

2PI strong coupling approach to out of equilibrium dynamics of the clean and disordered Bose Hubbard model

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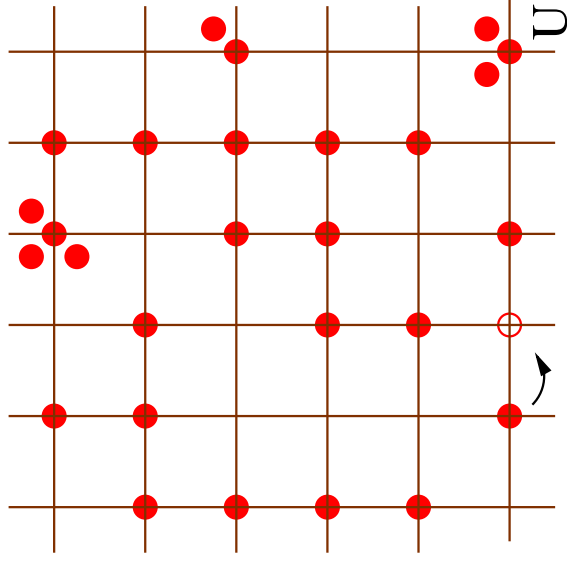
Motivation

- Experimental observations of out of equilibrium dynamics in the Bose Hubbard model (BHM)
 - Correlation spreading in 1D and 2D
 - Slow dynamics (Many Body Localization?) in disordered BHM in 2D
- Exact analytical and numerical methods give a good account of correlations in 1D
 - In higher dimensions, other methods are required

Bose Hubbard model

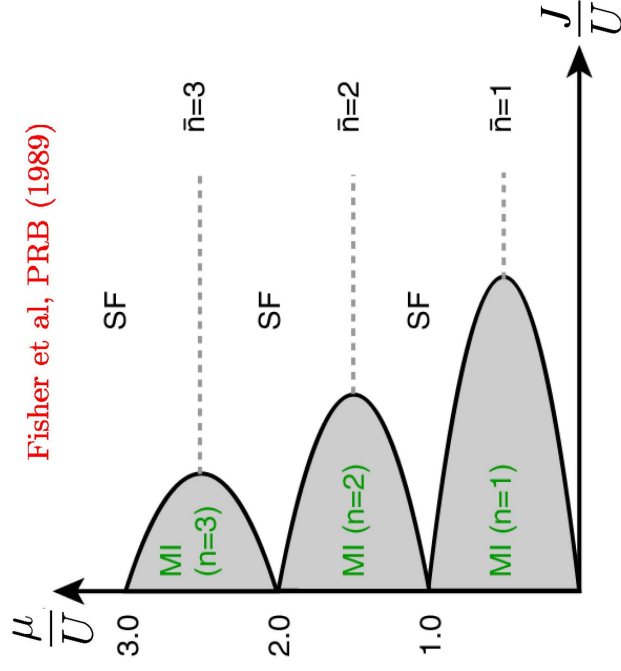
$$\hat{H}_{\text{BHM}} = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (\hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_j + \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_i) - \mu \sum_j \hat{n}_j + \frac{U}{2} \sum_j \hat{n}_j (\hat{n}_j - 1),$$

Hopping J , Chemical potential μ ,
Interaction strength U



Phase Diagram

- $U \ll J$: **Superfluid**
- $J = 0$: **Mott insulator**
- Finite J/U : **Mott insulator to Superfluid transition**



- Cold atoms: can tune lattice depth V to vary J/U

Correlation spreading after a quench

- Single-site imaging of cold atoms allows imaging of correlations

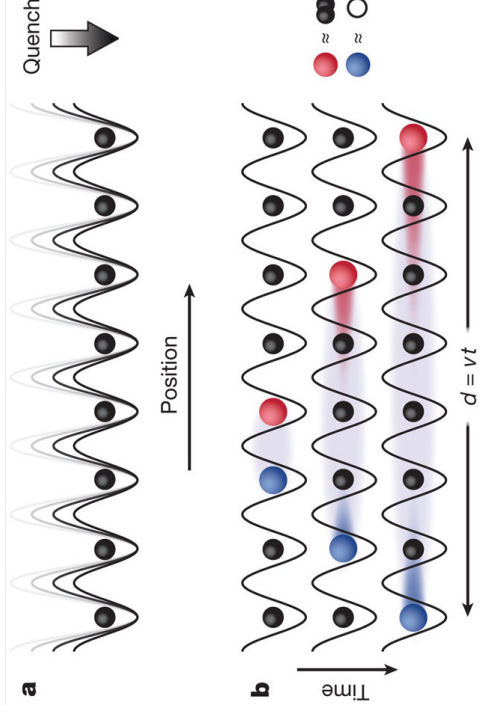
Lieb-Robinson bound:

Maximum speed for information spreading in a non-relativistic quantum system

[Lieb and Robinson, *Commun. Math. Phys.* (1972)]

Bose-Hubbard model:

Rigorous bounds for special initial states but not in general



[Cheneau *et al.*, *Nature* (2012)]

