum_{j} w_{j}(oldsymbol{r}) \hat{c}_{j,\sigma}$$

Wannier states: superpositions of Bloch states localized on lattice sites.

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$$\begin{split} \hat{H}_{1} &= -\sum_{j,\ell,\sigma} t_{j,\ell} \hat{c}_{j,\sigma}^{\dagger} \hat{c}_{\ell,\sigma} \\ t_{j,\ell} &= -\int \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{r} \, w_{j}^{*}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[-\hbar^{2} \boldsymbol{\nabla}^{2}/2m + V(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] w_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] w_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ & \int v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big] v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{r}) \Big[v_{\ell}(\boldsymbol{$$

Tunneling tunable with laser intensity:

$$rac{t}{E_{
m r}}\simeq rac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \Big(rac{V_0}{E_{
m r}}\Big)^{3/4} \exp\!\left(-2\sqrt{V_0/E_{
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ight)$$

Deriving the Fermi-Hubbard model: interactions

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Van der Waals interactions with short atomic radius scale cutoff.

Only s-wave scattering at low temperature -> Model as contact interaction characterized by scattering length a_s $g = 4\pi \hbar^2 a_s/m$

S-wave symmetric -> Only opposite spin fermions scatter.

$$U=g\int\mathrm{d}oldsymbol{r}\left|w_{j}(oldsymbol{r})
ight|^{4}$$

(off-site interactions negligible)

Entering the strong correlation regime

U/t tunable over orders of magnitude with lattice depth or Feshbach resonance.



Cuprate phase diagram





Microscopy of fermionic Mott insulators: Greif ... Greiner, Science 351, 953 (2016) Cheuk ... Zwierlein, PRL 116, 235301 (2016)

Previous work without microscopes: Jördens ... Esslinger, Nature 455, 204 (2008) Schneider ... Bloch, Science 322, 1520 (2008)

"Charge" correlations in doped systems



Cheuk ... Zwierlein, Science 353, 1260 (2016)

$$\hat{m}_{z,i}^2 = (\hat{n}_{\uparrow,i} - \hat{n}_{\downarrow,i})^2$$

"Moment": 1 if site is singly occupied, 0 otherwise.

Nearest-neighbor moment correlations:

Positive in Mott insulator due to doublon-hole fluctuations.

Negative in metal due to Pauli hole + repulsive interactions.

Antiferromagnetic spin correlations



 $|\uparrow\rangle$ and $|\downarrow\rangle$

Detection of AFMs with microscopes: Parsons ... Greiner, Science 353, 1253 (2016) Boll ... Bloch, Gross, Science 353, 1257 (2016) Cheuk ... Zwierlein, Science 353, 1260 (2016) Brown ... Bakr, Science 357, 1385 (2017)

Previous work without microscopes: Greif ... Esslinger, Science 340, 1307 (2013) Hart ... Hulet, Nature 519, 211 (2015) Drewes ... Köhl, PRL 118, 170401 (2017)

1) only
Potential engineering with DMDs



We work with fixed entropy systems (can still talk about temperature for local observables in the ETH sense).

Charge gap in Mott insulator expels entropy to low-density metallic regions.

Spatial light modulators (digital micromirror devices) can be used to shape potential landscape:

- 1. Enhance entropy redistribution.
- 2. Study systems at fixed doping.

Antiferromagnetic correlations at half-filling



 $C_{\boldsymbol{d}} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}_{\boldsymbol{d}}} \frac{1}{S^2} \sum_{\substack{\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{s}\in\Omega\\\boldsymbol{d}=\boldsymbol{r}-\boldsymbol{s}}} \langle \hat{S}_{\boldsymbol{r}}^z \hat{S}_{\boldsymbol{s}}^z \rangle - \langle \hat{S}_{\boldsymbol{r}}^z \rangle \langle \hat{S}_{\boldsymbol{s}}^z \rangle$

Usually do thermometry by comparison of one correlator (e.g. nearest neighbor spin correlator) to Quantum Monte Carlo calculations.



