



Low-dimensional quantum gases: correlations, excitations, and emergent statistics

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Warning: this will be a flash talk



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My Chinese friends



From left to right:

Zekui Wang, PhD student,
visiting from Shanxi University

Yanliang Guo, postdoc, here
in the audience)

Yijing Zhang, student, visiting
from Xi'an Jiaotong University

Xudong Yu, postdoc, arrived
from the group of Alain Aspect,
Paris, in Feb.2025

Yi Zeng, postdoc, arrived
fall 2024 from Caltech

Join us!!!

Not shown: Mingrui Yang, Shien Wan, Wenhan Chen



Botao Wang
(Brussels)



Hepeng Yao
(Beijing)

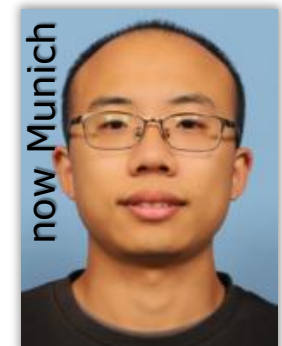


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Celebrating 101 years of **quantum mechanics** this year
(note: Schrödinger's equation and Born's interpretation are from 1926!)

A. Zeilinger: „At least 40% of the world's GP is generated on the
basis of the **Schrödinger equation**“

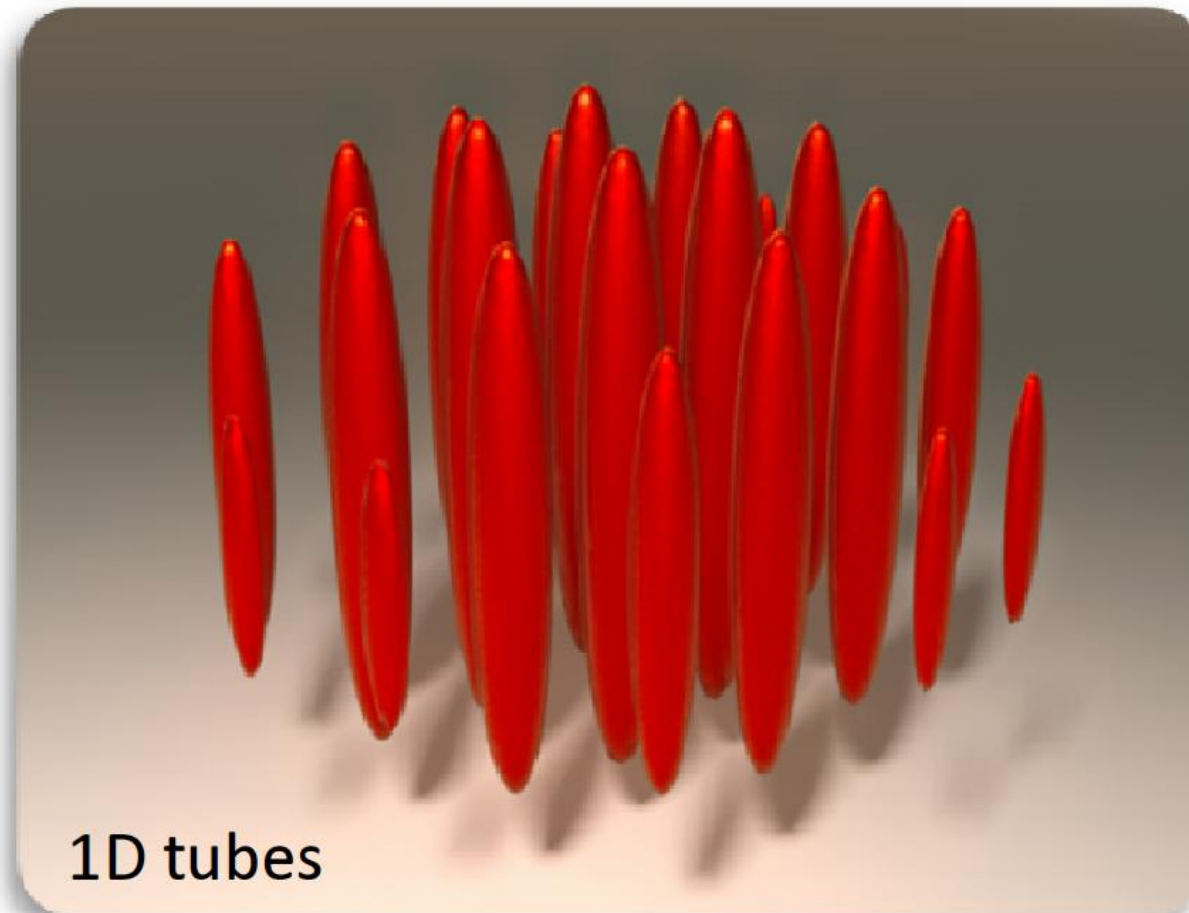
(Nobel laureate 2022)

But: Surprisingly little understood

Almost all problems are **exponentially hard...**

...and dynamical systems even more so

1D: a great platform!





One-dimensional systems are special!



1D systems exhibit a rich portfolio of quantum effects:

- Fermionization Science, 305, 1125 (2004) (Weiss group), Science 325, 1224 (2009)
- Immediate pinning Nature 466, 597 (2010) arXiv:2605.12322 (2026)
- Anyonization Nature 642, 53 (2025)
- Super-fermionization arXiv:2602.17657 (2026)
- Many-body dynamical localization Science 389, 716 (2025)
- Cooling upon confinement Science Advances 10, 6 (2024)
- Anomalous superfluidity arXiv:2602.12320 (2026)
- Exotic bound states arXiv:2505.10550 (2025)
- ...

E. Haller *et al.*,



$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_i^2} + g_{1D} \sum_{i < j=1}^N \delta(z_i - z_j)$$

1D coupling constant:

$$g_{1D} \approx 2\hbar\omega_{\perp} a_s$$

transversal trapping frequency

scattering length

Lieb-Liniger parameter:

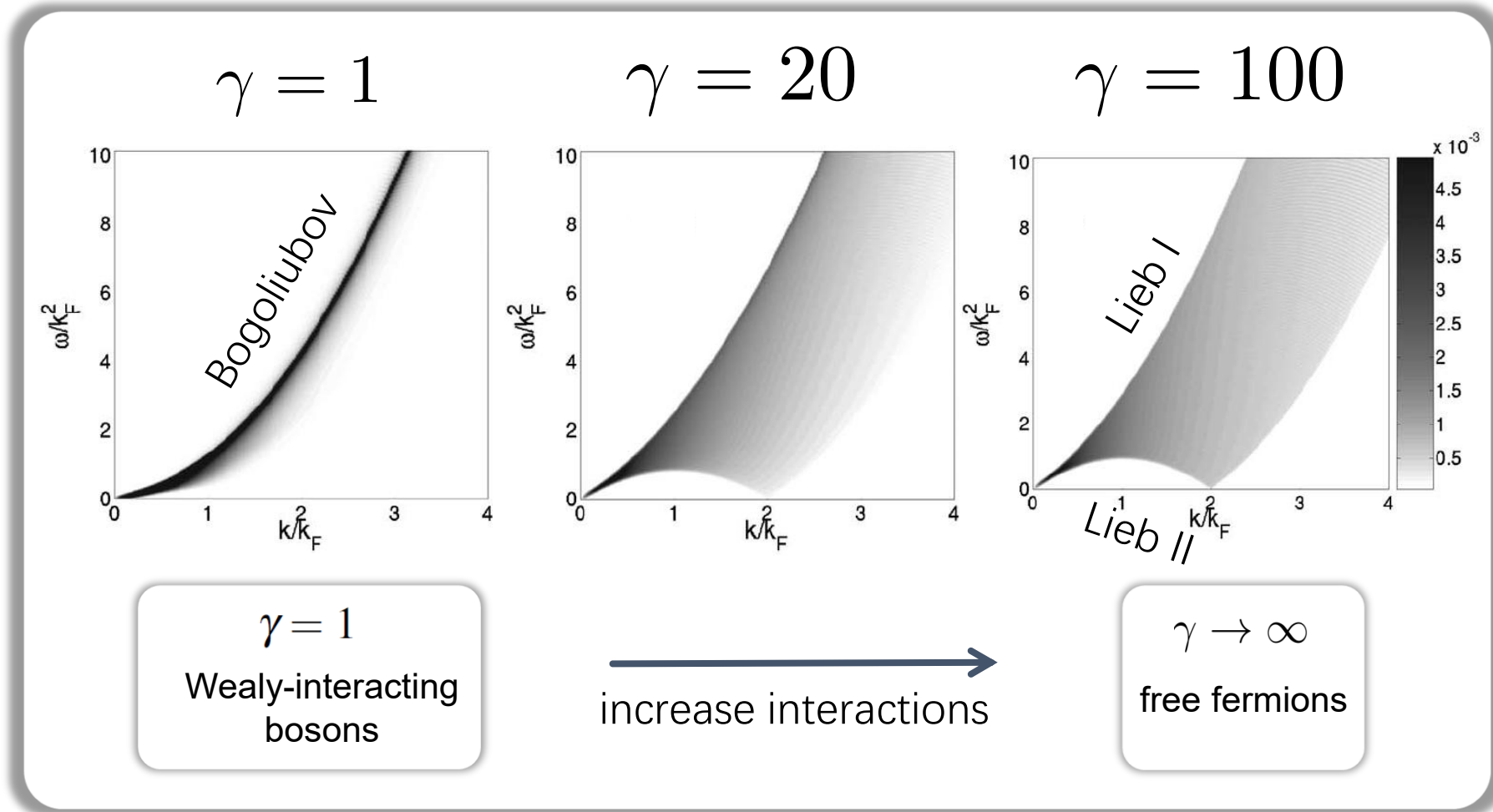
$$\gamma = \frac{m g_{1D}}{\hbar^2 n}$$

1D density

Example: Excitations in the D=1 Bose gas

Dynamic structure factor $S(k, \omega) = \int_0^L dx \int dt e^{-ikx+i\omega t} \langle \rho(x, t) \rho(0, 0) \rangle$

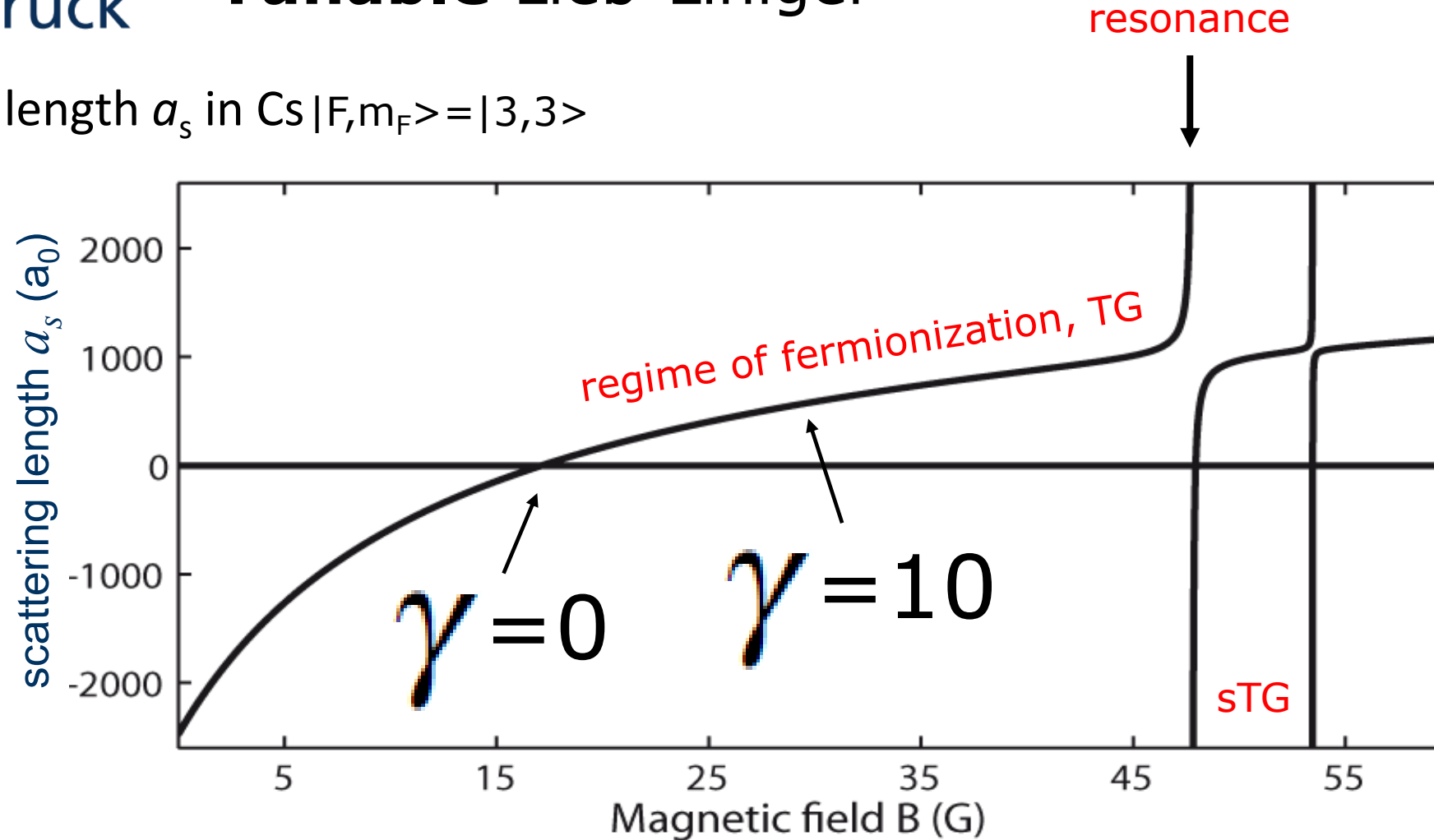
J.-S. Caux and P. Calabrese,
Phys. Rev. A **74**, 031605(R) (2006)



systems
develops
collective
branches



Scattering length a_s in Cs $|F, m_F\rangle = |3, 3\rangle$



fermionization in the so-called **Tonks-Girardeau** (TG, $\gamma > 0$) and **super Tonks-Girardeau** (sTG, $\gamma < 0$) states

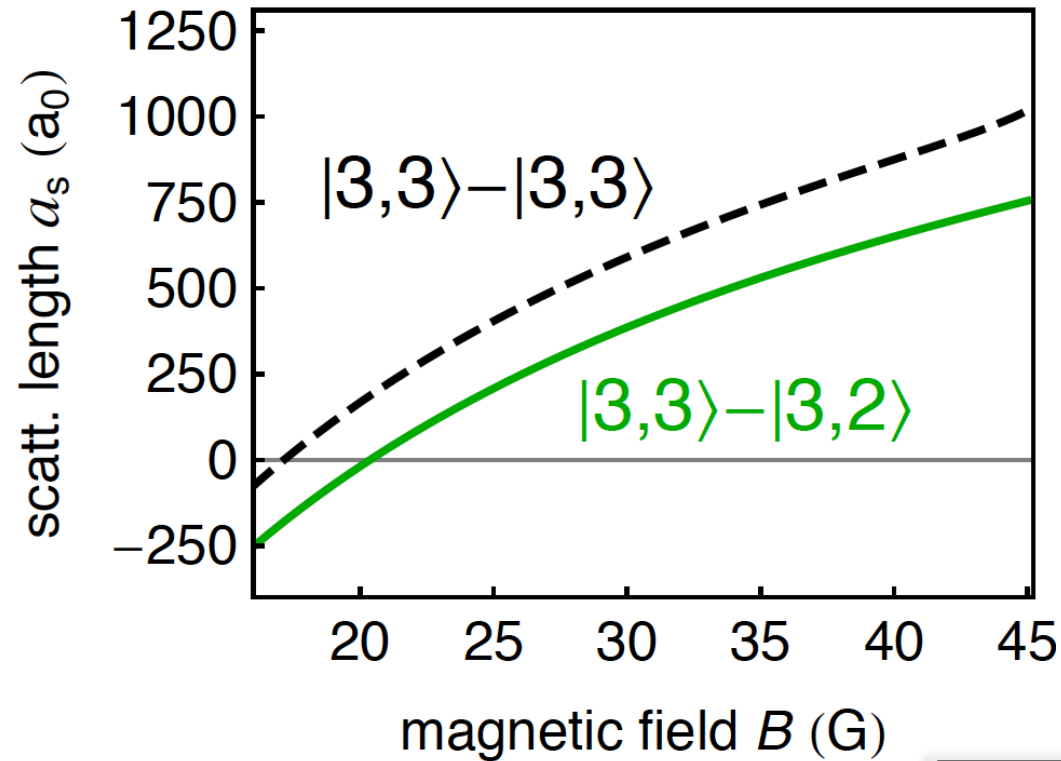
Theory: M. Girardeau, J. Math. Phys. 1, 516 (1960);

Experiment: Bloch group, Nature 429, 277 (2004); Weiss group, Science, 305, 1125 (2004); Nägerl group, Science 325, 1224 (2009)

Strongly interacting one-dimensional bosonic quantum gas with an **impurity**



Tuning interactions: host gas: $F=3, m_F=3$ **impurity: $F=3, m_F=2$**



1D coupling constant:

$$g_{1D} \approx 2\hbar\omega_{\perp} a_s$$

Lieb-Liniger parameter:

$$\gamma = \frac{m g_{1D}}{\hbar^2 n}$$



Notation: γ = for the bath-bath interaction

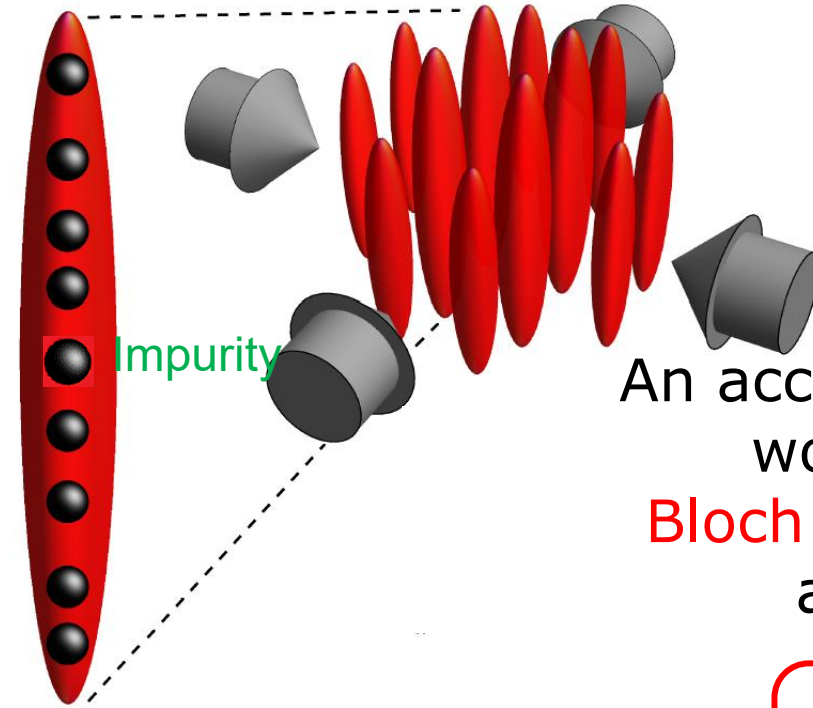
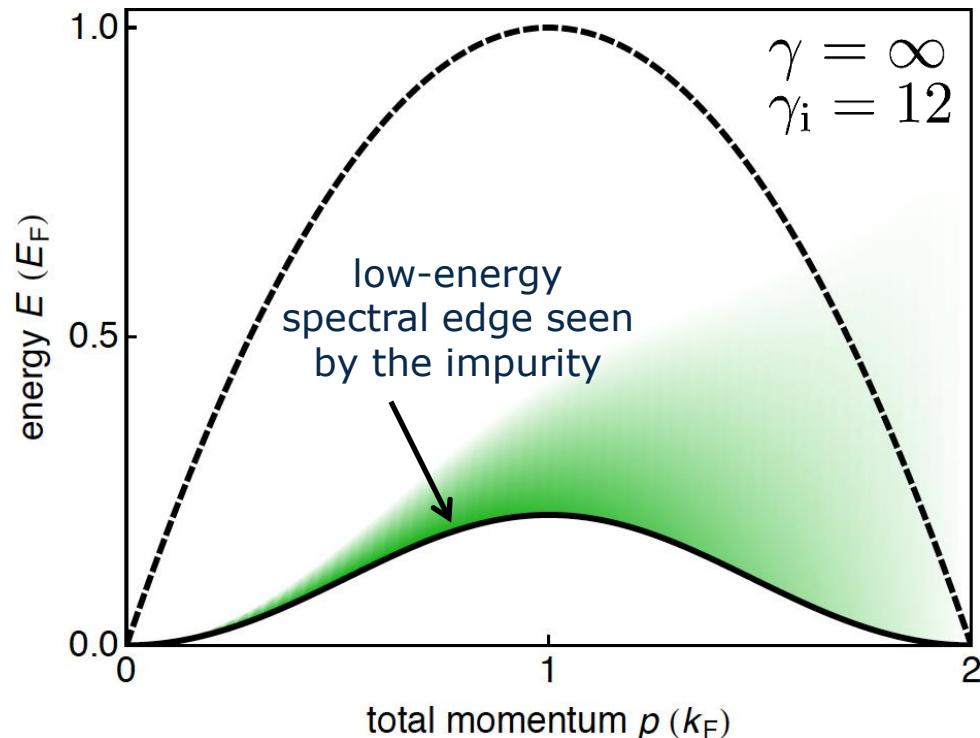
γ_i = for the impurity-bath interaction

Impurities: dispersion relation

short-ranged crystal-like
properties via strong repulsion

Tonks-Girardeau gas (TG)

$$\gamma = \frac{mg_{1D}}{\hbar^2 n} \rightarrow \infty$$



An accelerated impurity
would undergo
Bloch oscillations with
a frequency

$$f_B = \frac{F}{2\hbar k_F}$$

set by the Fermi
momentum
 $k_F = \pi n_{1D}$

However: **Damping**
due to **phonons**



Observation of many-body dynamical localization (MBDL)

MANY-BODY DYNAMICS

Observation of many-body dynamical localization

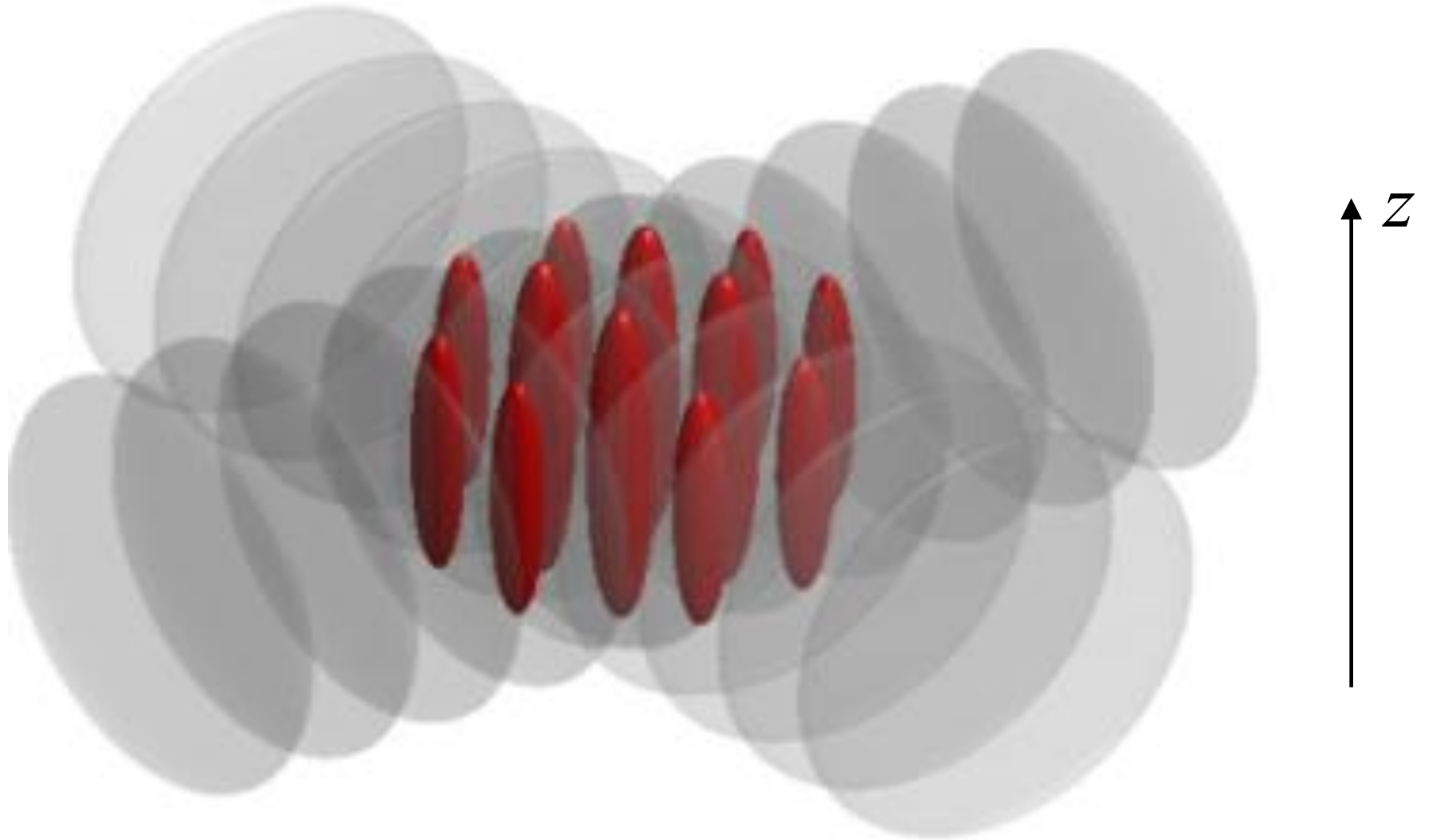
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Hanns-Christoph Nägerl^{1*}

Y. Guo et al., Science 389, 716 (2025)

see also: *Origin and emergent features of many-body dynamical localization*
A. Yang, Z. Chen, Y. Guo, M. Landini, H.-C. Nägerl, L. Ying,
PRL 136, 123402 (2026)