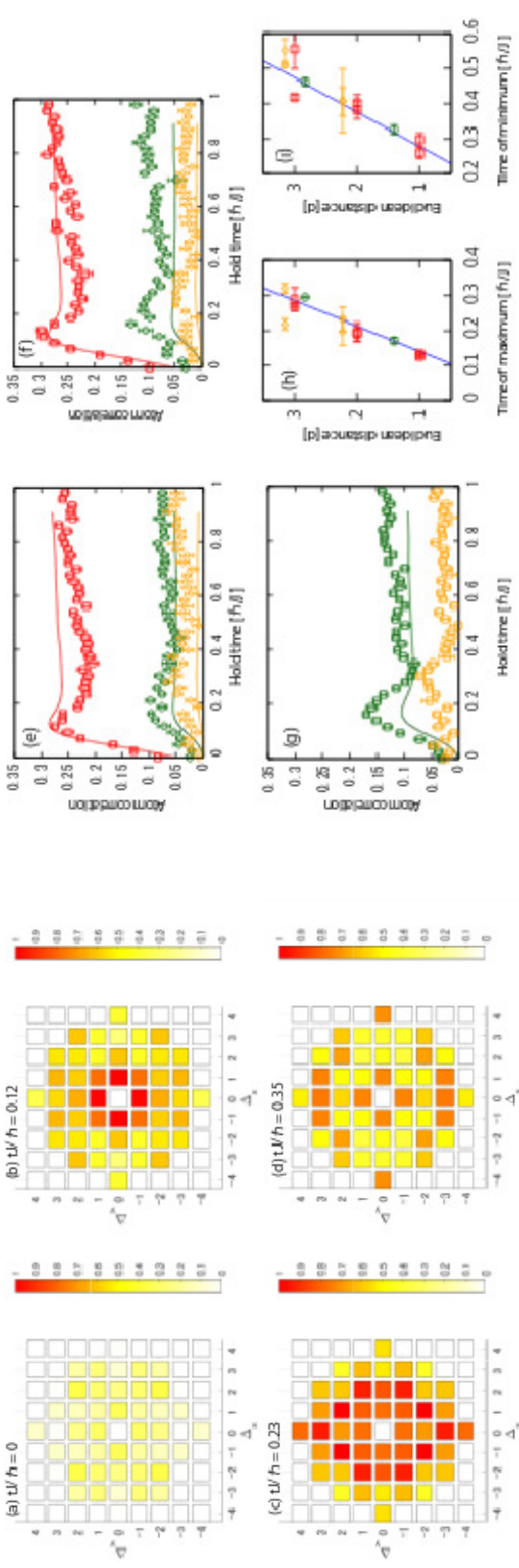
MI to MI quenches:

- Light-cone-like spreading of correlations in 1D systems
Barmettler *et al.*, *PRA* 85, 053625 (2012); Cheneau *et al.* *Nature* 481, 484 (2012)

$$v_{\max}^{D=1} \simeq \frac{6Jd}{\hbar} \left[1 - \frac{16J^2}{U^2} \right]$$

Spreading of single particle correlations in $D = 2$

- Experiments on correlation spreading in $D = 2$: [Takasu *et al.*, *Sci. Adv.* 6, eaba9255 (2020)]



- Propagation velocities extracted from first peak and trough:

$$v^{\text{peak}} = 13.7(2.1)Jd/\hbar, \quad v^{\text{trough}} = 10.2(1.4)Jd/\hbar$$
- Estimates for $D = 2$:

$$v \simeq \frac{6Jd\sqrt{D}}{\hbar} \simeq 8.4Jd/\hbar$$

[Kruititsky *et al.*, *Eur. Phys. J. Quant. Tech.* 1, 12 (2014)]

$$v = 8.1Jd/\hbar$$

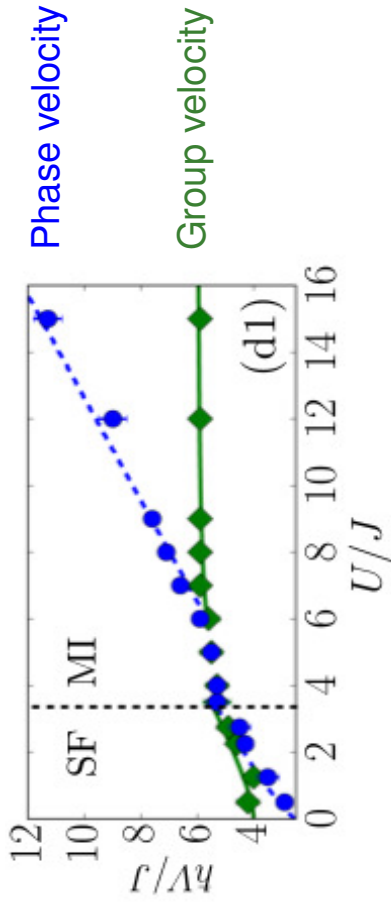
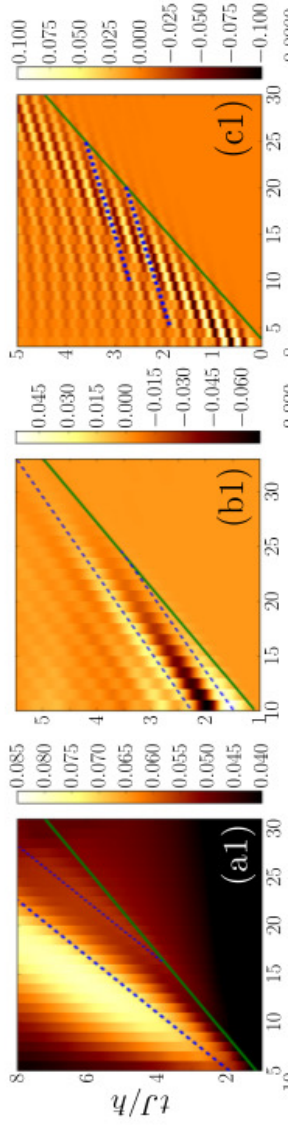
[Fitzpatrick and Kennett, *PRA* 98, 053618 (2018)]

How do we reconcile this discrepancy?

