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# 冷却原子気体における開放量子多体系の物理

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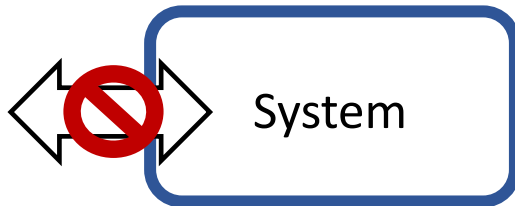
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# Open quantum system

## Isolated quantum system

Environment



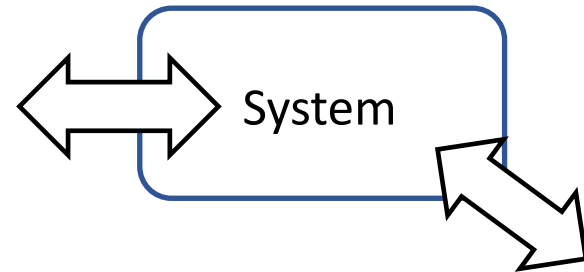
- ◇ Unitary dynamics
- ◇ Pure state remains pure
- ◇ Schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle = H |\psi(t)\rangle$$

vs.

## Open quantum system

Environment



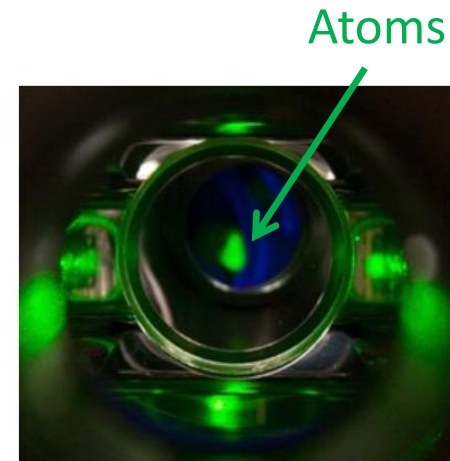
- ◇ Non-unitary dynamics (**dissipation**)
- ◇ Mixed state: density matrix
- ◇ e.g., Quantum master equation

$$\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = \mathcal{L}\rho(t)$$

# Ultracold atoms

## ■ Ultracold atoms

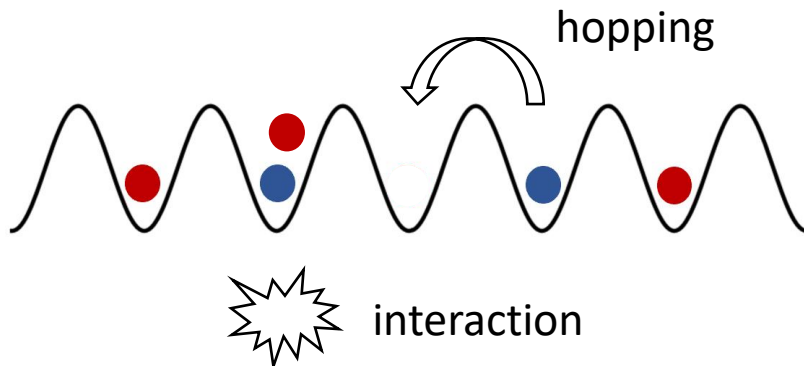
- ✓ Neutral atoms trapped in vacuum
- ✓ Dilute gas (density  $\sim 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ )
- ✓ Temperature  $\sim 10 - 100 \text{ nK}$
- ✓ Short-range interaction between atoms  
(Long-range one can also be engineered)



[From webpage of I. Bloch's group]

<https://www.quantum-munich.de/>

## ■ Optical lattice potential



**“Quantum simulation”**

**Atoms can simulate  
electrons in solids!**

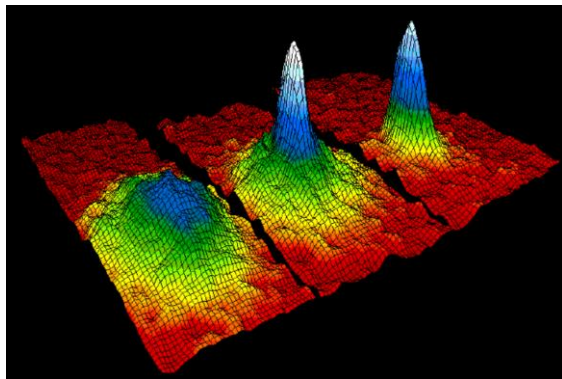
# Ultracold atoms: advantages

## ■ Advantage 1: Controllability

- ◇ Quantum statistics (bosons, fermions)
- ◇ Dimensionality (by trap potential)
- ◇ Interactions (repulsive or attractive: controlled by a Feshbach resonance)

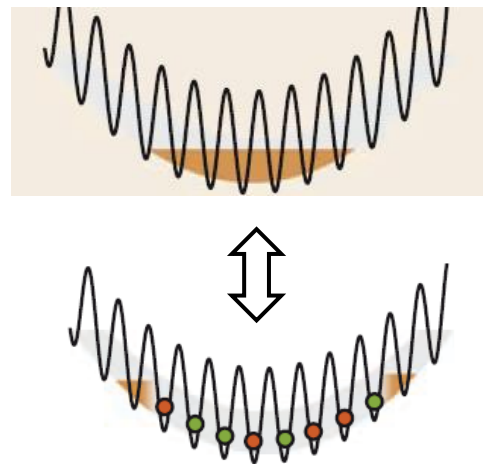
Atoms can behave as...

Superfluid



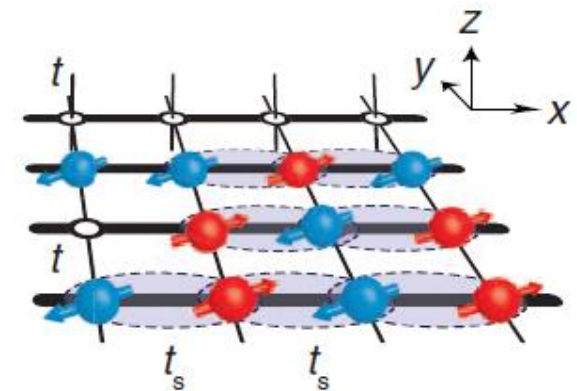
[BEC: Nobel prize (2001)]

Metal/Insulator



[Schneider *et al.*, Science 322, 1520 (2008)]

Magnet



[Greif *et al.*, Science 340, 1307 (2013)]

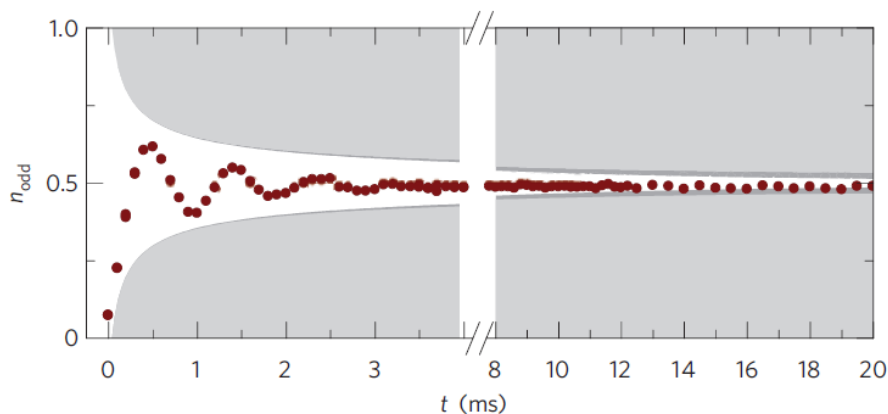
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## ■ Advantage 2: Resolution

Energy scale  $\sim 100$  nK  $\sim 1$  kHz

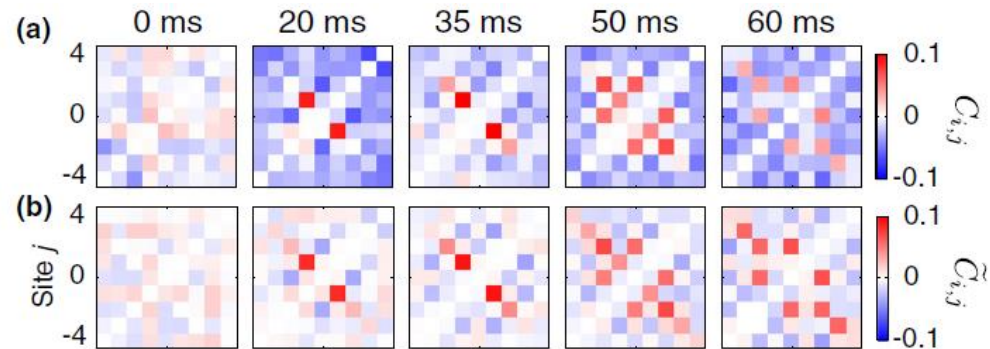
→ Time scale  $\sim 1$  msec

## Real-time observation of quantum many-body dynamics



Thermalization dynamics

[Trotzky *et al.*, Nat. Phys. 8, 325 (2012)]