Long-range antiferromagnets (i.e. correlation length approaching system size) Mazurenko ... Greiner, Nature 545, 462 (2017)

Lowest temperatures achieved: $T/t \sim 0.25$ (around 0.3-0.4 kB per particle)

$$m^{z} = \sqrt{\langle \left(\hat{m^{z}}\right)^{2} \rangle} = \sqrt{\left\langle \left(\frac{1}{N}\sum_{i}(-1)^{i}\frac{1}{S}\hat{S}_{i}^{z}\right)^{2} \right\rangle}$$

Doping quickly destroys antiferromagnetic correlations



Spin structure factor (the sort of quantity measured in the solid state e.g. with neutron scattering) vanishes quickly with doping.

Reaching lower entropies?



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Spin imbalance in a Hubbard system

Condensed matter system:

Spin imbalance by applied magnetic field (Zeeman effect)

Cold atoms:

- Spin-imbalance by evaporation in spin-dependent potential.
- No spin-relaxation.



Spin-polarization

Zeeman field

Spin imbalance at half-filling

Heisenberg model in an effective field

$$\mathcal{H} = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j - 2h \sum_i S_i^z \qquad h = (\mu_{\uparrow} - \mu_{\downarrow})/2$$

$$Paramagnet$$

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

$$|h| > 0:$$
BKT-transition to canted AF
AFM correlations
build up preferably
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Canted antiferromagnetic correlations



Brown ... Bakr, Science 357, 1385 (2017)

Unpolarized gas: isotropic spin correlations Polarized gas: AFM correlations preferred in the plane

Mapping between the attractive and repulsive Hubbard models

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} &= -t \sum_{\langle \mathbf{r}\mathbf{r}' \rangle, \sigma} \left(c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma} c_{\mathbf{r}', \sigma} + c^{\dagger}_{\mathbf{r}', \sigma} c_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma} \right) + U \sum_{\mathbf{r}} n_{\mathbf{r}, \uparrow} n_{\mathbf{r}, \downarrow} \\ &- \mu \sum_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma} n_{\mathbf{r}, \sigma} - h \sum_{\mathbf{r}} \left(n_{\mathbf{r}, \uparrow} - n_{\mathbf{r}, \downarrow} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Use the partial particle hole transformation:

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

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

Hamiltonian takes the same form but:

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

Mapping between the models



Phys. Rev. A 79, 033620 (2009)

Fermi-Hubbard phase diagram at half-filling



T. Esslinger

SU(2)xSU(2) symmetry of Hubbard model at half-filling

SU(2) spin symmetry in absence of effective field

$$\begin{split} S_{\mathbf{r}}^{-} &= c_{\mathbf{r},\downarrow}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{r},\uparrow} & S^{z} = \sum_{r} S_{\mathbf{r}}^{z} \\ S_{\mathbf{r}}^{+} &= (S_{\mathbf{r}}^{-})^{\dagger} = c_{\mathbf{r},\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{r},\downarrow} & S^{\pm} = \sum_{r} S_{\mathbf{r}}^{\pm} \\ S_{\mathbf{r}}^{z} &= \frac{1}{2} (c_{\mathbf{r},\uparrow}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{r},\uparrow} - c_{\mathbf{r},\downarrow}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{r},\downarrow}) = \frac{1}{2} (n_{\mathbf{r},\uparrow} - n_{\mathbf{r},\downarrow}) & [\mathcal{H}, S^{\pm}] = [\mathcal{H}, S^{z}] = 0 \\ [S_{\mathbf{r}}^{z}, S_{\mathbf{r}}^{\pm}] &= \pm S_{\mathbf{r}}^{\pm}, \quad [S_{\mathbf{r}}^{+}, S_{\mathbf{r}}^{-}] = 2S_{\mathbf{r}}^{z} \end{split}$$