Phase and group velocity in the BHM

- Takasu *et al.* suggested that the explanation is that there are two velocities, phase and group velocity and they observe the phase velocity

Spreading of single particle correlations in $D = 1$ calculated with MPS
 [Despres *et al.*, *Sci. Rep.* 9, 4135 (2019)]

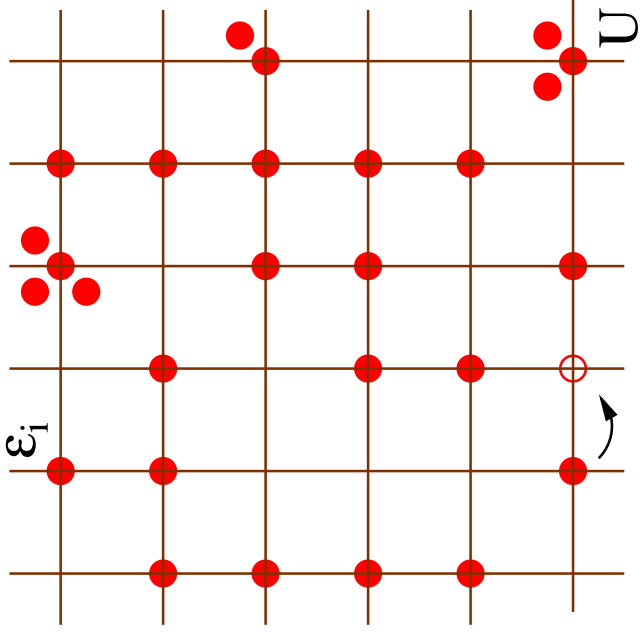


Disordered Bose Hubbard model

$$\hat{H}_{\text{BHM}} = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} (\hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_j + \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_i) + \sum_i \varepsilon_i \hat{n}_i + \frac{U}{2} \sum_i \hat{n}_i (\hat{n}_i - 1) - \mu \sum_i \hat{n}_i,$$

Hopping J , On-site disorder ε_i ,
 Interaction strength U ,
 Chemical potential μ

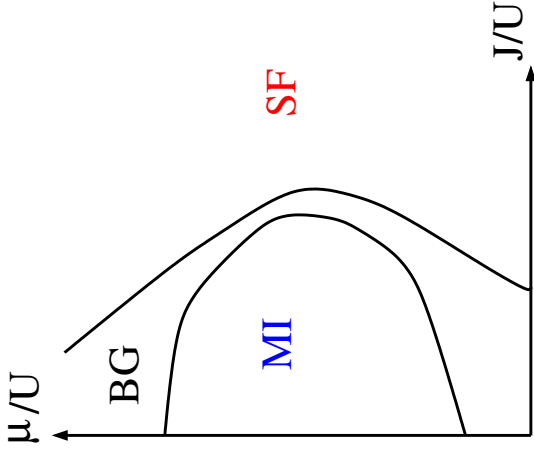
Disorder



Hopping J Interactions

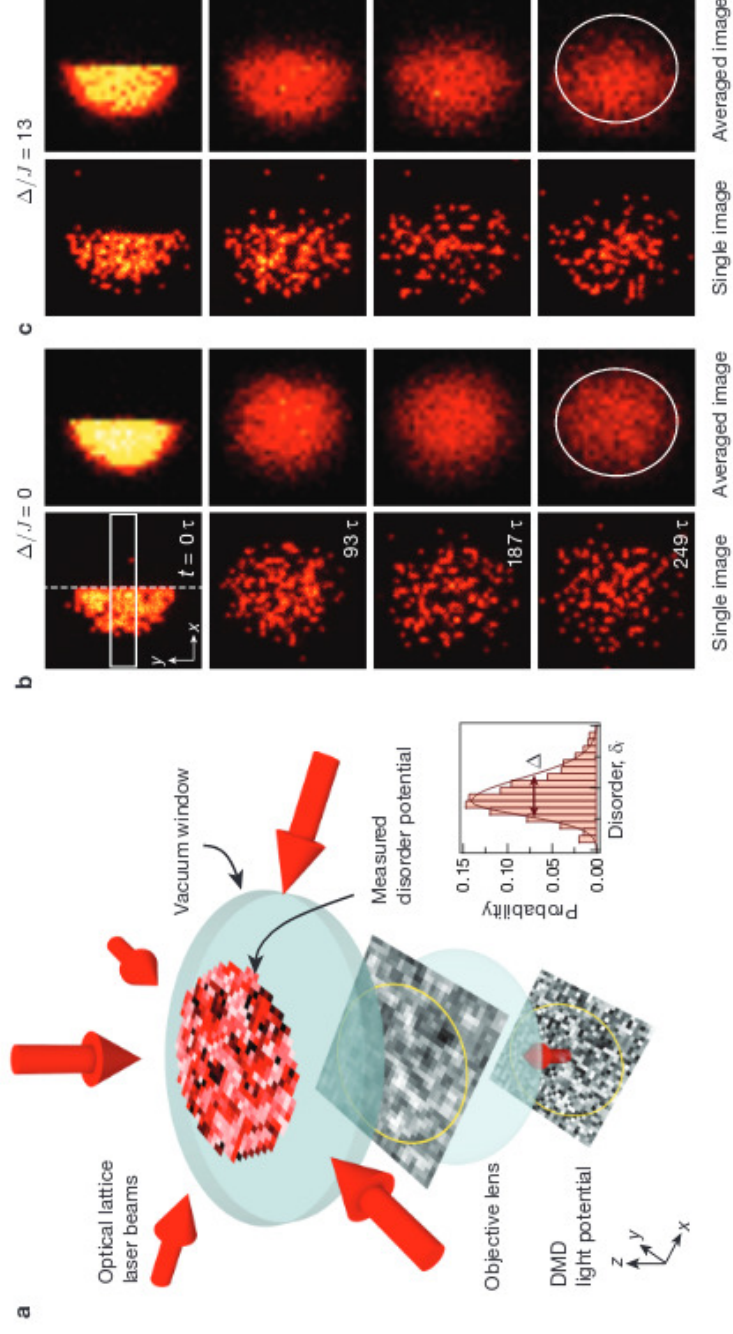
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Bose Glass?