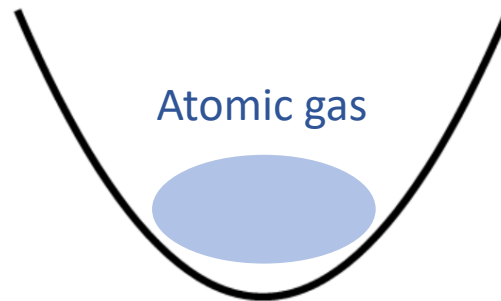
Propagation of  
correlation & entanglement

[Fukuhara *et al.*, PRL 115, 035302 (2015)]

# Dissipation in ultracold atoms?

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Ultracold atoms → trapped in vacuum



**Well isolated from environment!**

**Dissipation?**



# Dissipation in ultracold atoms

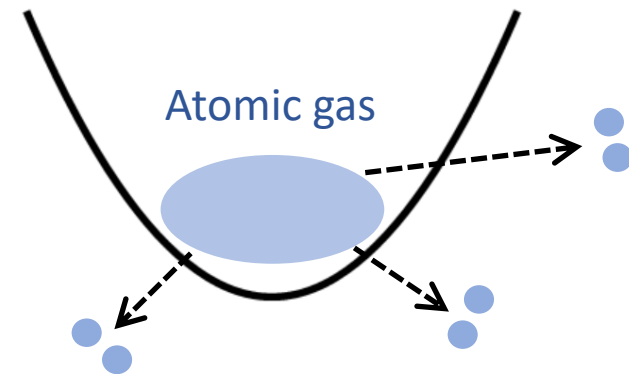
## ■ Examples of dissipation

### ✓ Inelastic collision & atom loss

e.g., collision between atoms in an excited ( $e$ ) state ( $g$ : ground state)