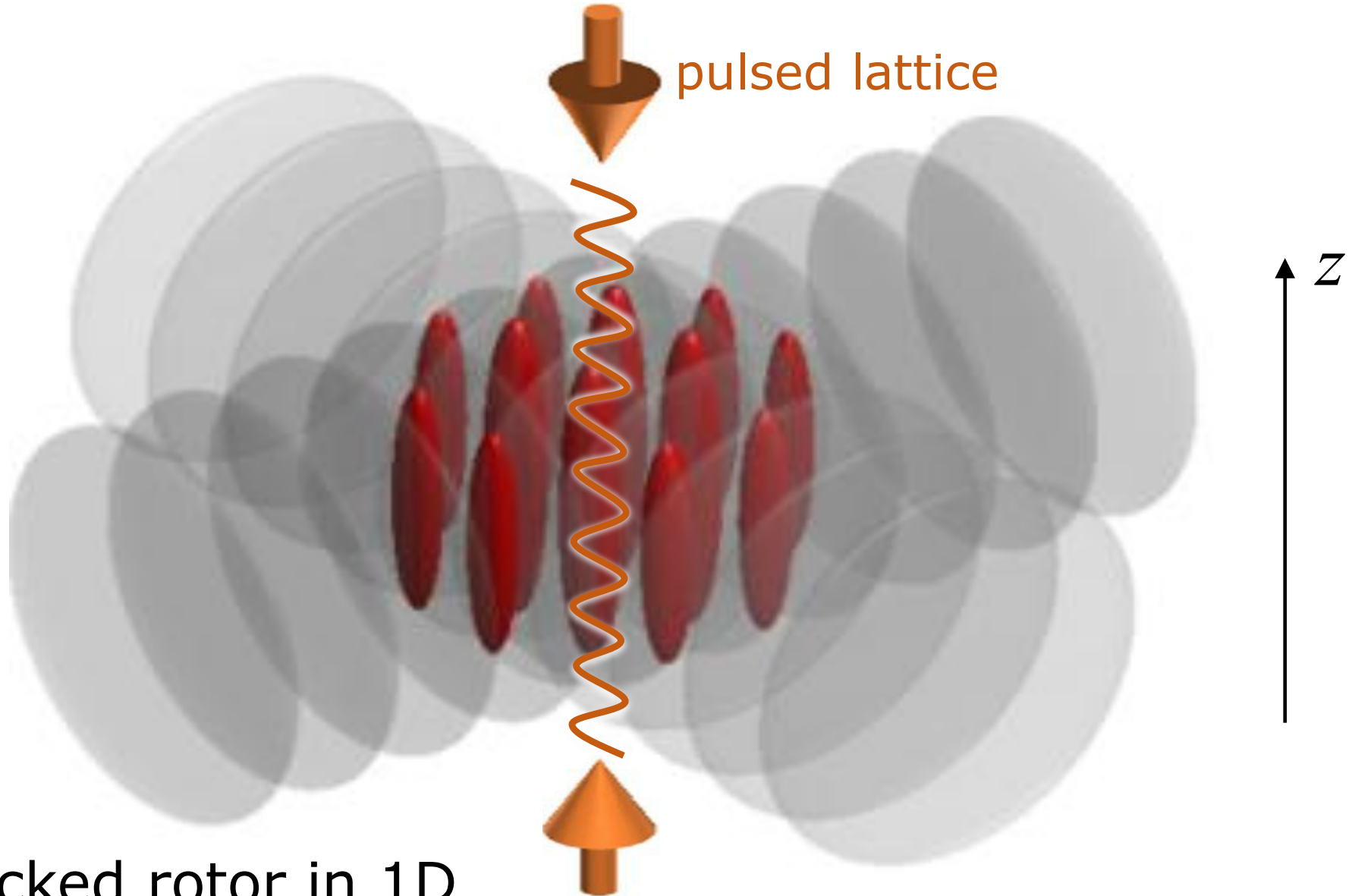
Array of 1D tubes





Dynamics in 1D tubes

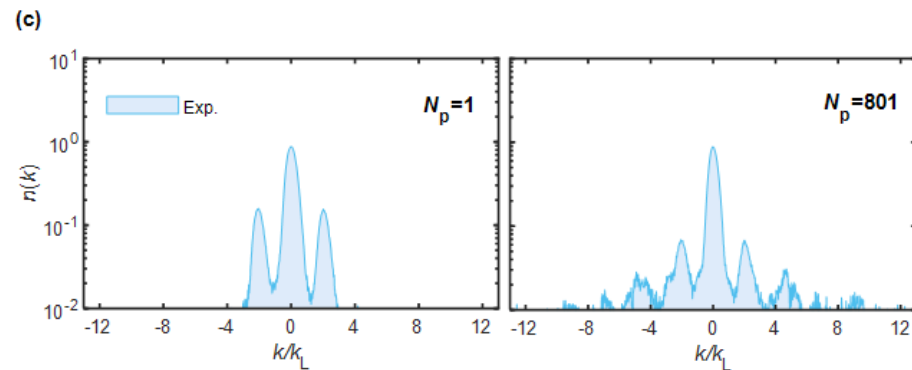
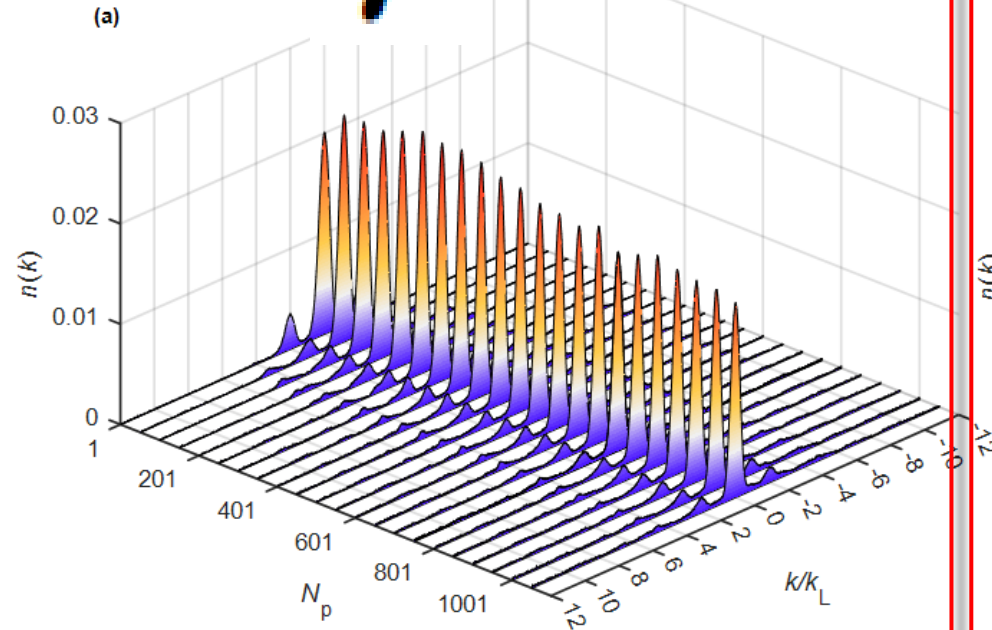
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Quantum kicked rotor in 1D

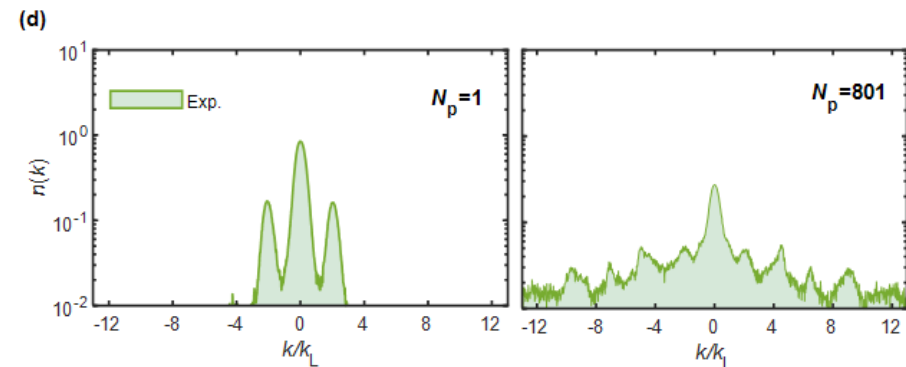
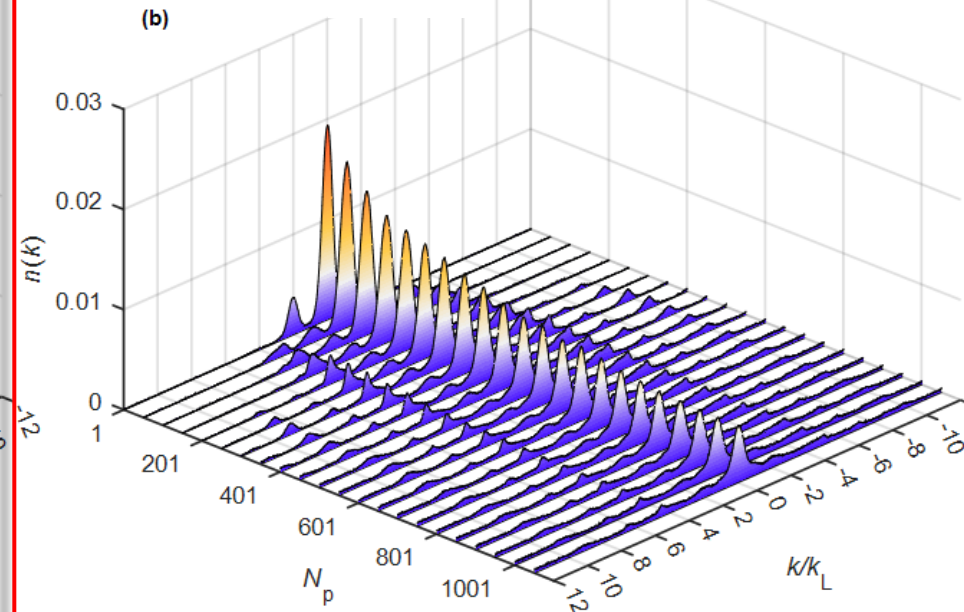
Time evolution: momentum distribution

$\gamma = 0$



Single-particle regime

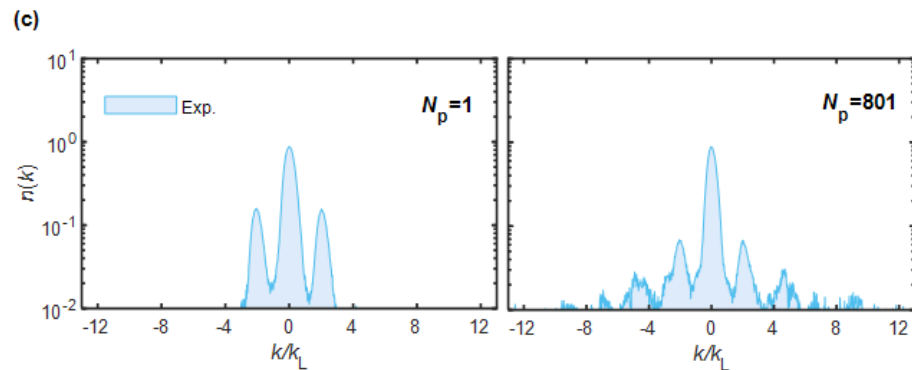
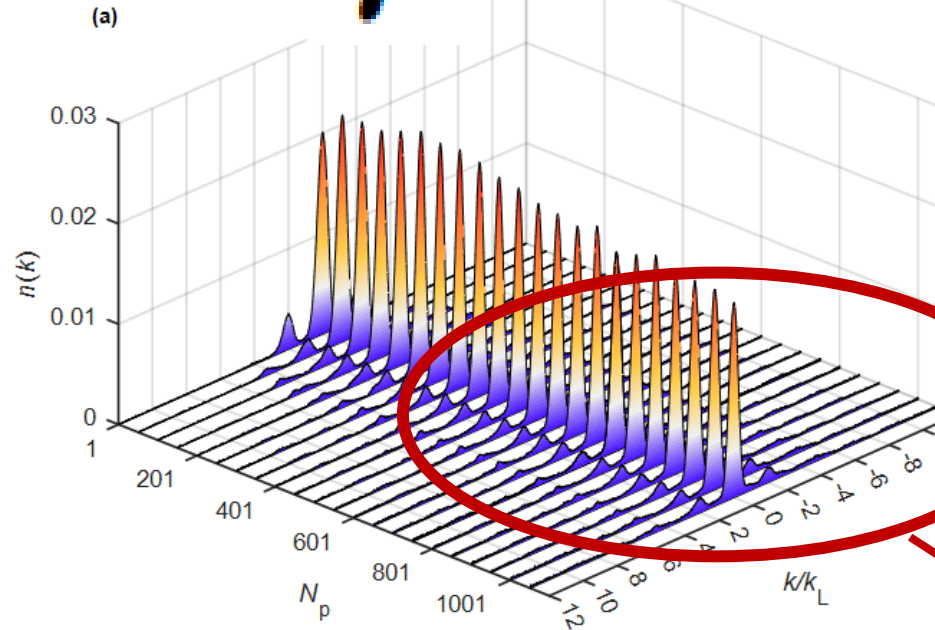
$\gamma = 11$



TG regime

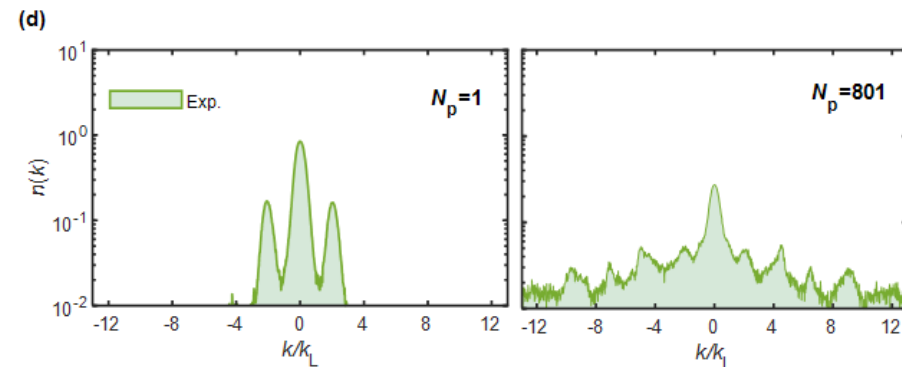
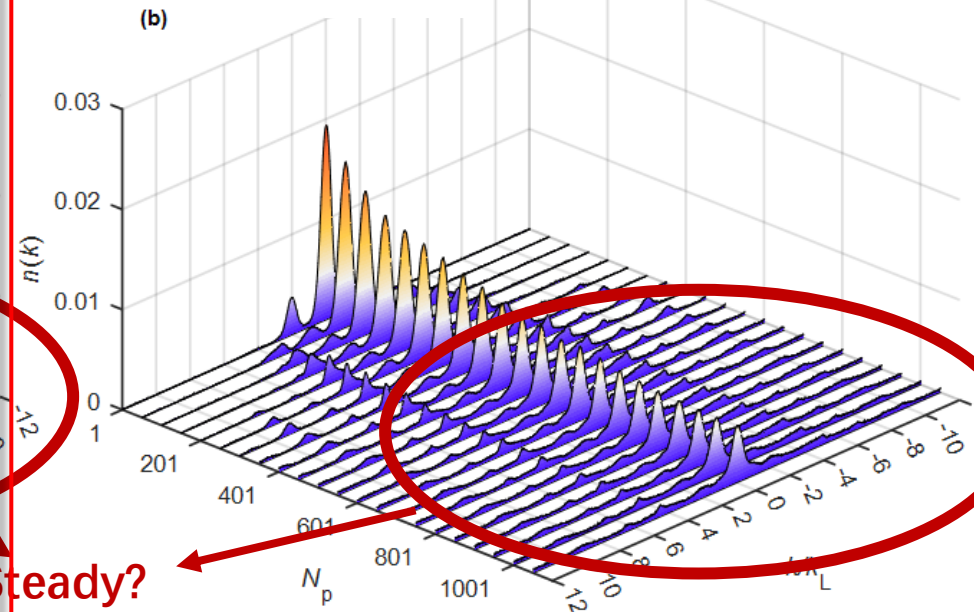
Time evolution: momentum distribution

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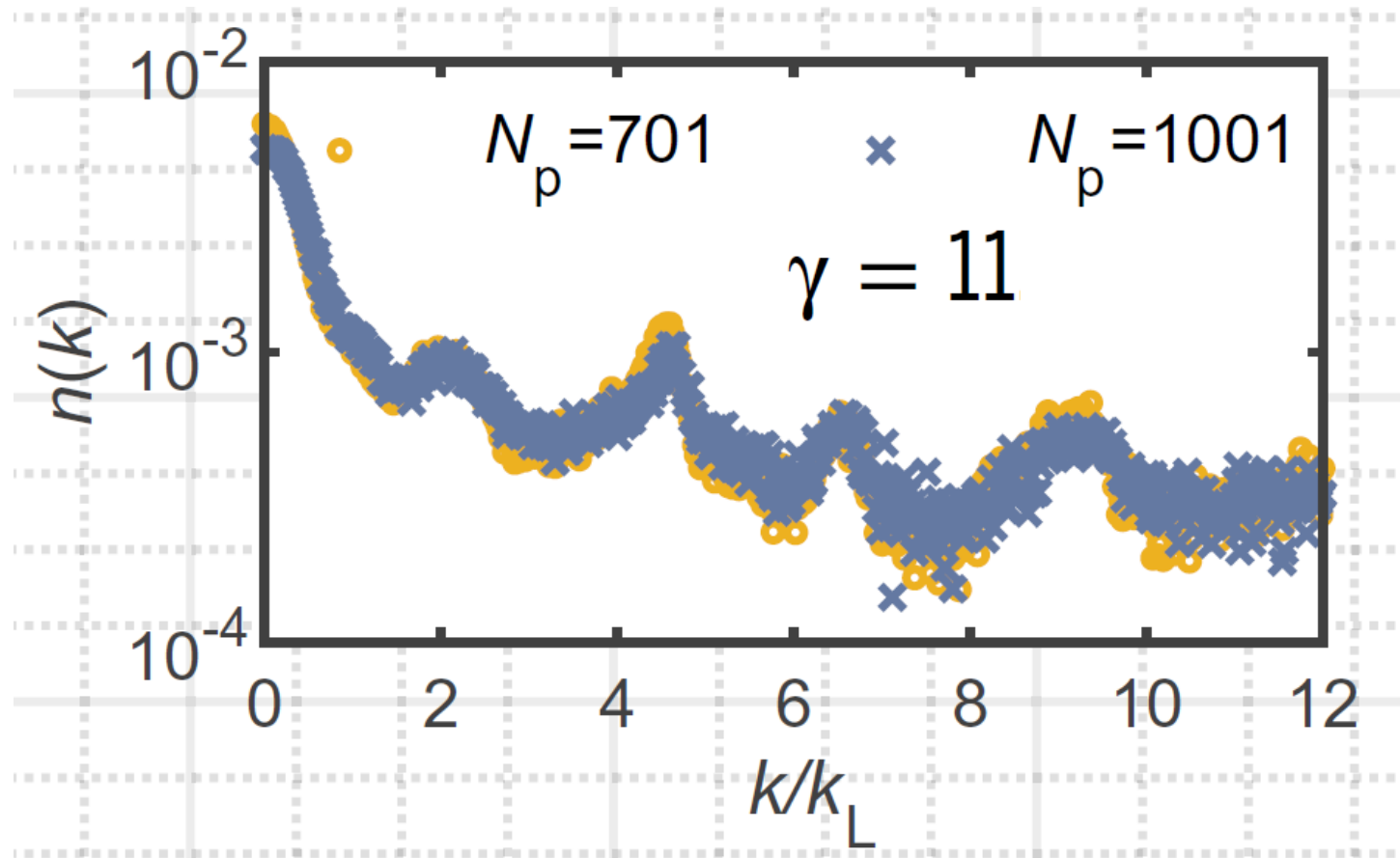


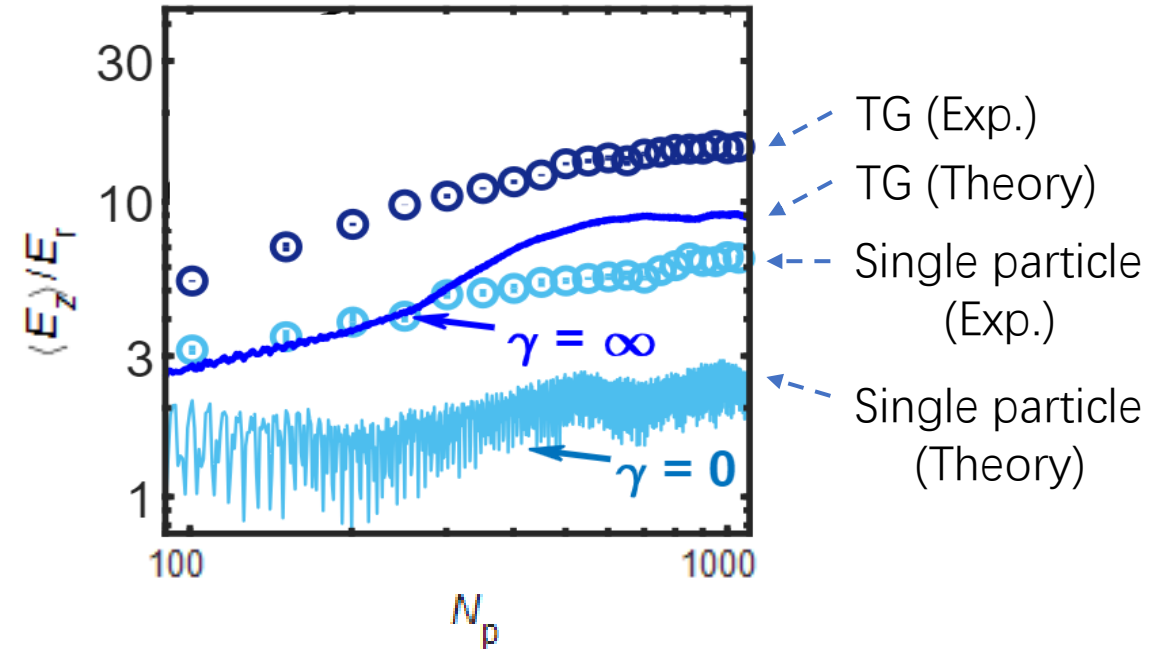
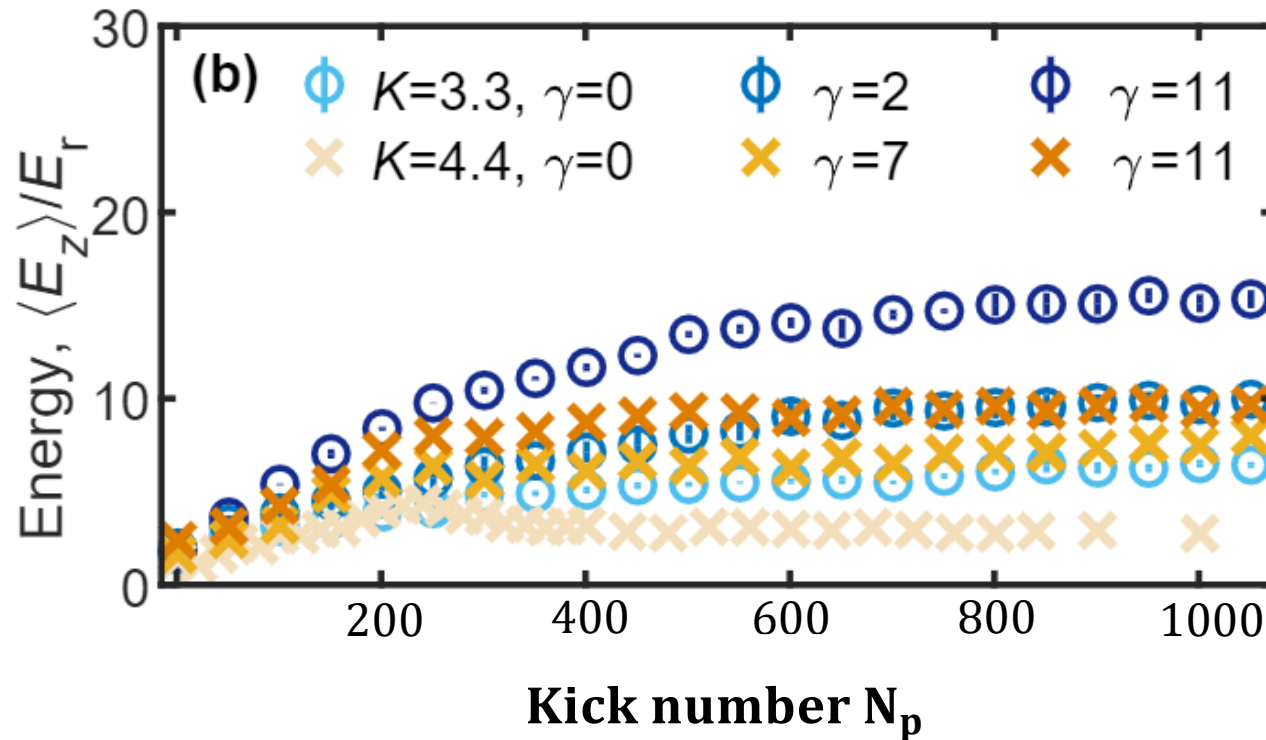
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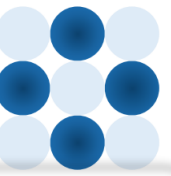
TG regime





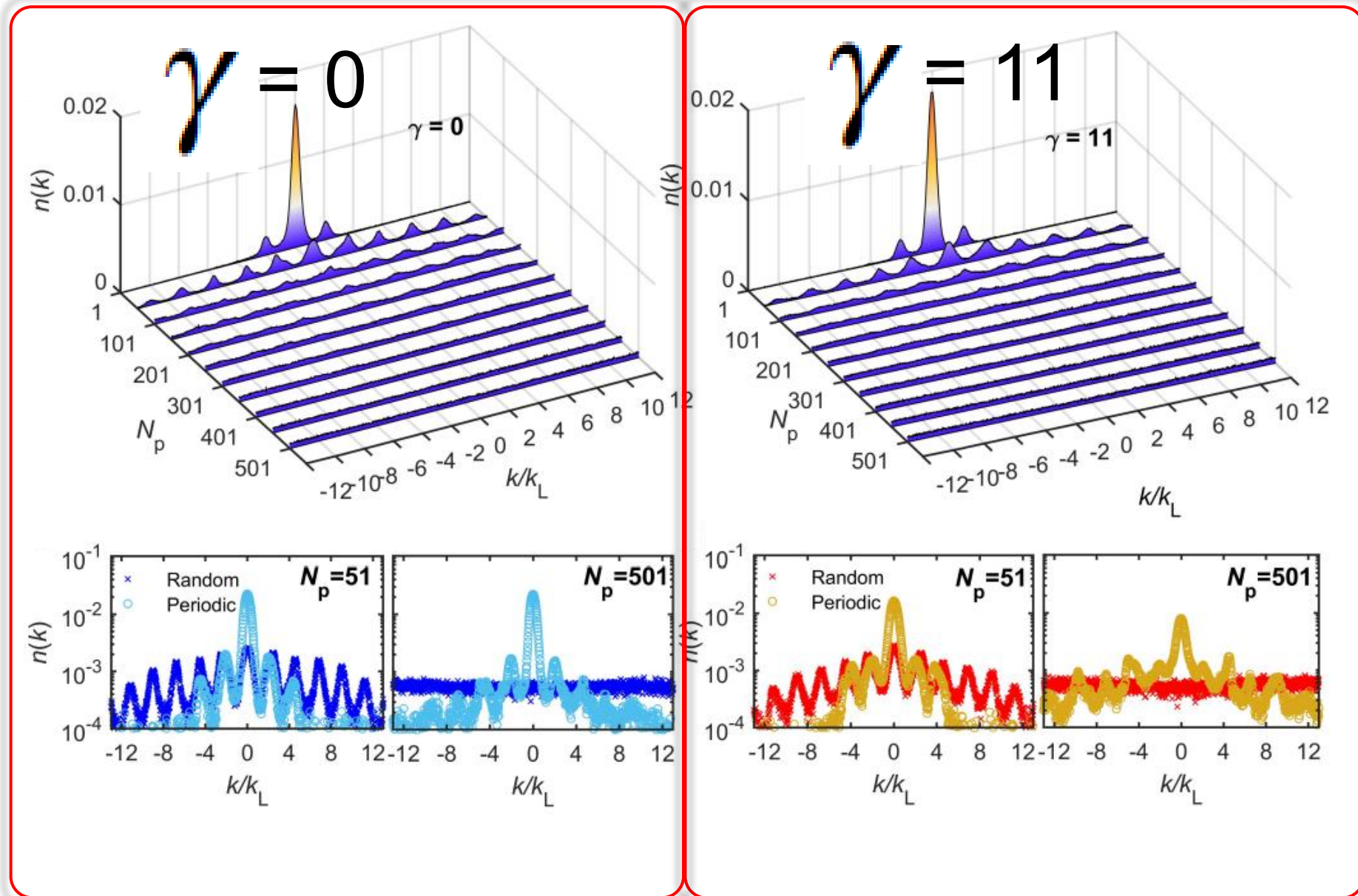
- Kinetic energy per particle extracted from $n(k)$.
- $\gamma = 0 - 11$

- Energy undergoes sub-diffusion at first.
- Energy saturates at long times.