Disordered BHM in two dimensions

- Disordered Bose Hubbard model in a 2 dimensional optical lattice:
[Choi *et al.*, Science 352, 1547 \(2016\)](#)



Started from an imbalanced initial condition, studied persistence of imbalance as a function of disorder strength (Δ/J)

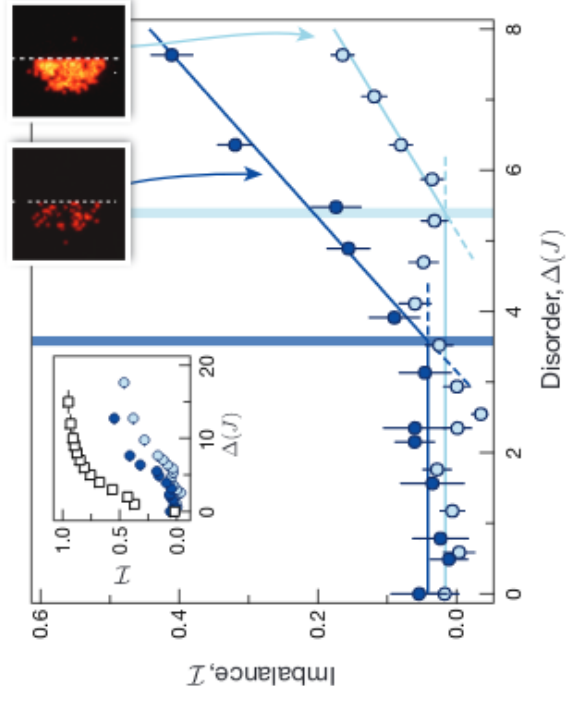
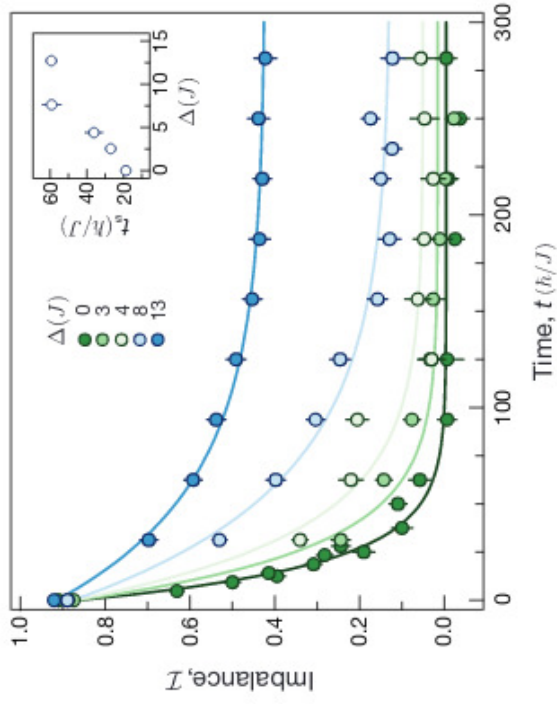
Evidence of a lack of thermalization? Many body localization (MBL)?

Does MBL exist in dimensions > 1 ? Experiment

- Imbalance

$$\mathcal{I} = \frac{N_L - N_R}{N_L + N_R}$$

as a function of time and disorder strength



- Potential MBL transition as a function of Δ/J

2PI Strong Coupling (2PISC) Formalism

- Want to calculate equations of motion for:
 - Superfluid order parameter $\phi_i^a(t) = \langle \hat{a}_i^a(t) \rangle$
 - Two point Green's function $G_{ij}^a(t_1, t_2) = -i \langle \hat{a}_i(t_1) \hat{a}_j^\dagger(t_2) \rangle$
- Interacting out of equilibrium quantum problem: convenient to use closed time path techniques in conjunction with 2PI approach
 - Allows for zero temperature and finite temperature in the same formalism, also disorder averaging
- Generalize strong-coupling approach using two Hubbard-Stratonovich transformations \implies allows description of both SF and MI phases
- Action truncated to quartic order (z and a fields have same correlations)

$$S_{\text{BHM}}[a] = \frac{1}{2!} \left(2J_{x_1 x_2} + [\mathcal{G}^{-1}]_{x_1 x_2} + \tilde{u}_{x_1 x_2} \right) z_{x_1} z_{x_2} + \frac{1}{4!} u_{x_1 \dots x_4} z_{x_1} z_{x_2} z_{x_3} z_{x_4}$$



- $\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{G}^{2c}$: atomic ($J = 0$) limit connected 1 and 2 particle Green's functions
- u -vertex generates “physical” and “anomalous” diagrams (those with internal lines of \mathcal{G}^{-1}) with anomalous terms cancelled by \tilde{u} vertex

2PI Equations of Motion

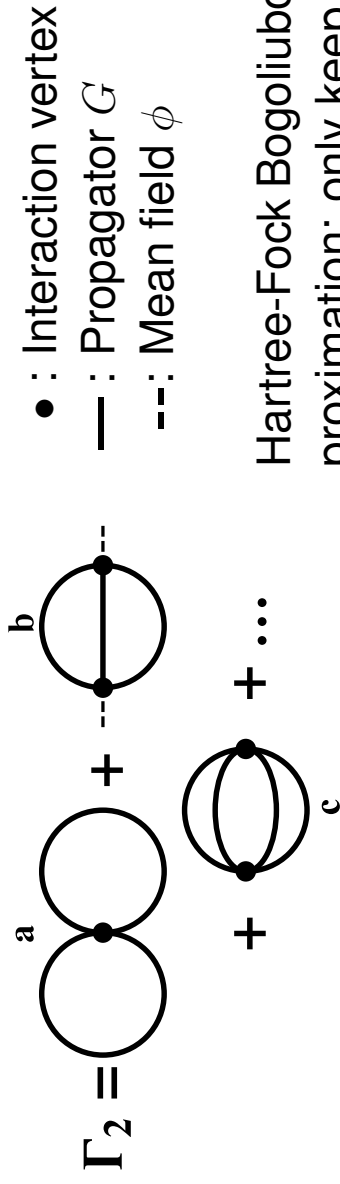
- Define mean field $\mathcal{V}^{\chi_1} = \langle \Phi^{\chi_1} \rangle$ and full propagator $i\mathcal{V}^{\chi_1\chi_2,c} = \langle \Phi^{\chi_1} \Phi^{\chi_2} \rangle$
- Equations of motion [Cornwall *et al.*, PRD 10, 2428 (1974)]

$$0 = \frac{\delta S}{\delta \mathcal{V}^{\chi_1}} + \frac{i}{2} \left[\frac{\delta [D^{-1}]^{\chi_1\chi_2}}{\delta \mathcal{V}^{\chi_1}} \mathcal{V}^{\chi_1\chi_2,c} \right]$$

$$[\mathcal{V}^{-1}]^{\chi_1\chi_2,c} = [D^{-1}]^{\chi_1\chi_2} - [\Sigma^{(2PI)}]^{\chi_1\chi_2} \quad (\text{Dyson's Equation})$$