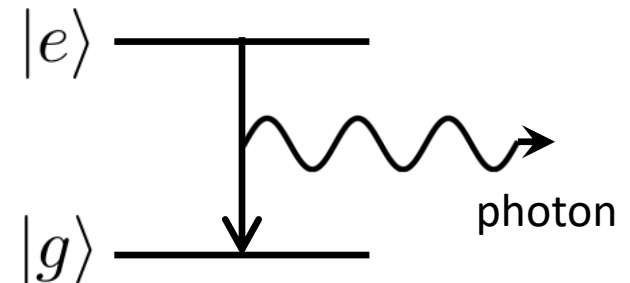


⇒ loss of atoms from trap



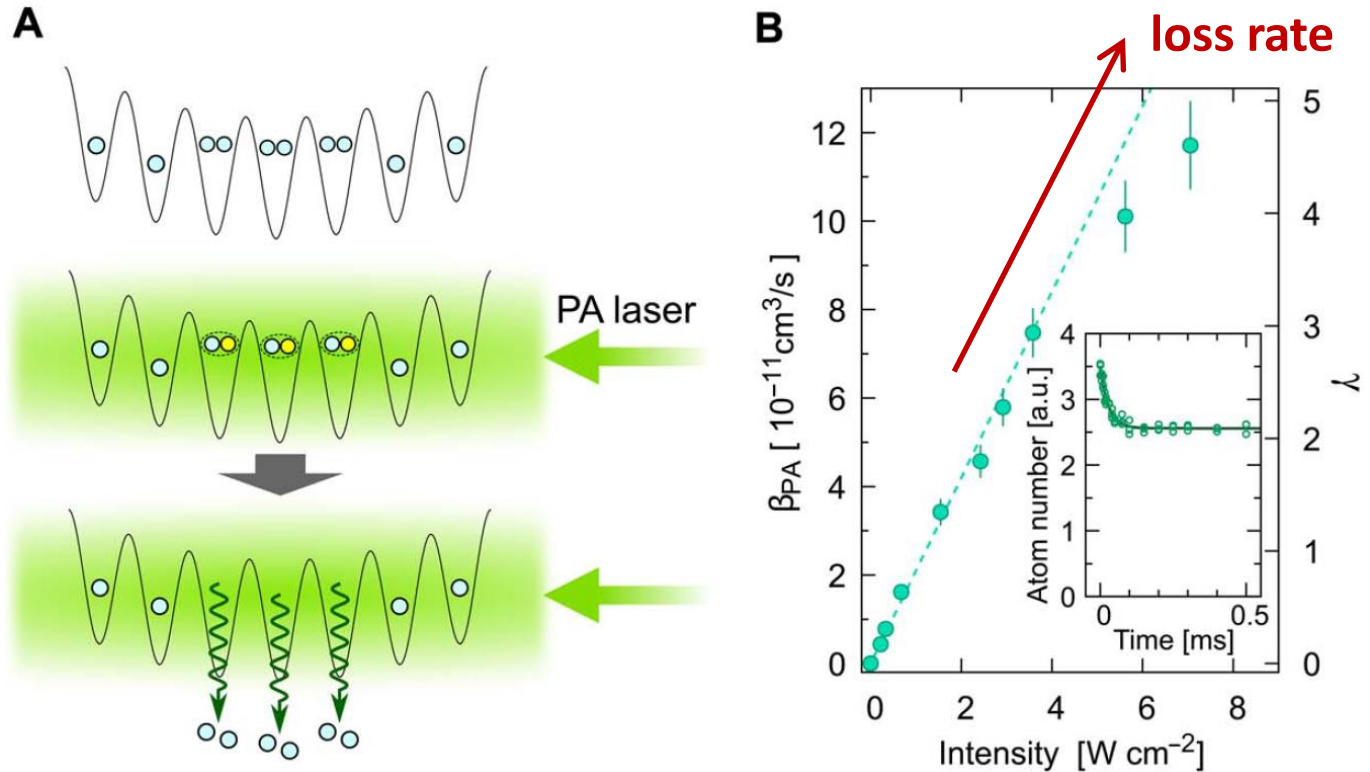
### ✓ Spontaneous emission

Decay from an excited state of an atom by emitting a photon



# Control of dissipation

## ■ Experimental development 1: control of dissipation

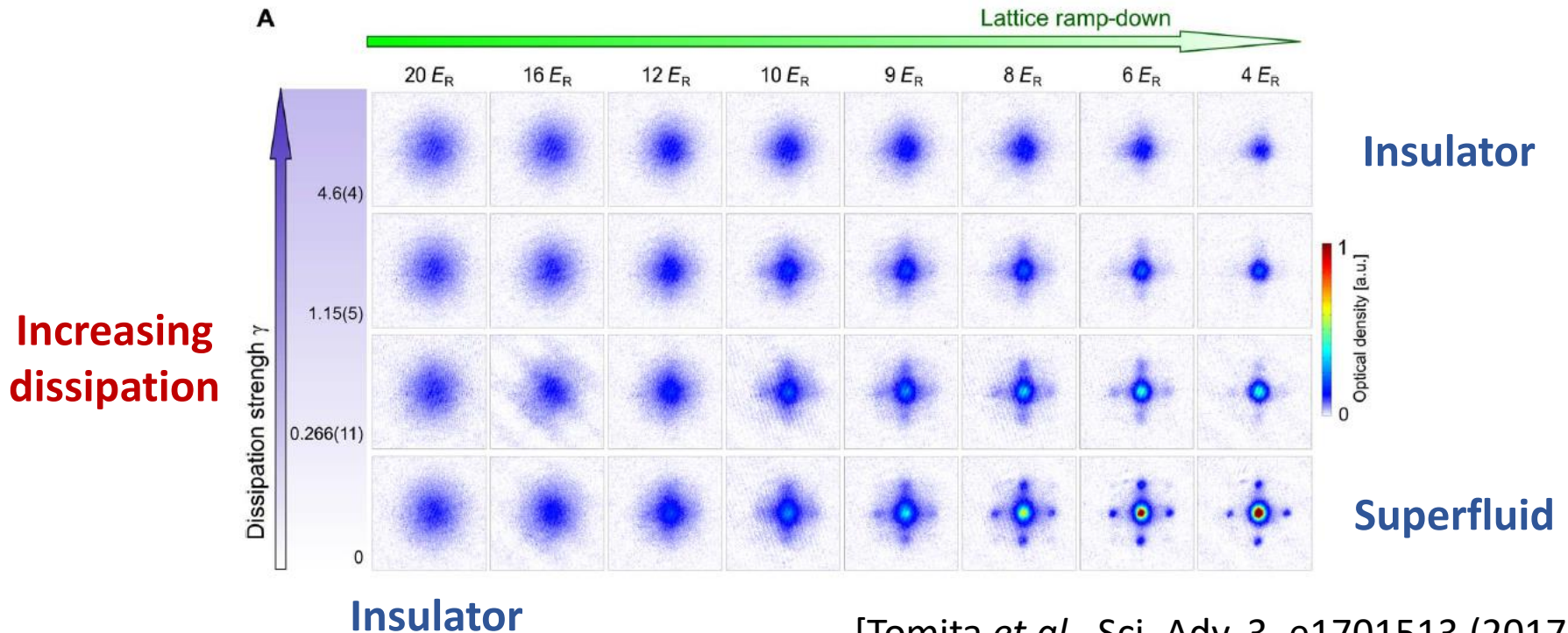


**Photo-induced inelastic collisions**

**→ Controllable dissipation**

# Quantum many-body physics meets dissipation

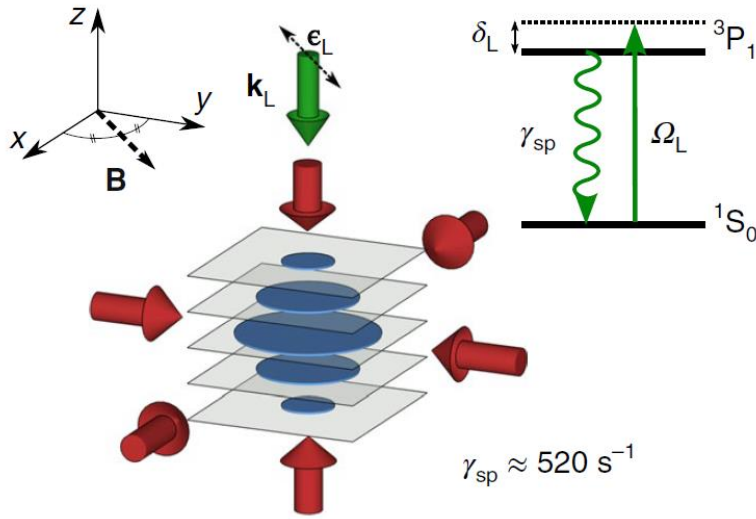
## ■ Experimental development 2: many-body systems



Effect of dissipation on  
superfluid-insulator quantum phase transition

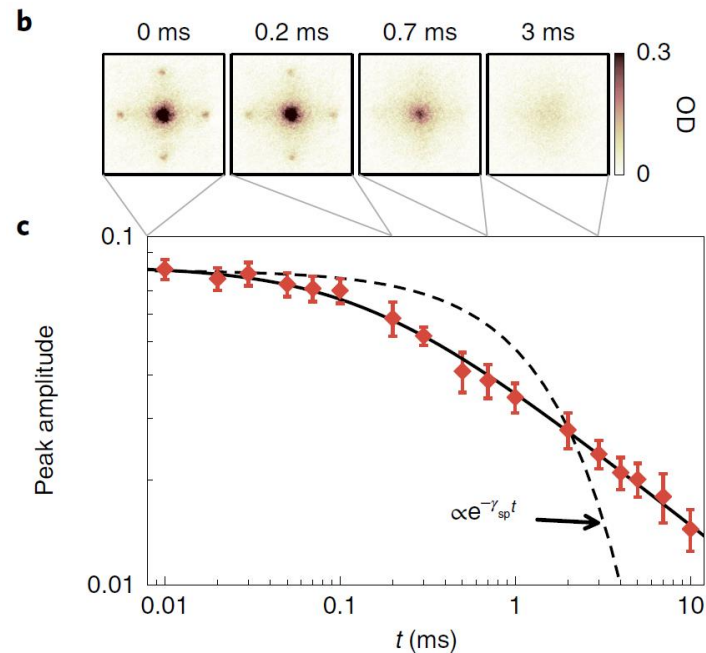
# Controllable open quantum many-body systems

## Control of dissipation & application to many-body systems



**Bose-Hubbard system + laser excitation  
& spontaneous emission**

[Bouganne *et al.*, Nat. Phys. 16, 21 (2020)]



**Power-law decoherence  
due to interaction**

**Large-scale, controllable, and strongly interacting  
open quantum many-body systems!**

# Motivation

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## Ultracold atoms

→ **Controllable non-unitary dynamics of many-body systems!**

Fundamental questions?

✓ How to understand dissipative processes in many-body systems?

e.g., How decoherence proceeds in many-body systems?

How a large-scale quantum computer operates under noise?

✓ Non-equilibrium quantum phases triggered by dissipation?

e.g., laser, time crystals, analogy with classical open systems,

magnetism + dissipation, superfluidity + dissipation, ...

**Toward quantum many-body physics of open systems**

Theoretical description

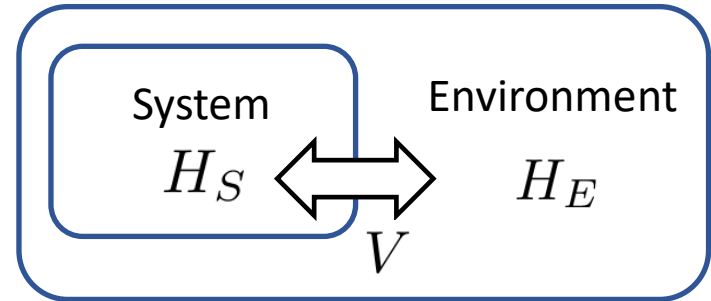
# Markovianity of dissipative cold atoms

## ■ System + Environment Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{tot}} = H_S + H_E + V$$

**System: slow dynamics**

**Environment: fast relaxation**



## ■ Trace out the environment → effective dynamics of the system

✓ Environment = atomic/photon modes in the surrounding vacuum

✓ Separation of time scales

Atomic gas →  $\sim 10^{-3}$  sec (energy scale  $\sim 100$  nK  $\sim 1$  kHz)

Environment →  $\sim 10^{-14}$  sec

[= inverse of internal energy of atoms ( $\sim 10^{14}$  Hz: visible light)]

**Environment immediately relaxes! No memory effect**

**Ultracold atoms: Markovian open system**

# Quantum master equation

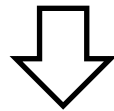
## ■ General form of time-evolution eq. for Markovian quantum dynamics

[Gorini, Kossakowski, and Sudarshan, J. Math. Phys. 17, 821 (1976)]

[Lindblad, Commun. Math. Phys. 48, 119 (1976)]

Assumption:  $\frac{d\rho(t)}{dt} = \mathcal{L}\rho(t)$

- ✓  $\rho(t)$ : should be density matrix at any  $t$  (i.e., time evolution gives a CPTP map)
- ✓ RHS only depends on  $\rho$  at time  $t$  (No memory effect: **Markovian**)



## Quantum master equation in GKSL (or Lindblad) form

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = \mathcal{L}\rho = \underbrace{-i[H, \rho]}_{\text{Hamiltonian part}} + \underbrace{\sum_{\alpha} (L_{\alpha}\rho L_{\alpha}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2}\{L_{\alpha}^{\dagger}L_{\alpha}, \rho\})}_{\text{Dissipation}}$$