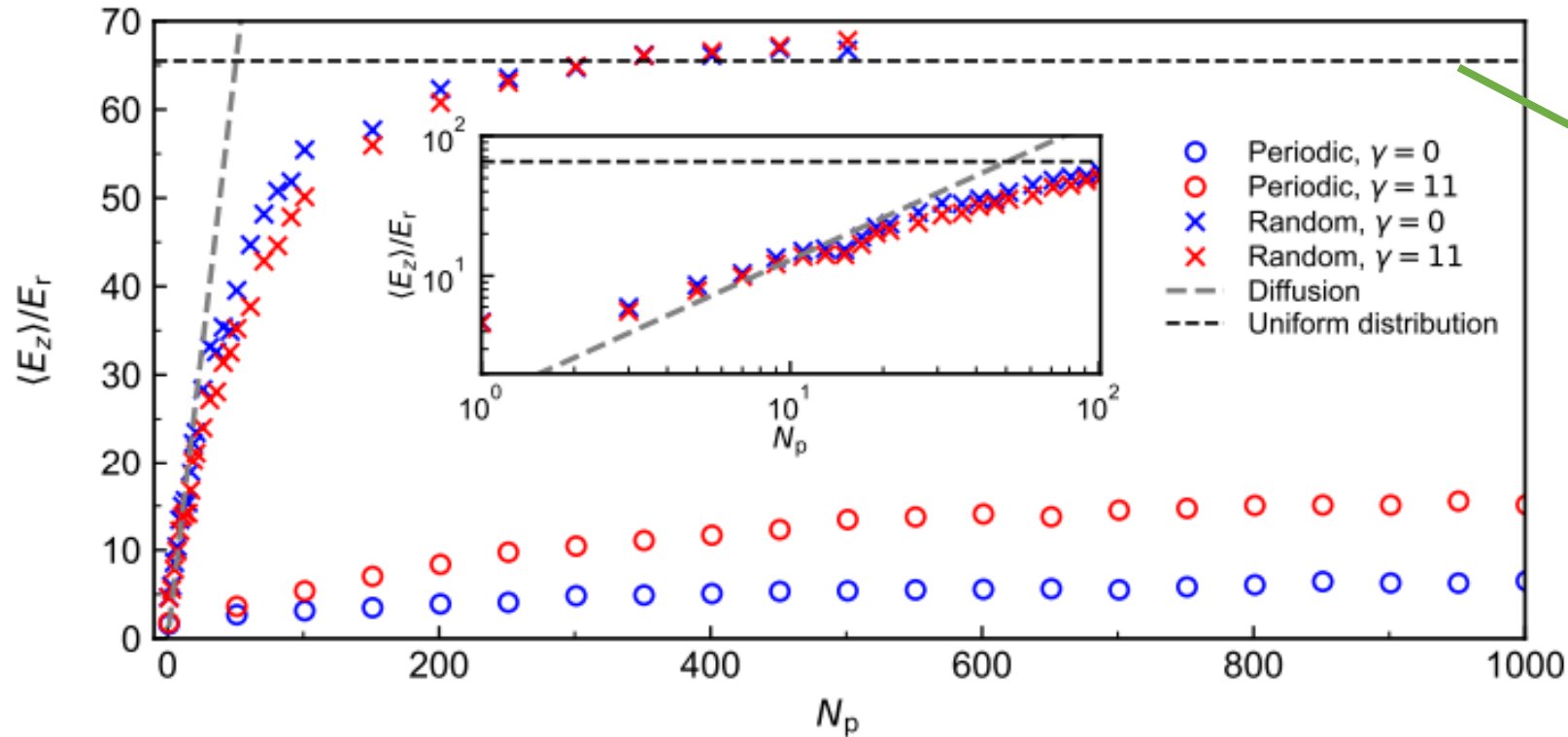
Experiment results:
Momentum distribution

Momentum
distributions smear
out for random kicks
and finally become
uniform distributions





Experiment results: kinetic energy growth



Maximum value set by a uniform $n(k)$ in the limited momentum window

MBDL and DL phases are evidently caused by quantum coherence



Experimental results on the *interacting* kicked rotor in 3D

arXiv > cond-mat > arXiv:2605.22449

Condensed Matter > Quantum Gases

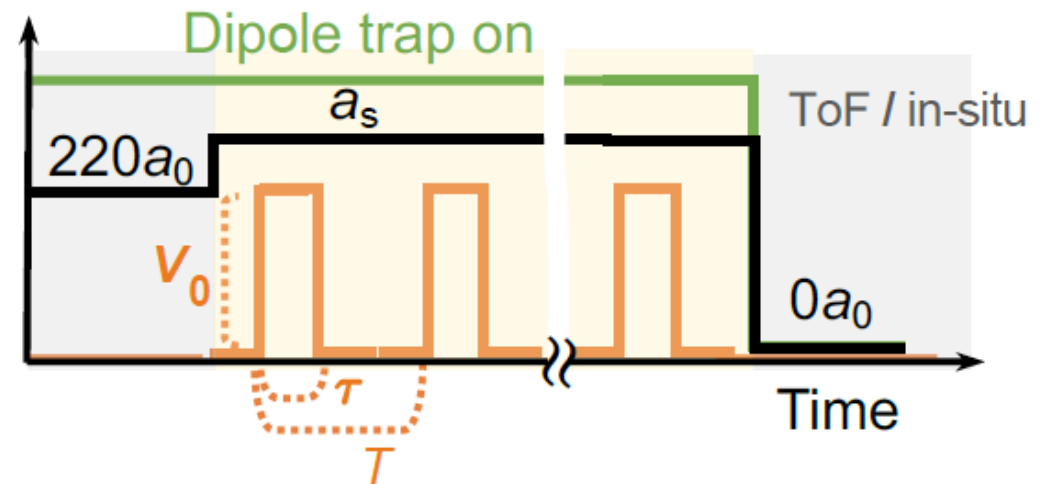
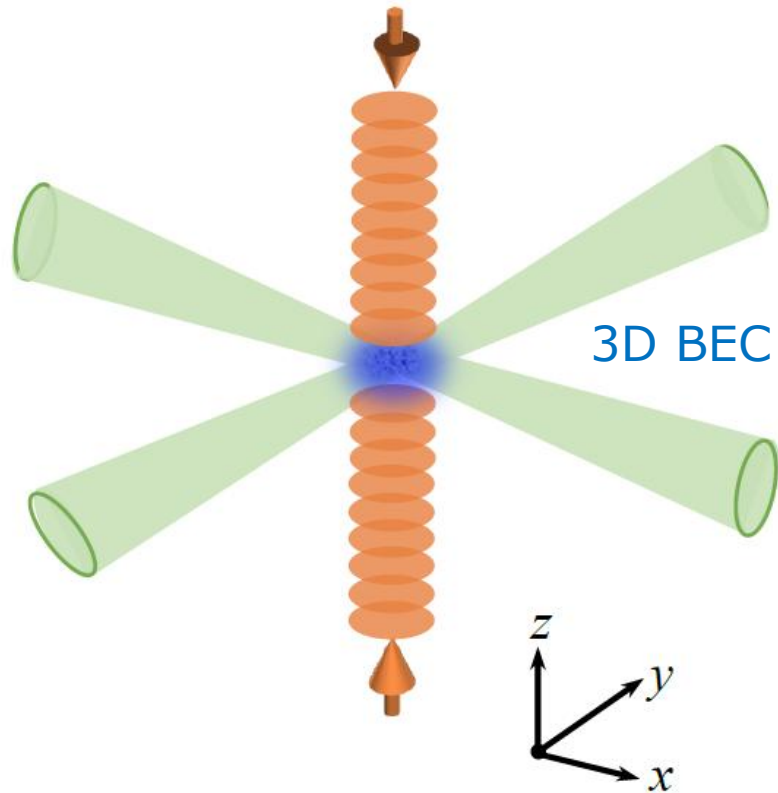
[Submitted on 21 May 2026]

Interaction-enabled metal-insulator phase transition in a driven quantum gas

Camilo Cantillano, Karthick Ramanathan, Zekai Chen, Ang Yang, Emilio Aguilera-Valdes, Lei Ying, Manuele Landini, Hanns-Christoph Nägerl, Yanliang Guo

Re-titled: MBDL and its breakdown in a 3D interacting quantum gas

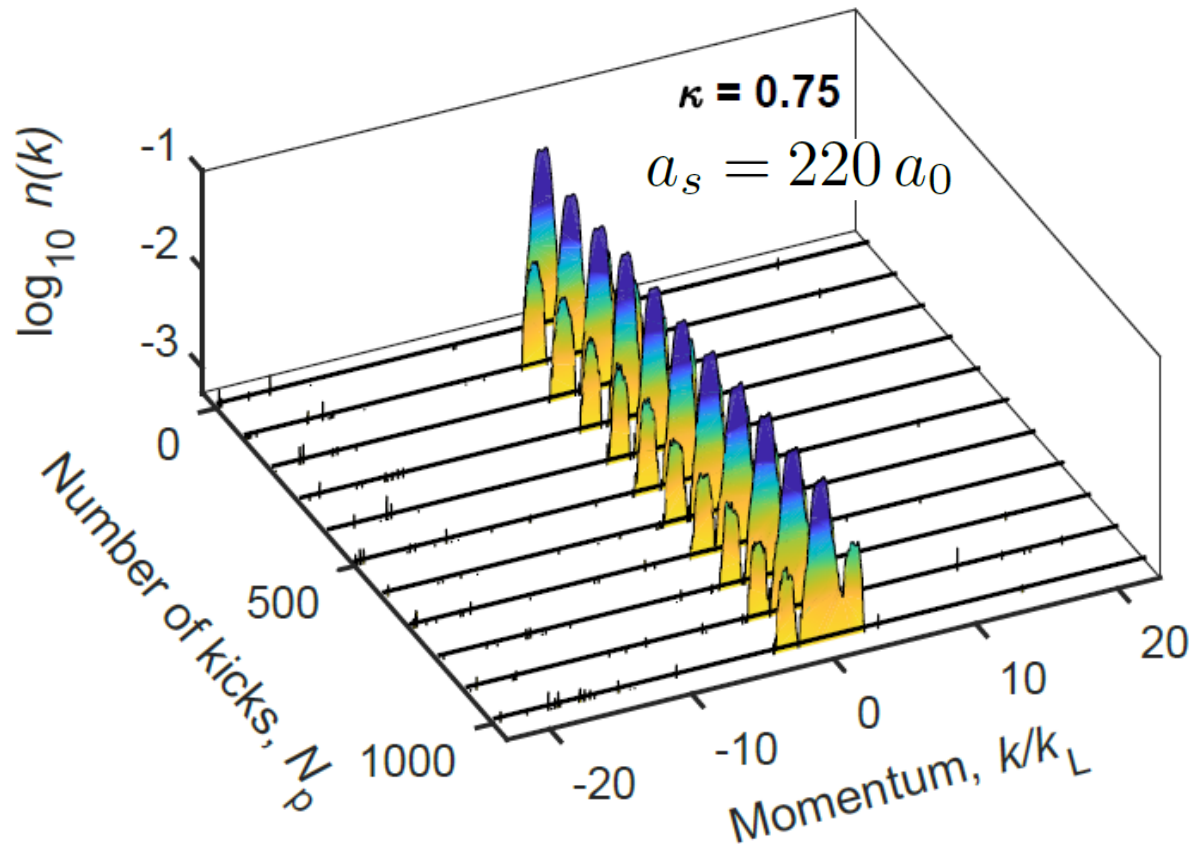
The (interacting) kicked rotor in 3D



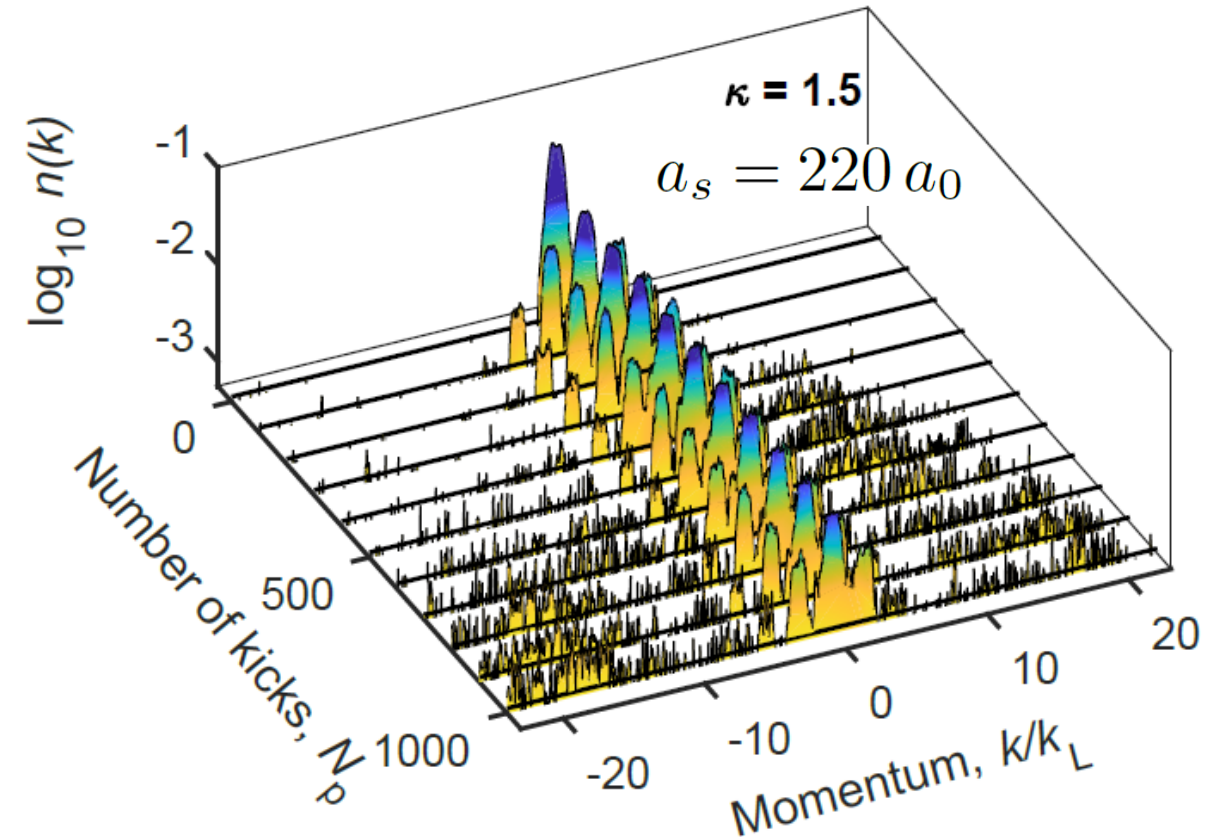
quantum kick strength $\kappa = V_0 \tau / 2\hbar$

The (interacting) kicked rotor in 3D

Evolution of the momentum distribution $n(k)$



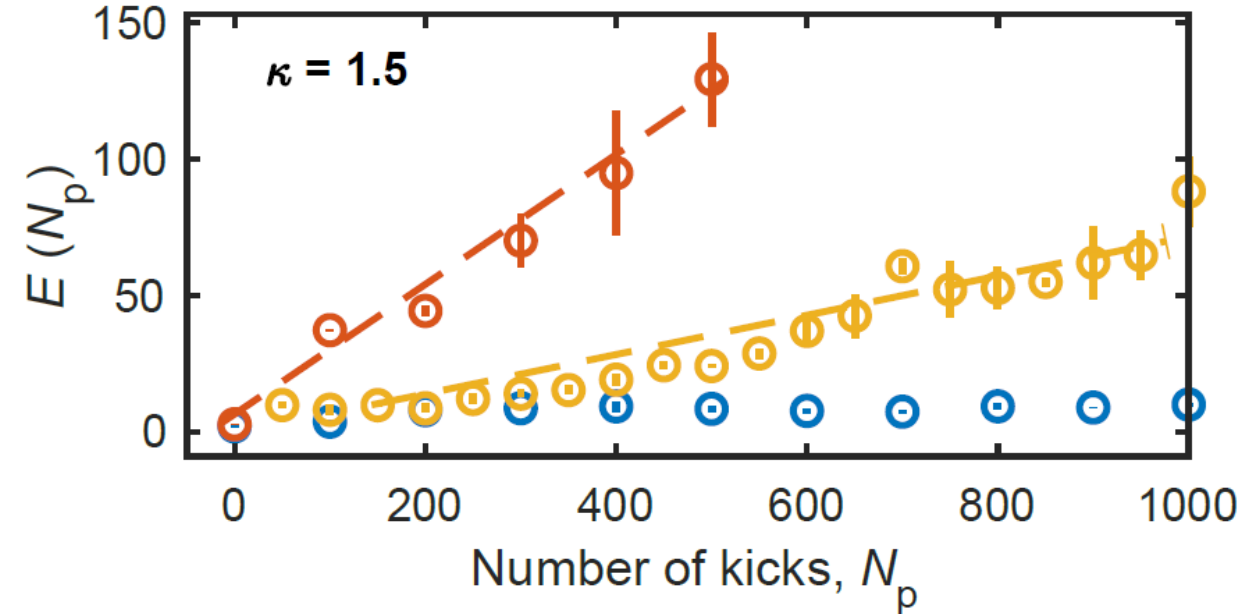
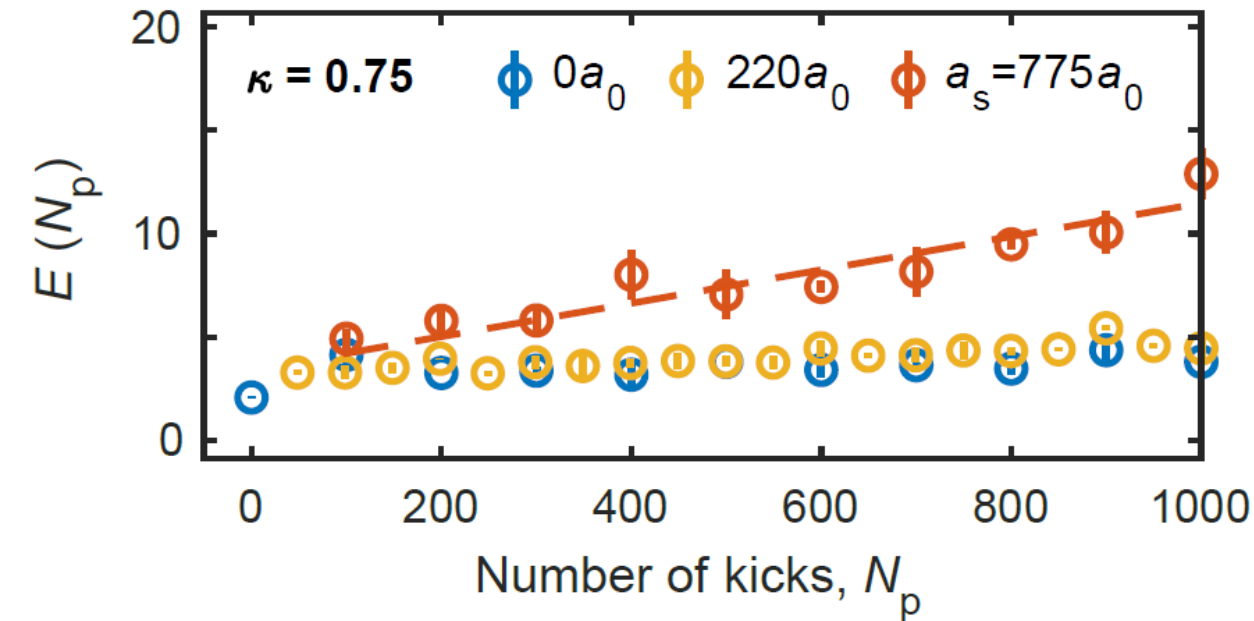
localized



delocalized

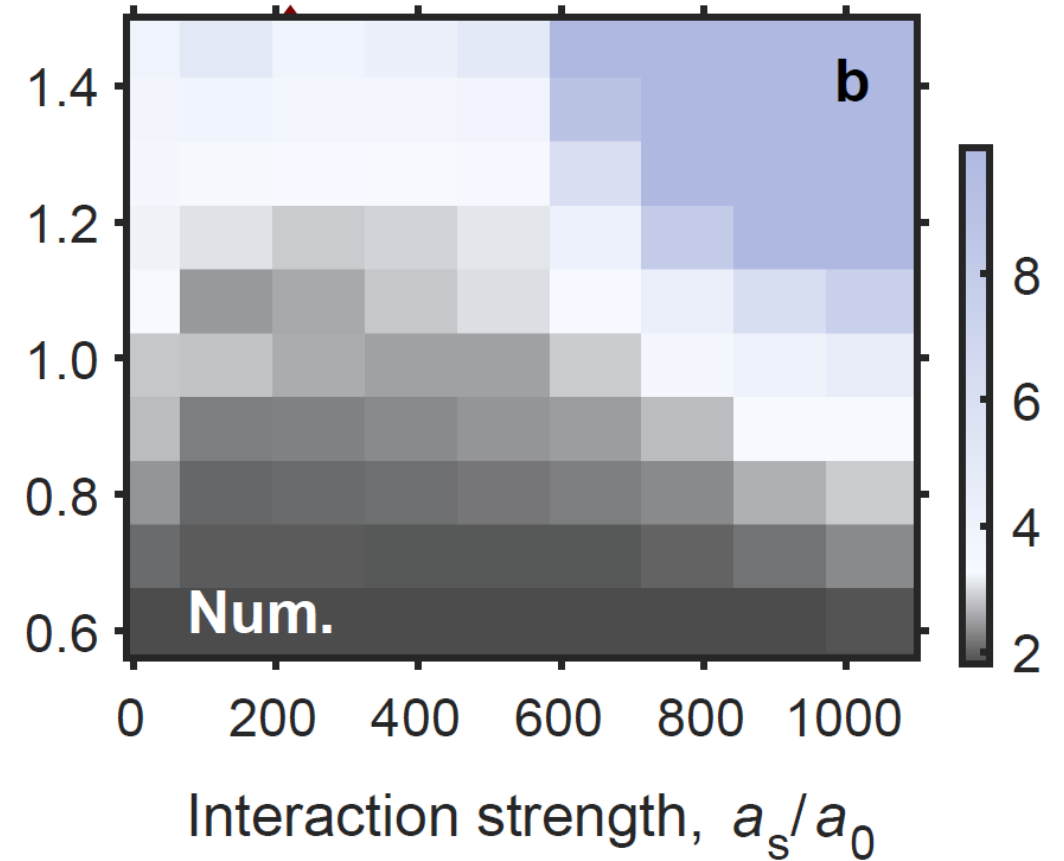
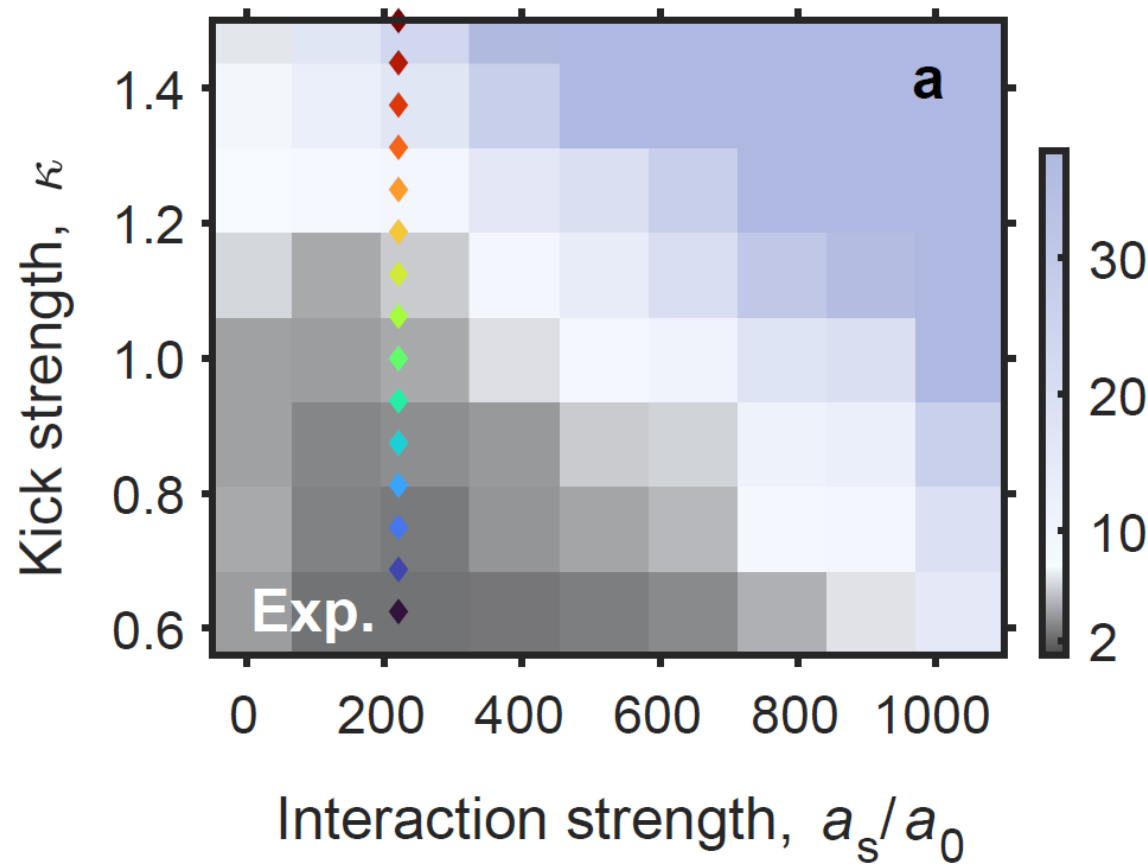