SU(2) pseudospin symmetry at half-filling

$$\begin{split} \eta_{\mathbf{r}}^{-} &= (-1)^{r_{x}+r_{y}} c_{\mathbf{r},\uparrow} c_{\mathbf{r},\downarrow} & \eta^{z} = \sum_{r} \eta_{\mathbf{r}}^{z} \\ \eta_{\mathbf{r}}^{+} &= (\eta_{\mathbf{r}}^{-})^{\dagger} & \eta^{\pm} = \sum_{r} \eta_{\mathbf{r}}^{\pm} \\ \eta_{\mathbf{r}}^{z} &= \frac{1}{2} (n_{\mathbf{r}} - 1) & [\mathcal{H}, \eta^{\pm}] = \pm (U - 2\mu) \eta^{\pm}, \quad [\mathcal{H}, \eta^{z}] = 0 \\ [\eta_{\mathbf{r}}^{z}, \eta_{\mathbf{r}}^{\pm}] &= \pm \eta_{\mathbf{r}}^{\pm} & [\eta_{\mathbf{r}}^{+}, \eta_{\mathbf{r}}^{-}] = 2\eta_{\mathbf{r}}^{z} & \Delta_{\mathbf{r}}^{x} = c_{\mathbf{r},\uparrow} c_{\mathbf{r},\downarrow} + c_{\mathbf{r},\downarrow}^{\dagger} c_{\mathbf{r},\uparrow}^{\dagger} \end{split}$$

Spin-balanced attractive Hubbard model



Site-resolved doublon detection



Correlator symmetry





Quantum gas microscopy (Lecture II) Conventional probes: Transport & ARPES

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Developing tools to probe the pseudogap



Photoemission spectroscopy

- Using a photon, excite a particle from an interacting system
- Measure the energy and momentum of the ejected particle
- Single-particle excitations of a many-body system



What does ARPES measure?

- How does an excitation propagate in a many-body system?
- Momentum resolved density of states
- ARPES particle current gives access to *emission*

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Remove particle}_{\substack{(\text{emission})}} \\ & G^{R}(k,t) = -i\theta(t) \left\langle c_{k}(t)c_{k}^{\dagger}(0) + c_{k}^{\dagger}(0)c_{k}(t) \right\rangle \\ & \operatorname{Remove hole}_{\substack{(\text{injection})}} \\ & A(k,\omega) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Im} \{ G^{R}(k,\omega) \} \\ & \operatorname{Emission + injection}_{\substack{(K,\omega) \in \mathcal{K}}} \\ & A^{-}(k,\omega) = A(k,\omega) f(\omega) \end{aligned}$$

Emission only



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- Freeze atoms in deep lattice and detect

ARPES data: increasing interaction strength Eur. Phys. J. B. 2, 30 (1998) 0.80 Temperature T/t 0.60 **PSEUDOGAP** 0.40 0.20 SUPERCONDUCTOR 0.00 0.0 2.5 5.0 7.5 10.0 12.5 15.0 Interaction |U|/t

Opening of pseudogap across BCS-BEC crossover



Brown ... Bakr, Nature Phys. 16, 26 (2020)

ARPES: outlook for +U model

Pseudogap and Fermi-Surface Topology in the Two-Dimensional Hubbard Model

Wei Wu, Mathias S. Scheurer, Shubhayu Chatterjee, Subir Sachdev, Antoine Georges, and Michel Ferrero Phys. Rev. X **8**, 021048 – Published 22 May 2018





Cuprate phase diagram





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

Unconventional (strongly correlated)



- Strong enough interactions destroy quasiparticles
- Momentum relaxation rate no longer gives resistivity
- "Bad metals" violate MIR limit and commonly show $\rho \sim T$

Bad metallic transport in a cold atom Fermi-Hubbard system Bakr group, Brown *et. al.*, Science **363**, 379 (2019)

Measurement Protocol

- Load atoms in combined optical lattice + repulsive potential with sinusoidal modulation
- Turn off modulation, take fluorescence images at different times
- Macroscopic (ρ) transport connected to microscopic (D) through Nernst-Einstein relation:

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Hydrodynamic Model

- Diffusion (Fick's Law) neglects finite time to establish current
- D, diffusion constant
- Γ, current relaxation rate
- Crossover from diffusive
 mode to sound mode



Hydrodynamic Parameters

- Simultaneous fit of all wavelength data for each temperature
- Low temperature, Pauli blocking closes scattering channels
- *D* does not violate MIR derived bound.
- Model less sensitive to Γ in overdamped limit.