**Hamiltonian part**

**Dissipation** ( $L_{\alpha}$ : Lindblad operator)



# Example of Lindblad operators

## ■ Dissipation in ultracold atoms

- ✓  $k$ -body loss (inelastic collision:  $k = 2$ )

$$L_j = \sqrt{\gamma}(\psi_j)^k$$

Sec. 2

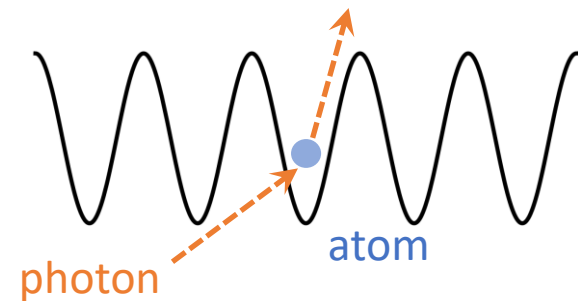
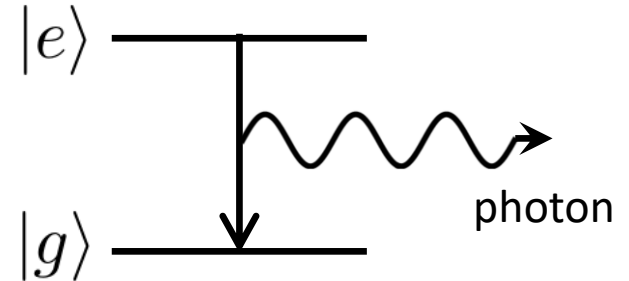
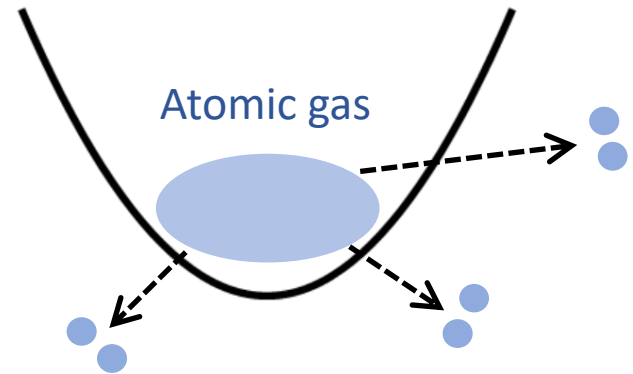
- ✓ Spontaneous emission

$$L_j = \sqrt{\gamma}\psi_j^{(g)\dagger}\psi_j^{(e)}$$

- ✓ Photon scattering  $\rightarrow$  dephasing

$$L_j = \sqrt{\gamma}\psi_j^\dagger\psi_j$$

Sec. 3



# Liouvillian spectrum

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = -i[H, \rho] + \sum_{\alpha} (L_{\alpha}\rho L_{\alpha}^{\dagger} - \frac{1}{2}\{L_{\alpha}^{\dagger}L_{\alpha}, \rho\}) \equiv \mathcal{L}\rho$$

Liouvillian  
superoperator  
(non-Hermitian)

## ■ Diagonalization of a Liouvillian

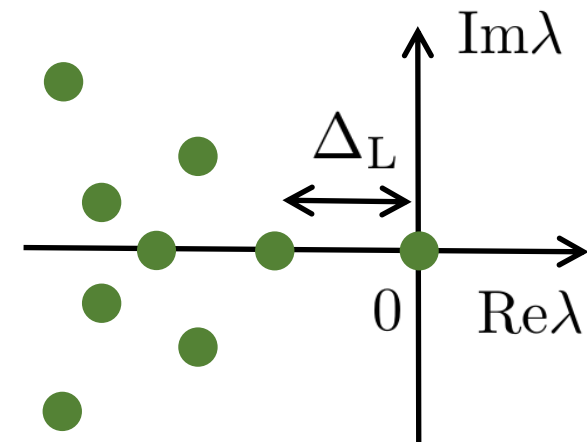
$$\mathcal{L}\rho_n = \lambda_n\rho_n \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \rho(t) = \sum_n c_n e^{\lambda_n t} \rho_n$$

$\{\lambda_n\}_n$  : Liouvillian spectrum

## ■ General properties

- $\lambda_n \in \mathbb{C}$  (**non-Hermiticity**),  $\text{Re}\lambda_n \leq 0$
- $\lambda_0 = 0$  : **steady state**  $\rho(t \rightarrow \infty) = c_0\rho_0$
- $\Delta_L \equiv \min_{\lambda_n \neq 0} [-\text{Re}\lambda_n]$  : **Liouvillian gap**

→ **inverse of the relaxation time**



[cf. Exceptional cases: Haga, MN *et al.*, PRL 127, 070402; Mori-Shirai, PRL 125, 230604]

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Question:

**How to diagonalize a Liouvillian of a many-body system?**

Next: solvable examples

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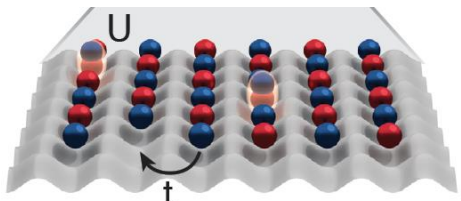
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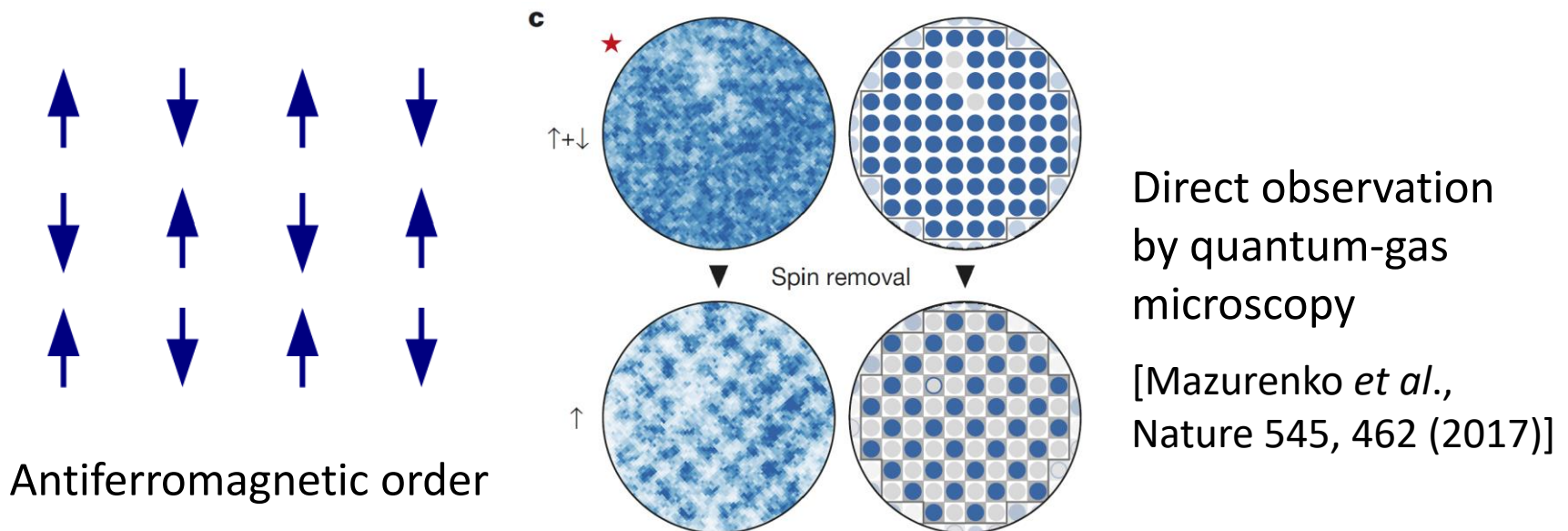
# Hubbard model

- Fermi-Hubbard model: a prototypical example of many-body systems

$$H = \underbrace{-t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} (c_{i,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j,\sigma} + \text{H.c.})}_{\text{Hopping}} + \underbrace{U \sum_j n_{j,\uparrow} n_{j,\downarrow}}_{\text{Interaction}} \quad (n_{j,\sigma} \equiv c_{j,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j,\sigma})$$


The diagram shows a 2D lattice of sites. Red and blue spheres represent electrons with opposite spins. A hopping parameter  $t$  is indicated by an arrow between adjacent sites, and an interaction parameter  $U$  is indicated by a double-headed arrow between two electrons occupying the same site.