Energy proxy $E(N_p) = \left| \int_{-0.5k_L}^{0.5k_L} n(k) dk \right|^{-2}$



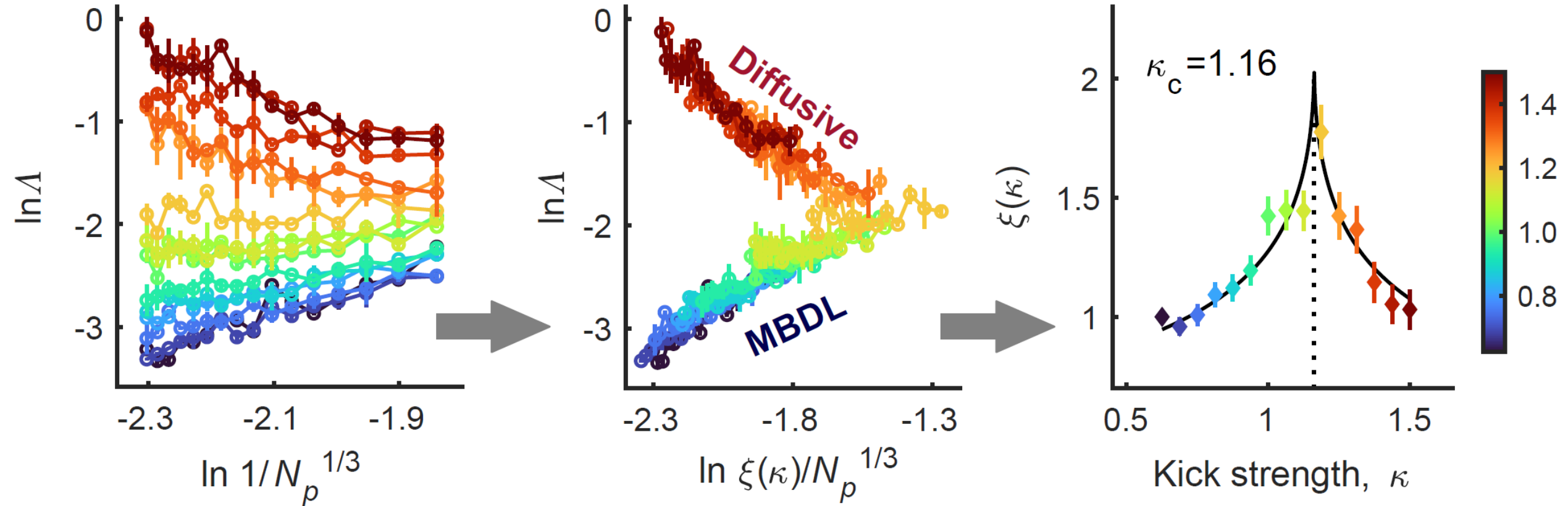


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$$\Lambda(\kappa, N_p) = E(N_p) \cdot N_p^{-\beta} = f \left[\xi(\kappa) / N_p^{1/d} \right]$$



Lemarié et al., PRA 80. 043626 (2009)

Olsen et al., PRL 135, 173403 (2025)

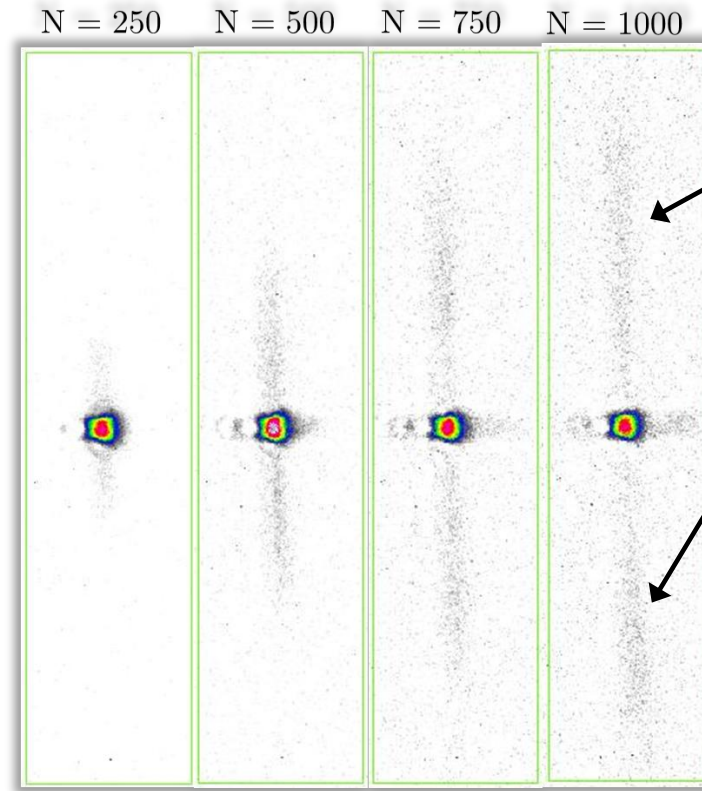


MBDL



$$a_s = 220 a_0 \quad \kappa = 0.75$$

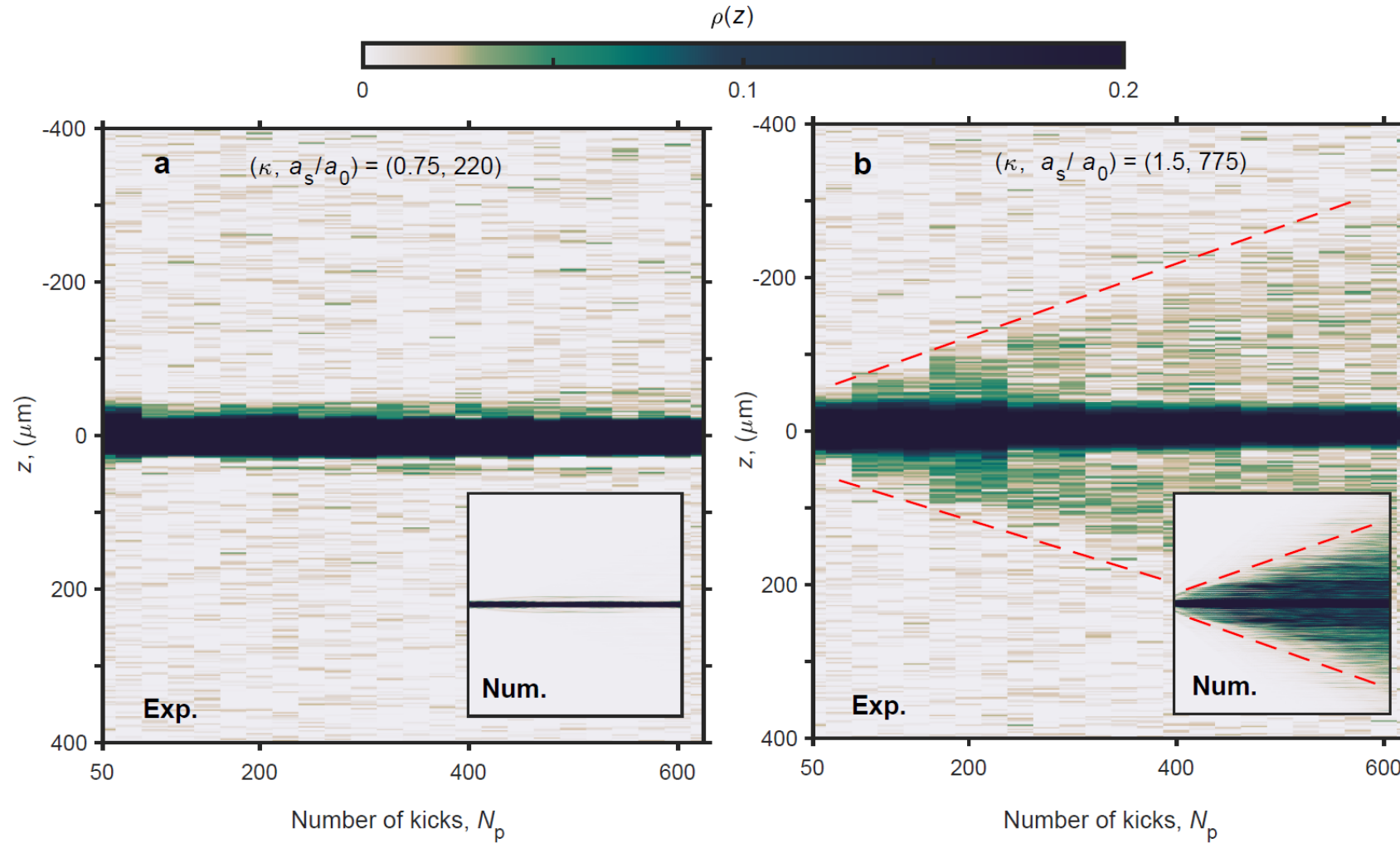
Delocalized



atoms
leaving

$$a_s = 220 a_0 \quad \kappa = 1.5$$

Real-space localization vs. delocalization



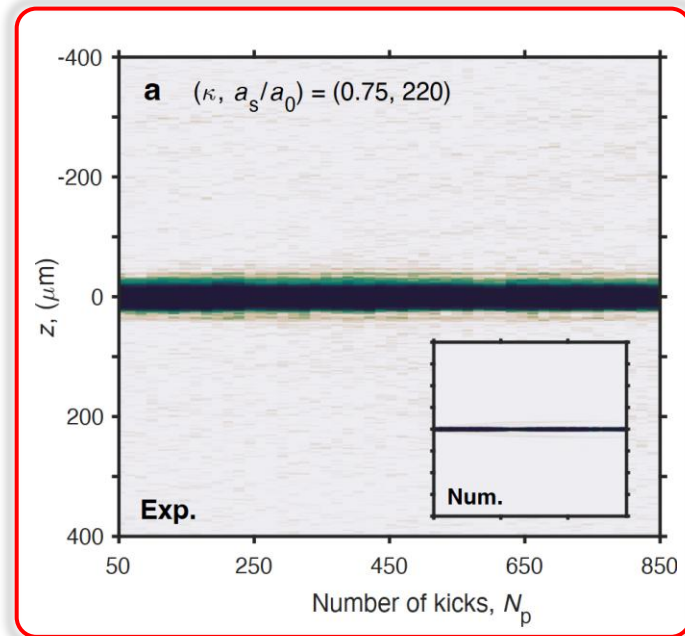
localized

delocalized

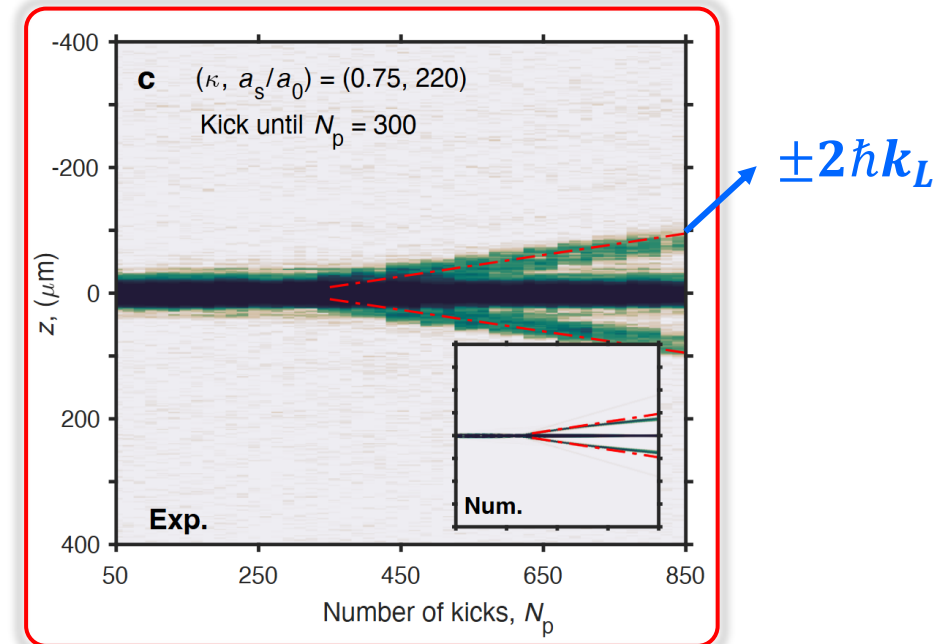


Frozen evolution in real-space

MBDL



Stop kicking at $N_p = 300$



Evidently, the Floquet-type evolution repeatedly re-mixes the populated momentum components and inhibits the coherent accumulation of displacement from period to period



Observing the emergence of a velocity hierarchy in strongly interacting bosons

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...almost on the arXiv



Letter | Published: 25 January 2012

Light-cone-like spreading of correlations in a quantum many-body system

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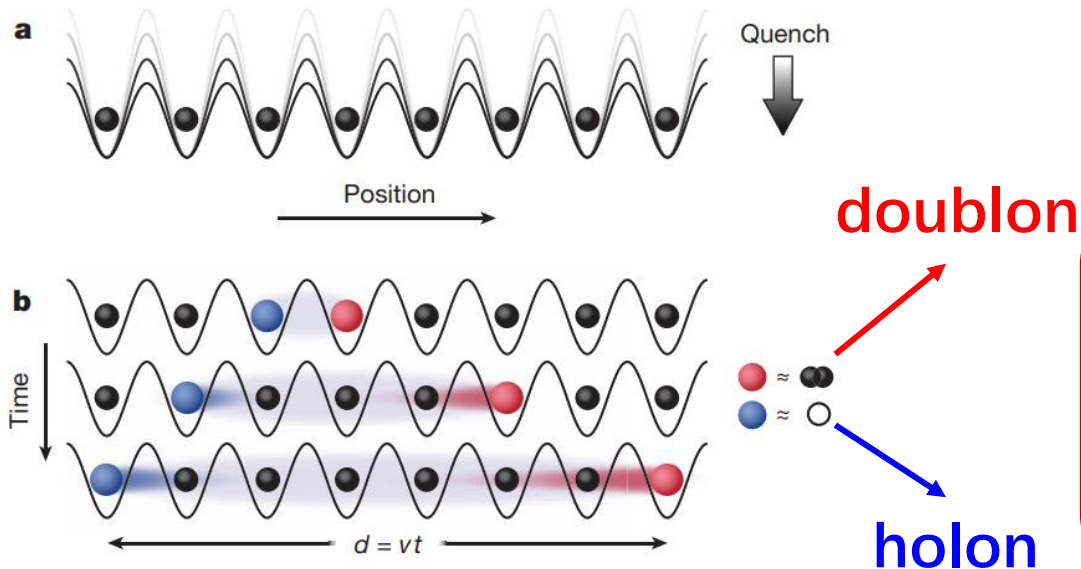
Nature **481**, 484–487 (2012)

$$H = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} b_i^\dagger b_j + \frac{U}{2} \sum_i n_i(n_i - 1)$$

Microscopic observation of magnon bound states and their dynamics

[Takeshi Fukuhara](#) ✉, [Peter Schauß](#), [Manuel Endres](#), [Sebastian Hild](#), [Marc Cheneau](#), [Immanuel Bloch](#) & [Christian Gross](#)

Nature **502**, 76–79 (2013)



Quasiparticle engineering and entanglement propagation in a quantum many-body system

[P. Jurcevic](#), [B. P. Lanyon](#), [P. Hauke](#), [C. Hempel](#), [P. Zoller](#), [R. Blatt](#) & [C. F. Roos](#) ✉

Nature **511**, 202–205 (2014)



Mass bends the dispersion relation and splits the velocities

Dispersion in relativistic $E(k) = \sqrt{(m_0 c^2)^2 + (\hbar c k)^2}$

group velocity $v_g = \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{dE}{dk}$

phase velocity $v_p = \frac{E}{\hbar k}$

massless: linear dispersion: $v_p = v_g$

massive: curved dispersion: $v_p \neq v_g$

Relativistic invariance $v_p v_g = c^2$

Gap opening in the Bose-Hubbard system = effective mass generation.



In strongly interacting quantum matter, excitations are matter waves carried by interacting particles. Can propagation of such excitations evolve from nearly degenerate velocities into a hierarchy?

Low-energy quasiparticle dispersion

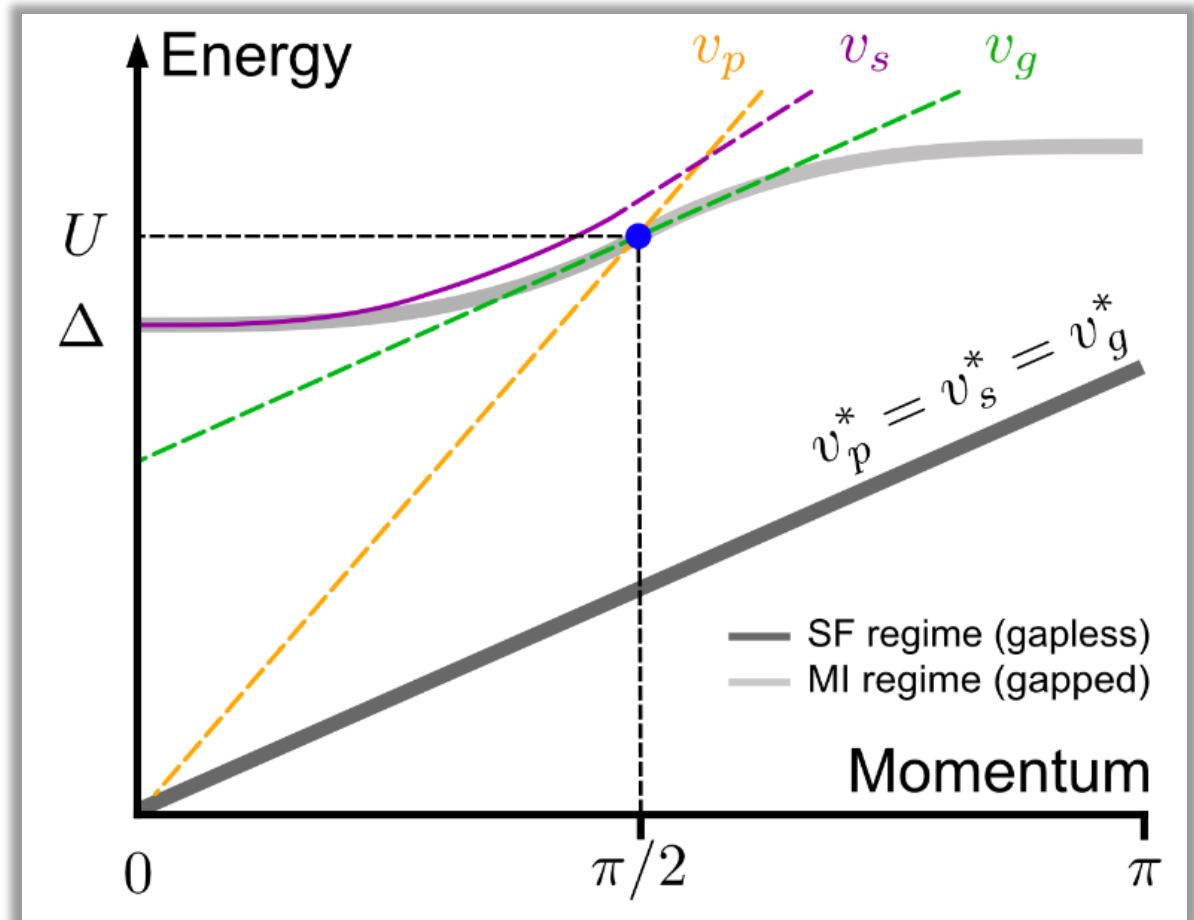
$$E(k) \simeq \sqrt{\Delta^2 + (\hbar v_s k)^2}$$

Relativistic dispersion

$$E(k) = \sqrt{(m_0 c^2)^2 + (\hbar c k)^2}$$

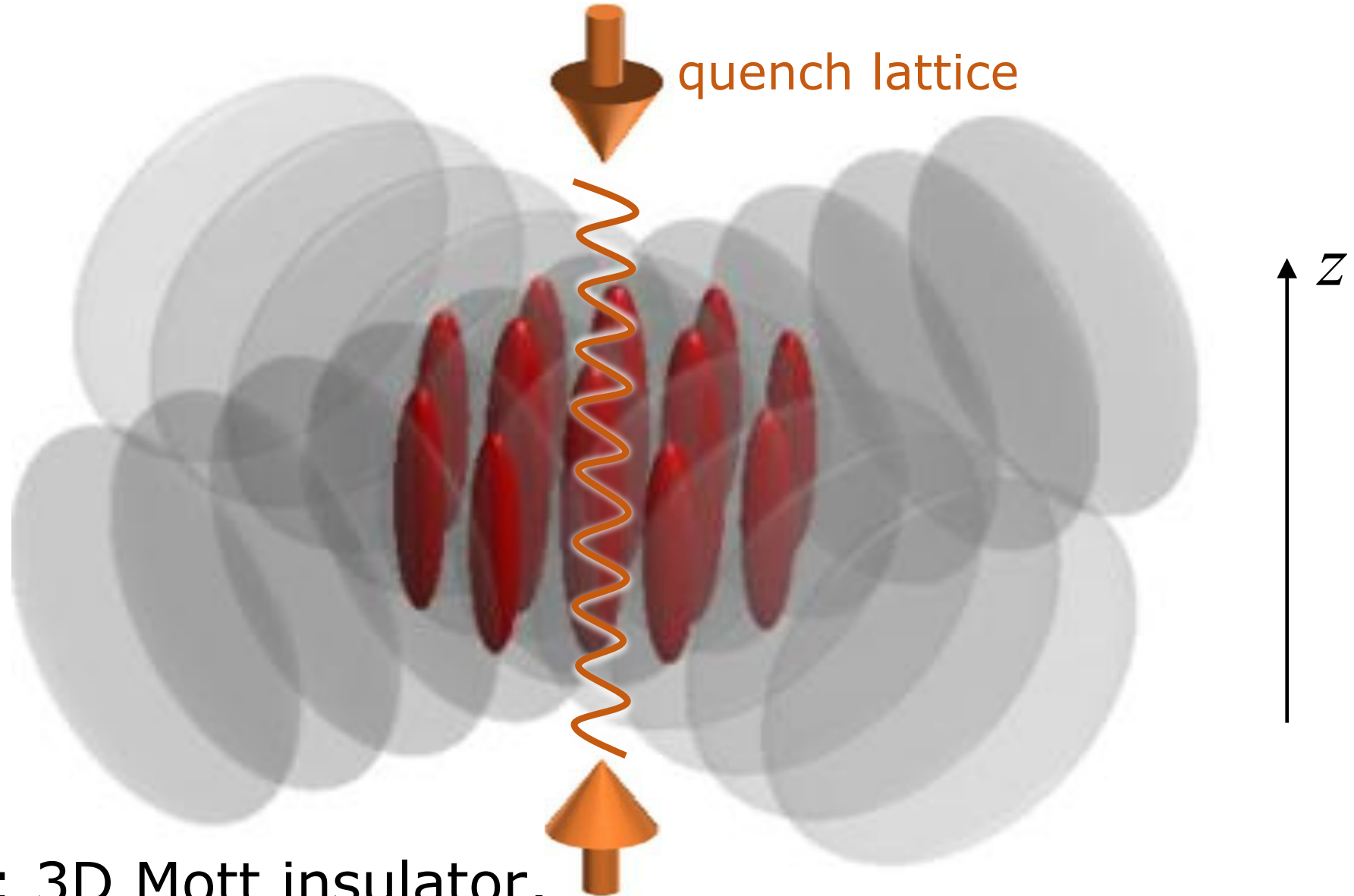
Analogues

$$\begin{array}{l} \Delta \longleftrightarrow m_0 c^2 \\ v_s \longleftrightarrow c \end{array}$$