Action $S[\mathcal{V}^\chi]$; Inverse “bare” propagator $i[D^{-1}]^{\chi_1\chi_2} \equiv \frac{\delta^2 S[\mathcal{V}^\chi]}{\delta \mathcal{V}^{\chi_1} \delta \mathcal{V}^{\chi_2}}$

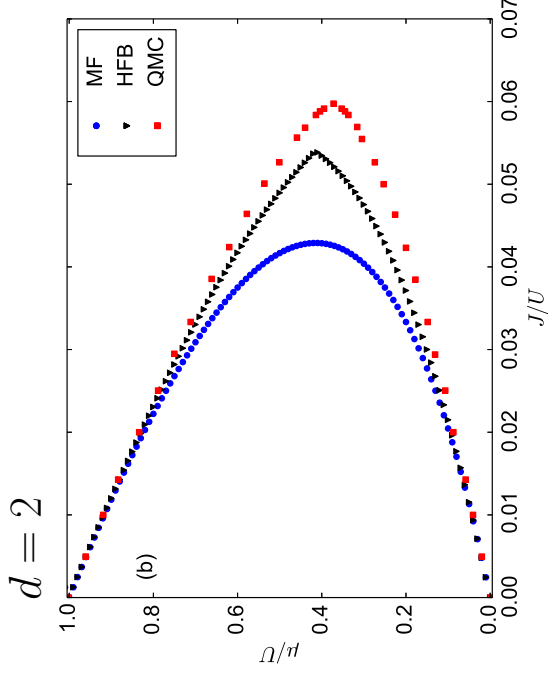
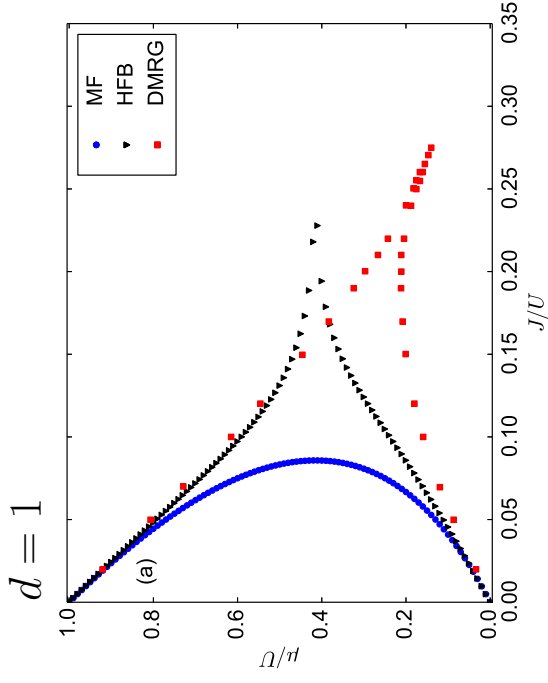
2PI Self energy: $[\Sigma^{(2PI)}]^{\chi_1\chi_2} = 2i \frac{\delta \Gamma_2[\mathcal{V}^\chi, \mathcal{V}^{\chi'}, c]}{\delta \mathcal{V}^{\chi_1\chi_2,c}}$



Hartree-Fock Bogoliubov (HFB) approximation: only keep diagram “a”

Equilibrium Results: no disorder

M. Fitzpatrick and M. K., Nucl. Phys. B 930, 1 (2018)



- $T = 0$ phase boundary
HFB vs MF and exact results

$d = 1$ DMRG:

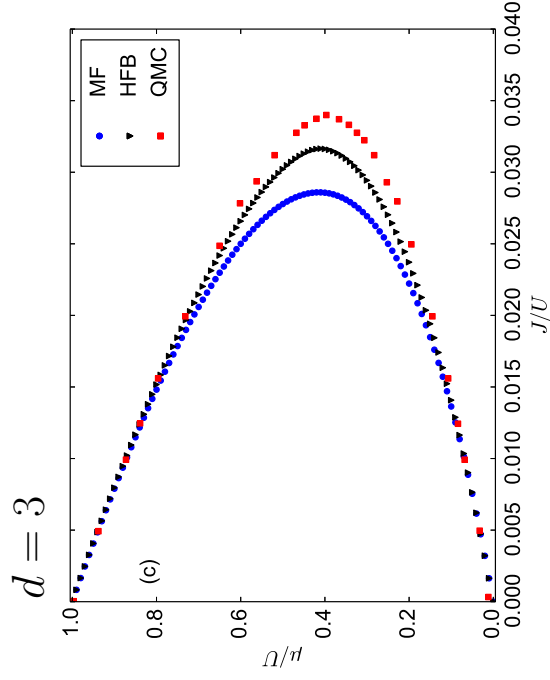
PRB 58, 14741(R) (1998)

$d = 2$ QMC:

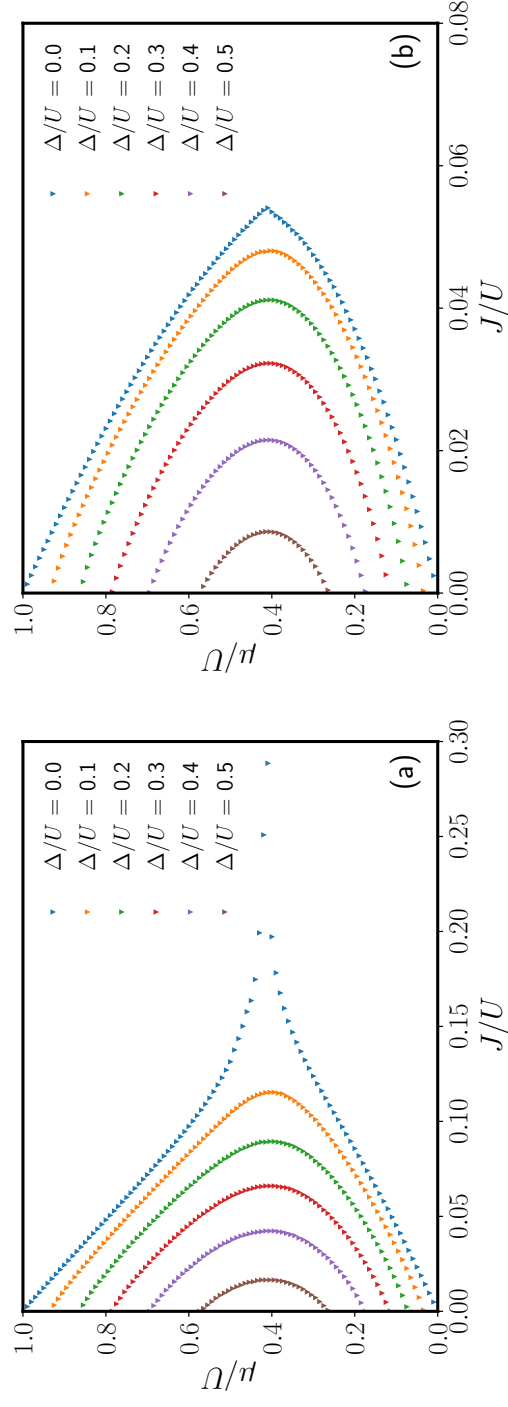
PRA 77, 015602 (2008)

$d = 3$ QMC:

PRA 75, 134302 (2008)



Effect of disorder on Mott insulator phase boundary

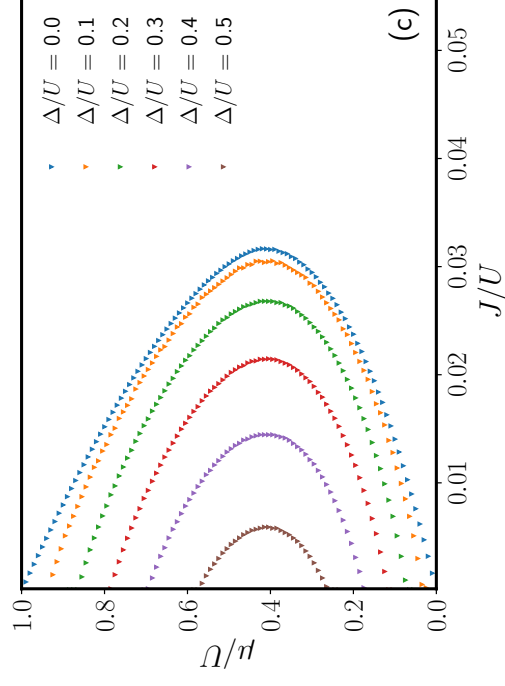
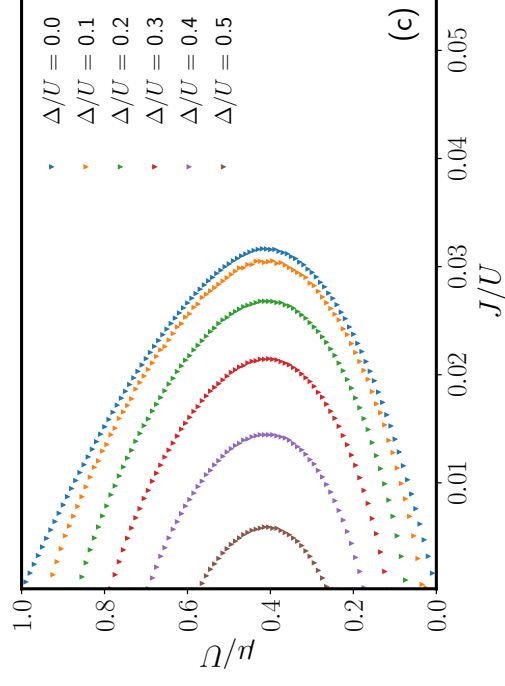