- Ultracold atoms  $\rightarrow$  e.g., observation of magnetism of Mott insulators



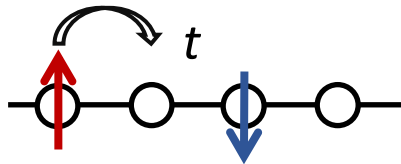
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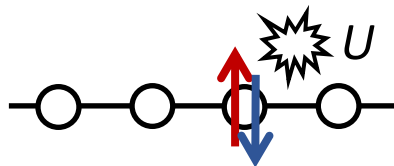
$$\frac{d\rho}{d\tau} = -i[H, \rho] + \sum_{j=1}^L (L_j \rho L_j^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{L_j^\dagger L_j, \rho\}) \quad \text{quantum master eq.}$$

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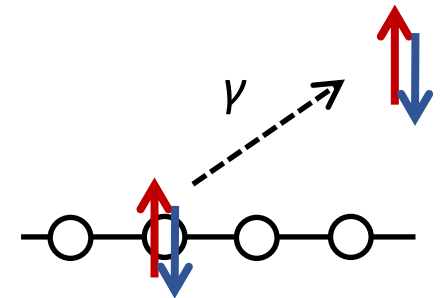
$$L_j = \sqrt{2\gamma} c_{j,\downarrow} c_{j,\uparrow} \quad \text{2-body loss at each site (inelastic collision)}$$



hopping



interaction



dissipation

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**Liouvillian of the 1D dissipative Hubbard model**

**→ exactly solvable!**

[MN, N. Kawakami, and M. Ueda, PRL 126, 110404 (2021)]

# Solution of the Liouvillian

## Step 1: Decomposition of the Liouvillian

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\rho &= -i[H, \rho] + \sum_j (L_j \rho L_j^\dagger - \frac{1}{2}\{L_j^\dagger L_j, \rho\}) \\ &= -i(H_{\text{eff}}\rho - \rho H_{\text{eff}}^\dagger) + \sum_j L_j \rho L_j^\dagger \end{aligned}$$

“Quantum jump” term  
→ decreases particle #

### Non-Hermitian Hubbard model

$$H_{\text{eff}} = -t \sum_{j,\sigma} (c_{j,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j+1,\sigma} + \text{H.c.}) + (U - i\gamma) \sum_j n_{j,\uparrow} n_{j,\downarrow}$$

## Step 2: Diagonalize the non-Hermitian Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{eff}} |N, a\rangle = E_{N,a} |N, a\rangle, \quad (N: \text{particle number} \rightarrow \text{conserved quantity of } H_{\text{eff}})$$

$$\Rightarrow -i(H_{\text{eff}} \varrho_{ab}^{(N,n)} - \varrho_{ab}^{(N,n)} H_{\text{eff}}^\dagger) = \lambda_{ab}^{(N,n)} \varrho_{ab}^{(N,n)},$$

$$\lambda_{ab}^{(N,n)} = -i(E_{N,a} - E_{N+n,b}^*), \quad \varrho_{ab}^{(N,n)} = |N, a\rangle \langle N+n, b|$$



# Solution of the Liouvillian

■ Step 3: Consider matrix elements in the particle-number basis

$$\sum_j L_j \rho_{ab}^{(N,n)} L_j^\dagger = \sum_{c,d} A_{ab,cd}^{(N,n)} \rho_{cd}^{(N-2,n)}$$

**2-body loss**  
 **$N \rightarrow N - 2$**

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^{(N,n)} & & & \\ A^{(N,n)} & \lambda^{(N-2,n)} & & \\ & A^{(N-2,n)} & \ddots & \\ & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

**Triangular structure!**  
[Torres, PRA 89, 052133 (2014)]

⇒ Liouvillian eigenvalue  $\lambda_{ab}^{(N,n)} = -i(E_{N,a} - E_{N+n,b}^*),$

Liouvillian eigenoperator  $\rho_{ab}^{(N,n)} = C_{ab}^{(N,n)} \rho_{ab}^{(N,n)} + \sum_{N'=0}^{N-2} \sum_{a',b'} C_{a',b'}^{(N',n)} \rho_{a'b'}^{(N',n)}$

# Non-Hermitian Bethe ansatz

- Step 4: Solve the non-Hermitian Hubbard model

$$H_{\text{eff}} = -t \sum_{j,\sigma} (c_{j,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j+1,\sigma} + \text{H.c.}) + (U - i\gamma) \sum_j n_{j,\uparrow} n_{j,\downarrow}$$

**complex-valued Hubbard interaction!**

- 1D Hubbard model → solvable by Bethe ansatz [Lieb and Wu, PRL 20, 1445 (1968)]

→ can be extended to the non-Hermitian case!

Bethe eqs. 
$$e^{ik_j L} = \prod_{\beta=1}^M \frac{\sin k_j - \lambda_\beta + iu}{\sin k_j - \lambda_\beta - iu}, \quad (j = 1, \dots, N)$$

$$\prod_{j=1}^N \frac{\lambda_\alpha - \sin k_j + iu}{\lambda_\alpha - \sin k_j - iu} = - \prod_{\beta=1}^M \frac{\lambda_\alpha - \lambda_\beta + 2iu}{\lambda_\alpha - \lambda_\beta - 2iu}, \quad (\alpha = 1, \dots, M)$$

( $N$  : # of particles,  $M$  : # of down spins,  $u = (U - i\gamma)/(4t)$ )

$k_j$  : quasi-momentum,  $\lambda_\alpha$  : spin rapidity

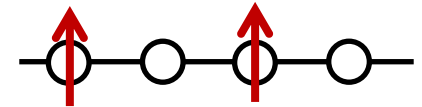
# Steady state

■ Steady state:  $\lambda = -i(E - E^*) = 0 \Leftrightarrow E \in \mathbb{R}$

■ Vacuum  $|0\rangle \langle 0|$  is a trivial steady state:  $H_{\text{eff}} |0\rangle = 0$

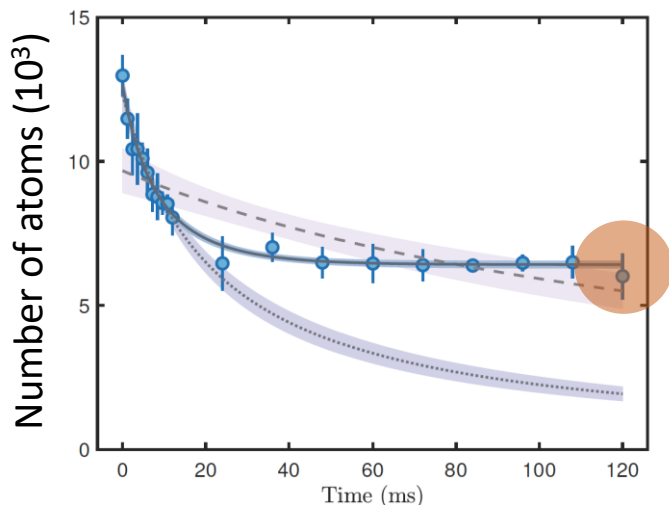
■ Other steady states?

Spin-polarized eigenstate  $|\Psi\rangle \langle \Psi|$ ,  $H_{\text{eff}} |\Psi\rangle = E |\Psi\rangle$



→ No loss (Pauli exclusion): **ferromagnetic steady state!**

Spin SU(2) symmetry → Ferromagnetic steady states are degenerate



◆ Magnetization is conserved

→ Ferromagnetic, but  $S_z$  is fixed to initial value

◆ This result is not limited to 1D

Experiment: **non-vacuum steady state!**

[Sponselee *et al.*, Quant. Sci. Tech. 4, 014002 (2018)]

# Spin-exchange interaction

■ Why is the steady state ferromagnetic?

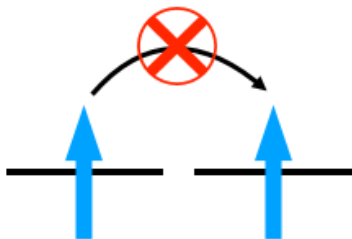
■ Standard origin of magnetism: **spin-exchange interaction**

(2nd-order perturbation theory in the Hubbard model,  $U \gg t$ )

◇ **Antiparallel spin configuration → lowers the energy**



◇ **Parallel spin configuration → cannot lower the energy (Pauli exclusion)**



Basic physics behind **antiferromagnetic** Heisenberg model

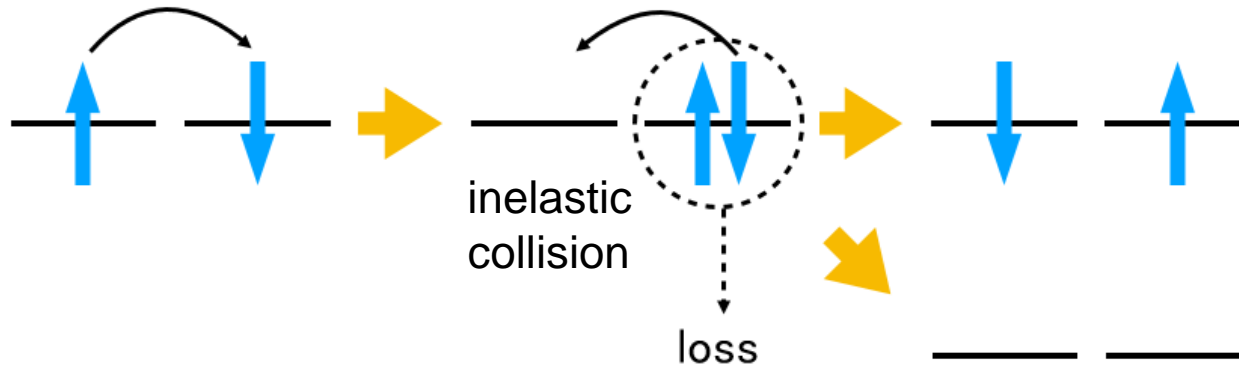
$$H = J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \mathbf{S}_i \cdot \mathbf{S}_j \quad (J > 0)$$