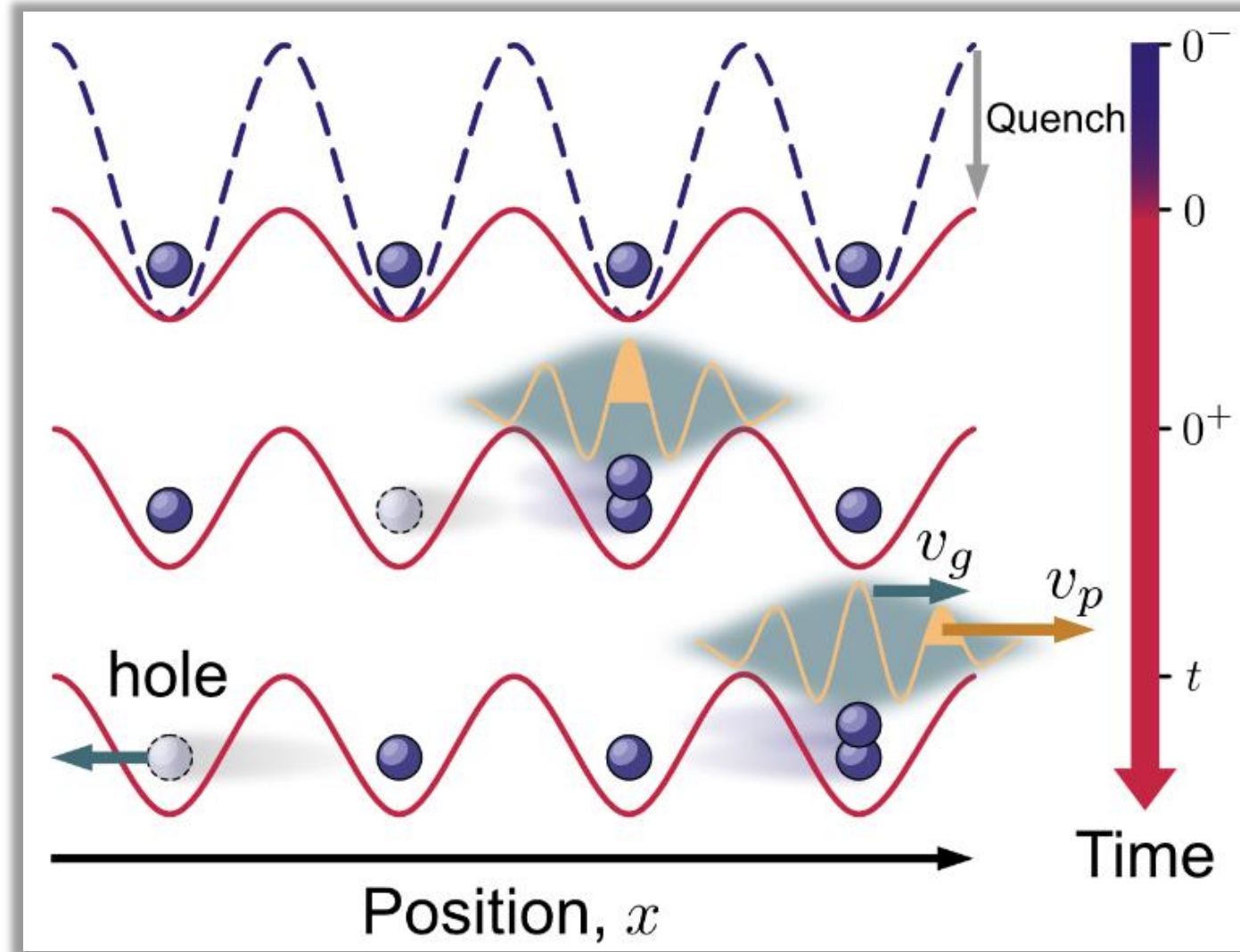
Dynamics in 1D tubes

Array of 1D tubes



Initial state: 3D Mott insulator,
unity filling

Dynamics after a quench



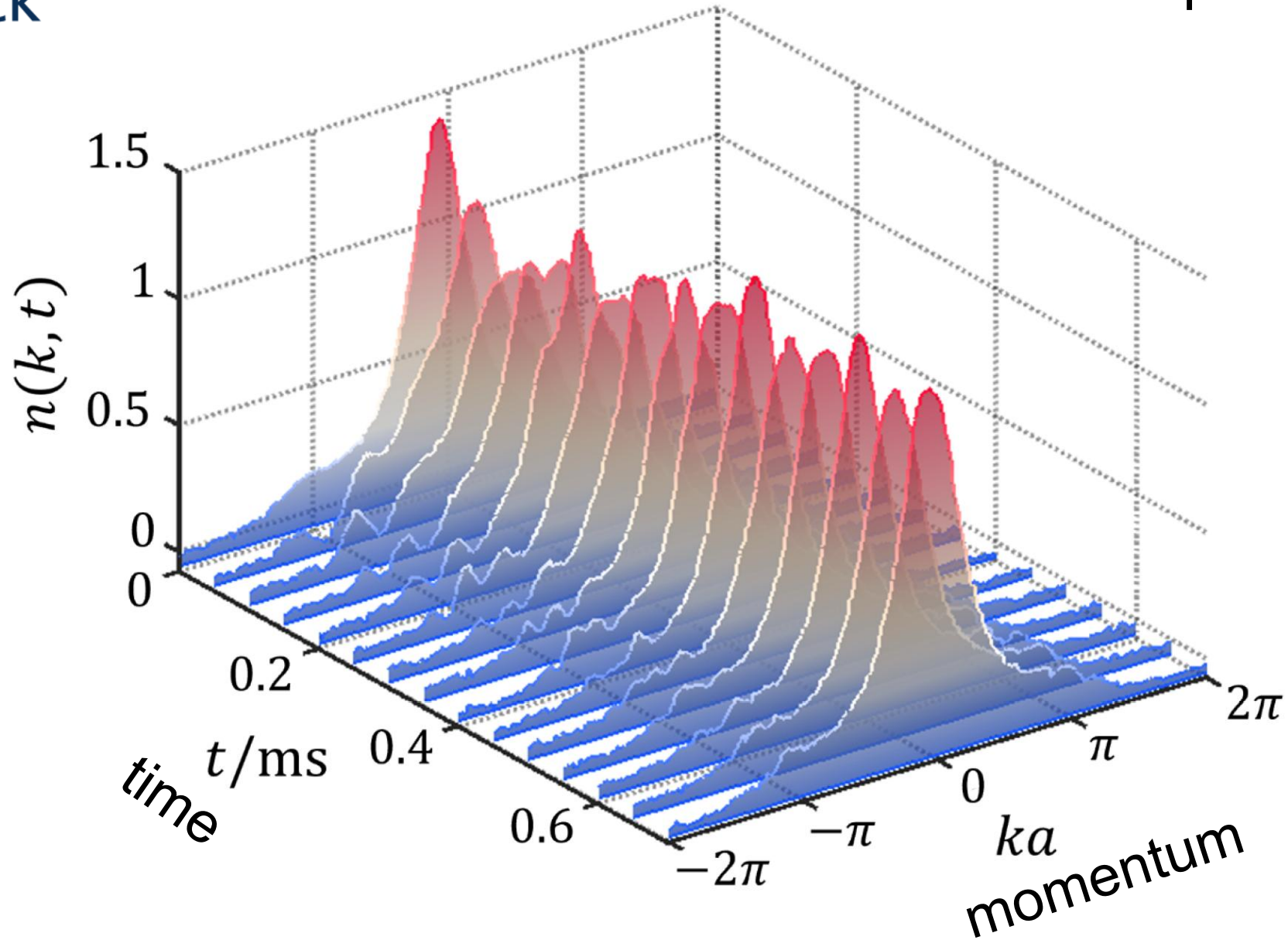
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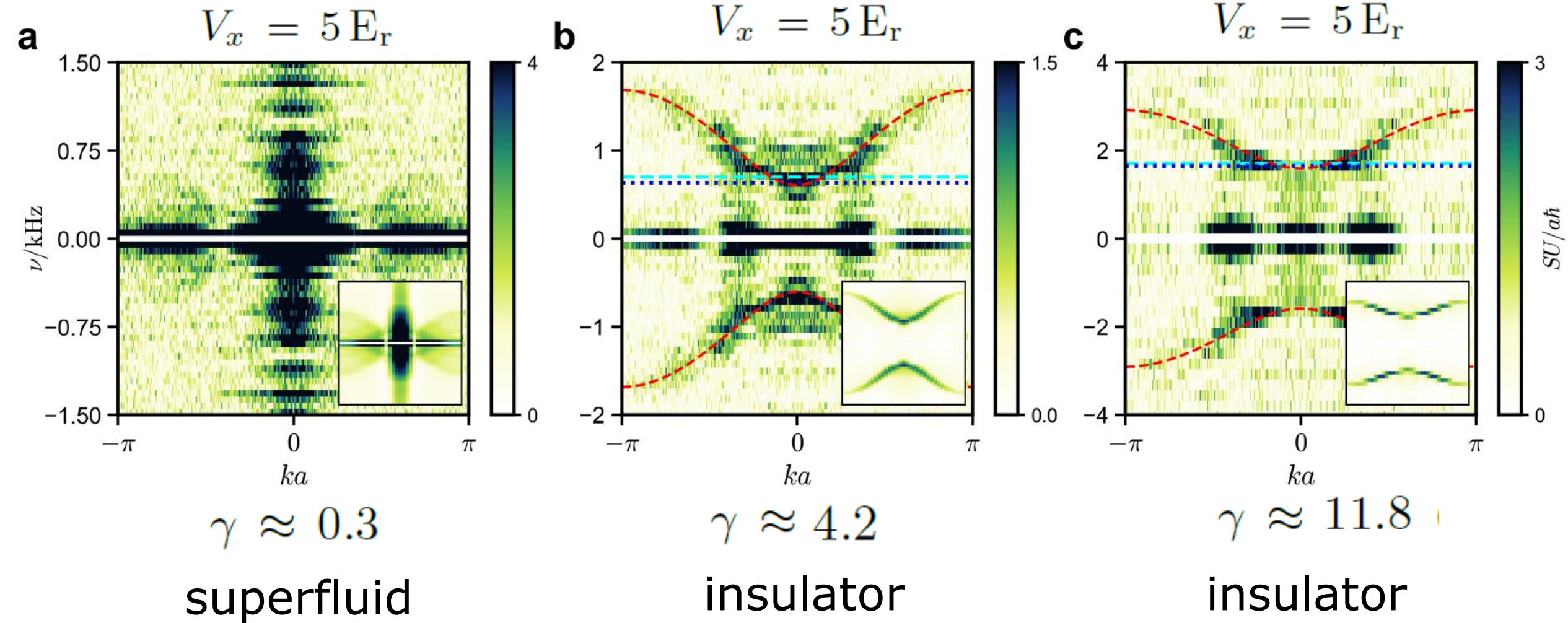


$$V_x = 5 E_r$$

starting from
unity occupation

Momentum distributions after the quench

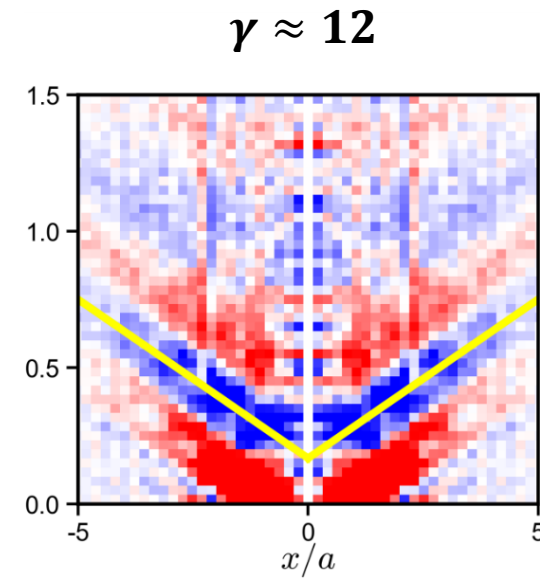
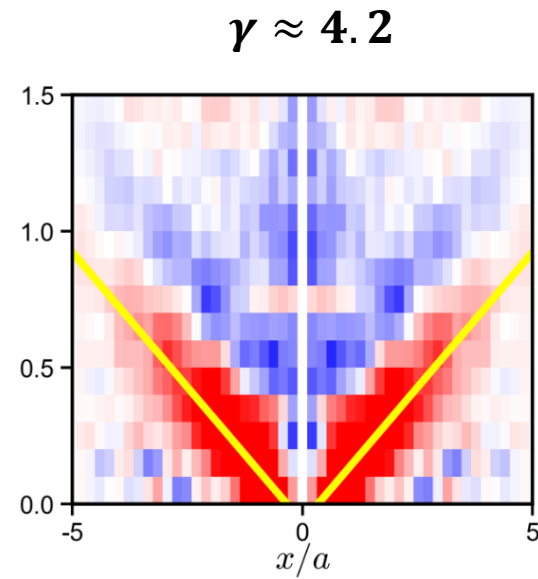
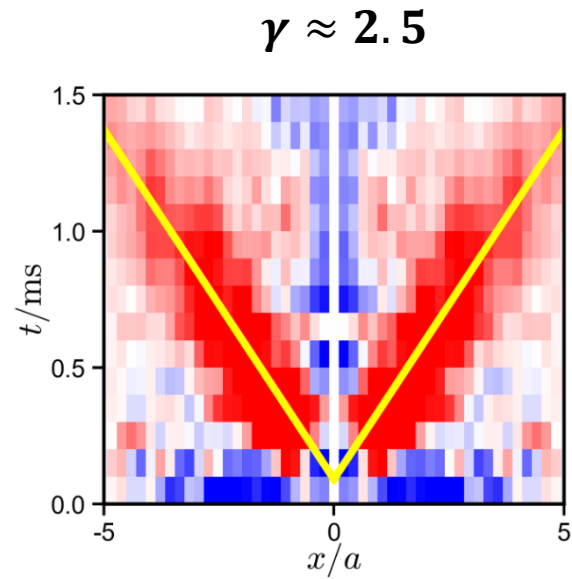




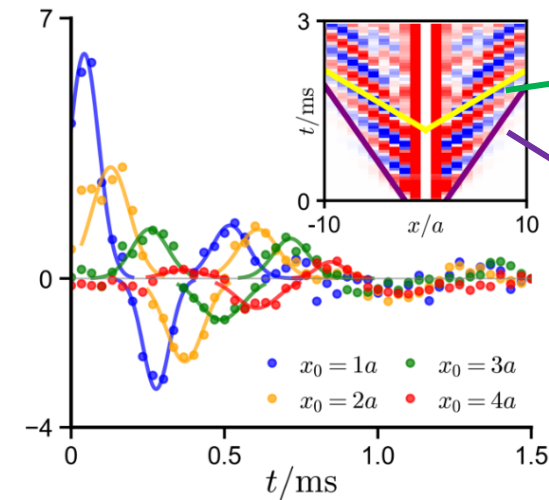
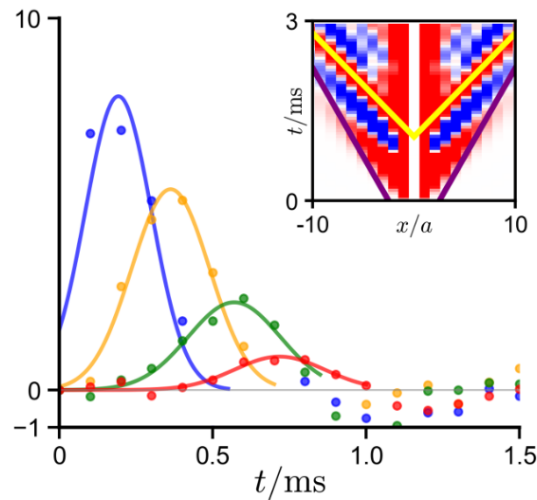
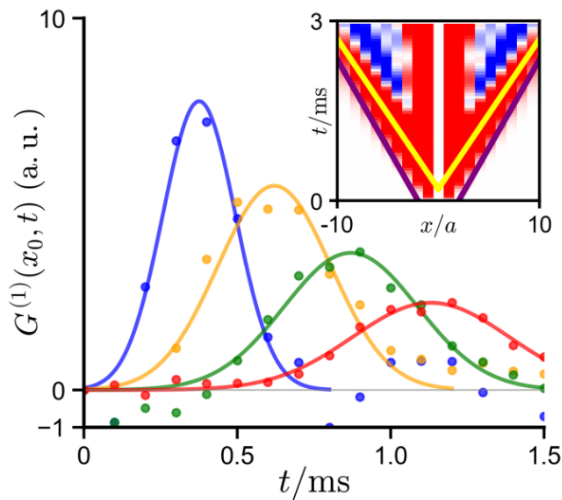
red lines: Fits to obtain (effective) U and J
insets: DMRG results, $T=0$

$$E_{\text{ex}}(k) \simeq U - 6J \cos ka$$

After FT in space: Correlation spreading



$G^{(1)}(x, t)$

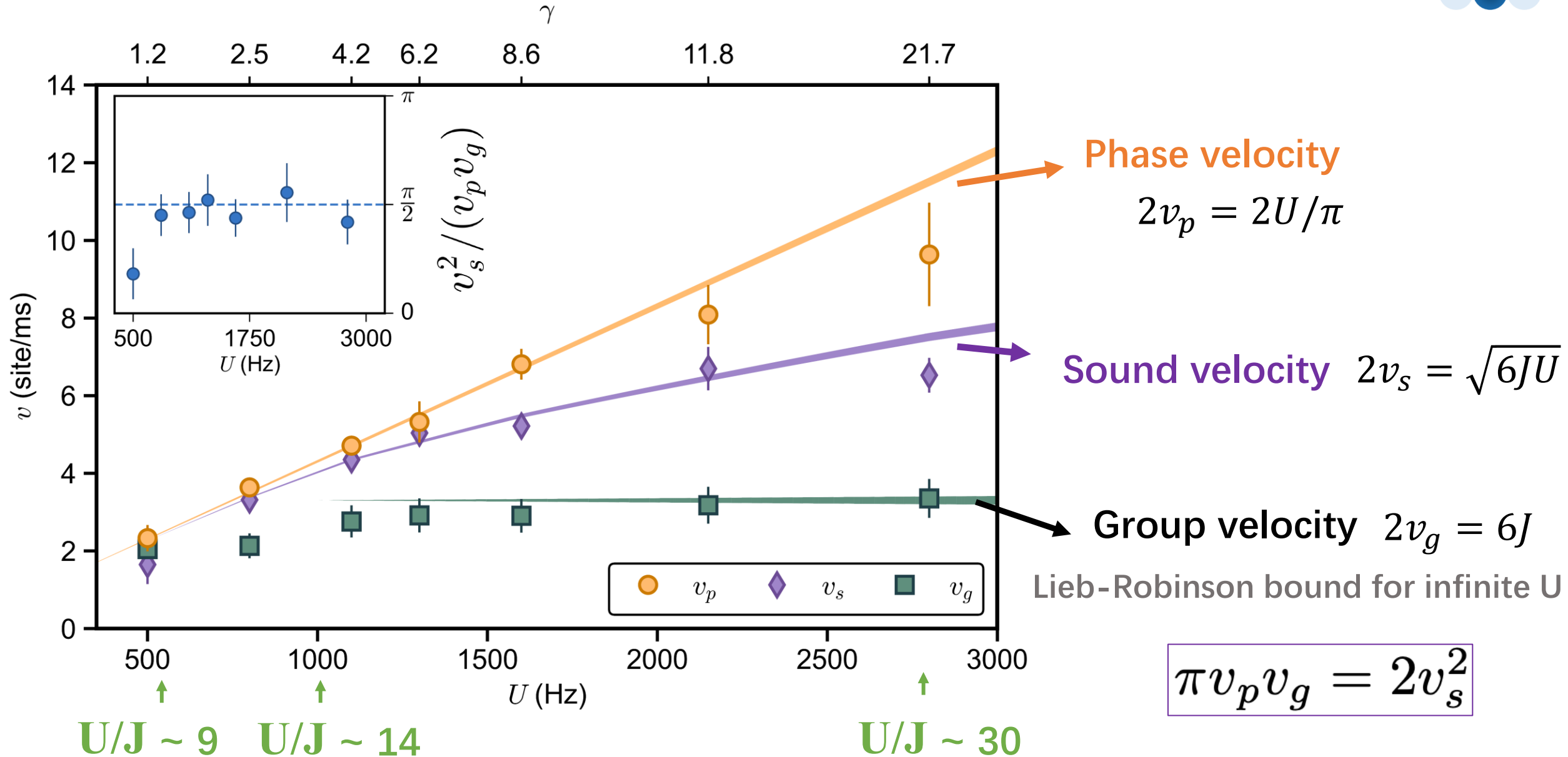


Phase velocity

Group velocity



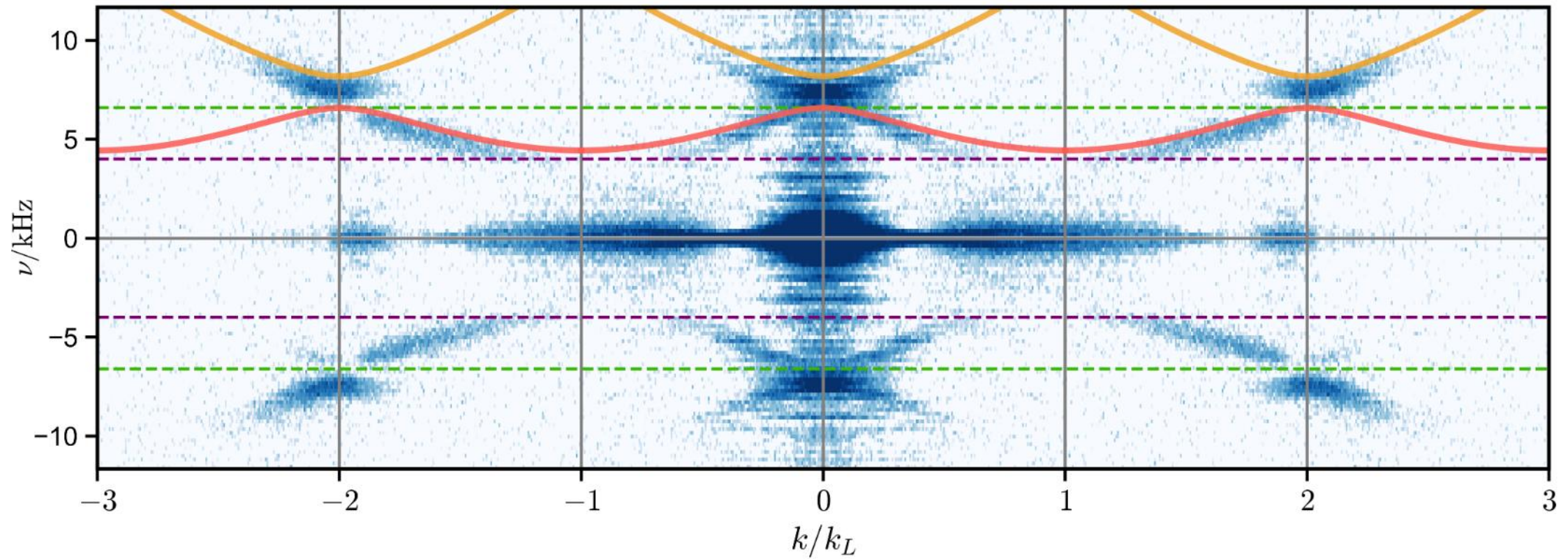
Velocity hierarchy





Higher bands: P and D

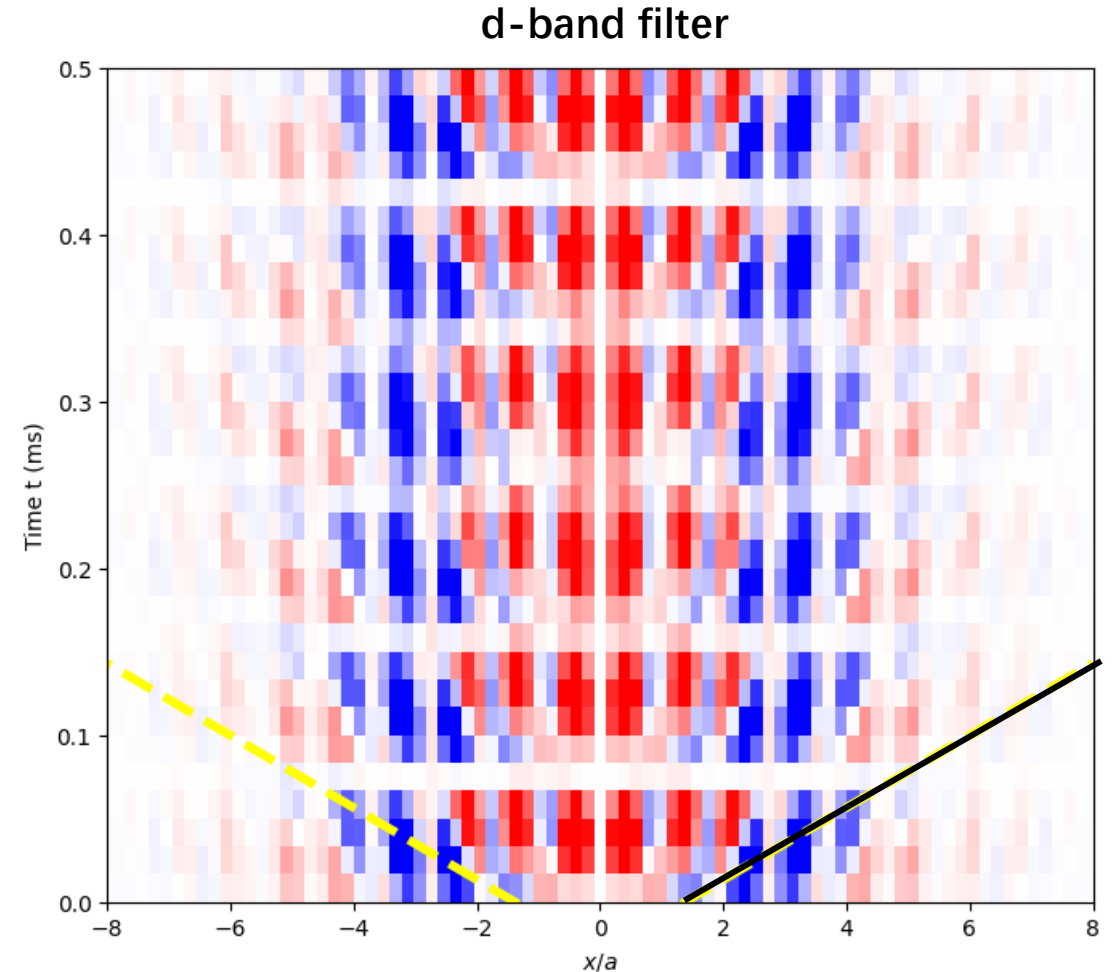
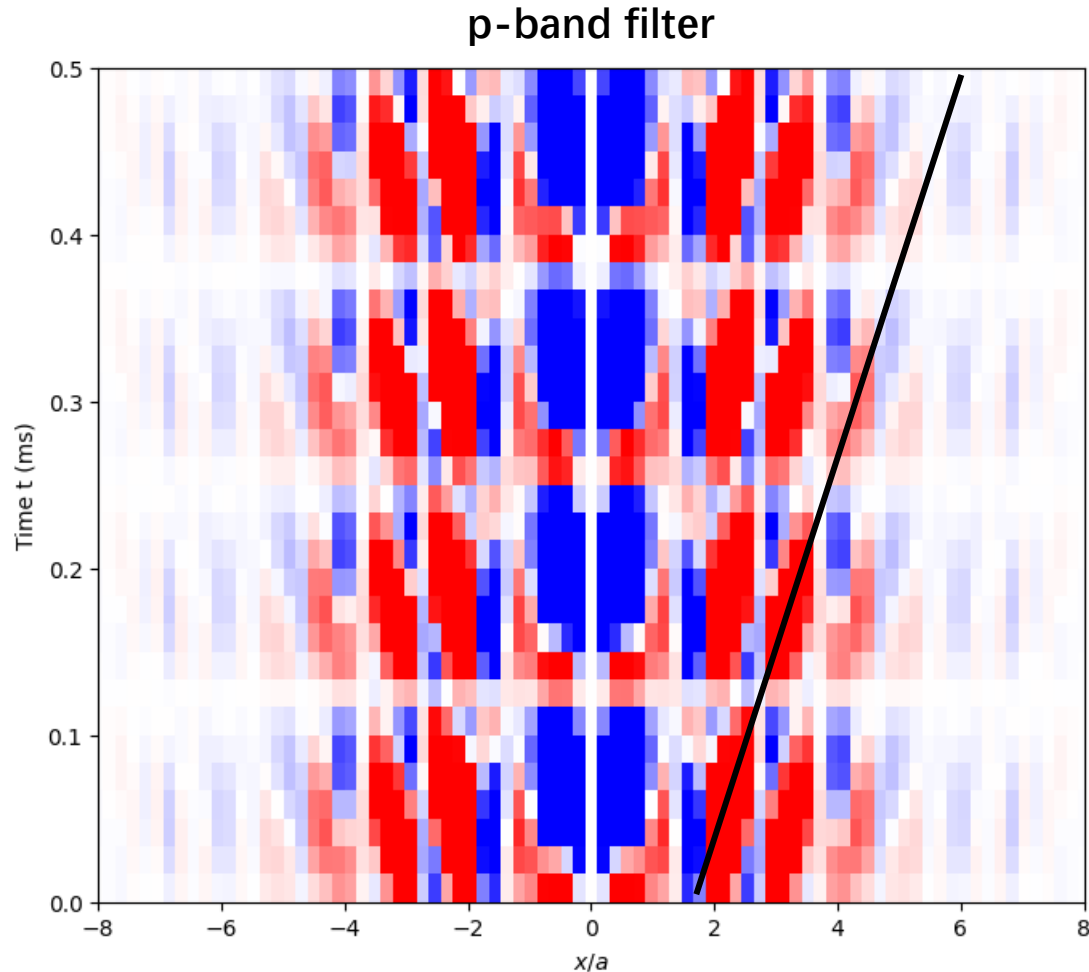
$\gamma \approx 0.3$, superfluid