Compressibility

- Images of both spin states versus chemical potential
- Temperature dependent in this range
- In high temperature limit of single band model:

$$\chi = n(1 - n/2)/T$$



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MIT Experiment: Fermi-Hubbard Model in a Box



Courtesy M. Zwierlein

Spin Diffusivity in a Mott Insulator



M. Nichols, L. Cheuk, M. Okan, T. Hartke, E. Mendez, T. Senthil, E. Khatami, H. Zhang, MWZ, Science 363, 383 (2019)



Quantum gas microscopy (Lecture III) Microscopy of doped systems, future directions

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Heat Transport in a Fermi-Hubbard System

One more transport topic that I couldn't cover fully last time...

E. Guardado-Sanchez, A. Morningstar, B. M. Spar, P. T. Brown, D. A. Huse, and W. S. Bakr Phys. Rev. X 10, 011042 (2020)

- Displaced beam provides near uniform tilt potential at lattice axis.
 - Hard walls constrain motion in direction orthogonal to gradient.



Thermalization in a 2D Hubbard system

Hopping orthogonal to the tilt enables thermalization

F/t = 0; U/t = 4

F/t = 2; U/t = 4



Modulation wavelengths in a_{latt}: 12 (green), 16 (orange), 20 (purple), and 24 (pink) ⁸⁷

Crossover from diffusive to sub-diffusive transport



(2020)

Heating up to near infinite temperature

 $t \sim \tau$



 $t \ll \tau$



- System can exchange tilt energy with internal energy to maximize entropy. Internal energy is bounded in singleband lattice system.
- Pattern quickly slips by about 1 lattice site, heating up to infinite temperature in the process.

$$\delta x_c^{
m max} ~\sim~ {t+U\over F}$$

Reaching local equilibrium: this is a heat diffusion problem!

βt



 $\beta(x,t) \propto \nabla n(x,t)$

- Local equilibration leads to a modulated inverse temperature shifted by 90 degrees relative to density pattern.
- Verified by measuring singles density and using the atomic limit.

Mandt et. al. PRL 106, 250602 (2011)

Reaching global equilibrium: a hydrodynamic model

Inverse temperature modulation leads to a diffusive heat current

$$j_e = -D_{th} \nabla e$$

"e" is the local internal (non-tilt) energy, can be related to β using a a **high-temperature expansion**.

$$e \sim -\beta \Rightarrow j_e \sim D_{th} \nabla \beta$$

• Energy conservation: $\dot{e} = -\nabla \cdot j_e - F j_n$

Strong tilt regime: internal energy change is negligible:

$$j_n \sim -\nabla \cdot j_e \sim -D_{th} \nabla^2 \beta \sim D_{th} \nabla^3 n$$

• Number conservation: $\dot{n} = -\nabla \cdot j_n \Rightarrow \dot{n} \sim -D_{th} \nabla^4 n$ 91



Outline of today's lecture

- Doped 1D systems (MPQ)
 - Equilibrium: Hidden AF correlations, incommensurate magnetism.
 - Dynamics: Spin-charge fractionalization.
- Single dopant in 2D
 - Equilibrium: Imaging magnetic polarons (MPQ)
 - Dynamics: Formation & spreading of magnetic polarons (Harvard)
- Doped 2D AFMs:
 - String patterns (Harvard)
 - Higher correlations: evolution from polaronic metal to Fermi liquid (MPQ).
- Future directions: extended Hubbard models, novel geometries, tweezers... (mostly Princeton's take)

Excellent review: *Exploration of doped quantum magnets with ultracold atoms,* A. Bohrdt *et al.*, arxiv: 2107.08043 (2021)

Hidden antiferromagnetic correlations in doped Hubbard chains

Around a hole, spins prefer to be anti-aligned!



Hilker ... Gross, Science 357, 484 (2017)

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Hilker ... Gross, Science 357, 484 (2017)

Incommensurate AFMs

Luttinger liquid theory predictions for doping/spin-imbalance in 1D:



Salomon ... Gross, Nature 565, 56 (2019)

Incommensurate AFMs



Salomon ... Gross, Nature 565, 56 (2019)

Incommensurate AFMs



2.0

1.6

1.2

0.8

0.4

0.0

Salomon ... Gross, Nature 565, 56 (2019)

Spin-charge separation



Quasiparticles in 1D Fermi-Hubbard model are holons and spinons, move with different velocities.

Holons/spinons carry fractional quantum numbers: holon: spin 0, charge 1. spinon: spin ½, charge 0.