# Dissipative spin-exchange interaction

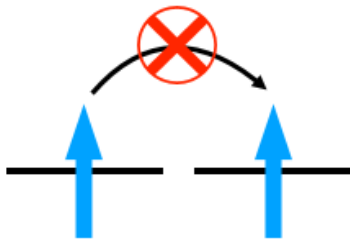
## ■ Spin-exchange interaction in the presence of **inelastic collisions**

[MN, N. Tsuji, N. Kawakami, and M. Ueda, PRL 124, 147203 (2020)]

- ◇ **Antiparallel spin configuration** → lowers the energy, **but has a finite lifetime**



- ◇ **Parallel spin configuration** → has higher energy, **but is free from loss!**



Higher-energy states are stabilized by dissipation  
→ Dissipation-induced ferromagnetism!

# Liouvillian gap

## ■ Liouvillian eigenmodes near the steady state

### → ferromagnetic spin-wave-like excitations

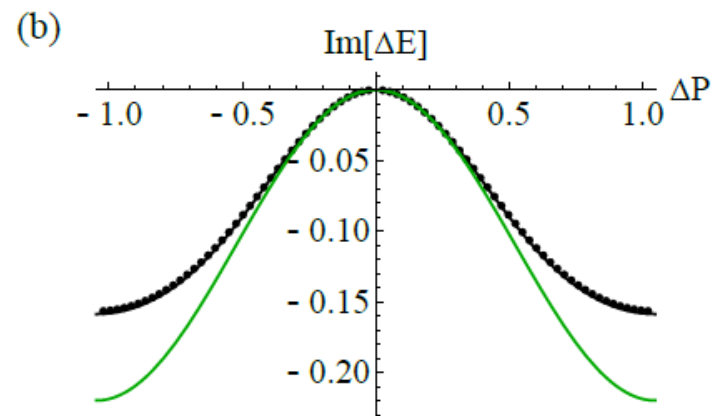
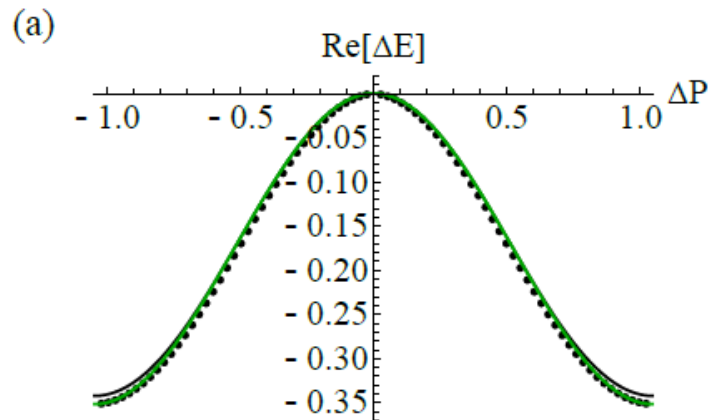
Dispersion relation  
from Bethe ansatz  
( $\Delta P \simeq 0$ )

$$\Delta E \simeq -\frac{t}{\pi u} \left( Q_0 - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2Q_0 \right) \left( 1 - \cos \frac{\pi \Delta P}{Q_0} \right) \quad (Q_0 = \pi N/L)$$
$$\propto (\Delta P)^2 \quad \text{gapless excitation!}$$

Liouvillian gap

$$\Delta_L \propto (\Delta P)^2 \sim \frac{1}{L^2} \quad \text{Relaxation time } \tau_R \text{ diverges}$$

as  $\tau_R \sim L^2$  in  $L \rightarrow \infty$  limit



(Dot: numerics,  $L = 240$ ,  $N = 80$ . Black line: numerics in  $L \rightarrow \infty$ . Green line: analytic, applicable to  $\Delta P \simeq 0$ )

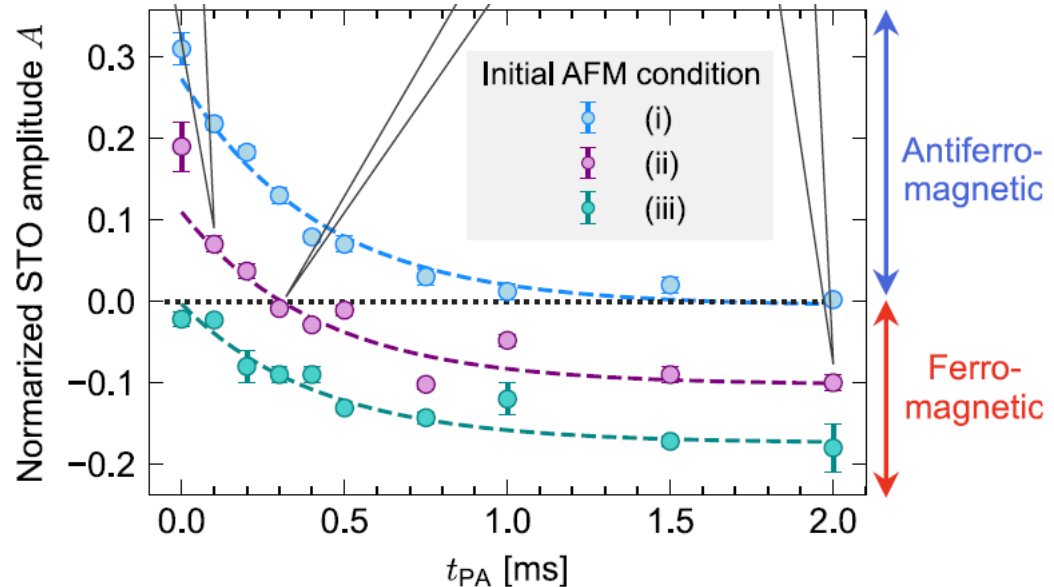
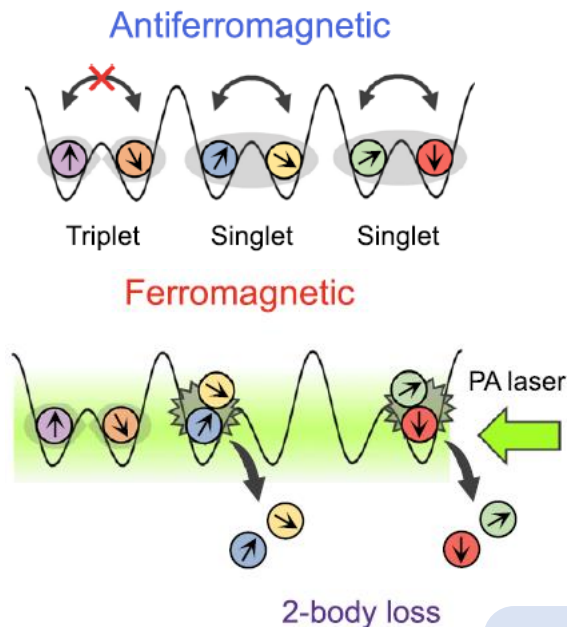
# Experiment

## ■ Experimental realization (Takahashi group @ Kyoto university)

[K. Honda, S. Taie, Y. Takasu, N. Nishizawa, MN, and Y. Takahashi, PRL 130, 063001 (2023)]

## ■ $^{173}\text{Yb}$ atoms in a double-well optical lattice (SU(6) Hubbard model)

**photoassociation  $\rightarrow$  controllable two-body loss**



**Sign reversal of spin correlations**

**$\rightarrow$  Observation of dissipation-induced ferromagnetism!**

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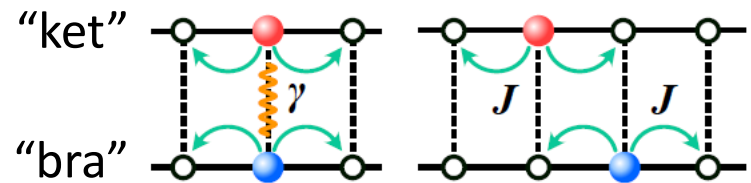
# Ladder representation of a Liouvillian