Higher bands: P and D

phase velocity in higher bands



$$(V_x, V_y, V_z) = (9, 25, 25)E_r; a_{3D} = 300a_0$$



arXiv > cond-mat > arXiv:2602.12320

Sea

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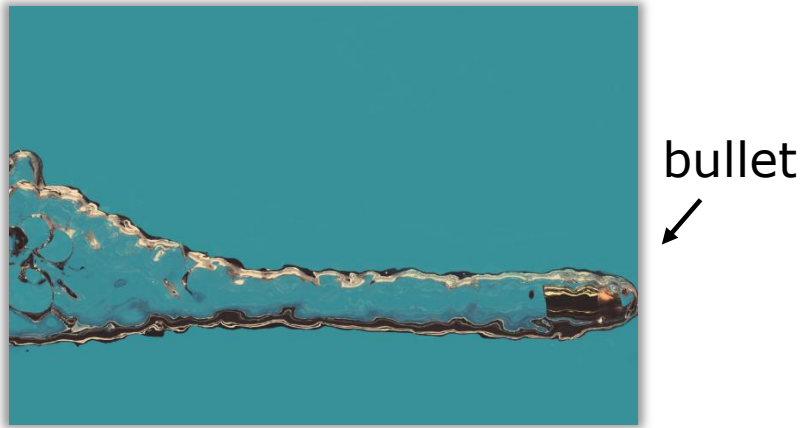
Observing dissipationless flow of an impurity in a strongly repulsive quantum fluid

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Classically

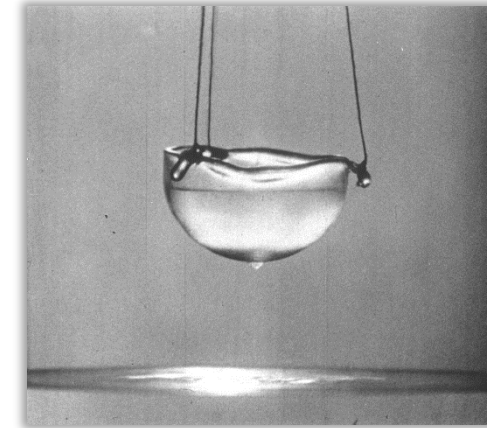
Impurity will come to a **stop**
due to **friction**



$$m \frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = -Fv^2, \quad v(t) = \frac{v_0}{1 + (Fv_0/m)t}$$

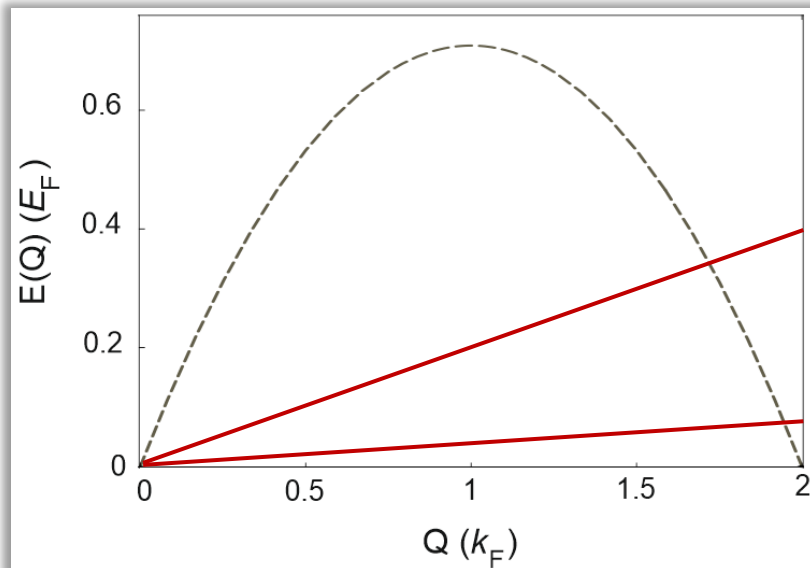
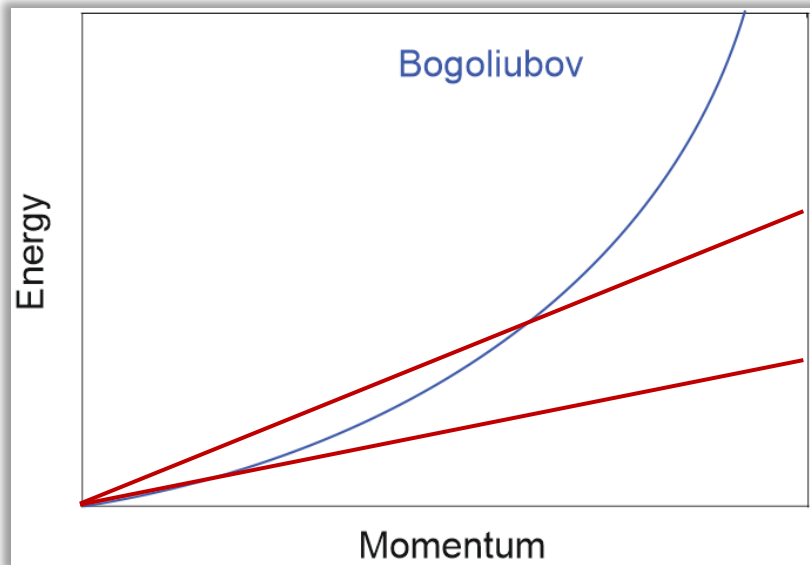
Quantum

Superfluidity can give rise to
frictionless motion



$$v(t) = v_0 \text{ for } v_0 < v_c$$

Landau's criterion of superfluidity



Landau criterion: $v_c = \min \frac{E(p)}{p}$

- Dissipationless motion below v_c

Excitations in a 3D BEC (or superfluid):

- Linear for low momentum (phonons)
- Quadratic for high momentum

• **In a 1D system:** $v_c = 0$. The system can always be excited

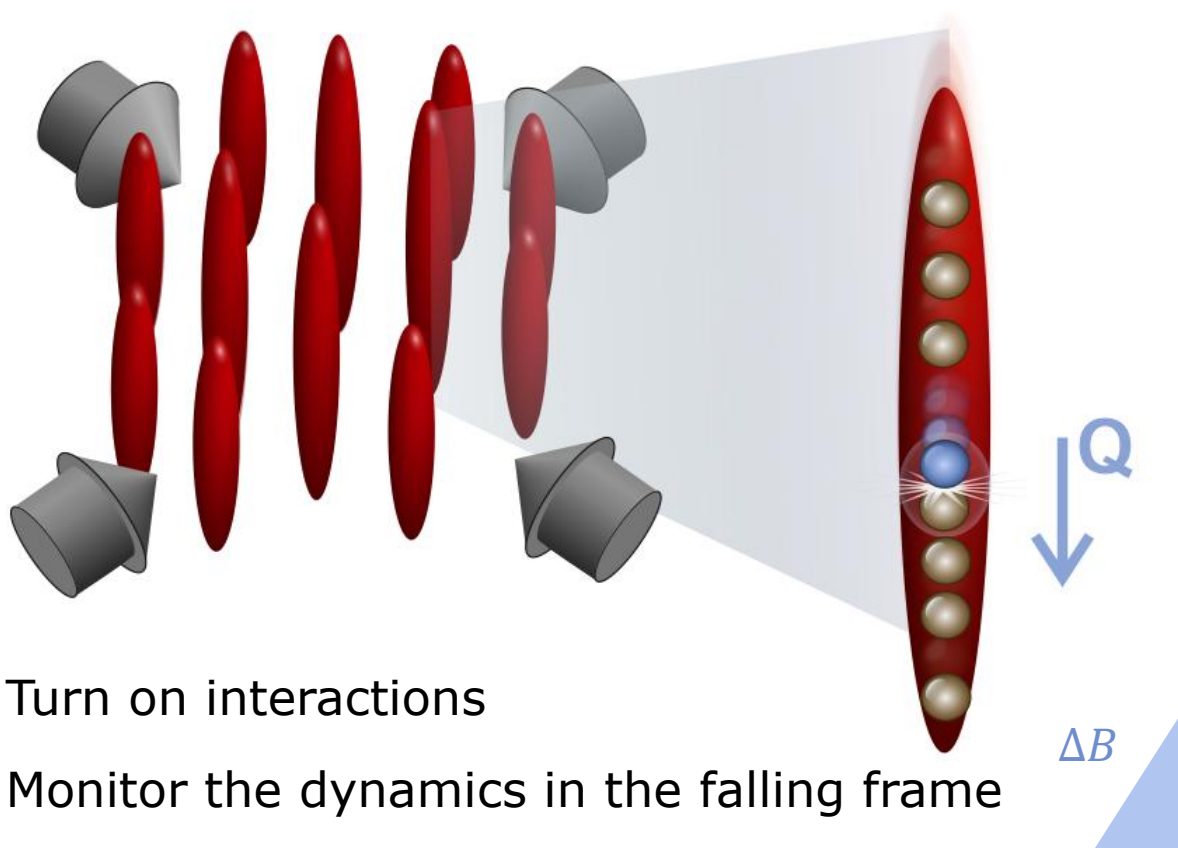
- **However:** Landau assumes classical object (infinite mass)



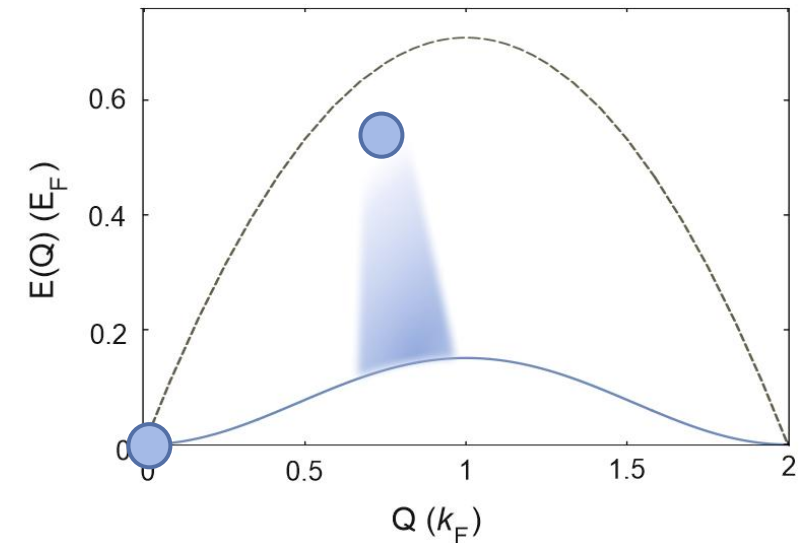
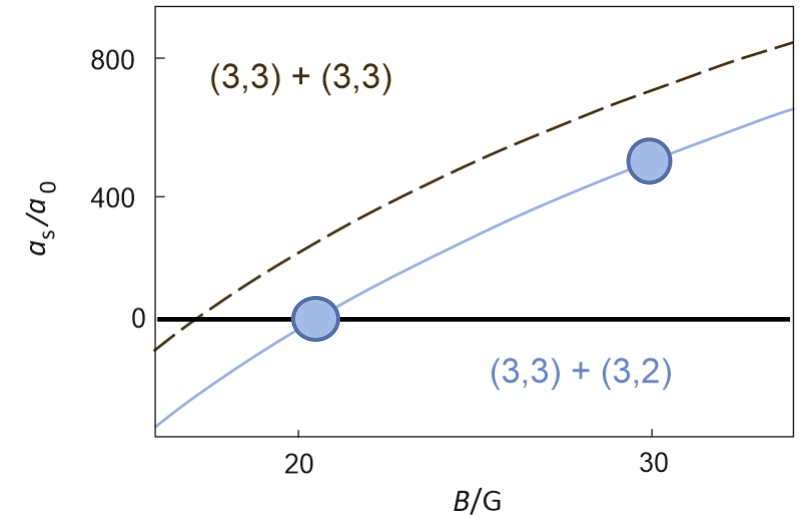
What happens when the object is quantum?



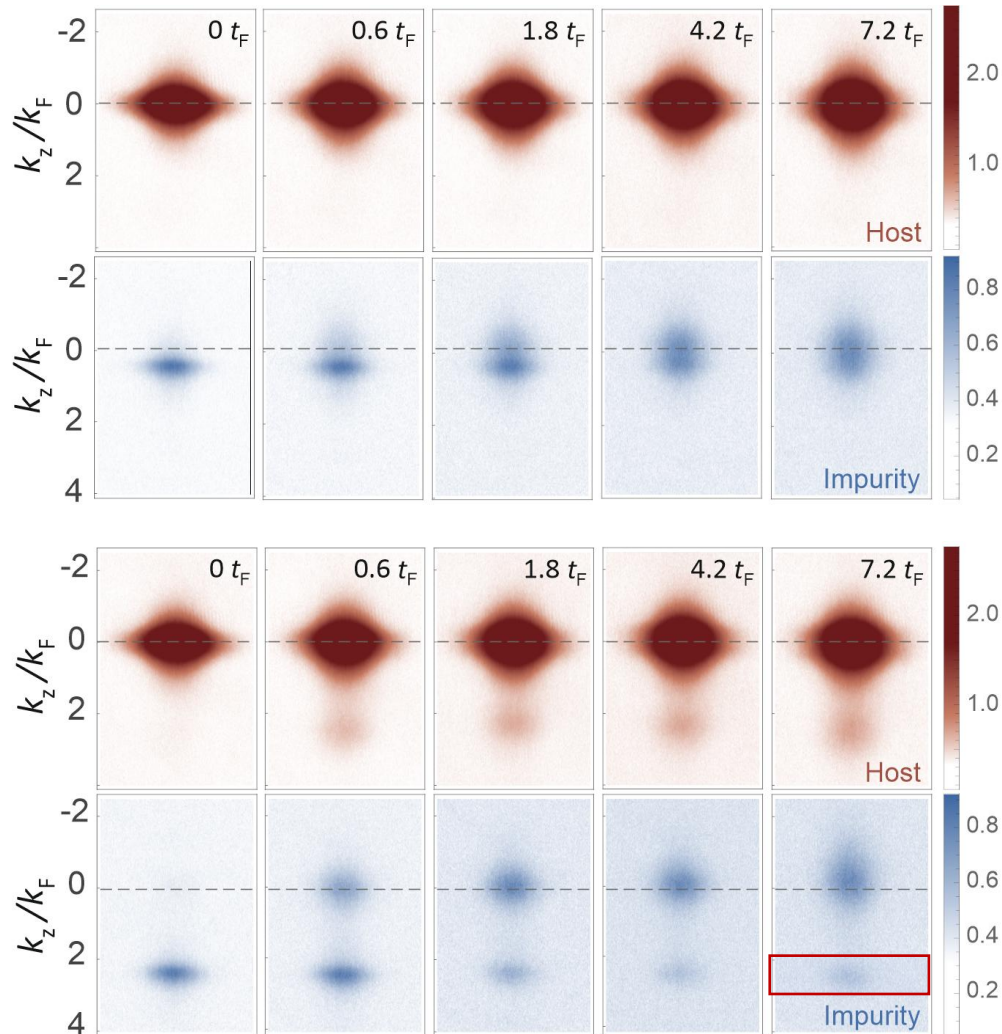
1. Create impurity out of the host, noninteracting
2. Accelerate it with no interactions to momentum Q



3. Turn on interactions
4. Monitor the dynamics in the falling frame



Subsonic vs. supersonic



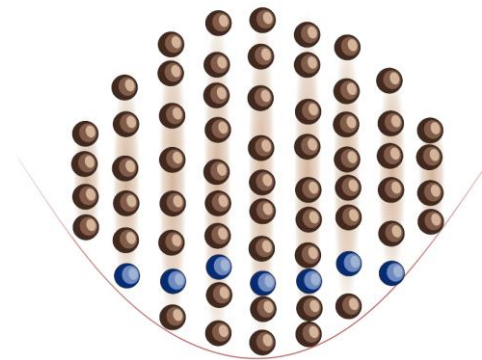
Subsonic ($Q < k_F$):

- Impurity slows down

Supersonic ($Q > k_F$):

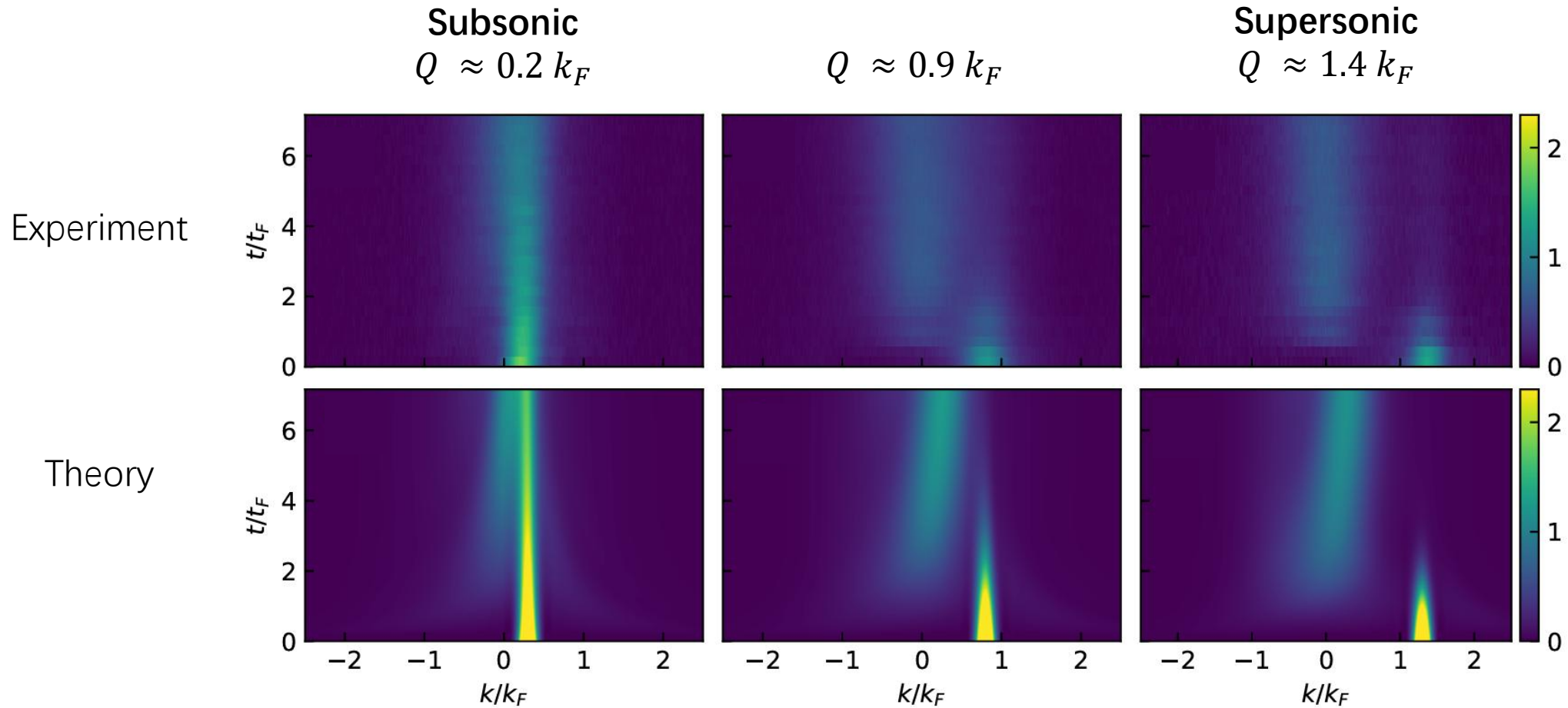
- Impurity stops
- Ejected particle from host cloud

Inhomogeneity of the tubes leaves some impurities at the initial momentum

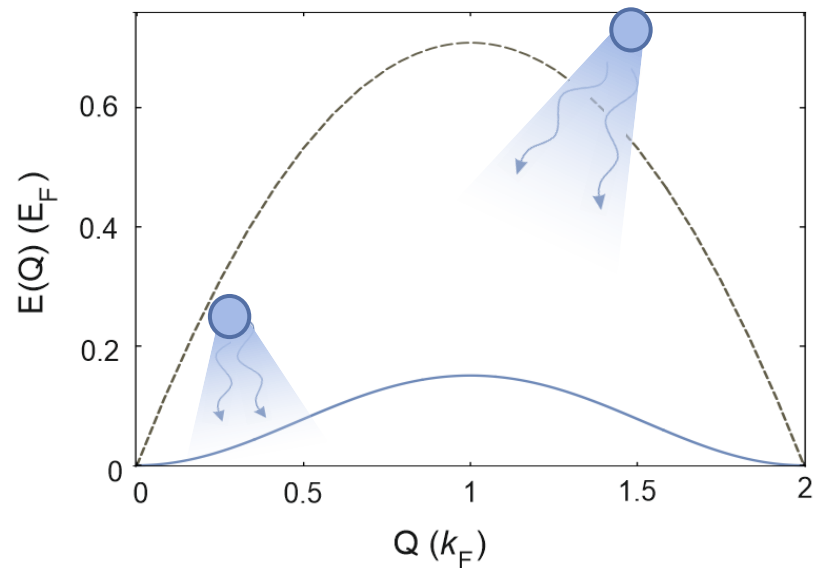
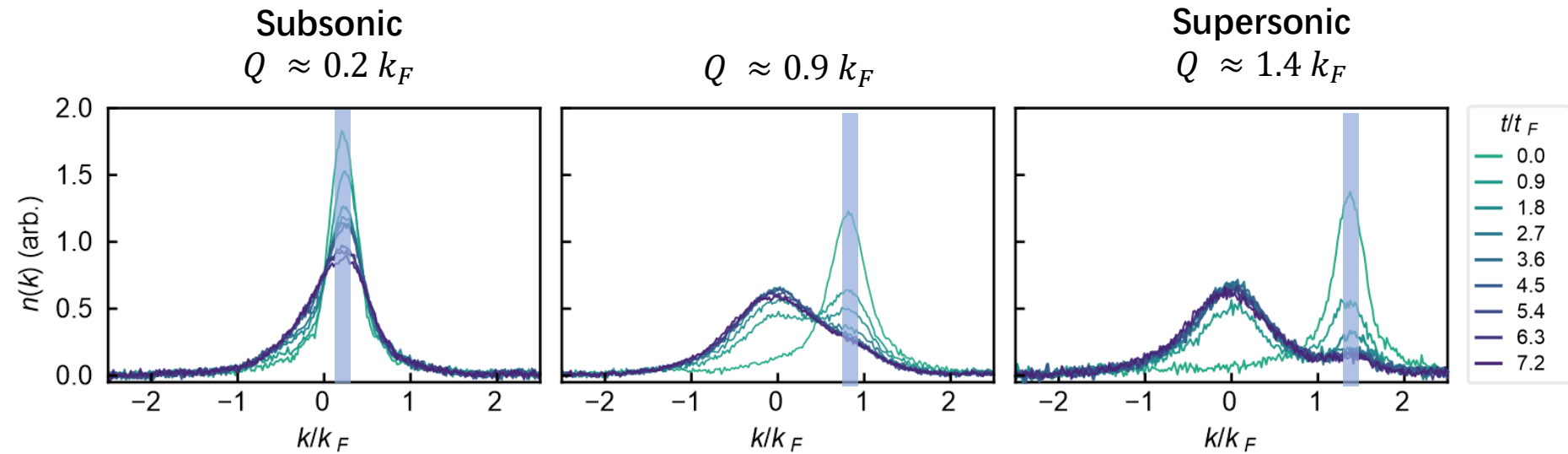