• $T = 0$ Mott insulator phase boundary

a) $d = 1$

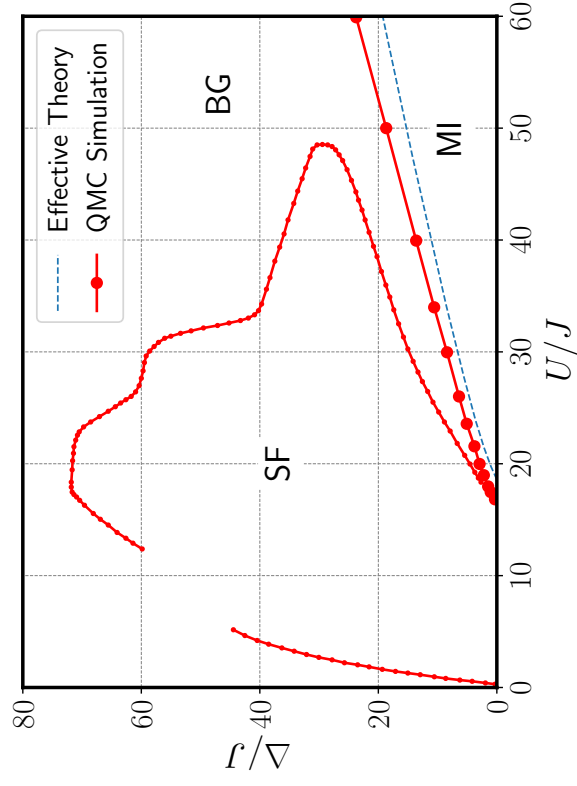
b) $d = 2$

c) $d = 3$



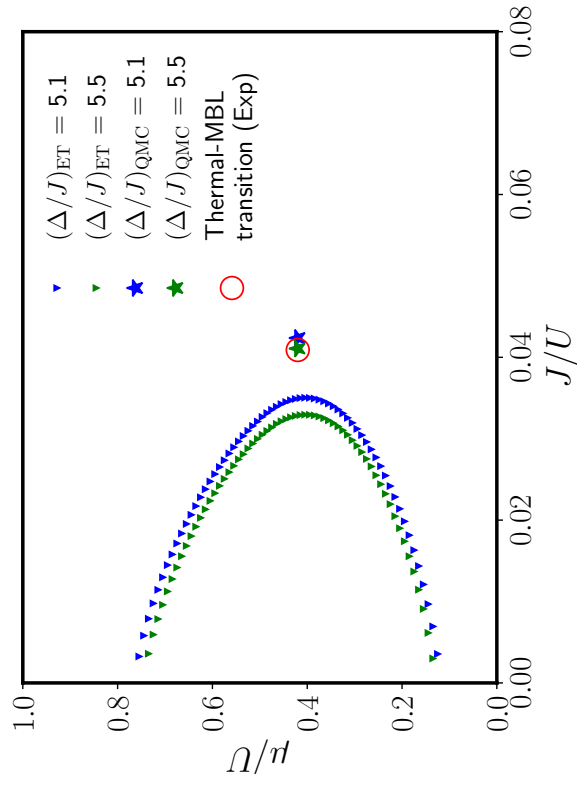
Comparison to Quantum Monte Carlo

$D = 2$



S. G. Söyler *et al.*, PRL 107, 185301 (2011)

MBL in $D = 2$?



Putative MBL transition found by Choi *et al.*

appears to match MI-BG transition

Out of Equilibrium Results

- Focus on special case of quenches within MI regime

$$\implies \langle \Phi_{r_1, \alpha_1}^\dagger(t_1) \rangle = \langle \Phi_{r_1, \alpha_1}(t_1) \Phi_{r_2, \alpha_2}(t_2) \rangle = \langle \Phi_{r_1, \alpha_1}^\dagger(t_1) \Phi_{r_2, \alpha_2}^\dagger(t_2) \rangle = 0$$

- Calculate single particle density matrix

$$\rho_1(\Delta \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j, t) = \left\langle \hat{a}_{\mathbf{r}_i}^\dagger(t) \hat{a}_{\mathbf{r}_j}(t) \right\rangle,$$

- On a lattice can be written as

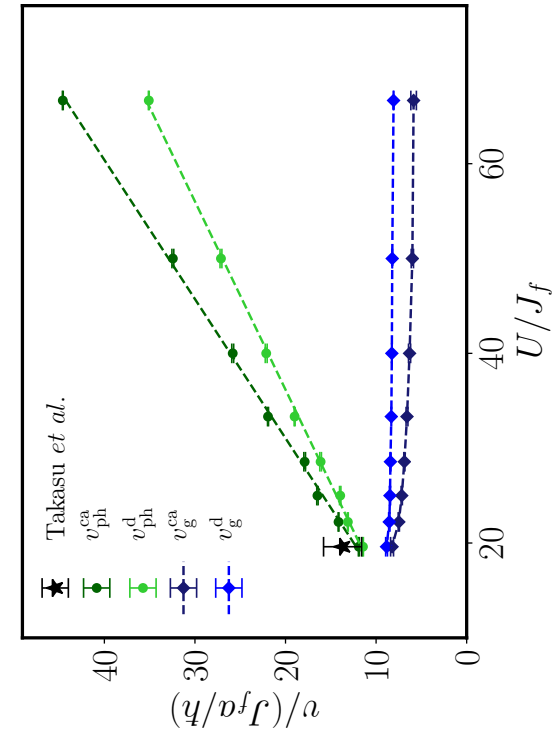
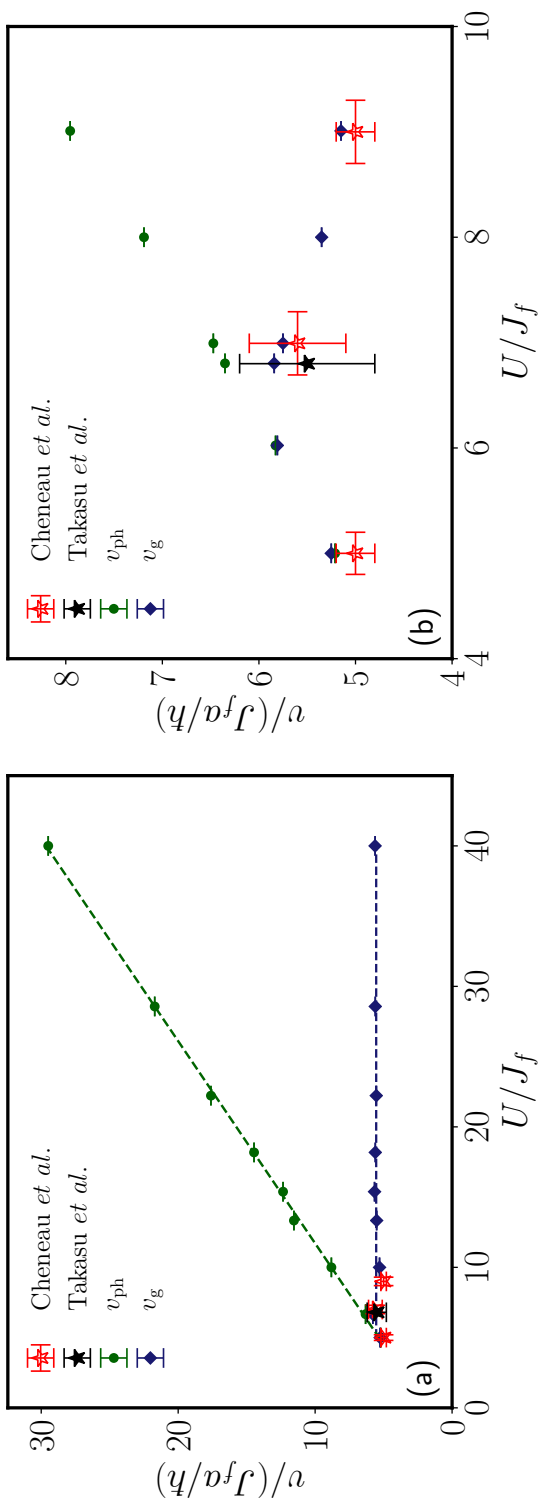
$$\rho_1(\Delta \vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{2N_s} \sum_{\vec{k}} \cos(\vec{k} \cdot \Delta \vec{r}) \left\{ iG_{\vec{k}}^{(K)}(t, t) - 1 \right\},$$