## Quantum master equation

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = \mathcal{L}\rho = -i(H_{\text{eff}}\rho - \rho H_{\text{eff}}^\dagger) + \sum_{\alpha} L_{\alpha}\rho L_{\alpha}^\dagger,$$

**Liouvillian**

$$H_{\text{eff}} = H - \frac{i}{2} \sum_{\alpha} L_{\alpha}^\dagger L_{\alpha}$$



## Ladder representation

$$\rho = \sum_{i,j} \rho_{ij} |i\rangle \langle j| \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad |\rho\rangle = \sum_{i,j} \rho_{ij} |i\rangle \otimes |j\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{L} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \bar{\mathcal{L}} = -iH_{\text{eff}} \otimes I + iI \otimes H_{\text{eff}}^* + \sum_{\alpha} L_{\alpha} \otimes L_{\alpha}^*$$

**“intrachain Hamiltonian”**

**“interchain interaction”**

# Dephasing model

## ■ Example: spinless fermions + dephasing

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = \mathcal{L}\rho = -i[H, \rho] + \sum_{j=1}^L (L_j \rho L_j^\dagger - \frac{1}{2} \{L_j^\dagger L_j, \rho\}),$$

$$H = -J \sum_{j=1}^L (c_j^\dagger c_{j+1} + \text{H.c.}),$$

**1D tight-binding model**

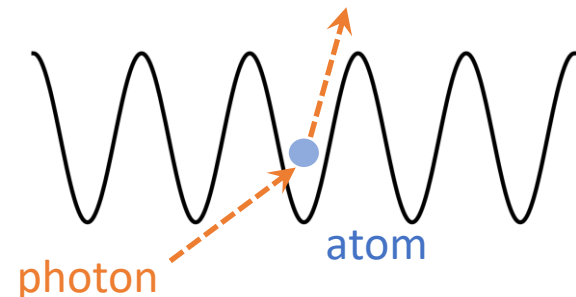
$$L_j = \sqrt{\gamma} c_j^\dagger c_j$$

**dephasing**

## ■ Experimental realization:

Photon scattering from  
cold atoms in optical lattice

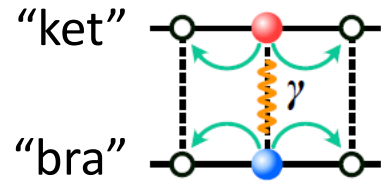
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# Mapping to a non-Hermitian Hubbard model

- Ladder representation: “ket” = “↑ spin”, “bra” = “↓ spin”

$$\bar{\mathcal{L}} = -iH_{\text{eff}} \otimes I + iI \otimes H_{\text{eff}}^* + \sum_j L_j \otimes L_j^*$$



$$\Downarrow U^\dagger c_{j,\downarrow} U = (-1)^j c_{j,\downarrow}$$

$$iU^\dagger \bar{\mathcal{L}} U = -J \sum_j \sum_{\sigma=\uparrow,\downarrow} (c_{j,\sigma}^\dagger c_{j+1,\sigma} + \text{H.c.}) - \frac{i\gamma}{2} \sum_{j,\sigma} n_{j,\sigma}$$

$$+ i\gamma \sum_j n_{j,\uparrow} n_{j,\downarrow}$$

**intrachain Hamiltonian**

**interchain interaction**

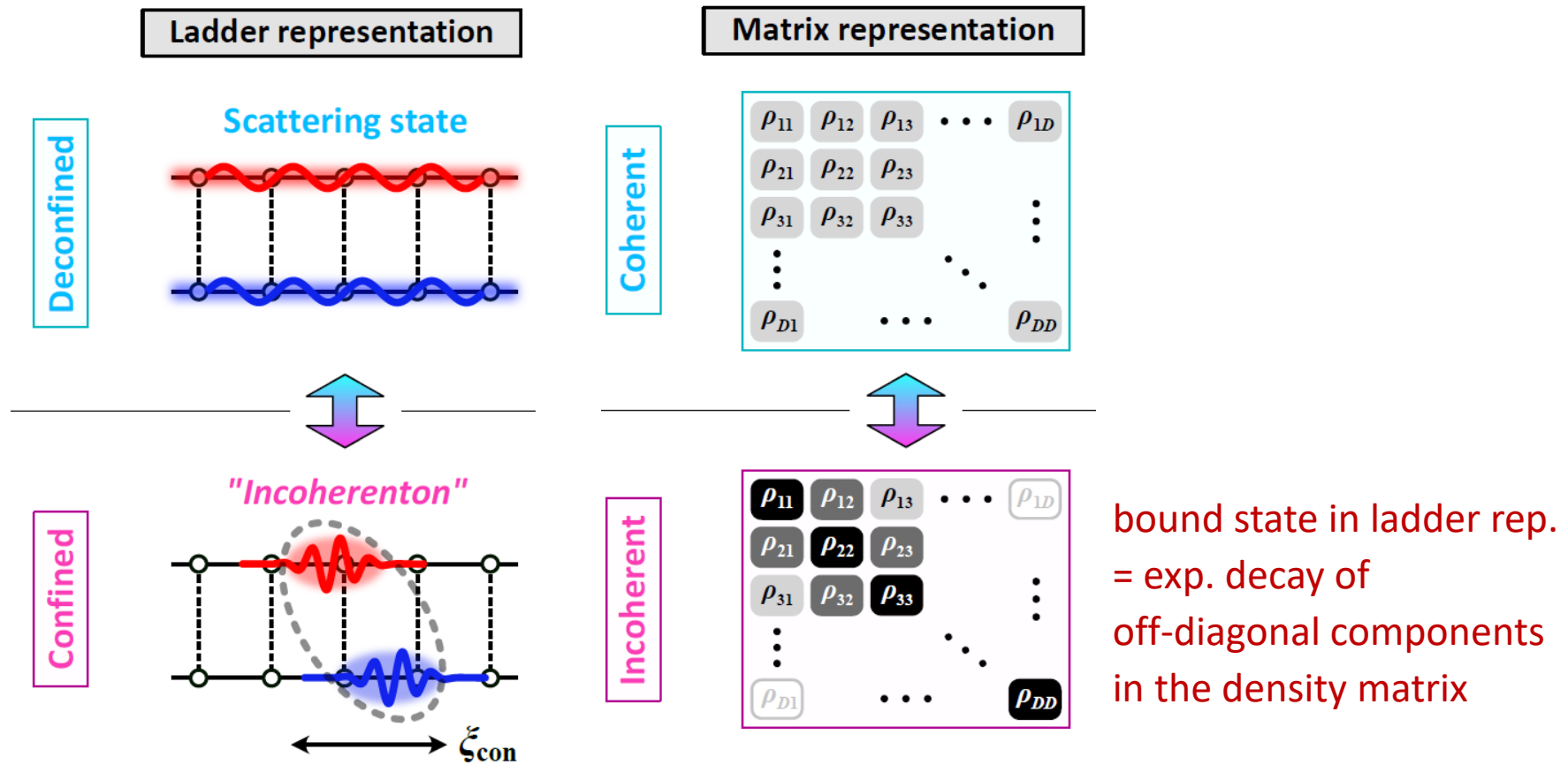
**Spinless fermions + dephasing**

**= Hubbard model with pure-imaginary interaction strength!**

**→ Exactly solvable Liouvillian**

# Incoherenton

■ Interchain interaction  $\rightarrow$  interchain bound state



bound state in ladder rep.  
= exp. decay of  
off-diagonal components  
in the density matrix