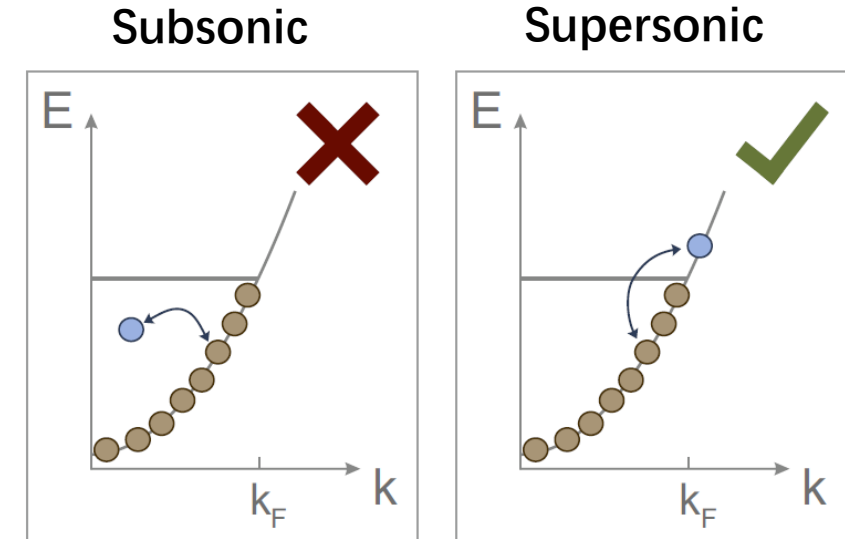
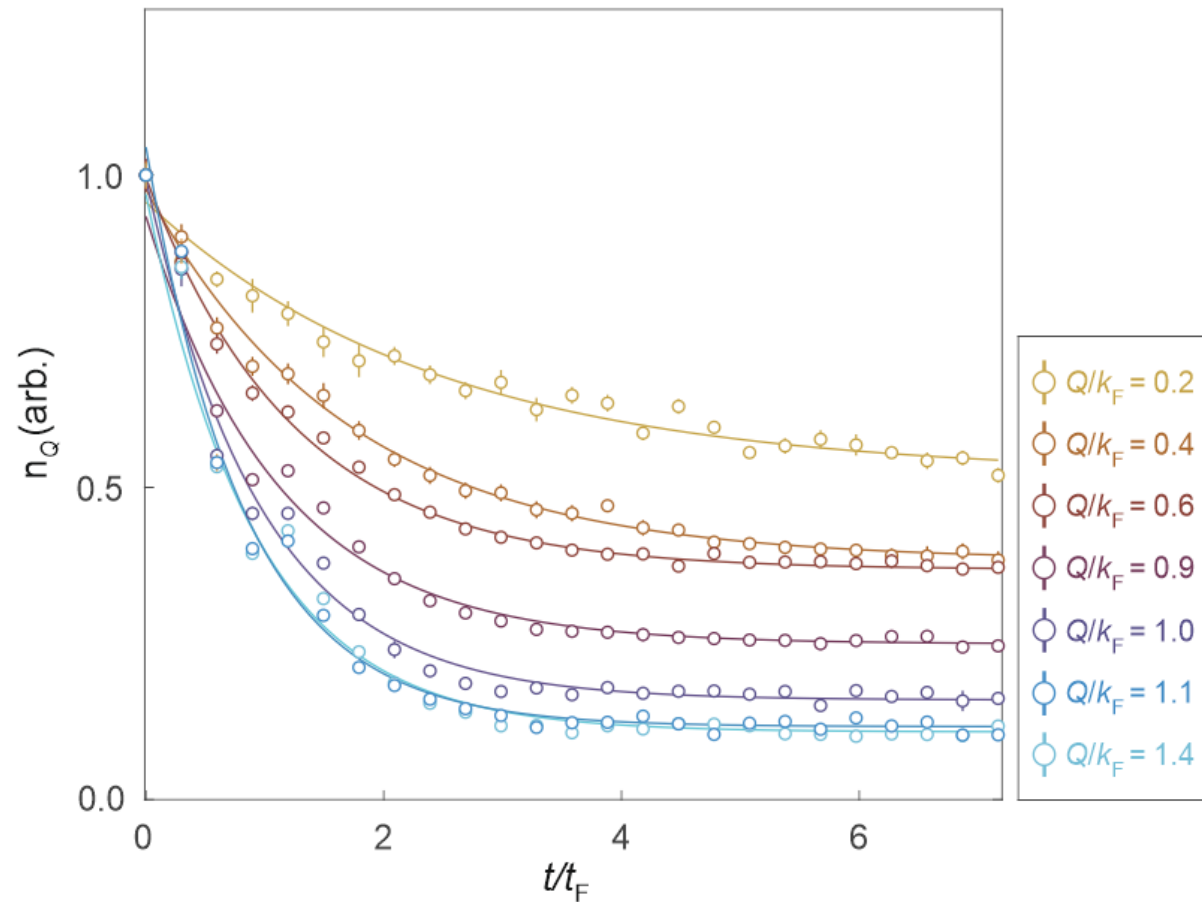
Evolution of the momentum distributions



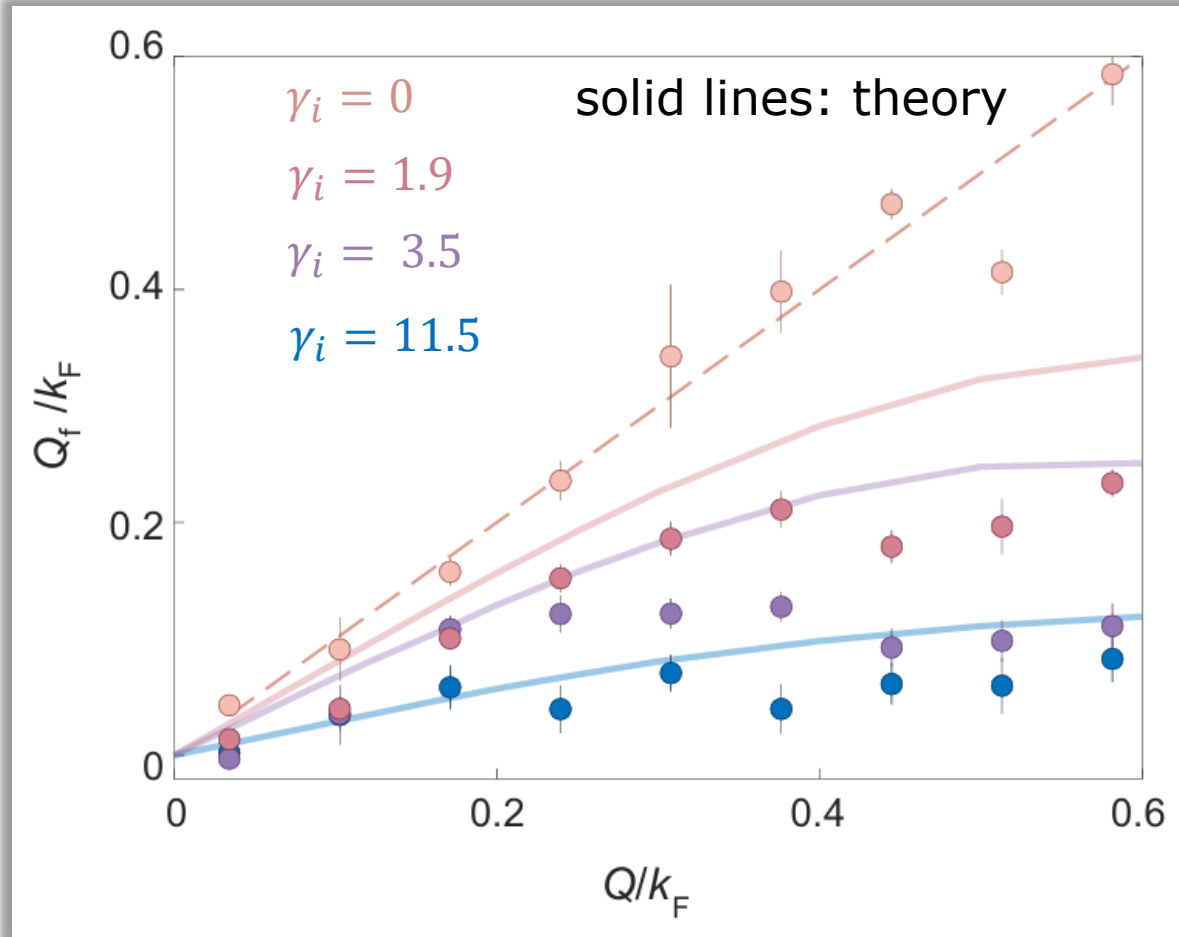
Subsonic vs. supersonic



- Inject impurity at momentum Q
- For $Q < k_F$, $n(k)$ is asymmetric
 - resembles anyonic distribution around Q (see below)
- For $Q > k_F$, $n(k)$ more symmetric
 - resembles momentum distribution at k_F



- Relaxation on the timescale of Fermi time
- Slower relaxation for lower momenta: Emergent Pauli blocking in a Bose gas



- Impurity never comes to a full stop!
Even for strong interactions

- Dressed impurity evidently experiences frictionless motion

Microscopic impurity results in novel physics beyond the Landau paradigm



Observation of Bethe strings

 > cond-mat > arXiv:2505.10550

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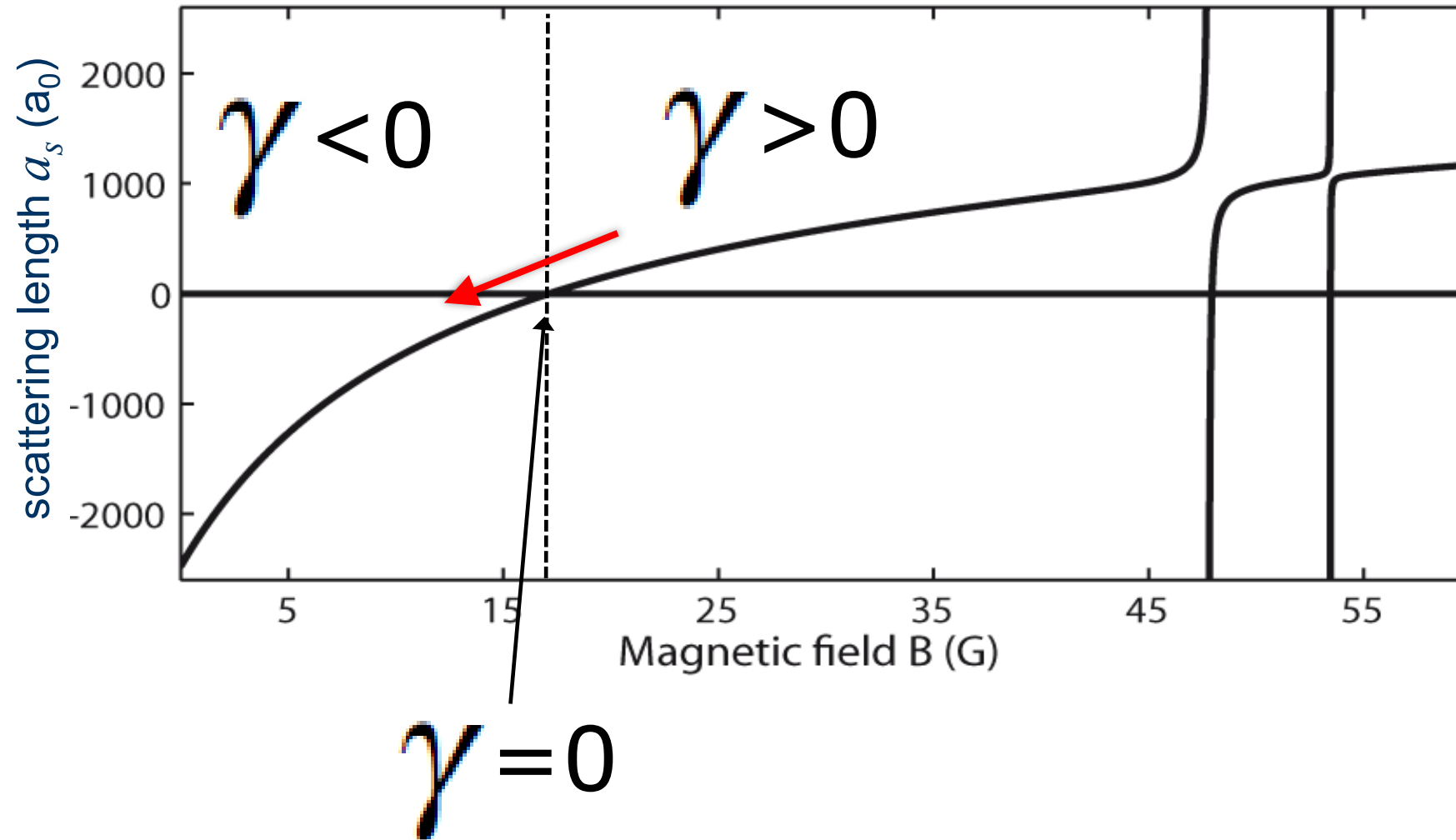
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Observing Bethe strings in an attractive Bose gas far from equilibrium

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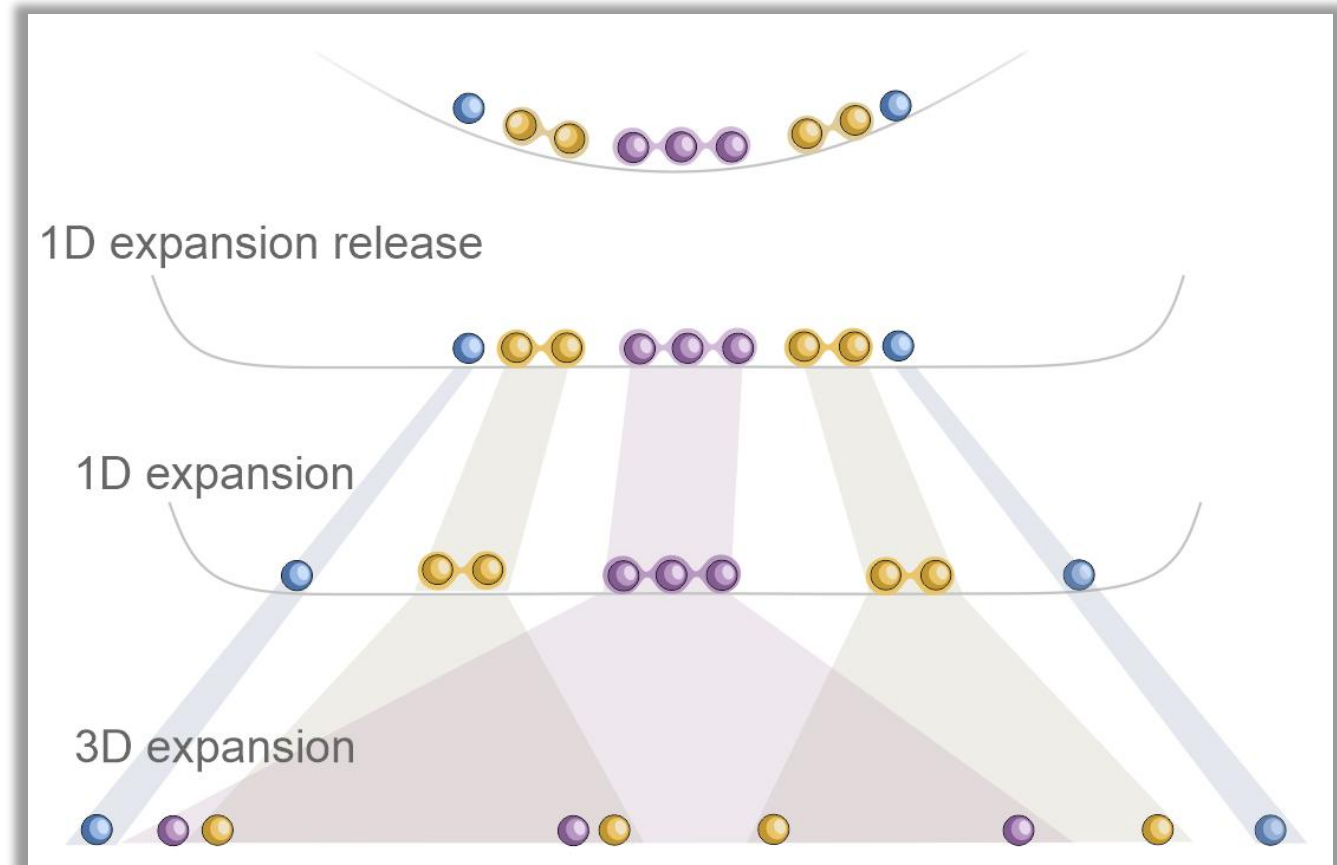


Scattering length a_s in Cs $|F, m_F\rangle = |3, 3\rangle$



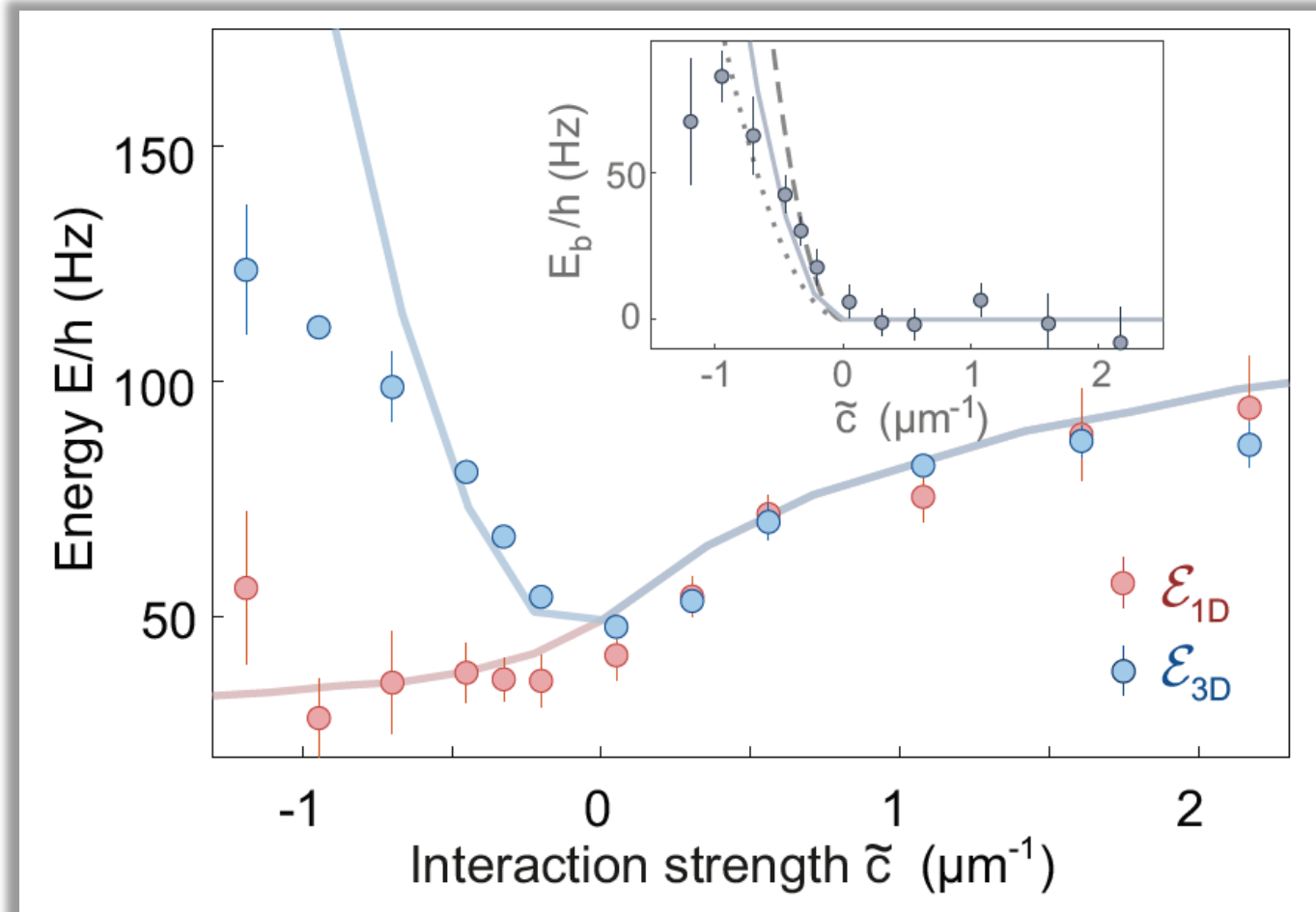


- For repulsive interactions:
 - $\mathcal{E}_{1D} = \mathcal{E}_{3D} = U$, where $U = \langle \hat{H}_{LL} \rangle$
- During the 1D release the bound states remain intact:
 - $\mathcal{E}_{1D} = \langle E_{com;n} \rangle$
- During 3D release bound states break:
 - $\mathcal{E}_{3D} = \langle E_{com;n} \rangle + |\langle E_{bind;n} \rangle|$





Evidence for **Bethe strings** in 1D vs. 3D release





Realization of fractional Fermi seas (FFS)

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Realization of fractional Fermi seas

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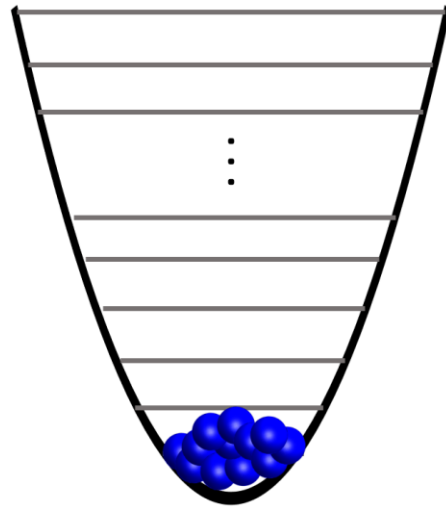
The Pauli exclusion principle is a cornerstone of quantum physics: it governs the structure of matter. Extensions of this principle, such as Haldane's generalized exclusion statistics, predict the existence of exotic quantum states characterized by fractional Fermi seas (FFS), i.e. momentum distributions with uniform but fractional occupancies. Here, we report the experimental realization of fractional Fermi seas in an excited one-dimensional Bose gas prepared through ramping cycles in the interaction strength. The resulting excited yet stable Bose-gas states exhibit Friedel oscillations, smoking-gun signatures of the underlying FFS. The stabilization of these states offers an opportunity to deepen our understanding of quantum thermodynamics in the presence of exotic statistics and paves the way for applications in quantum information and sensing.

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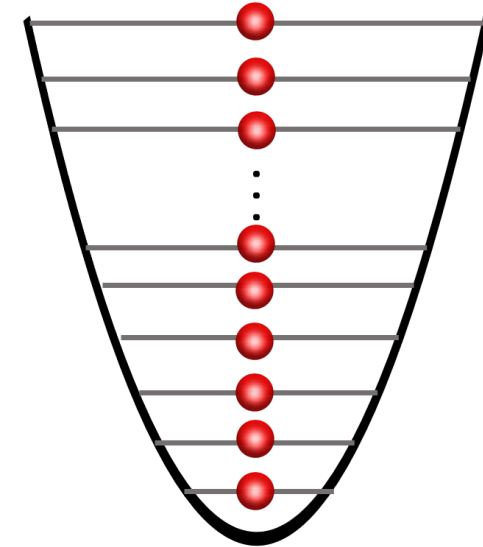
See also for the modeling via GHD: *Exotic critical states as fractional Fermi seas in the one-dimensional Bose gas*, A.Bastianello, Y.Zeng et al., arXiv:2602.17656



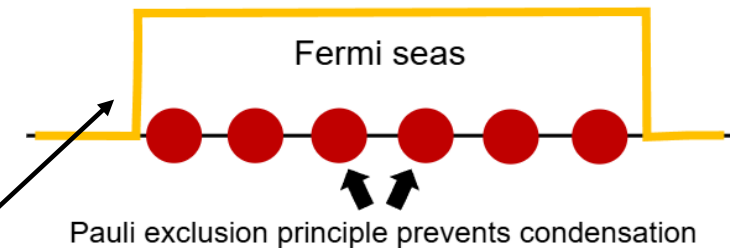
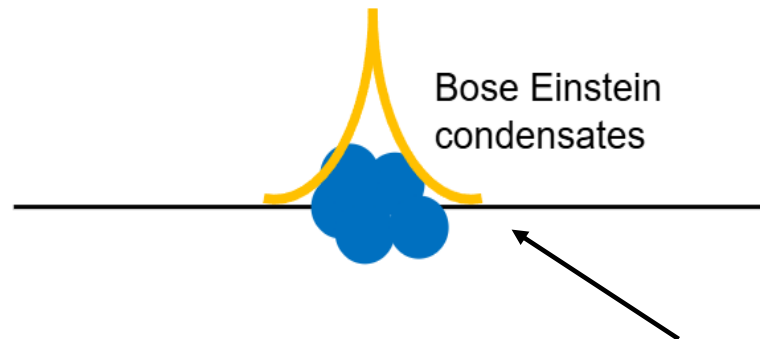
Question: Can particles obey *fractional* quantum statistics?