Injected hole decays into holon and spinon (dynamical fractionalization), magnon would decay into two spinons.

Spinon cannot be created by local spin flips but magnon can.

Similar quasiparticles in quantum spin liquids.

Time-resolved observation of spin-charge deconfinement in fermionic Hubbard chains

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Fig. 2. Time evolution of spin and charge excitations. (A) Hole density distribution $\langle \hat{n}_i^h \rangle$ as a function of time



Fig. 3. Quasiparticle velocities of spinons and holons. (A) Time evolution of the widths of the hole density

Local spin fluctuations around spinon



Vijayan ... Gross, Science 367, 186 (2020)



Single dopant in 2D: Magnetic Polarons

A single doublon in 2D – simple intuition

Delocalizing a doublon in an AFM background

 $\left|\Psi\right\rangle = \frac{2222}{2222} + \frac{2222}{222} + \frac{2222}{222}$

Delocalization costs magnetic energy!



- Localized distortion of magnetism around doublon
 - \rightarrow The "inner structure" of a polaron in real space

Schmitt-Rink et al., PRL 1988 | Shraiman + Siggia, PRL 1988 | Sachdev, PRB 1989 | Kane et al. PRB 1989 | Dagotto et al., PRB 1989 | Martinez + Horsch, PRB 1991 | Barnes et al., PRB 1989 Slides courtesy C. Gross

Magnetic Polarons



Polaron size ≈1-2 sites



Koepsell et al., Nature **572**, 358 (2019)

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M. Greiner and group



Dopant dynamics scheme

- 1. Prepare system in equilibrium
- 2. Suddenly shut off hole confinement
- 3. Wait for variable time
- 4. Image

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G. Ji et al., Phys. Rev. X 11, 021022 (2021)

String patterns in the doped Hubbard model

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Microscopic evolution of doped Mott insulators from polaronic metal to Fermi liquid

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hole - spin/spin correlator



switches sign as a function of doping (positivity as a signature for the polaron)




Novel Systems, novel techniques

Bakr group:



t-V model

$$\widehat{H} = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle_{\mathcal{X}}} (\widehat{c}_i^{\dagger} \widehat{c}_j + h.c.) + \sum_{i,j} V_{ij} \widehat{n}_i \widehat{n}_j$$

Quench Dynamics of a Fermi Gas with Strong Nonlocal Interactions Phys. Rev. X 11, 021036 (2021)

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Competing magnetic orders in a bilayer Hubbard model with ultracold atoms

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Site-resolved imaging of ultracold fermions in a triangular-lattice quantum gas microscope

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PRX Quantum 2, 020344 (2021)



Fermi-Hubbard tweezer arrays



Advantages: Arbitrary geometry, low entropy.

Experimental setup:

- Load degenerate atoms into tweezers from a dipole trap.
- Combination of magnetic gradient and lowering intensity to get ground state atoms.
- Load into quantum gas microscope for imaging.



F. Serwane et al, Science 332, 336 (2011).

Fermi-Hubbard tweezer arrays



Load odd-numbered sites with 2 atoms per site in ground state.

- Probability of correct state: about 97% (entropy of 0.15 k_B/particle)
- Almost all imperfections 1 atom per site: can be postselected with full spin/density detection to get zero entropy initial state.



F. Serwane et al, Science 332, 336 (2011).

Fermi-Hubbard tweezer arrays

Main challenge in minimizing disorder in array to better than tunneling (0.5% of tweezer depth). Use feedback loop on density at U/t = 1.

Adiabatically go to correlated states.



Fermi-Hubbard tweezer arrays (dynamics)



Cold-Atom Fermi-Hubbard Simulators

Exciting developments:

- Transport measurements challenging state-of-the-art theory
- Direct observation of Fermi-Hubbard building blocks, e.g.: spin and charge correlations, singlet formation, magnetic polarons, doublon-hole pairing, spin-charge separation in 1D, evidence for strings...
- Reaching lower temperatures
- Novel read-out schemes
- Novel geometries (bilayer, ladder, triangular)
- Novel interactions (long-range, anisotropic, from Rydberg or Molecules)
- Driven Systems

Towards microscopic understanding of Fermi-Hubbard physics