N_s : number of sites, $G_{\vec{k}}^{(K)}(t, t)$ is the equal time kinetic Green's function

- Benchmarking:
Agreement with exact results in 1 dimension
[M. Fitzpatrick and M. K., Phys. Rev. A 98, 053618 (2018)]
- Determine spreading of correlations after a quench: hopping $J_i \rightarrow J_f$

Phase and Group velocity in 1 and 2 D

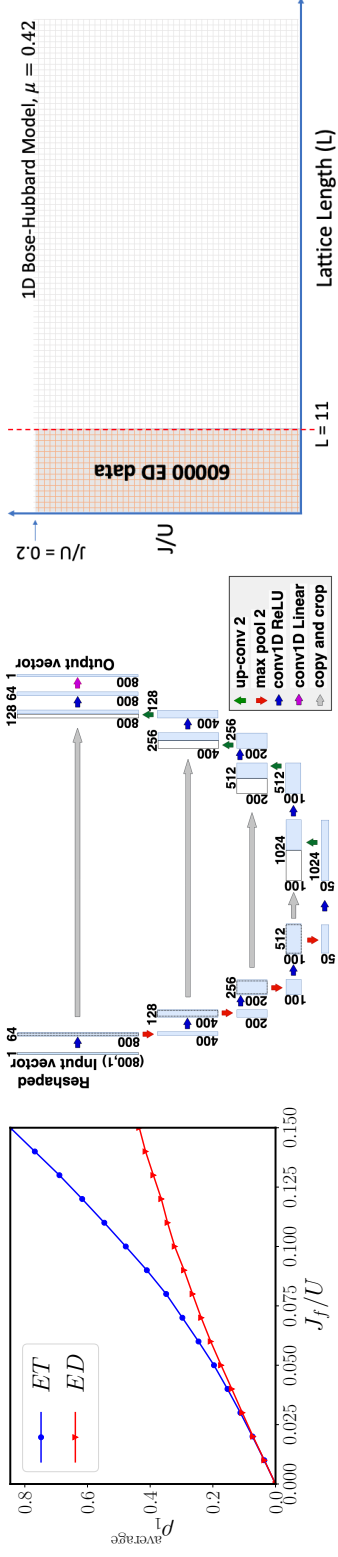
Excellent agreement with experiments in 1d



- Clear agreement between phase velocity and experiments in 2d
- Anisotropy in both phase (ph) and group (g) velocities between diagonal (d) and crystal axes (ca)

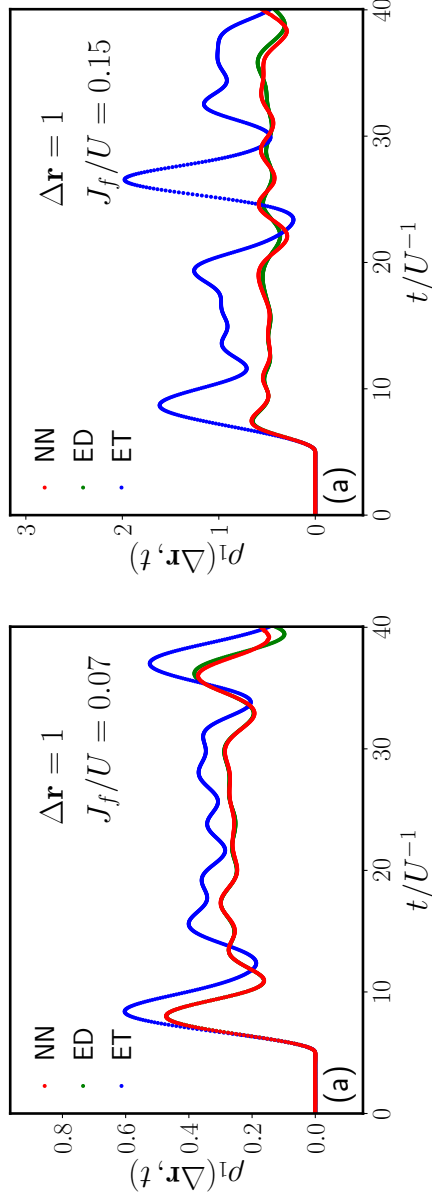
Machine learning out of equilibrium dynamics

- Effective theory (ET) calculates phase accurately, less so for amplitude of single particle density matrix close to MI-SF transition
- Trained U-net neural network to take effective theory input to exact diagonalization output



$D = 1, L = 14, J_f = 0.07$ and $L = 13, J_f = 0.15$ (outside training region)

– Large improvement over ET up to at least twice largest training size



Summary and Future Work

- Developed 2PI approach to study out of equilibrium correlations in the Bose Hubbard model
- Can be generalized to include disorder – equilibrium results match well with exact results
- Good agreement with speed with which correlations spread experimentally in 1 and 2 dimensions
- Out of equilibrium dynamics from effective theory can be improved with machine learning
- Future directions: multi-component BHM, extended BHM

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