Bosons



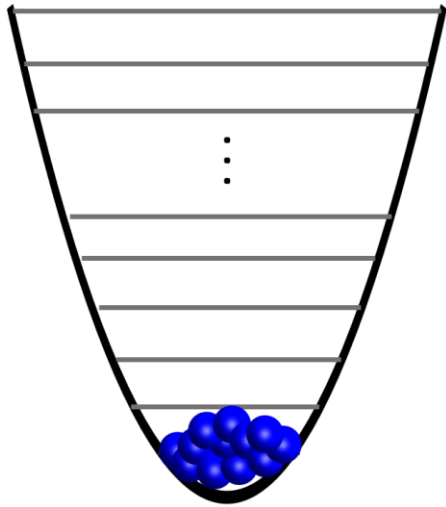
Fermions



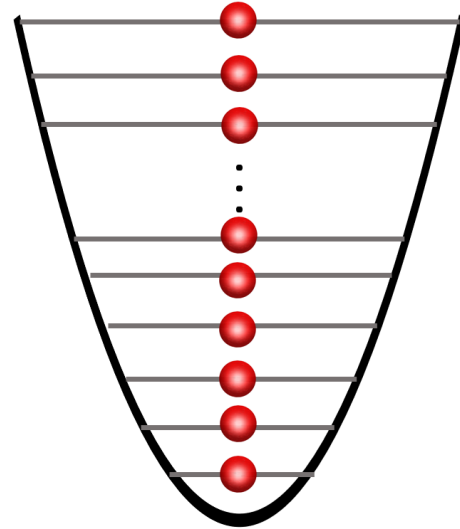
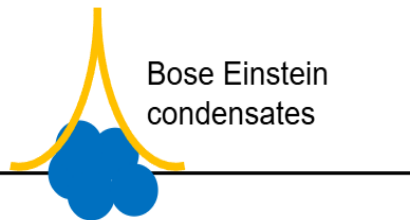
Momentum distributions



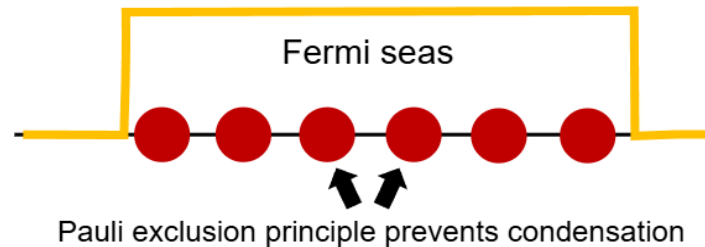
Quantum statistics generalized



Bosons



Fermions



Haldane's Generalized Exclusion Statistics (GES)

Based on state counting and works in any dimension

Definition of α :

α new states are needed for adding 1 particle (or quasi-particle) to the system

Bosons: $\alpha=0$

Fermions: $\alpha=1$

$0 < \alpha < 1$: Anyons

$1 < \alpha$: Super-Fermions

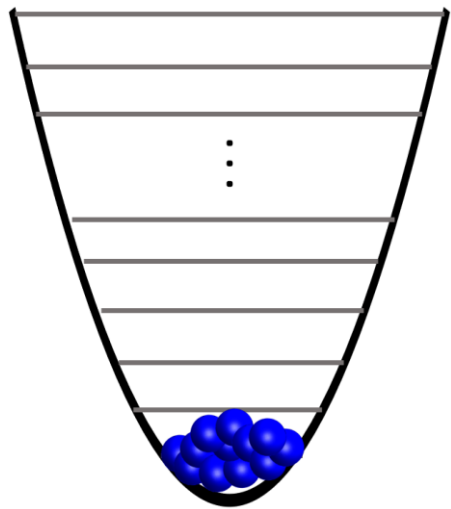
Haldane, F. D. M., Phys. Rev. Lett. 67, 937 (1991).
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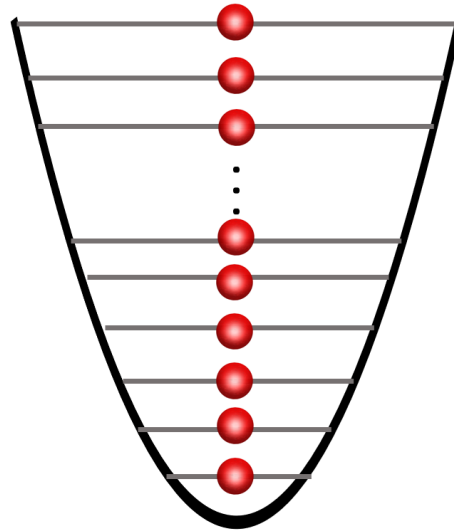
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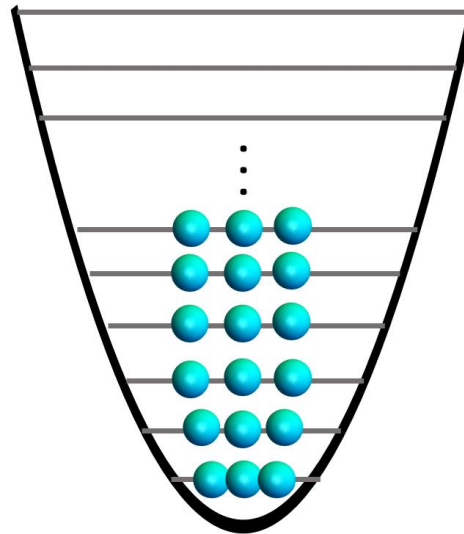
Only exist in low-dimension



Bosons: $\alpha=0$

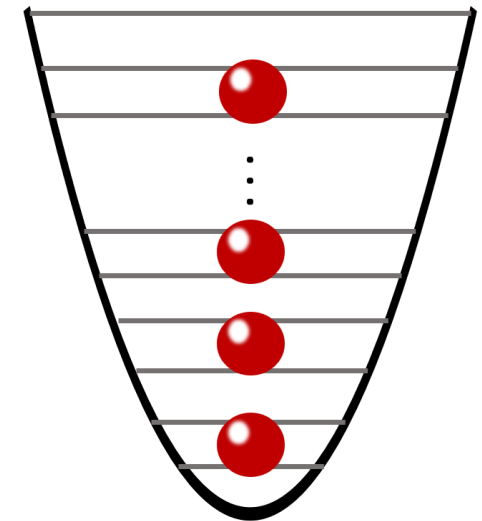


Fermions: $\alpha=1$



Anyons: $0 < \alpha < 1$

$$\alpha = 1/3$$

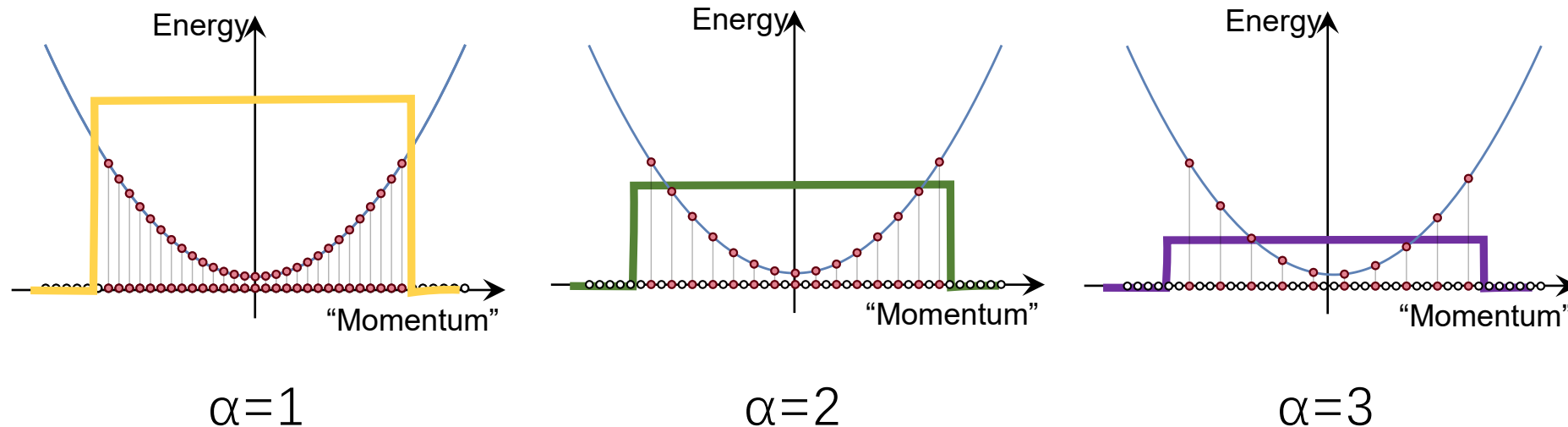


"Super-fermions": $\alpha > 1$

$$\alpha = 2$$



Can we engineer “fractional” Fermi seas?

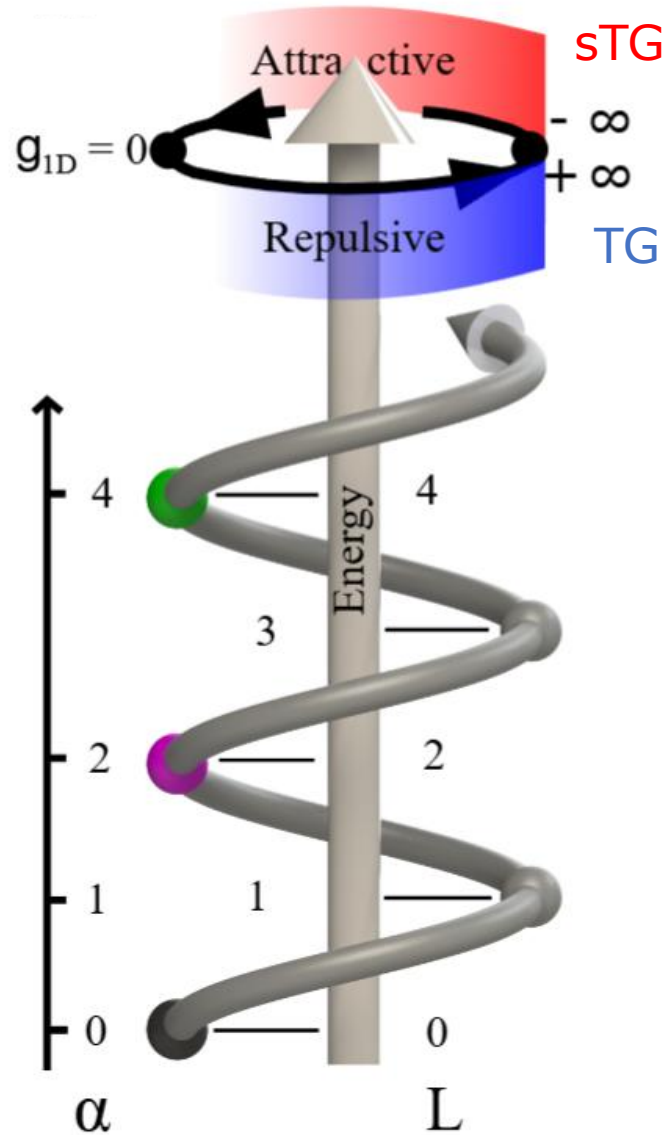


How to excite fractional Fermi seas?

How to prevent their relaxation to thermal states?

Fermionizing the ideal Bose gas via topological pumping,
M. Marciniak, G. E. Astrakharchik, K. Pawłowski, B. Juliá-Díaz;
arXiv:2504.19569 (2025)

Cycling procedure



cycle g_{1D} over a CIR

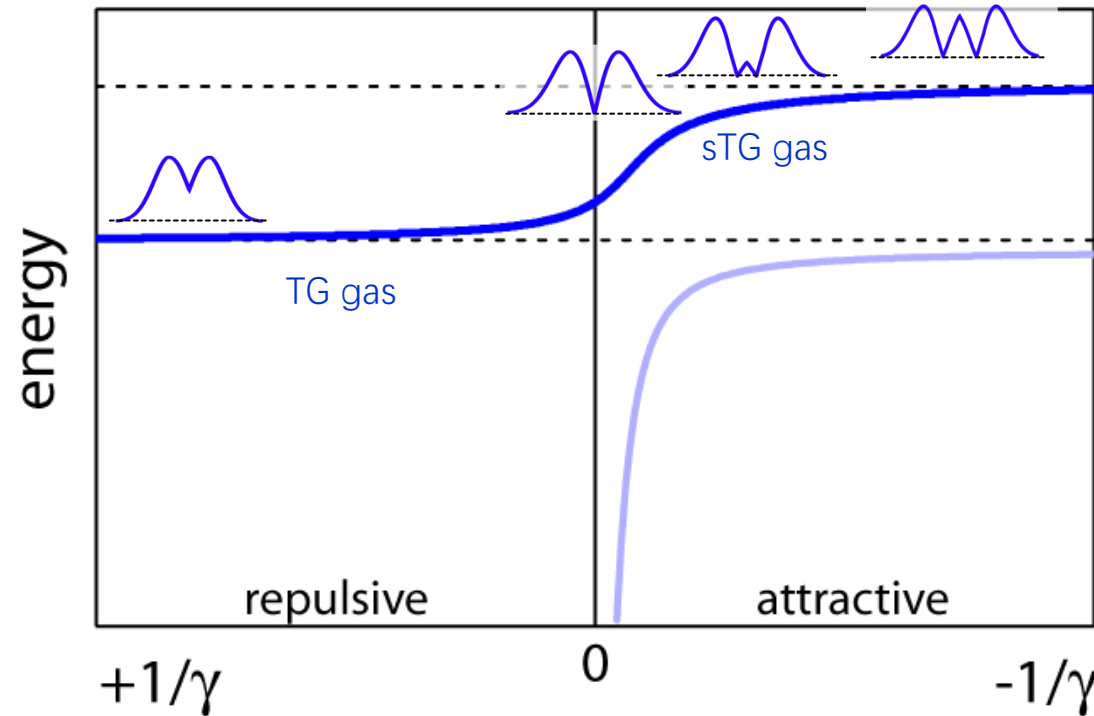
$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_i^2} + g_{1D} \sum_{i < j=1}^N \delta(x_i - x_j)$$

„pumping“ parameter L

$$\alpha = L$$

Tunable Lieb-Liniger: sTG regime

two-body density distribution



G. Astrakharchik et al.,
PRL **95**, 190407 (2005)

Realized on a
confinement-induced
resonance (CIR)

$$g_{1D} = 2\hbar\omega_{\perp}a_{3D} \left(1 - C \frac{a_{3D}}{a_{\perp}}\right)^{-1}$$

M. Olshanii,
Phys. Rev. Lett. **81**, 938 (1998)

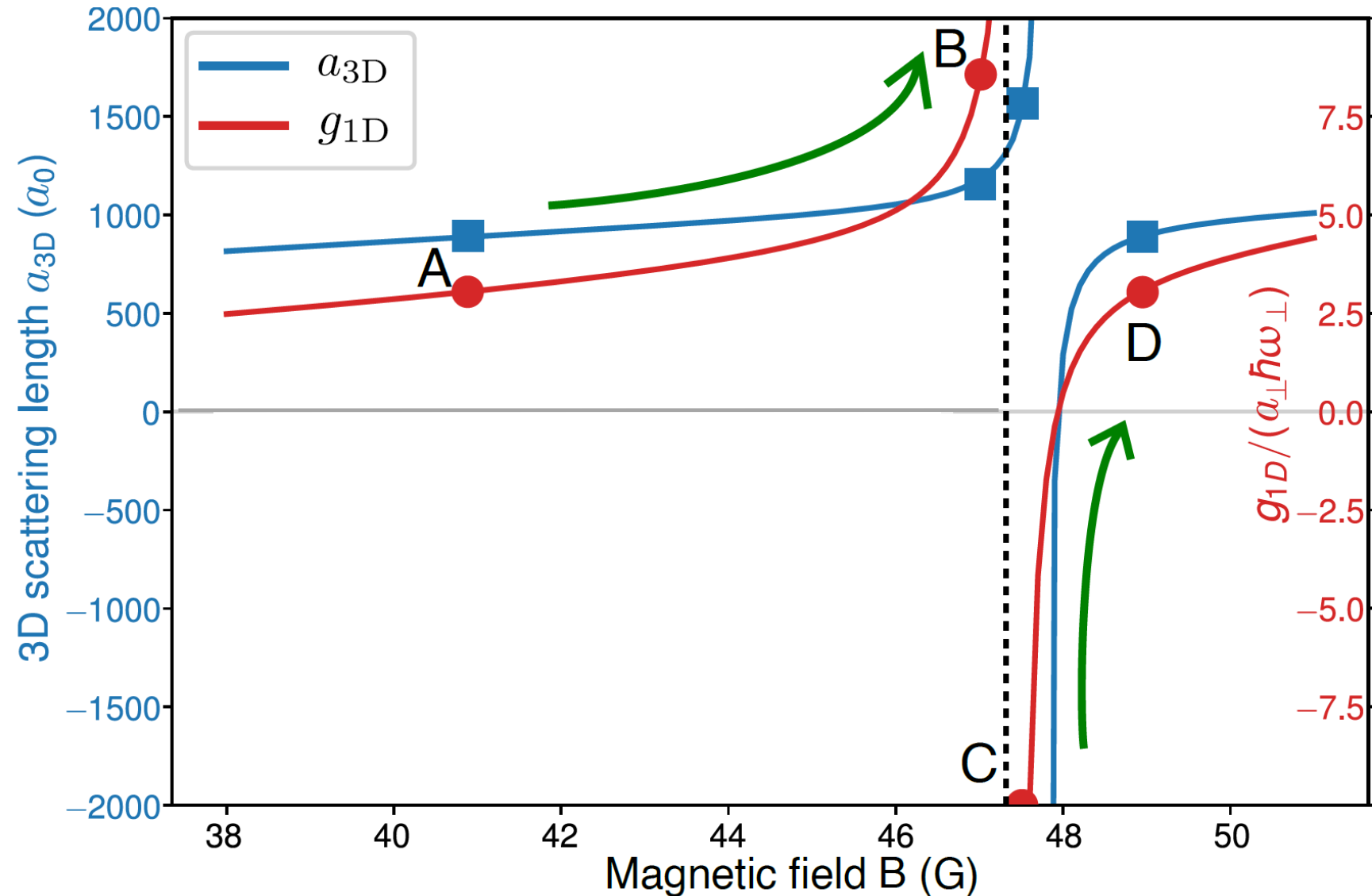
fermionization in the so-called **Tonks-Girardeau** (TG, $\gamma > 0$) and **super Tonks-Girardeau** (sTG, $\gamma < 0$) states

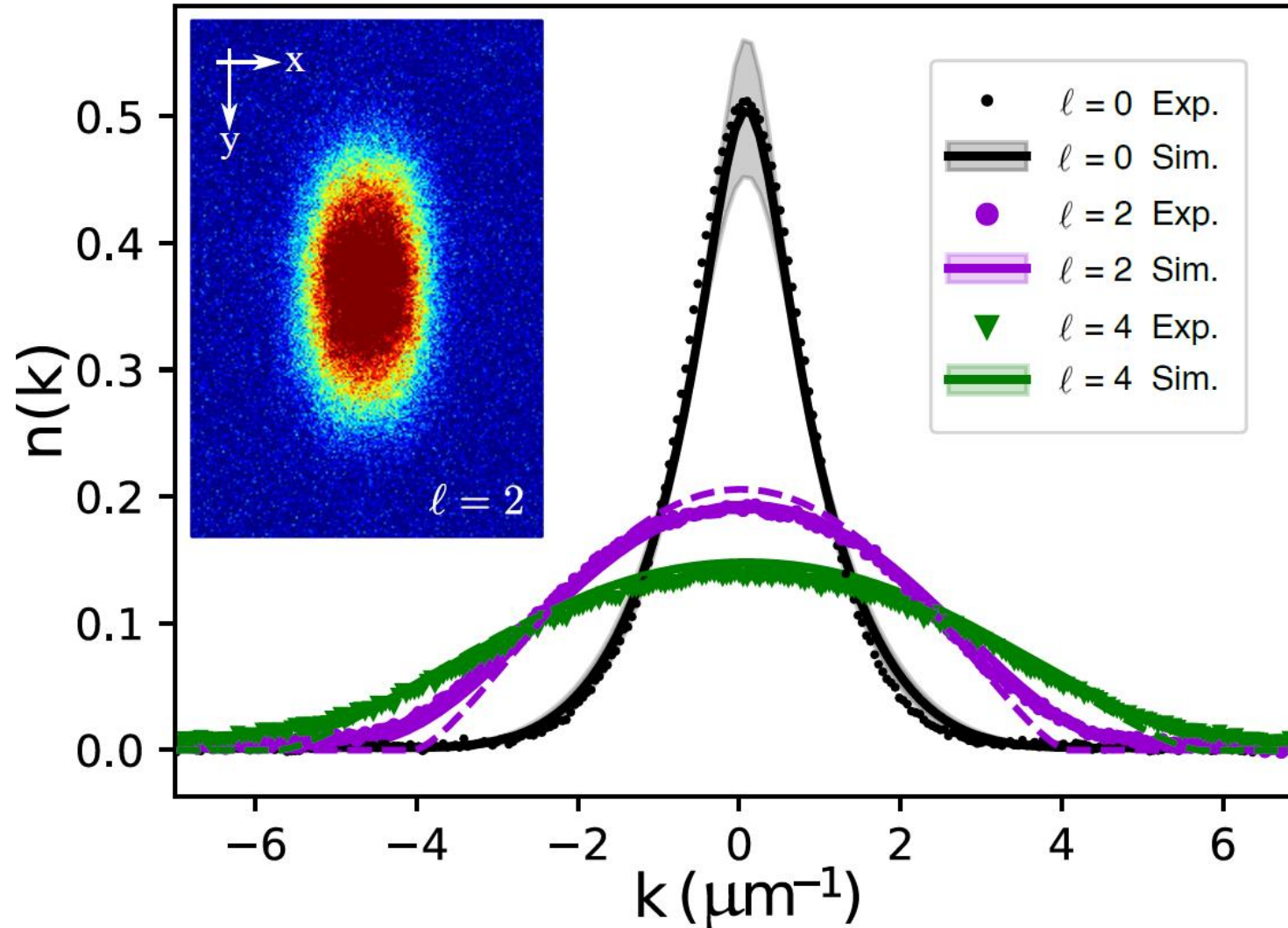
Theory: M. Girardeau, J. Math. Phys. 1, 516 (1960);

Experiment: Weiss group, Science, 305, 1125 (2004); Nägerl group, Science 325, 1224 (2009) and Nature 466, 597 (2010)



Implementation: Confinement-induced resonance (CIR)





Dots: Data

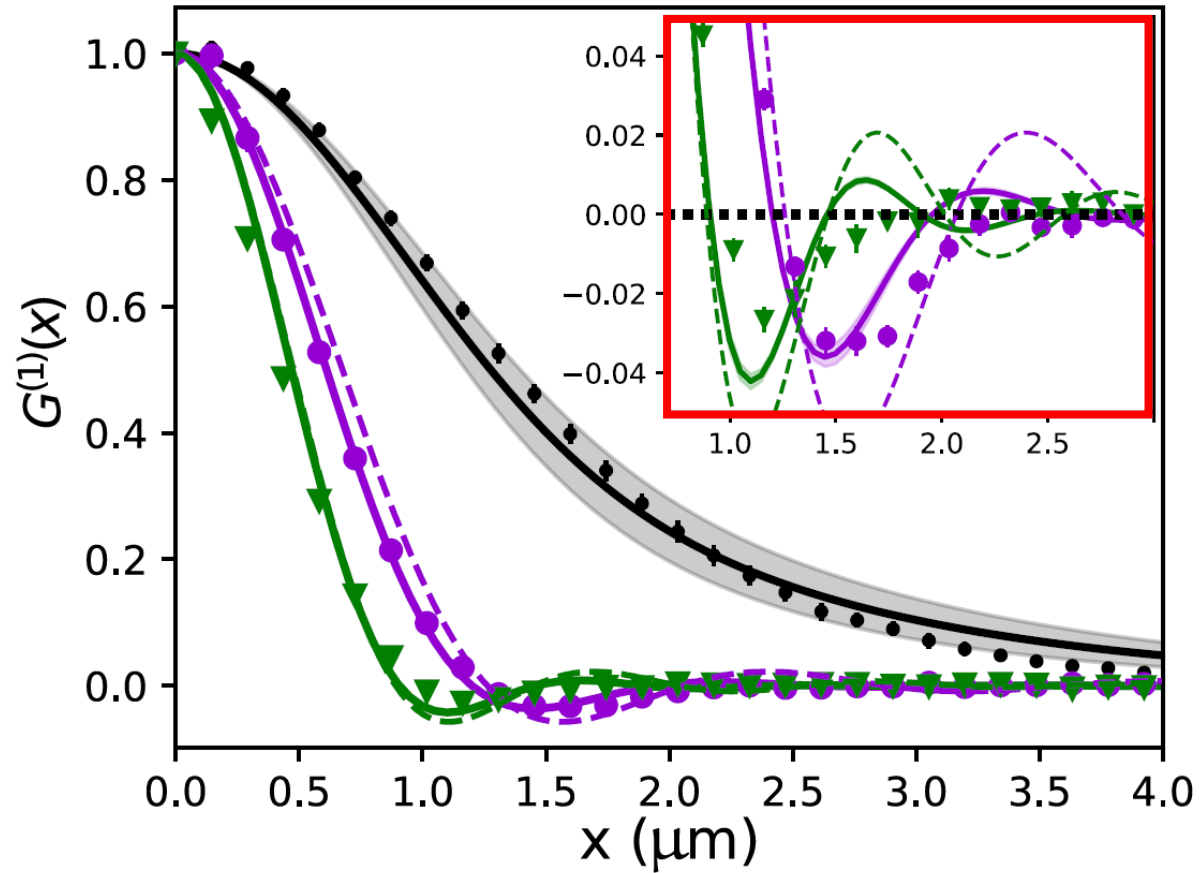
GHD modeling,
solid lines:
only a fit for $l=0$

Dashed: Thomas-
Fermi approximation
(zero temperature)

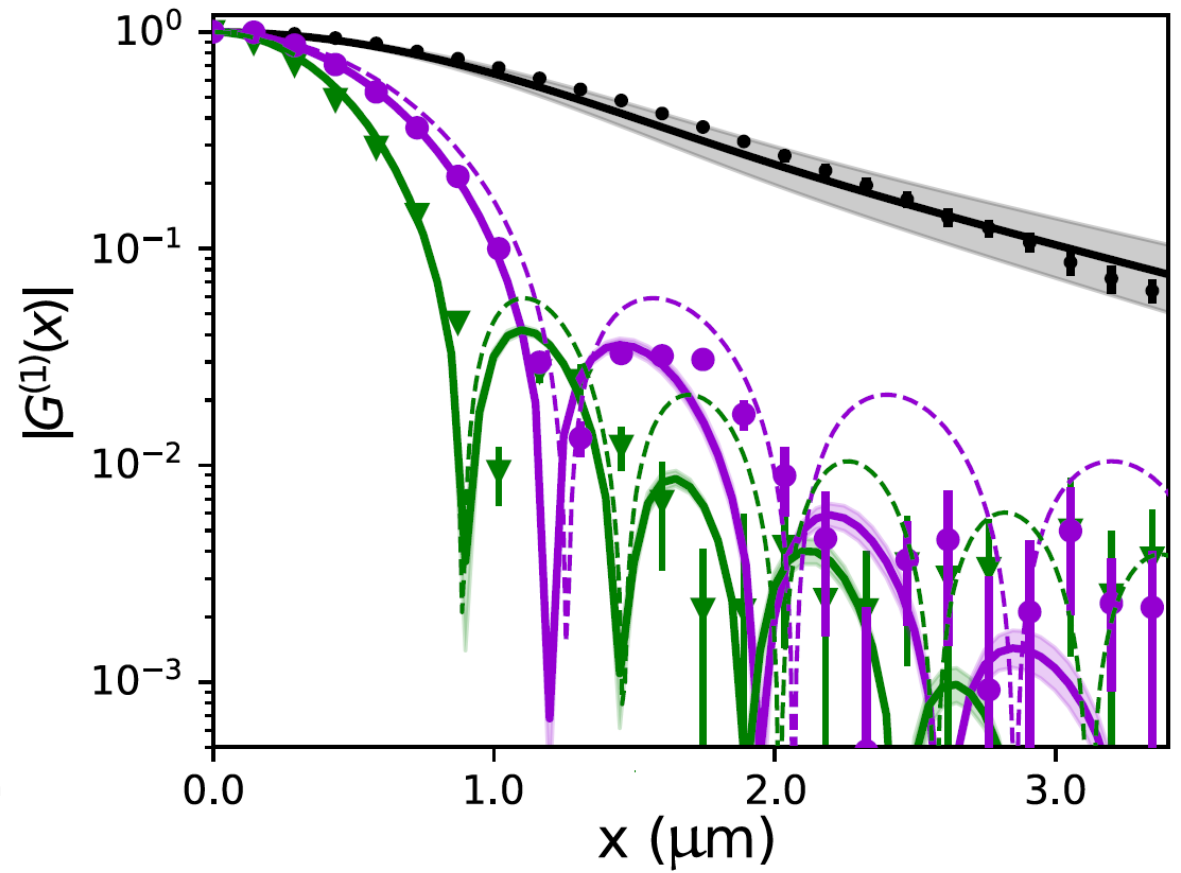
$G^{(1)}$ function

onset of Friedel oscillations

Dots: Data
solid lines: GHD-theory
Dashed: TF-approx.



linear



logarithmic

Recent Innsbruck results (6)

Anyonization of bosons

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Observing anyonization of bosons in a quantum gas

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Anyons^{1,2} are low-dimensional quasiparticles that obey fractional statistics, hence

Nature 642, 53 (2025)

See also: *Anyonization of bosons in one dimension: an effective swap model*
B. Wang, A. Vashisht, Y. Guo, S. Dhar, M. Landini, H.-C. Nägerl, N. Goldman
Physical Review Letters 135, 253403 (2025), arXiv:2504.21208