**Formation of an interchain bound state  
= incoherent eigenmode ("incoherenton")**

# Bound state & its deconfinement

## ■ Bound state solution (“string solution” in Bethe ansatz)

Bethe eqs. 
$$e^{ik_1L} = \frac{\sin k_1 - \sin k_2 + 2iu}{\sin k_1 - \sin k_2 - 2iu}, \quad e^{ik_2L} = \frac{\sin k_2 - \sin k_1 + 2iu}{\sin k_2 - \sin k_1 - 2iu}$$

$$L \rightarrow \infty$$

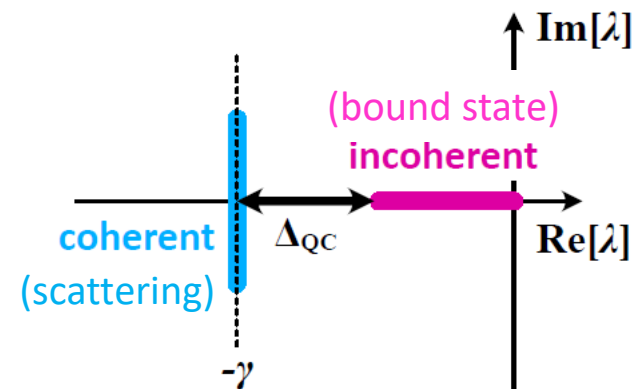
$$\Rightarrow \sin k_1 - \sin k_2 = 2iu \quad (u = i\gamma/(4J))$$

## ■ The bound state exists only when $-\frac{\gamma}{4J} < \sin \frac{K}{2} < 0$ ( $K = k_1 + k_2 - \pi$ )

Single-particle Liouvillian eigenvalue  
(can be generalized to many-body case)

$$\lambda = -\gamma + \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 16J^2 \sin^2(K/2)}$$

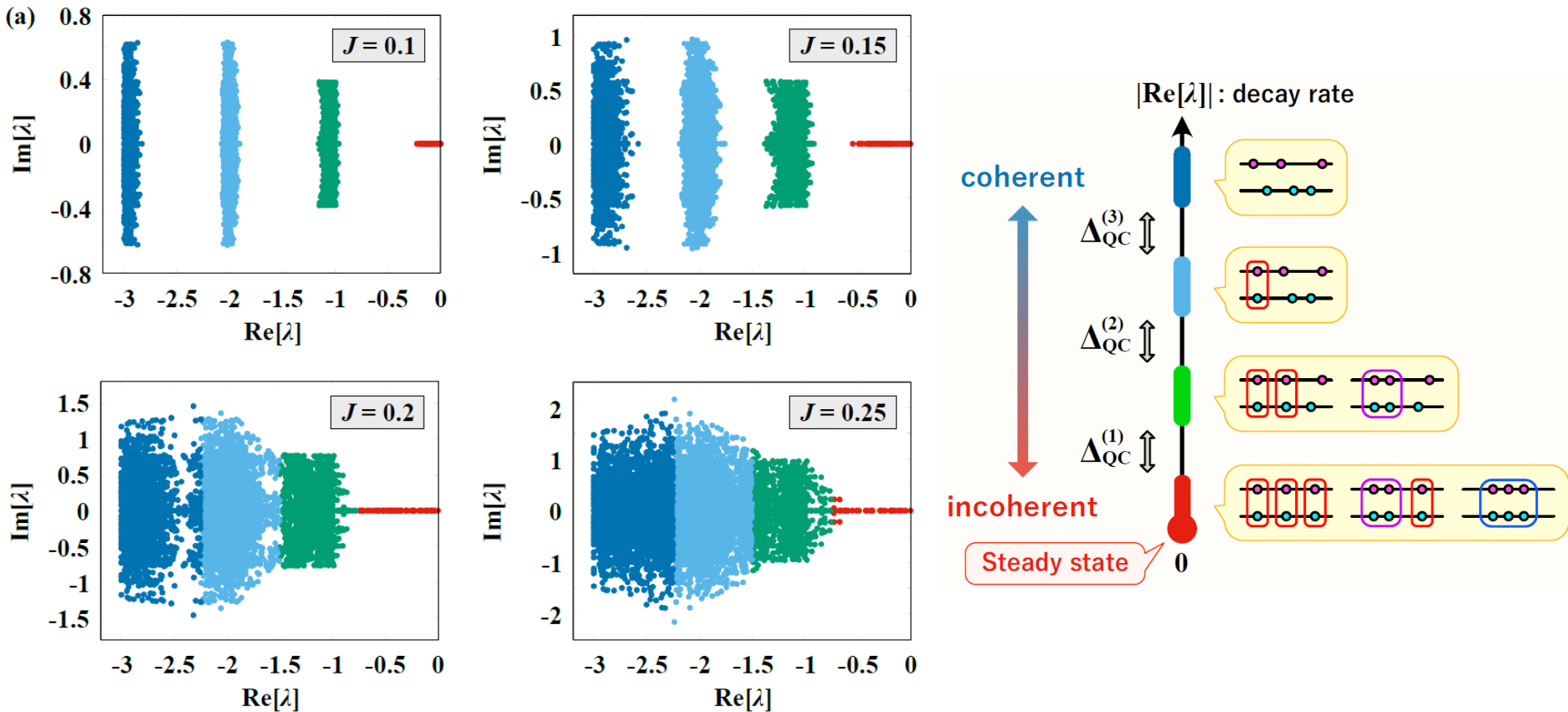
$$\Rightarrow \text{Gap } \Delta_{\text{QC}} = \sqrt{\gamma^2 - 16J^2}$$



**(Minimal) binding energy of incoherenton = gap in Liouvillian spectrum**

# Hierarchy of eigenmodes

■ Liouvillian spectrum ( $L = 10$ ,  $N = 3$ ,  $\gamma = 1$ )

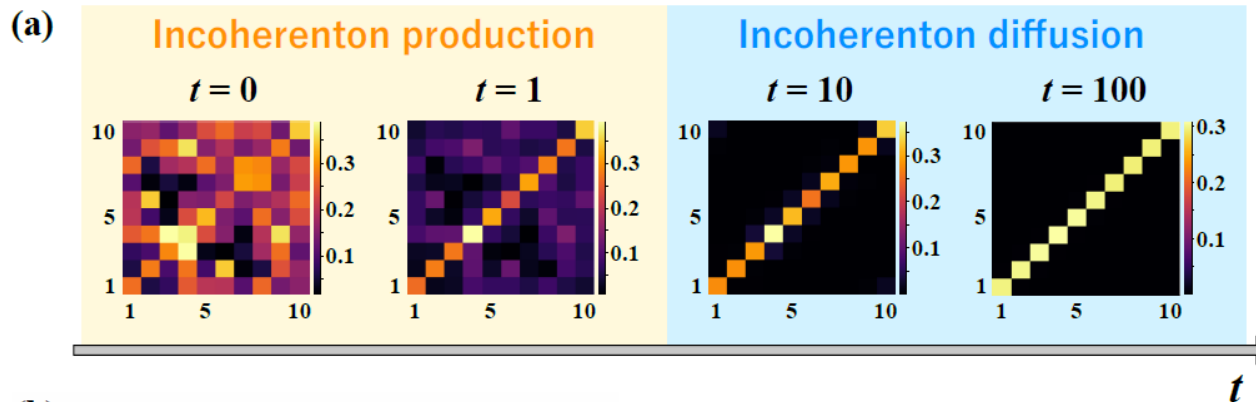


Eigenmodes are classified by the number of incoherentons

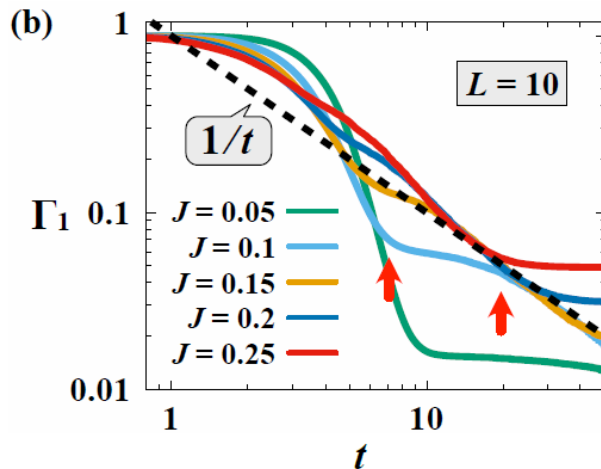
→ hierarchical structure of Liouvillian spectrum!

# Hierarchical relaxation

■ Dynamics of coherence ( $L = 10, N = 3, \gamma = 1, J = 0.1$ )



Two-stage relaxation  
of density matrix



$$\chi_1(t) = \sum_{j_1, j_2} |\rho_{j_1, j_2}(t)| (1 - \delta_{j_1, j_2}),$$

coherence

$$\Gamma_1(t) = -\frac{d}{dt} \ln \chi_1(t)$$

decay rate of  
coherence

Hierarchy of decay rates  $\rightarrow$  different numbers of incoherentons

Many-body decoherence is interpreted in terms of incoherenton dynamics!

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